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New traffic pattern around PCMH

The Daily Reflector

Road paving will alter traffic patterns around Pitt County Memorial Hospital this week.

The biggest change will be the closure of a Moye Boulevard stretch that approaches the hospital's main entrance. On Friday, the Moye stretch running from Stantonsburg Road to Main Boulevard will close to traffic, according to a PCMH news release.

Cars will have to approach the main hospital entrance via Farm Drive, which runs between Bank of America and Kentucky Fried Chicken on Stantonsburg. Electric message signs in place Friday will post traffic information.

Moye will be fully operational in mid-April, according to the release. Other work that won't affect traffic includes:

- Paving begins today on a stretch of Moye between Stantonsburg and Main.
- A traffic light will go up March 16 at the Moye-Main intersection. Until then, hospital officials advise paying close attention to traffic at stop signs at the juncture.
Star of TLC program will speak at ECU

The Daily Reflector

Matt Roloff may be only 4 feet tall, but his role on television's "Little People, Big World" has given him international stature.

Roloff is one of the stars of the TLC documentary series, which chronicles the daily life of a family made up of both average-height and little people. The man known to television audiences as an entrepreneur, farmer and father of four is also an author and motivational speaker. His book, "Against Tall

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Odds: Being a David in a Goliath World," will be the topic of his speech at 7 p.m. Tuesday in East Carolina University's Wright Auditorium.

Born to average-height parents, Roloff, 45, has diastrophic dysplasia, a genetic disorder which causes short stature with very short arms and legs.

A former computer programmer, Roloff once portrayed a character in a Star Wars television movie, "Ewoks: The Battle for Endor." But he is best known for his current television show, which documents the struggles and successes of his family's life on an Oregon farm.

Roloff and his family were the subject of a one-hour TLC special "Little People, Big Dreams" in March 2005. The first season of "Little People, Big World" began a year later.

The series features Roloff and his wife, Amy, and children, Zach, Jeremy, Molly and Jacob. Amy, like her husband, has a form of dwarfism, as does their son Zach. Zach's three siblings, including his twin brother, Jeremy, are average height.

Episodes of the show typically include day-to-day activities such as shopping, sports and home repairs. All are part of the family's life on a 34-acre farm, and all, in some ways, are complicated by the Roloffs' size. In one episode, for example, Roloff must contend with a building inspector who says the railing on his family's new deck is too low to meet requirements, even though making the railing higher would mean Roloff and his wife couldn't see over it. Other episodes have featured such events as Zach trying to get his driver's license, the family competing in Dwarf Athletic Association events or even a friendly paintball competition on the farm.

Roloff, a former present of Little People of America, is an advocate for people with disabilities. He founded a company, Direct Access Solutions, that focuses on mobility and accessibility for little people. Roloff, whose condition causes problems with his joints, uses crutches and a motorized cart for mobility.

Since their television debut, the Roloffs have appeared on shows such as "Oprah" and "Good Morning America" to help call attention to the adversities little people face and to help promote their achievements.
Two-day symposium concludes with health fair

**The Daily Reflector**

About 300 people turned out for health checks and information gathering at the Hilton Greenville on Saturday during the final day of the fourth annual Jean Mills Health Symposium.

This year's two-day event focused on health care issues facing minorities and the disparity of health care delivery in rural areas, said Stephen W. Thomas, dean of the College of Allied Health Sciences at East Carolina University. The college sponsored the event along with the ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation, Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation and Eastern AHEC.

Friday's event featured Dr. Thomas C. Ricketts, deputy director of the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research and professor of health policy and administration and social medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There also were presentations on programs and research designed to promote wellness and reduce health disparities.

Real-world application of the research was a goal of Saturday's health fair, Thomas said. Along with the traditional screenings for hypertension and blood sugar levels, ECU students worked with people to create personal health records to identify existing health problems, potential problems and they can keep track of their health, Thomas said.

"It's a trend across the country and something we emphasize at ECU, and that is it is important for people to be responsible for their own health," he said. "You have to accept responsibility and accept consequences and we believe people who have information about their health in front of them and monitor it, they will feel more empowered."

Forty-five organizations, health care providers and other groups were at the event.
Campus launches smoke-free zones

The Daily Reflector

East Carolina University has implemented smoke-free zones within 25 feet of campus buildings.

The "no smoking zone" could eventually expand to 100 feet, said Karen Warren, director of Campus Wellness, since the N.C. General Assembly passed legislation supporting this policy last summer. ECU's policy went into effect Aug. 1, after approval by the university's Executive Council.

During its 2007 session, the N.C. General Assembly passed Senate Bill 862 that allows the regulation of smoking on the campuses of the UNC Health Care System, the facilities of the Brody School.

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of Medicine at ECU, and the buildings and grounds of institutions of the University of North Carolina system.

Funding from the Wellness Trust Fund will help promote awareness about smoke-free areas on campus and help educate students about tobacco use as well as connecting people with smoking cessation programs, Warren said.

Bill Koch, associate vice chancellor for environmental health, safety, parking and transportation, said that signs have been placed throughout campus, the chancellor sent out notices, and articles were written in campus and local publications to alert people of the changes.

Koch’s office is working on a written policy regarding smoking/no smoking on campus with the goal to have a policy that considers everyone on campus – smokers and non-smokers. Koch added that the Health Sciences Campus has its own task force to comply with the 25-foot rule through designated smoking areas.

Women, whaling focus of lecture

The role of women in the whaling industry is the focus of the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series on Thursday.

Lisa Norling, professor of history at the University of Minnesota, will deliver “Captain Ahab Had a Wife” at 7 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

Norling is this year’s Sallie Southall Cotten lecturer, presented through the college’s annual lecture series.

Titled for her prizewinning book, the lecture focus on gender dynamics in the American whaling industry during the 18th and 19th centuries, how the growth of the industry affected concepts about sexual difference, love and marriage.


Tickets are free for ECU students, faculty and staff. Public tickets are $10. Contact ECU’s Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4788, 1-800 ECU-ARTS or 252-328-4736.

Professor to judge car design

Gerald Micklow, a Department of Engineering professor, has been selected to serve as a design judge this April for a competition offered by the Society of Automotive Engineers at the Virginia International Raceway. Students will compete to design and produce small formula-style racing cars.

Micklow, who has designed and built race cars including Indy 500 cars and has worked with both NASCAR and Joe Gibbs Racing and other motor sports companies, is the director of the engineering program's Computational Fluid Dynamics Laboratory.

Two students will attend gala

Two hospitality management students were selected to participate in the Salute to Excellence 2008 in Chicago this spring.

Erin Catherine Gallagher, a senior from Charlestown, N.H., and Kimberly Priesing, a senior from Havelock, will attend the National Restaurant Association’s Restaurant and Hotel-Motel Show and Exposition in Chicago.

The event honors the accomplishments of industry leaders along with two students from each of the 100 top hospitality colleges and universities in the country.

Korean music to be featured

ECU’s Asian Studies will present a performance of Korean music at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Rivers West 105, ECU campus.

The free performance, “Enchanted Sounds of Traditional Korean Music: Kayagum Presentation and Demonstration” will feature Grace Jong Bun Lee. Sponsored by the Korea Society, the Korean Association of Greenville, and East Carolina University.

Science scholarships

Applications for the Moldin Scholarship for students majoring in chemistry or biology at ECU are now available. The scholarship, established in 2006 by ECU alumni Richard and Nancy Moldin, provides a $2,000 scholarship to two juniors in the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences.

Students interested in applying should contact their department office before April 1.
Our Views

Guns again

By most accounts, students attending the Thursday afternoon geography lesson in Northern Illinois University's Cole Hall were waiting for the end of class when the shooting started. A lone gunman, later identified as 27-year-old Steven Kazmierczak, fired 56 shots in the lecture hall before killing himself.

Some will inevitably argue that the six lives lost last week are the cost of freedom, the price America pays for its Constitution protection to gun ownership. That is their right. But the time must come when this nation rejects that thinking and instead embraces the certain knowledge that it requires a new approach to better protect the safety of its citizens.

Less than a year ago, an English student with a history of mental illness used two guns to murder 32 people and himself at Virginia Tech, the deadliest shooting at a college campus in American history. The scope of the carnage shocked and sickened the nation, which wrung its hands over an appropriate response.

Some measures were swiftly adopted. Virginia closed a loophole that allowed the shooter to purchase those weapons. Most college campuses, East Carolina University, examined its security and capacity for emergency response and information dispersal. But otherwise, the country mourned the dead for a few days before turning its attention elsewhere.

The lives of those who lost loved ones or who were wounded in the April shooting will never be the same. They have been irreparably changed by a deranged young man who easily obtained deadly weapons and used them without reservation. The campus community in Blacksburg, Va., remains scarred by the horror of that day. There is healing, of course, but it is slow in coming.

Virginia Tech's uncertain response to its tragedy may have helped save lives in DeKalb, Ill. Police responded within a minute of the first alarm at NIU and the violence ended shortly after it began, and students received prompt and repeated updates of the situation. Perhaps schools suffering such events in the future will benefit from the lessons learned by those before them.

Yet, no college should have to endure random acts of brutal violence. America cannot responsibly stand by and allow some of its best and brightest to be ruthlessly cut down, accepting it as a consequence of freedom.

While the right to gun ownership is cherished in this nation, one protected by the Constitution, the rule of law should reflect national consensus, not only the will of the founders. It is time this nation reignite its conversation on the limits of that right and consider a course for American society that balances freedom, responsibility and public safety in regards to guns.

The present approach no longer holds, as we are seeing with sickening frequency. We must consider a new direction.
Baker-Flowers named chief diversity officer at East Carolina University

Kimberly R. Baker-Flowers, director of minority student success at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, has been named chief diversity officer at East Carolina University.

Baker-Flowers, who will begin at ECU on Feb. 29, will lead the Office of Institutional Diversity, which promotes an environment that embraces, accepts and respects differences, and she will serve on the Chancellor's Executive Council.

"I am delighted that Ms. Baker-Flowers has accepted our offer to join East Carolina," Chancellor Steve Ballard said in a news release. "She was selected from a very strong field of candidates, and she impressed the search committee as well as the administration with her team orientation and her strong leadership skills."

Baker-Flowers has been at UMKC since 2003 and also has worked in human resources in the private sector. She holds a law degree from Creighton University and a bachelor's degree from Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif.
Rotary Assembly prepares Mott for term as district governor

Vivian W. Mott, professor and department chairwoman in East Carolina University's College of Education, was among more than 500 Rotary leaders from 70 countries who convened in San Diego in January for Rotary's International Assembly — plenaries, seminars and workshops that prepare district governors-elect for their one-year terms in office.

Mott, a member of the Greenville Noon Rotary, will assume the office of district governor for 45 Rotary clubs in eastern North Carolina on July 1.

Often called "Rotary University," the seven-day training event highlighted innovative service projects from around the globe, including those that reduce poverty and hunger, improve literacy, promote health education and disease prevention and foster world peace and understanding. For 22 years, Rotary's top priority has been the eradication of polio, a goal 99 percent accomplished.

"The Rotary International Assembly was like a mini United Nations as governor-elects and Rotary International leaders from all around the globe met to discuss how we can better serve our communities through our membership, service and leadership roles in Rotary. It was a wonderful learning and networking opportunity," Mott said.

Each district governor leads from 40-160 local Rotary clubs to meet the needs of communities at home and abroad. Rotary is the world's first club-based, volunteer service organization and supports nearly 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary Clubs in Pitt County joined in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Rotary in 2005 with Centennial community service projects.
ECU students weigh in on campus safety

The Daily Reflector

For the second time in less than a year, college campuses grabbed headlines after a school shooting.

On Thursday, a 27-year-old graduate of Northwestern Illinois University returned to his alma mater and opened fire, wounding 16 students and killing five. Then, he killed himself.

In April 2007, a Virginia Tech student killed 32 students, professors before turning a gun on himself.

Shootings raise questions about safety at East Carolina University, where officials have hired new police officers and added high-tech ways of spreading news in an emergency.

"We are no different than any other campus," said Maj. Frank Hagen, chief of the East Carolina Police Department. "We have got the same weaknesses. The same strengths as any other campus. We cannot guarantee 100-percent security. But we are concerned about the safety and well-being of our students. We are concerned about any campus safety a day after the one in Virginia shootings."
IN THEIR OWN WORDS

COULD YOU imagine a shooting on the ECU campus?

"No, I hope it never happens here."

HOW SAFE do you feel on campus?

"It's not really a feeling, one way or the other. Do I go downtown and maybe feel like something potentially could happen? Yeah, sometimes."

DO YOU subscribe to the text message alert service?

"I haven't signed up for it. I keep getting the e-mails (about it) and I don't know. I get enough junk to my phone anyways because I have a Blackberry."

"No. Maybe I'd be interested, but I'm not scared. I don't think (anything) bad would happen, but it might be something that I'll need to do."
"I'm kind of close to the campus, going to get closer and closer to the campus. I really like the university, eventually I might end up going there one day.

"Yeah, I feel really safe. I see the security officers going around, they've been good. I feel pretty secure, I can't imagine anyone would come up and upset one day. I've been at it out of the house."

"I actually have that. I was thinking it was (to faculty students) if school was canceled."

"So I'll be aware, if something happens, I need to be off campus. I need to get somewhere safe as soon as possible."
Runner raises more than $10,000 for Ronald McDonald House that helped young cousin

By Brock Letchworth
The Daily Reflector

Toni Soule says she always wondered how she could express her gratitude for the Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina.

"Then my wonderful nephew came to the rescue," she said.

Chris Haan, 20, of Orlando, Fla., used his foot skills and people skills to raise more than $10,000 for the facility, which houses families of children seeking medical treatment.

The house was chosen as the beneficiary of the Race for Aydan campaign in honor of 1-year-old Aydan Parrott, Soule's grandson and Haan's cousin. Aydan's family has frequently visited the facility since he was born with a chromosome disorder last January.

The campaign was based on Haan's participation last month in the Disney Half Marathon, a 13.1-mile race that included more than 16,000 participants raising money for various charities.

Haan said the house was an easy choice for his fundraising efforts. Family members continue to use the Ronald McDonald House as treatments for Aydan continue, he said. Haan has been amazed by the facility and its staff since he first visited last year.

"I have always been real close to Aydan's mother Danielle, and when Aydan was born, I came up here and just saw the house and saw how great everything was for them here," Haan said.

"You could just see how great she and my Aunt Toni and the whole family were treated. It really inspired me to do something for them.

"The amount of effort which goes into everything here was just unbelievable to me, and I wanted to have a part in that."

During a ceremony at the house Saturday, Haan presented officials with a check for $10,468, a donation significantly more than most the house receives, Phyllis Flye, executive director, said. The money will be deposited into the operations fund covering the daily needs of the facility.

"I think for a young man like Chris to take this type of project on, and then to have the tremendous support of his family to make sure it was as successful as it was is just such a testament to them," Flye said. "We are so appreciative."

Donations came from friends, family and businesses from as far away as Australia, and the results exceeded their expectations, Haan said. The campaign's original goal was $5,000, he said.

"It was a lot of sending out letters and e-mails notifying people of the Web site," Haan said. "It was kind of a trickling process, but it just took off and we raised more than we ever expected."
UNC prof's comments draw ire of his class

- Albert Harris tells class babies with Down syndrome should be aborted.

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL — A University of North Carolina professor has angered some of his students after saying he thinks fetuses with Down syndrome should be aborted.

Albert Harris, 65, made the comment in his embryology class. He has taught in Chapel Hill for 35 years.

"In my opinion," Harris wrote in his lecture notes, "the moral thing for older mothers to do is to have amniocentesis as soon during pregnancy as is safe for the fetus, test whether placental cells have a third chromosome 21, and abort the fetus if it does. The brain is the last organ to become functional."

Harris, who made the comments Monday, said he has said the same thing many times before. But Lara Frame, a senior in Harris' Biology 441, said the biology classroom is no place for opinion.

"Biology is not an opinion subject," said Frame, an anthropology and Spanish major from Charlotte. "It's a facts-based subject. And though abortion is legal, it's not a fact that you should abort every baby with Down syndrome.

"If this had been a philosophy class, I wouldn't have said anything."

Frame's brother, John, 18, has Down syndrome, and Frame said she became "physically ill" at Harris' remarks. She didn't say anything during Monday's class. She was too angry, she said.

Sarah Truluck, who coordinates membership in the campus group Best Buddies, also was appalled to hear what Harris had said. Best Buddies pairs college students with intellectually disabled adults in the community.

"It is shocking to find that a university professor can be so ignorant of the issues at stake," Truluck said in a release. "We will continue to fight the stereotype that people with disabilities are somehow less than human, and encourage others to do the same."

Several students said they don't think Harris' comments were inappropriate.

"He's not trying to brainwash us," said Heather McCall, who said she has considered a teaching career. "I feel like if I do become a teacher I'm going to bring up issues that spark discussion. That's the whole point of being a teacher."

Holden Thorp, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said if a complaint comes to administrators from a student it will be thoroughly investigated.

Harris said he wouldn't follow his own moral position. His wife, then 34, was pregnant with their third child when she suffered major bleeding. Doctors told the couple to prepare for the worst.

"If our child had been born with Down syndrome as we expected, we would have cherished her," Harris said.
Our Views

Filling needs

Medical school expansion worth exploration

When East Carolina University founded its medical school in the 1970s, it did so with the intention of improving access to health care in one of the state’s poorest regions. In the three decades since, residents of eastern North Carolina have been fortunate to see the dramatic expansion of medical services, thanks in large measure to the men and women who hold East Carolina medical degrees.

Now the nation faces a looming shortage in the number of practicing physicians, a deficit East Carolina’s Brody School of Medicine hopes to address through a proposed expansion. If that plan wins approval, it will further meet the university’s mission of service, and strengthen one of this community’s most valuable resources.

The creation of East Carolina’s medical school in many ways mirrored the founding of the university itself. Bringing the program to Greenville required extensive effort by lawmakers and community leaders, who recognized how medical education could dramatically affect the region.

The result has exceeded even ambitious expectations. The Brody School of Medicine has graduated hundreds of students since admitting its first class in 1977, many of whom now practice in North Carolina. They serve the medical demands of this growing state, and many work in an eastern North Carolina region in desperate need of talented health care professionals.

Yet, despite the work locally and across the nation, the United States faces a shortage in the number of practicing physicians. The American Medical Association estimated last year that the country had 35 million people in rural areas lacking sufficient care, and that it would require 16,000 physicians to meet the need. By 2020, the AMA believes that figure will increase to 24,000.

To address that critical shortfall, East Carolina’s medical school officials have proposed expanding class sizes from the 80 students it plans to enroll in 2010 (up from the current 73) to 120 students in the near future. That increase would follow a larger increase at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which plans to increase enrollment from 160 to 230 by 2011.

Adding students to medical education programs in North Carolina promises to aid the state and the nation. North Carolina is fortunate to boast two exceptional medical schools at state universities. Demand for entrance calls for expansion, as does need. But funding for capital expansion and operation costs must also support the proposal.

Still, East Carolina should relish the debate. If the excellence of education offered by the Brody School of Medicine can help address the growing need for physicians, enrollment expansion is a proposal worth exploring.
Cancer center to host lectures

The Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center will host the Carol Fishel-Volkman Memorial Lecture, "Gynecologic Cancer: The Basics," Feb. 28 at the Edwin W. Monroe AHBC Conference Center on Venture Tower Drive.

Registration and a reception begin at 5:30 p.m. Mitchel S. Hoffman will speak at 6 p.m. He is professor and director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology and Fellowship Training Program at the University of South Florida.

The lecture series, held in memory of Volkman, who died of breast cancer, also includes a free professional lecture at noon Feb. 29 in the Pitt County Memorial Hospital auditorium. Lunch will be provided. "Is Resection of the Colon For Ovarian Cancer Beneficial?" will be the topic.

For more information, call the cancer center at 744-4929 or visit www.ecu.edu/ecophysicians.
ECU explains safety plans in wake of recent campus shooting in Ill.

By Jimmy Ryals
The Daily Reflector

In the shadows of another school shooting, East Carolina University officials met Friday to discuss emergency communication.

Campus sirens, public-address announcements and a new telephone system are among options the university is considering to augment its emergency notification system, said Maj. Frank Knight of the ECU Police Department.

"We...are undergoing a re-

view of some current projects we’ve got to further get the emergency messages out," he said.

With the siren and PA speakers, officials could notify people on campus about active threats, Knight said. A voice-operated Internet protocol—VoIP—phone system would offer several benefits, he added. The phones could act as classroom PAs, and their digital display screens could accept text messages. The phones, which some ECU

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classrooms already have, also carry panic buttons, Knight said.

ECU also may add a system to display emergency alerts on plasma-screen television, posted in several campus buildings, Knight said.

The new technologies, if adopted, likely won’t go into effect before this semester ends, Knight said. Officials want to be careful choosing systems and vendors, he said.

“We don’t want to haphazardly implement any program,” he said. "Like the siren, several universities implemented the siren PA system, and it was done haphazardly. They didn’t get the most bang for their buck."

Last fall, the university began using text messages to alert students about campus dangers, including shootings and weather emergencies. The system got its second trial Wednesday, as its 4,900 subscribers received a test mes-

sage. The massive reached phones within two to seven minutes, according to the ECU News Bureau.

Roughly 4,000 of the more than 30,000 students and employees at ECU subscribe to the text alert system.

The total number of users, nearly 5,000, has nearly doubled this semester, Knight said. That’s encouraging growth, but ECU officials want to see more, he said.

“We wish it was 100 percent” registration for the texts, Knight said.

Some students resist registering for the text alerts because they’re wary of receiving junk messages, Knight said. That's one reason junior public relations major Brandon Small hasn't registered for the service.

"I get enough junk to my phone anyways because I have a Blackberry," he said. "It's kind of just like an inconve-

nience because you’re just getting more mail."

The safety meeting came a day after a former student opened fire in a classroom at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill. Steve Kazmierczak, 27, killed five students and wounded 16 others before shooting himself.

Each campus shooting brings a new wrinkle, spurring campus police to review their own response plans, Knight said. At Northern Illinois, it was the fact the shooter was no longer a student at the school where he wreaked havoc.

“This guy was something unique, he wasn’t a student on campus," Knight said.

At Virginia Tech last year, police first thought there were two shooters because of a three-hour lapse between Seung-Hui Cho's rampages. Campus response plans now account for the possibility of a second shooting or suspect, Knight said.

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News & Record, Greensboro

N.C. A&T reports encouraging strides in test scores among its nursing students.

Eighty-four percent of A&T students passed the 2007 national nursing licensure examination. That represents a 15-percent jump versus the previous year's scores and an encouraging step in the right direction.

Is it improvement enough? Not yet. The UNC system requires that 85 percent of students in any state university's nursing program pass the national exam, which measures the students' command of the knowledge required to be a practicing nurse. The state nursing board requires a passing rate of 75 percent.

The program remains under sanctions from the nursing board and the UNC Board of Governors. But the improved results do provide tangible evidence that what was broken is being fixed.

A&T is one of three UNC programs whose nursing passage rates fell below system standards. A&T, UNC Charlotte and N.C. Central University were ordered to cut their enrollments by 15 percent until the scores improved to acceptable levels.

Among one of the most obvious problems at A&T was an apparent lapse in admissions requirements in which some students who lacked the appropriate credentials were allowed into the program.

Thankfully, A&T not only addressed that issue but has raised the admissions bar for all students under first-year Chancellor Stanley Battle. Battle rightly has decided that, even if enrollment temporarily drops, it serves no purpose to admit students who are not equipped to do the work and complete their degrees.

Battle also is partnering with the public schools to work with students as early as fourth grade to increase the pool of qualified college applicants.

Meanwhile, North Carolina's shortage of nurses is expected to reach 18,000 by 2020, the N.C. Institute of Medicine predicts.

That's why A&T's fortunes on the nursing exams should matter to you, too.
Officials hope to complete the merger by July 1, pending final approvals.

The Daily Reflector

ECU Physicians and a private neurosurgery practice plan to merge and take steps toward developing the region's first neuroscience institute at East Carolina University. Eastern Neurosurgical and Spine Associates, a six-physician group established in 1968, is joining the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. Its physicians will become full-time clinical faculty and join ECU Physicians, the group practice of the medical school. They will see patients at their practice site at the corner of Arlington Boulevard and Stantonsburg Road, according to the agreement signed earlier this month.

"A neuroscience institute, once developed, will enhance services for patients in the region and expand research into the neurosciences, leading to better therapies for neurological illnesses and injuries," said Phyllis Horns, interim dean of the Brody School of Medicine and interim vice chancellor for health sciences at ECU.

Officials hope to complete the merger by July 1, the start of the next state fiscal year, pending final approvals. "We feel that a merger of Eastern Neurosurgical and Spine with the Brody School of Medicine provides us with the best opportunity to expand neurosurgical services," Dr. F. Douglas Jones of ENSA said.

Possible new subspecialties include neuro-oncology and endovascular surgery.

Jones, Dr. Stuart Lee, Dr. Keith Tucci and Dr. Barbara Lazio, the physician-owners of ENSA, will become clinical professors at the Brody School of Medicine. Two more ENSA physicians will become clinical faculty. ENSA staff members also will be offered positions at ECU.

Dr. Michael Rotondo, chairman of surgery at ECU, said the neurosurgery practice and the medical school have enjoyed a strong relationship for many years, have similar goals and have considered merging for a while.

"Considering ECU Physicians' renewed focus on program growth and diversification, including the development of multidisciplinary care centers, both entities decided now is the right time, and merging the two practices intuitively makes the most sense," Rotondo said. "Together, we can combine our clinical capabilities and resources to better serve the patients of eastern North Carolina."

ENSA physicians teach third- and fourth-year medical

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OUR VIEWS

Plugged in

The state is starting a research center for plug-in hybrid vehicles — will motorists be filling up at outlets soon?

With bold talk of North Carolina taking the lead "in the new energy economy," Governor Easley has announced a new Advanced Transportation Energy Center that will focus on the emerging type of vehicles known as plug-in hybrids. The announcement came with modest financial commitments from two big electric power utilities. The center will be on N.C. State University’s Centennial Campus, and it will join an intense worldwide research effort to develop practical plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Sure, why not — let's run our cars on coal instead of oil.

OK, putting it that way overstates and oversimplifies several complex considerations. But plug-in hybrids do pose questions about air pollution and overall energy efficiency. The answers may be in their favor, but the questions should be asked.

First, though, a little electric-car history. Its roots run deep into the 19th century, and by the early 1900s electrics competed with gasoline- and steam-powered vehicles. But cheap gasoline, among other things, sent the electrics to the sidelines.

Power packs

Aside from the competition, the sticking point has always been batteries. Too heavy, too limited in range — those have been longstanding complaints, whether the batteries were lead-acid or nickel metal hydride. Many of the shortcomings have been cleverly overcome in recent gasoline-electric hybrids. Because these vehicles retain an internal combustion engine, the battery component can be small and supplemental, and they can still crank out better mileage than conventional models.

Plug-in hybrids, which the new North Carolina center will focus on, take the electric element a step further. By using a more powerful battery pack they can run entirely on electricity for a certain number of miles — say, enough to cover a typical commute. There's a conventional engine for added power and longer distances. And — the “plug-in” part — the batteries can be recharged from the electric grid, through a relatively conventional plug (standard hybrids recharge only internally).

That's where the coal comes in. Or nuclear power. Or hydropower, or, in the future, solar, wind or biofuel power. But for a long time to come Duke Energy and Progress Energy, the state's partners in the new center, will be mainly coal and nuclear power utilities.

Recharged and ready

Plug in the battery pack and you're plugging the family chariot into a central power plant, boosting utilities' sales of electricity and, in the case of these coal-heavy utilities, adding pollutants and carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Plus there are considerable "transmission losses" in bringing the power from plant to plug.

Does that make plug-in hybrids a no-go? Not necessarily. They would contribute to energy independence (less imported oil) and increase utility plant efficiency (recharging can be done at night, leveling utilities' daily load).

Controlling pollution might be easier at a few smokestacks than at hundreds of thousands of tailpipes. And by some measures even a coal-fired plant is cleaner than a purely gasoline-powered vehicle fleet.

Whether most people would be willing to plug in and recharge their vehicles daily (or nightly) is another question. Easley spoke of considerable "fuel" savings, mentioning a cost of 50 cents for a 150-mile ride. Sounds good — maybe too good to be true.

At any rate, the race is on for the better batteries that plug-in hybrids will need to be really practical. Lithium-ion is the current favorite — once researchers can assure us that they won't overheat, and manufacturers can drive the high costs down. Lately, the signals have been mixed. It looks as if North Carolina's Advanced Transportation Energy Center will have plenty of challenges to plug in to.
Eagles crash-land often in first year at top NCAA level, but the money is good

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DURHAM — Imagine being an athletic competitor — someone who has been taught all your life to play to win. Now imagine being an athletic competitor and knowing you have virtually no chance.

For members of N.C. Central's men's basketball team, imagining is unnecessary. In their first season at the highest level of college basketball, losing has been their almost certain fate. Only one team out of 341 in Division I has fewer wins than Central, whose record went to 3-23 with a win against Chowan on Saturday.

Losing is hard on the players, dispiriting for the fans, but oddly profitable for Central. As a newly minted D-I school, Central is a team big-time basketball schools are eager to play — and pay — for another notch in their win column. In NCAA circles, these are "guarantee games," in which a team agrees to visit for a price and makes no demand for a return match at its home arena.

Records show that NCCU has received $494,500 so far, the combined take from 21 road games — including 17 guarantee games.

Every guarantee game was a loss. Central has fewer home games this season than any team except Presbyterian College. Of Central's first 16 games, 15 were on the road.

Many historically black colleges and other smaller schools known as "mid-majors" agree to go on the road for the money, but Central's path of pain has been exceptional and, some think, excessive.

Dwight Datcher, athletic director at historically black Howard University, said his school used to play more guarantee games but cut back because of the toll on players' morale.

"We still have to bring in some money games," Datcher said. "But we've gotten a little more sophisticated with it." Howard's coaches, he adds, do other things such as fundraising in the community: "We don't do it just on the backs of our kids."

Datcher said historically black schools and mid-majors in Division I make about $50,000 per guarantee game and average about $200,000 a season. Told that Central has made more than twice that much, he said, "Wow."

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Joshua Worthy (0) goes to the basket but Marreese Speights (34) blocks the shot and Florida wins, 105-51.

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Such earnings come at a price in pride. Eagles coach Henry Dickerson said it hurts to watch his players get beaten badly in unfamiliar arenas.

"Then they ask, 'What's your record? It's hard for a young man to explain 1-18,'" Dickerson said. "They can't stick their chests out. They have to explain the transition. Watching them have to do that is painful."

Central's bruising introduction to Division I has been compounded by its lack of a league affiliation. The plan was to move into the Division I Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The MEAC has bigger and more prestigious schools but is still a league of historically black colleges. It includes universities such as Howard, Florida A&M and Hampton.

But NCCU has yet to be accepted into the MEAC, and Dennis Thomas, the league commissioner, has been noncommittal about the move.

This season, Central is one of just 10 teams without a league. So the Eagles played big-time opponents that would guarantee a payment for showing up.

Plenty of other smaller Division I schools do it, but most also have a league to play in once January arrives. Those teams can get crushed by national powerhouses early in the season while making money, then return to league play.

Nostalgia for old league

As Central stands alone and oft-defeated, some people are starting to ask whether it was good for NCCU to chase the spotlight by leaving the Division II Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. In the CIAA, Central enjoyed modest success playing the likes of Raleigh's Shaw University and St. Augustine's College and won the Division II national title 19 years ago.

NCCU alumnus Tony Williams played football for the Eagles in the mid-1990s and is still connected to the athletics program. Williams said leaving the CIAA might have been a mistake, but at this point he said the school can't go back.

"That would be like going back to your ex-girlfriend," he said.

Moving to Division I was pushed by school administrators who have since left NCCU: James Ammons, then the chancellor; and Bill Hayes, the athletic director. Both now hold similar positions at Division I Florida A&M. They had promised that competing in the top tier of basketball would bring prestige, money and attention to NCCU.

They were right about the money, but the playing got ugly early for Central and hasn't let up.

In its first-ever Division I game, the Eagles lost to crosstown neighbor Duke, 121-56. Two games later, NCCU traveled to Florida and lost 105-51. With the Gators leading 57-25 at halftime, their coach had to give his team new goals that had nothing to do with the score, such as trying for 30 assists.

At Nebraska, Central was held to a record low eight points in a half.

It hasn't just been the big schools beating up on Central. At Akron, the Zips scored 24 unanswered points in one stretch. In Fargo, N.D., the Eagles lost to North Dakota State — a team that is 12-12 this year — by a score of 104-51.

Through Feb. 10, NCCU had lost by an average of 26 points per game — worst in the nation by far. The winless New Jersey Institute of Technology at the bottom of Division I is the only other school getting beaten by more than 20 points on average, at 21.4. Next is the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, which is being outscored by about 19 a game, including a 110-44 loss to West Virginia.

"It's really hard sometimes," Eagles guard Bryan Ayala said. "And that's all you can really say."

Making money, and history

Ayala is Central's best player. He said the mounting losses were hard to cope with but emphasized that he and his teammates are proud to be part of NCCU's first Division I team.

"It's one of the few comforting facts about the season," he said. "We made money for the university, we represented ourselves well," he said. "But [losing big], that was expected. Kind of. I understood this coming in. We made history. I started to look at that more than anything else."

Some say it's not good for Central. Few Eagles fans have seen the team play. With only seven home games, the school's students, once some of the most boisterous and loyal in the CIAA, seem to have grown disconnected from the team.

Williams, the NCCU alumnus, said, "Everybody knew we were going to take our lumps because you've got to get your money up to compete with these big schools."

From the first game, Dickerson emphasized that the Eagles would be, in a very loose sense, basketball martyrs. The coach said he knows the Eagles can't shoot with some bigger programs, but the team still sets a goal every night that it hopes to achieve. It might be limiting an opponent to a certain score or getting a certain number of assists for the night.

The Eagles have met many of those goals this season, threatening East Carolina in a 79-62 loss and holding N.C. State to its second lowest point total this season, 54 points. NCCU won its first Division I game, too, beating Tennessee Tech 73-70 in Durham.

They got another victory on the road in January, sneaking past Coppin State in Baltimore, 67-65. Coach Dickerson said the ride home to Durham was "one of the best bus rides I ever had."

Before a recent practice, Ayala said there have been other gains amid the losses.

"With everything against us, we came together as a team," he said. "We grew some as a family. That's how we dealt with all the adversity."

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Gunman was ‘revered,’ puzzled authorities say

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DEKALB, ILL. — Steve Kazmierczak, the man who walked silently into a classroom here Thursday and opened fire, was not seen as struggling in college. He was not an outcast. And until recently, at least, he was not brooding.

In a stark, puzzling contrast to the usual image of a rampage gun- man, Kazmierczak, 27, was described Friday as a successful student — “revered,” the authorities said, by his professors — who had served as a teaching assistant and received a dean’s award as an undergraduate at Northern Illinois University, the campus to which he returned Thursday, killing himself and five students and injuring 16 others.

The authorities on Friday identified the dead as Daniel Parme- menter, 20; Catalina Garcia, 20; Ryanne Mace, 19; Julianna Gehant, 32; and Gayle Dubowski, 20. All were from towns in Illinois.

In DeKalb, he had campaigned for a leadership post in a student group devoted to studying the failings of the prison system, an issue that he was passionately concerned about, and had apparently won. He was a co-author of an academic paper called “Self-Injury in Correctional Settings: ‘Pathology’ of

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Prisons or of Prisoners?" It examined why prisoners might injure themselves with behaviors such as cutting their skin.

He was personable, easy to converse with, an excellent student, said his professors at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, about 130 miles south of DeKalb, where he was on his way to receiving a master's degree in social work. The specialty he selected was in mental health.

"In this case, I was overwhelmed," said Jan Carter-Black, Kazmierczak's adviser and an assistant professor in the school of social work at the University of Illinois, after learning Friday that Kazmierczak (pronounced kaz-MUR-check) had been named as the gunman. "I was amazed. I was shocked. I was overwhelmed."

Recent hint of trouble

Officials said the only hint of trouble from Kazmierczak, who fatally shot himself moments after barricading a large class with rounds from some of his four guns, had come in the last few weeks.

Family members told the authorities that Kazmierczak had stopped taking his medication. Law enforcement authorities would not say what the medication was but said that Kazmierczak had grown erratic, according to his family, in the days after he quit taking the drugs.

The gunman bought his weapons legally from a Champaign gun dealer, officials said. He also bought some accessories from the popular Internet dealer who sold a gun to the gunman in the Virginia Tech massacre last year.

In Champaign, neighbors of a modest apartment Kazmierczak had moved into not long ago said they, too, sensed that something was not quite right. The look on his face suggested he had "a lot on his mind," said Martha Shinall, 78, who lived across the hall from Kazmierczak's apartment, where he sometimes blared his music overlooked warnings or known grudges when it came to Kazmierczak, who said nothing when he burst into an ocean sciences lecture in Cole Hall on Thursday afternoon and started firing. He left no known notes behind, said Donald Grady, the police chief at the university. He had no known relationships with any students or teachers inside the class. He had no previous run-ins with police.

"He was an outstanding student, revered by faculty and staff," said Grady, acknowledging how that increased the mystery of the violence.

Family grieves

Kazmierczak grew up on a tree-lined street of ranch-style homes in the suburbs of Chicago with a sister and parents who retired to Lakeland, Fla., in recent years, records show. His mother, Gail, died in 2006, at age 58.

In a modest golf and country club community in Lakeland, at the home of his father, Robert Kazmierczak, plastic pink flamingos adorned the lawn and a sign, "Illini fans live here," a reference to his son's most recent university, hung on the front door.

"Please leave me alone," the elder Kazmierczak told reporters from his front stoop in a brief, televised interview. "This is a very hard time. I'm a diabetic, and I don't want to have a relapse," he added, bursting into tears.

In Champaign, at the home of his sister, Susan, a message was taped to the door offering prayers and sympathies to all of the victims.

"We are both shocked and saddened," the note said. "In addition to the loss of innocent lives, Steven was a member of our family. We are grieving his loss as well as the loss of life resulting from his actions."
Abortion remark angers students

UNC prof wary of Down syndrome

By Samuel Spies

CHAPEL HILL - A professor's comments on Down syndrome and abortion angered some students on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus this week.

Professor Albert Harris told students in his embryology class Monday that he thinks fetuses with Down syndrome should be aborted.

In his lecture notes, he wrote: "In my opinion, the moral thing for older mothers to do is to have amniocentesis, as soon during pregnancy as is safe for the fetus, to test whether placental cells have a third chromosome #21, and abort the fetus if it does. The brain is the last organ to become functional."

Harris, who has taught at UNC-Chapel Hill for 35 years, said he has said the same thing many times before. He says it to spark discussion.

But Lara Frame, a senior in Harris' Biology 441, said the biology classroom is no place for opinion.

"Biology is not an opinion subject," said Frame, an anthropology and Spanish major from Charlotte. "It's a facts-based subject. And though abortion is legal, it's not a fact that you should abort every baby with Down syndrome."

"If this had been a philosophy class, I wouldn't have said anything."

Frame's brother, John, 18, has Down syndrome, and Frame said she became "physically ill" at Harris' remarks. She didn't say anything during Monday's class. She was too angry, she said.

Sarah Truluck, who coordinates membership in the campus group Best Buddies, also was appalled to hear what Harris had said. Best

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Buddies pairs college students with intellectually disabled adults in the community.

"It is shocking to find that a university professor can be so ignorant of the issues at stake," Truluck said in a release. "We will continue to fight the stereotype that people with disabilities are somehow less than human, and encourage others to do the same."

During and after Friday's class, several students said they didn't think his comments were inappropriate. "We are all adults, and we know that that's his opinion," said Meredith Binkley, a biology major. "Any discussion of biology has an ethical component, she said.

"He's not trying to brainwash us," said Heather McCall, who said she has considered a teaching career. "I feel like if I do become a teacher I'm going to bring up issues that spark discussion. That's the whole point of being a teacher."

"I trust that we're all here intelligent enough to see both sides of the issue," Fan Zhao said.

Hokien Thorp, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said if a complaint comes to administrators from a student it will be thoroughly investigated.

Harris, 64, has taught embryology at UNC-Chapel Hill for 35 years. He has made the statement about Down syndrome and abortion many times. He says it's the moral thing to do because of the effect on families. "I know somebody who had a child like this, and it ruined their life," he said.

"It is a relevant thing. It is a teaching moment," he said, sitting in his office after class. But this year's experience has him wondering how, or whether, he'd ever say it again. "I'm not advising anybody," he continued.

"I'm trying in the most effective way possible to indicate that this is something that one can

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DOWN SYNDROME

Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal abnormality. It occurs when an individual has three copies of the 21st chromosome instead of two.

More than 350,000 people are living with Down syndrome in the United States. Physical traits can include small stature, low muscle tone and an upward slant to the eyes.

People with Down syndrome have increased risk for conditions including congenital heart defects, hearing problems and Alzheimer's disease. Life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased from 25 in 1983 to 56.

SOURCE: NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY

'The moral thing'

Harris says he wouldn't follow his own moral position.

If he thought his wife was going to have a child with Down syndrome, he would still want to have the baby.

And he faced that situation. His wife, then 34, was pregnant with their third child when she suffered major bleeding. Doctors told the couple to prepare for the worst.

"If our child had been born with Down syndrome as we expected, we would have cherished her," Harris said.

Though he believes aborting a fetus with Down syndrome is the moral thing to do, "I don't necessarily do the moral thing," he said.

"I don't like to see anything die," he explained. "I stopped doing herpetology and marine biology because it involved killing animals."

Asked when he believes life begins, Harris says he doesn't pose the question that way.

"I say that life doesn't begin. It continues, and it becomes more complicated, and eventually it becomes something that it's definitely murder to kill."

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The Reviews Are Mixed As College's Drama Wraps

President's Exit Prompts Anger, Relief

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WILLIAMSBURG -- Of course it ended with a bang. Gene R. Nichol's abrupt resignation as president of the College of William and Mary last week was the dramatic end of a dramatic tenure, one marked by change and controversies, by idealism and skepticism, by fights over sex and religion and money.

On this historic campus, where magnolia trees drop shiny leaves on the worn brick paths, many say it was inevitable. The school, they say, got caught in the tug of war in a changing Virginia, the same cultural battles playing out in the General Assembly and in the Republican presidential primary last week.

Some say Nichol's departure came down to something much simpler: wrong guy for the job. Leading a university is a complex and demanding role, one that requires academic leadership, political savvy, fundraising skills, the ability to juggle numerous constituencies, financial know-how and a thick skin.

Whether he was forced out by wealthy donors, conservative alumni, politicians or his performance, one thing is certain: The campus has been changed by his presence. Nichol, who had been dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law and ran in the Colorado Democratic primary for U.S. Senate, is known for his charisma, his eloquence, his fierce commitment to free speech -- and his ability to polarize.

Nichol e-mailed a long letter to the campus Tuesday, writing that the rector had told him his three-year contract would not be renewed this summer and that "serving the college in the wake of such a decision is beyond my imagining." He resigned, effective immediately. And he said the board offered him money if he would agree to say that ideology was not the reason for his departure, an offer he refused as censorship.

Nichol's opponents, including some alumni, Republican state delegates and conservative activists, were relieved: In their view, the small public liberal arts school had been saved from a loose cannon pushing his liberal agenda and tearing down cherished traditions.

The school became an embarrassment, said senior Joe Luppino-Esposito, with the controversies Nichol caused overshadowing its strong academic reputation. The way Nichol resigned was typical, he said: putting his own agenda ahead of the good of the school by bolting mid-semester, sending out a bitter message and implying that the offer of a transition package was an attempt to buy silence.

Nichol's equally passionate supporters, including many students and faculty members, canceled classes and slipped
homemade valentines under his door. He was a visionary leader, many said, pushing a recalcitrant Southern school into the future. He had worked to make the school more welcoming to people of all races, more affordable for low-income families, more fiercely protective of academic freedom.

"Students love him," said senior Trevor Albert, who had climbed a tree to look out over the hundreds, perhaps a thousand or more, students who crowded around Nichol's house Tuesday night to show support. "He opens up a lot of possibilities for students, opportunities for us to express ourselves."

Board members will come to Williamsburg this week to talk to the campus community. Rector Michael Powell, interim president W. Taylor Reveley III (who went to work Tuesday morning as the law school dean) and the provost all reaffirmed the school's commitment to increasing racial and economic diversity, internationalization, and civic engagement.

Nichol's energy, vision and ability to connect with faculty and students are among the best he has seen, Powell said. But it was an executive that Nichol fell short, Powell said; despite evaluations and suggestions for improvement over many months, he simply didn't manage the institution as effectively as the board had hoped.

And once the controversies started, they didn't stop.

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The problems really began at the symbolic heart of the campus, the 17th-century brick building that was the original home of the college. When Nichol decided to remove a cross from the chapel inside the Wren Building -- because the space was used for secular as well as religious events and, he said, he wanted it to be welcoming to all - - some alumni and students were furious.

Conservative Christians across the country took up the cause, and by the time a compromise was reached months later, Nichol was a favorite example of political correctness gone haywire.

Many faculty and students continued to support Nichol, admiring his outspoken advocacy of a diverse campus more reflective of Virginia today, his support for a scholarship program that covers the costs for students from low-income families and his friendly presence at everything from football games to Muslim Student Association events.

In summer 2005, when Nichol took over, there were 29 black faculty members, according to figures from the provost's office, and since then the school has hired 31 more. In the past two years, the number of students from families poor enough to qualify for Pell grants increased 20 percent.

He stepped up recruiting of students of color, said Earl Granger III, associate provost for enrollment, and the 5,700-person undergraduate population went from about 18 percent non-white up to 22 and 24 percent these past two years.

But the school lost a multimillion-dollar contribution over the Wren Building cross, and many of Nichol's critics say he misled people by announcing the successful completion of a fundraising campaign at a time when they say (and e-mails seemed to prove) he knew that the pledge had been revoked.

"That was unconscionable," alumna Karla Bruno said. "Why would anyone want a public liar as their president? At a school that has the oldest honor code in the country?"

Students and others jumped in, donating money to support Nichol and the school. The senior class raised nearly $130,000 this year, a record.
But students also invited a controversial performance to campus that brought more flak for Nichol when he declined to ban it because he didn't want to infringe on free speech. The "Sex Workers' Art Show" featured prostitutes and strippers performing and provoking discussion about their jobs. It was funded by students, but Nichol's critics were outraged.

Del. Robert G. Marshall (R-Manassas) asked in a letter whether "turning the public property of the College into a bawdy house venue for pimps, prostitutes and dominatrix [was] part of his performance contract."

Nichol, who declined to be interviewed, saying his resignation letter spoke for itself, wrote that four decisions he made, including the scholarships and the push for greater diversity, had stoked a vicious campaign against him.

Those were things the board strongly supported, board member Jeff Trammell said. "We have a very diverse board, many of whom have been very active in progressive causes for years... They are African American, white, women, men, Christian, Jewish, straight, gay."

The real issue was management, Trammell said. In Nichol's evaluation, "one of the things that came up frequently was that President Nichol, in his exuberance, would announce things without the follow-through behind them. Including funding."

Last week a Virginia House committee grilled several board members about Nichol and decisions he had made, including the sex workers' show.

"Though defeat may at times come," Nichol wrote, "it is crucial not to surrender to the loud and the vitriolic and the angry -- just because they are loud and vitriolic and the angry."

Reveley, the interim president, said there's a lot of emotion on campus, so he's reassuring people that the school's goals haven't changed even as he prepares to parachute into work with the General Assembly in a difficult budget year. "My main job right now is to bring people back together again," he said.

On campus, many said they're just glad all the controversies will finally stop. Or will they?

Some students made signs with such slogans as, "Our values are not for sale." They talked about fighting for freedom of expression.

And alumna Bruno said that with a new presidential search, "it's imperative that we keep our eyes on the board of visitors who hired Nichol in the first place.

"It's not over," she said. "People want to say it's over, but actually, this is the beginning."