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In another incident Monday, an ECU student was beaten and robbed by a group of four to five juveniles on Cotanche Street.

By Michael Abramowitz
The Daily Reflector

Two Greenville crime victims fought back when attacked Monday, with drastically different results. One was shot twice and robbed, and the other shot his robbers.

John Thomas White, 29, was shot twice in the lower leg with what he described as a semi-automatic handgun when he resisted three young males who came out of the dark at his Brookwood Drive apartment. White said he was arriving home at about 9:30 p.m. when the men approached and told him to go inside and give them his belongings.

"I grabbed (the gunman) by the arm and we tussled," White said. "The gun went off three or four times, and I didn't even know I was hit the first time.

"Then he got away from me and turned and shot me — 'pow' — in the leg again," White said.

Still, White said, he went after the gunman again, but the man "put the gun back to my head and told me to give him my money," White said.

He gave up some money, his cell phone, his bicycle and some bank cards, after which the robbers took off on foot, White said.

He said he was determined not to quit without a fight.

"This is Greenville, and I know there's a lot of gang ac-

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assault inflicting serious injury, Gaskins said.
Police arrested Thomas Quante James, 18, of 3007 Ellsworth Drive and charged him with common law robbery. He was held at the Pitt County Detention Center on a $25,000 unsecured bond.
Also arrested was Sunil Persaud, 18, of 201 Ravenwood Drive, charged with common law robbery. Persaud also was being held at the Pitt County Detention Center on a $25,000 unsecured bond.
Police placed a 14-year-old juvenile suspect into secured custody. Their investigation revealed that the juvenile suspect was responsible for the planning of the crime, Gaskins said.
Police arrested a fifth suspect Tuesday afternoon — Kevin Haynie, 17, of 2421 Lillington Court. Charges against Haynie are pending, Gaskins said.
He said police have not determined whether the delivery driver had a permit for the gun, but are investigating its ownership.
In a third incident Monday, an East Carolina University student was riding his bicycle home from the Sheetz store at 10th Street and Charles Boulevard at 12:30 a.m. when he was beaten and robbed by a group of four to five juveniles at 810 Catanche St., according to a police report and information given by his mother.
"He was surprised that it happened on a busy street with cars driving by," his mother said. "Other than a knot on the head and being very frightened, he's OK."
No weapon was reported used in the attack on the student, other than the assailants' hands.
No arrests were made and no suspects have been named in the incidents, police reports showed.
Gaskins did not offer department support or objection when asked about resisting armed robber's the way White and the Chanellos Pizza delivery man did.
"Every individual situation is a judgment that the person there must make at the time they confront it," Gaskins said.

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UHS, PCMH budgets approved by board

By Tom Marine
The Daily Reflector

The Board of Directors for University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina approved Tuesday the fiscal year 2009 budgets for Pitt County Memorial Hospital and UHS.

Both budgets go into effect on October 1.

The UHS budget projects more than $1.12 billion in operating revenue, $1.07 billion for operating expenses and about $45 million in excess of revenues over expenses, according to the proposed budget.

As for PCMH, its budget projects nearly $882 million in operating revenues and $825 million for operating expenses, creating more than $26 million in excess of revenue over expenses.

Compared to last year, the hospital is budgeting more for operating revenue and expenses and less for excess of revenues over expenses.

David Hughes, vice president of financial services for PCMH, said the projected amount of excess of revenues over expenses is lower because the hospital will be adding 60 new beds in January and another 40 in October 2009.

"That is a huge increase in the percentage of our patient capacity," Hughes said.

As a result, Hughes said, the effect of hiring and training new nurses to work the second...
BUDGET BREAKDOWN

The fiscal year 2009 budgets for Pitt County Memorial Hospital and University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina project:

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set of beds — which will not bring in additional revenue until the next year — has an effect on their budget.

Also at Tuesday’s meeting, PCMH President Steve Lawler updated board members on the hospital’s key strategies for 2008, concerning people, quality, services, finances and growth.

Lawler’s presentation featured last year’s goals and what it has done to achieve them. Goals included engaging in open employee communications, increasing cultural diversity in the workplace and demonstrating continuous improvement in organizational performance.

The hospital did reach many of its goals, he said, including holding employee forums, logging a 3-percent reduction in overall mortality and having higher than expected retention rates.

Lawler said PCMH employees must continue working on improving patient satisfaction, which was below target.

During the health sciences report, Phyllis Horns, interim dean of the Brody School of Medicine, said the dean searches for the medical school and the new dental school continue to go well.

Horns said the class size for the Brody School grew to 73 students this year, and will climb to 76 students next fall and 80 students next year.

Likewise, she said, the College of Nursing will continue to accept 130 students each semester, helping fill the need for nurses in the state.

“The nursing school has stepped up to be an active player in that arena,” Horns said.

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Senate offers revised budget

The proposal would allow for a 7 percent raise for teachers, but only if the state brings in more revenue than expected.

By Gary D. Robertson
The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Gov. Mike Easley could meet his goal to raise teacher pay to the national average before he leaves office, thanks to language in the Senate's proposed budget — but only if the economy cooperates.

The $21.4 billion spending plan for state government released Tuesday would permit Easley to raise teacher salaries by more than the average 3 percent in the Senate's plan, if state coffers receive more money than officials currently project.

Easley, who leaves office in January, said he wants a nearly 7 percent average increase to keep a promise that he and legislative leaders made in 2005 to reach the national average this coming school year.

Teachers have received big pay raises the past two years when the state had billion-dollar surpluses.

Times are tougher this year, and leaders in both the Senate and the House, which also passed a 3 percent increase in its budget two weeks ago, said there wasn't enough money to go higher. Neither chamber wanted to raise taxes as Easley suggested.

Senate leaders said the best they can do for now is give Easley the power to raise salaries if the economy picks up.

"We're telling schoolteachers that we care about them and we are concerned about their level of compensation and getting them to the national average is something that we've long wanted to do," said Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland. "So if things get better, then we'll try to do a little better."

The budget legislation easily cleared three Senate committees Tuesday and is expected on the floor Wednesday for the first of two required votes.
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The bill said that Easley and the Legislature would examine revenue numbers through October and determine if collections for taxes are ahead of projections. Half of any surplus — up to $200 million — could be used to reduce the difference between the state average and the national average in teacher pay.

Raising teacher salaries by 1 percentage point costs $57 million for a full year.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, the state is expected to get $151 million more than lawmakers projected. Few people believe the economic picture for the rest of the calendar year will be rosier.

"Let's hope that the economy gets better than we think," said Cecil Banks, a lobbyist for the North Carolina Association of Educators, the state's largest teacher lobbying group.

The average salary for a teacher with 15 years of experience in North Carolina is $46,319, compared with the national average of $49,520, according to Easley's office.

The House didn't have the salary provision in its budget and would have to agree to it in conference committee. Legislative leaders hope to send a compromise budget to Easley for his signature by July 1.

Rep. Mickey Michaux, senior co-chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, was skeptical about the teacher pay provision because of the authority it gives Easley. And Michaux said the economy isn't strong enough to generate the revenues.

"Give me a break. I don't see it happening," said Michaux, D-Durham.

The Senate budget, most of which was released Monday in subcommittee meetings, spends $15.5 million more overall than the House does, adding money toward university enrollment and Easley's More at Four preschool initiative.

The Senate also would borrow more than $670 million, or $120 million more than the House, for university buildings, four prison additions totaling 1,500 beds and other projects. The borrowing doesn't require statewide voter approval.

Senators would spend less on fuel for school buses than the House and would delay or suspend enrollment for two health insurance programs for children in low- and middle-income families.

The two chambers also have agreed on approving $50 million in tax cuts or credits, but they have different opinions on who should get the breaks.

"We have a lot of work to do," Easley said in a prepared statement. "We hope we can make more progress in conference (committee) after everybody quits fighting over the money we don't have."
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

PCMH and UHS do not call their "excess revenues" a profit, and we asked them why.

Here's their explanation:

"As a not-for-profit health care organization, University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina does not make a 'profit.' Generally, profits are extra revenue that businesses redistribute to shareholders.

"Our 'shareholders' are the people in the communities we serve. Any funds that remain after all expenses are paid are re-invested back into the system to help save lives. These funds help pay for additional services to the people of eastern North Carolina, such as new catheterization labs, or new buildings to house expanded services, such as a new Children's Hospital."
Wyatt joins Pirate hoops coaching staff

The Daily Reflector

Jocelyn Wyatt has been named assistant women’s basketball coach at East Carolina, head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener announced Tuesday.

Wyatt spent the past two seasons as a graduate assistant at Georgia.

"I am very excited about the addition of Jocelyn Wyatt to our staff," Baldwin-Tener said. "She is a very motivated and driven person and she will be a great asset for ECU basketball on the court, in recruiting and in the community. Her energy and enthusiasm is contagious."

During her two years at Georgia, the Lady Bulldogs compiled a 50-17 overall record, including a 19-9 mark in SEC play.

Wyatt graduated from Appalachian State University, where she was a three-year letterwinner. She made 31 starts in 83 career games played for the Mountaineers, including 21 of 28 games as a senior, while she averaged 9.3 points per game.

Maness honored

East Carolina freshman pitcher Seth Maness was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings NCAA Atlantic Region second team, the association announced Tuesday afternoon.

— ECU Media Relations
After eight years, Moeser takes stock

BY ERIC FERRERI
STAFF WRITER

CHAPEL HILL - After eight years as chancellor at UNC-Chapel Hill, James Moeser is getting ready to leave South Building, catch his breath, and eventually return to campus as a music professor.

He sat down recently to chat with The News & Observer. The following are excerpts.

OK, NOT BEING THE BOSS ANYMORE:
"I think there will be big adjustments. We've been very spoiled. For the last eight years, and four before that, other than the times I would block out on my calendar for private time, basically my calendar is not mine. I get a calendar every week, and people tell me what I'm doing. Now I look at my calendar starting July 1, and I get to fill it in. In one sense, there's a sense of liberation from almost literally being tied to a treadmill. But there's also the feeling of being out of the stream. There's freedom, but there's also the lack of structure and the lack of doing things that are important. I don't really know how I'll relate to it until I do it. On the other hand, I'm looking at the other hand as an interim, not as a rest of my life. I'm not ready to stop doing, to stop being active."

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ON HOW UNC-CH HAS CHANGED:
"I heard somebody say the other day Carolina got its swagger back. I don't like to say that because it suggests arrogance, and this place is anything but arrogant. But when I came here in 2000, this place was reeling from the death of [former chancellor] Michael Hooker. It was reeling from a lack of leadership. There were vacancies. Michael himself had his own, rather, how should we say, confrontational relationship with the faculty. So there was, I wouldn't quite characterize it as malaise, but there was a lack of confidence here. And I think, eight years later, there's a tremendous sense of confidence here and knowledge that this is one of the top universities in the country."

ON NOT HAVING NORTH CAROLINA ROOTS:
"North Carolinians place a high premium on that — sometimes I think too much, by the way. I knew that, and I made a point that nobody was going to know more about the history of the place. I was never going to be ignorant of the history and culture of the university and the state. The culture of the place is unique. I'm convinced, however, that this university and every great institution needs a balance and infusion of new ideas. There's always a danger of academic incest and cultural incest, which ultimately leads to mediocrity and complacency. It's a very bad idea for universities to hire their own graduates. It ought to be the exception. You really need to bring people in from the outside. And I think we've actually established a really good balance."

HIGH AND LOW POINTS:
"I can't choose only one. The day I was installed, the grand celebration of the completion of the Carolina First campaign, the Final Four in St. Louis, that would be three. Low point: Eve Carson's murder, and also 9/11. Those were really traumatic things."

ON THE IMPACT THAT EVE CARSON, THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT SLAIN EARLIER THIS YEAR, HAD ON CAMPUS:
"It was quite unusual. I didn't realize until her death. I knew she was extraordinary, but I wasn't aware of all the things she was doing."

ON THE LASTING EFFECT OF THE UNIVERSITY'S USE IN 2002 OF A BOOK ABOUT THE QURAN FOR ITS SUMMER READING PROGRAM:
"It established Chapel Hill as a citadel of academic freedom. We reaffirmed the purpose for why public education was created. We can confront our demons, whatever they may be."

ON THE SUCCESS OF THE CAROLINA COVENANT, THE FOUR-YEAR-OLD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS:
"It's a compelling story. I think people see the virtue in it. It was intended to send a signal that while we are academically selective, we are not economically unreachable. Stay in school. Take a college prep course. There is a rainbow at the end if you work hard enough."

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Universities fire 3 in computer case

Report: They downloaded porn, movies

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DURHAM — N.C. Central University has fired two employees after a state audit found they had downloaded pornography, movies and other digital files using university software and computers.

A separate state audit report, also released Tuesday, said an operations and systems analyst at N.C. State University also had downloaded movies onto his university laptop. He, too, was fired.

The NCCU report said a database administrator and an information technology manager acknowledged using university computers to download porn, music, movies, games and software. The database administrator told auditors he downloaded about 100 movies, at least some of which were pornographic, according to the report. He said all the materials were for personal use and he did not sell copies of them, the report states.

The employees were not identified.

The audit also found that NCCU did not oversee the information technology division adequately. As a result, a number of items, including iPods, GPS systems, Blackberrys and cameras, had been purchased for no particular university purpose.

One employee told an auditor he bought the GPS system because “he likes toys,” according to the report.

The audit was done at the behest of the school, which found the violations and forwarded its findings to the UNC system and on to state officials. One recommendation: a more rigorous look into the backgrounds of potential hires.

The report on the N.C. State employee said he might have downloaded 400 movies. The report said he deleted material from his university laptop to conceal inappropriate use.

The employee told auditors he used the university software to download movies because it “provided faster downloads as compared to his dial-up connection at his home,” the report said.

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