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Gallery at ECU library named in honor of Laupus

The exhibit gallery on the fourth floor of East Carolina University’s Laupus Health Sciences Library has been named in honor of Evelyn Fike Laupus by the Ji and Li Family Foundation.

The foundation, formed in 2002 for humanitarian and educational causes, is directed by Yuandong Ji and his wife, Dr. Chenguang Li of Greenville, and their son, Niuniu Ji of Boca Raton, Fla.

Evelyn Laupus was married almost six years to the late Dr. William Laupus, who served as dean of the ECU School of Medicine from 1975 to 1988, in attendance was former ECU Chancellor Richard Eakin.

Speakers were Dorothy Spencer, director of Laupus Library; Michael Dowdy, vice chancellor for university advancement; Max Ray Joyner, longtime friend; Ruth Moskop, curator and head of history collections for the health sciences library; and Sue Pennington, longtime friend.

Spencer presented Evelyn Laupus, Ji and Li with a medallion of the bronze of William Laupus located at the library entrance.

Li and William Laupus met in 1984 when an ECU medical school delegation visited Tianjin Medical College in Tianjin, China, where Li was an assistant professor of medicine and assigned as interpreter for the group.

During the visit, Laupus learned that Li wanted to move to the United States to be closer to her husband, then a doctoral student at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Forging a lifelong friendship, William Laupus helped Li apply to ECU to study for her doctorate in physiology, which she earned in 1991.

The Laupus family continued to mentor Li and Ji’s family over the years. Li is in

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private practice and business. Her husband and son work in the technology industry.

Ceramic Guild sells mugs

ECU’s Ceramic Guild will hold its 12th annual mug sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Jenkins Fine Arts Building on Fifth Street.

Participants can fill purchased mugs with free coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

Sale proceeds will benefit the guild’s educational and artistic efforts.

For more information on the event or the Ceramic Guild, send an e-mail to ecuceramics@yahoo.com.
East Carolina fans in favor of earlier tailgating time

By Cassandra Lampkin
The Daily Reflector

Extended parking hours for lots near Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium meant more time to socialize and set up tailgating spots for Pirate fans Saturday.

East Carolina University parking lots around the stadium opened six hours before Saturday's 28-21 loss to Southern Mississippi, two hours earlier than they had before the previous home game. ECU Athletics officials opened the lots earlier to ease game-related congestion, according to an ECU news release.

The additional time was a relief for tailgaters like Paul Evans, a 2005 ECU alumnus. "Parking was a mess before the Sept. 8 game against the University of North Carolina," Evans said.

"I had to leave my sleeper sofa behind," because of it, he said. Evans said he'd planned to bring the furniture for a lengthy pregame tailgating session.

Leaving his couch behind, Evans said he parked at Colonial Mall and walked to join friends, who had found closer parking sooner, he said.

This time he and his tailgate group had a more pleasant experience, Evans said. They arrived together at 12:30 p.m., and they parked in the 9900 block of Curry Court.

It's a lot more fun to come earlier and spend the afternoon, said Jessica Connors, an ECU freshman who was with Evans and his friends. Parents of a group of 50 ECU sorority sisters had more time to reunite and mingle before the game.

"We came from New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky to support the girls," said Trish Durant of Wilmington, Va., who has a daughter at ECU.

"It's all about the camaraderie," she said. "We're proud parents."

Fans in the parking lots were very controlled, said Tom Mangus of New Jersey, who has a daughter at ECU. The only suggestions he had concerning parking was that it should be free and there should be more parking lot entertainment, he said. The ECU Marching Pirates should circle tailgaters before the game and T-shirts could be sold, he added.

Otherwise, "I am very impressed," he said.
The Living In Pitt County guide distributed in The Daily Reflector contained several errors.

■ Page 37: In the list of University Health Systems board members, Noel Baucom was omitted.

■ Page 37: The Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center should not be listed as part of Pitt County Memorial Hospital. The cancer center is associated with the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. In addition, the blood and marrow transportation unit has been closed.

■ Pages 15-16, corrections on major employers include:
  Tommy Green is plant manager at NAACO Materials Handling Group; Henry Denny is regional executive of Alliance One International; Yoshihiro Oyobe is president of ASMO Greenville of North Carolina; Mike Brosie is plant manager of Attends Healthcare Products. Robert Circle is plant manager of Pregis. Steve Lawler is president of Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

■ Page 35: David S. Brody of Kinston, vice chairman of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees, is the managing partner of Brody Associates and a former co-owner of Eastern Carolina Coca-Cola.

■ Page 31: Under William E. Laupus Health Sciences Library, the hours are 7:30-12 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 744-2230.
Public Forum

ECU students victimized by ordinance

When I decided to attend East Carolina, I understood that I was about to set off on an adventure that would be rewarding but also tough and sometimes frustrating. However, I was not aware that I would have to worry about myself and my classmates being thrown to the street by the city of Greenville.

As you know, there is a housing ordinance which states that no more than three unrelated persons are allowed to live in a house together. This does not apply to dorms, fraternity houses or apartments. The residential areas surrounding campus are composed largely of students, and the houses in that area have three to six bedrooms and multiple bathrooms. This is surely a better living arrangement than sharing a room with bunk beds and a hall with 50 other guys. Nonetheless, the city takes it upon itself to fine students breaking this ordinance and threatens to kick them on the streets.

How is this fair? Why can't my friends enjoy their five-bedroom, three-bathroom home and pursue their education? There doesn't seem to be a problem with the sorority house next door.

This is bad policy, and it is putting college students on the street. I know of three separate groups of students facing homelessness at the hands of the city.

Drug dealers and illegal immigrants have more representation than the average ECU Pirate, and I think its time someone stood up for us.

So I'm asking you to help me and to help the students that put Greenville on the map. Stand up for those being taken advantage of and help us college students fight homelessness.

CALEB SEAMONE
Greenville
ECU hosting Voyages of Discovery lecture series

The Daily Reflector

The spirit of exploration and discovery that characterized the life of Thomas Harriot is the focus of a new lecture series at East Carolina University.

The Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series will feature four lectures sponsored by ECU's Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences.

The series is an outgrowth of the annual Harriot Lecture devoted to the life work of Thomas Harriot, author of the first English-language publication on the new world, "A Brief and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia."

Although the title refers to Virginia, the area that Harriot helped to explore between 1585-1586 as part of the second expedition sponsored by Sir Walter Raleigh, is known today as Roanoke Island, N.C.

The series will include four lectures:

- "From the Appalachians to the Coastal Plain: North Carolina's Wildflowers and Ecology" will be presented as the inaugural lecture by Peter White at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Science and Technology Building. White is director of the North Carolina Botanical Garden and professor of botany at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a plant ecologist with interests in communities, floristics, biogeography, species richness, conservation biology and disturbance and patch dynamics.

- "On the Origins and Future of Humanity," billed as the premier lecture, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 10 at Wright Auditorium and features world-renowned paleoanthropologist Richard Leakey. A professor of anthropology at Stony Brook University, Leakey and his team of paleoanthropologists have unearthed more than 200 fossils, including "Turkana Boy," a Homo Erectus roughly 1.6 million years old and one of the most complete prehistoric skeletons ever found. Leakey has authored or co-authored more than 100 scientific articles and books, including "The Origins of Humankind, Origins Reconsidered," and "The Sixth Extinction." Tickets for this lecture are available to the public through the ECU ticket office. The lecture

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is free for ECU students and faculty.

■ "Captain Ahab Had a Wife," the Sallie Southall Cotton Lecture, will be presented by Lisa Norling on at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Science and Technology Building. Norling is an associate professor of history at the University of Minnesota. The lecture is based on Norling's award-winning book, "Captain Ahab Had a Wife," which examines gender dynamics in the American whaling industry in the 18th and 19th centuries.

■ "Sir Walter Raleigh and the Elizabethan World of Thomas Harriot," the 2008 Thomas Harriot Lecture, is set for 7 p.m. April 11 in the Science and Technology Building. Mark Nicholls, a professor and librarian of St. John's College, Cambridge University, will present the lecture. A noted scholar of the life and times of Sir Walter Raleigh and his scholar-associate, Thomas Harriot, Nicholls is the author of several books on the era of Raleigh and the Roanoke Voyages to the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Except for the Oct. 10 lecture, the series is free. For more information, call series director John Tucker at 328-1028, or visit http://www.ecu.edu/cas/harriot/voyageslectures/.

Brewster Lecture

James McPherson, noted Civil War historian from Princeton University, will present ECU's Nov. 7 Brewster Lecture titled, "Old Abe Has Joined My Enemies: The Lincoln-McClellan Relationship." The free lecture will be held at 8 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre in the Mendenhall Student Center. Call 328-6496.
MUSIC THEATER DANCE

SRAPAS

2007-2008 season kicks off Sept. 28

The Daily Reflector

With school back in full swing, it's time to kick off East Carolina University's S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series for 2007-08. The series begins its 45th season with the United States' oldest dance troupe, the José Limón Dance Company, at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28.

The contemporary dancers will perform Limon's 1954 work "The Traitor." Tickets will also be available for a private event during which artistic director Carla Maxwell and the company will talk about the Limon method.

Another highlight of this year's series will be an appearance by Garrison Keillor, who will host "Lake Wobegon Days" at 7:30 p.m. April 28.

Keillor's performance will end this year's season.

Keillor has received numerous awards, including a Grammy Award for his recording of "Lake Wobegon Days," two Cable ACE Awards and a George Foster Peabody Award. He is a member of the American Academy of

GARRISON KEILLOR brings "Lake Wobegon Days" to Wright Auditorium April 28.

Arts and Sciences, and recently was presented with a National Humanities Medal by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

He is the author of 12 books, including "Lake Wobegon Days," "The Book

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PCMH earns stroke center credentials

Methods and medicines at the Greenville hospital make it the only accredited facility east of I-95, an area where strokes are rampant.

The Daily Reflector

Pitt County Memorial Hospital has won certification as a primary stroke center.

The hospital announced the recognition Friday, a day after the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations made the designation. Pitt Memorial is the state's 12th certified primary stroke center and the first in eastern North Carolina.

Hospital officials hailed the award as a boon for a population rife with stroke risk factors. In 2005, eastern North Carolinians were 14 percent more likely to die of stroke than other North Carolinians, according to East Carolina University's Center for Health Services Research and Development.

"Achieving certification means that we are committed to stroke care, and that we are in it with our patients," stroke nurse practitioner Susan Freeman said in a news release. "We're here to hold their hands through the process. We don't leave them once they get their treatment; we're here all the way across the continuum of care."

Certification indicates that a hospital follows established best practices in treating stroke, according to the Joint Commission Web site. These include maintaining a trained staff and tracking data on stroke treatment. Stroke center designation "recognizes centers that make exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care."

Timing and access to tissue plasminogen activator, a clot-busting medicine, are key to effective stroke treatment, according to Pitt Memorial. Administered within three hours of a stroke's onset, the clot-busting drug can prevent stroke's lingering effects — partial paralysis, speech problems and others.

"It's a good feeling to know that if a stroke patient comes in this door, and they have the potential to get better, that we have the treatment to get them better," Freeman said in the release.

"Then to see them walk out of the door after they came in and couldn't walk and couldn't talk, you can't put a dollar value on that."

Becoming a stroke center also signals "a hospital's commitment to educating the public on stroke, and stroke prevention," Dr. Rodney Leacock, PCMH stroke center medical director, said in the news release.

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Darts & Laurels

Wiped out

Laurels — To Thursday’s decision by the Greenville City Council to mandate the prompt removal of graffiti in this community. Graffiti serves as a common communication medium used by gang members, and the growth of gang activity persists as a key threat to public safety. The burden on property owners, who could face fines for noncompliance, is a concern, but the council was right to act on this pressing issue.

Stopping by

Greg Earls/The Daily Reflector

Laurels — To a visit by U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones Jr. this week, allowing one of Pitt County’s two members of the U.S. House to see first hand some of the community’s most pressing funding needs. Jones expressed support for the partnerships between Greenville and other institutions, like Pitt County Memorial Hospital and East Carolina University, and pledged to seek funding for priorities like the 10th Street connector project.

Laurels — To the decision by East Carolina to ban smoking within 25 feet of school buildings, a policy enacted on Aug. 1. Universities should be leaders in health and wellness, especially one with a respected medical school. East Carolina will inconvenience smokers as a result, but should take steps to protect the health of nonsmokers and promote cessation.
Fan's homestand is at 220 and counting

THE BEST AND WORST

Long-time ECU fan Jimmy Hodges' favorite and least favorite Pirate football games:

Sept. 5, 1987
ECU 32, NCSU 14
(In Raleigh)

"They wouldn't play us for a long time ... because we acted like Pirates (tearing down the goalposts). Well, that's what in the hell we are!"

Sept. 25, 1999
ECU 27, Miami (Fla.) 23
(In Raleigh)

"That was the best game because we were way behind at halftime. The boys had not been home for a week (because of Hurricane Floyd)."

Dec. 6, 2002
Cincinnati 42, ECU 26

"We had to play a foggy (Friday) night in the rain and cold in December... It was a miserable night."

By Jimmy Ryals
The Daily Reflector

Forty-four years. Two-hundred and twenty Pirate football games at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Winterville resident Jimmy Hodges, 63, has never missed one. Not a cold, rainy, Friday-night matchup in 2002 with Cincinnati. Not the 1999 "home" win over Miami in Raleigh. Certainly not last week's 34-31 thriller over the University of North Carolina at Chapel, which ranks near the top of Hodges' favorite-games list.

For Hodges, a 1965, 1972 and 1981 graduate, making each game is as much a matter of politics as Pirate pride. In funding and prominence, ECU has always trailed UNC-CH and N.C. State University, he said, and making a strong showing on game day is part of reversing those trends.

"For me, it's politics," said Hodges, a retired teacher who holds three ECU degrees. "We're like the red-headed stepchild against the powers-that-be. We have to wake up every day and carpe diem."

Hodges was a junior when he started his streak with the first game in Ficklen history, a 20-10 win over Wake Forest on Sept. 21, 1963.

"On the north side of the stadium, if I remember correctly..."
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there were wooden bleachers," he said. "They took the old bleachers from the old stadium and moved them there. They had just built one side of the bleachers, the south side bleachers."

The worst game Hodges remembers — a three-touchdown loss to N.C. State in October 1972 — wasn't a home game. The outcome isn't what troubles him about that game; rather, it's the memory of hearing his name over the public address system just before the game started. Jimmy Thad Hodges needed to call home, the game announcer said. When he called, her learned his father had died.

Over 43 years, there's only one game Hodges nearly missed. The memory is foggy — "After all these years, everything runs together," he said — but some time in the early 1980s, an aunt died on a Friday. The burial wasn't until a Sunday. Hodges said he ducked out of family activities Saturday to catch two or three plays on Saturday afternoon, just enough to keep the streak alive. "That counted," he said.

Hodges is proud of the streak, although he didn't realize how long it was until a reporter mentioned the numbers — 43 years, 220 games.

"Oh Lord, that's a long time," he said.

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OUR VIEWS

UNC’s big bumps

Salary increases for some UNC system chancellors seem out of proportion, and based on questionable reasoning.

Two campaigns for the U.S. Senate have given Erskine Bowles, president of the University of North Carolina system, a broad perspective on what the people of this state are like, how they think, their hopes and dreams. As White House chief of staff under President Clinton, Bowles was known as a tough but efficient boss. Since he took over as head of the university system, he has cut general administrative costs.

But in supporting $53,000-a-year salary boosts for the chancellors of UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University, Bowles buys into the old, shaky argument that such pay is needed to be “competitive.”

Bowles said that both those salaries (of UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser and NCSU’s James Oblinger, each now making $390,835) are low compared to some at comparable institutions. That’s true. But he also said he wouldn’t be able to replace either chancellor for the current salary. That, of course, is a rhetorical flourish. The line of qualified applicants for either job would be long and eager. One would hope, at least, that those who aspired to be a chancellor at either school, both of them prominent national institutions, would be thinking about something beyond a bigger paycheck.

(Other chancellors in the UNC system received raises as well, smaller but not insignificant.)

The UNC Board of Governors, which backed the increases, is comprised in large part of affluent people with business backgrounds or connections to same. That tends to make them comfortable with big executive salaries, even if it’s the taxpayers who have to pay them.

But board members should have recognized that in a year when faculty members got around 5 percent, it was a bit outsized to grant two chancellors three times that rate. As to the “competitive” argument, if the universities would look within instead of hiring expensive consultants and boasting of “national searches,” they would find good candidates who would be honored to take the jobs with little regard as to what kind of pay increase they’d be getting.

It’s true that many college presidents, especially at private institutions, make larger salaries — and those who have moved around a lot can boost their pay with every change. But some of the greatest leaders in Chapel Hill and Raleigh have moved up from within. And once they and some other long-serving chancellors were in leadership roles, they were not tempted to go elsewhere.

Finally, Bowles says the chancellors have many offers and he wants to keep his team together. The president spent many successful years in corporate America, where that view is not uncommon. But the truth is that even when a valued chancellor does leave for a new challenge, that is not a catastrophic event.

All branches of the UNC system, and these large campuses in particular, have many qualified people who could step into leadership roles if given a chance. And the system would not have to participate in some real or perceived “bidding war” to get them.
Scent of a man can be sweet

But most can't smell male pheromones

BY CHERYL JOHNSTON SADGROVE STAFF WRITER

DURHAM — Like his smell when he's worked up a good sweat? Or would you rather not touch his drenched gym shirt with a 10-foot pole? Whether you love his smell or hate it may be up to your genes, according to researchers, including a team at Duke University.

People have long thought that human likes and dislikes for a certain smell — think gasoline or cilantro — are cultural or based on experience, said Hiroaki Matsunami, an assistant professor of molecular genetics and biology at Duke. But according to the researchers, who published their findings Sunday in the journal Nature, genetics can play a role in how people perceive a particular odor.

Matsunami's lab, in collaboration with a team from Rockefeller University in New York, has found a correlation between a variation in a particular gene and people's like or dislike of the smell of two chemicals.

For the study, they tested people's ability to smell — and reaction to — androstenedione and androstenol, which are byproducts of the natural breakdown of testosterone in human males and secreted in sweat and urine.

Most people can't smell the chemicals, Matsunami said. Of those who can, many people say they smell awful — like urine, he said. There are some who think the smell is faint and sweet, like vanilla.

Hanyi Zhuang, a graduate student in Matsunami's lab, falls into the latter category. "I would describe it as a perfume-like odor. That's good for me because I couldn't work with an odor that I don't like," she said.

A Sunday visit to the lab found Zhuang pulling on latex gloves before handling a small vial of androstenone.

She's so sensitive to it that if she touches it with her bare hands the smell lingers for hours, she said.

To a visitor, it smelled mildly of rubbing alcohol.

Zhuang identified an odorant receptor in humans that responds strongly to the chemicals. Hiroaki then collaborated with researchers at Rockefeller, who presented the smell to almost 400 volunteers and then asked them if they had ever studied the smell.

The findings add to a scientific debate over whether humans use pheromones, which are chemical signals used by animals to communicate alarm and directions or for mating.

Animals such as rats and dogs have about 1,000 functioning odorant receptors. The decoding of the human genome showed that while humans have about 1,000 olfactory receptor genes, more than half of them are pseudogenes, or basically destroyed, Matsunami said. Humans have fewer than 400 left that are functionally intact.

"But that doesn't mean that we no longer depend on olfaction at all," he said. "We do still have hundreds of [receptor] genes."

Matsunami hopes to build on this research by studying human physiological reactions to the chemicals, such as amount of sweat produced and amount of cortisol in the body. Cortisol, a hormone, is induced by stress and will change functions such as heart rate and blood pressure, Matsunami said.

"My gut feeling is that, yes... humans do have some chemical communication like pheromones, but in the modern society it's very difficult to show a direct effect," he said.

As for smell playing a role in human attraction?

"If they hate the smell, then I guess it's difficult to be together for a long time," Matsunami said.

Eli and Amy Kovic think there's something to it.

The couple, who have been together six years, were picnicking in Carrboro with their two young children Sunday.

Eli recalled breaking up with a girl friend when he was 14. "Ultimately, I don't think I liked the way she smelled," he said. Even years later when he saw her, he noticed she still smelled the same way.

Amy says she doesn't mind Eli's smell when he sweats. "I kind of like it," she said.

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Duke fans go (goal) postal

I hurt in big to-do after football win

BY MEILING AROUNNARATH
STAFF WRITER

DURHAM - The Duke Blue Devils pulled out of their losing streak Saturday night. Their fans pulled out a 40-foot goal post.

After the football game in Evanston, Ill., ended, about 300 students in Durham rushed the field and took a goal post down at Wallace Wade Stadium, Duke spokesman Geoffrey Mock said.

The students, jubilant at the Duke University squad's ending the nation's longest losing streak, carried the goal post to Duke University's Main Quad on West Campus, where they tried to raise it again, Mock said.

When they tried to erect the post outside the Duke Chapel, a part of the post fell, hitting Priya Patel, 18, a Duke sophomore, in the head, said Keith Lawrence, another Duke spokesman. Patel was treated at Duke Hospital.

The goal posts are built so that they can be taken down in separate pieces, Mock said.

On Saturday night, Duke police, students and maintenance workers transported the pieces to a facility near the stadium, Lawrence said.

No charges have been filed, none are anticipated, and disciplinary actions will not be taken, Lawrence said.

"It was a celebration," Lawrence said. "Students were obviously excited about the victory. It was an unfortunate thing that happened, but fortunately she's OK."

The Blue Devils broke their 22-game losing streak Saturday, beating Northwestern 20-14. Their last win was Sept. 17, 2005, against Virginia Military Institute.
Nursing crunch looms

Western N.C. feeling pinch; teacher shortage a problem

BY NANCY BOMPEY
ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES

ASHEVILLE — By 2020, North Carolina is expected to need 30 percent more nurses than it projects it will have, according to the N.C. Center for Nursing.

The demand is expected to rise as people have more chronic health conditions, the population ages and currently working nurses near retirement age. In 2006, 31 percent of all licensed registered nurses in North Carolina were older than 50.

Nursing shortages are already a reality in the western part of the state, although job vacancy rates are not as high as they are in other parts of the country.

"Fortunately, we're not as bad as many parts of the country, but it's still a serious issue," said Gary Bowers, director of the Western N.C. Health Network. "Even though we're not at a critical stage right now, there's a real concern for the future."

Western North Carolina may feel the crunch even more because of its large retirement population, which could require more nursing care in the future. In Western North Carolina, 18 percent of the population is 65 and older, compared with 12 percent nationwide.

"The number of nurses in North Carolina is growing substantially every year," said Tina Gordon, executive director of the N.C. Nurses Association. "The problem is that our population is growing faster ... and we're getting older."
The number of licensed registered nurses in North Carolina increased by 29 percent over the past 10 years, but the number of registered nurses per 100,000 residents increased only 7 percent over the same time period.

More nurses are also pursuing nontraditional employment at pharmaceutical companies or in administrative positions or other jobs less stressful than nursing.

Maria Roloff, vice president of human resources at Mission Hospitals, said women today have more career choices than they did in the past and may choose other careers over nursing.

"Traditional women's careers are not necessarily as desired," she said.

Brenda Cleary, director of the N.C. Center for Nursing, said the biggest problem might not be a lack of interest in nursing.

"Even with all the good news, the problem is that we are turning about half of all qualified nursing applicants away," she said. "The real shortage issue in North Carolina is around the capacity of our education system."

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College had between 300 and 400 applicants for its 92 associate degree slots this fall, said Ned Fowler, dean for allied health and public service programs at the school.

Fowler said most nursing schools lack the space, clinical sites and most important, faculty, that they need to be able to admit more students. This year, A-B Tech filled all of its 15 nursing faculty positions for the first time in four years.

"The nursing faculty shortage is just as critical as the nursing shortage," Fowler said.

ASU launches program

Appalachian State University started its nursing program last fall in response to the shortages and has about 40 new students enrolled in its bachelor's degree program. The school is also developing a master's program with a teaching focus.

Other schools that already had nursing programs are trying to encourage more nurses to go into education.

Western Carolina University's master's degree program in nursing education has 20 students, with room for more, and the school is offering online and accelerated programs.

"The average nursing instructor is 53, 55," said Vincent Hall, director of nursing at WCU. "We're a good 10 years older than the rest of the population of nurses. A significant amount are going to retire soon, and we're not getting enough people into the profession."

Betty Gwen Carlton, 53, gave up being a full-time nurse practitioner to teach in WCU's master's program. Carlton recently received a $15,000 N.C. Nurse Educators of Tomorrow award, which helps fund the clinical doctorate of nursing degree she is pursuing at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

Carlton took a pay cut of more than $10,000 to teach, something a lot of nurses are not willing to do.

"It's just my passion," she said. "I love teaching."
The Pirate code

As I watched East Carolina University win a hard-fought football game over UNC-Chapel Hill on Sept. 8, it was not how this team achieved the victory that impressed me as much as how it handled the disappointments along the way.

Despite Ben Hartman's three failed field goal attempts, after each missed opportunity, his teammates exhibited support, encouragement and compassion. Instead of the coach "getting in his face" and berating him, Skip Holtz gave him a reassuring smile, a rub on the head and, ultimately, a fatherly arm around his shoulder. Holtz recognized that the young man knew he had let his team down, but Holtz also recognized that adversity breeds character. He gave Hartman what he needed to come back and kick the game-winning field goal with 2 seconds to go: confidence.

When his teammates picked Ben up on their shoulders and carried him off the field, the obvious demonstration of character in this group of young men and their coaches was more encouraging than even the final score.

Richard Brown
Emerald Isle
A fine scholar – and academic freedom – betrayed

BY DOUGLAS W. KMIEC

MALIBU, Calif.

Erwin Chemerinsky of the Duke University law school is one of the finest constitutional scholars in the country. He is a gentleman and a friend. He is a gifted teacher. As someone who participates regularly in legal conferences and symposiums, I have never seen him be anything other than completely civil to those who disagree with him.

So the news that the University of California, Irvine had selected him to be the first dean of its new law school was welcome indeed. And the subsequent news — that it withdrew the offer last Tuesday, apparently because of Chemerinsky’s political beliefs and work — is a betrayal of everything a great institution like the University of California represents. It is a forfeiture of academic freedom.

Chemerinsky and I seldom agree on constitutional outcome. I’m conservative, and he’s liberal. We have written competing textbooks. We have debated frequently in the media. Before the U.S. Supreme Court, if Chemerinsky is for the petition, it’s a good bet I can find merit in the cause of the respondent.

Yet there is no person I would sooner trust to be a guardian of my constitutional liberty. Nor is there anyone I would sooner turn to for a candid, intellectually honest appraisal of an academic proposal. When students have difficulty grasping basic concepts, I do not hesitate to hold out his treatise on the Constitution as one that handles matters thoroughly and dispassionately. Across the nation, federal and state judges turn to Chemerinsky each year to give them an update on the changes in the law and the legal directions of the Supreme Court.

Chemerinsky has never hidden his progressive politics; they must have been known to the search committee that identified him as a candidate to head the law school.

In conversation, in the classroom and in the courtroom, he fights passionately for human rights, while giving less deference, in my opinion, to the needs of law enforcement or to those who seek to preserve order, structure and tradition. Yet he does not denigrate his opposition. He engages. He challenges. He inspires.

It was my privilege to serve as a law school dean for a number of years. I know that faculty members look to their deans for leadership, encouragement and support. The fate of the law school, especially one just starting out, is often determined by the hard work and dedication of its dean.

UC Irvine would have benefited greatly by Chemerinsky’s service. He would have been a model for the faculty — widely published, dedicated to his students, involved civically. He would have assembled a world-class faculty and, in a short period, would have competed for some of the most talented students in the country.

Ironically, Chemerinsky and I have often disputed the extent to which law is only politics. It has been my view that law must be understood as its own discipline and that the Constitution must be interpreted in a manner that respects its text and its history rather than any desired outcome. If federalism is a principle to be honored in the Constitution, for example, deference must be given to state choices, whether they are liberal or conservative. Chemerinsky was less confident that law and politics could be so neatly divided.

I will continue to believe that the law has its own place above politics, but Chemerinsky’s dismissal surely makes that belief harder to sustain.

UC Irvine’s inability to keep politics out of its decision-making will make things difficult for the new law school. It will become more difficult to recruit new faculty and to attract the respect that the school would have so easily acquired by giving the deanship to Chemerinsky — and which it so tragically forfeited by its casual, and all too last-minute, withdrawal of the offer.

However great the difficulties that await the UC Irvine law school, I know this for sure: Erwin Chemerinsky, as a man of goodwill and abundant kindness, will wish it only the best. It will need every bit of his goodwill now that it has forfeited and spurned his good services.
Bipolar children: fact or fad?

New UNC center delves into sharp upswing in diagnoses among youth

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Judi Sharp's son used to get so depressed he refused to come out of his room. The next moment he would be giggling uncontrollably. Sometimes, he became so irritable other children didn't want to be around him.

Sharp, who lives in Mebane and asked that her son not be identified by name, chalked it up to the attention deficit hyperactivity disorder her son was diagnosed with at age 3.

But when Sharp's son had a violent outburst last Thanksgiving, a psychiatrist diagnosed bipolar disorder and put the young teenager on mood stabilizers.

Sharp says the drugs have helped tremendously. "He's back to being my sweet boy, like he was when he was little," she said.

Twenty years ago, bipolar disorder was considered a disease of adults and a rare one at that. Now psychiatrists are increasingly willing to make the diagnosis — and at younger and younger ages. A study published this month in the journal Archives of General Psychiatry noted a 40-fold increase in bipolar diagnoses in youths up to age 19 since 1994.

That has led some to question whether the brain disorder is over-diagnosed.

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and over-treated, turning the normal behavior of children and adolescents into a disease. Many symptoms of bipolar disorder, such as fanciful thinking or impulsiveness, can look like age-appropriate behavior in children.

"How many adolescents have mood swings? How many have severe mood swings? A lot," said Paul Brinich, a Chapel Hill child psychologist.

Brinich said he thinks bipolar disorder has become the latest fad diagnosis for children with behavioral problems. He is particularly concerned about the drugs that almost always accompany such a diagnosis. Many of the newer medicines used to treat bipolar disorder such as Risperdal have worrisome side effects in children, such as rapid weight gain, which might put them at risk for diabetes and other health problems.
SMALL COLLEGES ADOPT FOOTBALL

Schools see teams raising enrollment

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It’s September, time for the spectacle of big-time college football. Increasingly in North Carolina, it’s the season of small-time college football, too.

Gridiron fever is growing in North Carolina, where colleges large and small are rushing into the costly sport. They are tapping alumni donations, building stadiums, hiring coaches and raising student fees. They are not in it for bowl games or money. They see football as a quintessential college experience and a recruiting tool to lure today’s college students, who want amenities and entertainment.

UNC-Pembroke just kicked off its new program. Campbell University will add football next fall, and UNC-Charlotte is spending $150,000 to study the idea. Shaw University and St. Augustine’s College revived the sport in 2002 after decades of absence. And Elon, Winston-Salem State and N.C. Central universities moved up to Division I in the past few years, in search of name recognition and a spot on ESPN’s ticker.

Others say they have no plans to take the field, despite pressure from alumni and students. “We have 19 sports that are underfunded,” said UNC-Wilmington Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. “We’d like to get them up before we think about football. Although I keep telling people, ‘The moment I get that $50 million check...’”

Football, with its large rosters, scholarship budgets and big-ticket facilities, can be risky. It is the most expensive sport to operate, yet more than 100 colleges and universities have added the sport in the past 20 years, according to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Dan Fulk, a research consultant for the NCAA who analyzes college sports spending, said fewer than 20 Division I universities make money on athletics. In Division IA, 56 percent of football teams make money, with an average profit of $11.5 million, and the rest lose an average of $2.5 million.

But in Division II, Fulk said, no school makes a profit on sports. The average deficit is $3.5 million overall and $745,000 in football. About two-thirds of the athletics budgets at these schools comes from the universities themselves. Only 3 percent comes from ticket sales and 6 percent from boosters; the rest is from student fees.

“You don’t do it for financial reasons,” said Fulk, an accounting professor at Transylvania University, which dropped its football program in the 1940s. “There are reasons to play football, or nobody would do it. The problem is, the benefits are intrinsic, and it’s really difficult to measure.”

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Without football, Suitcase U

At UNC-Pembroke, football is one way to attract students and keep them happy, said Chancellor Allen Meadors, who argued passionately to add the sport over initial opposition by the UNC Board of Governors. Without football, he said, UNCP was often a suitcase school on weekends.

"We're in a rural town of 2,700," he said. "There is absolutely nothing for students to do off campus. If we don't provide activities, it's just not there."

Last weekend, in a revival of a long-dead program, the UNC-Pembroke Braves stormed onto the home field for the first time in 56 years. The students did the wave and reveled in pre-game tailgating outside the sold-out stadium.

"It was just a huge sense of community," gushed Student Government Vice President Barry Burch Jr. of Raleigh after the team's win over Greensboro College. "Everyone was smiling."

Unlike UNCP, UNC-Charlotte doesn't lack for weekend activities. The school of 22,000 is in the middle of a city with countless cultural and entertainment options, including several professional sports teams. But that presents another problem: Would enough people stay on campus to support 49er football?

That's the question an advisory committee is pondering. Annual costs could reach $10 million, said UNCC Chancellor Philip Dubois, a former University of Wyoming president who is very familiar with big football. Dubois goes into the debate somewhat skeptically, though he says he will keep an open mind until he gets hard data from the study next year.

"I certainly know how expensive they can be," he said. "They're great for alumni support and school spirit when you win, not so good when you lose."

UNCC doesn't need football to attract students. The university had 15,000 applications this year for the freshman class. And the recruiting advantage appears to be a myth. "When you survey people about picking a school," Dubois said, "football really isn't on the list."
Safe on campus

The Virginia Tech massacre is still fresh on the minds of all Americans. Fresher still, perhaps, it is for those parents who have young ones on a college campus for the first time. What will be done to stem the possibility of another Virginia Tech — where in April a troubled youth named Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people and then himself?

North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper has convened a group to answer that question, and toward that end, the group heard from Hollis Stambaugh, a security consultant who was the deputy director of the panel that investigated the Virginia Tech tragedy. She met with Cooper's group in Greensboro Tuesday.

An important point Stambaugh touched on was the fact that colleges and universities can do more in terms of alerting parents and authorities than they might think. Schools are worried about privacy rights and the possibility of lawsuits, so they tend to keep things close to the vest. But in fact, Stambaugh said, the law does allow them to share information about young people who may be having trouble, and they ought to get straight what they can and cannot do.

Among her other ideas were the preparation of emergency messages that can be e-mailed or phoned to students, covering a variety of scenarios. And schools need to make decisions about sending out such messages as quickly as possible.

This year, when parents dropped off their children at colleges and universities all over North Carolina, security was a main concern in question-and-answer sessions with administrators.

Students should be able to learn, and will learn better, in a secure environment. Cooper's panel will make some recommendations come Thanksgiving. Legislators should follow up with whatever support they can lend to the cause.