

# The Daily Tar Heel

## New review of UNC to begin

**Thorp says pension is an important reason for not firing Nyang'oro.**

By Matthew Cox and Vinayak Balasubramanian  
Senior Writers

In an attempt to end concerns about findings of academic fraud in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies at

UNC-Chapel Hill, the UNC-system Board of Governors formed a four-member panel to review the University's investigation.

The University's investigation uncovered issues with record keeping and teaching practices within the department. The University released a report on its findings in May.

The board's panel is scheduled to meet June 29 for the first time. Hari Nath, a panel member,

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Hannah Gage,  
Board of Governors chairwoman

said panel members will draft a charter and define the scope of its investigation at the meeting.

"It is basically a review of their investigation," he said.

"If we find that their investigation was not comprehensive, then

we will report it to the board," Nath said.

Board chairwoman Hannah Gage selected the panel members.

She said the panel's investigation will allow the university system to focus on other issues.

"It has been like Chinese water torture," she said. "Every time we are at the bottom, there are more drips."

"I hope in the not-too-distant future, we get beyond the academic fraud controversy so everyone can focus on our academic mission," she said.

Gage said the panel members are not closely aligned with UNC-CH or N.C. State University, which she said will eliminate any potential bias amongst panel members.

Other panel members include Louis Bissette, Walter Davenport and Ann Goodnight.

Chancellor Holden Thorp said the board's panel will function similarly to the subcommittee of the University's faculty executive committee that is already reviewing the investigation.

"We welcome all the assistance that we can get to resolve the issues that are in front of us, and

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## Local Mellow Mushroom postponed

**An unexpected pipeline has delayed construction downtown.**

By Chessa DeCain  
City Editor

When Karen Halsey and Kent Hodges made plans to open a new Mellow Mushroom in Chapel Hill, they hoped to have it up and running in time for the new school year.

But an unexpected sewer line has pushed that date back by at least four months, said Hodges, co-owner of the Wake Forest, Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill Mellow Mushroom restaurants.

"We were hoping to be open by August," Hodges said. "That's not going to happen, obviously."

The sewer line was found under the restaurant's patio — which will be located where Ham's used to be at 310 W. Franklin St. — has prevented the owners from moving forward in construction process.

The pipe serves both what will become the Mellow Mushroom and the Shortbread Lofts, which is also being developed, said Greg Feller, the public affairs administrator for Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

Feller said in an email that OWASA had reached an agreement with the property owners to relocate the sanitary sewer pipe.

"We understand the state has approved the sewer relocation plans," he said in an email. "We are waiting for state approval of the water line improvements for these projects."

Feller said OWASA does not keep track of privately-owned pipes.

"We don't have maps of where people put in, or have put in privately-owned pipes," he said. "We're a public water utility and there's

no requirement that people give us that owned pipes," Feller said.

The last Mellow Mushroom in Chapel Hill closed in 2005.

Hodges said they hoped to apply for a building permit to begin construction by the end of June — something they can't do until the pipeline is moved.

"We hope to start construction by the end of July, beginning of August," he said. "Provided we don't have any more setbacks."

Lindsay Williams, a hairstylist at Salon 135, said she's not sure the new restaurant would be very successful, because of the high competition for pizza restaurants on Franklin Street.

"When you get too many options it's like — people can only eat so much pizza," she said.

"If it was me, as a business person, I wouldn't open a pizza place here," Williams said.

But Hodges said he isn't worried about competition.

"We feel like our product is as good as anybody's," he said. "But we also feel our atmosphere brings a lot to the table."

Plans for the new Mellow Mushroom also include a patio with a live stage and garage doors on all sides, about 15 indoor televisions and a beer selection featuring mostly local breweries.

Hodges said they weren't sure what this Mellow Mushroom's artistic theme would be, but that it would probably focus on the '60s.

Hodges said they'd like to make the atmosphere appealing to sports fans.

"We know that Ham's was a good spot to watch sporting events in the past," he said. "We plan on it being the same kind of environment, just a little funky."

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## Taxi rates may soon be standardized

**The proposal to Town Council includes an initial fee of \$2.50.**

By Lindsey Luxon  
Staff Writer

A proposed ordinance by the Chapel Hill Police Department would improve safety regulations and standardize rates for all taxi companies operating in Chapel Hill.

The proposal was made at Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday night and comes in response to former Student Body President Mary Cooper's petition to implement a flat-rate taxi service.

Student Body President Will Leimenstoll is continuing Cooper's work in hopes of getting the ordinance passed.

"Currently there is no standard fare rate in Chapel Hill," said

*"If you don't have cash on you, you still have the access to a taxi if you need it."*

Will Leimenstoll,  
Student body president

Chapel Hill Police Chief Chris Blue. "We're proposing a fare system that standardizes the drop charge and the mileage or zone fee."

The proposed rates include an initial fee of \$2.50 and a mileage fee of \$2.50 for taxis with meters.

Taxis operating without a meter would charge \$1.25 for each zone they enter. Zones are one-half mile long.

A flat-rate fee of \$5 would apply to trips that do not go outside downtown Chapel Hill or UNC's campus.

The current proposal does not include flat rates for other areas, but the council is discussing ways to provide reliable taxi services to students who live off campus.

"The way we designed the zone

map, we could accommodate partnering with Carrboro," Blue said.

Council member Lee Storrow said he would like to see more consistency in the proposed ordinance for students confused by mileage and zone fees.

"(For students) who have never taken a taxi before and have been out on a Friday or Saturday night, it can be a difficult experience," he said.

"There are slightly different rules if it's metered or if it's a fare system."

An education campaign in partnership with UNC would inform students about the proposed taxi fares, Blue said.

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## Immigration changes get mixed reviews

**Students have reacted to a new policy with protests and parties.**

By Vinayak Balasubramanian  
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UNC sophomore Emilio Vicente has been living in the country for 14 years as an undocumented immigrant, and soon he might get the chance to get to work here.

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced a new policy last week that will allow undocumented immigrants younger than 30 to apply for two years of deferred action from removal proceedings.

Vicente said he's hopeful that the policy change will help students who have been in the country for a long time. But he said he is waiting to see how the program works.

The federal attempt to help

undocumented immigrants has been met with mixed emotions by many students. Some have reacted by throwing parties, others by holding protests.

"There have been similar policy announcements in the past and not much has actually happened," Vicente said. "I don't want to give it too much hope, because if nothing happens, then it would have been for nothing."

Under the new policy, undocumented immigrants will be permitted to apply for work authorization. The policy takes effect on Aug. 14.

But like many other undocumented immigrants, Vicente said he is skeptical about whether the policy is political rhetoric or something more meaningful.

Peter Ashman, an immigration attorney and spokesman for the American Immigration Lawyers Association, said there could be as many as 10,000 students attending a party in Las Vegas to celebrate the new policy.

He said he has spoken to dozens of students, many of whom are jubilant about the changes.

"The mood is very upbeat and very excited," Ashman said. "This solution is not perfect, but it is a down payment on immigration reform."

But not everyone is excited about the changes.

Viridiana Martinez, co-founder and community organizer of the N.C. DREAM Team, which advocates for development, relief and education for undocumented minors, said the measure falls short.

She said the policy mirrors previous policies meant to make deportation of young people a lower priority.

"This is just a policy announcement," Martinez said.

"We're asking for an executive order where there is no grey area."

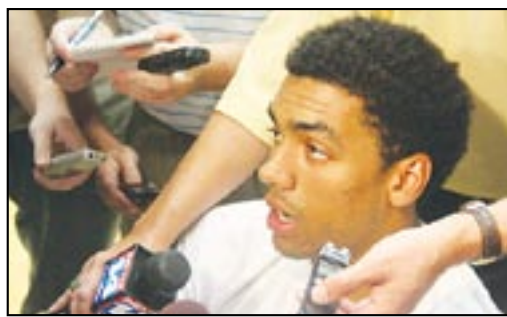
She said previous policy announcements did not prevent

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#### ROY WILLIAMS PREVIEWS YEAR

The Tar Heels must replace four of five starters from last year's team and find an inside threat. **Page 6.**



#### NEW CCI LAPTOP MODELS READY

New students can pick up their newly announced models of the Apple MacBook Pro at New Student Orientation beginning this week. **Page 3.**

#### PARENTS SUE FOR RIGHT TO ADOPT

Two UNC alumni who are an unmarried gay couple are suing the state for the right to adopt their children, as part of an ACLU lawsuit. **Page 3.**

#### This day in history

**JUNE 21, 1788**  
The U.S. Constitution becomes the supreme law of the land after New Hampshire becomes the ninth state to ratify it.

#### Today's weather

So this is a N.C. summer?  
**H 94, L 69**

#### Friday's weather

Still really hot but more clouds.  
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