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Pirates roam the streets of Uptown Greenville during the Annual Piratefest on Friday, April 8, 2011. (Aileen Devlin/The Daily Reflector)

**PirateFest, pigskin pigout begin**

It’s an ode to pigs and pirates this weekend with PirateFest and the Purple/Gold Pigskin Pigout going on.

Beware if you’re traveling into downtown Greenville today and Saturday. There will be pirates on the streets, and we’re not talking about East Carolina University fans.

The sixth annual PirateFest will take over the center of downtown and there will be some road closures. Evans Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from Fifth Street to Third Street today from 2-8:30 p.m. for the Buccaneer Bash at the Fourth Street parking lot.

On Saturday, Evans Street will be closed from Fourth Street all the way to the Town Common on First Street from 3 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

PirateFest includes live music, food, arts and crafts, children’s activities and a parade of pirates.

Everyone is encouraged to dress up in his or her best pirate garb and meet at the Town Common to walk through the festival. The parade of pirates meets at the Town Common Main Stage at noon and will end at the pirate encampment at 12:30 p.m. A costume contest for children 12 and younger will be held after the parade.

The 29th annual Purple/Gold Pigskin Pigout continues on the East Carolina University campus through Sunday. The highlight for many of the festival is the spring football game which will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

But don’t forget to pick up some of the barbecue after the pig cooking contest winners are announced at 10:30 a.m.
ECU hosting spring open house Saturday

By Jackie Drake

Students planning on attending East Carolina University can learn about their future home at the annual spring open house on Saturday.

Prospective students and families can tour the campus, eat in the dining halls, view the residence halls, meet faculty and staff, learn about academic programs and get more information on admissions and financial aid.

“We love seeing the excitement in our prospective students’ faces the first time they come to campus,” Jenny Roberts, assistant director of admissions, said. “We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday.”

Around 4,500 people usually attend the spring event, Roberts said. A fall open house also is held with about 3,500 participants.

This year, two special sessions will be held in the afternoon in Mendenhall Student Center. “Transitioning into tomorrow” at 1-2:30 p.m. will offer information to transfer students coming from community college. “Treasures of Diversity” from 1:30-3 p.m. will showcase the diversity of pirate nation with a multicultural event.

“Our policy has always been to offer numerous sessions and events over the course of the day as we can,” Roberts said. “We make it relatively easy for our guests to pick and choose what they really want to get out of their visit.”

The open house on campus coincides with the sixth annual PirateFest in downtown Greenville and the Purple/Gold Pigskin Pigout in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

“This weekend we have such a variety of things happening in town that we are very excited to be able to offer our guests the option of attending our open house and see what our community has to offer as well,” Roberts said. The day will start with an opening session at 9 a.m. at Wright Auditorium. Campus tours are available through noon.

A fair will be held between 9:30 a.m. and noon in the Student Recreation Center that will feature all academic departments, majors and programs as well as numerous student affairs departments.
Special sessions on admissions, financial aid and campus living will be held throughout the morning.

A panel of ECU students will be available to discuss their experiences and answer questions in three different sessions in Mendenhall.

Lunch will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Todd and West End dining halls will serve a lunch buffet for $6.50.

Residence halls will be open for visitation from noon to 2 p.m. Some academic departments will be open for tours from 1-3 p.m.

Students are asked to register online, but walk-ins are welcome. There is no cost to attend.

Attendants should park in the gold lot at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. A shuttle to main campus will be provided.

For more information, call the admissions office at 328-6640 or visit http://www.ecu.edu/admissions/events.cfm

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Editorial: Do PirateFest, Pigskin Pigout

So much of the public discourse and focus in Greenville stays fixed on the many problems faced by this growing community. Issues like crime and public safety, transportation and mass transit, proper planning and thoughtful land-use management can set neighbor against neighbor and help to inaccurately define this city as a place overrun by woe.

Then there are weekends like this — when the city’s annual PirateFest weekend festival unfolds at the same time that East Carolina University hosts its Purple and Gold Pigskin Pigout — and those fears and worries are pushed to the side for a few days of pleasant revelry. These opportunities are few and far between, so residents would do well to take advantage.

Few traditions that unfold each Spring and Summer are as enjoyable as the weekend festivals that serve as a staple of communities across eastern North Carolina. From Grifton’s Shad Festival, scheduled to begin next week, to Farmville’s Dogwood Festival later this month to August’s Watermelon Festival in Winterville, each event has a unique personality even as they all provide entertainment for the whole family.

Five years ago, Greenville finally developed an annual celebration that properly reflects the population size and ambitious scope of the county seat. And with each passing PirateFest, taking place this weekend, it seems clear that those who hatched the idea for something so impressive had an inspirational vision that continues to grow by the year. Creating a family-friendly event focused on downtown is a tremendous idea that celebrates the many wonderful things Greenville has going for it.

This year, the PirateFest will share time with East Carolina’s annual Pigskin Pigout, a multi-day celebration that marks the end of the spring practice season for the football team. On Saturday afternoon, the Pirates will break for summer after a public scrimmage, giving eager fans a glimpse of the team set to rock Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in the fall.

The planning and work required to hold these events is tremendous and organizers deserve a note of thanks for all their effort. The best way the public can show its gratitude — and get in touch with what makes the city special — is to come out this weekend and enjoy all that is taking place.
Forecasts predict “chamber of commerce” weather — party cloudy skies, mild temperatures and little chance of precipitation — making it an excellent weekend to leave the car behind and focus once again on what makes Greenville great.
Speaker: Air differences with civility

By Jackie Drake

In a time when American politics are becoming more and more divisive, understanding of language and history and culture are more important than ever for a productive public life, a former Congressman and humanities advocate said during a visit to East Carolina University on Thursday.

“Civilization requires civility,” James Leach, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, told a gathering at the Willis building in downtown Greenville. A native of Iowa, Leach served more than 30 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has taught at both Princeton and Harvard universities.

Leach’s lecture, “Humanities, Citizenship and the American Spirit,” was presented by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Engagement, Innovation and Economic Development.

“Civility is not simply about manners,” Leach said. “It doesn’t mean that spirited advocacy is to be avoided. Indeed, argumentation is a social good... The tradition of civil discourse was considered by our founders to be our best means of ensuring the government worked well. Whether our unity breaks down in this era of heightened partisanship will depend less on the degree of our differences than our ability to seek common ground based on mutual respect.”

Leach’s lecture occurred in the middle of a debate on campus about whether or not to separate the College of Arts and Sciences and form a STEM College with departments from the College of Technology and Computer Science as part of a reorganization effort to save money.

“This is a perfect example of the argument the college is trying to make to keep us together,” said Dean Alan White. “Arts and sciences are the basic disciplines, they have a common approach to inquiry and learning, that’s what unites the different disciplines. There are overlaps, you can’t draw lines between them.”

Since this is an election year, citizens will have to make decisions in an increasingly hostile environment, Leach said.
“Elections are about weighing the claims and counter claims of political parties and their candidates,” he said. “Differences deserve to be aired but care must be taken to put this year’s unrelenting negativity in perspective. Elections also provide opportunity for all of us to take stock, to remind ourselves of what we have in common, what we owe prior generations, and what lessons can be gleaned from our history in these fractious times.”

Democracy is undercut “when citizens and public figures label each other fascist and communist in manifest disregard for what these words mean,” he said.

“When a polarizing vocabulary takes public hold, and prejudice and its twin hate become commonly accepted, society becomes vulnerable to violence and social instability,” Leach said. “There is a difference between supporting a particular spending or health care view, and asserting that someone who prefers another approach is an advocate of an ‘ism’ of hate.”

Censorship is not the answer, however. “Rather than policing language, the goal should to uplift the tenor and tone of the debate, and infuse it with historical and philosophical perspective.”

Citizenship is both a privilege and a responsibility, Leach said.

“It takes a commitment to listen, watch, read and think... how we communicate with each other is of central significance,” he said.

Leach’s visit was the result of a $240,000 grant from the endowment to the College of Arts and Sciences secured by English professor Gary Stringer, who came to ECU last year under the Whichard Distinguished Professorship. Grant workshops are being offered this morning in conjunction with the speech.

“I thought the speech was splendid,” Stringer said. “I thought he made a number of excellent points on how the study of humanities can promote civility in public discourse.”

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Pirates and Pigskins
Fun to start with Buccaneer Bash

Downtown Greenville and the Town Common will be bustling with activity April 14 with PirateFest. To kick off the event, a Buccaneer Bash will be held from 5-9 p.m. April 13 in the parking lot at the corner of Evans and Fourth streets. The Freeboot Friday-style event will include beer and wine, children’s activities, rover pirates and live music by the David Dixon Trio at 5 p.m. and Donovan Carless and The Posse at 6:30 p.m.

April 14

PirateFest Street Festival

- 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Located along Evans Street in downtown Greenville between Fifth and First streets, Arts and Treasure Isle features North Carolina artists, arts organizations and Greenville restaurants. Fine arts and crafts will be for sale and on display. Area arts organizations will also have booths, as well as demonstrations and children’s art activities. Downtown Greenville restaurants will have food for sale. There will be live music throughout the day, as well as cold beverages at the Buccaneer Bash Grog Garden in the parking lot at Fourth and Evans streets.

Roving Pirate Entertainers

- All day

Several visiting Pirate groups will be with us during the day, sharing their artistry in the form of song, storytelling, swordplay and dress. Though some of them are scheduled to perform at the festival’s soundstages, much of their time will be spent roaming the festival grounds, interacting with our guests! Bring your camera — they love to have their picture taken!

Buccaneer Bash Main Stage

Located on the Rose Parking Lot (corner of Fourth and Evans streets) next to the Grog Garden. Enjoy a variety of live music and beverages throughout the day at the Buccaneer Bash Main Stage and Grog Garden. Regroup with your crew at the end of the day at the Main Stage for the headline band performance beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- 10 a.m.: DJ
- noon: High & Risin’
- 1 p.m.: Charming Youngsters
- 2:30 p.m.: Rebekah Todd
- 6 p.m.: The Allison King Band

**Little Pirate’s Pavilion**

Located on Evans across from the courthouse, Little Pirates Pavilion includes live music, the School of Pirates, crafts, activities and giveaways along with educational displays on the life of a pirate. For a small fee, Little Pirates can enjoy an inflatable Pirate Ship and other bounces provided by Fun Time Promotions.

**Parade of Pirates**

Calling All Pirates! Dress as a pirate, deck out your bike, big wheel or toy car and join in the walking Parade of Pirates at 11 a.m. Gather in front of Theatre Uptown on Fifth Street to walk down Evans to the Little Pirate’s Pavilion Stage. The parade will be led by The Motley Tones pirate crew. The pirate costume contest follows immediately with prizes for Funniest Pirate, Most Colorful, Best Props and Scariest Pirate.

**International Ports O’Call**

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on the Town Common

Thousands of people will gather together to celebrate the diversity that makes Greenville the jewel of North Carolina. This open-air festival features music, food and attractions from nations around the world with a large cultural pavilion featuring costumes, games, and crafts from the native lands of many people who call Greenville home.
Ticket sales fund Natalie Cole's $65,000 performance at ECU

By: Madeleine Wright | Eyewitness News 9

GREENVILLE, N.C. -- A very special musical guest was in the East Thursday night. Natalie Cole, daughter of Nat King Cole, performed at East Carolina University's Wright Auditorium.

Cole is known for hit songs like "Inseparable" and "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)."

The College of Fine Arts Interim Dean, Michael Dorsey, said the university will pay $65,000 for her performance.

Add in the costs of catering, sound equipment, and transportation for Cole's entourage, and that brings the total price of her visit to about $100,000.

But associate dean Michael Crane said ECU doesn't use state funds to pay those costs.

"You pay as you go...so long as our ticket sales are good at the box office, we're all right," said Michael Crane, Associate Dean of ECU's College of Fine Arts.

Natalie Cole was one of several performers in ECU's 50th annual SRAPAS Series.

Her next performance is Friday in Charlotte.
Experts Weigh Spill's Lasting Effects

Marine Studies Raise Fresh Concern After Early Fears of Environmental Catastrophe From BP Disaster Failed to Materialize

By TOM FOWLER

HOUSTON—Scientists studying the environmental impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico are raising fresh concerns about the effect of the leaked crude on a range of sea life, from tiny animal plankton to dolphins.

So far, studies have not uncovered the ecological apocalypse that some feared after the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded two years ago this month, unleashing the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. But hopes that the Gulf would be relatively unaffected are dimming.

"The death and destruction that many predicted hasn't come through for a lot of reasons," said Robert Haddad, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's assessment and restoration effort. "But
everywhere we look throughout the Gulf things are just a little bit out of kilter."

Zooplankton—microscopic organisms that are a source of food for many fish—were found to have ingested hazardous components of the specific oil from the spill, according to a study released last month by researchers at East Carolina University and other colleges and funded by the National Science Foundation. The study didn't speculate on whether the oil may have harmed the zooplankton nor did it say what the effect could be on larger organisms.

A large coral formation on the sea floor several miles from the well site appears to be dying because of a coating of oil from the spill, according to a study by Pennsylvania State University, Haverford College and other institutions, also funded by a National Science Foundation grant.

And a study of dozens of dolphins in Barataria Bay, La., where some of the heaviest oil slicks came ashore, concluded many of them are showing serious illnesses similar to animals that have been in contact with oil. The dolphins were underweight, anemic and suffering from low blood sugar as well as liver and lung ailments.

Dolphin deaths and strandings in the northern Gulf of Mexico have been much higher than historic averages since the spill, but a surge in unexplained deaths also predated the accident.

The dolphin study, released by NOAA, was careful not to say the illnesses are directly linked to the spill. The official assessment of the spill's environmental impact, which the agency is overseeing for the government and well owner BP BP.LN -0.61% PLC, is in its early stages of reviewing data from some 160 studies.

But the preliminary findings were serious enough, NOAA said, that groups that take part in rescues of stranded dolphins and other ocean mammals needed the information.

The Gulf, which has long been the site of oil and gas production, has suffered through many minor spills and accidents. On Thursday, government officials were monitoring a 10-square-mile oil slick, known as a sheen, about 130 miles southeast of New Orleans and searching for the source.

But the Deepwater Horizon incident dwarfed previous spills. For 87 days, oil flowed from the BP well that lay 5,000 feet below the ocean surface about 40 miles off the Louisiana coast. Slicks fanned out across 68,000 miles of open water and fouled more than 1,000 miles of coastline.
The impact could have been worse, experts say. A mitigating factor was the spill was located far offshore and nearly a mile underwater. The flow of the Mississippi River, meantime, kept much of the oil out at sea, and chemical dispersants broke up crude both below the surface and on it, as did naturally occurring oil-eating microbes.

BP agreed to pay the upfront cleanup costs and the costs of restoring oil-damaged habitats, which so far have topped about $14 billion. The British company pledged up to $1 billion for further restoration projects and $500 million for research.

The ultimate environmental price tag for BP, however, will come through the NOAA-led process known as a Natural Resource Damage Assessment, which includes a range of scientific studies. If the studies, some of which could come out later this year, find links between the spill and the damage, BP would be expected to pay compensation or fund the cost of restoration.

Outside studies such as the one on zooplankton could be incorporated into the NRDA through the peer-review process, but BP or NOAA could contest their inclusion if they don't believe they are relevant or meet rigorous scientific standards. Disagreements could end up being adjudicated by federal judges who are overseeing the massive collection of civil complaints that BP faces in U.S. District Court in New Orleans.

BP expects to finalize a civil settlement worth an estimated $7.8 billion with thousands of Gulf businesses and individuals in the next few days. Civil and criminal settlements with the government, which could reach the tens of billions of dollars by some estimates, are pending.

The company is committed to working with NOAA and the Gulf Coast states to assess the damages from the spill, spokesman Tom Mueller said.

It is likely any final assessment or settlement of damages with the government will include a "re-opener" clause, which would give plaintiffs the right to ask the courts to revisit the terms if the damages turn out to be greater than originally believed, said David Uhlmann, a University of Michigan law professor and former head of the Justice Department's Environmental Crimes Section.

Doug Inkley, a senior scientist with the National Wildlife Federation, said even though the environmental damage scientists are finding is subtle, it is serious.

"The oil spill is to the Gulf what smoking is to a human," he said. "You're still able to function overall, but not nearly as well."
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Paul Green Festival Highlights Writer's Achievements
Saturday, April 21

An academic symposium will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 204, Kivett Hall, on the campus of Campbell University (Buies Creek).

Scholars from UNC-Chapel Hill, East Carolina University and the University of California-Davis will present their research on Paul Green and his impact on the world.

The Paul Green Memorial Ballgame Tournament will be held beginning at 9 a.m. in honor of Green's love of and talent for baseball.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stewart and Lewis Fields, Dixie Youth Baseball and Softball will play, sponsored by Lillington Parks and Recreation.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Chamber Field, there will be an adult men's softball tournament. All games are at 405 S. 1st St., Lillington.

There will be family activities on the Campbell University campus, in and outside of the Rumley Center, all afternoon Saturday, including skits, children's choirs, art, baseball catch, Scottish bagpipes, "The Lost Colony's" Queen Elizabeth I in full costume, and an ice-cream social.

At 2 p.m. in Turner Auditorium in D. Rich Hall, there will be live scenes from Paul Green's play "The House of Connelly," plus film clips from the movie

At 5 p.m., a dinner ($14) will be held in Marshbanks Alumni Dining Room at Campbell University.

"Meet Paul Green's family and hear a brief reading from his novel 'This Body the Earth," says a spokesman.

Events conclude at 7 p.m. at Ellis Theatre, when the Campbell University Department of Theater Arts presents "The Elephant Man." Tickets are $7 adults, $3 students, faculty and seniors, and are available at the website www.sellingticket. com/campbell

This project is made possible in part by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Richard Spruill, East Carolina University assistant professor and hydrogeologist, explains how mining affects aquifers during one of four afternoon breakout sessions Wednesday at the Regional Water Summit in New Bern.

**Summit focuses on safety, availability of water supply**

Water is a basic and universal need, and in Eastern North Carolina water is everywhere — running by us, near us and in aquifers under us.

Managing this essential resource so it remains safe and attainable, however, is a collective responsibility, and more than 100 community leaders and officials attended a Regional Water Summit on Wednesday at New Bern Riverfront Convention Center to learn more about how to do that.

Summit coordinator Judy Hills is the economic and community development director for the Eastern Carolina Council, which sponsored the all-day summit with North Carolina’s Eastern Region and upriver Wayne County.

“All the presentations include important aspects of the total water picture,” Hill said. The summit “opens people’s minds to the complexity of the water situation, especially those from smaller systems.”

River Bend Mayor John Kirkland is one leader from a smaller system who has been on the leading edge of water quality issues in the region, helping to run both a municipal water system and a sewer system that discharges virtually drinkable water into the Trent River.
“Turn the clock back 30 years and it was just a dumping ground,” Kirkland said of area waterways. “We’ve misused them from colonial times to the present, taking potable water for granted.”

Kirkland’s main interest Wednesday was in “what to do with the treated wastewater,” having heard and read some on “aquifer injection, which is now going on in South Carolina and in western states where it’s pretty common.” It offers an option with potentially fewer adverse effects on the fauna and flora in rivers and streams.

New Bern Planner Mike Avery moderated a session on mining and groundwater withdrawals such as those of PCS Phosphate and Martin Marietta. It sought to answer “Can we have our stone and groundwater resources, too?” and included presentations by Martin Marietta vice president Paxton Badham, Groundwater Management Associations Inc. hydrogeologist Bill Lyke and East Carolina University hydrogeologist and professor Richard Spruill.

“Yes, if....” appeared to be the answer from all who presented pros and cons of some of the methods of extracting limestone in Eastern North Carolina and some of the stalemates created by excessive permitting restraint that endanger progress without really protecting the water supply.

Spruill showed the way reservoirs created in limestone mining such as the Glenburnie area of New Bern, which the city “decided to use in a good way” by putting filtered wastewater into the reservoir rather than in a river.

“This has been shown to dramatically improve the water quality in the Neuse River,” Spruill said.

Badham said that the needed newly mined minerals for every person, every year total 38,052 pounds — about 2.6 million pounds during the average lifespan. Hauling them more than about 20 miles is not cost effective, he said, making importing them impractical.

He said the methods now used to mine at its current depth most of the limestone left in Eastern North Carolina does not threaten the aquifers, and mining companies continue to look for positive ways to use the water extracted in the mining process.

All three speakers expressed concern about a state law that prohibits water extracted from mining to be used as drinking water.

Presently, wells are dug near mining sites to extract water directly to lessen the amount wasted in mining.
He said Martin Marietta continues to mine a site at Clarks in Craven County and is seeking permits to use a 1,600-acre section in the middle of a 90,000-acre timber tract owned by Weyerhaeuser near Vanceboro, one of the few rich reserves remaining in Eastern North Carolina.

Craven County Commissioner Tom Mark’s main reason for coming “was to learn more about water conservation and about building a method to bank water. Craven County is building a water treatment system, but we’re a little behind schedule.”

Pamlico County Commissioner Christine Mele, Havelock Planning Director Scott Chase and Jones County officials attended along with others from the immediate area and greater eastern region.

Craven water system manager Rusty Hayes said, “The experts are telling us they are seeing some increase in water volume in the Black Creek Aquifer … but a lot of systems have banked a lot of water in their name. If they call up their allotted capacity, that could lower the aquifer water levels. That’s been my biggest surprise.”

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GREENVILLE—East Carolina’s four-man race for the starting quarterback job isn’t close to resolution. And the Pirates are preparing to wrap up spring practices with the question of who will replace Dominique Davis lingering into the summer.

Senior Brad Wornick, junior Rio Johnson, sophomore Shane Carden and redshirt freshman Cody Keith entered the spring in competition for the starting job. Offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley said he had hoped to whittle the list down to three by the end of spring workouts, but a finger injury to Carden and improved play from Wornick has kept it an open race for the opportunity to run the Pirates’ pass-heavy spread.

Davis was a two-year starter who threw for nearly 7,200 yards and 62 touchdowns in 2010 and 2011. Johnson, recruited by former coach Skip Holtz, played in four games and threw for 157 yards as a backup last year. Wornick threw for 138 yards in five games as a backup in 2010. Carden and Keith have yet to throw a college pass and have been on the scout team.
"Next Generation II," unveiled Thursday, April 12, outside UNC Hospitals, is one of more than 150 paintings, sculptures and artifacts Dr. Hugh "Chip" McAllister Jr. is giving or selling to raise money for UNC-Chapel Hill. McAllister graduated from the School of Medicine in 1966. "Next Generation" is part of a collection being donated to the Ackland Art Museum valued at $5.5 million, the largest gift in the museum's history.

UNC med school alumnus donates $10 million to university

By Mark Schultz - mschultz@newsobserver.com

CHAPEL HILL Dr. Hugh “Chip” McAllister Jr. looked out on the crowd Thursday afternoon, his back to the bronze sculpture that now graces the UNC Hospitals driveway.

“I’m told,” he began, then added, “with abstract art you never know – the larger figure is the father, and the smaller is the child. Information is being passed from one to the other.”

The theme – and the sculpture’s two heart-like halves – was apt. McAllister donated the piece in honor of his father, Dr. Hugh McAllister Sr. The sculpture, “Next Generations II” by Allan Houser, is part of a $10 million gift announced Thursday benefitting the Ackland Art Museum and the McAllister Heart Institute at the UNC School of Medicine, where he and his father graduated 31 years apart.
The portion benefitting the Ackland – artwork valued at $5.5 million – is the biggest gift of art in the museum’s history. It includes: works by 19th-century painters Albert Bierstadt and Thomas Moran; examples by members of the Taos School, such as Oscar Berninghaus, E. L. Blumenschein and Joseph Sharp; and contemporary sculpture by Willem de Kooning, Allan Houser, Jesus Moroles and Reuben Nakian. Several examples of American Indian pottery and textiles are also included.

“This art will add important breadth to our American collection, particularly in the area of art depicting the West and southwestern United States,” said director Emily Kass. “These works offer students, alumni, faculty, researchers and visitors a new and profound experience of American art at the Ackland.”

In all, McAllister’s gift includes more than 150 paintings, sculptures and artifacts. Ackland will keep 50 pieces of the artwork, and the rest is to be sold to raise an estimated $2.5 million for the UNC McAllister Heart Institute and early-career cardiovascular medicine researchers. McAllister also is committing an additional $2 million to support the institute.

After medical school, McAllister was an intern at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Following his training at the Armed Services Institute of Pathology, he served as the institute’s chair of cardiac pathology until his retirement at the rank of colonel in 1984. He then joined the Texas Heart Institute as the founding chair of the department of cardiac pathology and served until his retirement in 2000.

McAllister kept his remarks brief Thursday.

“It’s my intent to annihilate atherosclerosis, the No. 1 killer of Americans,” he said after just a few minutes. “That’s all.”

One of the most prominent cardiac pathologists in the U.S. before his retirement from the Texas Heart Institute in Houston in 2000, McAllister now has contributed more than $18 million to the university over the past 15 years, according to a news release.

His father, Hugh A. McAllister Sr., who received a medical degree from UNC in 1935, practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Lumberton. They are the only father and son to serve as presidents of the UNC Medical Alumni Association and to receive the School of Medicine’s Distinguished Medical Alumni Award.

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**About the McAllister Heart Institute**

Researchers in more than 45 labs at the MHI work in areas such as blood vessel formation, cardiac stem cells, genetics, blood clotting and metabolism to advance the care of patients with diseases of the heart, blood and circulation.

The MHI has grown by 17 labs in the past year. Investigators include: Dr. Arjun Deb, the first UNC winner of the prestigious Katz Basic Science Research Award of the American Heart Association; Dr. Nigel Mackman, director, the recipient of the highest honor from the American Heart Association for research in arteriosclerosis, thrombosis and vascular biology; and Dr. Marschall Runge, executive dean of the School of Medicine and medicine department chair who won the 2010 Distinguished Clinical Scientist Award from the American College of Cardiology.

**About the Ackland Art Museum**

The Ackland Art Museum’s permanent collection consists of more than 16,000 works of art, featuring North Carolina’s premier collections of Asian art and works of art on paper (drawings, prints and photographs), as well as significant collections of European masterworks, 20th-century and contemporary art, African art and North Carolina pottery.
Peace University backs out of deal to house Wake single-sex schools

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Students at Wake County’s two new single-sex schools will attend classes somewhere other than William Peace University this fall.

On Thursday, Peace University officials issued a terse statement announcing they no longer wanted to continue negotiations with the school system to house the leadership academies at their historic downtown Raleigh campus.

The deal collapsed after Wake school board members, heeding the concerns of influential Peace alumnae, began raising questions about the proposed lease deal.

“William Peace University has requested that the Wake County Public School System remove the university from consideration for the leadership academies due to the division and controversy on the Wake County Public School System board,” according to the statement.

But Wake County Schools Superintendent Tony Tata is reassuring parents of the 300 students who were accepted into the leadership academies this fall that there are backup plans in place.

“Regardless of which early college partner we secure, the Wake County School Board and the Wake County Public School System are committed to the Leadership Academies,” Tata wrote in a letter sent Wednesday to families at the leadership schools.

Tata told parents another option would be to house the male academy at a modular school site next to East Millbrook Middle School in North Raleigh, and to locate the female academy at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind near downtown Raleigh.

The leadership academies were one of several changes undertaken at Peace, the all-female school that in the past year has announced it will take male students and change its name from Peace College.

The proposed leadership academies, which could have brought 400 high school students on campus, became another flashpoint in the fight between the administration and alumnae. Peace alumnae and students questioned the ability of accommodating the high school students on the small campus.
Miriam Dorsey, a Peace College graduate who worked with other alumnae to question moves by the new university administration, said she was surprised that the turnabout on the academies came so suddenly.

“The whole thing has been very curious,” she said. “It was amazing that (Peace) waited until the vote was about to come upon them. We had tried to talk to people at Peace and on the school board about the inadvisability about having the high schools there.”

At least five school board members agreed with Dorsey’s group, she said, adding that the panel’s five Democrats were more likely to speak out on the issue.

Dorsey and other speakers urged the school board to walk away from the deal at a meeting Tuesday. The school board held a lengthy closed session and planned to revisit the deal April 24.

“The best place for the leadership academy students may not have been at Peace during the transition it’s going through,” school board member Christine Kushner, a Democrat, said Thursday.

The district is forming a separate school for male students and another for female students. Attending grades six through 12 with a leadership-oriented theme, students would be able to graduate high school with two years of college credit.

Wake received more than 1,000 applications to the academies, the only single-sex schools in the system.

Kushner said because the academies are opening the first year with only students in sixth, seventh and ninth grades, they have time to find another college partner. High school students wouldn’t begin taking college courses until their junior year.

“We will keep going forward with the leadership academies,” she said. “Many parents want single gender and the leadership theme.”

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University of Pittsburgh Police Make Arrest, but Bomb Threats Continue

By JENNIFER PRESTON

Bomb threats have spread to other schools in the Pittsburgh area, leading officials at the Community College of Allegheny County to put in new security measures, reports The Pittsburgh Post Gazette. Threats were also received at The Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind in Pittsburgh, Point Park University and California University of Pennsylvania.

On the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, more than 60 bomb threats have been made since Feb. 13 when the first one was found scribbled on a bathroom wall. On Thursday, the latest scares forced hundreds of students out of their dormitories into the pre-dawn darkness this morning and then from classrooms and the library shortly after 10 a.m.

Pitt ENS alert: Bomb threat @ Hillman LIbrary, Frick Fine Arts, David Lawrence Hall, Posvar Hall, William Pitt Union, University Club. (1/2)
— Pitt (@PittTweet) April 12, 2012

On Wednesday, police arrested a 65-year-old New York man on charges he made terrorist threats to four current and retired professors, but he has not been charged in connection with the bomb threats.

The man, Mark Lee Krangle, of Croton-on-Hudson, who attended the university as a graduate student studying rhetoric in the mid-1970s, was arrested by campus police as he stepped off a plane at Pittsburgh International Airport on Wednesday, university officials announced late Wednesday night.

In an interview, Attilio Favorini, a professor in Theater Arts at the university, said he was one of the four professors who had received emails from Mr. Krangle. In the first email, he said, Mr. Krangle sought to explain his conspiracy theories involving the Carter administration, 9/11 and the bomb threats. He said that a second email was more alarming and he and the other professors forwarded it to police. “It ended with cooperate or perish,” he said.
Most of the recent threats to the campus, which include one made Tuesday night against the chancellor’s home, have been sent to reporters at local news outlets. No devices have been found.

The university stepped up security measures on Monday. The chancellor also asked professors, as The Times reported to abandon attendance policies. Those students who have chosen to leave campus for security concerns before the semester ends at the end of April will be given alternative assignments to complete their classwork.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Joint Terrorist Task Force has joined campus police in the investigation. On Wednesday afternoon, David J. Hickton, the United States attorney, issued a statement, thanking students and staff for sending tips to law enforcement officials, saying they allowed them to focus on “potential suspects.” He also noted that “significant progress” has been made in the investigation into the bomb threats.

Students, who found Mr. Krangle’s comments about the bomb threats on Facebook, were among those who brought Mr. Krangle to the attention of law enforcement officers, officials said.

Since April 3, Mr. Krangle has been discussing the bomb threats on his Facebook page, where he described himself as a former Pitt teaching fellow and doctoral candidate “who became involved in the intelligence community since leaving.”

According to his online profile, he was self-employed from 1985 until 2005, living some of the time in Mexico. He said he worked for China Youth University until 2009.

On his Facebook page, Mr. Krangle writes in his first comment about the bomb threats:

“I believe more than one person is involved, directed by a mastermind. I believe the motive is revenge for a host of wrongs committed by Pittsburgh’s one percent, though I have no information that the Occupy movement is responsible. The mastermind is probably foreign and not even in the U.S.” Then he proceeded to offer a free download of his writings called occupythewhitehouse.

Mr. Krangle also made a reference in Facebook comments to the gunman at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, near the campus, who killed one person and injured five others on March 8 before he was killed by the police. Earlier in the week, he posted online that he was going to go to Pittsburgh to offer his assistance into the investigation of the threats and because he
believed that the bomb threats were taking place to allow him to promote his
e-book on campus.

In one of his Facebook postings, he said he believed that the threats were
being made to help get the word out about his writings.

_**I swear someone told me they were going to orchestrate this exact series of
threats some time ago in order to help me to tell my story about an America
that none of you should be proud of, an America I was working on writing
about as a participant in policy development and an America whose evil I
have been subjected to. America has great people, but it also has an over the
top intelligence, secret police and military apparatus that have in
combination been committing crimes against humanity. Would you have
condemned a Jew who was trying to blow the whistle on the 1939 or 1940
Nazis? The Obamas are beautiful people, I considered John Heinz a
personal friend, I talked to Arlen Spector; there are wonderful Americans,
honest and courageous, but the system is evil and the woman I met has
demonstrated to me that she had the capability to integrate herself with and
to field agents of mayhem. I swear to you this is not fiction or delusion. I
have taught hundreds of Pitt students as a teaching fellow in public speaking
and have been respected and even loved. I was a Jimmy Carter delegate
candidate. The reason the woman said she would do this is in my effort here
http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/occupythepitthehouse I forgot about her offer
and told her I would never participate in making the threats when she told
me it would be easy for me to do so. These threats represent a sophisticated
pre-planned program that include the Schick attack and may get worse if the
mere threats are stopped. The local perpetrators can always be replaced,,
too. I believe this lady is a rogue holdover from the cold war. I have nothing
to add._

Michael Macagnone, editor in chief of the The Pitt News, the campus
student daily newspaper, said the threats have darkened the mood on campus
in recent weeks. “But it is still a university community. We are still going to
class,” he said. “We are still getting ready for finals.”

The student newspaper now has an interactive map that shows when and
where the bomb threats have taken place.

Students, weary of sleepless nights and anxious about the threats, are finding
off-campus accommodations through a Facebook group set up to help them.
They are also turning to a blog that was set up by Andrew Fournaridis, 26, a
marketing analyst in Pittsburgh, called Stop The Pitt Bomb Threats.
Is this the most generous man in higher education? (Kham/Reuters)

The most generous higher-ed donor ever?
By Daniel de Vise

Is Michael Bloomberg the most generous giver in higher education history?

Officials at Johns Hopkins University totaled the New York mayor’s giving to mark Thursday’s opening of a new children’s hospital center, the fruit of his latest $120 million contribution. The total surpasses $800 million, starting with a 1965 gift of $5.

Has anyone ever given more to a college? The Chronicle of Philanthropy tracks such things and concluded as follows:

“Because many donors give anonymously, it’s impossible to say . . . but according to Chronicle figures, he would certainly be near the top.”

The philanthropy journal couldn’t find anyone else who had given even half as much. John Kluge, the late television mogul, gave more than $400 million to Columbia University, his alma mater, the Chronicle said. Financier
Sanford Weill and his wife have given a like amount to Cornell. T. Boone Pickens has given at least $345 million to Oklahoma State.

Bloomberg worked as a parking lot attendant while attending Hopkins, where he graduated in 1964 with an engineering degree. He returned in 2010 as commencement speaker.

Here are a few of the largest individual gifts to colleges, compiled mainly from Chronicle of Higher Education clippings:

• CalTech: $600 million from Intel co-founder Gordon (and wife Betty) Moore, 2001
• Columbia University: $400 million from John Kluge, 2007
• MIT: $350 million from publisher Patrick (and wife Lore Harp) McGovern, 2000
• Cornell University: $350 million from duty-free-shopping magnate Charles Feeney, 2011.
• Cornell University: $250 million from banker Sanford (and wife Joan) Weill, 2007
• University of Colorado system: $250 million from Internet entrepreneur William Coleman III (and wife Claudia), 2001
• University of California at San Francisco: $240 million from the estate of delivery-service magnate Larry L. Hillblom, 1998
• University of Texas: $232 million from oilman John A. (Jack) Jackson, 2002
• University of Pennsylvania: $225 million from philanthropists Raymond and Ruth Perelman, 2011
• New York University: Land, art and cash valued at between $250 million and $500 million from art collector Sir Harold Acton, 1994