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Complex targeting medical community
By K.j. Williams
The Daily Reflector

Officials broke ground Tuesday on a 372-unit gated apartment complex that is targeted at the residential market of health care workers and East Carolina University students.

The first phase of The Heritage at Arlington on West Fifth Street will contain 228 units of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments situated on 28 acres, said Tom Taft Sr., a local attorney and real estate developer.

It’s expected to be completed in January 2013.

“We think that there’s a significant demand that’s unmet in the medical district,” he said. “We’re targeting students, employees, physicians and health professionals at the (ECU) health sciences campus.”

To encourage walking, Taft said he plans to contact city and state officials about the possibility of installing pedestrian controls at West Fifth Street crosswalks leading to the health sciences campus.

The apartment complex also will be within walking distance of Vidant Medical Center and the future site of the Greenville Veterans Affairs Clinic — scheduled to open in 2014.

The Heritage at Arlington will be across the street from Ross Hall — the future home of the School of Dental Medicine. The complex also will be near the end of Arlington Boulevard and west of Treybrooke Apartments.

“So it’s not only convenient to the medical center, but it’s convenient to Arlington which is the cross-town thoroughfare,” Taft said.

The site work for the complex is being done by Greenville-based E.R. Lewis Construction Co. Inc. The general contractor is the Taft-owned Waterford Contracting II LLC, under the umbrella of Taft Family Offices.

The two phases have a total price tag of about $32 million, financed by Wells Fargo, Taft said. The second phase will contain 144 apartments.

“There’s a luxury clubhouse, pool, an indoor theater and a fitness center,” Taft said. There also is a volleyball court, three picnic areas and a walking trail. Pets are allowed with limitations.
Residents can opt to rent one of 36 garages, and the complex will have a car wash facility.
Leasing will begin in early winter.

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Kolasa: Camp helps overweight teens

We have learned some valuable lessons about treating teen obesity over the years. We know that immersion into a healthy environment among peers who are also struggling with their weight can yield great results. Yancey Crawford, the coordinator for the ECU Pediatric Healthy Weight Research and Treatment Center, wants to tell you about a special camp — Take Off 4-Health.

Here is what Yancey and camp medical director Dr. David Collier want you to know.

Do the recent warm spring-like days have you thinking of summer? If you’re a parent, your thoughts may already be turning to summer camp. February and March, despite being “winter months,” are when many camps begin their registration process. Besides being fun, summer camp is a great way for youth to make new friends and learn new skills. Usually these new skills focus on developing qualities like leadership or learning new activities such as sailing. Why not learn skills that may ultimately save your life?

Since 2008, East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine and North Carolina 4-H have offered Take Off 4-Health, a three-week summer camp for overweight teens that help them eat better and become more active. The camp offers traditional outdoor camp activities such as swimming, canoeing and archery with healthy lifestyle programming to facilitate weight loss and healthier living.

Given the skyrocketing rates of childhood obesity, learning healthy lifestyle habits may be the key to leading a healthier life.

Laying the foundation for a healthier life is just what Moriah Brown is counting on. Moriah is an outgoing 13-year-old who loves to play sports, spend time with her friends and read. She attended Take Off 4-Health in the summers of 2010 and 2011. The camp served as the “jump start” for Moriah’s 20-pound weight loss, providing her with the tools she needed to make small, incremental changes in her diet and level of physical activity.

She attended classes on nutrition, physical activity and self-esteem. She worked with trained lifestyle coaches to set goals and keep track of what she ate and how active she was. She also participated in group sessions where
teens quickly bonded with each other as they shared their challenges and struggles and brainstormed ways to live healthier.

A physical activity counselor at camp also inspired Moriah to consider trying out for school sports.

Once camp was over, Moriah took the new information and skills home with her to continue her progress. Since the end of the 2011 camp, Moriah has lost 12 more pounds and has made her school’s volleyball and basketball teams.

Take Off 4-Health is not your typical “fat camp.” Based on a Small Change theoretical model, the camp encourages small, sustainable lifestyle changes to reduce health risks rather than quick and dramatic, short-term weight loss. It is an “immersion” experience, built on the idea that it is sometimes easier for people to learn and practice new skills by being immersed in a safe and controlled environment rather than in their usual environment where temptations and challenges abound. Once new skills are learned in the safe but realistic setting, people are then ready to apply them in the “real world.”

While the kids are having fun and learning new skills at camp, parents participate in a “Bridge Program.” This program provides parents with much of the same information the campers are learning and emphasizes ways families can make positive changes and support the camper when they return home. Long-term support is also offered for a year after camp through regularly scheduled camper reunions and supportive telephone calls.

Take Off 4-Health will be held July 22-Aug. 10 at the Eastern 4-H Center in Columbia. To learn more about the camp, visit www.takeoff4health.org or www.facebook.com/takeoff4health. You also can contact Yancey Crawford at crawfordy@ecu.edu for more information.

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Pirates win see-saw contest and break N.C. State baseball win streak

By Bill Woodward - Correspondent

GREENVILLE—ECU left fielder Jay Cannon settled under a fly ball on the warning track in left center for the final out in a 6-5 Pirates victory over the Wolfpack Tuesday night at Clark-LeClair Stadium.


N.C. State and East Carolina got together for another Down East baseball battle, and played a game like many others in their long rivalry. The game wasn’t settled until ECU left fielder Jay Cannon settled under a fly ball on the warning track in left center for the final out in a 6-5 Pirates victory Tuesday night at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

“I like the way it ended this time,” said ECU coach Billy Godwin. “We’ve lost a lot of one-run games to them. They’ve got a great program and it was a great college baseball environment. I don’t know what more you are looking for.”

The Wolfpack (15-4) had won 10 of 11 games and climbed to as high as No. 11 in the nation. A season-high crowd of 4,714 was on hand to see if the Pirates (15-4) could snap a two-game losing streak in the series.

The Wolfpack jumped to a 3-0 lead with three in the second, but the Pirates answered with three in the third and took the lead in the back-and-forth contest with two in the sixth to go up 6-4.

Then came what has come to be expected in this series – ninth-inning dramatics. East Carolina closer Drew Reynolds, who also went 2-for-4 with two RBIs as the Pirates designated hitter, hit Trea Turner with a pitch with one out. Brett Austin then singled to put runners at first and second, and the intensity went up a notch or two.

Andrew Ciencin hit a grounder to short and Austin was forced at second, but the relay throw in an attempt at a game-ending double play bounced away from first baseman John Wooten and Turner raced home to make it 6-5. Danny Canela, the Wolfpack catcher, lifted a fly ball deep to left center, but it didn’t carry, and the Pirates had the win.
“That’s the way this series has been, one-run games, and tonight they got us,” N.C. State coach Elliott Avent said. “They came back, and we didn’t pitch quite as well as we had been pitching. In the ninth, we gave it a finish but it wasn’t quite good enough.”

East Carolina reliever Andy Smithmyer played a pivotal role, coming on in the sixth and pitching three shutout innings to pick up the win. Smithmyer (2-0) gave up just one hit, walking one and striking out five.

“It was key for him to come in and do what he did,” Godwin said of Smithmyer. “He was effectively wild in the zone. I thought that was huge for us to not have to go deeper in the bullpen.”

Reynolds was a two-way star for the Pirates, getting a two-run, two-out double in the third and picking up his seventh save of the season by pitching the ninth.

“Drew Reynolds is two things,” Godwin said. “One, he is a baseball player. Two, he is a competitor. He lives for situations like that.”

The Wolfpack got a two-run homer from Ryan Mathews in the second and two stolen bases from Turner, the NCAA leader who was a perfect 21-for-21.

The two teams meet again next Wednesday in Raleigh.
A billboard featuring the photo of murdered UNC student body president Eve Carson seen on National Highway 49 maybe 20 and 30 miles west of Munnar in southern India.

**Image of slain UNC student body president on advertising in India**

By Jane Stancill and Bruce Siceloff - jstancill@newsobserver.com

Along the roads of southern India, the billboards are plenty – promoting movies, mobile phones, fine silks, Chinese restaurants and Communist Party politicians seeking re-election.

There, along National Highway 49, not far from the mountain town of Munnar, are at least two billboards with an image that would be chilling to most North Carolinians: the smiling visage of Eve Carson, the UNC-Chapel Hill student body president who was killed in 2008.

The billboards advertise Jubeerich Consultancy, a company that appears to offer overseas study opportunities and job placement, mainly in Western countries such as the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. The firm’s website features a photograph of 20 attractive, mostly blond, young people, and bills Jubeerich as “The Trusted Name Since 1999.”

But the company’s advertisement does not exude integrity to those who knew Carson, who was abducted, robbed and shot to death in Chapel Hill four years ago this month. The case made international headlines, and two men were later convicted of her murder.
“I’m surprised and disappointed that somebody is using Eve’s image in this way,” said Chuck Lovelace, executive director of the Morehead-Cain Scholars Program. “It certainly does not honor Eve or her family, and they would not want it to be used in this way.”

Carson was a Morehead-Cain Scholar at UNC-CH, where she excelled in academics and leadership. Lovelace and other staff members of the prestigious scholarship program have been close to Carson’s family.

Lovelace said he has spoken with Carson’s mother and would like to help the family stop Jubeerich from using Carson’s image. But he acknowledged that could be difficult.

It’s unclear how many billboards in India – or anywhere else – show the Carson photograph. The same image has appeared in many news accounts since 2008.

It’s also impossible to know how Carson’s image ended up on the company’s signs. Was it an intentional act or was it randomly lifted from the Internet?

Jubeerich did not respond to email questions from The News & Observer. According to the website, the company was founded in New Zealand and has branch offices in India, but there is no contact information for the company in New Zealand. The site lists four offices in India. A woman at the corporate office in India said, to her knowledge, there was no such billboard. She said she had not seen it, nor the photograph of Carson. The woman would not give her name, and she said the office’s manager was “on leave.”

**Complex laws**

Lovelace said the use of Carson’s photo is disturbing and could be evidence that Jubeerich isn’t very legitimate. “Just from the investigation I’ve done, it doesn’t look like it’s reputable, therefore it’s probably going to be difficult to find them and do anything about it, particularly since it’s in a foreign country,” he said.

Laws are complex and varied on the commercial use of a person’s name or likeness, according to “Right of Publicity 2011,” an online guide to international law and regulation published by Law Business Research Ltd. in the United Kingdom.

The issue is difficult to navigate in the Internet age, where advertising is viral and often embedded in social media.
“However, despite these global challenges, and the potential for an individual in country A to have his or her identity misappropriated halfway around the world in country B, no unifying body of international law exists on the right of publicity,” writes the guide’s editor, Jonathan D. Reichman. “Unlike other intellectual property fields such as copyright, trademark and patent law, there are no international treaties or conventions.”

The guide goes on to say that in India, noncitizens may have certain statutory rights, but do not have constitutional protections of the rights of privacy and publicity.

Appeal to dignity

Deborah Gerhardt, a UNC law professor whose expertise is in copyright and trademark law, said such unauthorized use is often addressed in the courts in the United States.

The copyright owner could sue for infringement in this country, she said. In the case of the Carson photo, the copyright owner is UNC-CH. The picture was her official student body president portrait, and it was taken by a university photographer.

In India, the best recourse may be to appeal to the company on grounds of common decency. “You just have to hope that people will respect the dignity of her family and her memory and understand that for people who see this in the United States, this really evokes a horrible tragedy,” Gerhardt said.

“One would hope that they would respect that and take it down.”

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More information Eve Carson was abducted as she stepped out of her Chapel Hill home in the predawn hours of March 5, 2008. Prosecutors say her abductors drove her to ATMs, where they withdrew cash from her account. Carson’s body was found near dawn on the street of a Chapel Hill neighborhood about a mile from her home. She had been shot four times with a handgun and once with a shotgun. Two men – Laurence Alvin Lovette Jr. and Demario James Atwater – are serving life sentences for the death. Lovette also is awaiting trial on accusations that he murdered Abhijit Mahato, a 29-year-old Duke University graduate student who was found dead inside his off-campus apartment in January 2008. The engineering graduate student from Bengal, India, was fatally shot during what Durham police have called a citywide robbery spree.
Winthrop University president Anthony DiGiorgio to retire in 2013

From Staff Reports

ROCK HILL Winthrop University President Anthony DiGiorgio announced Tuesday that he will retire after the 2012-2013 academic year.

DiGiorgio sent out a video and email message to share the news.

"After 50 years in education – 24 of them at Winthrop by Spring 2013 – it will be time that Gale and I find out what life is like outside the academic calendar," DiGiorgio said in the video.

DiGiorgio is one of the longest-serving public university presidents in America, will continue to live in Rock Hill.

The timing of their decision, DiGiorgio said, was made easier because “the economy seems to be rebounding from the 2008 Great Recession now, and state funding seems to be stabilizing, albeit at a much lower level. So this timing will work best, both for Winthrop and for us. It simply wouldn’t have felt appropriate to do it any sooner, given the state of the national economy and the necessity of preparing for a transformed future in a constricted economic climate. Initiating the process now gives everyone time for a careful search and a smooth transition.”
Dalton Floyd, chairman of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees, said in a statement also issued Tuesday that the board at its next meeting will authorize a 15-month national search for DiGiorgio’s successor, who will become the 10th president in Winthrop’s 127-year history. A transition will occur during the summer of 2013, with the new president presiding over the opening of the August 2013 academic year, according to a prospective transition timetable provided by officials.

“As a result of Tony’s unparalleled vision and dedicated leadership over the years,” Floyd said, “Winthrop now is listed routinely among the best universities of its type, and is routinely singled out nationally for accolades in academic quality and value. That speaks to the combined work of faculty and staff, fulfilling over many years a shared vision of and commitment to the institution and its leadership. In addition, the campus is more attractive and functional than ever, with many new facilities that are 21st century in every way, so prospective students find all they need here to make the most of the national caliber learning opportunities they are provided.

“All those accomplishments,” Floyd continued, “mean the elements essential for Winthrop’s readiness, long-term growth, and a continued bright future are well-established, thanks to Tony’s tireless leadership. So the trustees will be looking for a next president whose job will be to continue that trajectory, while also embracing the vision and protecting the special nature and character of Winthrop that has become so important to everyone now associated with the campus.”

Current trustee Bob Thompson of Rock Hill was president of the Winthrop Foundation in 1989, when DiGiorgio was selected, and has been involved with the university in various roles ever since.

“For a variety of reasons, there had been seven people sitting in the president’s chair in the decade before Tony was chosen in 1989,” Thompson recalled. “At that point, it was felt that Winthrop needed continuity in leadership, a vision for what it could become and the dedication and administrative skill necessary to bring about fulfillment of that vision over time.

“Tony has delivered all that over the years in a way that well exceeds what the campus community had hoped for in those years. All of us who knew Winthrop back then look around today, amazed at what is here now, yet Winthrop still has the same warm family feel that we always appreciated about it. That is a considerable accomplishment for any university, and extremely important to Winthrop and its alumni.”
Winthrop Board Vice-Chair Kathy Bigham of Rock Hill said that, “Tony also has been generous with his time in taking on community leadership responsibilities, and giving Winthrop a higher profile locally, regionally and nationally.” She cited as local examples Winthrop’s agreements to partner with the City of Rock Hill in re-development of the Textile Corridor, downtown and other urban re-development goals.

“Tony for years has made it a point to be just a phone call away when any economic development prospect is visiting in York County and wants to know about the region’s educational resources,” Bigham said. "As an alum over the years, I always was pleased to see him work as a committed partner in our community and state. Only since becoming a trustee have I seen how much deeper his commitment to Rock Hill is than I had ever realized. I admire him personally now, as well as professionally."

Over the past two decades, DiGiorgio has served in various capacities with national organizations, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities; two terms as a national board member with the National Collegiate Athletics Association; member of the Charlotte board of the Federal Reserve Bank; member of the board of Charlotte USA; chair of the Big South Conference; chairman of the board of the S.C. Governor’s School for Science and Math, and member of the boards of the Greater York County Chamber of Commerce and Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation.

DiGiorgio called his activities on campus and off as Winthrop’s ninth president “the honor of my life. My passion for education was instilled in me by my parents, neither of whom were able to finish elementary school. As eventual immigrants to America, both of them felt education was the pathway to a better life for their children, and everyone else’s, too. That became the focal point of my professional life, and it will continue to be a cause about which I care deeply.

“My greatest sadness,” DiGiorgio said, “is that neither of my parents lived to see their son become a university president. Gale’s late parents also were dedicated to the cause of education – her father was a top-level administrator at both the University of Kentucky and West Virginia University. That’s why over the years, we already have set up Winthrop scholarships in our parents’ names to honor them.”

Gale DiGiorgio, who has been active with both students and local community and civic groups over the years, noted that she and her husband decided long ago that Rock Hill would remain the couple’s home whenever retirement came. “It’s a warm, welcoming community that accepted us as
newcomers so readily. As a result, we have made what I call ‘forever friends’ here, both on campus and in the Rock Hill community, so there was no question that this would continue to be home. We will stay involved here – just in a quieter, more low-profile way.”

Among Gale DiGiorgio’s current community activities are the Boys and Girls Clubs of York County, Ambassador for the “# 1 Question: Is it Good for the Children?” initiative, Kiwanis Club, tutoring with the STAR program at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Perihlion and Castalian Book Clubs. She previously has served on boards for the United Way of York County, York County Arts Council, Cities in Schools and the YMCA.

Both DiGiorgios indicated the ability to travel more freely has the same appeal to them as it does most retirees, along with “more time with the grandchildren,” who now number three.

Floyd said that DiGiorgio after his 2013 retirement will continue to be of service to Winthrop, carrying the dual titles of President Emeritus and Distinguished Service Professor. Following a year’s sabbatical, his duties will include a blend of public service, consulting, writing, and occasional lectures, to be developed in more detail in consultation with his successor. DiGiorgio will have use of an office already designated for him in the DiGiorgio Center.
The admissions staff at College of William and Mary would tell you their tuition rate for 2012-13 if they knew it. But they don’t. (Associated Press)

Choosing a college without knowing its cost

By Daniel de Vise

Imagine having to make a decision about a house or car purchase without knowing exactly what it costs.

That is more or less the situation facing many high school seniors this month and next. Colleges strongly encourage—even pressure—students to make an enrollment commitment as early as possible in the admission cycle, even when they have not yet posted tuition, fees and living expenses for the coming academic year. May 1 is the customary deadline, but students are encouraged to commit sooner.

Many of the nation’s most popular public universities don’t set tuition until April or May, or even June or July, because they don’t know how much money they will be receiving from their states. Students who troll for tuition data on the admission page will find data for the current academic year, but not for next year. That group includes the University of Maryland, the College of William and Mary, Penn State, the University of North Carolina,
the University of Michigan, Indiana University and the University of the
District of Columbia.

Towson University and the University of Virginia gamely offer up estimates
of next year’s expenses, although their tuition, too, remains to be set.

“Tuition won’t be set until the April board meeting, because until that time
there’s no state budget in place,” said Henry Broaddus, dean of admission at
William and Mary.

That means the college has to work out “preliminary” aid packages for
students who qualify for financial assistance, based on this year’s costs, and
then adjust the award as needed after trustees set tuition.

“Although the situation certainly is not ideal, the reality is that universities
face the same uncertainty with respect to state funding that families face
with respect to tuition costs,” Broaddus said.

Private universities face no such impediment; they are free to set tuition
when they wish, and many have posted rates for next fall, including George
Washington University, Georgetown, Penn, the University of Richmond,
Catholic University, St. John’s College and Goucher College.

(Finding the pages, however, can be tricky, at least by comparison to the
plainspoken publics. Pick one of the schools listed above, enter the site
through Google and see how many clicks, and how much time, it takes you
to find the latest tuition numbers. It took me more than a dozen clicks on
some sites, and I am supposed to be good at this.)

Others have not yet revealed next year’s rates. I could find no 2012-13
tuition for American University, Hampden-Sydney College, Lynchburg
College or Tulane. Other schools make the numbers rather hard to find.
Washington College, for example, mentions its 2012-13 costs in the middle
of a lengthy passage on financial aid, rather than on its own dedicated page.

Then again, for private universities, guessing at next year’s tuition rate isn’t
all that hard. Published prices are rising 4 to 5 percent a year, according to
the latest College Board report.

Estimating tuition increases in the public sector can be considerably more
treacherous. Virginia Commonwealth University raised tuition 24 percent in
2010. The average California public university raised expenses 21 percent
last year. And no one knows what those schools will charge in fall.
Students walk past the Music and Theatre Hall at Cal State Los Angeles. Facing uncertain budget prospects, Cal State officials announced plans to freeze enrollment next spring at most campuses. (Barbara Davidson / Los Angeles Times / March 19, 2012)

**Cal State plans to freeze enrollment next spring at most campuses**

By Carla Rivera, Los Angeles Times

Facing uncertain budget prospects, California State University officials announced plans to freeze enrollment next spring at most campuses and to wait-list all applicants the following fall pending the outcome of a proposed tax initiative on the November ballot.

The university is moving to reduce enrollment to deal with $750 million in funding cuts already made in the 2011-12 fiscal year and position itself for at least an additional $200-million cut next year if the tax proposal fails.

The move is a high-stakes gambit that could deny tens of thousands of students access to the state's largest public university system; it also pressures voters to support the tax increase. That proposal, backed by Gov. Jerry Brown, is intended to avoid so-called trigger cuts that will dramatically affect the state's public colleges and universities.

The majority of Cal State's 23 campuses won't be accepting any new students under the plan. But eight campuses — Channel Islands, Chico, East
Bay, Fullerton, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Bernardino and Sonoma — will accept only a few hundred students transferring from community colleges for the spring 2013 semester.

Typically, Cal State's campuses receive 70,000 applications in the spring and 16,000 students enroll.

In fall 2012, none of the campuses will make early admissions decisions, and all applicants — including prospective freshmen — will be warned that admittance is contingent on the outcome of the tax measure. Enrollment at individual campuses for fall 2013 will depend on funding and will probably be more restrictive.

Out-of-state students, who represent only about 3% to 4% of the system's total, will probably not be affected because their higher tuition covers the cost of instruction, officials said.

Fall applications typically number about 700,000, with 90,000 of those eventually enrolling.

The university aims to reduce overall enrollment by about 3% if trigger cuts are ordered, with 20,000 to 25,000 eligible students turned away in fall 2013, Robert Turnage, Cal State assistant vice chancellor for budget, said during a telephone briefing with reporters Monday.

"We need to keep some balance between the number of students we're enrolling and serving and the resources we have," Turnage said. "If we let everyone in who is eligible, the quality of services that students get and the quality of programs for everyone plunges."

The plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees at a meeting in Long Beach on Tuesday. Chancellor Charles Reed has the authority to shrink enrollment without approval from the board.

The alternative to such steep measures would be to further increase tuition, a strategy for which Cal State has come under scathing criticism. Tuition has increased six years in a row, including a 9% hike this fall that will raise the annual rate for undergraduates to $5,970, not including housing, campus-based fees, books and other costs that can top more than $25,000.
"Nobody seems to like fee increases," Turnage said. "But it comes down to either increasing revenue or cutting spending. Part of what we need to educate the board about is what cutting $200 million entails."

Education experts said the news from Cal State was disappointing but not unexpected.

"Based on the devastating cuts Cal State has had to take, this was only a matter of time in coming," said Michele Siqueiros, executive director of the nonprofit Campaign for College Opportunity. "It's unfortunate and it's unfair to students who are not going to have an equal shot at getting into and going to college at one of California's public universities. It's also backward for the state. We are on track to have a generation less educated than we are, and this action doesn't help the case."

Cal State's preemptive move is in contrast to the University of California, which has no specific plans to cut overall enrollment at its 10 campuses next year, said spokeswoman Dianne Klein. But if the tax measure fails in November and no other revenue sources emerge, reducing enrollment is among several options that might be considered for fall 2013, she said.

The enrollment changes will place even more of a burden on students, particularly those who plan to transfer from community colleges. Many of them have been unable to graduate or transfer because of course reductions, said Kevin Feliciano, a student at Ohlone College in Fremont who is president of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

"With the budget cuts at the community colleges resulting in the reduction of course sections, students who had to stay an extra semester or quarter who were hoping for spring 2013 admissions to a CSU will now need to wait an extra term," Feliciano said. "The students have nowhere to go."

Besides enrollment, Cal State trustees will grapple with another issue Tuesday as they consider awarding 10% pay hikes to incoming presidents at the Fullerton and East Bay campuses. The annual salary for incoming Fullerton President Mildred Garcia is recommended at $324,500 — 10% more than her predecessor, Milton Gordon, who made $295,000. Garcia also earned $295,000 as president of Cal State Dominguez Hills.

President Leroy Morishita's recommended salary at Cal State East Bay is
$303,660 — 10% more than predecessor Mohammad Qayoumi — plus an additional $60,000 for housing. Morishita had been earning $276,055 as interim president at the campus.

Garcia and Morishita would also receive a $12,000-per-year car allowance and other benefits.

The pay hikes are in line with a policy adopted in January to cap the pay of executives at 10% above that of their predecessor, with a limit of $325,000 in public funds. The move was designed to deflect scrutiny of presidential compensation after trustees approved an annual salary of $400,000 — $350,000 in general funds and $50,000 from a campus foundation — for Elliot Hirshman, the new president of San Diego State, at the same meeting last July at which tuition was increased by 12%. The salary was $100,000 more than what Hirshman's predecessor earned and prompted several lawmakers to propose legislation that would limit pay increases.

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