The East Carolina University Board of Trustees on Friday approved recommended tuition and fee increases of 9.5 percent for resident undergraduates and 9.9 percent for other students for the 2012-13 school year.

The 13-member board was split, with five members in opposition. Some called for uniform increases for all categories of students.

The 9.5 percent increase would mean a $505 rise in tuition and fees for full-time undergraduate residents, who would be paying $5,822 per year instead of this year’s $5,317.

With the 9.9 percent increases, out-of-state undergraduate students would pay $1,740 more, in-state graduate students would pay $547 more, and out-of-state graduate students would pay $1,584 more. The increases include fee hikes of $95 for all students.

The trustees also approved incremental tuition increases of $202 per year for the next five years — already built in to this year’s increases — to “catch up” to what other comparably sized universities charge.

For students in the Brody School of Medicine, tuition would go up by $1,500. The jump would be $1,365 for students in the new dental school.

“We don’t take those figures lightly, they will be tough for students and families to bear,” Chancellor Steve Ballard said.

The decision must be approved by the UNC Board of Governors and the General Assembly.

The increases are expected to bring in roughly $14 million, of which 25 percent or about $3.5 million is required to go to need-based financial aid, with some additional funds for merit-based financial aid. This leaves about
$10 million for the university’s operating budget, according to Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Rick Niswander. But with this year’s tuition adding $9 million to the $49 million base budget cut from the state, the university would still be $30 million short, Niswander said.

In addition to financial aid, the money will go toward keeping class sections open and retaining quality faculty. This year is especially critical as officials expect it will be the first where annual enrollment growth funding will not be granted.

After discussing an initial staff proposal of 9.3 percent increases across the board, the Finance and Facilities Committee on Thursday tweaked the numbers and recommended the figures approved Friday.

“The issue was, can we add a few dollars that would help us deal with quality issues?” said Trustee Ken Chalk, who made the motion in the committee meeting. “We’ve got to be sure we’ve got a quality education, this (extra money) could make a difference.”

Trustee Mark Tipton said he respectfully disagreed. “We talk about quality of education and we’re ignoring quality of life for our students,” he said. “I think we have failed as leaders to be able to go out and find other revenues, other sources, other ways to make up the difference.”

Trustee Danny Scott called for a uniform 9.7 percent increase for all students, which would have brought in about the same amount of money as the 9.5 and 9.9 percent increases, but the motion failed.

The university already has cut to the bone, Chairman Bob Lucas said, and is looking at other money-saving options such as the ongoing academic consolidation effort led by the Program Prioritization Committee.

“We will not put all the burden on you,” Lucas said to students and families. “We will evaluate everything we do.”

As chairman, Lucas did not cast a vote, making the count 7-5, but said he supported the recommended increase.

Lucas closed the meeting by saying: “To all parents and students: Don’t forget one thing, we are ECU students too — a lot older, but we are ECU
students, every one of us. We love ECU, this is why we commit all of our time and effort to this, it is a very tough task, I appreciate all the work done by this administration and this board, and we will continue to work together.”

Reaction from students on campus after the meeting was mixed.

“I’m OK with it if it means the quality is going to increase and it will advance the school,” said freshman biochemistry major Stephen Parker. A member of the Honors College, he has some scholarships to help pay tuition.

“It wouldn’t bother me even if I didn’t have that,” he said.

“I don’t get the point of it going up, what is it that’s getting better?” asked freshman Tanesha Banks.

“We already have loans; that’s even more money we have to pay back,” said freshman Tyrone Wilson, adding that his family helps him out as much as they can, but he has to rely mostly on financial aid.

“It’s a big jump this year, ever since I’ve been here, I feel like it continues to go up and up,” said senior exercise physiology major Leslie Tron, who will be at ECU for one semester next year before graduating in December 2012. “It makes me wonder if my kids will even get to go to college.”

Senior anthropology major Tensley Nesbitt will be graduating this spring, “But I feel really bad for incoming students,” she said.

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Fed payments help ECU Physicians
By K.J. Williams
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ECU Physicians is finally operating in the black due to an increase in its federal payments for Medicaid, an official told the Health Sciences Committee of the East Carolina University board of trustees at a Thursday meeting.

Brian Jowers, executive director of ECU Physicians — the clinical practice of the Brody School of Medicine — told the committee that an $8.3 million check reflecting the new higher reimbursement amount for a retroactive period was received Wednesday.

This is good news for the clinical practice that consistently has operated at a deficit.

A $5 million shortfall for the fiscal year to date was wiped out by the payment.

The practice sees a large percentage of patients who cannot pay for their medical care or who are enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare. This traditionally causes it to operate in the red.

Still, it’s part of the mission of the practice to accept all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, Brody Dean Dr. Paul Cunningham said.

Earlier this year, ECU along with North Carolina’s other state-supported medical school, received notification that their request to receive higher Medicaid reimbursements had been approved by the federal government.

No state funds will be used.

Only state-supported medical schools are eligible to be considered for this program, called upper payment limits. It only applies to Medicaid reimbursements.
The $8.3 million covered the retroactive period which ran from July 31, 2010, to March 31, 2011.

Subsequent payments should greatly improve the financial outlook for the practice, Jowers said in a later interview.

“It should keep the ECU Physicians practice in the black all the time,” he said. “It should keep us from having to worry about where the next payment is going to come from to pay the bills.”

Jowers told the committee that ECU Physicians has a mix of patients that includes: 12.1 percent who are self-paying, 22.5 percent with Medicaid, 33.3 percent with Medicare, 11.8 percent with commercial coverage, and 18.7 percent with Blue Cross Blue Shield, and a third party category of 1.6 percent.

In another matter, the committee heard a report from ECU professor Darryl Neufer about a plan for a new approach to speed up the biomedical research process by putting researchers from the East Carolina Diabetes and Obesity Institute under the same roof as cardiovascular researchers.

“The goal is to establish a world-class research institute,” said Neufer, the institute’s director.

Phyllis Horns, vice chancellor for health sciences, said it’s a long-range project due to the competitiveness of grant funding.

She said that “part of our institutional investment is creating (this) state-of-the-art space to attract research.”

Committee member Deborah Davis said pooling researchers from different disciplines is a new concept that’s thought to foster the process.

It works to “significantly speed up new ideas, the development of new ideas … to actually get them to the marketplace,” Davis said.

“This is a significant and major priority for the university as a whole,” she said.
Horns said funding totaling about $8 million is available from a variety of sources to outfit the floor for this purpose.

“We’ve been investing in this area for a long time,” Horns said.

The project could be bid and under construction by March or April of 2012, and completed about a year later.

“And so far, we’re on course,” said Robert Brown, project manager for engineering and architectural services.

Neufer said plans call for office space, a robotics section with two surgery rooms for animals, training rooms and a conference space.

“This is like the McDonald’s playground for us,” he said, referring to enthusiasm for the project.

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Sue Gommer gets a dialysis treatment at Fresenius Medical Care Kidney Center in Fuquay-Varina on Thursday. Gommer will receive a new kidney today at Duke Hospital as part of a four-patient domino kidney transplant.

**Pair of kidney transplants set for today to change four lives**

BY JAY PRICE - jprice@newsobserver.com

DURHAM–Brad Dean is in perfect health, but just after 7:30 a.m. today, Duke University Medical Center surgeon Deepak Vikraman-Sushama will press a scalpel against his abdomen and slice.

That cut will kick off a cascade of four operations on four patients - and perhaps a new era for kidney transplants in North Carolina.

Dean, 43, president of the Myrtle Beach, S.C., Chamber of Commerce, is a so-called "altruistic donor." He offered to give a kidney to an unknown recipient simply because he thinks it's the right thing to do.

His kidney will go into Sue Gommer of Holly Springs, a 67-year-old former Navy nurse who has suffered from genetic kidney disease for decades.
Sue's daughter, Jennifer, 39, a Duke pharmacist, had offered one of her kidneys, but she was the wrong blood type to match her mom. So Jennifer Gommer's kidney will go into Jeffrey Rogers, 42, a former construction worker who lives in Robeson County.

These sets of operations are becoming more common, but Duke officials believe that this will be the first done all at the same hospital in North Carolina.

Technically the procedure is called a kidney paired donation. It's often known as a domino transplant, and it's becoming more common around the country since the first was performed in 2001 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

The idea is to build a list of incompatible donor-recipient pairs like the Gommers - a patient who needs a kidney paired with a willing donor whose blood or tissue type isn't compatible. They are mixed and matched with similar pairs so that all the recipients in a chain of operations get kidneys that match.

Officials at Duke and other transplant centers around the state are hoping that publicity about the operation today will attract more pairs to sign up. The longer these lists are, the easier it is to make the intricate matches.

Transplant centers at other hospitals across the state are also gearing up for the operations. One involving six people is scheduled for later this month at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, and UNC Health Care also is among those interested.

Altruistic donors like Dean aren't required to make the process work, though they can act as catalysts.

**More transplants**

The waiting list for kidney donations is the largest for any organ, more than 90,000 across the country, including more than 3,000 in North Carolina, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, which tracks organ transplant data.

Some patients have to wait years for a kidney, and many die while waiting.

By some estimates, an efficient nationwide domino system would allow 3,000 additional transplants a year than are now performed, said Dr. Matthew Ellis, medical director of Duke's kidney transplant program.

"It wouldn't completely fill the void. But, boy, it would make a dent in it," Ellis said.
And the paired donations would not only boost the number of transplants but also raise the percentage that come from live donors, Ellis said. Most transplanted kidneys now come from dead donors, but these organs often don't last as long or work as well as those from living donors.

There is a pilot program linking transplant centers across the nation to facilitate paired donations, which can be performed in strings involving dozens of people at several transplant centers.

Dr. Robert Harland, chief of the division of transplant surgery at East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine and director of transplantation at Pitt Memorial, said he hopes today's Duke operations and the three-pair version his team plans to perform soon will boost interest in creating a statewide consortium.

A central state databank of potential donor-recipient pairs would make the complex matches easier and quicker. It also would open the door to more such chains that use operating rooms in multiple hospitals.

That's important because it's hard to free up several operating rooms in the same hospital.

The procedure today was scheduled for three operating rooms and expected to last well into the afternoon.

Dean said in an interview last week that his decision to give a kidney to a stranger was inspired by two acquaintances, one a close friend, the other an important mentor. Both had received transplants, and Dean said he felt he had benefited from their transplants, albeit indirectly.

He felt an obligation to repay those donors' good deeds.

He said he studied the ins and outs of donating a kidney for more than a year. His research led him to Duke.

Dean has a family, including two children, and said he didn't make the decision lightly. He talked with his wife and other family members and prayed over it.

After all that and several months of contacts and screenings with Duke, he was sure about his decision.

"If I'm ever able to meet one or both of the (recipients), I'd welcome it, but even if I don't just knowing I impacted one or more lives this way is enough for me," he said. "I don't know of many things you could do in life that could top that."
Jennifer Gommer is a pharmacist for the abdominal transplant team, which includes the surgeons involved in the operations today. She didn't know about the new paired donor program, though, until by chance she read about it on a Duke website, she said.

It didn't take much thought to sign up, Gommer said, because her mother would probably have died while waiting for a traditional donation.

"When it comes down to my own mother, how could I not do this?" she said. Sue Gommer lives with Jennifer and another daughter. They all hoped that today's operations would free them all from a life that revolved around her mother's four-hour dialysis treatments, three days a week, Jennifer Gommer said.

Sue Gommer had a stroke years ago and can't speak well. But, like her daughter, she's an upbeat sort and declared that she was excited to be getting the new kidney.

Rogers said that he, too, looked forward to a renewed life, after 10 years on life-saving - but life-dominating - dialysis and without a job.

"I'll get to go back to work, go on vacation when I want. I'll get to eat what I want," Rogers said. "Oh man, I can't want to get back to being normal."

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**Waiting for transplants**

The United Network for Organ Sharing maintains a national patient waiting list for organ transplants. Here are the numbers of patients in North Carolina waiting for organ transplants as of Nov. 22.

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For more information on organ donation, go to www.carolinadonorservices.org
Francis Thornton Thomas

Dr. Francis Thornton Thomas, a pioneer organ transplant surgeon, retired former professor at UAB Department of Surgery, and lifelong medical scholar passed away from complications of myasthenia gravis and Addison's disease on Friday, Nov. 25, 2011 in Birmingham, Ala. His loving wife and scientific collaborator of 43 years, Dr. Judith Jannino Thomas, formerly of Lynn, Mass., also a retired UAB professor, was at his bedside. His three sons, Francis Scott Thomas from Charlotte, David Randolph Thomas from New York City, and Jason Hunter Thomas from Savannah, Ga. were also with him. Dr. Thomas was the son of the late Patricia Thornton and Gerald Thomas, former mayor of Hibbing, Minn. He was a graduate of Hibbing High School in 1957. After a three year matriculation, he graduated from the University of Minnesota at Duluth and was admitted to the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Minneapolis, where he received the M.D. degree in 1964. He was a Hunterian Scholar and spent several months studying Medicine and Surgery in London and Birmingham, U.K., during his final year of medical school. His general surgery internship and residency training was completed at New York University Bellevue Hospital, and his cardiac surgery training was at Case Western Reserve University Hospital. He was board certified in both specialties. His first faculty position was with the team of the pioneer organ transplant surgeon Dr. David Hume at the Medical College of Virginia. Subsequently, Dr. Thomas went on to found the Organ Transplantation Program at East Carolina University School of Medicine in Greenville, where he was professor and director of the program before relocating in 1995 to the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he was actively engaged in transplantation and diabetes research.

Dr. Thomas's election at a young age to membership in the most esteemed surgical societies underscores his many early academic contributions. Among the societies he belonged to are the American Surgical Society,
American College of Surgeons (Fellow), Southern Surgical Society, Society of University Surgeons, American Society of Transplantation, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, and numerous others. He served tirelessly on scientific review boards for these societies as well as for the National Institutes of Health and the Juvenile Diabetes Association. He is the author of one book, numerous book chapters, and more than 350 medical journal publications.

He is remembered especially for scientific contributions that were successfully translated from the laboratory to the clinic, including the first demonstration that human hearts could withstand long distance transport for transplantation, the first controlled study showing that T cell depletion with high quality rabbit antithymocyte globulin provided exceptionally effective immunosuppression for transplant recipients, and the first use of intense immunological monitoring to guide the individualized dosing of immunosuppressive therapy to transplant patients. He conducted the first human kidney and pancreas transplants in eastern North Carolina, allowing rural patients access to transplant medicine without the often impossible burden of having to travel hundreds of miles from their families and homes.

Beyond his scientific contributions, he should be remembered for saving the lives of many patients over the years, some of whom still enjoy life as a result of his work.

Dr. Thomas is survived by three sisters, Geraldine Owens of Stockton, Calif., Jean Rosacker of Valrico, Fla., and Barbara Dahlquist of Keeowee Key, Salem, S.C.; his wife, three sons and three daughters-in-law; four grandchildren, Owen Thomas, Annabel Thomas, Henry Thomas, and Quentin Thomas; nine nieces; four nephews; 15 grand-nephews, and eight grand-nieces. His love for learning, scholarship, humor, and family will always be remembered.

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GREENVILLE, N.C.–The man charged after running naked on the field at an East Carolina University football game is scheduled to be in court.


Sieglinger streaked across the football field during a military ceremony at halftime of the Pirates game against Southern Miss last month.

East Carolina's student newspaper was scolded by administrators for publishing full photos of the streaker. The newspaper's editor in chief said the photos were meant as an accurate account of events at the game.

Sieglinger has since been banned from the school's campus for life.

**ECU officers complete management development program**
Monday, December 5, 2011
WorkWeek


The course consists of 216 hours of class time and ends with a capstone project presentation. It is offered to law enforcement agencies throughout eastern North Carolina.
When I was in college, studying for an exam was as much about atmosphere as it was aptitude.

I had to be in comfortable, frumpy clothes with a thermos of coffee and high-protein snacks at hand.

I sometimes needed lots of space to spread things out, but mostly I needed other people around who also were serious about studying — into the wee hours of the morning.

I wasn’t odd in my preferences. In fact, I was like most college students. And, for me, messing with the rituals could be disastrous, at least psychologically and, hence, academically.

That’s why I was encouraged by the efforts at two universities.

It recently was reported that the Davis Library at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, my alma mater, now can remain open until 2 a.m.
The Rams Club, the athletics booster group formally known as the Educational Foundation, contributed $35,000 to the library to restore late-night hours scrapped in the latest round of state budget cuts.

While Carolina also has the R.B. House Undergraduate Library, open around the clock on weeknights, Davis is preferred by students really wanting a quiet setting to study with few distractions.

According to news reports, the money allows the library to employ a staff member and a security guard for the late-night hours. An average of 200 students use it between midnight and 2 a.m. daily.

Here in Greenville, East Carolina University announced it will continue to open dining halls to students who are late-night studying for final exams.

ECU has opened Todd and West End Dining Halls from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. through Dec. 14.

Bill McCartney, associate vice chancellor of ECU Campus Living and Dining, said in a release that the idea came from students.

“The students told us at the end of the semester there was simply not enough study space in their halls or on campus as finals approach,” McCartney said. He said students also expressed concern about late-night excursions across campus to the library.

Light refreshments will be provided, and the facilities will be supervised to maintain a study-hall environment.

In the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters, nearly 3,000 ECU students took advantage of the dining halls as study halls.

The atmosphere sounds right to me for productive studying times. Good luck on exams, students.

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Susanne Grieve, director of conservation for the Department of History at East Carolina University, was invited to be a part of the Smithsonian Institute’s Haitian Cultural Recovery Project, which began June 2010 and ended in November. She specializes in conserving waterlogged organic archaeological materials.

The Smithsonian led the conservation team to help the Haitian government assess, recover and restore the country’s cultural treasures damaged by the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake. The quake killed more than 250,000 people, left more than 1.5 million homeless and destroyed much of the country’s infrastructure. The natural disaster devastated historic buildings, museums, libraries, archives, churches, artists’ workshops and marketplaces.

Grieve worked with other volunteers in a building in Port-au-Prince that once housed a United Nations program. Intermittent electricity, crumbled
buildings and lawlessness continue in Haiti, she said. Yet, Grieve said her time there changed her for the better.

“It was the most humbling experience of my life. I had never worked with local people like that before,” she said.

Grieve normally works to preserve artifacts found in maritime settings, such as parts of a ship, pulled to the surface after years, sometimes centuries, underwater. In Haiti, she worked in a building without running water and often used a dry brush to take the top layer of dust and dirt off the damaged artwork or artifacts.

No art conservators were working in Haiti before the earthquake.

“The Smithsonian interviewed local artists to come in and work with us as assistants (to learn how to conserve the art),” Grieve said.

Stephanie Hornbeck, chief conservator with the Smithsonian Institution Haiti Cultural Recovery Project, said the project has entered a transitional phase with management being turned over to the Haitian government.

During its 17 months, the project stabilized 29,000 art works, books and documents — 120 of those were deemed of high cultural importance and received advanced conservation treatment, Hornbeck said.

Grieve was impressed by the desire of the Haitian people to preserve artwork and other items of their culture, while their country struggles to rebuild the ruin left by the earthquake.

“The Haitian people are the hardest working people I’ve ever met,” Grieve said. “They are so passionate about their culture and their art. They were natural conservators, and in some cases they were better conservators than we were because they understood the material and they understood the artists’ intent.”

During the first of her two weeks in Haiti, Grieve worked on “some very iconic Haitian art,” called Fer Découpé, which are sculptures created from flattened steel drums. The artists cut through the steel to make the gorgeous sculptures, Grieve said.
Most of the sculptures are connected to voodoo beliefs, which are not necessary exclusive of Catholicism or Christianity, rather seen as “the practice of life and religion,” Grieve said.

“It’s all ceremonial, not touristy stuff. Every item in the collection has some sort of association with human remains. The first time I saw the collection, I left crying because of the overall visual of the collection, that emotional experience of seeing human remains used in ways for evil intent, or good intent in some cases,” Grieve said.

The paintings that Grieve and other conservators were working on had been punctured by falling debris, had canvases torn or the stretcher bars had been twisted. “It was a reminder of the violence of the event,” Grieve said.

Grieve said even though the project conserved thousands of items, thousands more remain. She hopes the funding can be secured so the project can continue in some form.

“I’m glad that I got to participate in the project, since it is coming to a close, and extremely grateful to have met the Haitian people and really understand their plight,” Grieve said. “Every day was a reminder of how raw life is in Haiti.”

**Fulbright program selects ECU senior**

ECU senior Rachel Castro of Falls Church, Va., will travel to Germany in December through the German-American Fulbright Commission’s Berlin Capital Program, which offers an opportunity for students and young
professionals in journalism to learn firsthand about German culture and media.

Castro was one of only 15 participants selected nationwide and the only participant from North Carolina. ECU communication major Brittany Bates was chosen as an alternate.

Castro will visit Berlin Dec. 3 through Dec. 12, where she will explore German politics and culture, with attention to how those factors shape the society, German-American relations and the media. Participants will attend seminars, presentations and site visits to selected print and broadcast media outlets, as well as key political and cultural institutions. A day trip by train to Hamburg, Germany is also planned.

“I am excited about developing a network with fellow students and especially the professional journalists on this trip, while at the same time learning from their experiences,” Castro said.

“It’s a great setting for someone who would like to develop a mentor relationship with someone who is already in the business,” she said.

Castro is driven by a love of reading and writing. She will graduate in May with a major in English and a minor in communication studies with a concentration in journalism. Castro polished her journalism skills as an intern at ECU’s Office of News and Communication Service, where she published numerous news articles for local media and university publications.

Her passion for the written word grew from watching the struggles both her parents endured as non-native English speakers. Castro’s father Romulo from Bogota, Columbia, and mother Beatriz from Cuenca, Ecuador, moved to the United States when they were in their early 20s.

Castro’s first language was Spanish, the language spoken at home during her early years; she learned to speak English fluently in pre-school.

Castro learned about the Fulbright program from ECU School of Communication professor Cindy Elmore, who taught Castro and Bates in a feature writing course. Elmore said that Castro showed promise as a journalist, along with interest in international journalism.
“Not only is she a very talented writer, but she also has wonderful natural instincts for journalism,” Elmore said.

“And I knew she wanted to travel abroad. I’m just so proud of her,” she said.

The program benefits include transportation, lodging, health insurance, meals and local travel.

“The only thing I will have to pay for is shopping for family and friends’ gifts,” Castro said.

While this is not Castro’s first international travel, it will be the first time she has visited Germany. In 2010, Castro traveled to London with a study abroad program offered through the ECU English Department. She has also traveled on occasion to Columbia and Ecuador.

Castro plans to teach English in Budapest next fall and hopes to obtain an internship this summer in New York City.

“I hope to expand my personal global awareness on this trip,” Castro said. “To be a good writer, it’s important to be open-minded.”

Upcoming Events:
- **Wednesday:** Screening of the documentary “To Hell and Back,” presented by ECU’s Operation Re-Entry and HHP’s Biofeedback Clinic. Reception at 5:30 p.m.; film begins at 6 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre, Mendenhall Student Center. Free. Contact Tami Maes at 328-0876 for more information.

*See [www.ecu.edu/cs-ecu/calendar.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-ecu/calendar.cfm) for times, places and more information on these events and other ECU upcoming activities.*
UNCW all clear after alert of possible gunman

WILMINGTON — UNC-Wilmington issued an "all clear" notification that campus was safe after earlier reports of a gunman with a rifle near campus.

"Students and other individuals on campus can now move about freely," according to the alert.

The campus was on alert for about an hour and a half.

At around 10:10 p.m. Saturday initial phone and text messages reported a white male subject 6 feet tall wearing baggy pants was seen walking near campus with a rifle in the area of 5006 Carleton Drive.

At 10:22, it was posted online.

The alert said people on campus should seek shelter.

Campus officials issued the all clear around 11:45 p.m.

"It appears that the man reported with a rifle near Carleton Place was a resident of the area returning from a hunting trip, and bringing the hunting rifle into his home to secure it," the release states. "Both the Wilmington Police Department and UNCW Police investigated the incident and interviewed the hunter to be certain that the incident was resolved and the campus was safe. UNCW Police presence on campus was increased during the incident but will return to normal levels shortly. As always, members of the campus community are encouraged to report any suspicious activity on or near the campus to police in order to ensure the continued safety of students, faculty, staff and campus neighbors."

It is not clear who reported the gunman to authorities.

– Julian March
Meg Zomorodi is dedicated to improving end-of-life care

BY MARTI MAGUIRE - Correspondent

CHAPEL HILL Meg Zomorodi's mother prepped her to be a nurse from a young age - sharing the gory details of her own days in the emergency room and teaching her the nuts and bolts of the human body.

But it was her mother's sudden death early in Zomorodi's nursing career that did the most to shape her future path. Zomorodi emerged from the traumatic experience eager to improve the way nurses help critically ill patients and their families.

"She even taught me in her death how I could be a better nurse," Zomorodi says. "I think of her in everything I do."

Zomorodi has centered her career on improving end-of-life care - as a nurse, researcher and teacher. She trains future nurses as a professor at UNC-Chapel Hill, where she also helped establish a scholarship in her mother's name. More recently, she has led an initiative there to carve out new roles for nurses meant to improve patient care.

She also has strong ties to Duke University Medical Center, where she has worked as a nurse for 10 years and continues to do research. In three trips to
Uganda with Duke medical staff, she has helped form a lasting relationship with a Kampala hospital.

At just 32, with a doctorate and a decade of hands-on nursing experience, Zomorodi is a model for a profession that is in flux, her mentors say. Last week, she received an achievement award for recent graduates from the UNC-Chapel Hill nursing school.

"She is a bright and shining star at a young age, and she is what the future of nursing will depend upon - commitment, excellence and a sense of humor all in one package," wrote Marilyn Oermann, adult health chairwoman at the School of Nursing, in nominating Zomorodi for the Graduate of the Last Decade Award.

**Eyes open early**

Zomorodi is youthful and thin with piercing blue eyes. She grew up in Burlington, starting kindergarten there after several childhood moves due to her father's job as a pharmacist with the Veteran's Administration.

Zomorodi says she grew up hearing hospital tales from her mother, who spared no detail of even the most bloody car accident. Every moment was a learning experience, whether her mother was diagnosing her friend's illnesses or teaching her children the technical terms for their body parts.

"I have vivid childhood memories of grotesque conversations we had over dinner," Zomorodi says. "My brother called his knee his 'patella' when he was two."

When it came time to decide on a college, Zomorodi applied only to UNC-CH.

She played xylophone in the marching band, as she had at Western Alamance High School, and started out as a music major.

Her mother, who worked at UNC Hospitals, suggested that she try volunteering there her freshman year, and Zomorodi says she changed her major to nursing shortly after doing so.

"You don't want to be the same thing as your mom when you're a teenage girl," she says. "But once you get in there you might find out you do want to do the same thing as your mom."

She went to work at Duke after earning her bachelor's degree, and was there only about a year before her mother succumbed to pancreatitis after an infection spread quickly throughout her body. She died three days after falling ill while working in the ER. At the time, Zomorodi says, she had just
cared for a patient who died. She felt unprepared and awkward - "like I was tripping over the trash can all the time," she says - and had vowed to do some research on end-of-life care.

Her experience during her mother's brief illness was no better. Zomorodi says she wasn't even told her mother had died; she simply walked into the room one morning with her 17-year-old brother and found her there. Only 22 at the time, she then had to explain to her brother that their mother had passed.

She shares this story with her students when she discusses end-of-life care. "I want them to know that it can happen to anybody, and I want them to have the tools to improve that experience for the family," she says.

She went back to school in 2003 and earned her doctorate in 2008. She continued her nursing job at Duke throughout her studies and even after she took her current job at UNC. She also met her husband, a neurosurgeon, at Duke.

Wary of marrying a doctor, with their long and unpredictable hours, she agreed to a date only after he asked her out every day for months.

They were married in 2006 and went together with a Duke medical team on their first trip to Kampala, Uganda in 2007. The group has gone back every year since, donating supplies and improving the hospital there.

Zomorodi started out as an operating room nurse, but ended up spending most of her time teaching the Ugandan staff about safety and modern medical practices. When the medical staff found out she was a teacher, she says, they simply gathered around her to hear what she had to say.

She has continued to pull nursing shifts at Duke on top of her teaching duties so that she can stay in touch with clinical practice. Though she's taken a break from these shifts in recent months, she plans to return, whether at Duke or UNC.

"I feel like I need to stay in the trenches," she says.

Zomorodi has strong beliefs about all aspects of nursing, from minute details to broader ideals - patients should be brushing their own teeth, for instance, and nurses shouldn't let technology supplant human contact.

**New methods of care**
She's published several book chapters and papers, and her research is largely practical, focused on proving that specific changes can improve medical outcomes.

She was only the second person in North Carolina to be certified as a clinical nurse leader, a new model in which Ph.D.-level nurses are assigned to a particular hospital department, where they monitor patients' progress from admission to discharge and address issues such as infection outbreaks.

She now heads that program at UNC-CH, which recently had its first graduate and will soon start a pilot program at UNC Hospitals.

"This will change the way we do health care when it catches on," she says.

Her views on end-of-life care rest on a few central points: patients should be involved early and often in making decisions about their care, and families should be able to take part in their loved one's last moments.

But she says these changes also require a cultural shift among medical practitioners and the larger public, which often has unrealistic expectations gleaned from television hospital dramas.

"Death is almost considered a failure on the part of the physician or nurse, because our job is to care for people and make them better," she says.

"We have to realize it's not necessarily a failure for someone to die peacefully according to their wishes."

**Margaret Gambrell Zomorodi**

**Born:** May 3, 1979, in Miami

**Residence:** Raleigh

**Career:** Clinical associate professor, UNC-CH School of Nursing; R.N. and researcher at Duke University Medical Center

**Education:** Bachelor of Science, 2001 and doctorate, 2008, both from the UNC-CH School of Nursing

**Service:** Three trips to Uganda with a Duke medical team; established, with her husband and brother, a UNC-CH undergraduate nursing scholarship in her mother's name; member, Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses; president, Alpha Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau

**Family:** Husband, Ali Zomorodi; daughter, Arianna, 2

**Fun Fact:** Zomorodi claims allegiance to her alma mater. But she also has an ongoing relationship with rival Duke, where she has been a nurse for 10 years. She and her husband were married in Duke Chapel, but Zomorodi's bridesmaids wore Carolina blue dresses.
Big win, big scare: 12 injured when Oklahoma St. fans storm field after pivotal defeat of OU

By Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — After an annual football game they call Bedlam, thousands of Oklahoma State fans jumped, ran and pushed their way onto the field in joy. The Cowboys had just taken apart the Oklahoma Sooners, their bitter and often more successful rivals. The Cowboys’ first national championship suddenly seemed within reach.

But fans were pressing toward the field, which is separated from the stands by an eight-foot stone wall. Some students jumped down, others were pushed. The crowd pulled down the goal posts, and in the 45 minutes or more it took police to restore order Saturday night, some fans were trampled as the crowd struggled to reach the exits.

At least 12 people were injured, including one who was airlifted to a hospital, in the chaos on the field after an emotional win in the heart of football country.
“Thousands of people stormed the field. You couldn’t move, there were so many people,” said Michael Authement, who heads the command post at emergency medical provider LifeNet EMS. “It was a nasty deal.”

The field is not designed to allow huge crowds to get in or out. Narrow staircases on the north, south and west ends are the only ways to reach the field from the seating areas. There are two ramps on the east end, which has no seats.

To get back off the field, fans were crunched together and pushing to get their way to the exits.

The public address announcer had warned fans not to storm the field, but “we just laughed,” said Alex Lillibridge, a 19-year-old freshman from Belton, Texas. Fans started jumping the wall in the last seconds of Oklahoma State’s 44-10 win, and Lillibridge said that soon after he followed.

Some people said they were forced to jump because of the crush of fans.

“A girl pushed me over the wall,” said 21-year-old Jennifer Payne, a junior from Stillwater. “Luckily, I didn’t get injured, but I didn’t have control of when I jumped off the wall. You just moved with the crowd.”

Jerry Nevils, who was at the game but did not storm the field, said Sunday that the yellow-jacketed security force surrounding the field was no match for the “slow, steady avalanche” of Oklahoma State students and other fans.

“They weren’t stopping them, not with the 20 or 30 people they had there,” said Nevils, of Sapulpa.

Oklahoma State spokesman Gary Shutt said two people were airlifted to Oklahoma City for treatment, including one adult who had a medical problem well before the end of the game. Both were listed Sunday in guarded, stable condition.

Shutt said the university could not disclose the student’s injuries because of health privacy laws but that he was “alert.”

Eight people were taken to Stillwater Medical Center — including two who were having surgery Sunday on broken ankles. Three others were treated at the field, he said.

University President Burns Hargis praised medical personnel on Sunday night and said stadium security “did everything they possibly could.”
“They’ve been tearing down the goal posts for 80 years,” Hargis told the AP. “I wish we could have kept people in the stands, but once that many thousands of people start pouring onto the field, there’s not a lot you can do.”

Shutt said university’s policy is to keep fans off the field, and that he heard fans booing the announcer’s warning to remain in the stands.

“You couldn’t put an army out there to keep that many people off the field, if that’s where they’re coming,” Hargis said. “And even if you did, the fallout from that wouldn’t be very desirable.”

Still, the mood in Stillwater on Sunday was not of shock but excitement over what may be the football program’s most successful season ever.

With their rout of No. 13 Oklahoma, the third-ranked Cowboys claimed their first-ever Big 12 championship, snapped an eight-game losing streak in the “Bedlam Series” against the Sooners and made a case to play for the Bowl Championship Series national title.

However, the Cowboys (11-1, 8-1 Big 12) were passed over for that honor when the BCS rankings were released Sunday night. Instead, two Southeastern Conference teams — Louisiana State and Alabama — were selected to play a rematch Jan. 9 in the title game.

The Cowboys have rarely been the first word in football in Oklahoma, where the Sooners boast seven national championships.

Getting pushed around in the crowd was worth it for Garrett Stone, 25, a recent OSU graduate who came in from Dallas to see the game. “The thrill, the national exposure, doing so well this year and being able to potentially jump Alabama, the first Big 12 title, beating OU for the first time in eight years,” he said.

Authement said the crowd was so big it took police at least 45 minutes to clear fans from the field at the university’s Boone Pickens Stadium. The crowd of 58,141 was the fourth-largest crowd ever at Oklahoma State.

Shutt, the university spokesman, said he did not know if any of the injuries were related to the goal posts being brought down. He said the university does not use the form of collapsible goal posts that get laid flat on the ground after the game, but they do use a form that is easily dismantled.

Oklahoma State University police referred questions to the university. Stillwater police said they had a handful of officers at the game, and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol had no immediate comment.
Before reports of injuries emerged, Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said he left the field quickly when he saw fans jumping from the wall.

“When they started piling over, I got out of there as fast as I could. ... It was scary,” he said.

He noted that in OSU’s last game, a double-overtime loss at Iowa State on Nov. 18, it was the other team’s fans who stormed the field.

“We almost got trampled by the other team. And now, we went the other way. It’s ironic, and things happen for a reason. Don’t know why,” Gundy said.

The chaos struck a university that has been mourning the loss of women’s basketball coach Kurt Budke and his assistant, Miranda Serna, who were killed last month in a plane crash along with the pilot and his wife. OSU and OU’s marching bands performed “Amazing Grace” at Saturday’s game to honor the victims.

The campus also was jolted Nov. 5 by the strongest earthquake in Oklahoma history. The magnitude-5.6 temblor struck Boone Pickens Stadium just as fans were leaving another football game.

Associated Press writers Bill Cormier in Atlanta and Jeff Latzke in Stillwater contributed to this report.
Private-College Presidents Getting Higher Salaries

By TAMAR LEWIN

Presidents at 36 private colleges earned more than $1 million in 2009, up from 33 the previous year, according to a study by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The annual study, using data from federal tax documents, found that the median compensation — including salary and benefits — was $385,909, a 2.2 percent increase from the previous year. The median base salary increased by 2.8 percent to $294,489.

The highest-paid president in 2009 was Constantine Papadakis of Drexel University. Mr. Papadakis, who died in April that year, earned $4,912,127, most of it from life insurance and previously accrued compensation paid to his widow. His base salary was $195,726.

The next three top earners — William R. Brody of Johns Hopkins University ($3,821,886); Donald V. DeRosa of University of the Pacific ($2,357,540); and Henry S. Bienen of Northwestern University ($2,240,775) — also left their presidencies.

The three highest earners who remained as chief executives were Nicholas S. Zeppos of Vanderbilt University ($1,890,274); Charles H. Polk of Mountain State University, in West Virginia ($1,843,746); and Shirley Ann Jackson of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ($1,771,877).

While the private colleges in the study — The Chronicle’s similar study of salaries at public universities appears in the spring — spent an average of 0.4 percent of their budgets on presidential salaries, there were outliers.

Mr. Polk’s $1.8 million compensation amounted to 3.5 percent of the budget at Mountain State University, which has had accreditation problems and a low 2.5 percent graduation rate for first-time, full-time students, according to The Chronicle’s report.

Although presidential pay generally has little effect on the budget, its symbolic importance makes it a likely target of criticism at a time when pay inequities have become a rallying point for the Occupy protest movement, Jack Stripling, a reporter at The Chronicle said in a call with journalists on Friday. He pointed out that Amy Gutmann, president of the University of
Pennsylvania, came under fire from an Occupy group last month even though her salary of $1.3 million is less than 1 percent of the institutional budget.

While the typical president earned 3.7 times as much as the average pay and benefits of a full professor at the same institution, the study found great variations. Kevin J. Manning at Stevenson University in Maryland earned $1,491,655 — 16.1 times as much as the pay and benefits of the average full professor there.

Five other presidents earned at least 10 times as much as a typical professor at their colleges: Ms. Jackson of Rensselaer; Mr. Zeppos of Vanderbilt; Frances Lucas of Millsaps College, in Jackson, Miss.; Jehuda Reinharz of Brandeis University (he is no longer president); and J. Timothy Cloyd of Hendrix College, in Conway, Ark.

At the other end, Patrick E. White at Wabash College in Indiana earned $239,207, about twice the average professor’s compensation at the college.

The Chronicle’s interactive graphic on presidential compensation is at chronicle.com/compensation. Salaries for private college presidents have grown far more, adjusted for inflation, in recent years than professorial pay.

In the decade from 1999-2000 to 2009-10, average presidential pay at the 50 wealthiest universities increased by 75 percent, to $876,792, while professorial pay increased 14 percent, to $179,970.

“The job of college president has changed dramatically in the last 30 years, as have the demands,” David L. Warren, the president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said in a statement. “There is just a small pool of candidates who possess the skill set that is required and are willing to take on the stressful 24/7 nature of the position.”

Pressure on private college presidents is increasing on many fronts, Mr. Warren said, including budgetary challenges, uncertainty about the sustainability of the traditional financial model, calls for further regulation, greater competition, growing student financial need, and consumer concerns about rising tuition.

A study released last year by the Council of Independent Colleges found that less than one in four chief academic officers at private colleges planned to pursue a presidency.
College Presidents’ Compensation Has Risen Rapidly

The compensation of many college presidents has grown faster than that for professors and some of them now receive more than $1 million a year — representing a large share of university budgets.

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Sources: Internal Revenue Service Form 990s; Chronicle analysis; American Association of University Professors