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A Greenville resident and five students from the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine are among the second class of students in the Family Medicine Interest and Scholars Program offered through a grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) Foundation.

C. McLean Ellis is a Greenville resident studying at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, according to a release from BCBSNC. Brody students include Joshua T. Carpenter of Ellenboro, Emily A. Dell of Pittsburgh, Pa., M. Adele Moser of Cary and Emily L. Ross and Katy A. Kirk, both of Raleigh.

Dr. Jessica L. Triche, of the Washington Family Medicine Center in Washington, N.C., is among the 12 physician mentors for the program.

Students who participate in the scholars program receive exposure to family medicine throughout their studies and can receive scholarship funding if they ultimately enter a family medicine residency program.

Entering its second year, the Family Medicine Interest and Scholars Program is a program of the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians (NCAFP) Foundation and is made possible by a $1.18 million BCBSNC Foundation grant. The program pairs North Carolina medical students with physician mentors who work with students for three consecutive years to strengthen skills, offer guidance and help fast-track their primary care training and experience.

This program aims to increase the percentage of medical students who commit to a residency in family medicine by approximately 30 percent and to increase the percentage of those who elect to stay in the state for their residency training from 56 percent in 2008 to at least two-thirds over the length of the six-year program.
Sculptor wields tools in age-old process

BY DIANE DANIEL - Correspondent

Even in his earliest memories, metal sculptor Jeremy Maronpot pictured himself as an artist.

When he was a child, he carved bars of soap and took watercolor lessons from a neighbor. At Enloe High School (class of 1994), he signed up for as many art courses as he could. Creativity was found at home, too. His parents, Robert and Delores Maronpot, are avid photographers.

Since 2007, Maronpot (MAR-on-po) has had his own studio in downtown Raleigh. By coincidence, the artist with a French surname specializes in the French metalworking techniques of repousse and chasing. In repousse, metal is shaped from the inside out to create a design or relief, while chasing is the opposite, forming shape and ornamentation from the outside in. The tool marks to make those shapes remain visible in the metal, adding to the surface texture and, as Maronpot said, giving the piece a history.

"The story of how you made that thing is all over the piece; you're metalsmithing in the true sense of the word," he said. "With a lot of the work I do, there are no complicated tools. I use my hands, the hammer, punching tools. I'm like an old-style engraver in a way. It's a very old technique. King Tut's mask was made with repousse."
Maronpot, 35, was introduced to the technique at East Carolina University, where he received a bachelor of fine arts degree in 2000.

"They have a strong visual arts program, and I think it's one of best places to go on the East Coast for nuts-and-bolts skills," he said. "It's also one of the only schools on the East Coast that has a bronze foundry, where you can cast very large pieces."

He started out "interested in everything," but eventually was drawn to metal. "I'm attracted to the challenge of creating natural, organic-feeling objects from such a cold and rigid material."

He also appreciates metal's permanence. "When I make these things, they're going to last long after I'm gone."

Maronpot learned his craft through small-scale pieces, such as jewelry and vessels. "That was pivotal for me because I was learning how to work in fine details. I took away that focus on tiny details in smaller work and applied it to my larger work."

**Learning from masters**

After college, Maronpot studied at several arts schools, including Penland School of Craft at Penland in Western North Carolina and Peters Valley Craft Center in New Jersey.

"I went to Peters Valley to learn more about repoussé from Lucinda Brogden. She did very large panels, like murals, that hung on the wall. I hadn't seen anything like that." (Brogden now lives in Winston-Salem and is a member of Piedmont Craftsmen.)

"By this time, I was pretty sure I was going to be a studio artist. You really have to believe you can do it almost against your better judgment, because the world is set up to tell you that you can't. But I have really supportive friends and family."

From 2001 to 2006, Maronpot worked in Durham with metal artists Al Frega and Andrew Preiss.

"Al's studio is like a playground of metal," Maronpot said. "They both taught me metal skills, but also how to do the business side, and they helped me make connections. They were like my graduate school. Those guys are still my mentors."
In 2007, he set up shop in Raleigh, where he had continued to live. Maronpot's studio is adjacent to McConnell Studio, run by sculptor and designer Matt McConnell.

"We bounce ideas off each other and collaborate from time to time, but our work is stylistically very different."

Maronpot shows some work in galleries, but what he most enjoys is commission work and public art.

"I want to make bigger things and have more pieces in public places," he said. "At the same time, I really like working with individuals on artwork. When you're working with one person, you get the personal experience and they get input in the creative process."

He has made gates, wall hangings, and small and large indoor and outdoor sculptures, both representational and abstract.

One recent challenge was to create several cremation urns for a family.

"That was an important project for me," he said. "You never want to disappoint a client, but when it's commemorating someone's life, it takes on even more importance."

A piece he's working on now is a 4-foot-long squirrel.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do with it," he said. "I was thinking of donating it to Raleigh to put on the greenway or something. We have the big acorn downtown, maybe we need a big squirrel."

**Sharing techniques**

Because the repousse and chasing techniques are not commonly seen in larger metalwork, Maronpot noticed that people are curious about his techniques.

"I'm finding that people are just as interested in the process as they are in the piece," he said. "So I started doing these YouTube videos to show them the process and take some of the mystery of how it's made. They also see how long it takes to do the work. While it's not necessarily complicated, it is labor-intensive."

Recently, Maronpot has started a second company that incorporates new technology into his metalwork. The first project at Pixel and Steel, with multimedia artist Roger Flake, is to make metal signage that incorporates LED lighting.
"I'm the steel, and Roger's the pixel," he said. "We're blending technology and art."

The two also have launched a national sculpture contest called Mystery Build.

"It's like Soap Box Derby, except for adults. We send people a box of materials and they can only use what's in our box to make a work of art," Maronpot said. "We were inspired by reading an article about students in Japan, how they were beating us in test scores, but how ingenuity is our strength, how Americans can build something from nothing."

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The artisan
**Who:** Jeremy Maronpot  
**Ware:** Indoor and outdoor metal sculpture  
**Location:** 324 Dupont Circle, Raleigh  
**Contact:** 818-4559, www.maronpot.com  
**Price:** Smaller pieces $500 to $1,000; medium to large $5,000 to $10,000 and higher  
**Where to buy:** Lede Studio and Gallery, 504 S. White St., Wake Forest, 435-6984, www.ledegallery.com; Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art, 200 N. Davie St., Greensboro, 336-333-7460, www.greenhillcenter.org, and from the artist directly.
Governor Beverly Perdue was considering a veto Saturday of the $19.7 billion state budget given final approval by the Legislature earlier in the day.

The N.C. House of Representatives by a 73-45 vote gave its final approval around 12:15 a.m. Saturday to the two-year spending plan that does not renew a temporary one-cent sales tax and reduces funding to all levels of education.

The 343-page bill landed on Perdue's desk around 10 a.m. The bill becomes law in 10 days if she does nothing. The Republican-controlled legislature may have enough votes to override her if she vetoes the budget.

“I am prepared to veto this budget if my review indeed shows what I fear — that North Carolina will move backwards under this budget plan,” the governor said in a statement Saturday afternoon. The $19.9 billion budget she proposed in February kept a portion of the temporary taxes and generally cut state jobs instead of education jobs.

The budget reduces funding to the public school system by $124 million, the university system by $414 million and the community college system by $50 million. While the K-12 budget maintains teacher assistants and adds some teaching positions, it would reduce funding for clerical and custodial personnel by 15 percent, central office staff by 16 percent, assistant principals by 19 percent. For another year there will be no raises for state employees and teachers.

Officials at East Carolina University and Pitt County Schools are analyzing the reductions for local impact.
Republicans said they passed a tough budget for tough economic times. GOP lawmakers said they spent close to what Perdue sought on public schools without the federal stimulus funds that boosted this year's spending, and still allowed temporary sales and income taxes to expire at the end of the month on schedule.

The lower taxes will be responsible for thousands of new private-sector jobs, balancing the lost government jobs, said House Majority Leader Paul Stam, R-Wake.

“It puts more jobs in the private sector. It outweighs that,” Stam said.

In a state where higher education is an economic lynchpin, the cutbacks will cast a long shadow, said House Minority Leader Joe Hackney, D-Orange.

The budget would fund around 1,100 more teachers in primary grades to reduce class sizes from 1:18 to 1:17. Pitt County Schools would still have to give back $6.8 million as its share of the $124 million in discretionary cuts.

The ECU dental school set to open next year would still be funded, but university officials declined to comment further.

“We need time for the process to be completed and to analyze the document to see how it applies to us,” said ECU spokesman John Durham.

The complete phasing out of the prestigious Teaching Fellows program that the Senate introduced remains in the ratified version, state program coordinator Jo Ann Norris said Saturday. Both the university and community college systems got full enrollment growth funding.

In justice and public safety and health and human services, several vacancies were eliminated to save money. The budget would reward prisoners with shorter sentences for positive conduct and good behavior while still requiring prisoners to serve at least their minimum sentence, saving $2.5 million. Under transportation the budget would increase by $346.6 million in funds for road resurfacing, system preservation and maintenance.

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Highlights of the $19.7 billion budget for North Carolina state government for the 2011-12 fiscal year tentatively given final approval Saturday by the state House.

**K-12 SCHOOLS**
- Require $124.2 million in additional savings as determined by local school districts, spread out from among the 115 districts.
- Fund 1,124 additional teaching positions in grades 1-3 to reduce class size funding ratio from 1-to-18 to 1-to-17.
- Spend $200,000 to study third-grade literacy programs and ways to reduce remedial or developmental education at university and community college campuses.
- Eliminate funds for Dropout Prevention Grant program, saving $13.3 million.
- Reduce funding for new textbooks, saving $92.2 million.
- Eliminate funds for student diagnostic pilot program, saving $10 million.
- Reduces instructional supplies funding allotment to districts by 46 percent, or $42 million.
- Reduce by 15 percent, or $59.5 million, state funding allotment to pay for school janitors, clerical staff and other personnel.
- Reduce funding allotment for central staff in local school districts by 16 percent, or $17.2 million.
- Reduce by $22.2 million, or 19 percent, funds to pay for assistant principals.
- Reduce funds for instructional support for guidance counselors, social workers and media specialists by 5 percent, or $22.9 million.
- Eliminate mentoring funds for school districts, or $9.2 million.
- Eliminate staff development funds for school districts, or $12.6 million.
- Reduce by 20 percent, or $16 million, in funding for the More at Four prekindergarten program and transfer the program to the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Eliminate state funding for the Teacher Academy and reduce state funding for the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, both teacher professional development services, saving $7.8 million.
- Eliminate operating budget for residential schools for the deaf and the blind by about 5 percent and funding for superintendent of residential schools, saving $1.7 million.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**
- Give $34.1 million to fully fund projected enrollment growth of 3,672 full-time equivalent students for next fall.
- Require $50.8 million in additional savings through the community college system.
Increase tuition by $10 per credit hour to $66.50 for residents and $258.50 for nonresidents, saving $47.7 million.
Reduce funds for basic skills education by 12.4 percent, or $10 million.
Reduce customized training budget by $7.6 million on one-time basis.
Save $1.3 million to eliminate 19 positions in state community college system office.

**UNC SYSTEM**
Give $46.8 million to fund fully necessary expenses for projected overall enrollment of additional 2,337 students.
Require $414 million in additional savings throughout the UNC system, at the discretion of administrators.
Reduce the state subsidy to UNC hospitals by 59 percent, or $26 million.
Offer $3.5 million to hire 27 workers in preparation of opening of East Carolina University dental school this fall.
Provide $18.5 million to operate new or renovated UNC system buildings completed in the coming year.
Shift $37.9 million from the state's general operating fund to offer need-based financial aid for students.
Eliminate certain waivers that subsidized tuition of out-of-state students by treating them as if they received the in-state tuition rate, saving $1.9 million.
Save $12.8 million by reducing by 12.3 percent, for grants and scholarships to in-state students attending private colleges.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
reduce Smart Start funding by 20 percent, or $37.6 million.
reduce mental health community services funds by $27.2 million.
eliminate 250 of the 1,600 vacant positions within the Department of Health and Human Services to save $7.6 million.
transfer $32.9 million in funds from proposal to abolish Health and Wellness Trust Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services.
find $10.8 million in Medicaid savings in pharmacy services and $15 million in revising generic drug dispensing rates.
find $90 million in additional savings through Medicaid's managed-care initiative.
modify optional and mandatory Medicaid services to save $16.5 million.
eliminate automatic inflationary increases for Medicaid provider reimbursements, saving $62.9 million.
adjust Medicaid provider reimbursements to save $46.4 million, including a 2 percent cut in provider reimbursement rates, with some exceptions.
eliminate the remaining $50,000 in the State Abortion Fund designed to help low-income families. The fund has become largely dormant for many years.

**JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**
eliminate 195 full-time positions in judicial system already made vacant through voluntary reduction in force, saving $13 million.
implement hiring freeze for 35 additional vacancies of clerks, assistant district attorneys and other positions to save $1.7 million.
reduce 55 support staff positions for district attorneys to save $2.6 million.
eliminate $1.1 million for nonprofit mediation centers.
eliminate 19 vacant magistrate positions to save $826,000.
eliminate all state funding for drug treatment court program to save $2 million and 32 jobs.
eliminate Sentencing Services program to save $2.1 million and 11 positions.
eliminate 40 vacant positions in the Department of Justice, saving $2.5 million.
reduce funding to hire private lawyers for indigent defendants by $10.5 million.
eliminate 34 executive level positions within correction, crime control and juvenile justice departments as part of consolidation of agencies into new Department of Public Safety.
eliminate 21 staff psychologists, housing unit supervisor and youth counselor technicians in juvenile justice system, saving $1.1 million.
eliminate $3.2 million and 57 positions at Samarkand Youth Development Center in Moore County.
reduce various operating expenses for computers, equipment, motor vehicles, inmate clothes and other items to save $7 million.
eliminate 255 vacant positions in Department of Correction to save $14.1 million.
reward prisoners with shorter sentences for positive conduct and good behavior while still requiring prisoners to serve at least their minimum sentence, saving $2.5 million.
eliminate 25 state-paid chaplains at prisons to save $1.4 million.
end community work crews whereby prisoners could work on local government projects, eliminating 39 positions and saving $1.6 million.
eliminate 39 Correction officer positions associated with inmate litter crews, saving $1.6 million.
close four minimum security prisons as part of criminal justice reforms that will shift more misdemeanants to county jails, saving $5.4 million and 203 positions.
eliminate funding for two private contractors for drug and alcohol abuse treatment beds for minimum custody offenders to save $5.2 million.
reorganize State Capitol Police by focusing on security in and around state-owned Wake County buildings to save $2.3 million and 40 positions.

TRANSPORTATION
eliminate 39 emission specialist positions as part of restructuring of Division of Motor Vehicles inspection program, saving $2.2 million.
raise tolling on existing ferry routes and adds tolls to two other routes, generating $2 million.
reduce $3.1 million in Aviation Division grant funds for commercial air carrier and general aviation airports and other aviation programs.
eliminate ferry division vacant positions, reduce nonessential temporary workers and close Morehead City field office.
reduce primary and secondary system maintenance by $50 million.
increase by $346.6 million funds for road resurfacing, system preservation and maintenance.
freeze salary step increases for Highway Patrol troopers, reduce patrol operating funds and require administrative consolidations.
increase by $131 million fund for urban loop construction.
reduce “gap” funds for Garden Parkway and Mid-Currituck Bridge toll projects and use proceeds for local districts to replace school buses and for urban loop construction.

OTHER STATE AGENCIES
eliminate 94 positions and save $6.1 million in the Department of Administration.
cut in half the Performance Audit division in the State Auditor's Office and shift up to five of the nine eliminated positions to the General Assembly's Program Evaluation Division.
eliminate 10 vacant and filled positions in the N.C. Museum of Art through operating reductions to save $471,000.
eliminate 40 vacant and filled positions through program and personnel reductions to save $1.9 million.
reduce funding for The Lost Colony and Vagabond School of Drama and eliminate funding for Shakespeare Festival by a combined $309,000.
reduce state funding to local libraries by 13 percent, or $2 million.
reduce Roanoke Island Commission funding by 25 percent as commission becomes self-supporting in 2015.
eliminate 17 vacant positions in the General Assembly to save $1.9 million.
eliminate 18 filled and vacant positions in the Governor's Office, including the communications and deputy communications directors, saving $1.4 million.
reduce funding for North Carolina Housing Finance Agency by $2.1 million.
eliminate 61 vacant positions in the Department of Revenue to save $3.5 million.
set aside $1.5 million to leverage matching funds for North Carolina Symphony.

RESERVES, FEES AND TAX CREDITS
increase by $248.1 million contributions to the retirement system for state employee and other public workers and emergency responders.
spend $7.1 million to continue health benefits coverage for active and retired employees in the State Health Plan.
reduce by $12 million the Job Development Incentive Grants reserve.
provide no pay increases for state employees and public school teachers.
generate more than $100 million in various fees, of which about one-third would go to counties if separate criminal justice reforms are approved.

Source: Senate Appropriations Committee Report on the Continuation, Expansion, and Capital Budgets for proposed budget bill.
East Carolina University professor Sylvia A. Escott-Stump began her one-year term Wednesday as the 2011-12 president of the American Dietetic Association. She has served as president-elect since June 2010.

“The American Dietetic Association is a respected organization with an ambitious strategic plan. Acting together, we have accomplished much. Our potential to be center stage in policy debates and the provision of health care in our country has never been greater,” Escott-Stump said.

“As an ADA member for more than 35 years, it is an honor to serve the association and its nearly 72,000 members. We are facing an era of health reform. With increased public awareness of the role of nutrition in disease prevention and helping people live longer, healthier lives, now is an amazing time to be a registered dietitian and an ADA member. Sincerely, this profession brings tremendous personal and professional rewards,” she said.

“Working with my colleagues and the ADA Board of Directors, my goal is to guide ADA in the coming year toward our mission of improving the nation's health and advancing the profession of dietetics.”

Escott-Stump has directed the dietetic internship and didactic program at ECU since 1998. She is also the owner of the consulting firm Nutritional Balance. She speaks internationally and consults with private practice physicians, groups, long-term care facilities, businesses and educational organizations. She is an internationally known author of textbooks including seven editions of Nutrition and Diagnosis-Related Care (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins 2011) and five editions of Krause's Food and Nutrition Therapy (Elsevier, Fall 2011).

Previously, Escott-Stump worked in Pittsburgh as the director of dietetic services at Forbes Health System; director of the dietetic internship and clinical nutrition manager at Shadyside Hospital; a consulting dietitian at Wexford House Nursing Center; and associate director of nutrition services and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for the Family Health Council of Western Pennsylvania.

Within the A.D.A., Escott-Stump has served as speaker and director of the House of Delegates; chair of the Standardized Language Task Force; chair of the Council on
Professional Issues; first chair of the Issues Management Committee; a member of the Alliance Task Force; and a member of the Association Positions, Quality Management, Legislative and Public Policy, Strategic Planning, External Governance and Finance committees.

Escott-Stump is a past president of the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association and a former treasurer of the North Carolina Dietetic Association. She has a degree in nutrition from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she also earned a master's degree in adult/community education and received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Her honors include ADA's Medallion Award, the North Carolina Dietetic Association's Member of the Year and Pennsylvania's Outstanding Dietitian.

She also received ADA's first Margene Wagstaff Fellowship for Innovation in Dietetics Education and gave ADA's Lenna Frances Cooper Award Lecture in 2008. Escott-Stump lives in Winterville with her husband Russ. She is the mother of Matthew and Lindsay, both students at ECU.

Escott-Stump is ADA's 86th president. For more information on the American Dietetic Association, visit www.eatright.org.

**Allied health students receive scholarships**

Four students in the College of Allied Health Sciences have been awarded scholarships for the coming academic year.

Brittany Whitehurst of Windsor received the Stas and Brenda Humienny Scholarship in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science. She was selected based on her academic performance and demonstration of professional behavior in the first semester of the clinical laboratory science program.

The $1,000 scholarship, the first endowed in the clinical laboratory sciences department, was established by husband and wife Stanley “Stas” and Brenda Humienny of New Bern, both 1979 graduates of the department.

Mallory Herbold of Jacksonville received the W. James and Susan T. Smith Student Scholarship in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded to a rising senior in the clinical laboratory science department for the senior academic year beginning in summer.

The scholarship recognizes more than 30 years of academic contribution to ECU by Dr. Susan T. Smith, professor emerita and former chair of clinical laboratory science, and her late husband, Dr. W. James Smith, who taught cell biology and biochemistry in the ECU Department of Biology from 1966 until 1999. Susan Smith is a clinical laboratory scientist and biochemist who taught clinical chemistry, immunology and serology and laboratory information systems at ECU from 1972 until 2001.

Danielle Nilges, a second-year rehabilitation studies graduate student, and Raquel McCann, a second-year physician assistant studies graduate student, each received two
scholarships: the Patriot Scholarship and the ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation Scholarship.
Nilges' award was valued at $2,000. McCann's total award was $2,500. The Patriot Scholarship is based on academic strength, leadership capability and the potential to contribute to a profession in the field of allied health sciences. Awardees must be a military member or veteran, or the spouse or child of a military member or veteran.

The ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation Scholarship honors students who have contributed significantly to the community. Preference is given to those who intend to work in eastern North Carolina.

Center develops ‘care code' for travel
A new visitor care travel code developed by ECU’s Center for Sustainable Tourism highlights efforts travelers can make to protect the environment and cultures of the places they visit.

As millions of Americans take to the sky and road this summer to visit their favorite destinations, attractions, and nature parks, the Center for Sustainable Tourism at ECU is introducing the U.S. Visitor Care Code.

The code is designed to highlight small and practical efforts travelers can make to protect the natural environment and unique cultures of the places they visit. Annually, more than 1.5 billion leisure trips are made in the U.S. Small changes in behavior can make a big difference in tourism's impact on communities. The 10-point code encourages travelers to:

Learn About Your Destination — Enjoy rewarding experiences learning about the environment, culture and history that make each destination unique.

Don't Leave Your Good Habits at Home — While traveling, continue to recycle, use water wisely, and turn off lights as you would at home.

Support Locals — As a visitor, the money you spend on your trip can help support local artisans, farmers and business owners who depend on tourism.

Protect Your Natural Surroundings — Be mindful of plants, animals, and ecosystems that you might impact. Avoid feeding wildlife, stay on designated trails and follow all fire restrictions.

The code is available free at www.visitorcarecode.org.
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. When East Carolina's Zach Woods took the mound against Tyler Wilson and Virginia earlier this season, it looked like a matchup of evenly matched pitchers and teams. That wasn't the case Sunday night in the championship game of the NCAA baseball tournament's Charlottesville Regional. Not at all.

The Cavaliers pounded Woods, and Wilson (8-0) was the third dominant starter Virginia put on the mound in three days, leading UVa to a dominating 13-1 victory. Virginia (52-9) advances to this weekend's Super Regional round, and ECU (41-21) sees its season come to a close. "(Virginia) is a great team. They don't do anything to beat themselves, and you got to tip your hat to them," ECU senior Trent Whitehead said.

ECU was hoping to get an outing from Woods (2-3) similar to the one he had in Charlottesville on Feb. 26, when he took the loss but pitched into the sixth inning and gave up just three runs on four hits. Instead, the Cavaliers chased the right-hander from the game during a five-run second. Jared King, Chris Taylor and John Barr delivered RBI singles with two outs as Virginia put five runs on the board in the inning, building a huge lead and taking pressure off Wilson, who picked up his second win of the season when facing off against Woods. Wilson struck out seven and walked one in 6 1/3 innings, giving up one run.

"The guys came out and really set the tone offensively tonight," Wilson said. "As a pitcher, I can't ask for anything more from my offense."

Virginia continued to pour it on, adding four more in the fourth, essentially putting away the game before it was half over. Taylor finished with four RBIs. "When you got the kind of pitching they have, that just doesn't go south," ECU coach Billy Godwin said. "But probably what's most impressive for them is how much they've improved offensively."

The Cavs outscored the opposition 29-3 in three games. The early part of the day went much better for the Pirates, who had to beat St. John's 6-4 in an afternoon game just to advance to the championship nightcap. ECU got a home run and two RBIs from junior third baseman Corey Thompson.
Emerald City Big Band funds ECU jazz scholarship
Sunday, June 5, 2011

The East Carolina University School of Music has announced a new School of Music Jazz Scholarship, the “Emerald City Big Band/Friends of Jazz Rose High,” funded by the proceeds of a jazz concert put on by the Emerald City Big Band and the J.H. Rose High School Jazz Band. The scholarship will benefit a Rose student pursuing a music degree with a jazz concentration at ECU. Shown from left are Chris Buddo, director of the ECU School of Music, and Jeff Bair, director of Jazz Studies Program, receiving a $1,000 check from Emerald City Big Band Manager Charles Alford, Ed Wheatley, Danny Wunker and “TomtheJazzman” Mallison.
CMN telethon raises $1.1 million
By Kathryn Kennedy
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A red and yellow, imitation hot air balloon offered a dash of color Sunday outside the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine, brilliant against the gray day. Inside the bustling auditorium, the smiles of healthy children, parents, doctors and volunteers were equally bright. The 26th annual Children's Miracle Network broadcast raised more than $1.1 million for the University Health Systems Children's Hospital this weekend.

"Once again, eastern North Carolina came through with tremendous support and generosity," said Janice Faulkner, chairwoman of the University Health Systems and Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundations, of which Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is a part. "Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who made a financial gift or who gave their time as a volunteer throughout this past weekend. Because of them, a tremendous difference will be made in countless children's lives here in eastern North Carolina."

This year's telethon launched a public fundraising drive for the new Children's Hospital, said Rhonda James, major gifts officer for the project.

Officials plan to break ground on the facility on June 14.

Dr. Ronald Perkin, medical director of Children's Hospital, said the 78,000-square-foot addition will fill gaps in care for children at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.
“We've had some holes in our abilities, and one of them is care for children with cancer,” Perkin said Sunday. “Those kids don't come briefly to the hospital, so the hospital has to become more.”

Pediatric cancer patients usually are transported to Duke or University of North Carolina hospitals for care — a trip that can often prove further risk for critical cases and add stressors in the long term. Care is more than doctors and medications, Perkin said, adding that family, community and spiritual support also are important.

Caring for children is complex, Perkin said, because each age presents different challenges and threats. Those unique will be the focus of Children's Hospital, he promised.

“We're 100 percent about children,” Perkin said. “We don't think about anything else. We focus on the children and the family. We won't have to send them away.” Children's Hospital, like the rest of PCMH, will serve 29 counties across eastern North Carolina. James said the 160 beds in the existing children's wing will remain in operation.

Though traditionally held on Saturday night and Sunday, the change to Friday evening and Sunday for the telethon didn't hurt the bottom line.

The goal each year is to bring in more than $1 million.

James said the phones were busy Friday, and the day off in between was a nice break — even if the cause was NBC's commitment to broadcast the Stanley Cup hockey final. More than 600 volunteers helped guide sponsors and guests, sold T-shirts and answered phones throughout the weekend. James said everyone involved knows the value of the Children's Miracle Network cause.

“It's a lot of excitement, and people come back year after year,” James said. “If you have a healthy child, you're thankful … but Children's Miracle Network is here if you need us.”

As iconic as the balloon symbol are the miracle children, selected each year as “representative of the thousands and thousands that come through our doors every day,” James said.

They too were celebrated this weekend, and several past and present spent a bit of their proverbial 15 minutes giving back. Donations can be made to the Children's Hospital anytime by purchasing $1 miracle balloons or calling 1-800-673-5437.

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Military Bowl pumped $18m into region

The economic output of Washington's annual college football bowl game more than doubled between 2009 and 2010 to nearly $18 million in total impact, a new report says.

The spending jump was spurred largely by the nearly 26,000 out-of-town attendees -- a number greater than the Military Bowl's total attendance in 2009, according to the report obtained by The Washington Examiner.

It's a significant step up for the annual December bowl game, but it won't guarantee any upgrades in venue. Instead, organizers are using the report to push for funding for upgrades to the nearly 50-year-old RFK Stadium.

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Source: Washington Convention and Sports Authority

"I think it's important to keep it in the nation's capital," said Greg O'Dell, president and chief executive officer of the Washington Convention and Sports Authority. "It was particularly apparent to us [in 2009] with the UCLA players, when they realized the [historic] Redskins [teams] played at RFK, you could just see the awe in their faces. I think we're going to milk that as long as possible."

He added that the Military Bowl is still building its reputation. By comparison, Houston's Texas Bowl generated roughly $25 million in
economic effect last year, while the Rose Bowl generated roughly $58 million.

O'Dell said switching in 2010 to a national sponsor in Northrop Grumman also boosted the game's exposure. Eagle Bank was title sponsor for the December bowl game in 2008 and 2009.

"They're marketing to their limited customer base," he said of Eagle Bank, adding that the bank was still a key partner of the bowl. "And for us, having Northrop Grumman brought more resources from their side."

The matchup between the University of Maryland and East Carolina University was particularly compelling with Maryland helping boost attendance as a local draw. It was also Maryland head coach Ralph Friedgen's last appearance on the sideline after 10 years with his alma mater.

Attendance increased by 68 percent to 38,794, with two-thirds traveling from out of town. Room nights at reporting hotels increased by the same amount to total more than 3,000. That out-of-town effect was helped by East Carolina fans who traditionally travel well and the Maryland football team staying in the District during bowl week and participating in sightseeing trips, O'Dell said.

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Dick Baddour said UNC will comment when information is available.

**UNC mum on Internet report on NCAA probe**

BY KEN TYSIAC - Staff Writer

University of North Carolina athletic director Dick Baddour said Saturday that he would not respond to an Internet report citing unnamed sources that said the NCAA has informed school officials that a notice of allegation regarding the school's football program will arrive on or around June 10.

Since last June, the NCAA has been investigating improper benefits and academic misconduct on the part of UNC football players.

"I'm committed to this process," Baddour said Saturday. "To me, this process means that we, I, won't speculate and I won't respond to leaks. And when we have facts, I'll release that to the public and to all the media at the same time."

Citing multiple unnamed sources, Inside Carolina reported that UNC expects the notice of allegations to highlight nine infractions, including failure to monitor violations regarding former associate head coach John Blake, former tutor Jennifer Wiley and former player Chris Hawkins.

Inside Carolina wrote that North Carolina is expected to avoid a lack of institutional control charge. Baddour wouldn't comment on any details.

"When we have facts, when we have something to report on anything dealing with the investigation, we'll let the public know," he said.

A school has 90 days to respond to an NCAA notice of allegation. Football team spokesman Kevin Best also declined to comment on the report.

"We don't know when we're going to receive any documentation from the NCAA," Best said.
Fourteen players missed at least one game, and seven missed the 2010 season in relation to the NCAA's investigation. Blake resigned after his ties to the late sports agent Gary Wichard were disclosed in media reports, and the school sent disassociation letters to Wiley and Hawkins for providing impermissible benefits.

But the NCAA has yet to provide notice on what sanctions, if any, the UNC football program might face.

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Texas, Perry wrestle with higher education unrest

By PAUL J. WEBER - Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas When barbecue research is second-guessed in Texas, the turmoil in higher education must be getting serious.

Responding to soaring tuitions and sagging graduation rates, a conservative policy foundation and Republican Gov. Rick Perry have stirred a tempest on Texas campuses by questioning whether college professors are making good use of their state money and suggesting an assortment of efficiencies. The foundation, for example, is asking whether there's a need for more critiques of Shakespeare and other esoteric research that doesn't generate money.

Academics and politicians don't get along in the best of times. But with tuition increasing and budgets tight, the so-called "Seven Breakthrough Solutions," created by the right-leaning Texas Public Policy Foundation, has opened a new debate over the balance between academic freedom and reasonable cost-benefit analysis.

The backlash peaked last week at Texas A&M University - Perry's alma mater - when more than 800 faculty members signed an online petition asking university regents to explain where they stand on the proposals and
one professor's withering rebuke to regents made him a small YouTube star. National education institutions have begun to take notice.

"Texas has a prominent place in higher education," said John Curtis, public policy director of the American Association of University Professors. "But the question popping up is that political perspectives and ideology are encroaching on individual autonomy. Some of the proposals are pretty radical."

The "solutions" haven't been implemented on any campus, or even formally proposed. Yet professors see those proposals as undermining academic research, a perception the Texas Public Policy Foundation strenuously rejects.

But foundation spokesman David Guenthner added, "You can talk about the double helix on one end of the spectrum, but on the other end of the spectrum you have the professor who does the study on Texas barbecue."

Perry, who has donated proceeds from his Washington-bashing book "Fed Up!" to the think tank, dismissed the controversy as overblown. In an editorial last month, he called university research the "lifeblood of our state's innovation" and trumpeted the hundreds of millions of dollars the state has put toward technology and cancer research. But he said universities should be more efficient with resources, noting that fewer than three in 10 students graduate in four years. Meanwhile, the average semester cost for students has climbed 72 percent since 2003.

Perry broadly endorsed the "seven solutions" at a meeting of state university leaders in 2008, and while he has not publicly pushed for specific measures, Perry has called for more accountability.

"These efforts to protect taxpayers and get more results from our schools are not universally welcomed in academia," he said. "The attitude of some in the university world is that students and taxpayers should send more and more money, and then just butt out."

Among the foundation's "solutions" are rewarding professors with bonuses based on student feedback. Another recommends compiling data to calculate professors' efficiency. Splitting teaching and research budgets, to make clearer how money is spent, also was suggested.

Professors grumble it's the Seven Deadly Sins.

At the University of Texas at Austin, one of the nation's largest campuses with 50,000-plus students, in-state tuition averaged $8,000 last year. The
national average at four-year public universities was $7,605, according to
the nonprofit College Board. Perry has called on universities to come up
with a way to offer $10,000 bachelor's degree programs.

For anyone who thinks research on Texas barbecue isn't worth taxpayer
dollars, UT professor Elizabeth Engelhardt begs to differ. She wrote
"Republic of Barbecue: Stories Beyond The Brisket," a history that started
as a graduate student project. She said her book, which has sold 2,100
copies, views the state's famous dish through an academic lens, weaving in
histories of railroads and refrigeration.

The university said Engelhardt's research cost her department less than $750.
Engelhardt maintains Texas taxpayers benefit by better understanding their
culture.

Jaime Grunlan, a mechanical engineering professor at Texas A&M
University, quantifies the value of his research another way: $1.3 million,
which he said is how much his work in nanotechnology has generated for the
university in the past two years. Grunlan is the face of faculty opposition -
and it's not one of a bookish, gray-haired professor. Square-jawed and 6-
foot-8, Grunlan is a former college defensive tackle who delivered a defiant,
stop-meddling demand to Texas A&M regents last week. The clip drew
more than 4,300 views on YouTube in four days, which is practically a
ratings grab for a low-quality feed from a dry board meeting.

"If guys like me leave Texas, it will be very bad for Texas," Grunlan said.
"It's lost jobs, it's lost technology. It's companies that won't be coming to
Texas."

Although no proposals were on the agenda, faculty members suspected that
regents had been discussing the "solutions" behind the scenes. A&M regents
chairman Richard Box tried to quell the concern, saying the proposals were
simply meant to stimulate ideas. Yet A&M vice chairman Phil Adams,
who's also a Texas Public Policy Foundation board member, said the
university can't sit still.

"In 1975, they said Sears was the best company in America. In 1975 they
probably were, but they couldn't see down the road," Adams said. "And their
board of regents wasn't strong enough to put policies and management in
place to take care of what was coming."

Adams then cupped his hands around his mouth, as though he was making a
megaphone.

At the University of Texas at San Antonio, president Ricardo Romo knows the pressure of trying to keep college affordable and accessible. His enrollment of 30,000 students has swollen by more than 50 percent over the past decade, and his professor-to-student ratio of 25 to 1 is among the highest in the state.

He concedes that many families see the $8,000 tuition as a burden, but he still considers it a bargain. As for $10,000 degrees, Romo said, "I have no idea how they would do it. But if they have some ideas, we'd be certainly willing to listen."