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Class starts Wednesday for East Carolina students

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As undergraduates began moving back into the residence halls at East Carolina University on Thursday, ECU officials announced they once again expect a record number of students.

University officials estimate about 27,000 students will be enrolled for the fall semester, roughly 1,000 more than last year. More than 5,500 students will be moving into residence halls this weekend, causing university housing officials to assign off-campus housing at

WEB POLL: Are you happy the students are coming back? Vote in our poll on the reflector.com home page.

North Campus Crossing and Bellamy Suites
to 280 first-year students.

Classes begin Wednesday, although the fall semester officially kicks off Monday with the annual faculty convocation, featuring ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard.

"The beginning of a new school year is always a great time to be on campus," said John

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Durham, executive director of University Communications for ECU. "We welcome all of the incoming students back and look forward to a very successful year."

Similar to the rest of the university, the medical school also is growing. It expects to have 285 students enrolled in its M.D. program and its largest entering class of 76 students.

In addition to the growing student body, ECU will welcome more than 130 new faculty members and three new deans to campus, including the founding dean of the new School of Dentistry, James R. Rupp. Linda Patriarca, the dean of the College of Education, and Dr. Paul R.G. Cunningham, the dean of the Brody School of Medicine and senior associate vice chancellor for medical affairs.

ECU also named Judy Sigauw dean of the College of Human Ecology and she will begin her duties in January.

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Mary Garrard part of exclusive wife's club

By Jane Welborn Hudson
The Daily Reflector.

Mary Knox Garrard is part of an exclusive club — the wives of starting quarterbacks in the National Football League.

The Robersonville native met her husband-to-be, David Garrard, when they both were attending East Carolina University. Friends introduced them at a tennis get-together in 1998.

"As Dave recalls, he asked (ECU punter) Kevin (Miller) to introduce us and since then we have been inseparable," Mary says. "The funny thing was that"

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for about a week, I had no idea that he was 'the' David Garrard.

In 2002, David proposed in a very public way — via the stadium Jumbotron at a pre-season game. Now the couple has a son, Justin, who will celebrate his first birthday in September.

"I think the most exciting thing" about being married to a professional quarterback "would have to be the games," Mary says. "He is the one that everyone is watching and cheering for. Not many women get to watch their husbands perform their jobs, much less while they are performing in front of 60,000-70,000 people ... When he scores a touchdown, he raises his hands to God first, then he bangs his chest for me. It amazes me that even during such an intense moment, he thinks of me."

The hardest thing about being married to a professional quarterback?

"Losing," she says.
ECU officials examining chancellor's residence

• Growth of the university prompts discussion on whether the house is large enough and if it's in the right location.

BY JOSH HUMPHRIES
The Daily Reflector

East Carolina University is the third-largest public university in North Carolina with the fifth-largest chancellor's residence and university officials are considering changing that.

Officials are investigating the possibility of renovating Chancellor Steve Ballard's residence or building a new one.

The chancellor's residence committee met Thursday to discuss the house at 503 E. Fifth St. that was purchased by the university in 1948, when the school had around 1,500 students.

"The residence is a nice place," said ECU trustee David Redwine, who chairs the committee.

"It was very functional for many years, but as the university has grown there has been conversation about whether it is in the right location, whether it is functional enough and would it be good to attract a new chancellor someday."

The largest chancellor's residence is at UNC-Chapel Hill at 12,450 square feet. ECU's house is 7,016 square feet.

The committee discussed the house's proximity to nearby fraternity houses, heavy foot traffic along Fifth Street at night and several acts of vandalism and disruption at the house.

"We have got to be competitive," ECU Trustee Mark Tipton said.

"This is not about Steve and Nancy Ballard as much as it is about moving forward and making East Carolina university the best it can be."

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The committee formed two sub-committees, one to investigate renovating the house and one to investigate a location to build a new one or purchase an existing house. Since fall 2006, the board has considered and rejected a series of proposals to improve on the chancellor’s 503 E. Fifth St. home.

The suggestions have included:

- Buying a larger house near campus but no suitable properties were available, according to documents given to the board in November.
- Building a new house in the Rock Springs area, a suggestion from Tipton that drew little other support, according to the trustee documents.
- Giving the chancellor a housing allowance. The University of North Carolina General Administration does not allow such a stipend, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Kevin Seitz said.
- Buying an adjacent property, demolishing it and building an expansion onto the current chancellor’s residence. Officials originally dismissed the proposal because of likely neighborhood resistance but may still consider it.

The university also bought a neighboring house, at 501 E. Fifth St., with plans of turning it into a guest house. The suggestion was made that the chancellor could live in the second house and the university could use his current house to hold functions and house guests upstairs.

SGA President Andrew Griffin said that he would like to see the chancellor’s house remain close to the university, so that the residence is not figuratively and literally removed from the students.

“The house has a lot of sentimental value, but functionally it is not serving the purpose of what we should have for a chancellor’s residence,” Seitz said.

The committee discussed finding ways around the essential problems with the house, including parking, catering and safety issues.

The sub-committees will reveal by December where they stand with their research and may have proposals before the full board of trustees by next spring.

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Former UNC-Chapel Hill chancellor dies

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL — Dr. Christopher C. Fordham III, the only medical doctor to serve as chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, died Thursday, school officials said. He was 81.

"He had an uncommon sense of devotion to this place," UNC President Emeritus William Friday said.

As chancellor from 1980 to 1988, Fordham oversaw a major revision of the undergraduate curriculum and led the push to significantly boost faculty research funding, which grew from $56 million to $105 million.

Under Fordham’s leadership, the state increased the university’s budget. He renewed the focus on private fundraising, putting Carolina among the nation’s top 20 public institutions for contributions and increasing the endowment from $30 million to $130 million.
Our Views

Moving in

East Carolina springs to life again

The low-key summer in Greenville to which residents may have grown accustomed is drawing to a close. This weekend, East Carolina University will welcome the return of thousands of students back to campus, breathing renewed life into the heart of the city.

Town and gown have strengthened their relationship in recent years, and move-in weekend should be welcomed by all who call this city home. But just as area residents should exercise tolerance and understanding with their young neighbors, students should recognize their obligation to be informed and respectful community members as well.

East Carolina has served as the anchor of Greenville since it selected the city as its seat in 1907. Its achievements in the classroom or on the sports field have been shared among the residents of this community, as is the disappointment of its setbacks. With connections to the university nearly ubiquitous across eastern North Carolina, this is a region that approaches all matter of purple and gold with seriousness and sensitivity.

This year, the university will welcome its largest student body in school history. Though freshmen may be the most easily recognized members of the East Carolina community — wandering across campus, wide-eyed, with map in hand — thousands of students will be pouring into downtown Greenville for the fall semester, a number expected to approach 27,000. That process begins this weekend, as residence halls provide the backdrop for tearful good-byes and the start of lasting relationships.

These students are entering some of their most critical years, the period in which they will acquire their professional skills and that will define their world view. They come to Greenville for that experience, and the city bears an important obligation to accommodate their needs. University communities have no choice but to operate with sensitivity to this obligation, and certainly this city does that.

But responsibility does not rest on residents' shoulders alone. Students must also strive to be committed members of this community, respecting their surroundings while immersing themselves in it. It is a delicate balance to be sure.

Thankfully, officials with both city and school have a strong relationship, one that works to smooth those rough edges where students and residents interact. And both sides are quick to admit their failings and strive for improvement.

Greenville's seasons turn with the university's calendar — from move-in weekend through fall semester, to spring and commencement. These are the landmarks that help define this city, and help to forge the community which we all share.
Former UNC-CH chancellor dies at 81

BY ERIC FERRERI
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CHAPEL HILL - Former UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III has died. Fordham died early Thursday at UNC Hospitals after a period of declining health. He was 81.

He served as chancellor from 1980 to 1988, succeeding N. Pernice Taylor. A former dean of UNC-CH's medical school, Fordham is credited with, among other things, helping to create the Area Health Education Centers program, a collection of rural medical clinics across the state.

He also oversaw a major undergraduate curriculum revision, and research funding ballooned on his watch, growing from $56 million at the start of his tenure to $105 million at the end, university officials said.

Fordham was a student of the university and understood it well, said UNC President Emeritus William Friday, who recommended Fordham for the top job in Chapel Hill.

"He gathered his educational strength here at the university," Friday said. "He had an uncommon sense of devotion to this place. There were no limits on his hours and dedication. He lived the work."

Fordham renewed focus on private giving, putting UNC-CH among the nation's top 20 public institutions for contributions and increasing the endowment from $30 million to $130 million, officials said. And the campus went through a building boom during his tenure; the Dean E. Smith Center, Sitterson Hall, the Hanes Art Center, the Kenan Center and Davis Library were all built on his watch.

A native of Greensboro, Fordham was a UNC undergraduate for three years before joining the next-to-last class of students enrolled in the university's two-year medical program, the precursor to its full-fledged medical school. He earned a pre-medical degree and a certificate in medicine. He later attended and graduated from Harvard Medical School.

He joined the UNC-CH medical school faculty in 1958 and became dean in 1971.

In a Carolina Alumni Review article examining his tenure as chancellor, Fordham said one of his most distinct memories was of student-led anti-apartheid shantytown protests on Polk Place. Students demanded that the university not invest with companies that did business with South Africa.

"I sided with the students basically, and it was a wonderful thing that the chief administrative officer of the campus was going against [the trustees'] wishes on a matter of principle," Fordham told the alumni magazine.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the University Methodist Church, 150 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill.

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Former supporter criticizes Edwards

BY LORENZO PEREZ
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It's not just Jay Leno and the other late-night talk show hosts who are taking shots at former Sen. John Edwards.

Edwards' confession to an extramarital affair drew a mocking review from one of his former strategists, who called Edwards' "Nightline" interview "breath-takingly cynical."

Posting Wednesday on his Talking About Politics blog, Democrat Gary Pearce called Edwards' confession "a spectacular failure," raising more questions than it answered about the relationship of the former senator and presidential candidate with videographer Rielie Hunter.

"The more he talked, the deeper he dug the hole," wrote Pearce, Edwards' former Senate campaign manager for his 1998 U.S. Senate race.

On Friday, Edwards gave an interview to ABC's Bob Woodruff in which he said he had had an affair with Hunter, who had worked for his campaign. Edwards' appearance came after a series of National Enquirer stories.

The Enquirer has asserted in recent stories that Edwards is the father of Hunter's daughter, who was born Feb. 27. Edwards said in the ABC interview that he was not the father and would submit to a paternity test. But a day later, a lawyer for Hunter said she would not make her daughter available for the test.

Edwards has not spoken publicly since the interview Friday. Meantime, the Enquirer has been joined by traditional outlets as well as entertainment news programs in pursuing the story:

Given Edwards' performance in his ABC interview, Pearce wrote, the former senator no longer gets the benefit of the doubt. "Earth to John: The National Enquirer now officially has more credibility than you do," Pearce wrote.

Contacted Thursday, Pearce said many Democrats in Raleigh feel angry, betrayed and embarrassed by Edwards.

"People gave up time and volunteered for him," Pearce said. "They're the angriest."

Since posting to his blog Wednesday, Pearce said he has gotten only positive responses.
Illegals may enjoy a brief college life

Doors could open as issue is studied

By Kristin Collins
Staff Writer

The doors to North Carolina’s community colleges may open again to illegal immigrants—but possibly not for long.

Members of the State Board of Community Colleges said Thursday that illegal immigrants should be admitted until the board can complete a study and develop a permanent policy for the state’s 58 campuses. The study, to be done by an outside consultant, is expected to be authorized by the full board today. It is the colleges’ attempt to navigate a charged political atmosphere.

Several state politicians have already promised to try to pass laws this year that would deny admission to illegal immigrants, effectively nullifying any decision the board makes. Both candidates for governor have come out against college education for illegal immigrants. And this week, U.S. Rep. Sue Myrick, a Charlotte Republican, said she plans to introduce a bill in September that would withhold federal funding from colleges and universities that knowingly admit illegal immigrants.

During a committee meeting Thursday, some board members said they had gotten heated messages from constituents on both sides of the issue.

In that environment, they said, there is no sense in making a hasty decision. Some said a well-researched policy could dissuade lawmakers from getting involved.

“This study will be critical to

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'I'm against allowing illegal immigrants who can never work legally in North Carolina to attend community colleges in North Carolina.'

BEVERLY PERDUE

HOW THE ISSUE CAME TO A BOIL

The state's universities have admitted illegal immigrants since 2004. Many of the community college campuses have also allowed them for years. Here's how the issue has evolved:

2007: An unverified complaint that a student was dismissed from a community college for being illegal prompts a new look at the system policy. The community colleges had long had an open-door admissions policy, but were allowed in 2004 to set their own regulations on illegal immigrants. About a third denied them.

NOVEMBER 2007: A new policy admitting illegal immigrants is outlined in a memo, after community college and state leaders explore whether they should bar illegal immigrants from admission. Officials rely on a 1997 advisory letter from the office of then-Attorney General and now Gov. Mike Easley saying community colleges cannot impose nonacademic criteria for admission.

DECEMBER 2007: The memo becomes public and causes a controversy that makes national news. Martin Lancaster, then president of the community colleges, defends the decision, but the system's attorney asks the Attorney General's Office for advice on the law regarding admission of illegal immigrants.

MAY 7: The state Attorney General's Office advises that public colleges in North Carolina should not admit illegal immigrants as students.

MAY 13: North Carolina community colleges ban illegal immigrants from seeking degrees, a policy that is among the most restrictive in the nation.

JULY 25: Federal immigration officials send a letter to North Carolina officials saying that no law bars the admission of illegal immigrants. The Attorney General's Office changes its advice, saying it is up to the community colleges to set a policy.

AUG. 14: The community colleges board begins crafting a new policy. A committee recommends hiring a consultant and allowing illegal immigrants to attend while they await the results of the study.

BY THE NUMBERS

112 Community college students who were illegal immigrants in the 2006-2007 school year, out of more than 300,000.

$5,300 Annual cost of educating a full-time student at a community college.

$7,465 Out-of-state tuition illegal immigrants pay at community colleges.

Ralls said the board has options if it decides to admit illegal immigrants permanently.

"It is possible to craft policies to support our open-door philosophy while also addressing many of the concerns expressed by North Carolinians," Ralls said.

Ralls said the board could adopt a policy similar to that of the UNC system, which admits only illegal immigrant students who attended U.S. high schools.

He said the out-of-state tuition that illegal immigrants pay is $2,000 more than the cost of instruction, but he said that if board members are concerned about costs not covered by tuition, they could impose additional fees.

He also said they could give priority to in-state students when classes have waiting lists.

Ralls said that even with the unrestricted practice in place before May, only 112 of more than 300,000 students were illegal immigrants in 2006-07.
Going green registers with colleges

For students, it's all about living, learning

By Erica R. Hendry
USA TODAY

Students arriving on campus this month are seeing green — and not just from the money they're spending on tuition.

For example, students coming to George Washington University in Washington, D.C., will start their school year with the university's first "Green Move-In."

Rose Dunnegan, the university's property manager, says the program follows the success of last semester's "Green Move-Out." Student and staff volunteers recycled thousands of pounds of clothing, household items, food and "e-cycling" materials, including cellphones, batteries and computer parts, Dunnegan says.

The Green Move-In includes:

- An online check-in system is an alternative to the paper forms usually distributed to students who move into the dorm rooms.
- Laminated posters with maps and campus information will be posted in residence halls instead of being distributed on paper.
The university's bookstore will sell reusable grocery bags and clothing made from recycled and organic materials.

Students are encouraged to pack items in reusable containers.

There will be designated recycling areas for moving boxes.

Change in San Diego

Freshmen at the University of California-San Diego's Sixth College will move into renovated dorms that are equipped with solar thermal heating, and new carpet and furniture made from recycled material, says Mark Cunningham, the school's executive director of housing, dining and hospitality.

The student residences also will have low-flow shower heads and energy-efficient lighting.

The university will give each on-campus apartment a bucket of eco-friendly cleaning supplies. If that project is successful, Cunningham says, the university will consider giving a year's supply of the products to all apartments.

Cunningham says the efforts supplement existing university programs such as the student-run composting pile and the lab for processing dining-hall oil.

Students also built weather-monitoring stations to help the university be more energy-efficient and to use irrigation water more effectively.

"We're trying to teach habits and encourage lifestyles that will allow these students to become the next sustainable consumers of the world," Cunningham says.

Says Casey Pierzchala, a GWU graduate who now works on campus as an environmental sustainability project assistant: "It's definitely a trend right now. . . . People are becoming more sure of how they impact the environment. The changes that are predicted are in our lifetimes, not our parents', so it's become a little bit more real for us."

A GreenGW Townhouse

Thirty George Washington students will pilot the university's green townhouse. Last year, four students from GreenGW, a student organization devoted to environmental sustainability, lived in a smaller townhouse dedicated to green living. The experiment was so successful that the university moved it to a brick, three-story walk-up this year.

The townhouse is one of the university's living and learning programs, which convert traditional residence halls into themed-based houses that meet specific student academic and lifestyle interests. Residents will have open houses for students who are interested.

Ivey Wohlfield, a senior and president of GreenGW, says some of the house's features -- posted reminders to turn off lights, water monitors and solar panels -- could function anywhere, but what makes this project effective is the residents' commitment to holding one another responsible for how they live.

"There's a need and a want for this kind of lifestyle in the community . . . but there are also many people who aren't quite sure what to do about it," she says. "We're still in that stage, but this is a step in the right direction. It's making 'green' more important in other people's lives."

Jim Schrote, George Washington's director of facilities management, says, "It's really about creating a culture -- and that's a return on the investment worth more than any time or money."