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Party honors Reach for Hope Gala supporters

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The Reach for Hope Gala Pre-Gala Party was held on Oct. 16 at Yankee Hall Plantation.

The annual event provides an opportunity to thank the gala volunteers, donors and special friends.

The Reach for Hope Gala will be held Friday, Nov. 9, 2007 at the Jockey Club at Rock Springs. The evening's activities will consist of dinner, a silent auction, drawing for three outstanding prizes, and dancing to the music provided by the Heart and Soul Band.

Chairwomen for this year's event are Karen Tanenberg and Sarah Davenport.

All of the funds raised through the gala will be used to support cancer patient education and support programs at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the Brody School of Medicine at ECU.

Tickets for the Reach for Hope Gala are still available, for $100 per person. Call the Pitt County Memorial Hospital Cancer Services at 847-7867.

A prize drawing will include two cash prizes ($500 and $1,000) and a 1.65-cart Triple Dream, Hearts of Fire diamond pendant and necklace, donated by Bailey's Fine Jewelry. Tickets for the prize drawing are available at Bailey's Fine Jewelry in Greenville or by calling 847-7867.
ECU Schools of Allied Health Sciences,
Nursing change name

The Daily Reflector

Two East Carolina University schools have been redesignated as colleges.
The University of North Carolina Board of Governors on Oct. 12 approved a request
to change the name of the School of Allied Health Sciences and School of Nursing
to the College of Allied Health Sciences and College of Nursing, according to a university
news release.

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"The awarding of college designation status provides recognition of our tremendous growth, productivity and complexity and aligns us more closely with other colleges at ECU," said Sylvia Brown, acting dean of the College of Nursing. "We are pleased to share this acknowledgement with our colleagues in the College of Allied Health Sciences as we continue to build a strong Division of Health Sciences."

Allied Health Sciences is celebrating its 40th anniversary. It is the largest provider of allied health professionals to the state with an enrollment of more than 700 students, the release said. Sixty-one percent of the students are pursuing master's and doctoral degrees. There are nine departments: biostatistics, clinical laboratory science, communication sciences and disorders, community health, health services and information management, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and rehabilitation studies.

The College of Nursing was established in 1959, the oldest in the health sciences division, and has an enrollment of 1,047 students in baccalaureate, master's and doctoral nursing programs. It is the largest producer of new nursing graduates in the state, the news release stated, and offers the only nurse midwifery plan of study and alternate entry master's degree option for non-nursing bachelor degree holders in the state.

Service learning promoted

The first of two training sessions was held last week to promote service learning in schools.
The College of Education and Project HEART held the first session Friday.
Project HEART — High Expectations for At-Risk Students — is a university partnership with AmeriCorps and other agencies that encourages college students to work with at-risk elementary, middle and high school students.

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Medical Foundation adds two fundraisers

T. Greg Prince and Cynthia Adams have joined The East Carolina University Medical & Health Sciences Foundation’s staff of fundraising professionals.

Prince, a Rocky Mount native, is the new director of development for the ECU Division of Health Sciences and primarily raises money for the Brody School of Medicine. Before joining ECU, Prince worked for the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Adams is the new major gifts officer for Laupus Library and Joyner Library. She previously worked as director of development for the ECU College of Education.

Laupus Library serves the medical school, the nursing and allied health sciences schools and the Eastern Area Health Education Center. The foundation raised more than $5 million in gifts and pledges during fiscal year 2006-07 to support scholarships, research, faculty development and facilities at the Brody School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Allied Health Sciences, School of Dentistry, Laupus Library, East Carolina Heart Institute and the Metabolic Institute at ECU.
Parade, parties, tailgating highlight homecoming

By Kristin Day
The Daily Reflector

East Carolina University alumni, students and friends showed up for a full day of festivities Saturday as the university continued its centennial celebration with homecoming.

Among the morning celebrations was the Alumni Center Open House, located at 901 E. Fifth St., where guests enjoyed a complimentary breakfast and gathered for the Centennial Pirate Wall unveiling at 9:30 inside the center.

Paul Clifford, associate vice chancellor for alumni relations, spoke of the year-old dues-based membership program and its goals at the unveiling.

"Central to our membership plan was the desire to build an endowment that will ensure strong, vibrant and effective alumni services and programs for all generations of pirates," Clifford said.

The names of 17 donating families, known as Centennial Pirates, are engraved in the wall with room for future alumni. Centennial Pirates, $5,000 donors, are at the highest level of membership with the association and receive the greatest benefits, including free admission into the Alumni Tailgate for life.

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ECU'S Homecoming King and Queen are Travis Bartlett and Charla Hodges.

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Four ECU alumni honored at halftime

Jimmy Ryals
The Daily Reflector

Four alumni have been the toast of East Carolina University this weekend.

ECU honored its 2007 outstanding alumni with a reception Friday at the Hilton Greenville and special recognition Saturday at halftime of the ECU-UAB football game.

Receiving the ECU Alumni Association's highest honor this year were two educators, an eastern North Carolina businessman and a musical man of God.

Shirley W. Carraway, who earned ECU degrees in 1973, 1982, 1992 and 2000, has worked in North Carolina schools for more than 30 years, according a news release from the Alumni Association. The superintendent of Orange County Schools, she was inducted into the ECU Educator's Hall of Fame in 2005 and volunteers for the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Tarheel Principals and Assistant Principals Association, and the National
Clifford said.

After the unveiling, the crowd got a front row seat to the homecoming parade that trailed along Fifth Street toward downtown.

The Marching Pirates and elaborate parade floats strolled along the two-lane road past parents and grandparents watching in lawn chairs, children running for candy and a small, white cocker spaniel howling along with the fire trucks from a front porch. The floats, several playing tribute to the university’s centennial birthday, were designed and put together by ECU student organizations in a competition for cash.

The winner, announced at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium during the football game, was the Student Ambassadors who created a pirate ship.

Clifford said it was not only for its design and dedication to the university, but because it paid tribute to the history of North Carolina, as well.

The Baptist Student Union placed second while the College of Human Ecology was third.

After the parade concluded with an ECU Transit bus reminding pirates to “Go Green,” it was time to head to the tailgating lots for most.

From 1-3 p.m., members of the Alumni Association scoured the fields and parking lots surrounding the stadium in search of a winner for their Pirate Tailgate Contest. Clifford said they planned to walk around looking at the set ups, as well as possibly sampling some of the food, to find the group that best represented the theme, “100 Years of Purple and Gold.”

“It has to meet the theme of Homecoming and it has to be spirited and have decorations,” Clifford said.

And competitors didn’t disappoint. Elm Street, 14th Street and Charles Boulevard were lined with large purple and gold tents, pirate flags waving over the roads, radios turned up and grills heating up classic tailgating cuisine.

Clifford said the winner of the tailgating contest will probably be announced on the alumni Web site, www.piratesalumni.com, Monday. There are no cash prizes, but the winner receives “the admiration of Pirate Nation.”

Other events Saturday included the College of Business’ Homecoming social in the morning, the ECTC & ECC Dinner Dance at 7 p.m. in the Hilton Greenville and the Black Alumni Reunion After-Hours Social later in the evening.

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Association of School Administrators.

Jim Chesnutt, class of 1963, is president and CEO of National Spinning Company in Washington, N.C., and a member of ECU’s Medical Foundation and the ECU Business Advisory Council. He also is chairman of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute.

Ron Clark, a 1994 graduate, is a nationally recognized teacher. He was named Disney’s Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 2000 and, in 2001, was the first “Phenomenal Man” recognized by Oprah Winfrey’s “O” magazine. Clark is a best-selling author, subject of a TNT movie and co-founder of the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta.

The Rev. Hubert E. Walters was the first black student of East Carolina’s School of Music in 1965. He is a charter member of the black studies department at Harvard University, where he started the “Kumbha Singers” gospel choir in 1970. He is currently professor of music and conductor of Voices of Imani and New Fisk Jubilee Singers at Boston College.

On Friday, the Alumni Association honored two others for their service to the university: Dan Kinlaw, class of 1963, a former ECU trustee and Pirate Club director, received the Distinguished Service Award.

The late Leo Jenkins, former ECU president and chancellor, posthumously received the Honorary Alumni Award.

ECU’s leader from 1966 to 1978, Jenkins oversaw its transition from college to university and the formation of the Brody School of Medicine.
Final shooting suspect arrested

The Daily Reflector

Greenville police on Saturday located the last suspect in a Tuesday morning home invasion and shooting.

Christopher Brandon Taylor was taken into custody at 1:30 p.m. after leading officers on a brief foot chase, according to a police department news release. Police located Taylor, 21, of 512 W. 14th St. in the 100 block of Oakdale Road.

Taylor was the final suspect with charges pending in connection with the robbery and shooting at a Jarvis Street house that left an East Carolina University student with two gunshot wounds.

Police say Taylor was one of seven men who broke into a house shortly after 3 a.m. Tuesday and robbed 12 people who were having a party.

Taylor is charged with 24 counts including attempted first-degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, first-degree kidnapping, robbery with a dangerous weapon, first-degree burglary and attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was being held in the Pitt County Detention Center Saturday under a $1 million bond.

Drew Daly, 22, was shot when he scuffled with one of the robbers. University officials said Friday he is expected to have a full recovery.

Kendrick Montel Little, 17, of 110 B Paul Circle — were arrested shortly after the incident. They all face one count of first-degree burglary, 10 counts of armed robbery, 10 counts of first-degree kidnapping and one count of attempted armed robbery.

On Wednesday, James Johnson, 16, of 101 Howard Circle, and Kendrell Blount, 18, of 1801-A West Conley St., were taken into custody. Both were charged with 10 counts of armed robbery, one count attempted armed robbery and one count first-degree burglary.

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26, of 1709 W. Conley St. was identified as Daly's shooter, Greenville Police Chief Williams Anderson said earlier in the week. He faces a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill along with numerous other charges.

Little and three others — Marcus Brandon Bell, 18, of 300 S. Memorial Drive; Benny Tyrice Clark, 19, of 905 A Imperial St.; and Keyvon Clifton,
Two more robberies hit campus, downtown area

The Daily Reflector

Greenville and East Carolina University police are continuing investigations of two robberies that occurred in the university area earlier this weekend.

According to a message posted on the ECU's Web site alert system, a female student was approached by an unknown person at approximately 7:30 p.m. Friday. The alert said the man had blocked her vehicle in the parking lot behind the Mendenhall Student Center with a BMX-style bicycle.

Attempts to contact university police about the incident were unsuccessful Saturday. The alert describes the man as black, about 5 feet, 5 inches to 5 feet, 7 inches, weighing 140-150 pounds and missing two front teeth. It stated he opened her passenger-side door and demanded money.

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He then fled on the bicycle toward 10th Street. The student was not injured.

The second robbery occurred about 4 a.m. Saturday in the 200 block of Summit Street, according to a Greenville Police Department report.

A 20-year-old Selma man suffered minor injuries after an unknown person broke a beer bottle over his face, stole his wallet and a $50 black LG cell phone, the report stated.

The incidents come in the wake of a home invasion and shooting early Tuesday morning at 897 E. Jarvis St. Seven men broke into a party, shooting one man twice and leaving him in "serious condition." Seven suspects have been arrested.
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Princeton Faces Trial Over Use of Gift Now Worth $880 Million

By KAREN W. ARENSON

In a legal battle watched nervously by universities around the country, a New Jersey judge yesterday sent to trial a dispute between Princeton University and the heirs of a supermarket fortune and left open the possibility that Princeton could lose a donation that is now worth $880 million.

In a set of rulings, the judge, Neil H. Shuster of Superior Court, established the ground rules for one of the largest lawsuits ever filed exploring how closely colleges must adhere to the original intent of donors.

The struggle has already cost Princeton and the descendants of Charles and Marie Robertson more than $20 million each, and will cost more when it comes to trial, possibly sometime next year.

The dispute centers on whether Princeton University has adhered to the Robertsons’ wishes; Mrs. Robertson, an heir to the A&P supermarket fortune, gave Princeton $35 million in 1961 for its Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Her children say the money was intended to prepare students for work in federal government, especially in international affairs. They say, though, that few graduates have taken such jobs and that Princeton has used the money for many of its other needs.

Princeton says that the family narrowly interpreted the terms of the gift, which they say was intended to support the Wilson school in providing a broad education for graduate students.

Some of Judge Shuster’s rulings favored the Robertsons and some the university. He supported Princeton in ruling out a jury trial and in finding that it was within its rights to spend not only interest and dividends earned on the gift, but also gains realized on investments.

He sided with the Robertsons in saying that Princeton’s role as sole beneficiary of the gift should be decided in the trial. That opens the possibility that Princeton could lose the whole gift, although the judge said he would take the Robertson Foundation away from Princeton only under “the most egregious and nefarious of circumstances.”

He also said he would allow the family to reach back many years in its questioning to determine whether Princeton’s spending was appropriate; Princeton had hoped to limit the questioning to just a few years.

Both sides said they believed they would ultimately triumph.

“Even if things stopped right now, this is a huge victory for donors everywhere,” Ronald H. Malone, the lead lawyer for the Robertson family, said yesterday. “It shows that no matter how high and mighty a university might be, the law imposes on them a moral and legal obligation to use the money only for the purpose to which it was given.”

Kenneth R. Logan, a lawyer for the university, said, “We are very confident that once the evidence is presented, he will decide our way.”

The case has already affected how colleges and graduates approach fund-raising, prompting donors to be more vigilant and colleges to be more careful about gift restrictions at a time when they are hungry for contributions. Colleges and donors these days are drawing up detailed agreements to prevent disputes over how money should be spent.

Anne D. Neal, president of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni and an author of “The Intelligent Donor’s Guide to College Giving,” said in a statement that the rulings were “a resounding victory for all who believe that colleges must be accountable to the people on whose dollars they rely.”

Joseph Nye, a former dean of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, who was a witness for Princeton, said, “If the heirs of donors are allowed to micromanage an academic institution a generation after a gift has been given, it will seriously curtail the creativity and initiative that has marked the recent administration of the Wilson school as well as set a bad precedent for other academic institutions.”

Yale is among the universities that have faced similar disputes. It returned $20 million to Lee M. Bass, a billionaire alumnus, after he said the university had not created the classes he had requested in its Western civilization curriculum.

The Robertson children, led by William Robertson, who has served on the foundation board and helped oversee the investment of funds, originally filed their suit in 2002 to protest the handling of the investments after the university sought to change the management of the funds. The family later expanded the suit. Looking back to the cold war in making their case, they said that the donation made by their mother and shaped by their father, a Princeton graduate, was intended to benefit the American people by helping Princeton send students into the foreign service and other government jobs.

William Robertson said he hoped the court would return control of the money to the family. He said he had already talked to six or seven other colleges to learn “more about their programs and about their potential plans if they were to be recipients of the foundation’s funds.”
He said that he had talked to Texas A&M University, George Washington University, Tufts, Johns Hopkins, Syracuse and Indiana, and that Harvard and Duke refused to talk to him.

He said he would not structure future gifts the way his parents had structured theirs, giving it all to one university or relinquishing control of the money.

“We propose to have it operated by the family and outside experts,” he said. “And we would be more careful in looking for performance measures.”

Princeton argues that the original gift says students “may prepare” for careers in government service but does not require it and that the Wilson school has never been a narrowly focused vocational school. It notes that its graduates include Anthony Lake, a former national security adviser to President Bill Clinton and Gen. David H. Petraeus.

Douglas S. Eakely, another lawyer for Princeton, said that under the university’s stewardship, the Robertson Foundation “has achieved extraordinary success” and that the Wilson school today is “one the pre-eminent schools of public and international affairs” where “students may, and do, prepare for positions of leadership in government and related fields.”
Bertie native proud to lead ECU parade

MERRY HILL -- There comes a time when a woman is proud to tell you her age, and for Bertha Barnacascal, that time is 99 years, eight months and a handful of days.

Just a couple of months shy of her 100th birthday, Barnacascal has been selected as one of two grand marshals for today's East Carolina University Homecoming Parade scheduled for 10 a.m.

"I don't know what to think of it," she laughed. "I'm honored to be asked and I'm asked because I am among the oldest living graduates of East Carolina."

Whether or not Barnacascal is the oldest living graduate is unknown, according to ECU officials. No real research has been done to determine who might hold that honor; but Barnacascal fits the bill, having graduated in 1929.

"It really is an honor," Barnacascal said. "I'm just glad to be here for them to ask."

Growing up in Merry Hill, Bertha Leesester Barnacascal spent her childhood and teenage years tromping the dirt roads and farm paths of the southeast corner of Bertie County.

Her father, Johnathan "Bake" Leesester, farmed and fished for a living and Bertha never hesitated for one moment to jump right in and work alongside the best of them.

"I think that's the secret to living a long life," she smiled. "Not being afraid to work hard."

Recollecting her childhood of the early 1900s, Barnacascal laughed to her self as she remembered forgotten memories of yesterday.

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“Things have changed so much since I was a little girl,” Barnacascal said. “One thing, the roads are paved now.”

“When I was growing up, they were all dirt and I remember driving the school bus and having to go across Black Walnut Swamp.

“There was no bridge over the swamp, just a dirt road that ran through there and I can remember having to drive that bus through water to get to school.

“John Bond sat on the hood of the bus and held a piece of canvas over the engine so water wouldn’t get in it,” she said.

“And once, when it snowed, we slipped in the ditch. I had to get the children out of the bus and we walked about a mile to school.

“It was April 2 and we had about three feet of snow,” she recalled. “Once we got to Merry Hill, school was closed and stayed closed for about two days.

“But we had no way of getting home so neighbors in Merry Hill took us all in and we stayed right there until the snow was melted,” she said.

Being April, Barnacascal said the snow quickly went away and by the end of the week, everyone had returned to his or her own homes.

In the early 1920s, Barnacascal attended Merry Hill School, which was located beside where today’s Merry Hill Baptist Church is located.

At the end of her sixth grade year, a new school was being constructed on the site of the present day Lawrence Academy and during the construction period, classes were actually held upstairs in Sam Adams’ General Store at the crossroads in Merry Hill.

“I went to Riverside for my eighth-grade year,” Barnacascal said. “Merry Hill didn’t teach eighth grade back then, but when they built the new school, I was able to come back and I finished ninth through 11th grade here, and was actually the valedictorian of my class.

“There was no 12th grade in those days, and that following fall, Barnacascal packed her bags and headed to Greenville.

“My father took me, and there I stayed for three months before I was able to come home again,” she said. “I really can’t remember how often I came home, about once a month after that.

“But to the best of my memory, my father or somebody would come and get me whenever I would come home,” she added.

Barnacascal graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in May of 1929.

She took with her a teaching certificate and a passion for people.

“I taught first grade for 25 years and never missed but two days,” she said. “The day my daddy died and another day to attend a funeral were the only two days I ever missed when I was teaching.”

Her 25 years, however, were interrupted by a 10-year hiatus to raise a family.

Barnacascal met, fell in love with and married William Judson Barnacascal in 1936 and during that 10-year period out of school, she raised two children, Ann Barnacascal Bunch and William “Bill” Barnacascal.

When Bill was old enough to start school, Barnacascal went back to the classroom until she retired.

Her husband of 54 years, passed away in 1990.

She is the grandmother of four and the great-grandmother of 10.

“I’ve only been sick twice,” she said. “Once with whooping cough when I was little and once, when I was 36 years old, I had the measles... that was bad. I saw the prettiest swans floating by.”

As for her health today, she’s “fit.”

“I have my next doctor’s appointment on Feb. 28 of 2008. That’s my 100th birthday and my doctor has promised to cook me a cake,” she laughed.

“I don’t really know the secret of living a long life,” she said. “Just give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.”

To live to be 96 years old is within itself a blessing, especially to still have a sound mind as Barnacascal.

Even she admits she’d rather live with her mind than her body at this point.

But what makes Barnacascal even more exceptional is the fact she is a two-time breast cancer survivor.

A member of Lawrence Baptist Church since the age of 14, Barnacascal continues to attend worship service each Sunday morning and is still trying to persuade others to join her.

The East Carolina Homecoming Parade begins at 11 a.m. in Greenville.
Officials urge students to be alert

By Jimmy Ryals
The Daily Reflector

Four days after a shooting near campus left a classmate in the hospital, East Carolina University students are seeking counsel from campus and city leaders.

During a forum Friday afternoon, students asked Chancellor Steve Ballard, Greenville Police Chief William Anderson and others how to protect themselves and help fight what Anderson called a growing local and national gang problem.

Addressing more than 80 students, parents and ECU and city officials, Anderson urged audience members to be alert, report suspicious activity to police and lock their doors.

Panelists did not recommend arming students. Parents have been wondering whether students should be armed, said Steven Kresch, student safety director for the ECU Parents Council.

Anderson and ECU leaders offered an emphatic “No.”

ECU hosted the forum to share more information about an early morning robbery Tuesday that left an ECU student in the hospital with two gunshot wounds. Seven men broke into a house at 607 E. Jarvis St. and robbed 12 people inside.

Allowing students to carry guns on campus is “not just a bad idea, it’s a felony,” said District Attorney Clark Everett. “There’s

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One suspect, 21-year-old Christopher Taylor, remains at large and probably isn’t in Greenville, Police Chief William Anderson said.

Shooting victim Drew Daly, 23, is recovering from two wounds at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Six suspects are in custody in what Anderson called a “senseless,” gang-related act. All will be tried as adults, including a 16-year-old, Anderson said.

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really no excuse. There’s no justification for it under the law.”

Anderson faced repeated questions about how the city is confronting a growing gang problem.

The centerpiece of the police approach, he said, is a five-person gang unit within the police force. Chartered in January, the group gathers intelligence on gangs and gang members: where they live, where they’re most active and what sorts of crimes they favor.

“The direction we try to take at this is to aggressively go after these individuals and identify who they are,” he said. “That’s part of what we were able to determine as part of this investigation.”

Asked about instituting a curfew, Anderson said he’d asked city attorneys to research the possibility two months ago. A curfew ordinance may appear before the Greenville City Council, he said.

For prosecutors, North Carolina law offers a small tool kit to deal with gangs. District Attorney Clark Everett said Federal attorneys have racketeering laws and investigative grand juries at their disposal. State racketeering laws are weaker, and N.C. prosecutors can call witnesses and suspects before a grand jury only in drug cases. Everett said. Prosecutors are pushing for stronger measures, but they’re running into political resistance, he said.

“That’s just a cynical feeling I have because, obviously, when some of the most powerful people in the state are indicted in federal court through grand jury procedures, that’s not a real good thing for certain people,” he said. “And they don’t want us to have that power in state court.”

Softer approaches may be more effective in short-circuiting gang sources before they can develop, Anderson suggested. To that end, the police department has launched an athletic league to give underprivileged children positive activities, he said. ECU interim Provost Marilyn Shoer and students in attendance passed resolutions indicating support.

JUSTIN SLYTHE, a friend of Drew Daly and who was present when the incident occurred, commented at Friday’s forum on how well police responded and expressed his gratitude.

clubs, reading and mentoring programs, and projects at the Lucille Gorham Intergenerational Center.

The university itself can be a “tremendous resource” in reaching students who may turn to crime, Anderson said.

“You go several blocks (from ECU), and you have kids that probably have never set foot on the ECU campus,” he said. “They’ve never been to an ECU football game. They’ve never been to an ECU basketball game.”

Anderson and Ballard urged students to engage the community and work with children who may be ripe for gang recruitment.

More details on men arrested

Anderson offered a few more details about the six men arrested for the home invasion/shooting and a seventh still at large. Christopher Taylor, 21, is still at large, and he probably isn’t in Greenville, Anderson said. Police have “a good idea” of his location and hope to arrest him soon, Anderson said.

Police know which gang the men allegedly align with, Anderson said, but he declined to give further details.

“We do know who they say they are affiliated with,” he said. “One of the things we don’t like to do is publicize that information. We don’t give them any type of unsolicited support.”

The suspects probably were not targeting ECU students, Anderson said. Rather, the shooting was a crime of opportunity. Had the vulnerability of an apparent student party not presented itself, the group likely would have gone elsewhere, he said.

Shooting victim recovering

Drew Daly, the 23-year-old ECU student who was shot twice in the Tuesday robbery is recovering at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Ballard said.

“We have every reason to be optimistic he will have a full recovery,” Ballard said.

ECU officials are working with his family and doctors to ensure the shooting doesn’t stunt his academic progress, Ballard added.

ECU student Justin Slythe, who described himself as one of Daly’s best friends, applauded Greenville police for a fast, effective response to the incident.

“I was very, very impressed” with the officers’ work, he said.

“I just can’t thank you guys enough. There were people in distress. You calmed everyone down, and I can’t say enough (about) how good of a job you guys did.”

Jimmy Ryals can be contacted...
ECU bookstore workers contract staph infections

By Jimmy Ryals
The Daily Reflector

Three East Carolina University bookstore employees contracted staph infections recently in what university officials are calling a coincidence rather than an outbreak.

Two and a half weeks ago, the first of the three staff members reported being diagnosed with a methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, an infection that resists some treatments, store manager Wanda Scarborough said Friday. Subsequently, another employee has acquired an MRSA infection and a third has a staph infection.

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but doesn't know whether it's antibiotic-resistant, Scarborough said.

The two MRSA cases, one of whom is a student, have returned to work with a doctor's blessing, Scarborough said. The third, a part-timer, has yet to get a firm diagnosis and won't return without medical clearance, Scarborough said.

At physicians' suggestions, the two with confirmed cases have been working with ban-

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dages on their infected sores.

There's been no indication the employees contracted the infection from one another or that they were in position to pass it to customers, Scarborough said.

Bookstore officials wiped down counter tops and cleaned floors with bleach this week. An infection-control nurse from the Brody School of Medicine also met with employees.

"We're certainly concerned about our employees, but in talking with all the health officials, they told us there's nothing to worry about," Scarborough said. "So we're just going on that. Most of our employees are comfortable with it. That is my main concern, the well-being of our employees and customers."

Staph bacteria are common, said Dr. Thomas Kerker, an infectious disease specialist at the Brody School of Medicine. Typically borne in human noses, the organism lives in 10 percent of people.

A staph infection usually presents itself as an inflamed boil, similar to a spider bite, Kerker said. It digs into skin or soft tissue and creates an abscess. Physicians treat it by draining away pus and administering rounds of antibiotics, orally and through the nostrils, he added. Typically, staph infections travel from person to person through open wounds.

The methicillin-resistant strain, subject of recent media attention, withstands treatment with one antibiotic — methicillin — but may succumb to others, Kerker said.

It's "probably just coincidental" that two employees at the same store have developed methicillin-resistant infections, Kerker said.

"I would have no trouble going to the ECU bookstore and getting my books because (staph is) not spread in that way," Kerker said. "We spread it generally from people-to-people contact."

Such contact is uncommon at the bookstore, Scarborough said.

"We're not playing any kind of sport," she said. "We're not eating after each other or working that close together. Everybody has their own workstations."
Collegiate issues

We welcome and appreciate thoughtful criticism and, for the most part, that is what we received from J. Peder Zane in his Oct. 21 Arts & Entertainment section column "Calling on the Bard." A Pope Center study had pointed out that at nearly half the colleges in North Carolina, a student can obtain an English degree without taking a course in the writings of William Shakespeare. Zane doesn't think that is a problem but, rather, an appropriate evolution of what constitutes an English major. Just as Shakespeare and Alexander Pope replaced Greek and Latin in the education of 19th century students, so Shakespeare can be nudged out in favor of more modern authors.

Zane's viewpoint is a legitimate one, although, interestingly, he goes even further than the Pope Center in praising Shakespeare. He says it's hard to be fully human without encountering his soaring works.

The bothersome part of the column was Zane's suggestion that there is something sinister about our doing such a study. Apparently, showing how Shakespeare is being devalued reveals us to be conservative and traditionalist.

While we accept these labels, the Pope Center's mission is much broader than Zane implies, and we have much in common with all, including Zane, who are concerned about higher education today, whatever their political beliefs.

We want schools to be more accountable to students, parents, alumni and taxpayers in many areas, not just a few. Thus, I urge Zane and others to be on the alert for our upcoming reports on these topics: how to pick a law school in North Carolina, the misdirection of resources at teacher education schools, the impact of a little-known court case on college enrollments and whether student fees at UNC meet the standards set by the Supreme Court. The results may be surprising.

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The length limit on letters was waived to permit a fuller response to the column.
Students question hopefuls from afar

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Karla Ortiz held a microphone at Wake Technical Community College on Saturday afternoon, looked New York Sen. Hillary Clinton in the eye and asked the presidential candidate whether she would help young immigrants like Ortiz attend four-year colleges and universities.

Clinton said yes, she'd try to relax the current regulations that make it difficult for young people without "green cards" or visas to attend four-year educational institutions. Ortiz, 24, nodded and thanked Clinton for her time.

Despite their exchange, Clinton and Ortiz were in two different rooms, hundreds of miles apart — Ortiz in Wake Tech's student center, Clinton behind a desk in her New York City office. The two were brought together through a teleconference set up by the League of Rural Voters and Generation Engage, a nonprofit that aims to bring young people who aren't in four-year college settings into the political process.

Wake Tech was one of three locations selected to participate in the event. The other audiences were at Google's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., and at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Wake Tech was selected because Generation Engage has one of its six offices in Raleigh, said John D. White II, the outreach coordinator for the Raleigh area. Other offices are in Charlotte, Miami, Washington, D.C.; San Jose, Calif.; and New York City.

"First, let me give a shout-out to Raleigh," said former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, who lives in Chapel Hill, as he sat on a stage at Iowa State University and took a question from a Raleigh student.

At Wake Tech, close to 75 students munched on pizza and sipped soda as they listened to Democratic presidential hopefuls Clinton, Edwards and Illinois Senator Barack Obama. Republicans Rick Perry, Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee were said to be on board, but in the end, only little known John Cox of Illinois took part from the GOP.

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Just give us' a chance

Ortiz came to Saturday's event for extra credit in a political science class. Though she can't vote in the 2008 presidential election, Ortiz, her voice inflected with her native Spanish, said she wanted to bring up the issue because of thousands of other immigrants like her.

Ortiz moved to Dunn from Honduras when she was 12 and is in her final semester at Wake Tech to get an associate's degree. She wants to go on to a four-year college or university so that she can become a kindergarten teacher. But she can't because she moved to the United States as a child without proper documentation. She has a work permit to be in the United States, but to attend a four-year college, she said she needs either a green card

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To check out Saturday's teleconference, go to Generation Engage's website, www.generationengage.org.

or proper visa, which can be expensive and difficult to get.

"We're not asking for money or financial help," said Ortiz. "Just give us an opportunity."

Choosing sides

With the North Carolina primaries not scheduled until the spring, several students at Saturday's event hadn't made any decisions about whom to support.

"I'm just sitting back and waiting before I select a candidate," said Tom Williams, 22, a Wake Tech student who says he leans toward the conservative side.

But others, like N.C. State Uni-

versity senior Steven Horton, had their minds made up. Horton, 20, saw a video of Paul on YouTube this summer and quickly was captivated by the Texas congressman. Horton joined the College Democrats, College Libertarians and College Republicans on NCSU's campus and threw himself headfirst into Paul's campaign.

"Everyone I meet is going to find out about Ron Paul," he said.

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Davidson College holds ceremony for new leader

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Davidson College honored its new president in an inauguration ceremony on campus Saturday. Tom Ross, a 1972 Davidson College graduate, was sworn in as the college's 17th president before a few thousand students, parents, faculty members and staff members at the Baker Sports complex.

Ross said new college presidents are most frequently asked about their vision for their institution. What the questioners often mean, he said, is, "What do you plan to change?"

Ross said changes are bound to happen at the college and in the community, including population growth, shifts in demographics and advances in technology. But, he said, the larger question is how Davidson can address the changes while staying true to Davidson values: academic rigor, excellence in teaching, the role of faith, respect for difference and community service.

Part of the ceremony included the ringing of what is thought to be the first bell of the college.

The event program said it was cast in bronze during the early 1800s, found on the property of Arthur Edward Armour of Davidson and returned to the college by descendants of Louisa Susan Armour Gudger.

Davidson College trustee Paul Leonard, who was chairman of the presidential search committee, said Ross is known for numbering how many days he's worked.

"It's true, Ross said, saying Saturday was day No. 88.

"I count the days so that each and every day I remember how blessed I am" to be the college president, he said.

Then he quipped that worries there is a 90-day probationary period that lasts until Monday.

"I want to make sure I make it past there."

Saturday's presidential inauguration also doubled as Davidson's Fall Convocation. Davidson seniors wore their graduation caps and gowns for the first time, and awards were presented to faculty members and students.
Don't let college costs sneak up on you, parents

Every parent knows that college costs are painfully high, and yet so many people fail to save anything, even an amount that will get their child through one semester of school. Instead, they wait until their child is ready to go to college, panic, and then turn to loans.

Many people can't handle the truth about the cost of an education. They don't put money away when their kids are small, and they take on more debt than they can handle: key ingredients in the recipe for financial disaster.

If you're a parent, you should be familiar with recent data on education spending that may inspire you to save more and to be smarter about taking out college loans.

The College Board, which tracks education costs, reported last week that tuition and fees at public four-year institutions rose 6.6 percent for the current academic year from a year ago. At private four-year schools, the increase was 6.3 percent. Those increases far outstripped inflation, as measured by the government's consumer price index, which rose 2.8 percent over the past 12 months as of September.

"Here we go again," said a frustrated James A. Boyle, president of College Parents of America in a statement about the College Board's latest figures. "Price increases at both public and private colleges and universities again outpace inflation by a significant margin while students and their families again wait for the answer to a simple question — why?"

At public four-year institutions, in-state tuition and fees now average $6,183. When you add in the price of room and board, the total annual cost for in-state students is $13,589. Tuition and fees for out-of-state students at public four-year colleges and universities average $16,640.

At private four-year institutions, tuition and fees average $23,712. With room and board, total charges for the 2007-08 school year come to $32,307.

As those costs rise, so does a family's reliance on debt to finance a college education. But because federal loans often don't cover all expenses, families are turning to private loans.

In fact, the College Board found that a declining portion of education loans come from the federally subsidized Stafford program. Private loans now make up 24 percent of total education loans in 2006-07, up from 6 percent a decade ago. Most nonfederal loans come from banks and other private lenders.

Subsidized Stafford Loans, on which the federal government pays the interest while students are in school, declined from 54 percent of total education loans in 1996-97 to 32 percent in 2006-07, according to the College Board.

"For too long, parents have grumbled and borne the high price of college because they presumed that a higher education is key to their child's success in today's economy," Boyle said. "Surely, the day will come — soon — when parents say enough is enough."

Well, that day won't be today. And making matters worse is that people don't seem to be saving what they should. A survey of 447 parents found that 54 percent have saved less than $5,000 for their child's higher education. Twenty-seven percent of respondents hadn't saved a penny.

The survey, conducted by the College Savings Foundation, a Washington nonprofit whose members include firms that offer 529 college savings plans, showed that 44 percent of those polled said they anticipate taking five to 10 years to pay off education debt. Thirty-eight percent expect to take at least 10 years to pay off average private college tuition funded through loans.

"These findings highlight a looming crisis for American parents and their children," said Chuck Toth, secretary for the College Savings Foundation.

So now that you are likely depressed by this pricing and debt data, what are you going to do if you've got a child you want to go to college?

What you shouldn't do is panic. As the College Board points out, average tuition and fee figures do not describe the circumstances of most college students. Forty-three percent of public four-year college students are enrolled in institutions with published tuition and fees between $3,000 and $6,000.

Most importantly, don't whine about the cost — do something proactive, like invest perhaps in a 529 college savings plan. In a 529 plan, your contributions grow tax-deferred, and when the funds are used for qualified higher education expenses, the money is not subject to federal income tax.

"Investing early and often can enable parents and their children to leapfrog a lifetime of debt," Toth said.

This is why it's important to keep reporting on the cost of college. Because maybe people will start saving something — anything — to help pay for their child's education.

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Gestate

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Sheila stood in her kitchen, spooning vinegar into a bowl of mayonnaise, taking care it did not curdle. When it was ready, she added a dash of salt and dumped it on her boyfriend's head. Carlos eased back toward the sink to let Sheila rub the mix into his scalp with her gloved hands.

It had been two months, and the lice had not yet left. Neither had Carlos, but that wasn’t his fault. They’d agreed Carlos would move out as soon as he found work. Then the lice arrived. This was the fourth time Sheila had fumigated the house and washed the sheets, clothing and curtains. Earlier applications of blue, burning chemicals to Carlos’ scalp had done little to kill off the parasites and their spawn; Sheila had faith the mayonnaise would work.

Between the coin-op Laundromat and the infestation section of the pharmacy, Sheila had spent a paycheck on lice-removal products. Never had she bought so many shower caps. Rubber gloves. Detergent. Tiny steel combs. She’d come home that afternoon, late from an extra shift at the coffee shop to learn that, somehow, between watching sitcoms and cooking dinner, Carlos had caught lice again.

“This mayonnaise business sure beats chemicals,” Carlos said. He tilted his neck to meet the pressure of her gloved fingers, and his cheek brushed against her breast. “Maybe I should try to catch lice again.”

Sheila edged away. “Sorry,” she said. “Let’s hope this is the end of it,” she said.

Sheila wound a sheet of plastic wrap around his head, pressing it against his slick hair. She dabbed a dry cloth around his brow and temple to keep the mixture from dripping into his eyes, then covered his scalp with a shower cap.

“It says to wait an hour, okay?” Sheila said, checking the directions in her library copy of Yen for the Moon: Managing Menses and Home Health. “Then we comb it out.”

Sheila scanned Carlos’ neckline with a magnifying glass. “They’re everywhere,” she said. “But at least they look dead.”

Sheila set down the glass and wrapped a large towel around Carlos’ shoulders. She combed through his slick hair and sectioned his locks with a new rattail comb and plastic clips. She hunched under a bright reading lamp, removing every egg, each dead body, with the steel comb. She wanted him clean. The sooner the better. Five days? Eight? The lice gestation period was relatively predictable. She’d give it a week. With every few strokes of the comb, she wiped its wire teeth with a tissue. As she completed each section, she contemplated how to tell Carlos, job or no job, he’d have to leave after this last round of lice was gone. Tell him, she thought, combing just above his ear. Tell him you’re through paying his way. Tired of coming home to jarred had quarantined him. He’d stopped scanning the classifieds and sat watching TV, a notebook or his laptop across his knees, trying to make use of his time by writing a screenplay. A screenplay!

When Carlos turned to face Sheila, she took a step back. “Watch your hair,” she said. How could he not want to stay here until he found work? The apartment would be nearly empty without Carlos: the couch was his, the TV, too. No. This is good, she thought. He needs to leave. I don’t even watch TV.

“Can’t keep living off you,” he said. “I don’t know why I didn’t move out right away, when we first talked about it.”

Sheila’s laugh came out like a hiccup. “I know. The job...”

Carlos stared at his slippers, then looked up. “It’s not just about the job,” he said. “I was ready to leave. But I’m still here. I thought you were something making me stay.”

“Are you talking about the lice?”

“Maybe, at first? I don’t know,” he said. “But all you want is for me to leave. I can’t tell.”

Sheila stared at the globs of oil trapped on the silver comb.

“That’s not true,” she said. “I don’t think you should move to your parents.”

“Where I go isn’t your concern,” he said. “Or, it shouldn’t be.”

Sheila shook her head. “Can we talk about this later? When the lice are gone?”

Carlos arranged the greasy towel into a turban. “Sure. But I’m moving on this,” he said. “I’ll call my folks tomorrow.”

Sheila didn’t answer him. “Are we done here?” Carlos said, standing up. “For now,” she said. “Go shower. I have to check your scalp when your hair is dry.”

Carlos closed the bathroom door behind him and Sheila sat down at the kitchen table. She wiped her tears. She picked up the magnifying glass and stared at the last batch of nits trapped in the teeth of the metal comb. Dozens of stumpy, oval egg trapped in oil, so many little lives. The vinegar loosens the eggs from the hair, she’d read. It doesn’t kill them. Squished into tissues were the nymphs as adults, suffocated by mayonnaise oil, lanky with long front legs, each one shaped like a pale, flat at Five days from egg to nymph, she’d read. Thr more to adulthood, then baby hatches on the scalp. More eggs borne of human blood. Then what?

Sheila looked at their apartment stripped bare its linens. The wooden floor held the scuff marks so many parties. They’d made love on the v
“Almost done.”

As she combed, she noticed the smallest of bald spots on the very top of his head. In their three years together, she hadn’t seen it before. His hair was thick, with dark waves, and they’d joked that Sheila, with her blond, wispy locks, would probably go bald before he did. She touched the spot with her pinky finger and opened her mouth to speak.

“I’ve been thinking when this business is over,” Sheila heard, “I’m going to move.”

Sheila stopped combing. “What about work? Where do you plan to go?”

“Anywhere. My parents, if I have to,” Carlos said. “I’ll sleep on the couch in a shower cap.”

Sheila drew a deep breath. Carlos had been holding out to find a good job, not just any job; the lice

She raised the comb to her head and placed it tiny teeth against her scalp, closest to the part and pulled it through her hair.

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