A new clinic opened Wednesday for patients suffering from a disease that can damage the heart.

East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine and Pitt County Memorial Hospital opened a pulmonary hypertension clinic.

“It's not about me, not about the cardiologists. It's about the patients,” Dr. Sunil Sharma, clinic director, said.

The clinic is located in the ECU Physicians clinic building, 521 Moye Blvd., and is the first advanced center for the care of pulmonary hypertension in eastern North Carolina.

The facility allows patients to see cardiologists and pulmonologists in the same visit instead of having separate appointments for each doctor.

“It's a unique operation to combine patient care with different multidisciplinary physicians,” Sharma said.

According to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, the disease results from high blood pressure in the arteries of the lungs that can lead to heart failure. It can affect people of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds. The average life expectancy after someone is diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension is three years. Treatments that the clinic provides aim to lengthen life expectancy and improve quality of life.
Beatriz Ramirez is a patient at the clinic and said that her treatment has been “very good.”

“I believe (the clinic) is crucial, an entity that we're benefitting from,” said her daughter, Dr. Beatriz Ramirez, an ECU physician. “The earlier you catch it, the better the patient can do.”

Sharma said there are misconceptions about pulmonary hypertension, including how serious and how treatable it is. Those involved in the clinic hope to change those misconceptions.

“The fact that this has occurred is a real step forward,” said Dr. Bruce Ferguson, a cardiothoracic surgeon.

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The Philpot family, came to the 10th Anniversary Greater Greenville Community Foundation. To show their support and to receive the 2010 Youth Philanthropy Award on Saturday, November 13, 2010

Cancer battle ends for Riley Philpot
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Riley Philpot, whose brave fight against cancer drew a whole army of supporters, died Wednesday at her home in Winterville.

The 10-year-old was diagnosed with a Wilms Tumor in May 2006. She and her family formed Riley's Army, an organization created in her name to provide support to children with cancer and their families in eastern North Carolina.

She was honored in November with the 2010 Youth Philanthropy Award by the Greater Greenville Community Foundation.

Her parents, both physicians, had hope early on that medical treatments would help the life-loving girl survive recurrences of the disease. It became clear about five weeks ago her cancer could not be medically fixed, her father, Kirk Philpot, said. She had been home for two weeks, and on Wednesday was feeling well enough for her father to go to work.

Her mother, Kelly, was in the kitchen getting Riley pizza. Riley walked to the kitchen with her hands help up and her mother picked her up. Riley collapsed in her arms, and she passed, Philpot said. “At that moment that she picked her up, so did Jesus. He swept her right up, too.”
The Philpots later were kneeling at Riley's bed where they had laid her. Her father looked up to see a favorite photo of Riley at ocean's edge with her arms lifted upward to the sky, he said.

Looking at the photo, he was able to imagine the last moment of love Riley shared with her mom, her father said.

“"The thing about Riley is that even though she was sick, she never worried about herself," Philpot said. She would not want people to think of her as gone, he said.

“It's not that Riley was a beautiful girl, it's that Riley is a beautiful girl, and she loved life and she still does,” Philpot said. “She would make sure everyone knew that everything she loved about it, she still does.”

News of Riley's death spread quickly Wednesday. Friends of the family and children who were friends of Riley began to fill the Philpot's home in the Irish Creek subdivision. Youngsters chattered in the background as Philpot spoke on the phone Wednesday afternoon. The family has two more daughters and a son.

Toni Tucker's family and the Philpots have been neighbors since Riley was 2. She said the families' children are like brothers and sisters.

“She's an amazing girl. She's inspirational. Riley wanted to make sure that everybody else was OK,” Tucker said. “She didn't want anyone to be sad. She wanted everyone to know that no matter what happened she was going to be OK.”

Riley's initial treatment in 2006 required surgery to remove her right kidney and six months of outpatient chemotherapy.

A routine follow up confirmed a relapse of her cancer with metastasis to her lungs in June 2007. Riley had been treated for her cancer with chemotherapy, radiation, surgeries and stem cell transplants. As of August 2010, she was facing her fourth relapse.

As she fought her disease, Riley and her army also fought to raise money to provide educational, financial and logistical services to other pediatric cancer patients and their families. The organization works to raise awareness of pediatric cancer and advocate for patient centered care.

The family decided “there was a profound need to take the willingness of so many of their friends and volunteers and turn that into a community-wide program that would provide individual support for families who also were fighting pediatric cancer, and all of the challenges that come along with that,” Community Foundation director Melissa Spain said when honoring Riley in November.
Riley's Army teams up with East Carolina University athletes and other community groups to raise funds for its efforts. Riley played soccer, so the organization worked closely with the Lady Pirates soccer team and Pitt-Greenville Soccer Association. It also works cooperatively with other nonprofits, such as the American Red Cross.

In March, the organization hosted the third annual Pediatric Cancer Survivor's Dinner in conjunction with Pitt County Relay For Life. The “kid-friendly” event gave families of pediatric cancer patients and survivors the opportunity to interact with each other and learn more about services and opportunities offered locally.

And, it hosts an annual picnic for past and present pediatric oncology patients and families.

Riley's Army is sponsoring a blood drive at the Red Cross donor center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 4.

Arrangements are being handled by Wilkerson's Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Whitfield shares memories

By Tony Castleberry
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George Whitfield can recall memories from his life as if they were unrolling before him on a teleprompter.

The legendary coach, who was Wednesday's guest speaker at the Greater Greenville Sports Club meeting in the Greenville Hilton, shared stories from his past with a crowd that included East Carolina director of athletics Terry Holland and former Farmville Central football coach and athletic director Dixon Sauls. It marked the final meeting of the GGSC's inaugural year.

After a couple of months off, ECU football coach Ruffin McNeill will kick off the club's second year with a guest speaking engagement in August.

“I appreciate being asked to come up and be the last speaker of the year,” Whitfield said. “When (Chamber of Commerce Director of Public Policy and Workforce) Trent (McGee) called me, I said, ‘Well, what in the world do you want me to talk about?’”

It soon became clear that Whitfield would have little trouble in that area. Whitfield, an N.C. Sports Hall of Fame member who posted a 954-286 record coaching high school and American Legion baseball teams, has lived a life worthy of a movie script. His mother died when he was 11 1/2 years old and his father passed when he was 12, leaving Whitfield “really screwed up.”

A trip to a prep school in Lynchburg, Va., when he was 13 ended with Whitfield escaping, hitchhiking back to Kinston and sitting on the front steps of Grainger High School waiting for coaches Amos Sexton and Frank Mock, who Whitfield said he had read about and for whom he wanted to play.
“Amos Sexton said, ‘Son, you're going home with me,’” Whitfield said. “I stayed with (the Sexton family) until I came to East Carolina.”

After graduating from ECU in 1959, Whitfield began his teaching and coaching career at Goldsboro with subsequent stops at Hamlet and Richmond County. Whitfield is also largely responsible for starting the Pitt Community College baseball program, was athletic director at Mount Olive and served on baseball coaching staffs at Mississippi State and East Carolina.

As is the case with most people who came into contact with him, Pirate baseball coach Keith LeClair left a lasting impression on Whitfield during their years together at ECU from 1997-2002.

“I can tell you that in all the years I coached, never have I enjoyed anything more than the years that I spent with Keith,” Whitfield said of LeClair, who died in 2006 after a long battle with ALS.

Whitfield, 74, continues to run his baseball clinics in Goldsboro, bringing in high-profile coaches from all over the country to teach fundamentals to under-privileged youth.

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Academic slip costs N.C. State a wrestling scholarship

BY J.P. GIGLIO AND KEN TYSIAC - Staff Writers

N.C. State's wrestling program has been docked one scholarship for next season after scoring one point shy of a passing score in the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate data.

The Wolfpack wrestling team posted a 924 out of a possible 1,000 in the APR data released this week by the NCAA. A 925 is considered a passing score. The mark represents a program's average yearly APR number over four academic years ending in 2009-10.

NCAA experts conceived of the APR as a way to capture a real-time snapshot of a team's academic performance. It also serves as a mechanism to penalize programs in which athletes don't make progress toward graduation.

Carter Jordan, the Wolfpack wrestling coach, said his team's problem was a score of 846 in 2006-07 that he said was the result of a large number of wrestlers leaving the program. The team has posted improved scores since then, but the 846 brings down the four-year average.

N.C. State will be limited to 8.9 scholarships, which Jordan said are spread among 30 wrestlers.

"We're doing what we can do, but when you have a bad year, then you're in trouble," Jordan said. "It's almost impossible to recover. The good news is the bad number will be replaced with a perfect score in the next calculation."

Jordan said he planned for the loss of a scholarship in the previous recruiting cycle. No wrestlers will be displaced from the team because of the scholarship loss, he said.

"We knew it was coming," Jordan said. "We'll get that scholarship back next year. From a practical standpoint, once you get past the embarrassment of it, we were able to recruit and deal with it. But believe me, it's the last thing any coach wants to deal with."

Among other ACC schools, Georgia Tech is losing one scholarship in men's basketball and Maryland has been penalized three football scholarships.

Elsewhere in the Carolinas, N.C. A&T was docked 3.15 scholarships in football and will have a reduction in practice time as a result of its low APR.
UNC Wilmington has been penalized one scholarship in football, and Charleston Southern is losing 2.72 scholarships in football.

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GRADE REPORTS
Results for North Carolina schools in the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate multi-year data released this week. A mark below 925 generally is considered a failing grade, although other factors sometimes are taken into consideration. A 1,000 is a perfect score. The data are the average of four years of grades, ending with the 2009-10 school year:
Source: The NCAA

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[Image of a choir]

Photo by Jeff Janowski
Founder and director of Voices of Inspiration Community Choir Kevin Washington performs for Freedom Way Ministries on Dawson Street.

About Kevin Washington

Job description: Assistant teacher
Employer: New Hanover County Community Action-Head Start
Background: Washington graduated from New Hanover High School in 2002. He has a degree in early childhood education from Stanly Community College and teaches 4- and 5-year-olds. In August, he will pursue a degree in elementary education from East Carolina University.

Gospel choir that began decade ago as senior project continues to flourish

By Stephanie Bowens

Some class assignments are met with the old “when will I ever use this in the real world?” question, but for Kevin Washington, a high school senior project has turned into a 10-year-long endeavor that is still touching lives of people in the community.

In 2001, Washington decided to do his project on the history of gospel music and formed a 12-member choir for his physical project. The Kevin P. Washington Choir consisted of Washington as the director, three of his friends, his sister and three of her friends, and four others.

The group sang for a panel of judges at New Hanover High School for the project's completion.

Today, with a new name, Voices of Inspiration Community Choir, and more than 20 members, the choir is still going strong. Last month, VOI's 10th anniversary celebration drew a large crowd.
Washington, who calls his choir members “family,” has poured his heart into leading the choir and keeping it together. It was the main reason he left North Carolina A&T State University after just one year.

He admits to feeling like throwing in the towel a few times in the past as complications swelled, but Washington couldn't seem to ever quite give up on his choir because he felt it was something God had put on his heart to do. For him, the choir is about much more than just singing songs.

Q: Did you think that your choir would last this long?

A: “I would have never thought in a million years this choir was going to last 10 years. My original thought was senior project and that's it, but people on the choir wanted to continue singing. Then I had more people who wanted to join, and that made it a bit more exciting, and I wanted to keep going…. I'm really blessed to have the members on the choir now. They're each special…. We have people willing to do a work for God, which is really what it all boils down to – working for God, spreading God's word through song, praising him….

Q: How did you get started singing and directing?

A: Started singing at 5 and directing at 8. “My grandma told me I had to sing on the choir. She told me I had to find something to do in the church. I told her I didn't want to go, and she said, ‘Oh, you gon' go, you gon' go.' I'll never forget it. She was pulling me up the church steps, and she told me, ‘Look, when you get in here, you're going to go up there and you're going to sing!' I sang my first solo a month after that…. She's been a huge inspiration and supporter of VOI, my mom as well.

Q: What's in the works for VOI soon and what's your vision for the choir?

A: We'll have a back-to-school conference this year. We want to be able to bless kids with school supplies and encourage them to follow the right path and make the right decisions. My vision for VOI is to travel. I want the choir to travel the world and record in both Spanish and English.

Q: Is another 10 years possible?

A: I plan on directing this choir in my seventies!

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South Florida coach Skip Holtz would like the Big East to expand to 12 teams in the future.
By Kim Klement, US Presswire

South Florida coach Skip Holtz backs Big East expansion to 12 teams
By Erick Smith, USA TODAY

The Big East is moving toward expanding to 10 teams. That's not enough for South Florida coach Skip Holtz, who made his pitch for the league to add three more teams to make an even dozen.

Holtz was at East Carolina, where he coached from 2005-09, to attend a charity golf tournament and the groundbreaking of a recreational facility for people with special needs.

Speaking on Pirate Radio 1250, he offered his opinion on the need for the Big East to grow.

"There's been a lot of talk about do you go from nine to 10, which I don't know how much sense that really makes, when the Big Ten left the model of 10, the Pac-10 has left the model of 10," Holtz said. "Both of them more or less said 'This model doesn't work. Let's go to 12.' I think we have to look hard at it. Having TCU come into the league will add an awful lot of instant energy when you look at the success they've had right now as a program. It
gives you a balanced schedule with four (home) and four (road). I think we need to look hard at going to 12."

The 2011 season will be the final year with eight teams in the league. TCU will join in 2012 and there is an open invitation for Villanova become No. 10 if it can work out the logistics of moving from the Football Championship Subdivision.

Should the Big East follow Holtz's suggestion and go to 12, that could open the door to the likes of East Carolina and Central Florida or possibly other members of Conference USA.
1 in 5 young adults has hypertension

BY JAY PRICE - Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL Researchers at UNC-Chapel Hill have found that young adults may be much more likely to have high blood pressure - traditionally a problem for older people - than previously thought.

The researchers think the growing national problems with diet, obesity and sedentary lifestyles are largely to blame for the increase.

The study appeared this week in the online version of the journal Epidemiology and will be in the print edition. Researchers tested more than 14,000 people between the ages of 24 and 32 and found that nearly 1 in 5 had high blood pressure - nearly five times the rate found in an earlier study.

High blood pressure, also called hypertension, is a factor in heart disease and strokes, the top- and third-ranked leading causes of death among Americans, respectively.

High blood pressure is easy to overlook, particularly in younger adults who might not be aware they're at risk, said Kathleen Mullan Harris, co-author of the paper and interim director at the UNC Carolina Population Center. She called the findings evidence of a sleeping epidemic.

"We tend to think of young adults are rather healthy, but a prevalence of 19 percent with high blood pressure is alarming, especially since more than half did not know that they had high blood pressure," she said.

The data for the report were derived from the larger National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, that has been tracking the same group of people since 1995, when they were ages 12 through 19.

When the study began, 11 percent of them were obese. Five years later, that had climbed to 22 percent. By the time the blood pressure data were taken, three years ago, 37 percent were obese and about 60 percent were overweight.

Until now, estimates of the prevalence of high blood pressure in Americans had been based largely on a different study, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which looks across a wider range of ages.
Pulling data for about 800 young adults from that broader study indicated that about 4 percent suffered from high blood pressure.

Eric Whitsel, one of the UNC researchers involved in the new study, said the earlier one was credible and well-regarded.

The UNC researchers carefully examined the differences between the studies but were not able to find a likely cause for the gap. They think the true number is probably somewhere between the two, Harris said. That would still be significantly higher than previously thought, and cause for more attention to blood pressure among young adults as well as further investigation.

Revelations

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health is the first large-scale national study aimed at learning more about health issues among young adults, said Harris, its principal investigator.

The revelations about blood pressure, Harris said, underline the importance of studying health in young adults, who are at a stage in their lives when they're still forming behavior patterns such as exercise and eating habits that will affect their health over the course of their lives.

"Processes that lead to hypertension and chronic illness begin early in life when young people begin to make their own lifestyle choice and develop healthy health habits," she said. "If we can intervene early in life to reduce risk we will avoid health problems for millions of people"

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Democrats fail to alter N.C. Senate budget

BY LYNN BONNER - Staff Writer

Senate Democrats failed during a committee meeting Wednesday to make major changes to the $19.4 billion, GOP-authored budget, but may get another chance next week when the full Senate debates the plan.

Democrats could not get teacher assistant jobs, some Medicaid services or the state Smart Start central office restored. In what sounded like a close vote, a proposal to undo a plan to move the State Bureau of Investigation, the state crime lab and the justice training programs from the state Attorney General's Office to a new Department of Public Safety failed.

Sen. Ed Jones, an Enfield Democrat, said a host of law enforcement agencies opposed the change and want to keep the SBI where it is.

Sen. Pete Brunstetter, the Winston-Salem Republican running the meeting, would not allow for a precise vote count; he said Jones would have the chance to try again next week.

The budget marks significant funding shifts in education, early childhood programs and health care.

It cuts funding for most teacher assistants and would hire 1,100 teachers to get a start on a Senate plan to reduce class sizes in first through third grades to one teacher for every 15 students. In the first year, the plan is to pay for a 1-to-17 ratio.

The budget dissolves the Smart Start central office and moves administration into the state Department of Health and Human Services. And beginning in mid-2012, the budget would eliminate Medicaid coverage for a host of medical services for adults, including most dental care, unless the patient is pregnant.

Senate Republicans put their emphasis on smaller class sizes and having children read by the time they leave third grade. They say reading is the key to reducing high school dropout rates and the need for remedial college courses.

Democrats question the education plan because it cuts thousands of teacher assistants next year, while class sizes wouldn't shrink to 15 until years later.
The practical effect is that teachers will end up with 20 or more children in lower-grade classes with no assistants to help them, said Sen. Dan Blue, a Raleigh Democrat.

Sen. Linda Garrou, a Winston-Salem Democrat, questioned how schools would find space for more classrooms.

"Reducing class size is a worthy goal, but do the math," she said. She proposed unsuccessfully to restore some of the teacher assistants with the $61.7 million budgeted to hire more teachers.

Republican Senators said public education is not solving critical problems.

"We have to reform what we're doing, when what we're doing isn't working," said Sen. Harry Brown, a Jacksonville Republican.

The Senate budget has an extra $115 million for school construction, and Sen. Jerry Tillman, an Archdale Republican, said schools will have space available because there will be fewer slots for More at Four, the state's pre-kindergarten program.

One change Democrats did get passed is to have an official tally of how many state and school employees lose their jobs as a result of the budget.

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**On increasing animosity between WakeMed and UNC-Rex:**
UNC Health has been "very aggressively" expanding in Wake County by offering key physician groups the promise of higher reimbursement fees if they affiliate with UNC-Rex, Oxholm said. That's a "real threat" to WakeMed, and creates unfair competition because UNC Health is backed by taxpayer money, he added.

"It's been very much that 'we're the big dog and you can play with us or we'll punish you,'" Oxholm said.

In the months before WakeMed announced its $750 million bid, Rex leaders were spreading rumors that WakeMed was struggling financially, Oxholm said. Several Rex board members met individually with their counterparts at WakeMed and suggested that UNC-Rex should buy WakeMed, he added.

"That didn't make any sense," Oxholm said. "It was an outlandish campaign to spread rumors with no facts. WakeMed is in the healthiest financial condition in its history."

Rex chairman Dale Jenkins said that Rex board members don't have intimate knowledge of WakeMed's finances, and he dismissed the idea that Rex officials were circulating rumors about WakeMed struggling.

But in August, Jenkins and Rex board member Jim Hyler did meet with Oxholm and Redmond. Jenkins said he had requested the meeting because Rex's board "had been getting signals that our relationship with WakeMed was getting frosty."

At that meeting, they discussed various ways WakeMed and Rex Healthcare could collaborate. "It came up, what our landscape would look like if our systems were one, and WakeMed was part of the UNC system," Jenkins said. "It was really more of a brainstorming idea. It could have been an affiliation or an outright purchase. We didn't get much traction."

Jenkins pointed out that WakeMed also has been racing to acquire or affiliate with physician groups. Some doctors are choosing to affiliate with Rex not because of the money, but because of the system's leadership and vision, Jenkins said.

**On Oxholm's efforts to make the Rex bid succeed:**

UNC Health board members have said that they will consider the bid but that they aren't interested in selling Rex. Oxholm and other WakeMed board members are contacting state lawmakers to make their case.
"UNC has pretty much said 'no,'" Oxholm said. "The only other entity that could have an impact is the legislature. If they want it to happen, they could make it happen."

WakeMed officials argue that the $750 million purchase would provide a rich return for the state and help boost its coffers during a tough budget year. But several key lawmakers have said they don't want to use that type of nonrecurring revenue to solve the state's budget woes.

"I'm a CPA and I understand why one-time revenue is not a good way to fix things," Oxholm said.

**On how WakeMed would pay for Rex:**

Oxholm previously led the finance committee of WakeMed's board, and helped decide that the hospital could afford to do the deal. The money would come from WakeMed's more than $600 million in cash reserves, as well as debt that would be repaid with increased cash flow from the combined hospitals.

"We've done our projections," he said. "We'd have to do things well, but we can handle the cost."

WakeMed has said it would assume Rex's $158 million in long-term debt, and invest about $50 million to build a mental-health facility in Wake County - but only if the acquisition is approved. That would drive the deal's total cost to more than $950 million.

WakeMed reported net income of $45.9 million for its last fiscal year, and will likely more than double that figure this year, Oxholm said. Part of that increase comes from changes spurred in the past year when WakeMed brought in a consulting firm to streamline its operations and boost financial results.

"All hospitals are dealing with the health care reform and trying to figure out how to become more efficient," Oxholm said. "Everyone has to figure out how to do what we do better."

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**Thomas B. Oxholm**

**Born:** 1955 in Plainfield, N.J. (age 55)

**Residence:** Raleigh

**Job:** Finance chief at Wake Stone Corp., a Knightdale company with 132 employees and five stone quarries; on Wednesday, started two-year term as chairman of WakeMed's board of directors
**Education:** earned degree in business administration with an accounting concentration from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1976

**Family:** wife and four adult children

**WakeMed's board**

In addition to its new chairman, Tom Oxholm, WakeMed announced several other board changes Wednesday:

Wally McBride, a lawyer with Hunton & Williams in Raleigh, is vice chairman. Pediatrician Jerry Bernstein is secretary.

New board members include Les Merritt, former state auditor of North Carolina; Christina Alvarado Shanahan, a Navy medical officer and managing partner of CompassNC, a lobbying and public affairs firm in Raleigh; and Bill McNeal, executive director of the N.C. Association of School Administrators and former superintendent of the Wake County Public School System.

The Raleigh hospital's board of directors has 14 members, with eight appointed by the Wake County Board of Commissioners and six appointed by WakeMed.

Founded in 1961 as a county-owned hospital, WakeMed converted to a private, nonprofit status in 1997. The hospital doesn't receive money from the county, but is required to meet certain criteria, including providing charity care. If WakeMed defaults on its debt or doesn't meet the terms of the transfer agreement, it could revert to Wake County.