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The number of faculty achieving tenure at East Carolina University is increasing but the number entering the tenure track is going down, according to recently released 2011 personnel reports.

Last year 404 faculty were on the tenure track, down from 478 in 2008, according to a longitudinal profile of tenure status presented at the last Faculty Senate meeting in January. Of the approximately 1,800 faculty, 834 full-time faculty and administrators were tenured last year, up from 749 in 2008 and 595 in 2002.

The number of faculty on the tenure track has gone down each year since the recession began. The number rose from 315 in 2002 to 478 in 2008 before declining to 459 in 2009, 436 in 2010 and to last year’s 404.

“That column is where you can really see the impact of the economy,” Provost Marilyn Sheerer said.

This year ECU sustained a $49 million or 16 percent budget reduction, losing more than 200 positions, most of which were unfilled in anticipation of the cuts.

“We’re not getting any enrollment growth money this year, so there will be no new positions,” Sheerer said.

The university will try to maintain tenured faculty numbers by hiring new tenure-track faculty to replace those who retire.

“I don’t think we’ll see an increase in positions in the whole system unless we see a larger commitment from the legislature,” Sheerer said. “A lot will depend on if the state can give us enrollment growth money.”

Tenure takes six years to achieve by proving a record in teaching, research and service.

“You essentially have a lifetime contract to work at East Carolina,” Sheerer said.
Tenure originated as a way to protect academic freedom for those exploring controversial subjects. In addition to providing job protection for professors, having tenured faculty benefits the university.

“What that gives us is people who are very well qualified, so we can offer a lot to students,” Sheerer said. “We get to keep the best.”

But in addition to not opening new positions, the university has not been able to give raises for the past few years, causing faculty to look for opportunity elsewhere.

“When other universities draw them away, that hurts us,” Sheerer said.

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A motorcycle crash killed an ECU student about 3 a.m. Sunday at East Third and Jarvis streets, according to the Greenville Police Department.

Cameron Adrian Griffin, 21, of Kernersville, died at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville after police received a report about the crash, a news release from Sgt. Joe Friday said.

Griffin was traveling eastbound on Third Street and went through the Jarvis Street intersection, struck the curb and lost control of the motorcycle he was operating, a news release said.

Griffin and the motorcycle crashed through a wood rail fence in the parking lot of Christie’s Euro Pub, then struck a brick house next door.

Officers from the Greenville Police Traffic Safety Unit are conducting a follow-up investigation to determine the causes of the crash and uncover any factors that may be related to this incident, according to the release.

It cannot be determined at this time if the crash was related to speed, alcohol, weather, or other factors, Sunday’s release said.
REIDSVILLE — An East Carolina University student was injured in a Reidsville home invasion that took the lives of her parents early Saturday morning.

Whitley French, 19, was treated for a laceration and released from Annie Penn Hospital, a spokesman for the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office said Sunday.

French called 911, and when deputies arrived at the Reidsville residence, they found a husband and wife had been shot to death, spokesman Kevin Suthard said.

Douglas French, 48, and his wife, Ladonna, 45, were killed. A man wearing dark clothing was seen running from the scene.

There are no suspects at this time, Suthard said, and he declined to say if anything had been stolen from the residence.

The investigation is continuing, he said.
Bryan Printup, a member of the Tuscarora Nation from New York, listens during the presentation at ECU on Friday. (Rhett Butler)

ECU organizes history conference
By Jackie Drake
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A journey into the history of North Carolina set off this week with a new series of conferences organized by East Carolina University.

“New Voyages to Carolina” is a four-conference series with prominent scholars offering fresh insights on the history of the state.

The presentations will be hosted by various University of North Carolina system campuses this year.

With the theme “The First North Carolina,” ECU’s inaugural conference included a keynote address Thursday night and several seminars on Friday focused on the state’s earliest history between native peoples and European settlers.

The history of North Carolina is more than just the familiar story of the Lost Colony of Roanoke, presenters said.

“The Tuscarora tragedy might be the most under-studied event in North Carolina and U.S. history,” said moderator and ECU history professor Chris Oakley, referring to the bloody conflict that lasted from 1711 to 1713 between settlers and those native to eastern North Carolina. “But it is not the final chapter of Tuscarora history.”

Experts from ECU and three other universities across the southeastern United States were brought in to re-tell the story of the Tuscarora.
Explorer and naturalist John Lawson was one of the first to interact with the Tuscarora in eastern North Carolina. His account of his travels in “A New Voyage to Carolina” — printed in 1709 — inspired the theme of the conference.

In a twist of fate, Lawson was killed by Tuscarora in a place near present-day Grifton in 1711 as a conflict erupted over the fertile coastal land.

“John Lawson found everything he wanted here, except long life,” said Chapel Hill professor Bland Simpson in his address on the natural and cultural riches of the state, as recorded in the writing of Lawson and Thomas Harriot, another historic scholar of the Carolinas and namesake of ECU’s College of Arts and Sciences. Simpson’s speech was also part of ECU’s ongoing Voyages of Discovery lecture series.

After the conflict, some Tuscarora scattered voluntarily and some were forced out, with most fleeing north, taking their legends with them.

Members of the Tuscarora nation attended the conference after finding out about it online.

“It’s going great so far,” Vince Schiffert, a member of the Tuscarora from New York, said. “Anytime you have this level of academic discussion, you hope it’s used in the schools and in the public. We hope this will raise awareness. This is a first step.”

The conference occurred a bit more than 300 years after the conflict opened in the fall of 1711.

“We’re trying to mark this terrible, amazing moment in our history,” Schiffert said. “There’s something about their toughness. If they didn’t make it through leaving, we wouldn’t be here today. We’ve been gone for a few centuries but we know this is our homeland and we try to keep up with what’s going on here.”

The first conference was “a remarkable success, beyond our fondest hopes,” said organizer Larry Tise, ECU history professor and past director of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

“We wanted to create a forum on how the North Carolina story ought to be told in the future and that is happening,” Tise said. “We wanted to figure out to give voice to early Indians, to casualties of war, and to bound slaves and we’ve discovered the way. ECU has set the model for these inquiries.”
In addition to the Tuscarora seminar, other Friday discussions at ECU included “Visions — old world/new world,” “The conundrum of slavery,” and “The uncompromising environment.”

Subsequent conferences will be held at Chapel Hill and N.C. Central University in October, at UNC-Asheville and Western Carolina University in November, and at UNC-Charlotte on a date to be determined.

Each of the four conferences is designed to encourage examination of important issues at different points in the state’s history.

“The purpose of the conferences is to foster new and original understandings of North Carolina’s past, so that we can chart a general reinterpretation of the state’s history,” Tise said.

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Groups help children's oral health
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Dental student Lara Holland practically is counting the days until she can give kids a smile.

The Charlotte native, a member of the inaugural class at the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine, attended her first “Give Kids A Smile!” day on Friday. Half a dozen ECU dental students were on hand for the event, which provided care for more than 100 children whose families have no dental insurance.

The dental school, which admitted its first students in August, is one of the newest partners in “Give Kids A Smile!” Day. Now in its 10th year, the local event is hosted by the East Central Dental Society in conjunction with the Brody School of Medicine and the Pitt County Health Department.

“It was more of a collaborative effort than it has been in the past,” said Dr. Lee Lewis, who serves as co-chair of the event. “It took all of us to get it to be successful.”

“Give Kids A Smile!” — which began in St. Louis in 2002 — now is responsible for opening dental practices to more than 400,000 children a year nationwide. Since 2003, more than 15,000 dentists and other oral health care professionals volunteering for “Give Kids A Smile!” have given more than $11 million in free services to more than 140,000 children in North Carolina. More than a thousand children have received treatment through the local “Give Kids A Smile!”
At this year’s event, 108 patients received 62 fillings and 58 extractions and had 280 sealants applied to their teeth. About two dozen volunteer dentists donated nearly $55,000 worth of dental care.

That’s nearly twice the amount of free services provided at last year’s local event, which only 42 children attended. “Give Kids A Smile!” organizers linked low numbers to the absence of a county public health dental hygienist to screen children in schools. State budget cuts in 2010 cost Pitt and six other eastern North Carolina counties their public health hygienists.

“State budget cuts have diminished what the Oral Health Section can do,” said Lynn Overman, a former state public health hygienist who teaches in the dental assisting program at Martin Community College. “So many kids fall through the cracks.”

Wayne Ross didn’t get a note from school to say that his daughters needed to see a dentist. He already knew it. Nine-year-old Victoria and 6-year-old Dana both had complained that their mouths hurt. But Ross, who works as a mechanic, does not have medical insurance and he is waiting to hear if the family qualifies for Medicaid.

“I’m struggling right now as it is,” Ross said. “It’s just me and my three girls.”

At “Give Kids A Smile!” day, Victoria had two baby teeth pulled to make room for permanent teeth that already were starting to push through. Dana had four fillings. With cleanings, x-rays and four sealants each, the two girls’ total dental bill would have been a little more than $1,000.

“That’s the reason I couldn’t carry them to the dentist. I couldn’t afford it,” Ross said, adding it has been two years or more since the girls saw a dentist.

Dr. Robert S. Carter Jr., director of general practice residency at ECU’s dental school, saw 7 and 8 year old patients at Friday’s “Give Kids A Smile!” who had never been to a dentist in their lives.

“It really points out the access to care problem,” said Dr. Greg Chadwick, the dental school’s interim dean. Chadwick, who was president of the American Dental Association when “Give Kids A Smile!” was adopted as a national event, hopes his students soon will be part of the solution.

While the first year is too soon for dental students to treat patients, Dr. Stuart D. Josell, division chair of pediatric dentistry and orthodontics at ECU, said several students were able to help. One of those was a licensed hygienist and two others served as Spanish-language interpreters at “Give Kids A Smile!”
Holland could only assist, just as she did at a recent Missions of Mercy clinic in New Bern, which drew more than 600 patients in two days.

“I’m very aware that the need is out there, but it’s really humbling to see it first hand,” she said. “It makes me want to fast forward (dental school). It’s really hard to look at a problem and not have the tools necessary to make it go away.”

Lewis believes not all the necessary tools are in the hands of the dentists. Dentists volunteering their time can’t fix the damage caused by budget cuts that have chipped away at oral health, he said.

“Give Kids A Smile!” Co-Chair Billy Williams agrees. Long before the event was established, he said, many local dentists already were doing their part to get care to patients who couldn’t afford it. While dentists’ efforts helped individual patients, Williams said, “Give Kids A Smile!” has helped to bring attention to broader issues.

“Treating them in your office would not get the legislators here,” he said. “What we did was to make everybody aware that eastern North Carolina has a problem. You can talk about it all you want, but until you come in and see it happen, you don’t know.”

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Mark Eugene Myer

Mark Eugene Myer, 44, of Jacksonville, Fla. passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, at the Earl B. Hadlow Center for Caring Hospice. Mark was born on Sept. 27, 1967, in Oak Ridge, Tenn. to Fred and Carmen (Durbin) Myer. Mark was a 1985 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, and he graduated with a degree in Architecture from the University of Tennessee in 1990. He worked as a Facilities Architect II with the Office of Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Mark then worked as a Project Manager/Staff Architect for Business Operations-Facilities at Nemours Children Health System in Jacksonville, Fla. Mark was a member of the Jacksonville Life Church, and he enjoyed golfing, traveling, reading, and cooking. He was also an avid University of Tennessee football fan and Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Mark is survived by his loving wife of six years, Molly Blair Myer. Additional survivors include his parents, Fred and Carmen (Durbin) Myer; three sisters, Michelle (Myer) Ewart, Monica (Myer) Sautter and her husband, Brian, and Melinda (Myer) Faraci and her husband, John; nieces and nephews, Shelby Mae and Carson Thomas Ewart, Noah Samuel and Gabe Emerson Sautter, Darby Elizabeth and Rylee Marie Faraci, and Sean and Conner Floriani; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tom and Linda Blair; brother-in-law, Scott Blair and his wife, Shannon; and sister-in-law Shelley Floriani and her husband, Paul.

Mark was preceded in death by his grandparents, Art and Mae Durbin, and June and George Myer; niece, Mallory Blair Faraci; Molly's grandmothers, Elizabeth Faraci and Thelma Blair.
Memorial donations may be made in memory of Mark to the University of Tennessee, College of Architecture and Design, 1715 Volunteer Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37996, c/o Amy Howard, Director of Development. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin, Jacksonville, Fla., www.hgmandarin.com.

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Health sciences art exhibit opens at Laupus Library  
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ECU Notes

The Laupus Library is hosting a new series of exhibits called “Art as Avocation” this week through March 27 in the Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery on East Carolina University’s west campus.

“Art as Avocation” will celebrate the artistic talents of faculty, staff and students from the Division of Health Sciences by highlighting one or more artists’ works in a gallery exhibit for six to eight weeks.

Artwork by Lou Everett, professor emeritus from the College of Nursing, is the first in the series. Entitled “Humble Beginnings,” Everett expanded on works created in honor of the 50th anniversary of the College of Nursing. These include watercolor impressions of eastern North Carolina, ECU and the Division of Health Sciences.

The exhibit is open on the library’s fourth floor during normal operating hours. For hours, visit http://www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary or call 744-2219. For more information, contact Kelly Rogers Dilda at 744-2232.

Visit the “Art as Avocation” webpage at www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/laupuslibrary/events/artasavocation/index.cfm to learn more about the inaugural artist and future exhibitions.

Poet and critic to speak at library

Poet and critic Stephen Burt will speak Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Second Floor Exhibit Gallery of Joyner Library.
During his visit to ECU, Burt, who is professor of English at Harvard University, will read from his own poetry and answer questions about the creative relationship between writing poetry and writing criticism. This is a free event and open to the public.


‘The Art of Influence’ exhibit continues

“The Art of Influence,” an international exhibit of metal design and other art media, continues in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery on campus. The exhibit is being held in conjunction with the symposium “Material Topics: Merging Methods,” held in January at the Jenkins Fine Arts Center on ECU’s campus.

Co-curators Joshua Craig and Tina Lazzarine, graduate students in ECU’s metal design program, collaborated on the exhibit with Gray Gallery’s Interim Director Tom Braswell.

Showcasing works by 47 artists, the co-curators have traced a creative genealogy of influences involving diverse media and the aesthetic resonance of interpersonal artistic relationships. Work in metals as well as painting, drawing, sculpture, cast paper, ceramics, printmaking and architecture from the United States, Australia, Germany, Greece and Mexico are in the show.

The exhibit continues through Feb. 18. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call ahead to verify Saturday hours. For more information, contact the Gray Gallery at 328-6336.

Grant to fund ag health program

Agricultural workers and their families in three northeastern North Carolina counties will benefit from a health program led by ECU experts and funded by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

With a grant of $110,387, the Winston-Salem-based charitable organization has funded an expansion into Camden, Gates, and Hertford counties of AgriSafe-NC, a project to reduce the risk of some chronic diseases among agricultural workers and their families.
AgriSafe-NC is a project of the N.C. Agromedicine Institute, established in 1999 as a partnership of ECU, N.C. State University and N.C. A&T State University. Through AgriSafe-NC, the institute partners with local health agencies to provide health screenings and follow-up services for farmers, their families and non-migrant farm workers.

AgriSafe-NC began in 2009 with a $100,000 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust to fund a one-year pilot program targeting Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Johnston, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Wayne counties.

With its expansion, AgriSafe-NC will go to work in counties that rank among the top five in the state for diseases such as diabetes, stroke and lower lung disease. They also are counties with few health resources. Gates County has one physician, according to Robin Tutor-Marcom, interim director of the institute.

More information about AgriSafe-NC is online at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/agromedicine/AgriSafe.cfm.

**Upcoming events:**

Thursday: Grammy Award-winning artist Chris Botti, 8 p.m., Wright Auditorium, as part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series 50th anniversary season. Ticketed event. Call ECU Central Ticket Office: 252-328-4788 or 1-800-ECU ARTS.

See www.ecu.edu/cs-ecu/calendar.cfm for times, places and more information on these events and other ECU upcoming activities.
ECU SoCon title team honored
By Tony Castleberry
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The words championship and East Carolina basketball don’t appear in the same sentence often.

In fact, since the men’s team began its first season in 1931, the Pirates have won just two conference titles and the first ECU club to accomplish the feat — the 1971-72 Southern Conference tournament champions — were honored at halftime of Saturday’s East Carolina-Rice game.

“The talent was there. The coaching was there. It was just a matter of us putting it all together,” said Dave McNeil, a junior guard on the title team, during a dinner Friday at CPW’s celebrating the 40th anniversary of the ’72 championship. “It was one of those situations where everything came together at one time. ... It was our time and we deserved it because we were a good team.”

The ’71-72 Pirates entered the SoCon tournament having lost four consecutive games, the last a 92-57 beatdown at N.C. State. ECU had not won a game in more than two weeks and it had been even longer since the Pirates had beaten a league foe.

But coach Tom Quinn’s team, led by 6-foot-5 junior forward Dave Franklin, 6-7 senior forward/center Jim Fairley and 6-2 junior guard Ernie Pope, dispatched of The Citadel and Terry Holland’s Davidson team to earn a spot in the championship game against Furman.
Against the Paladins, Fairley forced overtime by converting a missed jumper from Pope, and that was just the beginning of the drama.

The extra period featured four ties before Furman took a one-point lead with 8 seconds left to play. Pirate center Al Faber grabbed a rebound off a missed Paladin free throw and, since ECU was out of timeouts, the 6-10 junior hurled a 40-foot desperation heave that had little chance of hitting the basket, much less finding the net.

The long shot did find Kinston’s Nicky White standing underneath the basket though, and White’s putback at the final buzzer gave the Pirates a 77-75 victory and their first-ever berth in the NCAA tournament.

The tourney field back then was limited to 32 teams, making ECU’s conference title and subsequent inclusion in the NCAAs even more special, even 40 years later.

“You had to win the (league) tournament,” said Faber, who went on to play professionally overseas and won other championship as a pro. “You could have gone 23-0 and if you lost in the (conference) tournament, you didn’t make it.

“I was fortunate that I played on a number of other championship teams. ... They all have their special place. (The ’72 title) is definitely special because it was college.”

The only other ECU men’s team to win a league crown was the ’92-93 Pirates, who beat Old Dominion, UNC Wilmington and James Madison for the Colonial Athletic Association tournament title.
Editorial: Downtown needs strategy
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In the aftermath of a tragic 2009 shooting that claimed the lives of two men in downtown Greenville, the City Council — working at the behest of concerned citizens — instructed law enforcement to adopt a more intensive approach to policing that area. In recent days, a dispute emerged between the outgoing police chief and city officials over the effectiveness of those efforts and how best to proceed.

Such a review of law enforcement policies is long overdue as many in the community have correctly questioned the value of devoting so much time and energy toward that one city sector. Nurturing a vibrant, thriving and safe downtown will require cooperation and the implementation of well researched, proven strategies rather than hasty reactions.

When a drive-by shooting killed two innocent bystanders in downtown Greenville nearly three years ago, residents demanded action. The outrage at a rising tide of lawlessness led to a series of meetings, some in the public view and some regrettably behind closed doors, and a search for solutions to improve public safety in the so-called Center City area.

That sector has long posed a challenge to city officials, who have gone so far as to turn part of Evans Street into a pedestrian mall in the hopes of changing the climate. Reopening that street has successfully drawn some business anchors, but it is the late-night crowd — both city residents and those from out of town — frequenting the bars and clubs downtown that remains the key concern.

A dispute over the policing strategies there became public recently with the publication of an email exchange between Police Chief William Anderson and new Mayor Allen Thomas. Anderson called the situation a “powder keg” and outlined a gun-related incident that took place last month. The mayor responded that the block-party atmosphere created by blocking off streets each weekend contributes to the problem and that new approaches are needed to stave off a mob scene.

Few residents would oppose examination of the current strategy, especially given the massive expense of the police deployment there. But the city should proceed logically by first hiring a new chief and then involving all
stakeholders in the discussion, including bar owners who have resisted any imposition on their business. Greenville finds itself at a crossroads and cannot proceed without all involved pulling in a common direction.
Lawrence L. Seigler has been appointed chairman of the board of directors for the Greenville Learning Center.

Seigler is a 1970 graduate of the University of North Carolina and retired from DSM Pharmaceuticals as vice president of community relations in 2001.

Seigler has served as chairman of the University Health Systems Board of Trustees and Pitt County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, chairman of the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Education Cabinet and chairman of the Pitt County Education Foundation. He has served on board for the Boys & Girls Club, the United Way of Pitt County Board and the Friends of ECU. He continues to serve on the board of the Pitt County Education Foundation, East Carolina Vocational Center Foundation, ECU’s College of Education’s Advisory Council and the University Health Systems and Pitt County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees as an honorary trustee.

Seigler also has also served as chairman of N.C. Partners and co-chairman of the N.C. Virtual High School Commission, which launched North Carolina’s
first virtual high school. He also served on the UNC Tomorrow Commission and serves on the board for the North Carolina Public School Forum.

Seigler is a recipient of the Greenville Pitt-County Outstanding Citizen of the Year award and Volunteer-of-the-Year award. He also has received the Pitt County school system Volunteer-of-the-Year award. In June 2010, he was awarded the Jay Robinson Leadership Award by the Public School Forum of North Carolina, its highest award recognizing leadership and commitment to public school education.

Seigler earned a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina in 1970 and began his career as a staff pharmacist at Duke Hospital in Durham. He joined Burroughs Wellcome Pharmaceutical Co. in Greenville in 1971 as a production supervisor.

Seigler has 30 years of leadership and management experience, including vice president, logistics and general site manager at Burroughs Wellcome. In May 1995, he was appointed director of community affairs with Glaxo Wellcome Inc. following the merger of Glaxo and Burroughs Wellcome. He was later appointed vice president and plant manager of the Glaxo Wellcome Greenville Site. The site was sold to Catalytica Pharmaceuticals in 1997, and he was appointed vice president of human resources and corporate affairs. DSM Pharmaceuticals purchased the site in 2000, and he was appointed vice president of community relations. He retired in 2001.
The Super Bowl is expected to be the most watched television event of 2012. A survey of fans at ECU’s game against Southern Methodist on Wednesday showed plenty of Pirates will be tuned in.

Everyone interviewed said they would be watching the big game between NFL powers the New York Giants and New England Patriots. Six people said they will support the Giants and six the Patriots. Three others remained neutral.

“I’m going with the Patriots,” Vin Brown, 21, said. “I don’t really like Eli Manning.”

Several Patriot supporters shared the sentiment. A few Giants fans had similar reasons for choosing their team.

“I’m going to have to go with the Giants,” electrician Frank Smith said. “I’m sick of hearing about New England.”

“I do not like the Patriots,” said Zach Williams of Goldsboro. “I don’t like the coach at all. I think he’s a jerk.”

Mary Grigg-Fountain, 22, will be backing the Patriots not because of dislike for the Giants but because of love of one of the Patriots’ players.

“I think Tom Brady’s hot,” she said.

Two people interviewed said they do not care who takes home the Lombardi Trophy and the third, ECU student Lindsay Gold, said she’s supporting the commercials.

“I just like to get together for the Super Bowl and hang out with everyone,” Gold said. “I’m not really pulling for a team this year.”

Fans may not agree on whom to support, but most said they would be watching with friends, family and food.

“Party at our house,” Jan Rassau said. “Buffalo wings, ranch dressing, celery.”

“And beer,” her daughter Casey, 22, said.
Several people said they will have chicken wings during the game. Jesse Randolf, 22, said he and his friends ordered 200 wings for last year’s Super Bowl.

Williams said instead of wings he will be cooking out with his family. “Cook out, drink a lot of beer and watch the game,” he said.

Former ECU baseball players Jared Avchen and Seth Maness, who pitches for a St. Louis Cardinal’s affiliate, said they plan to have a party with lots of food.

“He makes some of the best bean dip around,” Maness said of Avchen.

“He makes a heck of a guac,” Avchen said.

ECU professor Tony Boudreaux, said he likes to eat appetizers while he’s watching the big game.

“Anything fried with lots of cheese,” he said.

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Duke students Brian Bullins, left, Madeleine Clark and Kirill Klimuk huddle over their laptops on Wednesday as they work together to solve a problem with code at the InCube work center, a place designed for student entrepreneurs of "Generation Z."

**N.C. colleges nurture Generation Z entrepreneurs**

BY TORI STILWELL - tstilwell@newsobserver.com

A Friday night consisting of pizza and beer might not sound very exceptional in the life of the average college student. But for the residents of Duke's InCube living community, the college staples are fuel for the entrepreneurial spirit.

"It's kind of a hacker culture just because of a lot of people are doing technology startups," said Tom Schuhmann, an InCube resident and a Duke senior. The community consists of campus apartments connected by a common room and serves as an incubator for Duke's undergraduate entrepreneurs, all of whom are working on a startup or are on the hunt for their next project.

"People are up really late in the common room, ordering pizza and working on the startups," he said. "It's a little nerdy, but we enjoy it."

When Schuhmann graduates in May, he won't be looking for your run-of-the-mill job. Neither will many of his cohorts.
This year's crop of college graduates will - by some accounts - mark the first entrants of Generation Z into the workplace. And as the generation trades textbooks and all-nighters for cubicles and conference calls, North Carolina's leaders are trying to figure out how to accommodate this generation's creative tendencies and keep the state's most precious natural resource - brainpower - between its borders.

"This is a generation that wants to be able to contribute their ideas to organizations from day one," said Anita Brown-Graham, director of N.C. State's Institute for Emerging Issues.

The institute is hosting a forum on Monday and Tuesday to discuss the impact of Generation Z on North Carolina's economic and workforce development. For its purposes, the institute defines the generation as those born between 1990 and 2002. "The notion of waiting your turn in line is completely foreign to them," she said. "The workplace will change some of their expectations about what is reasonable, but it's also true that workplaces are going to have to find ways to accommodate this generation."

**Who is Generation Z?**

While opinions vary on who should be included in Generation Z, the institute chose its range based on the youngest of North Carolina's 2020 workforce, which will be mainly composed of 18-year-olds to 30-year-olds.

"The times are such that we could not ignore the economic impact that this cohort would have or not have depending on whether they are successful," Brown-Graham said. "If 1.5 million Generation Z-ers in North Carolina don't have success, North Carolina can't have success."

The institute hopes to discuss the unique traits of the generation and what challenges may lie ahead as its members come of age.

"For the first time, we face a scenario where one generation is likely to be less well off than their parents' generation on a number of criteria including earnings, overall quality of life, health and life expectancy," Brown-Graham said.

Seeing these economic shifts, however, may be yet another advantage that Generation Z has grown up with, said Andrew Yang, founder of the Venture for America program. The program places graduating seniors in the front lines of a startup for two years with the aim of preparing them to become entrepreneurs.
"The current college student has seen their parents and their peers trust in large institutions and then sometimes be disappointed," Yang said. "Organizations that people would not have thought were the least bit unstable a number of years ago have proven to be much more volatile. "This generation is much more interested in equipping themselves with an array of skills that they can trust in than they are in investing a decade or two with the same company."

Ten percent of this year's Venture for American class of 50 students is made up of Triangle students - three from UNC-Chapel Hill and two from Duke. Moreover, Yang said the program expects to expand to the Raleigh-Durham area by 2013.

"We'll be keeping a body of very smart recent college grads in the area to help the regional growth companies continue to expand," he said. "We met with half a dozen companies and there are a lot of really great companies there that would make for phenomenal experiences."

'Citizens of the world'

Local universities are also doing their part to prepare America's newest crop of entrepreneurs. Duke, N.C. State and UNC all have entrepreneurship programs for students interested in working in startups upon graduation or learning the creative processes necessary to turn an idea into a business.

Buck Goldstein, UNC's Entrepreneur in Residence and a senior lecturer for the entrepreneurship minor, said the potential he sees in his students often far surpasses the expectations of their elders.

"They're empowered because they have so many tools readily available to them," he said. "They have more choices - even in a difficult economy - with what they're doing with their lives. They view themselves much more as citizens of the world."

But that doesn't necessarily mean North Carolina doesn't have what it takes to harness this generation's potential, Goldstein said. The key, he says, is creating opportunities within the state that make it hard to leave.

"If you look at the ecosystem, innovative ecosystems, there are not too many much better than RTP," Goldstein said. "It's all here, the intellectual capital is here. "Even in tough times, there's a lot of resources aimed at innovation, and that's the kind of environment knowledge workers want."

Jordan Edwards, an N.C. State business major concentrating in entrepreneurship, said she hopes to stay in the area after she graduates in
May. She's aiming to get a full-time position with her current internship employer - Riley Life Logistics in Durham.

"I like to learn about as much as I can and not be tied down to one specific area," said Edwards, who is doing marketing work for Riley Life in addition to hands-on training about how the business operates.

She also hopes to one day start her own business and understands the appeal entrepreneurship has for her generation - one that has grown up with MySpace, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

"We're very used to change, and it's kind of exciting to know that you're not going to be doing the same thing every day," she said. "It's kind of hard to keep our attention. Sitting at a desk for an extended period of time in clothes that are uncomfortable is not that appealing to most of us."

Work hard, play hard

Reeling Generation Z into the workplace is one thing. Accommodating the way they work is an entirely different story, Brown-Graham said.

"The notion that there are certain times you're working and certain times off of work is foreign to them," she said. "This is a generation on a more social level. They're going to want more flexible work schedules."

Fitch Carrere, a UNC senior getting a minor in entrepreneurship, spent spring 2011 working for Durham's Appia, a startup that brings app stores to smartphones. Though the company had 55 employees while he worked there, the environment had many features of a startup, he said.

"I was probably physically there two days a week, but I probably worked four days a week for them, often at 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. at night," said Carrere, who was developing marketing materials for the company. "It's a great place to work. Most of the walls are glass and (there's) IdeaPaint so you can write on the walls."

Other adjustments employers may have to make is the speed at which they operate and the drive that motivates Generation Z to do more.

To adjust to both of these conditions, Goldstein suggests that companies streamline and reduce bureaucracy.

"Information is flowing way too fast to have a lot of hierarchy," he said. "Our students understand that. They don't have time for it. Flat organizations can process information and make decisions much faster."
But the last, perhaps best, piece of advice for learning how to work with Generation Z is given by Gary Alan Miller, an assistant director at UNC's career services office.

"As I work with students, there's as much difference as there is commonality," he said. "Any time we're trying to generalize, there's always going to be a challenge."

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A vital increase in UNC's tuition

BY WADE H. HARGROVE

RALEIGH—All of us who attended a constituent campus of the University of North Carolina arrived on the backs of our families, taxpayers and private donors who believed in the public good of higher education and that a vibrant public university is in the self-interest of the state. We should not - indeed, we cannot - allow our state's system of public universities to drift into mediocrity for lack of adequate funding.

As the General Assembly struggles in a challenging economy with how best to allocate scarce public resources, support by North Carolina taxpayers of UNC-Chapel Hill has diminished significantly - by almost a quarter of a billion dollars, in the aggregate, since 2008, including $101 million (18 percent) in the current fiscal year. Gifts from private donors, even in a difficult economy, have held steady, but are hardly enough to offset the substantial reduction in state funding.

Some ask, appropriately, has the university really made a serious effort to reduce operating costs as virtually every other nonprofit and for-profit entity has been forced to do?

More than three years ago, UNC-Chapel Hill commissioned a comprehensive efficiency study called "Carolina Counts" by Bain & Co., a nationally known business consulting firm. (Other major universities are now undertaking the same initiative.) As a result, UNC-Chapel Hill has eliminated approximately $50 million in annual operating expenses.

More campus cost reductions must and will occur; there are no sacred cows. But, unfortunately, as UNC system President Tom Ross recently observed, "The really easy decisions have been made."

The funding gap is now taking its toll. Cuts have been made to the library; class sizes have increased; some classes have been eliminated altogether; and students are experiencing difficulty getting into classes that instantly fill up and close out, leading to potential delays in graduation.

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The campus has dropped in three years from 35th to 59th in the U.S. News and World Report's ranking of faculty resources at national universities. Last year, when faculty members were recruited by other universities, UNC-Chapel Hill lost two-thirds of its retention efforts, a troubling rate twice that of previous years.

There is a competitive market for top-tier faculty, and UNC's losses, in large part, resulted from four years without salary increases for key faculty and staff members. The best teachers and scholars attract the best students, who, in the final analysis, are the heart and soul of any university.

Not only have critical faculty departures in recent years resulted in a significant loss of core teaching skills and subject matter expertise for Carolina students, 22 of those who left last year were responsible for some $50 million in external research funding. Those research dollars followed them to other universities, along with the good jobs supported by their grants.

UNC-Chapel Hill's most coveted teachers, scholars and researchers accounted for a whopping three-quarters of a billion dollars in research revenue for the university last year. While engaged in the search for solutions to some of the state's and nation's most perplexing problems, these faculty members provided a much-needed infusion of cash into North Carolina's ailing economy while creating high-paying jobs that produced a corresponding increase in state tax revenue.

The Board of Trustees at Chapel Hill and those of the other constituent campuses have had no choice but to revisit the sensitive issue of tuition. Tuition increases are, of course, never desirable, especially in a challenging economy. But, in evaluating the reasonableness of the proposed increase, the tuition at UNC-Chapel Hill should be compared with that of other comparable public or private universities.

For an unprecedented 11th consecutive time, UNC-Chapel Hill was recently named by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine as America's No. 1 value among the nation's "Best Values In Public Colleges." Kiplinger's emphasized quality and affordability, taking into account the precarious economy, each university's tuition price, its four-year graduation rate, the availability of financial aid and student borrowing rates - all areas in which Carolina excels.

Moreover, even with the tuition increase proposed by President Ross and supported by the campus Board of Trustees, Carolina would rank dead last in tuition costs among peer-group public research universities.
Consistent with the state's constitutional mandate to make the university accessible to the people of North Carolina "as far as practicable . . . free of expense," and the university's 218 year commitment to educate the children of the state's farmers, factory workers, teachers, small business owners and low- and middle-income families, the Board of Trustees would allocate a portion of the proposed tuition increase for need-based financial aid. As a result, no one, otherwise qualified, is or will be precluded from attending on the basis of financial hardship.

I personally came from modest economic circumstances and was the first member of my family to attend college, so no one could be more sensitive to the necessity of protecting and assuring access to the university by all North Carolinians. UNC-Chapel Hill is the national model for student financial accessibility. It is one of only two of its public peer universities, along with the University of Virginia, that meets 100 percent of each student's demonstrated financial need. The Class of 2011 left with $2,525 less in debt (in constant dollars) than the graduating class in 2000, an indication that students are, in fact, better off, financially, today than a decade ago.

Consistent with its historical commitment to affordable higher education, the university is taking steps to maintain and strengthen the academic experience for future generations of North Carolina students while continuing to assure that no one is denied access on the basis of financial need. We owe no less to those who come after us.

Wade Hargrove, a lawyer in Raleigh, is an honors graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, a recipient of its law school's Distinguished Alumnus Award and current chair of its Board of Trustees.
Vickie Spencer, N.C. Central University staff, cleans up after a rededication ceremony of the F.W. Woolworth & Co. lunch counter at which sit-in protests took place in Durham in 1960. The section of the counter is permanently displayed in the James E. Shepard Memorial Library.

**NCCU honors historic counter**

BY JOHN MURAWSKI - jmurawski@newsobserver.com

DURHAM–The half-century old F.W. Woolworth lunch counter looks like just the spot to enjoy a 10-cent cup of coffee and a 60-cent cheeseburger.

Unless you were classified as a social untouchable - and legally branded as Colored.

In that case, you wouldn't be served a meal at Woolworth, or other restaurants. The Formica-looking counter instead became the focal point of sit-ins, the front line of the nation's civil rights movement.

N.C. Central University on Sunday dedicated a section of the original counter used in the February 1960 sit-ins in Durham as the movement spread through the state and across the country. The innocuous-looking counter and orange-padded chrome swivel chairs recalled a tense time when "Negro" students refused to give up their seats while some local whites menaced the young black protesters.
Durham, along with Winston-Salem, were scenes of sit-ins one week after
the historic lunch counter sit-in in Greensboro, representing the spread of the
movement to Raleigh and beyond. The Durham protest resulted in a visit by
the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who delivered his "fill up the jails" speech
at the White Rock Baptist Church.

It was a major victory for the protesters, generating news coverage, fear
from local authorities, sympathy from the nation and ultimately culminating
in the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 that ended legal discrimination in
this country.

The N.C. Central ceremony, commemorating Black History Month, featured
several original civil-rights protesters who are now of retiree age. They had
remained silent about their experiences for years because the memories were
so painful.

"We prayed before we went on the picket line," said Vivian McCoy, 68, a
community activist in Durham who got involved at age 14. "We prayed after
we came back, because you never knew if you'd come back alive."

McCoy and others recalled that in 1960 they were joined by white students
and received clandestine meals from area black domestics, but were also
criticized by some in the local black community who were terrified of a
white backlash.

The events generated widespread coverage in the local media, including The
News & Observer. The N&O reported that 50 Negroes "occupied" lunch
counter seats for more than two hours at Woolworth until the store "closed
in the interest of public safety."

The sit-ins quickly spread to McLellan's, Hudson-Belk, Kress, Eckerd's
Drug Store, Walgreen's Drug Store, Cromley's Sir Walter Drug Store and
Woolworth's in Cameron Village, the N&O reported in February 1960. The
stores either closed or roped off their cafeterias.

"Teenage white hecklers moved from store to store, stood in the aisles near
the lunch counters," the N&O reported. "They made low-voiced threats and
occasionally would swagger along the line of Negroes."

The whites had ducktail haircuts, flaring sideburns and overalls. The N&O
described one "overalled man methodically chewing tobacco." Raleigh
Mayor W.G. Enloe was displeased that the protesters risked endangering
"friendly and cooperative race relations" by attempting to change the "long
standing custom" of racial discrimination.
On Sunday, the former activists recalled traveling from town to town to participate in sit-ins, sleeping on floors with newspapers for a mattress. McCoy described disguising herself in a wig and glasses to evade attention from the police, but she was arrested anyway.

"When we got arrested we sung all night," she said. "We didn't sleep. We kept the jailers up."

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UNC students face charges

CHAPEL HILL–Three UNC-Chapel Hill students with former ties to the athletic department were arrested on cocaine and trespassing charges Friday in Chapel Hill.

Nicole Suarez, 21, is charged with possession of cocaine and second degree trespassing, and Jacob Groeschen, 20, and Shane Malarkey, 21, are charged with possession of cocaine, second-degree trespassing and possession of drug paraphernalia, said Chapel Hill Police Department Sgt. Joshua Mecimore.

Malarkey is a former UNC-CH football player. He played during the 2009 season but quit the team with shoulder injuries in 2010, said UNC-CH athletics spokesman Kevin Best.

Groeschen walked onto the football team in late 2010, and later became a manager, but left the position in December, Best said. Suarez was a member of the UNC-CH cross country team but left the team in 2010.

None of the students is currently associated with the football or cross-country teams in any official capacity, Best said.

All cocaine possession charges are felonies, and trespassing and paraphernalia charges are misdemeanors, Mecimore said.

Police encountered the three early Friday while checking a West Rosemary Street parking deck where no trespassing signs are posted. One appeared to be snorting something, Mecimore said, and officers found cocaine residue on a small plastic baggy and a straw in their possession.

All three have been released on $1,000 unsecured bonds, Mecimore said, until Feb. 13, when they are scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Staff Writer Katelyn Ferral
Career fair attendees lined up at the Caterpillar company's booth on Friday. The company is adding 199 jobs to its Clayton plant in the next 5 years.

**Caterpillar draws a crowd at NCSU job fair**

BY TORI STILWELL - tstilwell@newsobserver.com

At a time when a handshake can make as big of an impression as a résumé, N.C. State students and alumni are taking advantage of every opportunity to give out both.

About 900 students showed up at the N.C. State Poole College of Management's career and internship fair on Friday to meet with representatives from almost 80 employers.

"We all hear about the companies, but this is an opportunity to create that relationship and start networking," said Marissa Stiff, an accounting major and a December 2012 graduate. "This helps narrow that job search down."

Companies ranged from tech giants like Lenovo and Cisco Systems to retailers Kohl's and Target, all of whom attracted lots of attention from students. Lines also were long for another company that's been making headlines in North Carolina with announcements of job growth: Caterpillar.

"Caterpillar has had a long history of supporting the school," said Daniel Stanton, Caterpillar's supply chain professional development manager. "The
N.C. State degree and the skills they acquire prepares them for fulfilling roles everywhere."

Caterpillar's longtime CEO Jim Owens is on the university's board of trustees. Owens retired from Caterpillar in 2010.

Caterpillar announced Wednesday that it plans to add 199 jobs to and invest $33 million in its Clayton plant during the next five years. And after cutting hundreds of local jobs during the recession, the company has nearly doubled its North Carolina workforce during the past 18 months.

The company also is expanding its Sanford facility and opening a new factory in Winston-Salem. The company couldn't say how many NCSU students it would hire.

"Clearly, North Carolina is a very important area for us," Stanton said. "Part of the need is the talent to support our growth locally."

Michael Waggoner, a 2011 graduate with a business administration degree, said Caterpillar's leadership development program is what attracted him to the employer.

"They're one of the most recognized brands of construction and equipment in general," he said. "But a lot of students really don't know a lot about the business side of things. They have a lot of opportunities."

Waggoner said he would be interested in staying in North Carolina because of the strong presence Caterpillar has here, but he thinks the career path could take him anywhere.

"They're big in North Carolina, but they're also an international company, so there are a lot of opportunities," he said.

Caterpillar added more than 14,000 workers worldwide in 2011, bringing its total employee base to just more than 125,000. But the company announced Friday that it would close a Canadian locomotive plant due to costs and union disagreements.

Assembly of locomotives will be transferred to the company's other plants in North and South America.

Caterpillar spokesman Jim Dugan said the Clayton plant, which produces earth-moving equipment, would be hiring manufacturing workers in addition to engineering and design staff.

The new jobs will pay an average of $41,466 plus benefits, compared with the Johnston County average of $31,460.
The University of Virginia draped the columns of its iconic Rotunda in black for a "Day of Dialogue" in September 2010 following the death of Yeardley Love. (Andrew Shurtleff - Associated Press)

U-Va. prepares for George Huguely’s trial for the murder of Yeardley Love

By Jenna Johnson and Mary Pat Flaherty

Nearly two years ago, the University of Virginia mourned and tried to comprehend the death of Yeardley Love, a fourth-year student from the Baltimore area who played on the lacrosse team. On Monday a trial is set to start for her ex-boyfriend George Huguely V, who also played lacrosse at U-Va. and is charged with her murder.

The trial is expected to dominate campus conversations for weeks to come and arouse strong emotions for some students, coaches, faculty and staff members, so university officials are urging them to reach out for help if they need it.
“As the trial proceeds, details emanating from the courtroom may create or compound emotional distress for students or others with whom you live, socialize or have classes,” Chief Student Affairs Officer Patricia M. Lampkin wrote in an e-mail to students on Wednesday. “If you sense that someone in your circle — a friend, classmate, hallmate, apartment-mate — needs attention or help, then we encourage you to call upon the resources available here at the University. It is important not to ignore those around us who may be experiencing difficulty.”

Huguely, 24, is charged with the first-degree murder of Love. If found guilty, he could face a life sentence. Huguely is also charged with felony murder, robbery of a residence, burglary, entering a house with intent to commit a felony and grand larceny. One of Huguely’s attorneys said in 2010 that Love’s death was “an accident with a tragic outcome” but not an intentional criminal act.

Jury selection is set to start Monday and continue Tuesday. (For more about the case, read “Murder trial of George Huguely in death of Yeardley Love set to start Monday.”)

As the university and town of Charlottesville prepared for the scheduled trial and the arrival of dozens of reporters, students resumed discussing the case — and, in some cases, the sensitive issue of dating violence.

“This event, as much as it was a tragedy, gives people an opportunity to have a discussion about something that they would never want to talk about,” said Dan Morrison, U-Va. student council president. “I think there’s now a greater sense of responsibility to one another.”

To help guide discussions of the trial, U-Va. law professor Anne M. Coughlin gave a presentation Thursday evening about criminal procedure and answered questions from students.

Coughlin explained the different types of charges that have been brought against Huguely and told the students the trial will likely focus on his state of mind at the time of Love’s death, according to The Cavalier Daily student newspaper.

U-Va. President Teresa A. Sullivan e-mailed faculty and staff on Wednesday to encourage them to support one another and their students during the next few weeks. Sullivan, who was named president a few months after Love’s death, ended her message by saying:
Dr. Craig B. Thompson, now of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, is being sued.

Sloan-Kettering Chief Is Accused of Taking Research

By ANDREW POLLACK

The president of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York is in a billion-dollar dispute with his former workplace, a cancer institute at the University of Pennsylvania, over accusations that he walked away with groundbreaking research and used it to help start a valuable biotechnology company.

In a lawsuit, the Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute at Penn described its former scientific director, Dr. Craig B. Thompson, as “an unscrupulous doctor” who “chose to abscond with the fruits of the Abramson largess.”

The dispute reflects the importance that academic research centers now place on turning discoveries made on their campuses into sources of revenue. Some have engaged in protracted legal battles to ensure compensation for their intellectual property. Yale, for example, won more than $1 million in compensation and legal fees in 2005 from a Nobel laureate it had accused of taking its technology.

But the lawsuit against Dr. Thompson has particularly high stakes, potentially affecting the reputations and finances of two of the country’s most prestigious cancer centers.
In a statement, Dr. Thompson denied the accusations made by the Penn institute. “It is unfortunate that the Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute has chosen to go down this path,” he said.

And Dr. Thompson’s lawyer said that he would ask the court to dismiss the case, which also names as defendants the company that Dr. Thompson started, Agios Pharmaceuticals, and Celgene, a drug company that invested in Agios.

“There’s no real specific allegation here as to what research it is that he either failed to disclose to Penn or that Agios is actually using,” the lawyer, Allan J. Arffa, said in an interview.

Sloan-Kettering declined to comment, saying it was not a party to the lawsuit, which was filed in the United States District Court in Manhattan in December.

In the suit, the Abramson cancer institute, which has received more than $100 million from the philanthropist Leonard Abramson and his family, says that Dr. Thompson concealed his role in starting Agios, which has attracted investors with a potentially new way to treat cancer. The institute says Dr. Thompson’s actions deprived it of proceeds that could support future research, causing it damages that could exceed $1 billion.

Three people with knowledge of Dr. Thompson’s version of events, two of whom would speak only on condition of anonymity because of the litigation, said that the University of Pennsylvania knew about Dr. Thompson’s involvement with Agios and even discussed licensing patents to the company, though no agreement was reached.

“When you start a company like this, you want to try to dominate the field,” said Lewis C. Cantley, another founder of Agios and the director of the cancer center at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. “The goal was to get as many patents as possible, and it was frustrating that we weren’t able to get any from Penn.”

Michael J. Cleare, executive director of Penn’s Center for Technology Transfer, declined to discuss whether negotiations had been held but said, “Yes, Penn knew about Agios.”

Susan E. Phillips, senior vice president for Penn Medicine, said that the suit had been filed not by the university but by the research institute, a separate entity. She said the university was investigating the accusations.
Penn is in a delicate position because Mr. Abramson is one of the university’s biggest donors, for whom its cancer center is named. He founded U.S. Healthcare, a managed care company that was sold to Aetna for nearly $9 billion in 1996.

The Abramson family declined to comment.

Dr. Thompson was hired in 1999 as scientific director of the research institute and in 2006 became director of the entire Abramson Cancer Center. He was named president of Sloan-Kettering in 2010.

Under its agreement with Penn, the Abramson cancer institute has certain rights to intellectual property arising from research it finances. But Mr. Arffa, the lawyer for Dr. Thompson, said he would argue in his motion that the research institute had no standing to sue since Dr. Thompson actually worked for the university.

Academic research institutes have gone to court before to contend that employees commercialized technology without giving them their share.

In 2005, for instance, a court ordered John B. Fenn, a former Yale professor, to pay the university $545,000 plus legal fees of about $500,000. The court said Dr. Fenn had licensed a molecular analysis technique, which won him a Nobel Prize, to a company he co-founded, without involving Yale.

In 2006, Dr. J. Milton Harris, a former professor at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, and Nektar Therapeutics, a company with which he was associated, agreed to pay the university $25 million to settle accusations that he had secretly patented valuable drug formulation technology.

And in the 1990s, Petr Taborsky, a former student laboratory assistant at the University of South Florida, was convicted of theft and spent time on a prison chain gang after patenting a wastewater treatment method that he said he had invented on his own.

Agios, based in Cambridge, Mass., was founded in 2007 by Dr. Thompson, Dr. Cantley and Tak W. Mak of the University of Toronto. The 2008 news release announcing the company’s initial financing named Dr. Thompson as a founder.

The three scientists were leaders in the study of cancer metabolism, the way cells use sugar and other nutrients to make energy and material. The idea of trying to disrupt that metabolism to kill tumors clearly had appeal to investors. The company has raised about $260 million from investors,
including $150 million from Celgene, an astonishing amount for a company with no drugs in clinical trials.

“I’ve started companies in the past, and I’ve just never seen anything like this,” Dr. Cantley said.

A crucial question, some patent law and technology transfer specialists said, could be whether Dr. Thompson provided patented technology to Agios or merely insights.

“If somebody goes out and forms a company and doesn’t take patented intellectual property — only brings knowledge, know-how, that sort of thing — we wouldn’t make any claims to it,” said Lita Nelsen, director of the technology licensing office at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In its complaint, the Abramson institute does not cite any specific patents. It says Penn did not pursue the matter because Dr. Thompson had told the university that his role in Agios did not involve anything subject to the university’s patent policies. The lawsuit says the institute did not find out about Dr. Thompson’s role in Agios until late 2011.

Dr. Cantley said Agios was not pursuing technology from Dr. Thompson’s former laboratory. However, Dr. Thompson was a co-author on some scientific papers involving genes called IDH1 and IDH2, a focus of Agios’s research.

Agios is privately owned and has not disclosed how much stock Dr. Thompson owns or what it might be worth. The stock could become more valuable if Agios goes public or is acquired. David Schenkein, Agios’s chief executive, said that the company was not currently pursuing either of those options.
Students from China, including Rui Liu, left, make up 11 percent of the nearly 5,800 freshmen at the University of Washington this year.

Taking More Seats on Campus, Foreigners Also Pay the Freight

By TAMAR LEWIN

SEATTLE — This is the University of Washington’s new math: 18 percent of its freshmen come from abroad, most from China. Each pays tuition of $28,059, about three times as much as students from Washington State. And that, according to the dean of admissions, is how low-income Washingtonians — more than a quarter of the class — get a free ride.

With state financing slashed by more than half in the last three years, university officials decided to pull back on admissions offers to Washington residents, and increase them to students overseas.

That has rankled some local politicians and parents, a few of whom have even asked Michael K. Young, the university president, whether their children could get in if they paid nonresident tuition. “It does appeal to me a little,” he said.

There is a widespread belief in Washington that internationalization is the key to the future, and Mr. Young said he was not at all bothered that there were now more students from other countries than from other states. (Out-of-state students pay the same tuition as foreign students.)
“Is there any advantage to our taking a kid from California versus a kid from China?” he said. “You’d have to convince me, because the world isn’t divided the way it used to be.”

If the university’s reliance on full-freight Chinese students to balance the budget echoes the nation’s dependence on China as the largest holder of American debt, well, said the dean of admissions, Philip A. Ballinger, “this is a way of getting some of that money back.”

By the reckoning of the Institute of International Education, foreign students in the United States contribute about $21 billion a year to the national economy, including $463 million here in Washington State. But the influx affects more than just the bottom line — campus culture, too, is changing.

While the University of Washington’s demographic shifts have been sharper and faster — international students were 2 percent of the freshmen in 2006 — similar changes are under way at flagship public universities across the nation: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and University of California campuses in Berkeley and Los Angeles all had at least 10 percent foreign freshmen this academic year, more than twice that of five years ago. And at top private schools including Columbia University, Boston University and the University of Pennsylvania, at least 15 percent of this year’s freshmen are from other countries.

All told, the number of undergraduates from China alone has soared to 57,000 from 10,000 five years ago. At the University of Washington, 11 percent of the nearly 5,800 freshmen are from China.

A few places have begun to charge international students additional fees besides tuition: at Purdue University, it was $1,000 this year and will double next year; engineering undergraduates at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign had to pay a $2,500 surcharge this year.

“We’re in something akin to the gold rush, a frontier-style environment where colleges and universities, like prospectors in the 1800s, realize that there is gold out there,” said David Hawkins, the director of public policy at the National Association for College Admission Counseling. “While it’s the admissions offices butting up against the issues most right now, every department after them, every faculty member who comes into contact with international students, is going to have to recalibrate as institutions become more international. I see a cascading list of challenges.”

They have already begun here at Washington’s flagship university, where orientation leaders last fall had to explain, repeatedly, the rigorous campus
recycling practices, reinforce no-smoking rules and, at the make-your-own-sundae bar, help people get the hang of the whipped-cream cans.

But there are deeper issues, like how much latitude professors should give in written assignments.

“We recognize that people from other countries often speak with an accent,” said John Webster, director of writing at the university’s College of Arts and Science. “If we’re truly going to be a global university, which I think is a terrific thing, we have to recognize that they may write with an accent as well.”

For example, because Mandarin has one pronunciation for “he,” “she” and “it” and nothing like “a” or “the,” many Chinese speakers struggle with pronouns and articles. And English verb forms, like past participles, gerunds and infinitives, can be difficult to master, since Chinese verbs are unchanging.

Given that Chinese students’ writing will be “accented” for years, Mr. Webster believes that professors should focus less on trying to make their English technically correct and more on making their essays understandable and interesting. But he knows this could be a controversial issue, reminiscent of the Ebonics debate decades ago.

The international influx is likely to keep growing, in part because of the booming recruiting industry that has sprung up overseas. That includes the use of commissioned agents, who help students through the admissions process — and sometimes write their application essays. Amid controversy over such agents, Mr. Hawkins’s group has named a commission, to meet for the first time next month, to formulate a policy regarding recruiters.

Nationwide, higher education financing has undergone a profound shift in recent years, with many public institutions that used to get most of their financing from state governments now relying on tuition for more than half their budgets. But legislators and taxpayers still feel deep ownership of the state institutions created to serve homegrown students — and worry that something is awry when local high achievers, even valedictorians, are rejected by the campuses they have grown up aspiring to.

“My constituents want a slot for their kid,” said Reuven Carlyle, a Democrat state representative from Seattle. “I hear it at the grocery store every day, and I’ve got four young kids myself, so I get it.

“We are struggling with capacity, access and affordability,” he said. “But international engagement is part of our state’s DNA. We have a special
economic and social relationship with China, and I am happy to have so many Chinese students at the university.”

Still, Jim Allen, a counselor at Inglemoor High School in Kenmore, Wash., an affluent suburb north of Seattle, said: “Families are frustrated. There aren’t as many private colleges here as in the East, and a lot of families expect their children to go to U.W.”

Unlike many other state universities, the University of Washington did no overseas recruiting before this academic year, when it staged recruiting tours in several countries. So the rapid growth in international applications — to more than 6,000 this year from 1,541 in 2007, with China by far the largest source — was something of a surprise. Last spring, another surprise was the percentage who accepted offers of admission: 42 percent decided to enroll, up from 35 percent the previous year.

“As best I can make out, it’s just word of mouth,” said Mr. Ballinger, the admissions dean. “We’re well known in China, we’re highly rated on the Shanghai rankings, and we have a lot of contacts.”

Applications from abroad present some special challenges. Because the SAT is not given in mainland China, the university does not require international students to take it. Although it does not pay recruiting agents, Mr. Ballinger said he knew many applicants hired them, so the university does not consider Chinese applicants’ personal essays or recommendations. (Yes, he also knows that some affluent applicants in the United States get extensive help from paid private counselors.)

Some in-state students said they had trouble knowing what to make of the fact that international students, on the one hand, help underwrite financial aid, and on the other, take up seats that might have gone to their high school classmates.

“Morally, I feel the university should accept in-state students first, then other American students, then international students,” said Farheen Siddiqui, a freshman from Renton, Wash., just south of Seattle. “When I saw all the stories about U.W. taking more international students, I thought, ‘Damn, I’m a minority now for being in-state.’”

Actually, nearly two-thirds of Ms. Siddiqui’s classmates are from Washington, but her inaccurate sense of the population was echoed by all of the three dozen freshmen interviewed — including those from other states and from China. Most, like Ms. Siddiqui, estimated that half to two-thirds of the class was international.
Ms. Siddiqui cited a psychology class in which the professor asked the 600-plus students about the nature of the families they grew up in. With clickers recording the responses, Ms. Siddiqui said, about 60 percent said their families were “collectivist,” rather than “individualist,” something she perceived as more Asian than American.

Alison Luo, who grew up in Chongqing, a major city in southwest China, had mixed feelings about the trend that she is part of.

“Before I came, I saw the online chatting in China, with hundreds of people coming to the University of Washington,” Ms. Luo said. “I was kind of worried about that. I paid to study abroad, and it was almost like I was studying in China.”