

# The Daily Tar Heel

## For goodness' CAKE

Gigi's Cupcakes will add one more ingredient to the town's cupcake craze.

By Cheney Gardner  
Staff Writer

It looks like Chapel Hill is still crazy for cupcakes. In January, Gigi's Cupcakes plans to open a store in the upcoming 140 West Franklin mixed-use development.

The cupcake franchise — which was started in Nashville — already has more than 45 locations, including stores in Raleigh and Cary.

Chris Arcara, regional marketing director for Gigi's Cupcakes, said customers have been asking for a Chapel Hill location.

"We already have relationships with some venues there and we have been providing cupcakes to weddings for quite some time," he said.

"It just seemed to be the next step in our expansion."

And Gigi's will be the newest addition to the thriving cupcake scene in Chapel Hill — joining the ranks of Sugarland, Carolina Cafe and Bakery, Weaver Street Market and Miel Bon Bons.



DTH/CECE PASCUAL

**DTH ONLINE:** Visit dailytarheel.com for a video of Sugarland staff and customers describing the cupcake culture in Chapel Hill. Sugarland is one of several cupcake vendors in town.



### GIGI'S

**ADDRESS:** 140 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill

**WHO:** Chris Arcara, regional marketing director

**SWEET NOTHINGS:** "Gigi's

Cupcakes are baked fresh every morning and frosted right out of the oven after they've cooled. Everything we do is done by hand — with the exception of the electric

mixer."

**BESTSELLERS:** Wedding Cake, Red Velvet and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

**PRICE:** \$3.25



### SUGARLAND

**ADDRESS:** 140 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill

**WHO:** Katrina Ryan, owner and executive chef

**SWEET NOTHINGS:** "We make every single thing from scratch. My butter bill is bigger than my rent."

**BESTSELLERS:** Peanut Butter Blast

**PRICE:** \$3.50



### CAFE CAROLINA AND BAKERY

**ADDRESS:** 601 Meadowmont Village Circle, Chapel Hill

**WHO:** Melissa Scott, supervisor

**SWEET NOTHINGS:** "People come from far and wide to eat our cupcakes."

**BESTSELLERS:** Vanilla with Carolina blue icing

**PRICE:** \$1.81



### WEAVER STREET MARKET

**ADDRESS:** 101 E. Weaver St., Carrboro

**WHO:** Katey Smollen, prepared foods manager

**SWEET NOTHINGS:** "We try to use as many local ingredients as possible."

**BESTSELLERS:** Chocolate

**PRICE:** \$1.99



### MIEL BON BONNS

**ADDRESS:** 200 N. Greensboro Road, Carrboro

**WHO:** Bonnie Lau, owner and pastry chef

**SWEET NOTHINGS:** "We have over 30 different flavors, and they're very seasonal."

**BESTSELLERS:** Passion Fruit Macadamia

**PRICE:** \$3 (50-cent discount for students)

## Planned move leads to worry

The plan to demolish University Square will be discussed at a Nov. 12 meeting.

By Daniel Schere  
Staff Writer

For 42 years, customers have frequented Larry Trollinger's University Square business, Ken's Quickie Mart. But that will all change as early as fall 2013.

Tenants of the University Square development — located at 123 W. Franklin St. — are facing relocation as the University moves forward with a plan to demolish and reconstruct the shopping center.

The project will replace the existing University Square structure with a combination of office, retail and residential space, along with 1,000 parking spots. Granville Towers will stay where it is.

In 2010, the Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously adopted a concept plan for the project. Last year, a public forum was held to discuss the development.

On Nov. 12, the council will discuss plans to move forward.

But Trollinger and other University Square tenants are upset about the plan.

"What they're basically doing is forcing us out of business," he said.

He plans to close his store and retire once the plans for the project are approved.

"There's nowhere for me to go in this town," he said.

Gordon Merklein, executive director of real estate development at UNC, said unlike the current development, the new storefronts will face the sidewalk to help attract more customers.

"We're making the project much more urban and pedestrian friendly," he said.

Merklein said if the council approves the project, it will then go through a zoning compliance review process that could take up to six months.

Merklein, who also serves as vice chair of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, said all of the work will be done on-site and will not affect other parts of Franklin Street.

He said the plan has received strong support from the public but has been met with mixed feelings from University Square business owners.

"Each of the tenants has reacted differently," he said.

Cynthia Lennon has operated Cynthia's Tailor Shop out of University Square for eight years and doesn't think there is anything wrong with the current shopping center. "To me it's fine like it is," she said.

Lennon said she has not yet found a space to relocate, but she thinks her business will be negatively affected by the move.

Time-Out — which has served chicken and cheddar biscuits out of its University Square location since 1978 — recently announced plans to open a food truck because of the proposed demolition.

Merklein said Chapel Hill Foundation Real Estate Holdings has been working with several University Square tenants to find a space to relocate to since they were notified of the project in 2009.

He said tenants will not be compensated because their leases will have expired by the time construction begins, but he believes the transformation will be worthwhile.

"It's going to provide a big economic boost for the town," he said.

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## ACLU speaks on bus ad

The ACLU said in a letter banning the ad would be a violation of free speech.

By Sam Fletcher  
Staff Writer

After weeks of debate, a divisive bus ad on Chapel Hill Transit buses is still causing controversy.

And now, with a Chapel Hill Town Council special meeting about the ads scheduled for Oct. 11, the American Civil Liberties Union has spoken out in defense of free speech.

In an open letter sent to Chapel Hill town officials Oct. 1, the ACLU said banning the advertisements would be a violation of free speech.

"The law says you cannot restrict speech in public forums because of its content, because of its viewpoint," said Chris Brook, legal director of ACLU-North Carolina. "Any efforts to



DTH FILE/SILVANA GOBERDHAN-VIGLE

A public hearing is scheduled to discuss political bus ads like the one above.

bar this would be unconstitutional."

Brook said the ACLU was contacted by town residents who were concerned about a possible ban on political advertisements.

He said the residents believe banning bus ads would suppress open dialogue in Chapel Hill — a

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## Neighbors criticize Bingham Facility

Preserve Rural Orange has asked the attorney general to investigate.

By Kathryn Trogdon  
Staff Writer

A local environmental group is taking steps to ensure UNC followed procedure when it bought properties surrounding an animal research facility.

Preserve Rural Orange sent a letter on Sept. 21 to North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, asking him to investigate the recent purchase of two properties that expanded the facility's land by 12.5 acres.

The Bingham Facility — located

in a rural area of western Orange County — is an animal research center owned and operated by UNC.

The facility, which was fined for leaking treated wastewater in 2009 and 2010, has come under fire from neighbors for its lack of transparency.

A 4.21 acre property was purchased for \$225,000 in 2010 and a second 8.32 acre property was purchased for \$444,000 in September.

Robert Lowman, UNC associate vice chancellor for research, said UNC followed the proper procedures in the recent purchases.

"We've certainly made every

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A chat with UNC alumnus Michael Stewart Allen, who is in the off-Broadway production of acclaimed play "War Horse." **Page 3.**



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In addition to several recent complaints of hazing in UNC fraternities, other universities have also been facing hazing struggles. Administrators say hazing doesn't promote brotherhood, contrary to how it's depicted by some groups. **Page 4.**

### ATHLETES TWEET

On Tuesday, a panel including UNC's associate athletic director, an athlete and the DTH's very own sports editor, Brandon Moree, discussed athletes and social media policies. **Page 9.**

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“I've never met a problem a proper cupcake couldn't fix.”

SARAH OCKLER, "BITTERSWEET"

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Deaf school robbed Swift-ly

From staff and wire reports

This is like being double-pranked.
The Horace Mann School for the Deaf made the news last month when voters, as a prank, picked the Massachusetts school to host a concert headlined by Taylor Swift.

Everyone laughed — it was a grand joke. Even the school's principal was on board, saying the students "loved live music." The school ended up winning the competition by a landslide, but T-Swift and the competition's sponsors decided to disqualify it because of the way the school "got its votes."

The school received donations to its music program and tickets to Swift's next concert, but nothing can ever replace the heartbreak.

NOTED. If you watch "Grease" and you think, "Those folks should make a Christmas album," you are in luck.

John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John — aka Danny and Sandy in 1978's "Grease" — are putting out a Christmas album. Fingers crossed they leave out "Winter Nights."

QUOTED. "We can think of what happened in Nazi Germany, where Jews had to appear in public wearing yellow stars."

— Janice Bellucci, a California attorney representing five registered sex offenders after a city law was passed requiring signage and banning Halloween displays outside the homes of registered sex offenders.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Art for lunch: Duke University professor Gennifer Weisenfield presents the work of Yusaka Kamekura, a Japanese designer, for with the Ackland Art Museum's "A Season of Japan" series.
Time: Noon
Location: Ackland Art Museum

Careers meet-up: Career Services and the Campus Y are

hosting a meet up for job-hunting students. Teach for America and the Peace Corps, among others, will be in attendance.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Campus Y

THURSDAY

UNC Symphony Orchestra: Join the ensemble for an evening of performances of Beethoven, Hanson (not the boy band), and

Stravinsky. Tickets are \$10 for UNC students, faculty and staff.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall

To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.

CORRECTIONS

Tuesday's front page story, "Sanctions decided for 3 fraternities," said the Phi Delta Theta chapter president declined to comment and the president of Kappa Alpha could not be reached. It should have said that the president of Kappa Alpha declined to comment and the president of Phi Delta Theta could not be reached.

A featured quote alongside Friday's front page story, "Heels debut new helmets," was misattributed. The quote — "Everything has to be clean and crisp. We don't want players to worry about anything..." — was said by Jason Freeman, assistant football equipment manager, not Dominic Morelli.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.
Tuesday's page 5 story, "County discusses local transit options," implied that the Orange County Board of Commissioners had not passed the Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan. The plan was passed by the board in June, and commissioners discussed its implementation Tuesday night. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for any confusion.

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CELEBRATING HARVEST



DTH/MADDI BRANTLEY

Lait Srur, a staff member of UNC Hillel, a Jewish student organization, hangs decorations in a tent in Polk Place on Tuesday in celebration of Sukkot, a harvest festival holiday that falls five days after Yom Kippur.

POLICE LOG

- Kenneth Russell Dunn was arrested at 1300 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at 3:08 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
Dunn was charged with child indecent liberties, reports state.
Someone disturbed the peace and damaged property at 800 Pritchard Ave. at 10:39 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person's window was damaged, reports state.
Someone stole property at 711 W. Rosemary St. between 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:52 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
Several plants were taken from outside Carrburritos, reports state.
Someone broke and entered a residence at 105 King St. between 6:45 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 p.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.
An Apple MacBook Pro was missing from a bedroom, reports state.
Someone reported dogs running loose at 810 Old Fayetteville Road at 4:12 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
Someone assaulted a female at 104 N.C. Highway 54 at 6:51 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
A man threw a woman to the ground in front of the Dollar General, reports state.
Someone indecently exposed themselves on Jones Ferry Road near Bim Street at 9:44 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
Someone lost property at 104 N.C. Highway 54 at 12:32 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.

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# Voter ID law stirs debate

**Candidates for N.C. governor will debate the necessity of a voter ID law today.**

By Claire Williams  
Staff Writer

The results of November's gubernatorial election could prompt North Carolina to join 11 other states in requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls.



ELECTIONS  
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Republican candidate Pat McCrory and Democratic candidate Walter Dalton will debate pertinent issues including voter ID laws, today at 7 p.m. at the UNC-TV studios in Research Triangle Park, a few hours before the presidential debate.

A voter ID law could make voting more difficult for students, said Austin Gilmore, president of UNC Young Democrats.

"The claims of voter fraud are baseless, using fear tactics to convince the public that disenfranchisement is the only way to have free and fair elections," he said.

If the law passes, out-of-state students

could have difficulty obtaining an acceptable ID before Election Day, Gilmore said.

Every year an out-of-state student changes address, he or she would need to go to the Department of Motor Vehicles and apply for a new ID to vote in the state, he said.

Gov. Bev Perdue vetoed a voter ID law, the "Restore Confidence in Government" act filed by Republicans last year. Legislators may attempt to override the veto next session.

McCrory supports a voter ID law, said Ricky Diaz, campaign spokesperson.

"McCrory believes in protecting the integrity of the voting system," he said.

In a video McCrory posted earlier this year, he said showing an ID at the polls is "necessary to protect a fair and democratic vote."

Dalton opposes a voter ID law because there is little, if any, evidence of voter fraud, said Schorr Johnson, spokesperson for Dalton.

"It could disenfranchise legal voters, especially seniors and rural voters," he said.

Dalton supports measures to require a photo ID when residents register to vote or arrive at the polls for the first time, Johnson said.

## HOW TO GET A PHOTO ID

- Provide documentation proving age and identity, social security, and residency at a Department of Motor Vehicles office.
- Pay a \$10 fee to acquire the card.
- Wait a maximum of 20 days to acquire the card.

Students without a driver's license can obtain an acceptable form of photo identification from the DMV 20 days after submitting an application, said Marge Howell, spokesperson for the N.C. DMV.

The cost of a photo ID from the DMV is \$10, but the homeless and legally blind are able to get one for free, she said.

To get a photo ID from the DMV, students need proof of residence, a social security number and proof of age and identity, Howell said.

Howell said she expects photo IDs would also be issued through the N.C. Board of Elections if a voter ID law were implemented.

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# Latino vote key to win 2012 election

**Almost half of potential Latino voters in N.C. have not registered to vote.**

By Eric Garcia  
Staff Writer

Although both political parties in the state continue to target Latino voters as a crucial demographic for November's presidential election, a recent study shows many eligible Latinos still haven't registered to vote.

The survey, released Monday by the Pew Research Center, found that the number of Latinos registered to vote in the state has increased more than tenfold since 2004 and currently stands at 102,000. But the state also has the 18th-highest eligible Latino voter population in the nation with 196,000 eligible voters — meaning almost half of these Latino residents have not registered to vote.

But Ivan Parra, executive director of the North Carolina Latino Coalition, said the Latino bloc is increasingly enthusiastic about this year's election. His organization has helped community leaders encourage Latinos to vote.

He added that while there are some undecided voters, the majority of Hispanic voters favors President Barack Obama over Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

"There are plenty of Latinos trying to figure out who is the right candidate," he said. "But the majority is leaning toward the Democratic side."

Political analysts cite immigration issues as a major reason why Latino voters increasingly favor Democratic candidates.

Parra said he believes comprehensive immigration reform is important, but his organization is also focused on issues like employment and access to services.

Justin Gross, a UNC political science professor, said that Republicans like former President Ronald Reagan were more willing to discuss reforms such as legalization for undocumented immigrants. Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act in 1986, which aimed to prevent the hiring of illegal immigrants and created a legalization program for some of these immigrants.

But the 9/11 attacks led to opposition to reforms for national security concerns, Gross said.

He added that even though the top issues among Latinos are jobs and the economy, rhetoric on immigration can be alienating if it is seen as too harsh by voters.

"Even if immigration is not a top issue, it can be if something seems overly draconian," said Gross, who is also chief statistician for [latinodecisions.com](http://latinodecisions.com), a website that tracks Latino voting trends.

With Obama and Romney locked in a tight race in North Carolina, the Latino vote could become a deciding factor.

"I think on Election Day, youth and Latino voters who are more excited could be the difference," said Sam Spencer, president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina.

Garrett Jacobs, chairman of the UNC College Republicans, said that while the impact Latinos could have on the election is uncertain, their power as a voting bloc could lead candidates to change their rhetoric.

"It could also make candidates talk about issues important to Latino voters," Jacobs said.

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**102,000**

registered Latino voters in N.C.

**196,000**

eligible Latino voters in the state

**18th**

N.C.'s ranking among states for eligible Latino voters

**1.6**

percent of N.C.'s registered voters who are Latino

# Q&A with Michael Allen



DTH/MARK PERRY



PHOTO BY JAMES CULP FOR THE ACTING CO.

Left: The cast performs "War Horse," which Michael Stewart Allen acts in, at Durham Performing Arts Center. Above: Michael Stewart Allen acts in "The Tempest."

## UNC alumnus returns to area for 'War Horse' play

Michael Stewart Allen, a 1995 UNC alumnus, is a cast member of the Broadway hit and Tony Award-winning play "War Horse," which opened at Durham Performing Arts Center Tuesday. Staff writer Madeline Hurley spoke with Allen about his time at UNC, his life in New York and "War Horse."

**Daily Tar Heel:** Did you always plan to pursue acting?

**Michael Stewart Allen:** I was always interested in acting. ... I thought I wasn't going to do it when I got to college.

There was a thing back then — I don't know if it still exists — called The LAB! Theatre. I got into a show there my first week I got to school.

And also seeing shows at PlayMakers, I just really realized that I could do this as a profession as well.

**DTH:** What did you do after graduation?

**MSA:** I did teach high school for one year. Once I wasn't satisfied with that, I packed up everything I owned, put it in a U-Haul van and moved to New York City.

I gave myself two years to see if I could make it, and I've been there 17 (years) now.

**DTH:** What were your first few years in New York like? What were your biggest challenges?

**MSA:** For actors ... once you've got a job, it is really kind of like vacation. You'd be doing it anyway. You love what you do. I love what I do. But getting the job takes a lot of work.

**DTH:** What was the first thing that went well and made you decide to stay in New York?

**MSA:** When I first got to New York, I got a job just for myself as a security guard in the Diamond District, and I worked from midnight to 8 a.m. It seemed like the perfect job because I could have all day for auditions and to take classes.

I did that for about a year, until I realized that I wasn't doing well in auditions anymore because I was so tired.

About halfway through the first year, I got cast in a show at The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, and I wound up doing a show there ... and that was really the first big break I had.

**DTH:** What was it like getting cast in "War Horse"?

**MSA:** Amazing. I still remember getting called back for the first audition. I remember being shocked and overjoyed ... I never felt nervous in the auditions — that was the most exciting thing. The people in the room were just really loving and giving,

## WAR HORSE

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. today and Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday

**Place:** Durham Performing Arts Center

**Info:** <http://bit.ly/Oo5Ymo>

and they wanted you to do really well.

**DTH:** What do you like most about the show?

**MSA:** This show is unique in history. It requires these amazing puppets that cost about a half million dollars to create and send them off to build in South Africa.

In theater books, 20 years from now, they'll talk about "War Horse."

**DTH:** How is it bringing "War Horse" back to the area where you went to college?

**MSA:** It's sort of amazing. But when I went to school at Chapel Hill, Durham was a place that you just didn't go. ... So to come back to this amazing arts center that has been built there ... is really great to see. I can't wait to get to Chapel Hill tomorrow and, you know, say hello.

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# Smoking ban garners positive feedback in survey

**Orange County Board of Health proposed a ban on smoking in public places.**

By Thompson Wall  
Staff Writer

A countywide proposal to ban smoking in public places has received positive feedback, though some are questioning its effectiveness and enforceability.

The Orange County Board of Health proposed the Smoke-Free Public Places ban to limit second-hand smoke — and officials believe it will garner enough support to become law by 2013.

The board has initiated a public input period from Sept. 27 to Oct. 24, and residents are encouraged to participate in an online survey about the ban.

So far, feedback on the survey has been overwhelmingly positive. More than 90 percent of the 88

town officials who responded support the ban.

But reactions among smokers has varied.

Pete St. John, a Chapel Hill resident and smoker, said he thinks the non-smoking majority is suppressing his rights as a smoker.

"The public safety hazard of smoking outdoors is grotesquely exaggerated," he said.

But Tea Yang, a junior journalism major at UNC, is a smoker who believes the ordinance would help her and other smokers kick the habit for good.

"In my personal situation, it's hard for me to quit," she said.

"With the bans in certain areas, I'm limited to where I can smoke, so that really cuts down my cigarette intake."

Yang said she believes a designated smoking area would improve the proposal by providing an option for smokers who might otherwise violate the ban.

"Just like the cellphone ban, if

*"The public safety hazard of smoking outdoors is grotesquely exaggerated."*

**Pete St. John,**  
Chapel Hill resident

they said, 'You can't smoke while driving,' I just wouldn't do it," she said. "It would suck, but I'd get used to it."

Stacy Shelp, spokeswoman for the Orange County Health Department, said she hopes the county will lead by example.

The county is not the first in the state to pursue such a comprehensive smoking ordinance.

Durham implemented a similar smoking ban on Aug. 1 following a 2010 state law banning smoking in most bars, restaurants and lodging establishments.

Durham's ban has proven successful thus far, although enforcement

remains a key concern, Shelp said.

Orange County Commissioner Steve Yuhasz said unlike Chapel Hill's cellphone ban and towing ordinance — which were ruled unenforceable by a Durham judge on Aug. 2 — the infrastructure needed to enforce the smoking ordinance already exists.

The 2010 smoking law grants local governments the authority to regulate smoking more strictly than the state.

Yuhasz is also a former smoker who believes the ban will encourage those currently trying to quit.

"I'm hopeful that the ban, when it's enacted, will provide some additional motivation for some of those people who really do want to quit smoking but can't quite get over the hump," he said.

A public hearing about the ordinance will be held at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 at the Orange County Library.

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DTH/GITANJALI WOLF

Junior journalism major Tea Yang said she would support the proposed ban prohibiting smoking in all public places in Orange County.

# Gender-neutral housing to be debated

## Organizers hope to gain support with a 10-week campaign.

By Victor De La Cruz  
Staff Writer

The fight for gender-neutral housing has been revived in a 10-week campaign to rejuvenate student support. The campaign, which kicked off last Wednesday, aims to get at least 1,000 students to write postcards or create videos that will be sent to the Board of Trustees. "The purpose of this 10-week program is to get

freshmen and other people that weren't involved with it last year to understand how important this is to our university," said junior Kevin Claybren, who first proposed the initiative.

The provost's committee on LGBTQ life will meet today, and gender-neutral housing is on the agenda, said Christopher Putney, chairman of the committee.

In February, Chancellor Holden Thorp rejected the initial proposal, which gained support from hundreds of students and a variety of campus groups, including Young Democrats and the Black Student Movement.

The proposal would have allowed students of the opposite gender to live together in campus residence halls.

Advocates argue a gender-neutral option would help lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer students feel safer in their residence halls.

Even though it wasn't passed last semester, many advocates are dedicated to continue pushing forward.

There is also a petition for gender-neutral housing on Change.org, and students can vote for the gender-neutral campaign on the Carolina Creates website.

Claybren said organizers hope to gain enough sup-

port that Thorp won't reject it again, and the Board of Trustees will realize that this is something that students want.

Claybren said he hopes Thorp's plans to step down won't cause him to pass the decision to the new chancellor.

"We got lots of voices involved last year from different areas, and we realized that this issue impacts everyone no matter what orientation they are," Claybren said.

"Just because he said no, it is not over yet," he said.

Sophomore Christopher Phompraseut, who is helping with the campaign, said misconceptions played a large role in the initiative's rejection.

In Thorp's memo last year, he cited the lack of communication with off-campus stakeholders as a main factor in his decision to reject the initiative.

"(Gender-neutral housing) struggles with awareness and a misconception with the awareness with what (gender-neutral housing) actually does," Phompraseut said.

Terri Phoenix, director of the LGBTQ Center, also wants the campaign to grow.

"We're trying to create a statewide coalition of students with other UNC-system schools," Phoenix said.

UNC-Greensboro currently has a housing program that allows students of the oppo-

site sex to share a bathroom. Phoenix said the program has been successful.

Phoenix said organizers are currently working to help schools including UNC-Charlotte, Appalachian State University and UNC-Wilmington to get started with their own campaigns.

Sophomore Taylor Jackson supports the campaign.

"I support this cause because approving of gender-neutral housing will bring us one step closer to making a school that is truly inclusive and accepting toward every person."

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# Rise in hazing reports leads to review

## Schools across the nation have seen an increase in hazing.

By Chris Xavier  
Staff Writer

A recent increase in reported hazing incidents has prompted universities throughout the nation to re-evaluate their hazing prevention measures and regulations.

In late September, UNC-CH sanctioned three of the nine fraternities it is investigating for possible hazing violations.

Two of the fraternities were found guilty of hazing.

An East Carolina University mother is currently suing Delta Sigma Theta sorority for the 2010 death of her daughter Victoria Carter, who died in a car crash after the driver, exhausted from hazing acts, fell asleep.

Tracy Maxwell, executive director of hazingprevention.org, said that little is being done to study the origins of hazing.

"Simply saying, 'Don't haze,' is not going to stop these problems from happening," she said.

The last study on hazing, conducted by the University of Maine in 2008, stated that 55 percent of students who have participated in college extracurricular activities have been hazed.

Maxwell said that 80 percent of hazing-related deaths are related to alcohol consumption.

She said the college environment can be

particularly conducive to hazing.

"For some people, it is a little bit like a hero's journey or a rite of passage to go through something difficult. It can bring people closer together for the people going through it together, but it is not proven to bring an entire group together," Maxwell said.

"The people that are being hazed usually end up resenting the people who are abusing them."

Mary Schulken, spokeswoman for ECU, said the university made some significant changes to its hazing policy in 2008.

These changes include mandating full investigations of any hazing allegations brought by outside parties and requiring all fraternity and sorority members to sign an anti-hazing pledge.

Schulken said, despite the university's recent troubles with hazing, the changes will help to adjudicate and prevent future violations from occurring.

"(The policy) sets a really clear standard," she said.

Alap Patel, a member of UNC-CH's Delta Sigma Iota fraternity, said his group rejects the tradition of hazing and opts for other means to promote brotherhood.

"I understand that it's an old, institutionalized system that's been around in Greek (life) for a long, long time," he said.

"I think it's kind of archaic, and DSI shares that belief as well."

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# SPEAKING UP, SPEAKING OUT



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Top: Susan King, dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, reads from the Pentagon papers during the the banned books reading. Bottom left: Swati Rayasam and other members of UNC's Sexuality and Gender Alliance read from children's books banned due to gay and lesbian themes. Bottom right: The Loreleis sing controversial songs in the Pit.

# First Amendment Day speaker spreads knowledge

## Ken Paulson stressed the value of First Amendment rights.

By Andy Willard  
Staff Writer

The First Amendment is an important contract between the people and government — but the people are not upholding their side by staying informed.

As part of First Amendment Day, Ken Paulson, president of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, spoke to a crowd at Carroll Hall on Tuesday about how most

Americans are not informed about their rights.

Paulson structured the lecture to be an interactive quiz about the First Amendment and America's history.

Senior journalism major Dustin Mcmanus said that the lecture was not what he was expecting.

"He was actually funny and it wasn't a boring, stuffy speech," he said.

Paulson had members of the audience pair up and work as teams to compete against each other for a grand prize: two Amazon Kindles.

Paulson emphasized the relationship journalists have with the First Amendment, saying they typically have an

antagonistic relationship with the government.

"You invent something new — government takes a long, hard look and says, 'Can we control that?'" Paulson said.

He said the education system and government fall short in educating people about the U.S. Constitution.

He added that less than four percent of Americans can name all the rights in the First Amendment.

Paulson displayed a government flashcard used to educate immigrants applying for citizenship.

The flashcard listed the rights of the First Amendment, omitting freedom of the press.

Paulson also showed examples of textbooks making similar omissions.

"I've got 40 years of textbooks failing to teach the First Amendment, surely I can count on the government."

Many of the attendees, largely journalism majors, were tripped up by the questions.

Junior Katy Miller said she would not have guessed the answers to many of the questions.

But Paulson said this audience was one of the smartest he had ever seen.

Senior Javier Villarreal said that he thought these issues were important to address.

"Many people do not

acknowledge the importance of the First Amendment — that's a shame," Villarreal said.

Cathy Packer, a professor at the School of Journalism and the head organizer of the event, said she was delighted with the speech.

"My favorite part was the reaction of the students — they were excited, delighted," Packer said.

Paulson encouraged students to be more appreciative of the freedoms given to them.

"It is the heart of who we are as a people and the core of what we are as a nation."

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Ken Paulson, president of the First Amendment Center, gives the keynote speech.

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# Transit plan changes increase flexibility

By Cammie Bellamy  
Staff Writer

Orange County moved one step closer to the future of its transportation services Tuesday.

In a heated meeting, the Orange County Board of Commissioners voted 4-3 to move forward with the Transit Interlocal Implementation Agreement — but not before making changes to parts of the plan.

The plan, which would expand transit services in the county, includes the construc-

tion of a light rail and expansion of bus services.

Much of the discussion focused on recent changes to the agreement's language.

A rule was removed that would have allowed Orange County transit services to use up to 50 percent of funds for existing transit projects instead of for expanding new services.

But some commissioners worry that a large proportion of funds might still end up being used on existing projects because the board did not approve a rule to replace

the 50 percent cap.

"I think we've just spent this whole hour making it so that all of the money can be spent on existing services," said Commissioner Steve Yuhasz, who voted against the changes to the plan.

Commissioner Earl McKee, who also voted against the changes, voiced his concerns about the plan.

"I do not understand how that can even begin to approach transparency," he said, adding that the board was pushing the plan forward too quickly.

"We are working on a plan that will be carried by our children and grandchildren that we are trying to piece-meal together here," he said. "This is getting crazier all the time, folks."

The meeting was not the first time the plan has caused controversy — Chapel Hill Transit has objected to the plan in the past.

Chapel Hill Transit leaders want more funds to be put aside to cover existing transit services.

Part of the funding for the plan would come from a



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proposed half-cent sales tax increase in Orange County, which county residents will vote on in November.

Other sources of revenue for the plan include new vehicle registration fees.

As it stands, Chapel Hill Transit would get 64 percent of revenues from the plan — up to \$720,000 of which will be set aside for existing services.

Triangle Transit Authority would get 24 percent of revenues, and Orange Public Transit would get the remaining 12 percent.

Steve Spade, director of Chapel Hill Transit, said he was glad the plan allowed individual transit services to determine the use of funds.

"I appreciate the attempt to craft this language," Spade said. "As it was in part in response to us saying we need more flexibility."

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## All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses.

Compiled by staff writer Corrine Jurney.



### Pizza Vito comes to Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill just can't get enough of New York-style pizza.

Pizza Vito, located at 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, opened three months ago and is serving up Italian-style food to hungry college students.

Laura Veira, a manager at Pizza Vito said the owner decided to open a franchise of the restaurant in Chapel Hill because it is an up and coming area.

She said she isn't concerned about competition from other local pizzerias.

"Our pizza speaks for itself," Veira said.

In addition to New-York themed pizzas like the Bronx Bomber and East Side — the restaurant also offers an extensive hero and salad menu as well as Italian entrees like lasagna and chicken parmigiana.

The restaurant's balding, Italian cartoon mascot is based on the owner, Vito DiBartolo, who has opened and managed pizzerias in both America and his home country, Italy.

DiBartolo opened the first Pizza Vito in 1966 in Queens, N.Y.



### A Match.com for non-profits

Catchafire wants to be the Match.com of social enterprises and non-profits.

Catchafire, named after Bob Marley's 1973 album, has partnered with several Orange County non-profits to help connect them with skilled professionals willing to donate their time. The Orange County branch had its launch party Sept. 11.

Adrienne Schmoeker, a Catchafire manager, said Catchafire aims to celebrate the work these groups are already doing while providing them with resources to support their visions.

"The national organization acts as a sort of Match.com to pair up local, charitable groups with skilled professionals willing to donate time and skills to guide them in completing projects," Schmoeker said.

She said 13 organizations were chosen to be founding members after input from community leaders.

The founding members include the Campus Y, A Ban Against Neglect and Sacrificial Poets.

"We are excited to add value to the community as well as the professional community," Schmoeker said.



### A new store for school spirit

From traditional UNC sportswear to crop tops, Underground Printing has a way for everyone to express school spirit.

Underground Printing, at 133 E. Franklin St., is occupying the former location of Chapel Hill Sportswear, which moved down the street. Underground Printing had its grand opening Sept. 20. The Chapel Hill store is the company's first in North Carolina.

Store Manager Elizabeth Flake said Underground Printing's apparel is a "fashion-forward" and edgy way for students to express their school spirit.

While they do sell traditional UNC gear, Flake said Underground Printing also markets products, such as neon crop tops printed with University logos. The store offers custom apparel, screenprinting and embroidery.

Flake said the business was drawn to Chapel Hill because UNC students love to wear game day apparel.

Underground Printing was founded in 2001 by childhood friends Ryan Gregg and Rishi Narayan.

While attending the University of Michigan, they started screenprinting out of a barn in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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### BUS ADS

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traditional value of the town. "Chapel Hill has never rejected a proposed advertisement for their buses," Brook said.

The ad features a Palestinian man and an Israeli man, both holding their grandchildren. The caption reads "Build peace with justice and equality. End U.S. military aid to Israel."

The ad is sponsored by the Church of Reconciliation as part of the national "Be On Our Side" campaign, which argues that foreign aid to Israel is perpetuating the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

Rev. Mark Davidson, pastor of the Church of Reconciliation, said the advertisement is pro-Palestine — but he said it also is pro-Israel, pro-America and pro-peace. Town councilman Lee

*"I have found it really helpful to close my mouth and open my ears on this issue."*

**Lee Storrow,**  
Chapel Hill town councilman

Storrow said policy should remain content neutral. He said it is very unlikely that only this ad will be banned.

But Storrow said the council could revise town policy on political advertisements in public places based on the responses of residents.

He said he was impressed by the diverse opinions residents offered on the issue.

"I have found it really helpful to close my mouth and open my ears on this issue," said Storrow.

Chapel Hill resident Larry Slifkin said he objects to the ad.

"I ride the bus to have a peaceful 10 minutes," he said. "Not to be upset by somebody's opinionated points of view, whether right or wrong."

Jane Stein, another Chapel Hill resident, said the ad should remain on the bus in order to protect speech.

She said the discussion about the ad is important.

"Chapel Hill has a responsibility because of its history for being more progressive and more accepting of diverse viewpoints," she said.

Storrow said the large number of responses is in part caused by the emotional nature of the issue.

"Issues around religious rights and freedom of speech are always going to have an emotional element for some residents," he said.

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### BINGHAM

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effort to comply with every requirement," he said.

Lowman said the University purchased the land as part of an offer to buy neighboring properties

if neighbors think the facility negatively impacts their land.

The new properties will be used as a buffer to limit the impact of the facility on neighbors, he said.

"All I know to do is to keep making decisions that minimize our impact," Lowman said. "I hope over time they will come to realize there are no hidden plans to do anything else out there. We are just trying to clean up the mess we made."

Laura Streitfeld, executive director of Preserve Rural Orange, said the group's main concern was the University's track record of noncompliance.

The group became concerned when it discovered UNC had not disclosed to the State Property Office information that might have affected the outcome of the September purchase, Streitfeld said.

In March, Walt Lobotsky, the property seller, filed an appeal of the county's decision to not require a special use permit for the facility's wastewater system.

Lobotsky's appeal was still pending at the time of the September purchase.

"The real problem there is that there has been little transparency as to what the long range plans are," Streitfeld said.

"Without the transparency, we don't know if the

*"We don't know if the University is following the process properly."*

**Laura Streitfeld,**  
director of Preserve Rural Orange

University is following the process properly."

John Runkle, an environmental attorney for Preserve Rural Orange, said the attorney general could require the University to take corrective steps if the investigation reveals that proper policies were not followed.

The group also sent a letter to the state auditor's office requesting an investigation into the use of state funds in the acquisitions.

"It just looks like a frivolous expenditure of taxpayer money without a valid reason," said Cliff Leath, a neighbor of the Bingham Facility.

Leath said he does not oppose the facility's research, but he wishes UNC would be more proactive when it comes to informing neighbors of its plans.

"I think the university does have a responsibility to the public and specifically to its neighbors — just like a company would — to proactively communicate," he said.

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# Stakes raised on funds

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — President Barack Obama is on track to be the first \$1 billion candidate. The notion seemed almost astounding two years ago when Republican strategists first predicted Obama could raise that much money for his re-election bid. For their part, Obama campaign officials discounted the idea that they were aiming that high, telling donors that their goal was to bring in “north of \$750 million,” which would break the \$745 million record Obama set in 2008.

Obama surpassed that mark by Aug. 31. By then, he had raised \$766 million between his re-election campaign, the Democratic National Committee and two joint fundraising committees, according to the nonpartisan Campaign Finance Institute.

To reach \$1 billion, the president would need to bring in \$117 million in both September and October. That seems well within his reach: Obama’s campaign and the DNC together raised nearly \$115 million in August. Their take was likely even bigger in September, thanks in part to the Democratic National Convention, where campaign manager Jim Messina urged supporters to embrace a new method of donation via text messaging.

Meanwhile, Republican challenger Mitt Romney had raised \$669 million between his campaign, the Republican National Committee and a joint fundraising committee as of Aug. 31. At his current pace, he is on track to bring in close to \$900 million, surpassing the \$800 million goal set by his campaign.

Nevertheless, it looks like Obama will end up ahead in the money race.

Wait a minute, you’re thinking. Hasn’t the president been warning he was going to be vastly outspent in this election?

Indeed, that was his campaign’s persistent warning cry to Democratic rank-and-file throughout the summer, as Romney notched monthly fundraising victories over Obama.

“I will be the first president in modern history to be outspent in his re-election campaign, if things continue as they have so far,” Obama wrote in a fundraising email in June. “I’m not just talking about the super PACs and anonymous outside groups — I’m talking about the Romney campaign itself.”

Politifact.com has pointed out that isn’t quite true — both Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton faced opponents who outraised them. Those scenarios were different, however: Both Ronald Reagan and Bob Dole had more money than the incumbent because they raised it to spend in their primary campaigns. In the general elections, all the candidates accepted an equal amount of public grants.

Obama upended the landscape in 2008 when, raking in record donations, he opted out of the public funding system. He was the first major-party candidate to forgo public financing, a system put in place in the wake of the Watergate scandal. His Republican rival, Sen. John McCain, accepted public money and was vastly outspent.

This year Obama’s campaign has expanded its 2008 base of contributors to an extent that has even surprised fundraisers. Over the weekend, the campaign registered its 10 millionth donation.

It’s the small contributions that have given Obama the edge over Romney in the money race. Through August, Obama had raised \$147 million from donors who had given \$200 or less — 34 percent of his receipts from individuals, according to an analysis by the Campaign Finance Institute.

Romney, meanwhile, had raised \$39.5 million from small donors, just 18 percent of his total.

# Obama and Romney enter first debate

DENVER (MCT) — President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney will offer voters two starkly different prescriptions for fixing the ailing economy as they duel tonight in their first and perhaps most critical debate.

More than 60 million people are expected to watch when the nationally televised, 90-minute debate kicks off at 9 p.m. EDT, far more than watched the two major party national conventions and dwarfing the number that watched Romney in Republican primary debates.

Underscoring the significance, the men will arrive at the University of Denver debate site after days of closed-door rehearsals, Obama in Nevada and Romney in Colorado. The stakes are particularly high for Romney, the former

Massachusetts governor who’s stayed close to Obama in most polls but continues to trail, having struggled to find momentum.

“It’s one of the few possible game changers left for him, and the only one he has a certain amount of control over,” said Tobe Berkovitz, an associate professor of advertising at Boston University.

Most polls show Obama remains vulnerable — his Gallup job approval rating Sept. 28-30 was 47 percent, about where it’s been for some time, and a Quinnipiac Polling Institute survey released Tuesday, taken Sept. 25-30, put him ahead of Romney 49 percent to 45 percent.

Obama also faces high expectations. Regardless of political spin from the campaigns, Americans by a 2-to-1 margin expect Obama

to win the debate, according to polls. Romney has not engaged in a one-on-one political debate since he ran for governor of Massachusetts 10 years ago, while Obama debated Republican John McCain three times in 2008 and is a familiar presence on American television.

The numbers suggest an opportunity for Romney, who will try to tell voters that Obama should be held responsible for a stubbornly sluggish economy. Romney plans to stress that Obama’s remedies too often involve “going forward with a stagnant, government-centered economy,” said senior adviser Ed Gillespie.

Obama is trying to lower those expectations. “The president is familiar with his own loquaciousness and his tendency to give long, substantive answers,” said Obama

campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki, calling it a challenge when there’s a timer running. “That’s certainly something he and all of us are cognizant of.”

“Governor Romney, he’s a good debater. I’m just OK,” Obama said with a grin to a Nevada audience earlier this week. “But what I’m most concerned about is having a serious discussion about what we need to do to keep the country growing and restore security for hardworking Americans. That’s what people are going to be listening for.”

Alan Schroeder, a Northeastern University professor who has written a history of presidential debates, “Presidential Debates: Fifty Years of High-Risk TV,” said Obama tended to be “very agreeable” with McCain in 2008.

“That was part of his strategy, to appear willing to extend the olive branch, but I don’t think that’s going to fly this time,” Schroeder said.

Barring a major gaffe or surprise, few analysts expect the debate to radically change the race right away. Quinnipiac found that 86 percent thought it would make no difference in how they voted.

But what a debate can do is plant images and ideas with voters that they’ll seek to confirm or dismiss over the campaign’s final month.

The key economic flash points Wednesday are expected to involve taxes, the federal debt and jobs.

Romney is running ads tying Obama to the government’s \$16 trillion debt, notably in a recent spot showing a baby and talking about the debt she was inheriting.

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**Romney to support Obama's visa program**

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — With polls showing Latinos overwhelmingly backing President Barack Obama's re-election, Mitt Romney has shifted stands on the deportation of many young illegal immigrants, saying he would honor visas granted to them under a program that Obama launched in June.

Romney's remarks in an interview with the Denver Post mark the first time he has taken a position on Obama's order halting the deportation of most illegal immigrants who were brought to the United States as children. They also contrast sharply with the tough rhetoric that Romney used on illegal immigration when he was seeking the support of conservatives in the Republican primaries.

Until Monday, Romney had refused to say whether he would halt Obama's program, calling instead for an undefined "permanent solution" on illegal immigration to be worked out with Congress and criticizing Obama for failing to reach one.

"The people who have received the special visa that the president has put in place, which is a two-year visa, should expect that the visa would continue to be valid,"

Romney told the Denver Post on Monday. "I'm not going to take something that they've purchased. Before those visas have expired we will have the full immigration reform plan that I've proposed."

When Romney was seeking the Republican presidential nomination, he opposed efforts to legalize the status of anyone brought to the United States as a child by parents who were illegal immigrants, with the sole exception of those who served in the U.S. military. At a GOP debate in January, he called for "self-deportation" of illegal immigrants, saying they should "return home and to apply for legal residency in the United States — get in line with everybody else."

**Judge denies Floridian 'stand your ground' plea**

ORLANDO, Fla. (MCT) — An Oviedo, Fla., woman who says she shot her estranged husband in self-defense while he was raping her was denied immunity from prosecution under Florida's "stand your ground" law on Tuesday.

The judge who denied immunity, Circuit Judge Kenneth Lester Jr., until recently oversaw the high-profile case against George Zimmerman. Zimmerman faces a second-degree murder

charge in the Feb. 26 shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

He is expected to ask for protection under the same law, which grants immunity from prosecution if a defendant can show the use of deadly force was in response to a reasonable fear of serious injury or death.

In a ruling Tuesday, Lester denied "stand your ground" protection to Anita Smitley, 44, who also faces a second-degree murder charge in the May 4, 2010, killing of Robert Cline III in her Oviedo home.

Smitley says she was home alone when Cline unlocked her door and entered about midnight. They drank tequila and had consensual sex, she said, but rather than leave afterward as she expected, he put a knife to her throat and began raping her.

At a "stand your ground" hearing, prosecutors argued that Smitley's statements were contradictory. There was no rape, the state said, just a husband and wife with a history of rough sex and a wife who grew angry when Cline wouldn't go home.

**Pope's ex-butler insists he acted alone**

VATICAN CITY (MCT) — The man at the center of the Vatican leaks scandal said Tuesday he acted alone, sug-



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Li Li, center, and other Chinese dancers perform during the 27th International Festival of Raleigh at the Raleigh Convention Center on Sunday. The event featured culture from about 60 countries.

gested Pope Benedict XVI is not in full control of church affairs and denounced his alleged mistreatment while in prison.

Paolo Gabriele was the pontiff's butler until May, when he was suspended and arrested for allegedly stealing and passing over to the press confidential papers which shed light on Vatican power struggles and questionable financial dealings. He is under house arrest.

Asked whether he could

confirm he had no accomplices, Gabriele replied: "Yes, I can in the most absolute terms."

But he said he was "influenced by outside circumstances" and named seven confidants, including Cardinals Angelo Comastri and Paolo Sardi, as well as the pope's former assistant, Ingrid Stampa.

There has been speculation that Gabriele was part of a wider conspiracy. But the presiding judge, Giuseppe Dalla

Torre, cut the butler short when he started speaking about his interactions with other people.

"You should defend yourself but stick to the subject," he said.

Dalle Torre also snapped when Gabriele was asked to stand by what he told Vatican police, namely that the pope was in the dark about some church affairs.

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Today is a 6 -- Take advantage of abundant imagination. Make sure you know what's required. Romance may be involved at times, but also quiet time in solitude.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 9 -- Encourage all opinions, and get some creative ideas. For four weeks, you're very lucky in love. Invest in home, family and/or real estate. Nobody needs to know how little you spent.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is an 8 -- Continue to build assets, and get public. Balance family and social activities carefully. Your reputation precedes you. The first reaction may seem negative, but don't give up.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
Today is a 6 -- There's really a light at the end of the tunnel, but you could bypass the tunnel altogether. Or wander around in it and discover hidden treasure. Bring a flashlight and plenty of water.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is a 7 -- Friends help you advance. Level up at work over the next three weeks. Be practical. It's easier to advance your agenda. Forgive a foolish misunderstanding.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**  
Today is an 8 -- This month, you're even smarter than usual. Trust your own heart to lead you. Create peace. Postpone shopping and gambling. It's a good time to save.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 9 -- The next month's good for setting goals. Costs may be higher than expected. Ask for more and get it; an angel's watching over you. Get lost in your studies.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is an 8 -- Take a firm stand, and heed the voice of experience. For the next month, it's easy to make money. Your partner demonstrates compassion. Provide support.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 9 -- Stay focused. The foreseeable future is good for saving money, so go over the numbers. Demonstrate compassion for partners, even if you don't always agree.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is an 8 -- Cash in your coupons. You're lucky in love. Keep reviewing possibilities. Friends help you make a distant connection. Try a new sport.

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## There's more to it than pink

If you were a member of Facebook in October 2009, you might recall your female friends posting statuses that simply stated a color (i.e. "Katherine Proctor red").

In October 2010, you might have noticed statuses proclaiming where their authors preferred "it" (i.e. "Katherine Proctor I like it on the floor").

Thankfully, this annual breast cancer awareness month fad seems to have ended. Its premise was predicated on a gender-wide inside joke. 2009: a woman was to mysteriously write what color bra she was wearing at the moment. 2010: a woman was to mysteriously write where she liked to leave her purse.

Besides its use of a deadly disease as a springboard for bad comedy, this trend had several problems.

There was its reduction of all potential breast cancer victims to banal indicators of femininity. (We're girls, so we wear bras and carry purses!)

There was also the "battle of the sexes" sentiment behind the posts (Let's not tell the boys what we're talking about — that will confuse them and also make them more aware!) as though breast cancer is an issue of women vs. men rather than people vs. malignant tumors.

Though to my knowledge the fad is no more, its attitude abides. Generally, breast cancer is a disease contracted by women (male breast cancer cases, though rare, do exist).

But this fact doesn't necessitate the way it's branded in symbols (pink ribbons) and in rhetoric as a "women's health issue," separate from the world of men and "health issues."

Of course raising awareness about breast cancer is a worthy cause. I'm only one of countless women, men and children who have up-close experience with it, and it's important to provide information and foster regular discourse about previously marginalized matters that affect a figurative ton of people.

But in creating that discourse, it's equally important to avoid condensing such matters into an arsenal of cute, narrowly gendered memes and taglines — especially when, in the case of breast cancer, it's literally a matter of life and death.

Breast cancer doesn't affect women: a subgroup that must be represented using lipstick and lingerie. It affects women: half of the world's population. And it also affects the non-women in their lives.

We say this is common knowledge, but contemporary culture and political platforms indicate otherwise.

Another October has arrived and so has another National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please: run the 5Ks, donate the money, get screened, show your support for victims and survivors.

But I'd also like to see awareness efforts that aren't so founded on traditional standards and markers of femininity and instead treat the disease as a universal health issue.

I'm not saying, "Don't wear the ribbon." But I am saying, "There's more to support than pink."

### EDITORIAL CARTOON By Virginia Niver, vniver@live.unc.edu



### EDITORIAL

## Town budget priorities

### Chapel Hill should balance the needs of students and locals.

As the Town of Chapel Hill is faced with budget constraints, it is moving toward a priority-based budget system to guide the focuses of the Chapel Hill 2020 plan.

This multi-year process should balance the needs of UNC students with permanent Chapel Hill residents.

The plan's theme is "A Place for Everyone," and it aims to provide services that enhance the community as a whole.

Rather than giving a portion of the budget to departments to allocate

themselves, priority budgeting aims to fund specific functions and services based on the value they provide.

But planners must be cognizant of the needs of both the younger student population and the older permanent residents that occupy Chapel Hill.

This is not to say that both groups' desires are mutually exclusive. Transportation and housing are hot topics that affect the interests of both groups.

The final Chapel Hill 2020 plan should prioritize transportation to allow all town residents and UNC students to benefit from the environmental and economic impacts of an

improved transit system.

Additionally, housing issues concern both budget-crunching college students and permanent residents.

By coming to a consensus that calms students' fears of skyrocketing rent and residents' desires for calm neighborhoods, the town could come closer to its goal for a diverse community.

As a next step in creating the plan, the town will be holding open forums to gauge public opinion.

Since Chapel Hill is a college town, it is important that student leaders attend these meetings and speak on behalf of the current and future generations of the UNC student body.

### EDITORIAL

## Shake political apathy

### Students should break stereotypes by getting involved.

Political apathy among young people is a stereotype that college students just can't seem to shake.

But that doesn't mean students shouldn't get involved.

In an election year, students have no excuse to bow out of the democratic process. North Carolina is a swing state, and voters here will truly play a role in determining who the next president will be.

Voting is just the tip of the electoral iceberg. Getting involved with campus groups such as the Young Democrats or

College Republicans allows students to expand their political footprints.

The groups' debate on Monday is one example of discourse that allows students to promote their ideas while informing others.

Political involvement isn't limited to just holding the party line, though.

Students with particular concerns and passions can work specifically for change in those areas. Picking one issue lets activists focus their energies.

Interest groups seeking change on specific issues abound on campus.

With all the academic demands on students, it can be easy to lose sight of what's happening in the political realm.

But laws and elections, believe it or not, matter. For example, many students receive Pell grants to finance their education. These grants are federally funded and whoever is elected determines how — and if — certain students receive them.

There is also a wide range of policies in the works that will surely affect students long after they graduate.

Some people lament that the problems — and the electorate — are both so large that they could never make a difference on their own.

But this is no reason for despair. Someone has to be the deciding vote in an election. Why not a student?

### EDITORIAL

## Light up local towns

### Students should voice off-campus safety concerns.

Students living in off-campus housing should lobby their towns' leaders to address safety concerns.

In particular, students should actively call on their towns regarding issues of poor lighting or lack of emergency call boxes.

Just as the Department of Public Safety serves the campus community to address safety concerns, the towns we live in have their own respective offices to address these issues.

However, students might not think to call the town in which they live

about these problems.

It is very easy for students to simply feel like temporary residents in their town and not take ownership of the issues they see, such as poor lighting, in their off-campus neighborhoods.

In a successful example of taking ownership, students in off-campus neighborhoods near Church Street and McMasters Street raised their concerns about security to the Town of Chapel Hill.

Working with the police department, the town installed police boxes in the students' neighborhood to address their security concerns.

Many students avoid certain streets or parking lots when walking back to

their off-campus housing because they are poorly lit. Students should raise these issues to their towns' attention.

Enhancing lighting can be a process that ranges from simply increasing the wattage of the light bulbs to installing new poles.

Increasing security could involve installing police call boxes.

Chapel Hill has money in its budget for these issues that it can direct to these cases.

Improving lighting and accessibility to the police are minor things students can do to ensure safety and enhance the off-campus living experience.

But students must be active participants of their communities first.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Just like the cellphone ban, if they said, 'You can't smoke while driving,' I just wouldn't do it."*

Tea Yang, on the proposed expanded smoking ban

### FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

*"Confronting the truth about animal cruelty isn't easy, but it needs to happen. There's just NO reason to eat animals. None."*

CM, on a video about animal cruelty being shown at UNC

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### DTH editorial got the transit issue wrong

TO THE EDITOR:

The Daily Tar Heel editorial, "Approve transit proposal," (Sept. 27) misrepresented the facts surrounding the proposed transit fee increase.

This proposed increase stems from the five-year plan, which governs campus transportation policy through 2016.

In crafting this plan, Department of Public Safety failed to engage any undergraduate students, and now they're asking students to foot the bill for parking projects we won't benefit from.

While transit costs are rising, the primary reason for this increase is DPS' desire to end using parking permit revenue to cover some transit costs. This is problematic for two reasons.

First, DPS claims additional revenue is needed to cover parking deck construction and maintenance costs, and thus parking revenue should no longer go to transit. Yet students are allocated only 7 percent of 21,500 parking permits, and are not benefiting from expanded decks or maintenance expenditures.

Second, this fee goes beyond just the \$23.50 increase this year. The five-year plan demands a \$14 a year increase over the next four years.

These increases mean the transit fee will increase by 50 percent over the five-year period, and will have increased by 100 percent over 10 years. This is an unsustainable and troubling trend.

We agree students should pay their fair share to avoid transit service reductions, but increased transit costs are only one part of DPS' requested fee increase. Parking should continue to subsidize transit, and the student fee increase should not be as much as currently requested.

Students must make sure when DPS develops its next five-year plan, they have a seat and a voice at the table and are not forced to accept fee increases without being engaged in the process.

Christy Lambden '14  
Travis Crayton '13  
Student Fee Audit Committee

#### Chancellor search needs more diversity

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Friday, Sept. 28 article "With 21-member group, chancellor search begins," Katherine McAnarney overviews the committee recently appointed to find a new UNC chancellor who will serve starting in 2013.

Through several interviews, the individuals chosen were described as a "diverse set of people whose values collectively represent all of the constituents of the University."

While this specific goal is important, the article fails

to mention the true lack of diversity within the committee.

Having examined the list of appointed individuals myself, I am disappointed to see little gender or racial diversity is present. For instance, of the 21 committee members, only five are women and only four are non-Caucasians.

As a University that prides itself on racial diversity and has a large population of female students and faculty, the composition of the committee is skeptical.

While including prominent individuals who have a strong connection with the University is important, the committee should also attempt to properly represent the University's overall composition.

Different ethnic and gender backgrounds represented at UNC have the ability to elicit differing perspectives; these varying viewpoints can be conducive to understanding both the needs of others and our overall surroundings.

Our school and community would benefit if the committee expanded a second time to include those with more dissimilar backgrounds.

Adding more female members and those from more diverse ethnic backgrounds would greatly enhance the selection process and ensure that UNC ends up with the best chancellor moving forward.

Zach Fitzpatrick '15  
Economics

#### Board of Governors deserves students' ire

TO THE EDITOR:

At what point are we, as a student body, going to tell the Board of Governors that enough is enough?

The article about the probable tuition increase should make all of us concerned — not only because tuition is increasing, but because student voices have been all but ignored.

These hikes come at a time when the value of our degree is being questioned. Academic fraud investigations are ongoing into the Department of African and Afro-American Studies, tainting our academic reputation.

Nationally, people have started to question our academic integrity and it's having an impact on how potential employers see our degrees. Essentially, while the product's worth has lessened, the price is going up 15.6 percent.

When it comes to hikes in tuition and student fees, the students have largely responded negatively. That response has been disregarded.

There is virtually no student input at a time that is crucial in determining UNC's future and when there is, the University decides that they know best.

I'm angry. And if you care about this University, you should be too.

Michael Hardison '14  
Political science

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