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Gates shares passion for personal history

By Jackie Drake
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History is just as important for an individual as it is for a college or nation.

East Carolina University marked a milestone in its history — the 50th anniversary of integration — by hearing the personal journey of a preeminent black history scholar.

Henry Louis Gates Jr., director of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African-American Research at Harvard University, delivered his keynote speech “African-American Lives: Genetics, Genealogy, and Black History” on Thursday night at Wright Auditorium.

Gates is one of the nation’s foremost commentators on black history, literature, modern culture and issues. Known for his PBS documentaries charting the genealogies and histories of famous Americans, Gates is an author and literary critic who has written for Time Magazine, the New York Times and the New Yorker.
Gates discussed his personal family history and how he combined his passion for genealogy with the new science of genetics and DNA to pick up where the historical paper trail leaves off. His immensely popular “African American Lives” series on PBS has been renewed for next year.

Personal history is very compelling, according to Gates.

“Your favorite subject is yourself,” he said.

One of Gates’ goals is “to use our fascination with lineage to revolutionize the way we teach science and social studies.

“Too many of our children have lost their way,” he said. “What I’m trying to do is use this incredible technology to transform our people’s attitudes towards education. Too many of our youth don’t believe in the future anymore. Our ancestors fought for the right to read and write and we have to keep that tradition alive.”

Gates’ visit coincides with the 50th anniversary of integration at ECU. A group of African American school teachers took summer courses on campus in 1961. The first black undergraduate enrolled full-time in 1963, followed by 10 others the next year, without disruption or violence.

“When you look at the diversity of the campus, it’s a completely different place than it was 50 years ago,” said Thomas White, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “A 50th anniversary is a major thing. This lecture is an entirely appropriate way to mark this occasion.”

“This is great, we’re really excited to have Dr. Gates on campus,” White said. “He’s the kind of scholar that the public knows, and that’s what we’re trying to do with this lecture series, reach out to the public, and he’s the perfect person to do that.”

Gates’ appearance is the latest installment in the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series hosted by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, which also has welcomed Salman Rushdie and Gloria Steinem.

“What better platform than (this) lecture series to help us explore, acknowledge, understand and celebrate this important institutional milestone, and who better to ignite our inform our thinking regarding African American lives than the renowned historian genius Dr. Henry Louis
Gates?” said Taffye Benson Clayton, associate provost for equity and diversity.

“There are many wonderful things happening in terms of embedding diversity into our curriculum and into our lives here at East Carolina, so it’s quite fitting I think the timing of Dr. Gates lecture with us this evening,” said Provost Marilyn Sheerer.

Gates took some time to mingle with students and faculty during a reception at Joyner Library before delivering his speech.

“He’s very humble, easy to talk to, and very knowledgeable,” said Laquitta Murrell, a sophomore mathematics education major who is enrolled in an African American literature class this semester.

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Veterans Day events
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Sunny skies and cool temperatures are the backdrop for the more than a half-dozen events being held today to commemorate Veterans Day in Pitt County.

Greenville
Gary L. North, commander of Pacific Air Forces and an ECU graduate, will be the grand marshal and keynote speaker for Pitt County’s 2011 Veterans Day parade and ceremony.

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and the route begins at First and Reade streets, travels down First, turns left on Greene Street to Reade Circle and loops around back to First Street.

Parking will be available along Evans Street, in public lots, and the parking lots of the Pitt County Courthouse, county offices and sheriff’s office.

The Veterans Day ceremony begins at 11 a.m. on the Greenville Town Common. The Air Force Presidential Silent Drill Team is schedule to perform.

PCMH
- 9 a.m., Interfaith Chapel.
A historical marker honoring military veterans from Pitt County and surrounding areas will be unveiled. The outdoor marker will be displayed at the main visitor entrance to the hospital.

**Salvation Army**
- 10 a.m., Walmart
The organization will hold a moment of silence in tribute to veterans during ceremonies marking the start of its 2011 kettle drive.

**Ayden**
- 1 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park, Third Street.

**ECU**
- 1:11 p.m., Rawl Building, main campus.
The Air Force President Silent Drill Team will perform. The event moves to the Freedom Wall and Memorial Walk, where Retired Col. Joe Marm, a Goldsboro resident and Medal of Honor winner, will deliver a Veterans Day message.

**Bethel**
- 2 p.m., Bethel Arboretum, beside the library.
Keynote speaker will be retired U.S. Air Force Col. Mike Whitehurst. The event is sponsored by Hometown Bethel.

**Winterville**
- 2 p.m., corner of Railroad and Main streets in front of the police department.
The event is sponsored by Winterville Ruritan Club. For more information, contact Tony Moore at 321-6700.
ECU’s production of ‘Oklahoma’ sold out
By Kelley Kirk
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It’s a sell out for East Carolina University’s School of Theatre and Dance production of the musical “Oklahoma.”

The show will run Thursday-Nov. 22 at McGinnis Theatre and if you want to go, you’ll have to get on a waiting list. As of Thursday, all tickets had been sold.

Jeff Woodruff, the managing Director of the School of Theatre and Dance, said that you may be able to get in to see the show if you arrive one hour before curtain.

“We’ll put you on a waiting list. At about 7:30 or so, we’ll start releasing seats on a first-come, first-served basis,” he said. “You must be at the theater, too. But I can’t promise that I can get you in.”

Woodruff added that sometimes people will buy a block of tickets, for example 20, and it turns out they only need 16.

“They’ll turn in the extras that we can then turn around and sell,” he said.
Some of ECU’s previous musicals have sold out such as “Sound of Music,” “Cabaret,” “Chicago” and “South Pacific,” and with a big musical like “Oklahoma” it’s not unusual.

“What is uncommon is how quickly some performances of ‘Oklahoma’ sold out, even before we’ve started advertising,” Woodruff said.

He added that as of press time, no additional performances were scheduled. “These are, after all, student performers and they continue to have academic responsibilities beyond the stage,” Woodruff said.

The musical story is about a handsome cowboy and a winsome farm girl who fall in love. With these two headstrong romantics, their love is a journey that is as bumpy as a ride down a country road.

The ECU production will star Jim Dadosky as Curley and Laurey Williams as Molly Deans.

The original Broadway production opened on March 31, 1943.

It was a box-office smash and ran for an unprecedented 2,212 performances, later enjoying award-winning revivals, national tours, foreign productions and an Academy Award-winning 1955 film adaptation.

It has long been a popular choice for school and community productions.

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Interested in seeing how East Carolina’s men’s basketball team will try to blend seven newcomers with seven returning players? ECU coach Jeff Lebo is too.

“We’ve had two scrimmages, not an exhibition game. ... So I’m a little bit more uneasy, I think, with this one not having at least a game under our belt to see how they’re going to respond when they turn on the lights,” said Lebo, whose Pirates open the season against Milligan tonight at 7 in Minges Coliseum. “You don’t know how kids are going to respond with people in the stands. It’ll be an interesting night for all of us.

“I have no clue how they’re going to respond.”

While senior forward Darrius Morrow and junior guards Corvonn Gaines and Erin Straughn bring a wealth of experience back from last season, the rest of ECU’s players either played sparingly during the 2010-11 campaign or will be donning a Pirate uniform for the first time tonight.
Among those most eager to hit the floor is junior Miguel Paul, a 6-foot-3 point guard who transferred from Missouri and had to sit out last season per NCAA rules. After being limited to being a practice player for an entire season, Paul is ready to show Pirate fans what he can do despite dealing with a case of all too familiar pregame nerves.

“I get nervous before every game, ever since I was little,” Paul said. “(But I’m) excited for the most part. I’m just going to let the game come to me and play relaxed and calm. We had a couple scrimmages to get me back in the flow of things, so I’ll be good.”

Milligan, a school with an enrollment of 1,130 located in Milligan, Tenn., has gone 2-2 in the four games it’s already played this season. The Buffaloes are coming off an 87-65 victory on Tuesday at Knoxville (Tenn.) College.

**Women**
East Carolina’s women’s basketball team opens the season today at College of Charleston in what will be the first meeting between the schools since Jan. 28, 1991.

ECU coach Heather Macy, much like Lebo, welcomes a bunch newcomers, but the second-year Pirate coach has been pleased with the team’s effort in practice, even if the execution isn’t where it needs to be.

“I think that they’re work ethic is really good at this stage of the year,” Macy said after a recent practice as her squad prepared for today’s 5 p.m. tip-off in Charleston, S.C. “I think the sharing of the ball is exactly where we want it to be. Now, we’ve got to tighten everything up as far as execution and getting the right players the ball at the right times.”

CoC returns seven players from last year’s team, but the players the Cougars lost accounted for 52 percent of the team’s points from a season ago. Megan Fischer, a junior guard, is the top returner after averaging 7.8 points and 4.3 rebounds per game last season.

The Pirates, who finished 16-15 a season ago, have eight newcomers on the team this season, including sophomore forward Kristine Mial, who averaged 21.8 points per game last season at Frederick (Md.) Community College.
Juniors Celeste Stewart and Ariana Jackson and senior Chareya Smith are ECU’s top returning players. Smith averaged 8.6 ppg as junior, Jackson averaged 8.4 points and 4.7 rebounds per game last season and Stewart started 21 games at point guard a season ago.

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Signees
The ECU men signed a couple of post players on Thursday, while the women’s squad added a guard rated as a three-star recruit by ESPN Hoopgurlz.

Mike Zangari, a 6-9, 215-pounder from Harrisburg, Pa., and 6-10, 210-pound Marshall Guilmette from Kennesaw, Ga., signed with Lebo.

Zangari averaged 18.7 points per game as a junior, which earned him third-team all-state honors. Guilmette averaged 10.5 points and 6.6 rebounds during his junior campaign.

“We needed some depth inside with the impending graduations of Darrius (Morrow) and Austin (Steed) and we needed to upgrade in size in the post,” Lebo said in a release. “Both players have unique individual skill sets that will be an asset as we continue to build a program.”

Macy signed Colleen Marshall, who is ranked among the nation’s top 150 guards. She guided Gaithersburg (Md.) High School to its first-ever state championship and averaged 12.1 points and five assists as a junior.

“We are excited about her ability to shoot the basketball,” Macy said. “Colleen will add scoring and that winning tradition to our program. She brings character and has a terrific family and support system.”

—ECU Media Relations
Mrs. Yvonne Russell McLawhorn, 71, passed away Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011. The funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel. Entombment will follow in the mausoleum at Pinewood Memorial Park.

Mrs. McLawhorn, a native of Pitt County, lived most of her life in Greenville. She was the daughter of the late Jack and Floye Russell. She was employed at East Carolina University for more than 30 years, retiring as Executive Assistant in the School of Art. She was a member of Unity Free Will Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Ralph E. McLawhorn; daughter, Tracey McLawhorn, of New Bern; son, R. Emerson McLawhorn, of Greenville; grandchildren, Stevie M. Wadford and A. Russell Hawkins; and a sister, Peggy Russell Roberson and husband, Dave, of Winterville.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Wilkerson Funeral Home and other times at her home.

Flowers are welcome or memorials may be made to Unity Free Will Baptist Church, 2725 E. 14th St., Greenville, NC 27858 or to the American Cancer Society, 930-B Wellness Drive, Greenville, NC 27834.


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CHAPEL HILL The UNC system's Board of Governors appears to be split on the idea of allowing big tuition increases at public university campuses next year.

The debate began Thursday, before the 16 individual campuses have come forward with their requests for next year's tuition and fee changes. The board took no action and won't vote on tuition until early next year.

But already there are indications that consensus will be hard to reach as UNC campuses deal with a state budget cut equivalent to 15.6 percent and North Carolina families struggle to make ends meet in a weak economy. Some board members said the campuses have little choice but to raise tuition; others say this is not the time to burden students and families with higher costs.

"It's absolutely counterintuitive if you say when the economy goes to hell, we make people pay more," said Fred Eshelman, a board member. He suggested the board refuse to raise tuition and tell the legislature, "Now you deal with it."

Chairwoman Hannah Gage pointed out that the board had not had the courage to do that in the past.

The tuition decision always requires a delicate balance, she said.

Traditionally, in tough economic times, state funding goes down and tuition goes up. "When (families) can least afford it, that's when we sock it to them, and it's primarily to protect quality," she said.

But, Gage added, the system must fight harder for legislative funding. "Every time we raise tuition a significant amount, it does relieve the pressure on the General Assembly," she said.

Paul Fulton, a former UNC-Chapel Hill trustee and now a member of the system board, said UNC leaders have been backed into a corner on tuition by the legislature. "We're in a situation not of our own making," Fulton said. "Our main obligation is to sustain the quality of the education we offer."

Since 2008-2009, the system has sustained permanent and one-time cuts of $1.2 billion. During the same period, tuition increases have brought the system $244 million. About $82 million of that revenue was set aside to
cover the cost for poor students, leaving about $162 million in net tuition revenue.

"Tuition has been helpful, but it's not the magic bullet," said Charlie Perusse, vice president for finance for the UNC system.

**Keeping up with peers**

For the past few years, the UNC system has had a 6.5 percent cap on both tuition and fee increases at the public universities. Guidelines issued by the system this fall said campuses also could consider one-time adjustments to "catch up" to the tuition levels at public peer universities across the nation.

UNC-CH is poised to do just that. Next week, a campus advisory committee will discuss a tuition and fee increase of as much as $2,800 for in-state undergraduates - a 40 percent increase that likely would be spread over several years. The UNC-CH Board of Trustees is expected to vote on it next week. If such an increase were enacted, UNC-CH's cost would still be in the bottom quarter of similar public universities in terms of cost.

N.C. Central University Chancellor Charlie Nelms said Thursday that his campus is looking at an increase that is within the 6.5 percent cap. N.C. State University's advisory group has endorsed a plan to raise tuition by $330 for in-state undergraduates - a 6.4 percent increase. But NCSU leaders also have said that they may amend their request to ask for a bigger increase.

*'As far as practicable'*

Complicating the picture, as always, is North Carolina's constitution, which guarantees a university education to its citizens free, "as far as practicable."

UNC President Tom Ross said the cumulative effect of the budget cuts is beginning to show in the classroom, in class sizes, faculty layoffs and 9,000 fewer available courses across the system.

The chancellors know best what their individual campuses need, Ross said, and will bring proposals to the Board of Governors in the next month.

"Whatever the board does will be based on trying to balance all these various factors but with the full understanding of how difficult it is for families in today's environment to afford higher education," Ross said.

Atul Bhula, a graduate student at Appalachian State University who serves as the student member on the board, said the proposals should be interesting this year.

"I hate to see we're potentially funding education on the backs of students," he said, "when it's a public good."

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Court sides with Davidson College police

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The case of a woman accused of driving drunk on streets near Davidson College sparked a state Supreme Court ruling Thursday that helps define the power of campus police forces at educational institutions with religious affiliations.

At issue was whether Davidson College, a school with ties to the Presbyterian Church (USA), violated First Amendment protections against the mingling of government and religion by having a police force with the power to arrest.

The state's top court ruled it did not.

"We are gratified by the State Supreme Court's decision, as we believe it reinforces North Carolina public policy that favors trained police agencies as the best way to ensure public safety on college campuses," Stacey Schmeidel, Davidson College's associate vice president for college communications, said in a statement.

The ruling could have an impact on other private schools in North Carolina with historic ties to religious groups - such as Duke University with its Methodist affiliation and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem with its Baptist ties.

"This ruling should give other similarly situated schools the assurance they can run campus police departments without worrying about constitutional challenges," said Bradley Kutrow, a Charlotte lawyer who represented Davidson.

Original case was DWI

The legal debate stems from the case of Julie Anne Yencer, who was not a student at the private college in Mecklenburg County, when she was stopped by a Davidson campus officer on Jan. 5, 2006, and charged with driving while impaired and reckless driving.

The stop occurred on Main Street in Davidson, the small town where the school is located. Before pleading guilty in July 2008 to driving while impaired, Yencer tried to suppress all evidence.
Her claim? That Davidson was too closely aligned with a religious denomination to be allowed to maintain its own police force.

Allen Brotherton, the Charlotte attorney representing Yencer, argued the school's bylaws required 24 of its 44 trustees to be members of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Further, he said, at least 80 percent of the trustees must be active members of a Christian church.

"The court today approved delegation of the state's discreet power to search and seize its citizens to a group for which membership requires a religious affiliation," Brotherton said after reading the ruling. "Davidson College is a fine institution, but its legal identity is its board of trustees, which openly discriminates based on religious affiliation."

In his legal arguments, which won support by the state Court of Appeals before being overturned by the state Supreme Court, Brotherton cited a 1994 case involving Campbell University, a Baptist institution in Buies Creek. In that case, the court ruled that Campbell couldn't have a police force because it violated First Amendment protections.

But state law has been refined since then to require campus police officers to maintain the same minimum standards as other police officers in the state.

Davidson, a school of about 1,900 that routinely ranks among the country's top liberal arts colleges, argued that school policies and practices are not shaped by the religious beliefs held by its board of trustees.

**A secular mission**

The school's primary purpose, Davidson officials contended, was "secular education," and the state Supreme Court justices agreed.

Davidson officials lauded the ruling.

Davidson's affiliation with the Presbyterian Church, Schmeidel said, "has never had any influence on the way that our campus police officers carry out their sworn duties."

Brotherton said Thursday that he and Yencer were weighing whether to appeal.

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Cancer center, SAS team up

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Business software company SAS is teaming up with UNC-Chapel Hill's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center to develop a new product designed to improve patient treatments.

The collaboration will enable Cary-based SAS to do a deep dive into the patient data generated by the cancer center. The aim is to provide a big-picture perspective on cancer treatments and results as well as insights into factors such as the genetic causes of cancer.

The data will help SAS develop its SAS Health Outcomes Analysis software product.

"It's an effort to make the product as robust as it can be," SAS spokeswoman Laura Brumley said. A product release date hasn't yet been set, but it could be as soon as next year.

The product aims to help physicians determine the most effective treatment for a patient by comparing the outcomes of patients with similar health and demographic profiles.

"The goal is, really, how do we best treat cancer patients ... so that they are able to deal with the disease and get back to their work and their life," said Dr. Shelley Earp, director of the Lineberger cancer center.

Data accumulated for the UNC Health Registry, a long-term patient study that aims to sign up 10,000 North Carolinians who agree to participate, also will be made available to SAS.

"That will make it a very powerful resource for looking at epidemiological patterns," cancer center spokeswoman Ellen de Graffenreid said. The data can't be traced to an individual.

Clinical trials focus on the effectiveness of a specific drug in isolation, Earp said. But cancer patients often go through a series of treatments because the initial treatments aren't sufficient.

Analyzing the voluminous long-term data collected by the cancer center should yield valuable information about the best sequence of treatments, Earp said.
That's where SAS comes in. Corporations, government agencies and others - including hospitals, health insurers and drug companies - use SAS business intelligence and analytics software to better understand their operations and predict trends.

"Our premise is that in the new world of electronic health information, the path to better care is leveraging analytical software," said Jason Burke, managing director of the SAS Center for Health Analytics and Insights. Health and life sciences companies were SAS' second-largest source of revenue last year.

The Health Outcomes product eventually will be expanded so that it's useful for treating other diseases besides cancer, SAS officials said.

Project in second phase

The partnership with the Lineberger center marks the second phase of the development of the Health Outcomes product. The first phase, said Deidra Peacock, senior portfolio manager for health care at SAS, involved working with the National Cancer Institute to develop the basic framework for the software.

No money is changing hands as a result of the partnership between SAS and the Lineberger center.

"It's purely a research collaboration," de Graffenreid said.

The Lineberger center will receive free access to the software developed by SAS.

SAS is one of the Triangle's largest and most successful homegrown companies. It has 12,382 employees worldwide, including 4,819 in Cary, and generated $2.43 billion in revenue last year.

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Preserving Penn State's image allowed it to rot inside

By Tommy Tomlinson

This story from Penn State is a blood diamond. So many facets, so many different angles, all of them uncomfortable to think about.

There's the hold that big-time sports has on our culture. I say this as a fan: The games matter far too much to far too many. Coaches and stars are our secular gods. Nobody in the state of Pennsylvania was as loved or as powerful as Joe Paterno.

There's the idea of sins of omission. Jerry Sandusky, the former assistant coach now charged with molesting boys, is the worst villain here. But several people, including Paterno, could have done more to stop him and didn't.

There's the part that's personal. Sportswriter Joe Posnanski, one of my best friends, has been at Penn State for the last few months, writing a book on Paterno. Now the work ahead of him is so different than he, or anyone else, could have imagined. (He tweeted from the scene Wednesday night: "I saw a girl crying tonight. When I asked why she said: 'Because everybody lost.' ")

But the longer I roll it around, the more this story keeps circling back to one thing: the impulse to protect institutions, even at the expense of people.

Our nature is to build grand things and to be drawn to them. Giant banks hold our money; stadiums hold our passion; vast churches hold our mysteries. Part of life is the search for something bigger than ourselves, someplace where we fit. When we find that place - a company, a team, a school - we often defend it beyond all reason.

Now imagine if you built one of those institutions. That's what Joe Paterno did at Penn State. He started as an assistant coach there in 1950 before becoming head coach in 1966. That's 61 years in one place, 45 years as the
head man, creating a program known for both high academic standards and
wins on the field. For decades, Penn State was the model of what college
sports could do for its players and for a campus. Paterno did that.
It's easy to imagine that he would refuse to let anything ruin it.

We might never know what was in Paterno's mind or the minds of all the
other people who had information that Jerry Sandusky had molested a young
boy in the locker-room showers. But two facts are daggers. Not one of those
adults called 911. And not one tried to find out who that boy was and how to
help him.

So often, this is where corruption starts. One mistake. One failure to follow
up. One moment of fear that finding the whole truth, and telling it, would
destroy this beautiful structure that so many believe in.

Good people do regrettable things all the time. You can rationalize almost
anything when you believe there's something more important to protect. This
is how police departments rot from the inside and churches collapse and
banks end up bankrupt.

The thing is, those misguided people trying to save an institution end up
being the ones who wreck it.

What if somebody had turned in Jerry Sandusky right away? It would've
been a brief, ugly story with a short shelf life. But now Paterno is gone, and
the university president has been fired, and everything that took so long to
build is wobbling at the beams.

And none of that is the worst of it. The worst is this: All the sadness about
Paterno, about Penn State, about all the students and alumni and fans who
love the school, pales against the sadness of that 10-year-old boy in the
shower. Not to mention all the other boys who were victims after the adults
at Penn State knew what they knew, and did not do enough.

The story is not over. It will grow and change, and we will see angles we
hadn't thought of. But it seems to me we can come to one conclusion. No
institution is worth what happened to those boys.

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Did Penn State officials violate the Clery Act?

By Jenna Johnson

The U.S. Department of Education is investigating if Penn State officials violated a federal law that requires colleges to disclose allegations of sexual assault on campus.

Jerry Sandusky, a former assistant football coach, has been charged with sexually assaulting eight boys over 15 years. Authorities say some of those assaults happened on Penn State’s campus. Sandusky has denied the charges.

A grand jury report found that several university administrators had knowledge of the alleged assaults but did not notify the police. Penn State’s athletic director and a senior vice president have been charged with perjury and failure to report. Attorneys for those men say their clients are innocent.

The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to annually disclose campus crime statistics and, in some cases, to warn the community if a crime poses a safety threat. The education department oversees compliance of the act, and notified the university of its investigation on Wednesday.

“If these allegations of sexual abuse are true then this is a horrible tragedy for those young boys. If it turns out that some people at the school knew of the abuse and did nothing or covered it up, that makes it even worse,” Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement. “Schools and school officials have a legal and moral responsibility to protect children and young people from violence and abuse.”