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CARY

Colonel Edward Earl Hollowell, retired U.S. Army, 75, of Cary went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, November 9, 2009. Mr. Hollowell was born on December 26, 1933 in Beaufort County, to John Brightman Hollowell, Sr and Gatha Lee Ballinger.

Edward went on to complete his education at the University of North Carolina, earning a BS in Business Administration, then the University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D.

His past memberships include Chairman, Medico Legal Committee of the North Carolina Medical Society and North Carolina Bar Association, President, American Society of Hospital Attorneys, Chairman, American Bar Association Forum Committee on Health Law, Chairman, Health Law Section, American College of Legal Medicine, Secretary and Treasurer, American College of Legal Medicine, President, Military Officers Association of America, Triangle Chapter, Member, Local Advisory Board, Branch Banking & Trust, Member, Board of Directors, National Association of Licensed Practical Nurses.

His present memberships include Wake County Bar Association, North Carolina Bar Association, Fellow, The American Health Lawyers Association, Fellow, American College of Legal Medicine, Editorial Board, Journal of Legal Medicine, American Bar Association.

Colonel Hollowell’s academia includes Former Adjunct Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Former Teaching Professor, East Carolina University School of Allied Health Sciences, Affiliate Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.

He was honored with Establishing the Edward E. Hollowell, JD, Distinguished Lecture in Health Policy, Health Administration and Health Law, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Campbell University, The Henry Capucille/Dee Yates Memorial Award, Wake County Veterans Council, Honorary Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Lee University, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, The Benevolent Advocate of Healthcare Award, Old North State Medical Society, Established the Edward E. Hollowell Distinguished Lecture in Health Law, A Resolution in Recognition of the Service of Edward E. Hollowell, JD, to the Brody School of Medicine of East Carolina University and to the Citizens of Eastern North Carolina, Renaming the Brody School of Medicine’s annual medical jurisprudence conference to the Edward E. Hollowell Health Law Forum.

He was a widely published author and lecturer, Editor, Hollowell Medical Jurisprudence Bulletin. He was member of Board of Directors, Lee University, Presidential Board of Advisors, Campbell University and Former Solicitor of the Recorders Court of Zebulon, North Carolina.

His Military career, Retired Colonel, United States Army Medical Service Corps, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and Commanding Officer, 141 Detachment, United States Army Reserves.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta “Sunshine” Hollowell; children, Diane Barbour and husband, John of Apex, René Bowser and fiancé, Van Wood of Apex, Susan Acord and husband, Charlie Padgett of Cary, Woodrow Hill and fiancée, Annette Daughtery and husband, Michele Cyloulski and husband, Chris of Greensboro; grandchildren, Lisa, Teresa, Stephen, Amy, Dylan, Stella, Frankie, Aira, Brooke, and Arleigh; and one great-granddaughter, Ava. He is also survived by his brothers: J.B. Hollowell, Jr and wife, Christine of Aurora, NC, and Rev. Dr. Jack E. Hollowell and wife, Leslie of Creedmoor.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Mary Louise Stout.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, November 13, 2009 at Apex Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Cary Church of God, 107 Quade Drive, Cary, NC 27513. Burial will be in the Apex Cemetery with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Parkinson Association of the Carolinas, 601 E. 5th St., Ste. 140, Charlotte, NC 28202, or to Ed and Sunshine Hollowell Scholarship Fund, Lee University, Office of the President, P.O. Box 3450, Cleveland, TN 37320.

Condolences may be made to www.apexfuneral.com
Storybook Theatre presents 'All Aboard South America'

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

East Carolina University welcomed writers from local elementary and middle schools two years ago for "All Aboard America," which featured folk tales from the nation's history. Now area students are on board again for "All Aboard South America: Mighty Mysteries, Wonder and Mayhem!"

The musical production by ECU's Storybook Theatre takes the stage at 7 p.m. Friday as part of ECU's Family Fare series. Tales by five area students — Tomoki Tashiro of Elmhurst Elementary, Nicholas Brown of St. Peter's School, Langston Cabral of Christ Covenant School, Hannah McClellan Moyock Middle School and Margaret McGuire, a Washington, N.C., homeschooler — will be included in the production.

While submissions for "All Aboard America" featured familiar characters such as Blackbeard the pirate and Paul Bunyan, South American stories required students to branch out into unfamiliar territory like Maipu, Chile, or go out on a limb with a topic like tree frogs.

"We were a little bit nervous about that," said Patricia Clark, associate professor in ECU's School of Theater and Dance. "We weren't sure whether or not the students would embrace that whole idea. They really did the research."

The result is an educational and entertaining play about South America's folklore, history and the animals of the region. Among the featured stories is "The Three Shovels," a tale that ECU students learned from their global classroom partners in Lima, Peru.

Tickets are $9 for adults and $6 for children. All tickets at the door are $9. Call 328-4788. The play will be performed at 2 p.m. Saturday at Turnage Theater, 150 W. Main St., Washington, N.C. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. Call 975-1191.

Students in Lima who watched a preview of the performance on Friday via Internet were pleased with the stage version of "The Three Shovels."

"It's really nice that you want to show our culture to your kids," one Peruvian student said. "Peru is small and not a lot of people know. ...We really appreciate your interest in our country."

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Grifton School honors veterans during assembly

By Brock Letchworth
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GRIFTON — Ronda Sortino never knew any other way of life.

The Grifton School principal grew up in a military family and lived much of her life on bases where she says values such as integrity, character, organization and discipline were instilled in her.

So when holidays such as Veterans Day roll around, Sortino says she wants to ensure her students recognize the significance.

"We don't do enough," Sortino said. "Being from a family full of veterans and having people around you who have committed themselves, their lives and their families to it, you understand the importance of that commitment. It is something I feel like we don't recognize enough."

Sortino's school did its part Tuesday hosting a Veterans Day assembly aimed at getting students in the right frame of mind heading into today's holiday.

The school welcomed six veterans of the U.S. Marines, Army and Air Force for the assembly. Students in grades three through eight attended the event where they recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang America the Beautiful and listened to comments from each of the veterans.

Sortino's father, retired U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Ronald Sortino, was among the group. He entertained the audience with recitations of the Star Spangled Banner-inspired poems "Remember Me?" and "Old Glory Speaks."

"I want them to remember what the day is and why it is important," Ronald Sortino said. "We have a tendency as a society to lose an era. Today, what is a holiday? It is a day off from school or hot dogs and hamburgers in the afternoon. Do they ever give any thought to why we are having a holiday? The key is to make sure they don't forget."

Ronald Sortino was joined by retired Marine Capt. Harvey Lambka, retired Marine Col. Jim Van Riper, Marine Chief Warrant Officer Beau Brown, retired Army Combat Engineer Don Casey and retired Air Force Col. Ed Casey.

Lambka recited a toast to the flag while the others reflected on their military experiences and what Veterans Day means to them. Each said prior to the ceremony they don't believe veterans get the amount of recognition they deserve nowadays.

"I don't think it is that people don't care, but we are so busy today and the world is so much faster than it was 10 or 15 years ago that they don't always take time to reflect on the importance of what the military does," Brown said.

Van Riper said people should take time today to remember the various wars and people who fought them.

"The purpose of the day is to remember," Van Riper said. "When you start to remember, you appreciate the legacy they left behind."

Down N.C. 11 in Winterville, officials at Pitt Community College also got a head start on Veterans Day celebrations, holding the college's annual Veterans Salute Tuesday in the Ed and Joan Warren Building.
The ceremony included about 180 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students from Pitt County high schools along with the East Carolina University Army and Air Force ROTC Honor Guard, local veterans and students and staff from PCC.

Army Capt. Chauncey McLeod served as the keynote speaker. McLeod, a combat veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, discussed services available for veterans through the veterans outreach centers.

As a readjustment counseling therapist, he works with veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The ceremony included a wreath presentation by McLeod and PCC President Dennis Massey and the playing of Taps by Willard Jackson.

PCC Vice President of Institutional Advancement said PCC currently has about 400 veteran students, and officials expect that number to increase over the next couple of years.

“We were very pleased to have an opportunity to pause in our schedule and to honor and remember our veterans for the service they provide to our country,” Nobles said.

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Snow Hill prepares for potential partnership

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SNOW HILL — The Snow Hill Board of Commissioners recently authorized the request for the town to be included in East Carolina University’s Municipal Management and Innovation initiative.

The project proactively targets Eastern North Carolina municipalities in an effort to help provide capacity in administrative management, policy analysis, strategic planning and program development by using resources and expertise of students, faculty and staff.

“Acknowledging that many eastern municipalities lack adequate staff and administrative capacity to effectively respond to the basic fiscal, policy and programmatic need of their citizens,” Kenny Flowers, director of Community and Regional Development at ECU, said in a letter describing the program. “We conclude that effective day-to-day management and delivery of public services have become extremely difficult for these units of local government.”

Town administrator Bob Clark said the program could provide substantial benefits to Snow Hill government officials and community members alike. There is no cost for Snow Hill to submit an application for the program.

“This is a great opportunity,” he said. “It would increase the availability of expertise and assistance to the town.”

Clark said the possible partnership with ECU could have a long-range impact on the community.

MMI offers an immediate increase in local administrative capacity, program support and research relevant to key local issues. The initiative provides students interested in careers in municipal management a real-world setting to train and prepare.

“Through MMI, ECU offers each community a high level of insight, and provides technical assistance and resources that address key local needs,” Flowers said. “Further, our engagement provides creative partnerships and guidance that help increase administrative, management and program efficiencies that allow participating local governments to immediately increase local capacity, and enhance their ability to effectively deliver public services.”

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Are Too Many Students Going to College?

By JACQUES STEINBERG

The editors of The Chronicle of Higher Education have posed that potentially incendiary question, and then asked a collection of experts to engage in a rolling conversation in response. You can read the dialogue, which was posted Monday, by clicking here.

Among those answering yes is Charles Murray, political scientist and scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, who is quoted as saying, “The four-year residential program leading to a B.A. is the wrong model for a large majority of young people.” Mr. Murray argues that “only 10 to 15 percent of the nation’s youth possess” the linguistic and mathematical ability to do well in a traditional college program.

Richard K. Vedder, director of the Center for College Affordability and Productivity and professor of economics at Ohio University, puts it more bluntly: “A large subset of our population should not go to college, or at least not at public expense.” Mr. Vedder’s argument centers on the diminishing number of jobs that require a college degree.

Alison Wolf, professor of public-sector management at King’s College London, takes a contrary view, saying, “Anyone who meets the entry criteria and is willing to pay the fees should be able to go.” Joining her is Sandy Baum, professor emerita of economics at Skidmore College and senior policy analyst for the College Board, who says, “Everyone should have the opportunity to continue his or her education after high school without finances’ creating an insurmountable barrier.”

Surely, readers of The Choice — especially those of you hurtling toward college application deadlines — have answers of your own to this question. Please use the comment box below to let us know.
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School Colors: Green and Greener

By LISA PREVOST

HAMDEN

IN an unusual project that renders technology as art, a new park for students living at the York Hill campus of Quinnipiac University features an array of wind turbines intended to project serenity while producing energy.

Perhaps the first significant wind installation on an American college campus, Quinnipiac’s “wind garden” is free of propellers and their objectionable whoosh. Each of its 25 upright cylindrical turbines is encircled by a vertically aligned apparatus that spins slowly and in virtual silence.

Called Windspires, the sleek turbines are clustered together on a mound, at heights of 35 to 45 feet, creating a kinetic sculpture garden that will eventually be planted with grass and filled with comfortable seating. The futuristic display is the most prominent feature on the partially completed campus, a symbol of the green ethic guiding the campus design, said John L. Lahey, Quinnipiac’s president.

“It’s the tallest thing on that campus,” he said, “and I think it makes an enormous and positive statement. I hope people will see these as aesthetically pleasing, and it may very well encourage more projects of this kind.”

While energy-producing wind gardens might be appropriate in all kinds of institutional settings, few sites in Connecticut are as ideal, said Jeff Riley, a partner in Centerbrook Architects and Planners, the project’s designer. That’s because the 250-acre campus, about a half mile from the main campus, sits at a wind-friendly elevation of 450 feet.

“The trick is getting the right spot for wind,” Mr. Riley said. “Otherwise, you’re just putting up sculpture.”

Together, the turbines are expected to generate about 32,000 kilowatt hours a year — roughly the equivalent of lighting one floor of the campus’s five-level 2,000-car parking garage. That’s less than half the wattage hours originally planned, but the university reduced the number of turbines to 25 from 42 for budgetary reasons.

The advantage of vertical airfoils is that they don’t have to be facing into the wind to produce energy. They can capture wind from any direction, according to Amy R. Berry, the corporate communications manager for Mariah Power, the Nevada company that manufactures the Windspires.

Windspires have another advantage, Mr. Riley said: “They are quieter than a library — I mean, literally. No
one believed that at first. We had to put a demo up to prove it.”

This is the first time that Mariah’s product has been used to artful effect. Keith Frame, the director of new technologies for the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, is not so sure the wind-garden approach is the most productive idea. The fund was created in 2000 by the Connecticut Legislature to develop strategies to support renewable energy sources.

In this case, Mr. Frame said, configuring the turbines so closely together could cause airflow from one turbine to interfere with that of the next. Moreover, he added, the installation of the units at maximum elevations of 45 feet above the ground is not ideal; the wind stream is better at 50 feet or more.

“It will perform,” said Mr. Frame, who is overseeing several small wind turbine demonstration projects around the state. “I just don’t think it will perform at the level that it could.”

Mr. Riley said Centerbrook staggered the heights of the turbines to maximize their wind exposure. “They’re all spinning beautifully,” he said.

In his opinion, the overall effect is “very soothing, like somebody singing you a lullaby.”

The environmentally friendly initiatives at York Hill represent an ambitious effort for Quinnipiac. It lags behind many other colleges in the state in that area, according to the Sustainable Endowments Institute, a nonprofit research organization that recently issued a college sustainability report card. Quinnipiac received a D-minus — chiefly because green efforts on the main campus have been negligible.

By the fall of 2011, the York Hill campus is expected to house at least 1,500 undergraduates; about 520 live there now. It is one of three campuses at Quinnipiac, which has about 5,700 undergraduates and 2,000 grad students. Classes are held at the university’s main Mount Carmel campus. The university is developing a third campus in North Haven, at the former Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield office park, for its graduate programs.

Most of the York Hill property was acquired in 1997 and ’98, although some additional properties, including 10 privately owned houses on a single street, were acquired over the next several years, at a total cost of roughly $10 million, Mr. Lahey said.

Because most of the land was undeveloped woodland, just putting the infrastructure in place to develop the site amounted to a $30 million investment. But building a campus from scratch also gave Quinnipiac the opportunity “to give it a green identity right from the beginning,” Mr. Lahey said.

The university’s TD Banknorth Sports Center, a $60 million hockey and basketball facility that opened almost three years ago, was built into the natural slope of the land to save on heating and cooling costs.

Rocky Top Student Center, a lodgelike structure that is still under construction, will house a cogeneration microturbine that will recapture waste heat to produce energy.

Crescent Residence Hall, its first phase completed, is equipped with low-flow plumbing fixtures, occupancy sensors to control lighting and rooftop solar panels. The upperclassmen living there enjoy panoramic views of New Haven, Long Island Sound and Sleeping Giant Mountain.
The views are equally impressive from the wind garden, which Mr. Riley situated on a walkway between the residence hall and the parking garage. In his opinion, that will make it irresistible.

“Students love to sit at the edge of a major path,” he said. “It’s just like a piazza in Italy — a place to be seen and see others.”