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Currituck research supported

The Daily Reflector

Engineers, economists and geographers from East Carolina University received $927,000 in contracts from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Turnpike Authority to assist in the supporting studies in the assessment of a new bridge across the Currituck Sound.

Researchers recently began work on traffic, natural resource and socio-economic studies of the proposed seven-mile bridge that would connect the Currituck County mainland with the Currituck County Outer Banks.

Project Director Ernest Marshburn said the researchers are pleased to provide technical assistance to state transportation officials and other decision-makers.

"ECU's role is to be supportive as a state agency and to conduct research related to the project's environmental impact statement," said Marshburn, who is director of strategic initiatives in the Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

The $927,000 contract is the first of a three-year, $1.7 million effort to assist in the evaluation of the environmental and economic impacts of the proposed bridge.

As part of the federal surface transportation bill passed in 2005, Congress earmarked funding for the study through NCDOT's federal highway apportionment.

Orders accepted

The North Carolina Literary Review is accepting advance orders for the 2007 edition through Friday.

This year's edition will have a special section, "Commemorating 100 years of writers and writing at ECU," to honor East Carolina University's centennial celebration.

The special section will feature poetry, artwork, short stories, criticism and essays from artists and writers affiliated with the university.

Contact Margaret Bauer at bauerm@ecu.edu or visit the NCLR Web site, www.ecu.edu/nclr, to view the table of contents and to pre-order copies. Subscriptions to NCLR are $20 for two years or $36 for four years. After Friday, please add $2 for postage.
ECU, PCC students win award at building design competition

East Carolina University and Pitt Community College students teamed together and won a prestigious award at the statewide Sustainable Building Design Competition in Raleigh.

ECU and PCC sent five combined teams to the state competition with team "Ecolution" and team "Planteers" walking away with honors. Each of the five teams included two ECU architectural technology students as well as two ECU interior design students partnered with one PCC architectural technology student.

At the state competition, ECU/PCC team "Ecolution" won the Founders Award and a $1,000 prize for its project's buildability, innovation and originality.

The "Ecolution" team members from ECU are Krestin Barnes, Amy Beaman, Phillip Butler and Chuck Wade, and the PCC member is Diane Alberts.

Team "Planteers," with members Shame Jekins, Cindy Pridgen, Crystal Barber, Keino Williams and Joe Roberts, received first honorable mention and a $200 prize. The prize money is divided among the team members.

Each ECU/PCC team was formed in January and given about 11 weeks to create a design of a small residential structure with certain budget restrictions and size parameters. Projects were presented to a panel of judges. Some of the final projects were presented with a physical small-scale model; others included a computerized design.

The NC Sustainable Building Design Competition is in its seventh year. This is the fourth year that ECU and PCC have teamed up. ECU professors Rebecca Sweet and Robert Chin and Pitt's William Hofler have worked with the students from the planning process to a local competition to the state competition.

“This is a tremendous team building competition for our students,” Chin, a professor in ECU’s College of Technology and Computer Science, said. “Not only are these students working toward a grade as a part of their education, they also learn how to implement real world architectural and design tools to complete a large scale project.”

NC State won the overall first prize of $3,000.

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Nancy M. Jenkins

Mrs. Nancy Murray Middleton Jenkins, 75, passed away in Raleigh on Friday, June 8, 2007.

At Mrs. Jenkins' request, private graveside services will be held in Raleigh.

Mrs. Jenkins lived her early life in Raleigh. She attended St. Mary's Junior College and received her undergraduate degree in English and master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She began her career in education at Broughton High School (her alma mater) in Raleigh. After marrying David John Middleton, Jr. in 1957, she taught at Appalachian State University. In 1962, following the birth of their children, they moved to Greenville. She became a local television personality as the producer and host for "Hospitality House" on WITN-TV in Washington and as producer and commentator for "Timely Tips," a daily feature on WNCT-TV in Greenville.

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In 1981, she married Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, with whom she enjoyed sharing her life and traveling the world for a number of years. In 1985 she returned to public service by being elected to the Greenville City Council, where she served two terms. In 1989 she was elected Mayor of Greenville, a position she held for six terms through 2001. She retired from public service, but continued to be Greenville's biggest "cheerleader" until her death.

Mrs. Jenkins was a member of Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church, where she had served on the administrative board and as president of the United Methodist Women.

She served in leadership positions with a variety of civic and cultural organizations, including the following: N.C. League of Municipalities (president), ECU Board of Visitors, ECU Arts Enthusiasts, Sheppard Memorial Library Board, ECU Friends of the Library (president), Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority, Pitt-Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce, Pitt County Governor's Conference on Leadership Development for Women (co-chairperson), the Pitt County Heart Association Board (president), the Pitt County Council on Aging. In 2002 she was honored by Pitt-Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year.

She is survived by sons, David J. Middleton III and Llewellyn Tucker Middleton of Raleigh; daughter, Anne Middleton Johnson and husband, Stewart, of Raleigh; granddaughters, Caroline Tucker and Mary Landis Middleton and Tyler and Kendall Johnson.

The family will receive friends today from 5-7 p.m. at Willerson Funeral Home in Greenville.

Mrs. Jenkins requested those considering memorial gifts to choose a favorite charity.
Mules and afternoon papers: They aren’t in Greenville anymore

Recently USA TODAY began a list of things that have faded from the scene, as the newspaper observes its 25th anniversary. USA TODAY said the feature will continue until Sept. 1.

The list which ran June 4, will bring back memories for many of us. No. 1 was indoor smoking which changed because attitudes have changed. No. 2 was service stations which offered full service, fill-ups by attendants, washed windshields and tire checks. If you don’t know this, you haven’t been to a gas station lately.

No. 3 was the Soviet Union which collapsed after a protracted military standoff between the Soviets and the western world.

No. 4 was the typewriter. Anybody who has worked for decades in this business recalls the typewriter. But now they are rare, almost totally replaced by computers. Only the typewriters’ keyboards remain.

The list goes on to rotary dial phones at No. 10 and to hand-cranked car windows, No. 19.

There was No. 22, the afternoon newspaper.

The question was asked, “Remember the kid on the bike who never quite reached the porch with your afternoon daily? He moved on, as did lifestyles in the media world.” Boy, do I remember. I delivered afternoon papers in rain and snow storms and learned a lot about life. I also wound up in the newspaper business for a lifetime career.

Those things cited in USA TODAY affected the eastern area of North Carolina, too, including the afternoon paper. The Daily Reflector was printed and delivered for decades in the afternoon. Changes in lifestyles have helped make it a morning daily now.

Around here, if we can go back 50 years there are things now gone which won’t make any national lists.

There were rural unpaved roads, for instance. Any families who lived some distance from the stores in a community had to be prepared for the time when bad roads would keep them at home for a few days. For farm families that wasn’t so bad. They were reasonably self-sufficient.

But the problem of children missing school was acute. That finally changed when the late Gov. Kerr Scott began his secondary roads program which got the rural areas out of the mud. Today there aren’t too many rural roads which lack asphalt.

And there was an era of kerosene lamps which provided light at night in rural homes. They served their purpose, but farm families pretty much went to bed with the chickens until rural electrification changed their ways.

The era of the telephone party line brought electronic communication to rural areas. Typically such lines served rural homes and there might have been several on one number. Real live telephone operators placed the calls but everybody else could listen. It was the most effective rural news channel.

For years mules shared the roads with the emerging auto. It wasn’t unusual for a mule and wagon to hold up traffic on the Greene Street bridge, then the only crossing of the Tar into downtown Greenville.

Imagine the frustration of the auto drivers, And the mules simply didn’t care.

But then the mules aren’t here anymore.
Kemp H. Baldwin

Kemp House Baldwin, 94, died peacefully on Saturday, June 9, 2007, at Cypress Glenn Retirement Home in Greenville.

A service celebrating her life is scheduled at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Dr. Albert Shuler presiding.

Her family will greet friends in the sanctuary from 10-10:30 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Cherry Hill Cemetery. At other times the family will gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lanier, 208 Hampton Circle, Greenville.

Mrs. Baldwin was born Aug. 29, 1912, in Merryville, La., to Archibald House and Mellie Harriss House, both natives of Greenville. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas R. Baldwin, in 1953, two brothers and a nephew.

Kemp was one of Greenville's most distinguished teachers, earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees from East Carolina University. She taught mathematics at Greenville High and Rose High schools. She received many awards and recognitions during her career, including positions on both the state and national councils of mathematics. She always valued most the success and acknowledgements of her students. She was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for 55 years. When she retired after more than 30 years in the classroom, her colleagues lovingly referred to her as "the legend." Kemp was inducted into the ECU Educators Hall of Fame in 2006. The inscription reads "A dedicated teacher who inspired her students; A professional educator who enhanced the profession; A devoted Christian, volunteer and friend."

She was a faithful member of Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church throughout her life and took great pride in noting that six generations of her family are past and current members. She held leadership roles on a number of committees at local, district and conference levels. Continuing her willingness to embrace new adventures, she was the first resident of Cypress Glenn and lived independently in her own apartment prior to a brief illness.
After beating cancer, new offensive coordinator looks to give much-needed boost to East Carolina

By Nathan Summers
The Daily Reflector

A little bit of swagger is what the East Carolina football team most needs in the eyes of Todd Fitch, and he might be just the one to help the Pirates find it.

A former right-hand man to head coach Skip Holtz at Connecticut, Fitch is flanking Holtz again at ECU with perhaps more drive than ever.

Since the last time the two were co-workers — they spent five years together at UConn, then five more at South Carolina under Lou Holtz — Fitch has viewed coaching from numerous perspectives, even from a hospital bed.

None of them gave the cancer survivor a view of football he didn’t like.

Hired as quarterbacks coach and an offensive coordinator in February, Fitch will be an immediate focal point in Holtz’s third season.

The Pirates face a titanic schedule of BCS bruisers and bowl regulars beginning Labor Day at Virginia Tech, and Fitch and sophomore quarterback Rob Kass will both be making their ECU debuts that day. That means the time between now and that kickoff in Blacksburg is critical for both.

But no opponent could match the one Fitch tackled three years ago after being diagnosed with Stage 3 testicular cancer; and it is perhaps that experience that makes this coaching stop different for Fitch.

“It puts things in great perspective, and it teaches you to appreciate what you have,” said Fitch, who is married with two

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children. "I'm as guilty as anybody — this is better, that's better, this is no good — it's a natural way to live your life, especially when you're in a competitive environment. But you have to learn to be thankful."

Fitch was the quarterbacks coach at Iowa State when he learned he had cancer. Thanks to his doctors and his drive to not miss a football season, Fitch didn't have to miss much of anything.

Although there is no good time for such ordeals, Fitch's bout with cancer came in the spring of 2004, and he said when it ended, another college football season was waiting for him just like always.

"It was during vacation time for us, and I was really down with my chemotherapy, so I was able to do what I had to do," said Fitch of his summer recovery from a pair of surgeries and treatment. "I rode around on a golf cart for a couple of days on the field (at practice). By the first game, the first week of September, I was feeling pretty good."

The Ohio native had considered joining Holtz at ECU back in 2005, but Fitch's own circumstances wouldn't allow it. The timing seems to have righted itself on all accounts for Fitch, who is now nearing his third anniversary of being cancer free.

"In some ways, it didn't have an effect overall on my day-to-day career," said Fitch, who said he showed no outward signs of problems prior to his diagnosis. "I didn't miss a lot of on-field player involvement."

With one important anniversary passing soon in Fitch's life, his familiar countdown to the season seems to be officially under way.

The Ohio Wesleyan graduate, who also worked on football staffs at Colorado State and Bowling Green, is already mentally whittling down the number of practice days between now and Labor Day.

"The thing I'm looking forward to is helping our offense develop an identity, helping them to get confidence and play with confidence and swagger," said Fitch, who's also coached alongside the likes of Don Nehlen and Earle Bruce. "We have some good football players. We have limitations just like everybody else. I think our strengths lie in different areas now compared to the last couple of years."

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Former mayor dead at 75

There will be a public visitation from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Wilkerson Funeral Home.

By Jimmy Ryals
The Daily Reflector

A strong will put former Greenville Mayor Nancy Jenkins back on her feet — without a walker — just three months after hip replacement surgery in February.

That willpower also marked a long career in public service, according to friends, family and former colleagues who remembered her Friday. Jenkins, 75, died in Raleigh of an apparent heart attack Friday morning, according to her daughter, Ann Middleton Johnson.

Jenkins had been convalescing near her family for three months but was set to return to Greenville this weekend. The city was her “true passion,” Johnson said. As mayor from 1989 to 2001 and a city councilwoman for three years prior, she helped lead Greenville through a period of rapid growth.

“She loved being mayor of Greenville, and she was so proud of Greenville,” Johnson said.

The 1990s saw Greenville’s population grow by more than 25 percent. Building a strategy to meet that growth was one of Jenkins’ greatest achievements, said Ron Kimble, who was Greenville city manager during Jenkins’ mayoral tenure.

“It was a great boom period for Greenville, and she was the mayor when it was all happen-
ing,” Kimble said. “She and the council obviously deserve a lot of credit for what was happening in those years.”

A sense of fairness guided Jenkins’ work, friend and former City Councilwoman Blanche Forbes said. “She always wanted to do what was best for Greenville. She wouldn’t do anybody a favor if it was not best for Greenville, even if it was (for) her mother,” Forbes said.

Forbes hinted at the toughness Johnson saw in her mother. Jenkins would “butt heads,” Johnson said. “She was gonna stand her ground. People may have disagreed with her, but people also respected her. I can tell you, as her daughter, I butted heads with her my whole life.”

Buttting heads with Jenkins was also a common occurrence for Ed Carter, the incumbent mayor Jenkins beat in 1989. As council colleagues, the two never agreed on the blue laws that kept stores closed on Sundays; Jenkins was for them, Carter against.

But Jenkins’ willingness to consider other viewpoints impressed Carter while they were school board members in the 1970s. In one instance, a talented assistant principal at a Greenville junior high school applied to be a principal elsewhere in the city, Carter recalled. Jenkins and other school board members thought he was too vital in his current job to transfer, Carter said. That logic held the assistant principal down, Carter remembered arguing. Jenkins and others came around, promoting the man.

“It was not impossible to get her to consider your opinions and reconsider her positions,” Carter said. “But you really had to do your homework.”

For all her toughness, Jenkins had a softer side, too. She and Forbes talked earlier this week about spending time in Forbes’ garden, a favorite past-time.

Jenkins’ death Friday came as a shock, Johnson said. She’d complained of chest pains Thursday, but she was in good physical health otherwise. Jenkins was excited about coming home.

“She was doing well,” Johnson said. “Physically, she had gotten to the point where she was walking without a cane. She probably shouldn’t have been,” Johnson said, laughing.

Jenkins was the widow of former East Carolina University Chancellor Leo Jenkins, who died in 1989. Her survivors include Johnson and a son, David John Middleton III of Raleigh. At her request, Jenkins’ family will hold a private funeral in Raleigh. There will be a public visitation from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Wilkerson Funeral Home in Greenville.

“It’s a sad day for Greenville in that loss,” Kimble said Friday. “But it’s a time to celebrate the things that she did for Greenville during her many years of service.”

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ECU gets $1 million to study diabetes, obesity

From staff, wire reports

East Carolina University will expand its research and treatment of diabetes and obesity with a newly approved $1 million grant from an economic development group.

The grant to the Metabolic Institute was part of nearly $5 million in awards made by the Golden LEAF Foundation, which helps tobacco-dependent counties build new economies. The foundation board approved several grants Thursday, about three months after Gov. Mike Easley urged the nonprofit group to make more of an effort to help rural communities, The Associated Press reported.

The Metabolic Institute was founded in 2005 to facilitate cooperation among scientists in different university departments working toward treatments and cures for diabetes and other metabolic illnesses, according to an ECU news release.

The institute is directed by Dr. Walter J. Pories, a professor of surgery and biochemistry at the Brody School of Medicine, and the pioneer of a widely used form of gastric bypass, or weight loss, surgery.

Pories and his colleagues received a $491,000 grant from Johnson & Johnson last year to study why four out of five people with Type II diabetes experience a remission of the disease after undergoing gastric bypass surgery. The new grant will allow the research to continue.

"This is terrific. East Carolina is an international leader in this area, and somehow we lucked out," said Pories, who received news of the grant on Friday.

The money "provides us the tools to compete on the world stage," he said. "This gift from the foundation will help us provide the technology and the tools and (Pitt County Memorial Hospital) will help us provide the space and (the medical school) will provide us with personnel."

More than $17.4 million of diabetes- and obesity-related research is ongoing at the institute, according to a 2006 study, A9

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report.

Weight loss has long been
touted as a way to control dia-
betes. Then Pories and other
gastric bypass surgeons ob-
served their patients' diabetes
symptoms were vanishing, of-
ten within a week of surgery.

"No one believed us for quite
a while," Pories said. "It was
being reproduced at other ma-
jor centers but it was unbeliev-
able... diabetes was believed
to be an incurable disease," he
said.

In the United States, 21.8
million people, or 7 percent of
the population, have diabetes,
according to the Centers for
Disease Control and Preven-
tion.

Pories and his colleagues
believe the intestine plays
some role in triggering dia-
betes. Their goal is to identify
what happens on the molecu-
lar level to trigger the condi-
tion.

Pories said he believes re-
search opportunities will not
only improve eastern North
Carolina's health care but its
economy by creating medi-
cines and technology that
need new companies to manu-
facture them.

Along with the ECU grant,
the other Golden LEAF Foun-
dation awards included:

$1.2 million to Scotland
County: purchase a satellite
campus for Richmond Com-
munity College

$1.5 million to Beaufort
County Committee of 100: buy
and renovate a 387,000-square-
foot manufacturing facility

$505,000 to Roberson Coun-
ty: vacant building conver-
sion

$60,000 to Gates County:
wastewater feasibility study

$300,000 to Anson County:
10,000-foot sewer line up-
grade.
Briefly

Thompson joins ECU hoops staff

East Carolina head basketball coach Ricky Stokes announced Friday the hiring of Mark Thompson as the team's director of basketball operations.

"Mark and I worked together at the University of South Carolina for one successful season and I'm thrilled to add Mark to our staff," Stokes said. "As a former player, it's a natural transition for him to move into coaching. With his background, work ethic and knowledge I know he'll be a great addition to the Pirate family."

As the Pirates' director of basketball operations, Thompson's responsibilities include handling the program's daily operations, coordinating its travel itineraries, assisting with scouting videos and overseeing the team's student managers.

"I am ecstatic to be reunited with coach Stokes at ECU," Thompson said. "I believe in this university, the coaching staff and these young men," Thompson said. "I'm looking forward to getting involved in the beautiful Greenville community as well."
UNC swears in batch of board members

New members of the UNC Board of Governors, including some familiar names, will officially begin their service July 1. They were sworn in Friday by N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Sarah Parker.

The new members are Frank A. Daniels Jr. of Raleigh, former publisher of The News & Observer; Ann Goodnight, the Cary philanthropist; Clarice Cato Goodyear, a philanthropist from Matthews; Ronald Leatherwood, a businessman from Waynesville; Dr. Cheryl Ransom Locklear, a dentist from Pembroke; and Marshall Pitts Jr., former mayor of Fayetteville.

Not sworn in was Purnell Swett, a former educator from Pembroke, who declined to assume a seat on the board when a controversy arose because of his criminal record.

Swett, who was elected to the board in April, was accused in 1997 of paying himself an extra $13,000 from the school system where he was superintendent. He resigned and was charged with embezzlement and conspiracy, but pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor misconduct charge.

Reagan and Vietnam POWs

President Reagan’s newly published diaries revealed last month that he thought former North Carolina Congressman Bill Hendon was “off his rocker” after a 1986 meeting.

Coincidentally, Hendon has a new book out this month that argues Reagan wrongly dismissed evidence he had about soldiers being held in Vietnam decades after the war ended.

In “An Enormous Crime,” published by Thomas Dunne Books, Hendon and co-author Elizabeth Stewart write that an unnamed Secret Service agent said he overheard a conversation while stationed outside the Oval Office in 1981.

The man told Hendon that Vietnam had asked for $4 billion for the return of captured prisoners.

In a meeting with Reagan, Vice President George H.W. Bush and others, Hendon pressed Reagan: “Respectfully, Mr. President, is it true? Did the Vietnamese offer to trade the prisoners back for $4 billion?”

According to Hendon’s book, Reagan said he didn’t remember an offer like that, but Bush said it was for the return of remains, not living prisoners.

The following day, Bush called Hendon and accused him of “insulting the president of the United States.” Hendon said he would not raise the matter again.

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“I remember one time somebody saying, “That John Edwards reminds me of Jesse Helms.”’

ELIZABETH EDWARDS, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS IN SAVANNAH, GA., ON TUESDAY. SHE SAID THAT PEOPLE “KNEW WHERE THEY STOOD.”

NBA name in Obama’s court

Among the 37 hosts of a high-priced fundraiser for U.S. Sen. Barack Obama in Chapel Hill this month, one name stands out.

A number of local business executives, major Democratic donors and Durham jazz musician Branford Marsalis are on the list. Then there’s one Stephon Marbury.

Marbury is a point guard for the New York Knicks, a native of Brooklyn, the subject of a great basketball book, an occasional shoe endorser and a friend of rapper Ja Rule, among other things. He is not, however, a political donor, according to campaign finance records.

The credit goes to Kenneth Lewis, a corporate and securities attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice’s...
search Triangle Park office.
Lewis, 45, of Durham, knows Marbury through business — he declined to elaborate — and he suggested that the basketball player sign up.
"I told him about it, and he was interested in being involved," Lewis said.
It's not clear yet if Marbury will actually attend the event, which will be held Thursday.

Shuler crosses party lines

U.S. Rep. Heath Shuler is the freshman most likely to vote against his own party.
According to a vote analysis by CQPolitics.com, a site run by the Congressional Quarterly, the Waynesville Democrat voted with his party on highly partisan bills just 82.9 percent of the time — the lowest among first-year representatives and fourth lowest overall.
Shuler voted against stem-cell research and classifying certain violent offenses as hate crimes. He also voted against a bill that called for full withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq within 180 days.
House Democrats, by contrast, averaged a 96 percent party unity score overall, leading to criticism by Republicans that they are a "rubber stamp" for Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

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POLITICAL SCORECARD

REP. THOMAS WRIGHT. The Wilmington Democrat, currently under investigation, was the only member of his party in the House — other than Speaker Joe Hackney — not appointed to a budget negotiating committee.

MUNICIPAL INTERNET ACCESS. A bill to limit towns and cities from offering high-speed Internet services passed a committee despite protests from Internet advocates and some rural mayors.

EARL SCRUGGS. The legendary bluegrass player and Shelby native was honored last week by the General Assembly, along with the late Don Gibson, for his contributions to the world of music.
Nancy Murray
Middleton Jenkins

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Room w/ view, and tanning bed

Students enjoy new apartment perk

BY PEGGY LIM
STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — Between college classes, Rebekah Hales, 20, can squeeze in trips to Maui or Waikiki. That is — two tanning rooms at University Suites, an apartment complex near N.C. State University.

Alongside more typical features such as pools and fitness centers, tanning beds are becoming a hot amenity in apartments that cater to students. The trend worries dermatologists, who warn that increased exposure to ultraviolet rays for young people can increase their risk of skin cancer.

Students such as Hales aren't too concerned yet. The Meredith College junior loves sporting a tan, especially for strapless dresses she wears to spring and fall formals. She was psyched about no longer having to fork over $20 to $30 a month for memberships at a tanning salon. Last month she moved into University Suites, where tanning beds come free with rent.

"Now, I can go any time I want to," said Hales, pink after a session lathered in Mojo Bronzing Sauce. Every few days, wearing little else besides protective goggles, Hales hops into a clamshell bed lined with light bulbs.

North Carolina has about 9,000 tanning beds or booths listed with the state Radiation Protection Section, which regulates their use. Tanning beds show up in salons and odd places from backyard sheds and video stores to gas stations and coin laundries.

University Suites, off Tryon Road near NCSU's Centennial Campus, installed tanning beds in 2003. They were an immediate hit with students, said Barbara Oaks, regional manager.

"Prior to spring break, we tan from about 10 a.m. until 7:30 at
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night," she said. "Those two rooms stay solid occupied."

Other apartment managers soon were asking Oaks for advice about tanning beds. About six complexes near NCSU now have at least one or two, and Wolf Creek Apartments off Western Boulevard has five. Apartments near UNC-Chapel Hill also began offering indoor tanning in the past two years.

Many dermatologists, however, warn that tanning — whether indoors or outdoors — can lead to melanoma, the most dangerous form of common skin cancers. Exposure to tanning beds before age 35 can boost risk of melanoma by 75 percent, according to a study published in March by the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

"If you have it as an amenity, that might lead to more frequent use if it's available all the time," said Nancy Thomas, an associate professor of dermatology at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Clayton Garland, a senior in professional golf management at NCSU, said he probably wouldn’t go out of his way to tan if beds weren’t offered where he lives. He wanted a deeper tan and discovered the beds at University Suites to be a quick option.

"You can tan for 20 minutes, and you're good," Garland said. "If you're busy, it's tough to lie out by the pool for an hour."

Garland feels safer sliding into a tanning bed than sunning outside, because the beds automatically cut off after a set time limit, no more than 20 minutes.

"You know you're not going to burn," he said.

Safety concerns

But dermatologists say the absence of burns is no proof tanning beds are safe. Tanning beds emit concentrated doses of UVA radiation. Although UVA rarely causes sunburn, it can inflict deep skin damage.

Tanning industry groups counter that tanning beds can have health benefits, such as aiding the body in producing vitamin D. They say building a "base tan" can even help vacationers increase their exposure to UV light without burning — something dermatologists dispute.

University Suites employees say they caution residents about the risks. They plaster their tanning rooms with posters, reminding tanners of the state law to wear protective goggles. And they advise students on tanning schedules for their skin types.

Hales, the Meredith junior, hopes tanning indoors with moderation is no more harmful than what she'd be doing otherwise: soaking up rays outdoors.

"I understand skin cancer is really prominent right now," she said. "But lying out in the sun is just as bad."

HOW DO TANNING BEDS WORK?

Commercial tanning beds, usually equipped with 24 to 60 body-length bulbs, emit concentrated amounts of UV radiation, predominantly UVA radiation. The UVA exposure from a tanning bed is about five times more than what someone would get in the same period outdoors. The maximum exposure time in most beds is 20 minutes. Most people start off with a few minutes and work up to longer sessions through regular visits.

WHAT CAUSES SKIN TO TAN?

Skin is composed of three layers: the epidermis, or outermost layer; the dermis, or middle layer; and the subcutis, or basement layer. The dermis contains collagen, elastin and other fibers that support the skin's structure. When UV rays hit the skin, cells in the dermis scramble to produce melanin to the epidermis. This process creates a tan — as skin attempts to block the radiation.

ARE THERE ANY SAFE FORMS OF TANNING?

Dermatologists say spray-on tans, where a person stands in a booth and is misted with bronzers, are safe. Some people complain, however, spray-on tans can look "orange-y" or splotchy over time.

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NCCU selects chancellor

Indiana educator will lead school

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CHAPEL HILL — By the time he determined that Charlie Nelms was the perfect fit for N.C. Central University, Cressie Thigpen also realized Nelms may need some convincing.

Though the Indiana University administrator had applied for NCCU’s chancellorship, he wouldn’t automatically accept it if offered. He had made that clear in the past when he turned down an offer to head Tennessee State University and when he withdrew from at least two other searches after being named a finalist.

So Thigpen, chairman of NCCU’s board of trustees, “went courtin’.” He called. He coaxed. He sent an informational care package from local chambers of commerce in a gesture he likened to sending flowers. Then he e-mailed a news account of an NCCU fundraising success — an act he compared to sending chocolates.

It took some doing, but Thigpen got his man.

Nelms was introduced Friday as NCCU’s new chancellor, a post he’ll assume officially Aug. 1. He’ll be paid $258,000 annually, which actually amounts to a pay cut. His salary is $265,500 at Indiana University, where he is vice president for institutional development and student affairs.

“I knew it may take some extra work to get him here,” Thigpen said Friday. “I think he was looking for the right fit.”

Nelms’ down-home roots and his respect for the vital role of historically black colleges and universities such as NCCU were key factors in his candidacy and the decision to hire him.

He mentioned both several times Friday, first during his election by the UNC system’s Board of Governors in Chapel Hill and later at a reception at NCCU.

Nelms told members of NCCU’s search committee last month it was his life’s dream to lead a historically black institution.

Nelms grew up in Arkansas, one of 11 children. His home had no electricity, so Nelms passed the time reading and memorizing poetry. Nelms attended the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff — like NCCU, a historically black institution — in the 1960s.

Though his academic career sent him to a number of places, rural Arkansas and his alma mater, called Arkansas AM&N when he went there, never really left him. Nelms presents himself as proof that the historically black college — and education in general — can be the engine by which disadvantaged students can excel.
 Nelms' appreciation for the role of schools such as NCCU clearly scored some points Friday among the more than 200 people who packed the student union to hear him speak for the first time on campus. But his wide range of experiences was also viewed as an asset.

"He went to a historically black university], and he worked at an

HBU, and that's important, but he's also worked in a lot of places and has broad experience," said William Smith, a former chairman of NCCU's board of trustees and current member of the UNC system board. "You want someone who has seen things done differently elsewhere."

Nelms succeeds James Ammons, who spent six years on the Durham campus and left this month to lead Florida A&M University. In his tenure in Durham, Ammons boosted enrollment significantly, making NCCU the fastest-growing campus in the UNC system.

That growth, and the positive message that comes with it, caught Nelms' eye, the new chancellor said Friday.

At Indiana, Nelms has spent good deal of time working on academic issues such as boosting enrollment and retaining students experience that should serve him well at a university growing quickly but struggling to make those students successful.

Several months ago, UNC system President Erskine Bowles ordered the NCCU search committee to find candidates who are proven, community-minded leaders who can improve upon existing strengths and raise money.

Bingo. Nelms has led two midwestern institutions — the University of Michigan at Flint and Indiana University's Richmond campus. He has undertaken a number of large administrative initiatives for the eight-campus Indiana University system, and he has had fundraising success as well. While chancellor of Michigan-Flint, he secured $75 million in private gifts.

Even with short hair and light, salt-and-pepper beard, Nelms seems a young 60. A former marathon runner who still exercises every morning, Nelms speaks in a rapid, excited staccato and exudes energy. Already adorned with an NCCU necklace and lapel pin Friday morning, Nelms worked the student union crowd like a seasoned politician.

And he did his homework. When Provost Beverly Washington Jones — a popular administrator who was the favorite of many on campus for the chancellorship — demonstrated the wrist-over-wrist flapping motion NCCU folks use to simulate an eagle taking flight, Nelms deftly demonstrated his mastery of the gesture.

CHARLIE NELMS

AGE: 60
CURRENT POSITION: Indiana University's vice president for institutional development and student affairs
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in agronomy and chemistry from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 1968; master's degree in higher education and student affairs, 1971, and doctorate in higher education administration, 1977, both from Indiana University
PARTIAL WORK HISTORY: Chancellor and professor of education, University of Michigan-Flint, 1994 to 1998; chancellor and professor of education, Indiana University East (Richmond), 1987 to 1994; vice president for student services, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio, 1984 to 1987; associate dean for academic affairs, Indiana University Northwest (Gary), 1978 to 1984; associate director, Center for Human Development and Education Services, and assistant professor of education, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 1977 to 1978
FAMILY: Married to Jeanetta Sherrod Nelms, director of the 21st Century Scholars Program at Indiana University-Bloomington; a son, Rashad Z. Nelms, a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, is a policy officer with the United Nations World Food Programme

Bowles, who selected Nelms from the pool of three finalists, was practically bursting with glee Friday over the hiring.

"Just listen to him!" Bowles said after Nelms was named to the post. "Every time this guy speaks, you can tell he gets it. He understands the important role a university plays in a community and a state."

Kent Williams Jr., a rising junior from Raleigh, attended Friday's campus reception and came away impressed. Williams, who is involved in student government, said he hopes Nelms will not only listen to student concerns but take them seriously.

"So far, I'm excited," Williams said following Nelms' short campus address, "He has an impressive resume."

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Grant aims to increase math, science teachers

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CHAPEL HILL — A new effort to produce more high school math and science teachers in North Carolina will be supported by a $5.3 million grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, UNC President Erskine Bowles announced Friday.

The grant to the UNC system will help recruit and train 120 Burroughs Wellcome Fund Scholars during the next three years at four universities — N.C. Central University, N.C. State University, UNC-Asheville and UNC-Chapel Hill.

"The resources and incentives that this program are going to make available to these students, they are really phenomenal," Bowles said. "And I am positive it will enable us to recruit more people to go into the field of education, and particularly more people with strong math and science backgrounds."

The program will allow junior and senior math and science majors at the universities to earn high school teacher certification on a fast track along with their bachelor's degrees. The program will include condensed education courses, $6,500 annual scholarships and classroom internships with intensive mentoring.

Finally, graduates who become licensed science or math teachers in a North Carolina public school will receive salary supplements up to $5,000 annually for up to five years.

"Now, that's a huge incentive," Bowles said.

Queta Bond, president of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, said the program is modeled on one in Texas that has shown success in turning out qualified math and science teachers.

"What we really need is people who major in math and science and have the teaching credentials as well," Bond said. "We really want to see those deep-content teachers produced."

There is a chronic shortage of math and science teachers in North Carolina and across the United States. Bowles said two-thirds of students in U.S. high schools studying chemistry and physics are taught by teachers who aren't certified or didn't major in those fields.

Last year, UNC campuses produced 4,000 prospective teachers, but only about 1,000 were in the high-need areas of science, math, middle grades or special education.

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