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County may host blast simulator
Monday, November 7, 2011

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners will consider renting space at the Technology Enterprise Center for an ECU research project during its meeting today.

East Carolina University wants 2,408 square feet to house a blast simulator research lab, Scott Poag with the Pitt County Development Commission said. If approved, the county’s Industrial Development Commission will spend $51,725 to upfit the space for the lab, Poag said.

The blast simulator doesn’t involve explosions, Poag said. It is a tube that uses compressed air to simulate the shock wave of an improvised explosive device.

The College of Allied Health Sciences is researching blast injuries for the Department of Defense. It’s also involved in providing medical care and rehabilitation through the Wounded Warrior Program.

Also on today’s agenda:

- Commissioners will consider amending their zoning ordinance text to add “halfway house” to the table of permitted uses.

The planning board voted in September to recommend the change. The change is being sought because someone wants to open a halfway house in rural Pitt County.

- Alcohol Beverage Control Administrator Teresa Campbell will present data about the end of fiscal year 2010-11 along with information about sales performance for the first quarter of fiscal year 2011-12.
- Commissioners will review the transportation priority list of the region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization.
Letter: Academics first for ECU athletes
Monday, November 7, 2011

As the faculty athletics representative at ECU, I serve as a bridge between the academic side of campus and the athletic side, with a focus on three main areas: academic integrity, rules compliance and welfare of student-athletes.

I believe that athletics and academics are not incompatible. Student does indeed come first for the vast majority of our student-athletes who are doing well academically and will graduate from ECU without any chance of playing professionally in their sport.

Each year, Conference USA honors student-athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher with membership on its honor roll. ECU had 208 student-athletes make the honor roll in 2010-11. That is approximately half of our more than 400 student-athletes. C-USA also honors student-athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher with the Commissioner’s Academic Medal. ECU had 47 student-athletes receive that medal. Ten of our student-athletes have managed to maintain a perfect 4.0 GPA. The academic success of our student-athletes is most impressive given the time they spend on their sports, which has become a year-long job.

First, we need to thank the student-athletes, who are students first and athletes second. Then, the coaches who create a climate on their teams that value academics. Credit needs to be given to our academic administrators (Chancellor Steve Ballard and Provost Marilyn Sheerer) and to our athletic administrators (Athletic Director Terry Holland and Senior Associate Director of Athletics Nick Floyd), who set the expectations that academics will come first. And finally, much credit goes to Nita Boyce and her staff, who provide the academic support services.

Participation in athletics should enrich, expand and elaborate the students’ educational experience. Participation in athletics should teach important values and skills that apply to all areas of life. The vast majority of student-athletes at ECU are taking full advantage of their academic and athletic experiences.
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East Carolina University
ECU Notes: Ceremony for Veterans Day
Sunday, November 6, 2011

East Carolina University’s Veterans Day services will include a Thursday presentation by ECU alumnus and four-star U.S. Air Force general Gary L. North, along with a Friday ceremony marking the donation of 111 brick pavers, each given in honor of military service.

The Veterans Day events honor a long-standing tradition of military service at ECU, said Steve Duncan, assistant vice chancellor for administration and finance and military programs.

“Our service to the military is rooted in a history that grew over time and we want to continue to respect that,” Duncan said.

Duncan pointed out a long history of ECU connections with the military. At one point during WWII, Duncan said, the entire ECU football team was off at war. The Christenbury Gym was named for ECU Coach John B. Christenbury, who was killed in 1944 while serving the U.S. Army.

The Veterans Day commemoration will kick off Thursday, when North speaks at 3:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium as part of the College of Business Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series. His presentation is free and open to the public.

North is commander of Pacific Air Forces, responsible for Air Force activities spread over half the globe. His command supports 45,000 USAF troops in Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Korea and Japan. He also serves as air
component commander for U.S. Pacific Command and executive director for Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

North completed ECU’s ROTC program as a distinguished graduate and, in 1976, was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He is a command pilot with more than 4,600 flying hours, primarily in the F-4, F-15 and F-16.

On Friday, North will serve as the grand marshal for the 9 a.m. Greenville Veterans Day parade. He will also speak at the ceremony that follows at the Town Common.

From there, celebrations will move to the ECU campus where North will serve as guest of honor. ECU events will begin at 1:11 p.m. near the Rawl Building with the Air Force Presidential Silent Drill Team presenting. Following the drill team, the celebration will move to the Freedom Wall and Memorial Walk, a campus site that honors the military service of ECU faculty, staff and students, where Retired Col. Joe Marm will deliver the Veterans Day message.

A Goldsboro resident, Marm was awarded the United States military’s highest decoration — the Medal of Honor – for his role in the Vietnam War at the Battle of la Drang. The battle was made famous in the book, “We Were Soldiers Once … and Young: la Drang — the Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam,” which was made into a movie starring Mel Gibson.

The number of pavers is significant in that the ECU Veterans Day ceremony begins at 1:11 p.m. on Nov. 11, 2011 or 11-11-11. That was an idea generated by Duncan.

“My goal was to have at least 111 pavers to go with the 2011 service,” Duncan said. “We have made that goal and have surpassed it.”

“The pavers honor individuals for their national service, but not just men and women who fought or died fighting, but also family and friends who went to work in factories and such when their husbands went off to war,” Duncan said.
Author Colum McCann coming to ECU
The winner of the 2009 National Book Award for fiction will visit ECU this week for events with students and a public reading of his work.

Colum McCann, recognized for his novel “Let the Great World Spin,” will be on campus for the Contemporary Writers Series, which is sponsored by the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies and the Department of English. The series aims to expose students and other readers to award-winning fiction and nonfiction writers, translators and poets.

McCann will speak on “The Art of Fiction” at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the Bate Building, Room 1031. On Thursday, he’ll meet with students in the classroom before giving a public reading of his work at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenville Museum of Art, 802 Evans Street. All events are free and open to the public.

Born in Dublin, McCann began his career as a journalist for The Irish Press. In the early 1980s, he cycled across North America and then worked as a wilderness guide in a program for juvenile delinquents in Texas. In the mid-90s, he and his wife moved to New York, where they still live with their three children. McCann teaches creative writing at Hunter College in New York.

In addition to his celebrated novel, “Let the Great World Spin,” McCann has written two collections of short stories and four other novels, including “Dancer” in 2003.

“Let the Great World Spin” begins in August 1974 as tightrope walker Phillipe Petit makes his way between the World Trade Center towers, stunning the thousands of onlookers below. McCann’s 9/11 allegory weaves together seemingly disparate lives through Petit’s “artistic crime of the century.”

Thomas Douglass with the ECU Department of English is one of the organizers of the Contemporary Writers Series and believes McCann is a good fit for speaking with students about the craft of writing.
“I read many, many novels and McCann’s novel impressed me as state of the art, the novel at its best, in what it can do, and how it continues to reach further,” Douglass said.

For more information about McCann’s visit or the Contemporary Writers Series at ECU, contact Douglass at douglasst@ecu.edu or Liza Wieland, with the Department of English, at wielandl@ecu.edu.

Lecture to celebrate ECU diversity
Harvard professor Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr. will speak on “African-American Lives: Genetics, Genealogy and Black History” at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Wright Auditorium.

The lecture celebrates 50 years of diversity at ECU. It is the third in the 2011-12 Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series presented by the ECU Harriot College of Arts and Sciences.

Gates is the Alphonse Fletcher University professor and director of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African-American Research at Harvard University.

He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in English literature from Clare College and the University of Cambridge and his B.A. summa cum laude in history from Yale University.

Gates’ awards and honors include a selection to Time magazine’s 25 Most Influential Americans list, a MacArthur Foundation genius grant, a National Humanities Medal, election to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and 44 honorary degrees.

Co-sponsors of the event include the 2011-12 Voyages of Discovery Lectures Series; Office of Equity, Diversity, and Community Relations; Office of Student Affairs; Student Activities Board-Initiatives; Division of Research and Graduate Studies; and J.Y. Joyner Library.

Faculty, staff and students may request one free ticket with a valid ECU ID by calling the ECU Central Ticket Office at 328-4788.

For additional information, visit www.ecu.edu/voyages.
Letter: Thomas will work closely with ECU
Sunday, November 6, 2011

I am former East Carolina University interim Chancellor Bill Shelton and I endorse Allen Thomas for mayor of Greenville. In the 2004 legislative battle for funding from the North Carolina Legislature, I contacted Thomas to spearhead ECU’s effort to bring a successful outcome to the funding process. Thomas created and launched the Purple Alert system, which organized thousands of ECU alumni in a coordinated effort across the state to lobby their local legislators for funding of our East Carolina Heart Institute. I give Thomas credit for his contribution to our successful efforts to make our heart institute a reality. He showed great energy, vision and leadership.

As former interim chancellor, I urge you to vote for Allen Thomas for mayor of Greenville. I know Thomas will work closely with East Carolina University and will do a great job for our community as mayor. I urge you to vote for him on Tuesday to move Greenville forward.

BILL SHELTON
former interim chancellor
East Carolina University
Greenville
‘Best Doctors’ lists 47 Brody physicians
Monday, November 7, 2011

Forty-seven physicians from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University have been chosen for inclusion in the 2011-12 “Best Doctors in America” list.

The annual list is compiled by Best Doctors Inc., a Boston-based group that surveys more than 30,000 physicians across the United States who have been included in the listing asking whom they would choose to treat themselves or their families.

Approximately 5 percent of the physicians who practice in North Carolina make the annual list. A partial list of the state’s best doctors is in the November issue of “Business North Carolina” magazine.

The ECU physicians on the list are: Dr. William A. Burke, dermatology; Dr. Greg W. Knapp, Dr. Lars C. Larsen, Dr. Gary I. Levine, Dr. Robert J. Newman, Dr. Kenneth Steinweg and Dr. Ricky Watson, family medicine; Dr. Paul P. Cook and Dr. Keith M. Ramsey, infectious diseases; Dr. David Goff, pediatrics and internal medicine; Dr. Mary Jane Barchman, Dr. Paul Bolin and Dr. Cynthia Christiano, nephrology; Dr. Raymond Dombroski and Dr. Edward R. Newton, obstetrics and gynecology; Dr. David Hannon, Dr. Charlie J. Sang Jr. and Dr. Carolyn T. Spencer, pediatric cardiology; Dr. Glenn Harris, Dr. Irma Fiordalisi, Dr. William E. Novotny and Dr. Ronald M. Perkin, pediatric critical care.

Also listed: Dr. Michael Reichel, pediatric developmental and behavioral problems; Dr. Debra A. Tristram, pediatric infectious diseases; Dr. David N. Collier, pediatric obesity; Dr. Daniel P. Moore, pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation; Dr. Elaine Cabinum-Foeller, pediatric abuse; Dr. Diana J. Antonacci, Dr. John Diamond and Dr. Kaye L. McGinty, child and adolescent psychiatry; Dr. James J. Cummings and Dr. Scott S. MacGilvray, neonatal medicine; Dr. Karin Marie Hillenbrand, Dr. Thomas G. Irons, Dr. Dale A. Newton, Dr. Kathleen V. Previll and Dr. Charles Willson, general pediatrics; Dr. Robert A. Shaw, Dr. Yash Kataria and Dr. Mark Bowling,
pulmonary medicine; Dr. Robert Harland, Dr. Michael Rotondo and Dr. Eric Toschlog, surgery; Dr. Emmanuel Zervos, surgical oncology; Dr. Danielle Walsh, pediatric surgery; Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood Jr., cardiothoracic surgery; and Dr. Charles S. Powell, vascular surgery.
Nothing official had come from East Carolina University on Sunday, but a man who claimed on Facebook to be the streaker at the ECU-Southern Miss football game was booked into Pitt County Detention Center on Saturday.

John Seiglinger, 21, was booked at 7:06 p.m. Saturday on charges of first-degree trespassing and first-degree indecent exposure, both misdemeanors.

He was released a short time later on a $1,500 bond for each charge, jail records show. Jail records did not list an address.

Officers with the ECU Police Department and the detention center on Sunday night said they were unable to confirm if Seiglinger is the man who ran naked onto the field during a halftime military appreciation ceremony at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

A public Facebook page under the name John Seiglinger on Sunday was plastered with images from the incident, including a shot by East Carolina’s official photographer that obscured his midsection.

YouTube videos show a man hopping walls in the student section and running onto the field. The man streaked through the east end zone, across
the 50-yard line and had turned to head back before he was tackled, according to reports from Saturday.

The Facebook page says he lives in Raleigh, was a graduate of Sanderson High School and studied general business administration at Wake Technical Community College.

A post made on the page about 7:30 p.m. by Seiglinger said, “My apologies to anyone who was offended by my actions.”
ELIZABETH CITY—Authorities identified the former Elizabeth City State University student shot by police after bringing an assault rifle to campus.

The university said in a release that 24-year-old Rashaad Gardner was arrested Saturday and charged with assault by pointing a gun, possession of a weapon on state educational property and going armed to the terror of the people. The 2010 graduate was being held in lieu of $50,000 bail.

University police Chief Samuel Beamon said officers saw a man with an AK-47 assault rifle at about 2:30 a.m. on Saturday after seeing students running away.

Beamon said the suspect refused to drop his weapon and pointed it at officers instead. He said an officer shot the suspect once in the leg before he fled into nearby woods. Tracking dogs helped to locate him.
East Carolina lost to its fiercest 2011 football rival on Saturday night — itself.

The Pirates beat the Pirates for almost the entire first half, only occasionally allowing Southern Miss to join in on an eventual 48-28 blowout at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. ECU forfeited control of Conference USA’s East Division after posting 28 points against itself in the first two quarters.

Seemingly three games removed from a flurry of early season mistakes which landed them at 1-4 to start the season, the Pirates fell back below the .500 mark again by blitzing themselves with game-changing turnovers and poor special teams play.

Although Southern Miss did its part in taking charge of C-USA East, the Pirates did most of the work.

An ECU team which during a three-game winning streak succeeded in making its offense complement its defense and vice versa played a game characterized by a costly role reversal.

Instead of letting the much-improved Pirate defense try to slow down what proved to be a sluggish-at-best Southern Miss offense — the Golden Eagles won convincingly without cracking the 300-yard mark in total offense — the ECU offense and special teams units tried their hands at defense instead.

The results were glaring.

After bringing an announced sellout crowd to its feet with one of the quickest opening scoring drives in the team’s recent history, the Pirate offense tried and failed as a defense twice during long interception returns.
The ECU punt team also offered an odd rendition of pursuing and tackling on a Southern Miss return, and one punt later it gave away seven more points on a Golden Eagle block.

Any one of those errors could have helped to jump-start the visitors. The combination of all four of them ended the game for ECU in the second quarter, about the same time the audience started to become less of a crowd and more of a gathering.

First, the Pirate point scorers couldn’t get a hand on Jamie Collins as he lumbered a school-record 97 yards for a touchdown after picking off ECU quarterback Dominique Davis in the first quarter. Seconds earlier, the Pirates were within three yards of a 14-0 lead and a much different game.

With the score tied, the ECU punt team took over with a flat kick on fourth down and nearly invisible coverage as Southern Miss return specialist Tracey Lampley took a free 60-yard stroll to the end zone for a 14-7 lead.

Given another fourth down chance a few minutes later, ECU didn’t even get its punt off the foot of Phil McNaughton. Thanks to some casual blocking up front, Southern Miss charged the Pirate punter and blocked his second attempt. Emmanuel Johnson scooped it up and galloped into the end zone for a 21-7 lead.

All the while, the Southern Miss offense dozed on one sideline while the ECU defense watched helplessly from the other.

The ECU offense gave itself another chance to be the ECU defense just before halftime.

After driving the team across midfield in search of a rebound score, Davis lobbed an errant pass into the path of Southern Miss cornerback Deron Wilson, who couldn’t help but make the interception and sped 79 yards in the other direction for the fourth non-offensive touchdown of the half for the Eagles.

The post-game stat sheet mistakenly, yet fittingly, had two ECU helmet logos at the top instead of one ECU and one Southern Miss helmet.
Below that mistake were some very misleading numbers thanks to the Pirates’ many, many mistakes, which left them in need of two wins in their final three games to become bowl eligible.

The Golden Eagles managed just two offensive touchdowns all game. Austin Davis threw for a paltry 133 yards and a touchdown, and leading rusher Jamal Woodyard managed just 57 yards.

On a day in which ECU authored its own undoing, however, those numbers were plenty to beat the Pirates.

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EAST CAROLINA FOOTBALL
Eagles light up Pirates

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GREENVILLE East Carolina opened Saturday's contest with an inspiring scoring drive, but before long Southern Mississippi silenced the hopeful crowd at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium with its own electrifying brand of football.

Southern Miss scored a season-high, 38 first-half points, twice finding the end zone on returned interceptions, once on a returned punt, once on a returned block punt, once on a touchdown pass and once on a field goal. By the time the Eagles were done, they had snapped the Pirates' three-game winning streak and collected an impressive 48-28 victory in front of a disappointed crowd of 50,345.

"It was very freaky," ECU sophomore wide receiver Reese Wiggins said. "They scored three times without the defense touching the field."

That's never a good sign. The Pirates, who gained 420 offensive yards, surrendered 299 yards and the most first-half points since yielding 42 points to West Virginia in 2004.
After tough nonconference losses to No. 10 South Carolina, No. 12 Virginia Tech and North Carolina this season, the Pirates entered this game tied with the Eagles (8-1, 4-1) in Conference USA's Eastern Division and had an opportunity to take a one-game lead with three regular-season games remaining.

Instead the Pirates dropped to 4-5 overall and 3-2 in the conference, their quest of reaching the league's championship game dampened, though not dashed. They also need two wins to become bowl eligible.

"It's very frustrating," ECU senior quarterback Dominique Davis said. "But you have to keep playing."

ECU close within 38-21 with an 11-play, 40-yard drive midway through the third quarter. Davis - who completed 22 of 36 pass attempts for 262 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions - found receiver Justin Hardy on a 3-yard pass, but that and a fourth-quarter touchdown run wasn't enough.

"We dug ourselves in a whole and couldn't get back out," said Davis, who was sacked five times and watched his team implode in the first half.

The Pirates opened the game with a flurry of quick-strike plays.

On the second play of the game, Davis dumped a screen pass to Wiggins, who cut inside then up the sideline for a 72 yard touchdown. The Pirates needed 52 seconds to take a 7-0 lead.

But then the game changed.

"We were beating ourselves," ECU coach Ruffin McNeill said. "I have to get that corrected."

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Student loan debt fails our future

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ST. LOUIS The following editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Wednesday:

Not all that long ago in the American experience, a million was a big number. Then it was a billion. Today the word "trillion" is thrown around casually.

The number is so big and so hard to comprehend that it has a certain cachet. Deficits and debts seem to matter when trillions of dollars are at stake. When they were in the billions, not so much. Which was a mistake.

Which brings us to the latest trillion-dollar-baby: America's student loan debt.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported last month that the debt owed by U.S. college students has topped $1 trillion for the first time. That figure doesn't even take into account the loans owned by parents on behalf of students.

This number is not just the result of inflation or population growth but of a fundamental shift in U.S. policy toward helping our next generation reach for the same dreams the previous generation had the opportunity to achieve.
Students are borrowing twice what they did a decade ago, partly because states have reduced their support for higher education. In the meantime, with ever more kids wanting to get in and willing to borrow to pay for it, colleges keep raising prices.

In 1984, tuition was less than 25 percent of the overall revenue for the nation's colleges and universities, according to association known as the State Higher Education Executive Officers. By 2009, tuition accounted for 37 percent of higher education revenue. The same study found that per-student state appropriations for public colleges and universities was lower in 2009 than at any time since 1984.

America's middle class is being priced out of an opportunity to succeed. But smart kids know that their lifetime earning potential is significantly increased by obtaining a college degree. So they saddle themselves with debt to keep alive the hope that comes with an education. That hope is being crushed by bills that outpace post-graduation jobs, if the jobs even exist.

So it's not hard to understand why, in many cities, a major source of the anger fueling the Occupy Wall Street movement comes from students seeking student loan relief.

Slowly but surely, the threads of the tapestry of the American dream are being pulled away. First came the homeownership bubble, which in some ways contributed to the original tea party anger. Now comes the student loan debt bubble.

About two-thirds of graduates with a bachelor's degree have student loans, according to the College Board, with the average debt about $24,000. The promise was that you'd get a good job coming out of school, so you could handle that. But not if no one's hiring. Not if you're working at Starbucks.

Congress, President Barack Obama and state legislatures must get beyond the political battles of left and right and see what is happening to the next generation of Americans. Most of them don't yet have any political allegiances, only a desire to start building their own nest egg.

Obama reached out to the students dragged down by debt last week. For six months, beginning in January, borrowers with both federal loans and federally backed loans can consolidate them at a slightly lower interest rate. It's a modest start, but far more serious work needs to be done.
Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley, administrator Gary Schultz step down in wake of Jerry Sandusky scandal

By Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Two top Penn State officials charged with covering up allegations of an explosive child-sex abuse scandal related to former football defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky stepped down late Sunday after an emergency meeting of the university’s Board of Trustees.

Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley requested to be placed on administrative leave so he could devote the time needed to defend himself against perjury and other charges, university President Graham Spanier said. Gary Schultz, vice president for finance and business, will step down and go back into retirement, Spanier said. He declined to comment to reporters after the meeting.

Resignations of famed football Coach Joe Paterno and Spanier weren’t discussed at the meeting, which was arranged Sunday and lasted two hours, university spokesman Bill Mahon said.

Curley and Schultz were charged Saturday after a grand jury investigation of Sandusky. He’s been charged with sexually abusing eight boys over 15 years. Lawyers for all three men have said they’re innocent.

Sandusky, once considered Paterno’s heir apparent, retired in 1999 but continued to use the school’s facilities for his work with The Second Mile, a foundation he established to help at-risk kids. Curley and Schultz were accused of failing to alert police — as required by state law — of their investigation of the allegations.

“This is a case about a sexual predator who used his position within the university and community to repeatedly prey on young boys,” state Attorney General Linda Kelly said Saturday.

Paterno, who last week became the coach with the most wins in Division I football history, wasn’t charged, and the grand jury report didn’t appear to implicate him in wrongdoing.

In a statement issued Sunday night, Paterno said he was shocked, saddened and as surprised as everyone else to hear of the charges.
“If this is true we were all fooled, along with scores of professionals trained in such things, and we grieve for the victims and their families. They are in our prayers,” Paterno said in a statement issued by his son, Scott.

Under Paterno’s four-decades-and-counting stewardship, the Nittany Lions became a bedrock in the college game, and fans packed the stadium in State College, a campus town routinely ranked among America’s best places to live and nicknamed Happy Valley. Paterno’s teams were revered both for winning games — including two national championships — and largely steering clear of trouble. Sandusky, whose defenses were usually anchored by tough-guy linebackers — hence the moniker “Linebacker U” — spent three decades at the school. The charges against him cover the period from 1994 to 2009.

Sandusky, 67, was arrested Saturday and released on $100,000 bail after being arraigned on 40 criminal counts. Curley, 57, and Schultz, 62, are expected to turn themselves in on Monday in Harrisburg.

Curley was named athletic director on Dec. 30, 1993. Senior Associate Athletic Director Mark Sherburne will serve as interim athletic director until Curley’s legal situation is resolved, board Chairman Steve Garban said.

Schultz served as senior vice president and treasurer from 1993 to 2009. He returned to the job this year to fill in until a new person could be found.

The allegations against Sandusky, who started The Second Mile in 1977, range from sexual advances to touching to oral and anal sex. The young men testified before a state grand jury that they were in their early teens when some of the abuse occurred; there is evidence even younger children may have been victimized. Sandusky’s attorney Joe Amendola said his client has been aware of the accusations for about three years and has maintained his innocence.

“He’s shaky, as you can expect,” Amendola told WJAC-TV after Sandusky was arraigned. “Being 67 years old, never having faced criminal charges in his life and having the distinguished career that he’s had, these are very serious allegations.”

A preliminary hearing scheduled for Wednesday would likely be delayed, Amendola said. Sandusky is charged with multiple counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, corruption of minors, endangering the welfare of a child, indecent assault and unlawful contact with a minor, as well as single counts of aggravated indecent assault and attempted indecent assault.
In a statement, The Second Mile said that to “our knowledge, all the alleged incidents occurred outside of our programs and events.” The group also said it was never made aware of the allegations against Sandusky in the grand jury report.

The first case to come to light was a boy who met Sandusky when he was 11 or 12, the grand jury said. The boy received expensive gifts and trips to sports events from Sandusky, and physical contact began during his overnight stays at Sandusky’s home, jurors said. Eventually, the boy’s mother reported the allegations of sexual assault to his high school, and Sandusky was banned from the child’s school district in Clinton County in 2009. That triggered the state investigation that culminated in charges Saturday.

Sandusky told The Second Mile in 2008 that he was being investigated on the allegations from the boy in Clinton County, the foundation said.

“Although he maintained there was no truth to the claims, we are an organization committed first and foremost to the safety and well-being of the children we serve. Consistent with that commitment and with The Second Mile policy, we immediately made the decision to separate him from all of our program activities involving children,” The Second Mile said late Sunday in an email. “Thus, from 2008 to present, Mr. Sandusky has had no involvement with Second Mile programs involving children.”

But the report also alleges much earlier instances of abuse and details failed efforts to stop it by some who became aware of what was happening.

Another child, known only as a boy about 11 to 13, was seen by a janitor pinned against a wall while Sandusky performed oral sex on him in fall 2000, the grand jury said.

And in 2002, Kelly said, a graduate assistant saw Sandusky sexually assault a naked boy, estimated to be about 10 years old, in a team locker room shower. The grad student and his father reported what he saw to Paterno, who immediately told Curley, prosecutors said.

Curley and Schultz met with the graduate assistant about a week and a half later, Kelly said.

“Despite a powerful eyewitness statement about the sexual assault of a child, this incident was not reported to any law enforcement or child protective agency, as required by Pennsylvania law,” Kelly said.
There’s no indication that anyone at school attempted to find the boy or follow up with the witness, she said.

Curley denied that the assistant had reported anything of a sexual nature, calling it “merely ‘horsing around,’” the 23-page grand jury report said. But he also testified that he barred Sandusky from bringing children onto campus and that he advised Spanier of the matter.

The grand jury said Curley was lying, Kelly said, adding that it also deemed portions of Schultz’s testimony not to be credible.

Schultz told the jurors he also knew of a 1998 investigation involving sexually inappropriate behavior by Sandusky with a boy in the showers the football team used.

But despite his job overseeing campus police, he never reported the 2002 allegations to any authorities, “never sought or received a police report on the 1998 incident and never attempted to learn the identity of the child in the shower in 2002,” the jurors wrote. “No one from the university did so.”

The board chairman said Sunday that he would appoint a task force to conduct an independent review of the university’s policies and procedures related to the protection of children.

University representatives released a statement from Spanier on Saturday calling the allegations against Sandusky “troubling” and adding that Curley and Schultz had his unconditional support.

He predicted they will be exonerated.

“I have known and worked daily with Tim and Gary for more than 16 years,” Spanier said. “I have complete confidence in how they handled the allegations about a former university employee.”

Sandusky, once considered a potential successor to Paterno, drew up the defenses for the Nittany Lions’ national-title teams in 1982 and 1986. The team is enjoying another successful run this season; at 8-1, Penn State is ranked No. 16 in the AP Top 25 and is the last undefeated squad in Big Ten play. The Nittany Lions were off Saturday.

As the head football coach, Paterno has spent years cultivating a reputation for putting integrity ahead of modern college-sports economics. It’s a notion that has benefited Penn State’s marketing and recruiting efforts over the decades and one that the Big Ten school’s alumni proudly tout years after they leave.

Scolforo reported from Harrisburg.