

Ross, other NC leaders talk higher education

The UNC-system president said UNC-CH needs to focus on faculty retention.

By Caroline Lamb
Staff Writer

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK — A fist bump between Tom Ross and Scott Ralls on Wednesday epitomized the working relationship between the UNC system and North Carolina's community colleges, as well as the friendship between the two departing higher education leaders.

The presidents of the UNC system and North Carolina Community College System, respectively, discussed a wide array of higher education issues in the state during a panel discussion hosted by the Harvard Club of the Research Triangle and Higher Education Works.

They were joined on the panel by two North Carolina legislators — Sen. Josh Stein, D-Wake, and Sen. Jeff Tarte, R-Mecklenburg.

"Higher education nationally is facing a lot of different challenges. Some of those are narratives that have built up and come out of the recession, such as whether higher education has value anymore," Ross said. "Some is the shifting of the funding of higher education more toward funding by individuals and their families as opposed to states."

Ralls said the state's community college system is the most comprehensive in the country and has a smaller enrollment decline than any other community college system in the Southeast.

"Forty percent of all the wage earners in our state have been a student at one of our 58 colleges sometime in the last 10 years," he said.

Ross and Ralls also boasted the strong relationship between the two systems. Ralls said the state is unique in that university leaders have helped develop the community college system.

"In North Carolina, it was university leaders who were part of the development, and I think that's influenced our system in that regard," Ralls said.

Tarte spoke about the "student swirl" concept, or the link between community colleges and four-year universities. He said students will drop out later on not because they are doing poorly, but because they run out of money. The link between the community colleges and universities helps these students stay in school.

Stein said to attract new businesses to the state, accessibility to higher education will continue to be imperative. But he said the state is not doing well in ensuring that students are able to attain higher education, given cost increases.

One way to do so, he said, is to encourage students to attend community college for two years for an associate's degree before transitioning into universities.

"It is so much more accessible to people's daily lives to get a start in a community college, so let's have more people go to community college, get that hook in their mouth for the desire to have a higher education degree," Stein said.

Ross said one of his major concerns is the increasing difficulty of recruiting and retaining UNC-system faculty members. At UNC-CH, he said the number of faculty accepting other offers has increased.

"Universities are, at their core, made up of really strong faculty, and our faculty have received minimal compensation over the last seven years," Ross said.

A recent proposal would have required UNC-system professors to teach eight courses a year to receive their full salaries.

"The bill that was introduced sort of lumps everybody together, and I think we all know that there are different faculty that have different roles to play," said Ross in an interview. "People are investing (in faculty) in other states and so there's a chance for them to go somewhere else where they can maybe do better."

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'Going to North Carolina'

J.B. Bukauskas asked all 30 major league teams not to draft him

By Carlos Collazo
Assistant Sports Editor

J.B. Bukauskas should have never come to North Carolina.

He should be in the farm system of some major league club somewhere across the country. He should be a rookie after being taken in the first two rounds of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft.

He should have put his name on a signing bonus check with six, maybe seven, digits.

But he didn't. While most kids look forward to their senior year in high school, J.B. Bukauskas skipped it to come to UNC early.

While most kids would jump at the shot of life-changing money, J.B. Bukauskas turned it down.

While most kids grow up dreaming of playing baseball in the bigs one day, J.B. Bukauskas told each and every team in the MLB not to draft him.

"I just got hit with a sense that, 'All right, I'm already graduating early. If I do this I'm going to skip college, I'm going to be 17 living on my own,'" J.B. said.

"It was just kind of like life's hitting me really quick."

He was coming to North Carolina.

An afterthought

J.B. never played any sport



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After reclassifying to get to UNC a year sooner, J.B. Bukauskas has been in lock in the Tar Heels' weekend rotation.

except for baseball.

According to his dad, Ken, J.B. had potential throughout little league and on the travel ball circuit.

But it wasn't until his freshman year at Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn, Va., that Ken knew J.B. had a future in the game.

His coach was looking at J.B. to throw one of the most important games of the season.

"The coach tells him, 'You're pitching against Madison, at Madison,'" Ken remembers.

Madison — referring to James

Madison High School in Vienna, Va. — is Stone Bridge's rival and a consistent baseball powerhouse. And that year, Madison was loaded.

"They're a perennial top-20, top-30 type of school in the entire country," Ken said.

"And we went over there and (J.B.) beat them two to nothing. It was his first game — well, was it his first game?"

Ken pauses.

"Actually, it was his second game," Ken said. "His first game he threw a no-hitter."

A no-hitter, in his first game in

high school.

An afterthought.

A transformation

J.B. was anything but an afterthought to the world of major league scouts. Let's say he was more of a surprise.

At just about 6 feet, J.B. wasn't tall enough to be a top MLB prospect. His 88-90 mph fastball wasn't fast enough.

An American League scout, who cannot be named due to team

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Decades ago, a year of college for \$1,100

Cost of attendance at UNC now tops \$24,000 for in-state students.

By Cole del Charco
Staff Writer

As students across the country deal with rising tuition costs and loans, educators and administrators face the challenge of maintaining college affordability — something that hasn't always been an issue.

About 50 years ago, it was normal for in-state students to attend a four-year public university for less than \$1,100 a year in current dollars.

John Sanders, former director of the Institute of Government, graduated from UNC in 1950 and later served as a UNC-system administrator for many years, starting in 1962.

"In my earlier years here, I don't recall that the undergraduate tuition was an issue," he said. "The policy of the state was to keep tuition as low as feasible, and students were looked to as the providers of the additional margin of income."

"When I finished college and law school, I had no debt, and I think that was not as uncommon as it is today," Sanders said.

In contrast, Mark Baucom, who attended UNC from 1982 to 1986, said he had to take out loans and participate in a work-study program while attending college.

"I worked in the Student Union about 12 to 14 hours a week. Of the 20 people I ran with, probably five of them worked on campus," Baucom said.

The in-state cost of attending a four-year public university ranged from about \$3,400 to \$4,100 per year while Baucom was in college. Adjusted for inflation, the cost of his education likely totaled about \$13,000 over the three and a half years he attended UNC.

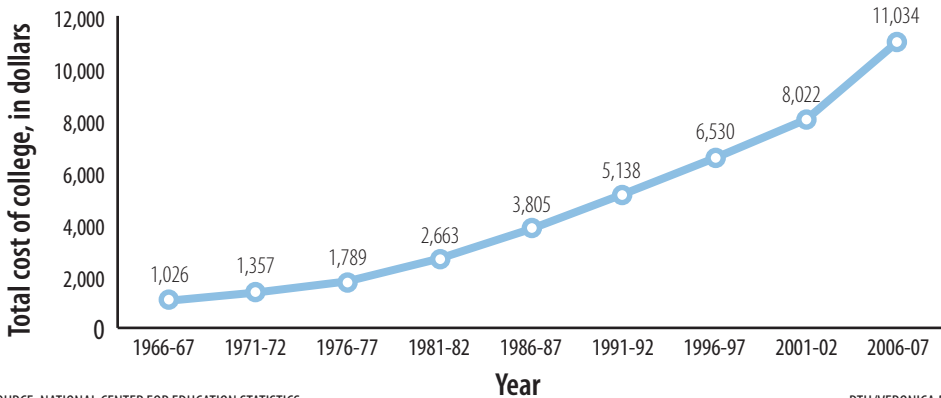
"I lived in a suite with eight guys — my roommate had loans each year," he said. "Even back then a lot of the students took out loans. The group I ran with, about 20 people, at least half of them had loans."

Tony Blanchard played football at UNC from 1967 to 1971, and he had all tuition and fees paid for — though the average in-state cost for public four-year schools at the time was just \$5,283.

He said when he attended UNC, the price

Nationwide, a university education carries a consistently higher price

The total cost of college for in-state students has gone up significantly in the past few decades. Full cost of attendance for full-time students now totals \$24,000 per year for in-state UNC students. This graph shows the national average of costs in current dollars.



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was the draw for most students.

Despite having debt, Baucom was able to pay them off at about \$90 per month for four years. Student loans are a much greater burden today.

"My paying for college is done through scholarships, me working entirely over the summer, working during school and some of my parents' aid as well," said Ethan Koch, a UNC freshman from Nebraska.

Cost of attendance rose to \$50,938 for out-of-state students at UNC this year. In-state tuition remains low compared to the national average, but it increased at double the national average rate in the past five years. Resident students paid \$24,120 to attend in the 2014-15 year.

"It's definitely a constant strain. It's something that is an underlying fear and frustration, but it definitely resurfaces as the time to pay for school every semester nears," Koch said.

Koch said he receives grants and subsidized loans and holds a work study job, but he still has to work a job in the summer and cannot volunteer or intern, which he would prefer.

"Next year I will be a (resident adviser), which will help me an incredible amount, but had I not gotten that position, I don't know if I'd be able to pay for Carolina, truthfully," Koch said.

North Carolina continues to devote more money than most states to public higher education — the state still contributes about \$2 for

every \$1 of tuition in the UNC system. But the trend of rising tuition has impacted students.

James Moeser, UNC chancellor from 2000 to 2008, said he thinks the rise in student costs is largely due to N.C. General Assembly cuts.

He also thinks the competitive nature of attracting and retaining faculty — which often requires university-funded incentives — is a factor.

An in-state student's cost of attending UNC during Moeser's time as chancellor ranged from \$11,668 in 2001-02 to \$15,250 in 2006-07.

Blanchard said he thinks the wide availability of financial aid today also gives universities some leeway in raising tuition.

Moeser is optimistic about UNC's cost of attendance, particularly because the University guarantees that it will meet 100 percent of students' financial need.

"All of the data reflect that Chapel Hill is still an amazing bargain. It's one of the most accessible and affordable public flagship research universities in the country," he said.

But Sanders said the University's current cost of attendance is regrettable.

"The ideal is that you would be able to get a college degree without incurring debt that one would spend years later paying off," he said.

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Voices in your head

From staff and wire reports

Here's a bit of a headache. A woman in Indiana underwent surgery to remove a tumor in her brain. Instead of a tumor, doctors found a "teratoma," an embryonic twin. No joke. The teratoma had bone, hair and teeth. Is anyone else thinking of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding?" You know, the part when one of the relatives says doctors found a twin in her spine. But this story is actually real. Mind=blown.

NOTED. The tie that was supposedly worn by Rob Ford during the infamous press conference in which he confessed to doing crack sold for almost \$1,500. Nothing like owning a great piece of history, right?

QUOTED. "Vote for Al Smith and make your wet dreams come true."

— A campaign button for 1928 U.S. presidential candidate Al Smith who didn't support Prohibition. He supported a "wet" America.

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The assault was committed with a knife, reports state.

• Someone entered a vehicle and took items at 101 Winston Ridge Drive at 5:37 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
An iPhone valued at \$400 was stolen, reports state.

• Someone threatened a person with a knife and broke an apartment window in a parking lot at 800 Pritchard Ave. at 1:27 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person caused \$350 in window damage, reports state.

• Someone reported a dispute at 100 W. Rosemary St. at 5:10 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The dispute was over clothing, reports state.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Wednesday's front page story "Student-athlete pay bill fails" inaccurately defined the Sherman Antitrust Act, which made monopolistic business practices illegal. The student-athlete bill was challenging the NCAA using the argument that the organization is violating the Sherman Antitrust Act by prohibiting student-athletes from engaging in their own corporate deals. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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Seniors Brittney King (left) and Giselle Montgomery attempt to set their silverware as a part of the etiquette dinner Tuesday evening at the Friday Center.

Seniors learned basic etiquette skills at a dinner last night

By Paige Connelly
Staff Writer

After the Senior Etiquette Dinner on Wednesday, seniors crossed good manners off their lists of things to learn before graduation. Hosted by University Career Services, the General Alumni Association and the Senior Marshals, the event is aimed at offering seniors dining and professional etiquette experience. Seniors received a three-course meal, and were given a tutorial on basic dining etiquette and real-world job skills, like how to make conversation, appropriate attire and even technology etiquette. Resa Anderson, health professions advising coordinator for Career Services, said the point of this dinner was to send seniors off into the world with just a few more skills that can help them out. “This is just a little bit of a finishing school step for our seniors before they go out into the real world and begin,” she said. “This is just a little extra skill set to send them off into the world with.” Anderson said the skills are universal. “From job interviews, to lunch dates, when they

start a new job, to dinner parties when they’re meeting new people, they are absolutely introduced to a little bit of common sense to some social scenarios that they might not have had before,” she said. Some of the more confusing rules of fine dining were addressed first — cutlery organization, napkin folding and which side a drink belongs on. Erica Gardner, a communications major, said she felt like she got the hang of it. “I think it changes a little bit, like I think, depending on who I go to dinner with,” she said about how she might encounter a situation where she needed these skills. “Some of these rules definitely apply.” The rules were unusual to many people, such as different styles of cutting. Gardner said she came out because she’s always enjoyed etiquette dinners. “I thought it would be fun,” she said. “I always learn something new that I didn’t know, so I just thought it would be kind of cool.” This dinner is a last step for many seniors in their remaining few weeks before moving on. Gardner is going to a small graduate school in Arkansas. “It definitely is weird, going into the, quote on quote, ‘real world,’ but no, it’s definitely useful,” she

said, “It’ll be good to know, I think we’re going to go out with our professors a lot, and I’ll be in that situation a lot.” Wednesday night recognized formal skills needed for the real world. Some things were useful, some things, Gardner said, were pretty weird. “One of the things I learned that I did not know is that you can’t crunch up crackers and put them in your soup,” she said. “Not that you see crackers at really nice restaurants typically, but I wouldn’t have known that.” Bri Ratte, a health policy and management major, is going straight to work in Atlanta after graduation, but thinks these skills will help her advance at her new job. “I think it’s good to remind yourself how to conduct yourself at a formal dinner,” she said. Now that they have this knowledge, seniors can go out into the “real world” with confidence. “I’m really just excited about the opportunities after graduation,” Ratte said. “It does make it feel more real.”

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Taxpayers worry over flighty graduates

A new report found that only 52.7 percent of graduates stay in state.

By Tyler Fleming
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Oh, the places you’ll go — a phrase that is sometimes synonymous with graduating is now on the minds of many seniors leaving Chapel Hill. When it comes to post-graduation plans, many seniors must choose whether to leave North Carolina or to stay. Almost 50 percent of students will leave the state after graduation, according to a new report by Career Services that will be released later this month. Ray Angle, director of University Career Services, said there might be a public concern that the state does not get a solid return on its investment in the public university system. “Across the state there is always the concern that we are losing our intelligent people out-of-state and we are training them here,” Angle said. Ian Lee, a graduate of the class of 2012 and a former member of The

Daily Tar Heel’s editorial board, initially worked in Research Triangle Park, but later decided to take a job at a cyber-security start-up in Massachusetts. Lee said he believes it is important for students to be happy where they are. “UNC’s primary focus has to be on students first, the state second,” Lee said. The decision to keep people in-state boils down to what the state has to offer, Angle said. “How do we make it more attractive to live in-state than out-state?” he said. Angle said he believes students look for good primary education, health care, recreational activities and good job prospects in the locations they choose after graduation. “There are all of these things that the state has to do, and employers have to promote across the nation to make sure that this is an attractive place for not only people in-state, but the talent they are looking for out-of-state,” Angle said. Senior Andrew Hunt found a job in Durham which he said is the ideal location for him. “It is the right distance for me,” he said. “I wanted to get out of the realm of Chapel Hill, but I still wanted to be in the area.”

2014 UNC graduates find jobs in and out of state

In a presentation to the Board of Trustees in March, Provost Jim Dean noted that, while a large percentage of graduates find work, over half end up leaving North Carolina for their jobs.

Category	Percentage
Students working within 6 months of graduation:	68.3%
Students pursuing further education:	21.0%
Students postponing fulltime employments (volunteering, traveling, taking time off):	3.1%
Students still seeking employment:	7.6%

Hunt said he thinks a mix of students staying in-state and leaving the state is needed. “I do not believe North Carolina has enough jobs for all of the graduates,” he said. Angle said it is not part of Career Services’ role to tell students and recent graduates where they should live for work. “We do not push people to specific geographic locations,” he said. Angle said that the number of graduates staying in-state this year is 52.7 percent. For Hunt, it was important to separate his future location from his college town. “There was a level of comfort but it is far enough away that I could start my personal life after college,” he said. Hunt said he would not be opposed to leaving. “I like North Carolina,” he said. “But I am willing to go other places.”

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Solar umbrellas spark a charge at picnic tables

Each new umbrella will offer three USB ports to charge electronics.

By Rebecca Brickner
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The future of sustainable energy at UNC just got a bit sunnier. Twelve Powersol solar umbrellas will soon be installed in picnic tables across campus. The umbrellas have solar panels on the top that power a charging station on the table with three USB ports. This project was sponsored by student government’s Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee and directed by junior Charlie Egan. “This project came about because we wanted to have something that was like an educational interaction for students on campus,” Egan said. “You can put these umbrellas in any existing picnic table and it has a little hub so you can plug up to three phones into it at once. Electricity gen-

erated from the panels is being stored in a battery hub charger so people can sit outside and charge their phones.” The umbrellas, which cost \$1,275 each, are produced by a company called ZON Technology. The project was paid for by a student fee. “Unlike a lot of organizations on campus, we actually have money to invest in projects that we want to do. It’s not like we just have the ideas — most people can have the ideas but they don’t happen — we have the ideas and we can make them happen,” Egan said. Egan said the project involved many campus partners, including Information Technology Services, Carolina Dining Services, the Residence Hall Association and the Student Union. ITS spokeswoman Kate Hash praised the efforts of the Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee. “What’s wonderful about this project (is) that it was a bit serendipitous that our CIO Chris Kiehl saw the solar umbrellas at a conference and just

a few weeks later an inquiry came from Charlie and RESPC. It was a natural fit for everyone and we’re honored to be a small part of the project,” Hash said in an email. “ITS is happy to get involved in projects like this that allow technology to be used in such a fun way.” Sophomore Tate Shanahan serves as director of social projects for the Residence Hall Association. “The reason that RHA was interested is that one of our main goals is to improve the quality of on-campus residential life,” Shanahan said. Egan said placing the umbrellas in the Pit and elsewhere on campus will help raise students’ awareness about sustainability efforts. “Energy is very intangible. You can’t touch electricity, but these umbrellas will let students physically interact with solar energy on a daily basis,” Shanahan said.

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UNC’s only campus with no students

NC’s Research Campus in Kannapolis revitalizes a former mill town.

By Corey Risinger
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There’s one UNC-system campus that doesn’t enroll any students. The North Carolina Research Campus is nestled in Kannapolis, about an hour outside of Charlotte. The town was once defined by Cannon Mills — a global leader in the production of sheets and textiles — and now has found regrowth in collaborating with the research campus, which receives money from the UNC system as well as substantial private donations. The state’s 2014-15 budget required the UNC system to direct \$29 million of its state appropriations to the research campus. On Monday, the campus also learned of a transition in leadership — as Lynne Scott Safrit, the president of the private company developing the research campus, announced her resignation. The research campus, a project financed and led by founder David H. Murdock, the owner of Dole fruit company, was proposed in 2005 in front of a government and UNC-system audience, including N.C. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, Sen. Richard Burr and then-UNC-system president Molly Corbett Broad. It was primarily designed to facilitate research surrounding nutrition. Murdock’s vision for a high-tech research facility is now 10 years in the making. While the campus has not turned the profits it originally expected, it has made an impact on the town’s goals. Kannapolis — which in 1997 played host to the largest one-day layoff in N.C. history, following the bankruptcy of the Pillowtex Corporation of Dallas — has undergone an extensive rebranding process. The town recently declared that it will embody healthy living among its residents. “The research campus is pretty much at the core of the assets that our community has to support that brand,” said Irene Sacks, Kannapolis’ director of business & community affairs. The campus spans 350 acres, and includes eight major research institutes, like the David H. Murdock Research Institute and the Nutrition Research Institute, which boasts UNC-CH researchers and faculty. “The combination of expertise and equipment is unlike any place I’ve ever seen, and I’ve seen a lot of places with this kind of stuff,” said Stephen Hursting, professor of nutrition at UNC. Hursting, whose work is split between Chapel Hill and Kannapolis, said the campus provides a unique opportunity for more targeted research projects in an environment of similar scholarly interests. “What sets (the research campus) apart is really the focus there is around metabolic-related diseases,” Hursting said. The work at Kannapolis and at UNC can at times be complementary — for example, Kannapolis is researching connections between nutrition and pancreatic cancer, while the University is looking at a similar relationship involving breast cancer. The research campus collaborates with UNC-system institutions as well as the larger Kannapolis community, Sacks said. “I think there is as much interaction as you probably would expect in this sort of environment,” Sacks said. “The campus does do community outreach, mostly through the academic institutions.” Kannapolis’ decision in March to purchase its historic downtown area, which had been owned by Murdock, demonstrates another effort to revitalize and provide a vibrant working environment for research campus workers. Projects currently ongoing at the research campus include a six-week series put on by UNC to share dietary knowledge and health advice with Kannapolis residents. Sacks said she is unsure of the impact of Safrit’s resignation on the future growth of the campus. “But I’m certain that the city will still continue to support the work of the research campus and be a strong partner in that.”

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School districts plan renovations to oldest, crowded facilities

By Rachel Herzog
Senior Writer

As the school year nears its end, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are just beginning to plan renovations. On April 13, CHCCS Assistant Superintendent for Support Services Todd LoFrese

spoke to the Chapel Hill Town Council about building needs and planned construction to the schools. Comments from the council were forwarded to the Orange County Board of Commissioners later that week. “It’s to point out, and to remind the commissioners, that we have significant

financial needs in our older schools,” LoFrese said. The district recently completed a study on its 10 oldest schools — buildings that range from at least 40 to more than 60 years old — to develop plans to fix the schools’ infrastructure and increase capacity. “Many of our oldest schools are also our smallest schools,” LoFrese said. He said the plan recommends adding capacity to existing schools by adding on to the existing buildings rather than building new schools. “If we’re able to implement this plan, we can create almost an entire elementary school within our existing elementary schools,” he said. This way, he said, the district would not need to build a new elementary school for at least 20 years, and another middle school for at least 18. LoFrese said while pre-K students are not counted in enrollment and capacity measurements, there are 21 pre-K classrooms in the existing elementary schools. The plan recommends creating a pre-K

center at the Lincoln Center, where the CHCCS central office is located, to free up space at those schools. The planned renovations also include infrastructure repair to Glenwood Elementary School and the creation of separate drop-off areas for buses and cars at all of the older schools. The district is currently in the discussion phase with the Board of Commissioners about a potential bond referendum in 2016 to pay for these plans as well as Orange County Schools’ facility needs. Commissioner Renee Price said voters are likely to pass the referendum. “There’s a lot of talk right now about the bond to support costs for our schools,” she said.

LoFrese said the bond will likely provide about \$125 million of funding and will likely not cover all of the renovations CHCCS has planned. CHCCS requested \$160 million from the Board of Commissioners, and OCS requested a similar amount, he said. The Board of Commissioners will decide what to provide each district for their projects. OCS Chief Operating Officer Patrick Abele said the district is currently analyzing a facility assessment done in 2014 and has submitted its Capital Investment Plan to the Board of Commissioners. He said OCS also has old facilities that need updating. “There is a large number of needs,” he said. “There are areas where capacity is being reviewed, as well as the age of the facilities.” Abele said OCS’ next funded project, which is outlined in the Capital Investment Plan, include adding an auxiliary gym at Cedar Ridge High School in Hillsborough. The district will solicit bids for architectural design this week then present the plans to the Orange County Board of Education in May or June.

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Six Chapel Hill residents applied to serve out the former councilman Matt Czajkowski’s term, which is set to expire in December. Kevin Hicks, Adam Jones, Paul Neebe, Michael Parker, Amy Ryan and Gary Shaw will give remarks about their interest in the position at a special Town Council meeting on Monday at 6 p.m. The council will appoint someone to fill the vacant seat at a special meeting on May 4.


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Students protest blood donor restrictions for gay men

By Katia Martinez
Senior Writer

Wrapped in caution tape and red scarves, students gathered Wednesday afternoon as part of a performance art piece protesting rules that prohibit gay men from donating blood.

Approximately 10 students stood near the steps of Wilson Library and formed a caution-tape heart around a body bag.

Sophomore Christian Haig organized the protest and said it was part of a project for his sculpture class.

“The point was to just let people know that institutionalized homophobia doesn’t end in North Carolina with same-sex marriage’s legalization and to show that this policy is actually doing a lot of harm,” Haig said.

Although they remained silent for most of the protest, Haig and his group answered questions when people stopped and engaged with them.

“At least part of the reason as



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Christian Haig (right) built a temporary sculpture in Polk Place Wednesday afternoon as performance art for his sculpture class.

to why people were so curious is that we covered ourselves in caution tape with red scarves around our faces,” he said.

Keenan Brown, a sophomore French and dramatic arts major who was part of the protest, said most people who asked them about it had no idea the policies existed.

“This isn’t something people

The protest took place on the spot often occupied by Gary Birdsong, and Brown said they had prepared for him to be there.

“We were kind of hoping he would be out there,” Brown said. “It would have made things even more interesting.”

The Food and Drug Administration is reviewing its policy that deferred men from blood donations if they had had sex with other men since 1977. FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said in a December 2014 press release that the FDA will draft new guidance by the end of 2015.

Brown said he’s concerned about how the policies have affected the LGBT community.

“I have a friend who recently came out to me and a few friends, and he went to donate blood but they told him he couldn’t,” Brown said. “That really affected how comfortable he was with being honest about who he is, and no one should feel that.”

Josh Hyzy, a UNC senior, was also part of the protest and said it encouraged him to learn more about the issue.

“We’re fighting all these organizations and acronyms that are making these laws and it’s hard to do anything as just one person,” Hyzy said.

Brown said he also read

about the issue before the protest and learning about it motivated him to protest.

“We covered ourselves in caution tape because these policies say we’re dangerous,” Brown said. “But people need to know that we’re not.”

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With friends, LGBT students find social scene easy to navigate

By Madison Flager
Staff Writer

Making friends, dating and the campus “hook-up culture” — they’re all anxieties on the minds of incoming freshmen making decisions about their future college.

And for LGBT students, that last fear can feel exacerbated.

High school senior Jason Gershgor, who will attend UNC in the fall, said he’s gone on unofficial websites like College Confidential as well as official UNC Facebook groups, such as the Class of 2019 group, to peg the LGBT atmosphere.

Though he comes from New York, a fairly lib-

eral state, Gershgor said he wasn’t too concerned to move to the South.

The incoming freshman said Gershgor took comfort in the knowledge that gay marriage is now legal in North Carolina after a judge ruled the practice constitutional in October.

“I knew going in that Chapel Hill was pretty liberally minded,” Gershgor said.

Perhaps a bluer spot in a sea of red, Chapel Hill means something different for each individual.

Freshman Hannah Hodge,

who prefers non-gender-specific pronouns, grew up in Chapel Hill. They thought the LGBT scene at UNC would be a little more progressive than they found it.

In the University’s 2011 campus climate survey of 416 people, only 51.4 percent identified as heterosexual. The survey also found that 41 percent of LGBT-identifying participants hid their sexual orientation from a peer or colleague.

“I came from Chapel Hill High and it is incredibly liberal, diversity is very celebrated,” said Hodge, who began dating their partner soon after starting UNC.

“It didn’t seem unfriendly

here, but everything seemed so homogenous. You really have to look for the queer community; once you find it’s very inviting and accepting, but it’s not very visible.”

Senior Charlotte Parrott, who identifies as LGBT, came from a large public high school in Charlotte. For Parrott, the openness of LGBT students on campus took some adjusting to, but was also validating.

“To see that other people were doing these things and were not ashamed of it, and were actively pursuing people this way with the same confidence that heteronormative couples were doing, that was refreshing; that was useful for me,” she said.

Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) Co-President Mitchell McAllister said he doesn’t hear from incoming students too often before they start attending UNC, possibly because they don’t know where to look or don’t know SAGA’s name.

He said there is an LGBT-friendly event during Week of Welcome, and the first SAGA meeting tends to see a lot of first-years in attendance, McAllister said.

For Hodge, meeting other queer-identifying people in their dorm, and later joining St. Anthony Hall, a coed art and literary fraternity, helped expand their network of friends.

What can’t be found on-campus might be found online — Hodge acknowledged social media as a helpful dating tool for queer women in particular, naming OkCupid as a commonly used forum.

Hodge says the advice they would give incoming LGBT freshman is not very different from advice they would give anyone coming to school — meet as many people as you can, join clubs and be open to checking out different activities.

“Once you plug into that community, it grows bigger and bigger,” Hodge said.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 — A solution to an old problem is becoming obvious. Keep working, you're making a good impression. You're exceptionally intelligent for the next two days. Accept a bonus from a generous person. You're creating a buzz.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a 9 — Business grows more profitable. It's a good time to ask for money. Watch for income opportunities over the next couple of days. Venture outside old boundaries for inspiration. A dream comes within reach. Savor a lovely moment.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is a 9 — Conditions are changing in your favor. Abandon procrastination regarding a personal dream. You're getting stronger today and tomorrow. Action depends on your will power. Your friends are with you. Dress the part, and step onstage.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 — Produce imagery to describe your inner desires. A collage can express a vision or dream. A confusing situation could seem oppressive. Let a spiritual lesson sink in. Peaceful introspection satisfies today and tomorrow. Learn as quickly as possible. Imagine.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 — Associates provide deeper insights. Many hands make for love over the next few days. Get dreamy. Talk about passions and enthusiasms. Go play and have fun. Celebrate with loved ones. Indulge your creative whims. Practice your arts and talents.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 — Assume more responsibility today and tomorrow. Keep the others on course. Career matters take priority. Planning helps dreams to come true, and you can see the possibilities. Accept spiritual encouragement and blessings upon your enterprise.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 — Today and tomorrow are good for travel. Realize a dream. Visit a place you've only seen in fantasies. The news affects your decisions. Check out options. Sometimes the detour is more enchanting than the original destination.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
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ACROSS

- 1 "Carrie" Oscar nominee
- 7 Letters about time
- 11 ___ Fit: video exercise game
- 14 Acid neutralizer
- 15 Restaurant chain named for a Mozart opera
- 16 It's often cured
- 17 *Skedaddling
- 19 Physician's org.
- 20 Snack brand creator Wally
- 21 Karaoke option
- 22 Take one's sweet time
- 24 Half a score
- 25 Lamp emission, if you're lucky
- 27 *Food often served with ranch dip
- 30 ___ Navidad
- 33 First-line national anthem word
- 34 Prefix with caching
- 35 With 38-Across, band with the hit "Radioactive," and a hint to the ends of the answers to starred clues

- 38 See 35-Across
- 41 First-line national anthem word
- 42 Pigs out (on)
- 44 ___ attitude
- 45 *Weigh, with "at"
- 50 Sensible
- 51 Stats for Mike Trout

- 52 Mediator's intonations
- 53 Sand bar
- 56 Appear
- 57 Purveyor of many flat packs
- 58 Burst
- 59 *Real ordeal
- 62 Part of UCSD: Abbr.
- 63 Cheese that's sometimes stuffed
- 64 Begin gently
- 65 Cut
- 66 Smashes
- 67 They're often ruled

DOWN

- 1 Occupied, as a table
- 2 Nice pen
- 3 Firestone Country Club city
- 4 Spam holders
- 5 Lily of pharmaceuticals
- 6 In a way
- 7 Played the part of
- 8 Asset in a castle siege
- 9 Chi follower
- 10 Shower problem

- 11 Beating heavily, as with a sledgehammer
- 12 Post-apocalyptic Will Smith film
- 13 "Perhaps"
- 18 ___ of Mexico
- 23 Young Darth's nickname
- 25 Singer Quatro
- 26 Church attachment?
- 27 Popular
- 28 Took charge of
- 29 Just fair
- 30 ___ bump
- 31 Phishing scam, e.g.
- 32 Church attendees
- 36 "O Holy Night," for one
- 37 Journalism VIPs
- 39 Far from fails

- 40 It's often bought at an island
- 43 Horror movie sounds
- 46 Dam-building org.
- 47 ___ skelter
- 48 First fratricide victim
- 49 Loosen (up)
- 52 1930s migrants
- 53 Worthiness
- 54 Composer
- Saint-___
- 55 Org for strays
- 56 Place that gave its name to a cat breed
- 57 "Say that's true..."
- 60 No for the health-conscious
- 61 Retired NBAer Ming

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Four years in four albums

Music is never just background noise; it's ingrained into our selfhood. We segment our lives by the music we consumed at particular ages and associate places with the artists we loved there. Our music can bond us, our collective attempts to dougie as high school seniors cementing our generational ethos.

Any reflection on my college experience requires a discussion of the songs, artists and albums I've loved over each of the past four years. Listening to these albums is hearing myself, hearing my mistakes and triumphs while reveling in the greatness of youth.

Freshman year: "Wasting Light" by Foo Fighters. In my senior high school profile for The Fayetteville Observer, I listed Dave Grohl as my personal hero. My attempt to buck the accepted "Oprah" and "Jesus" trend reveals an adolescent fixation with long-haired dudes and loud guitars.

All my idols were men: outspoken, sensitive and physical. This obsession was frustrating, though, and craved diversity, complication. College granted me space and time to deviate.

Sophomore year: "The Only Place" by Best Coast. I spent summer 2012 working at a campground in Michigan. The 13 weeks were filled with bonfires, jumbo-sized marshmallows and buckets of Rit dye. Abounding with references to sun and waves, "The Only Place" is a definite summer album but one that considers self-loathing and growth.

Michigan was my first extended, independent travel experience. Apart from my family and familiar settings, I was able to question my purpose and ambitions.

Junior year: "AM" by Arctic Monkeys. Though "Yeezus" and "Nothing Was the Same" are probably my favorite albums of 2013, I link "AM" with my study abroad, the definite apex of my undergraduate career.

I saw "AM" before I heard it; the minimal black/white album cover flanked the walls of the London Underground, begging my attention. The sneer, the attitude — it's all very British. The Arctic Monkeys are like a millennial Oasis: melodic, snide and incomparably cool. I'll always associate "AM" with Camden, my black leather boots and the countless well-coiffed Brits I envied on my commute.

Senior year: "2014 Forest Hills Drive," J. Cole. If the Arctic Monkeys are undoubtedly England, J. Cole is unashamedly Fayetteville. "2014 Forest Hills Drive" is a return to Cole's roots, a rejection of any commercialized, Hollywood self.

In "A Tale of 2 Citiez," Cole juxtaposes two distinct sides of Fayetteville as an allegory for simultaneous ambition and apathy: "Last night I had a bad dream/ That I was trapped in this city/ Then I asked is that really such a bad thing?" I couldn't articulate my relationship with Fayetteville any better.

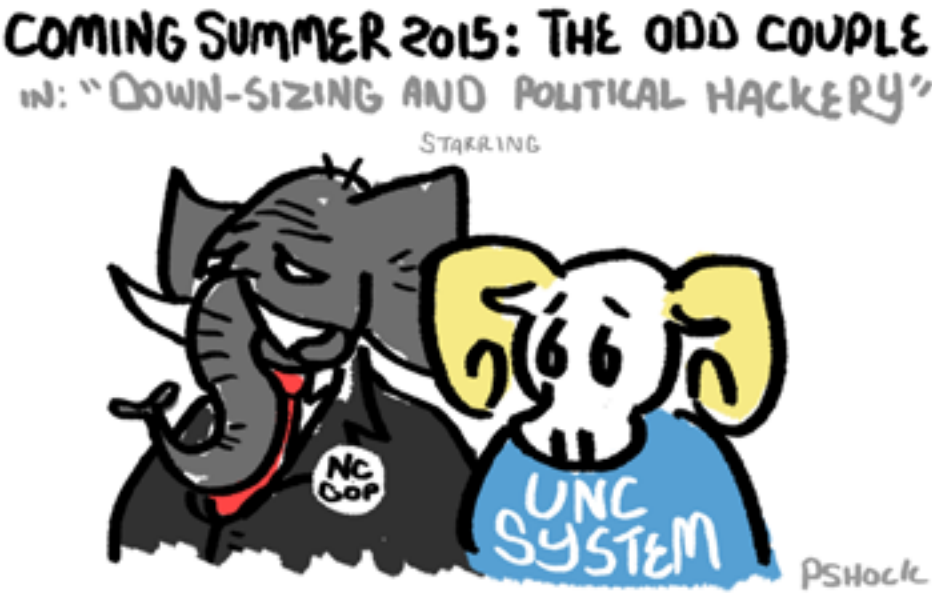
I mark the Fayetteville years by the music I blared through my six-disc in high school, the Nirvana I felt was exclusively mine. Chapel Hill is a different space, one I often despised for its congestion and elevated sense of worth. But when I find a Drake album in 2025, I'll remember Carolina fondly.

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We asked each of the editorial board members to sign off for the year by weighing in on an issue of personal concern.

It really is a 'Hunting Ground'



Bailey Barger
Editorial Board Member

My dad once bought me pepper spray and told me it would be a college necessity. He sensed correctly that this campus was a dangerous place for women. Like many other universities, UNC is a place that has repeatedly failed its community by not fully addressing the issue of sexual assault.

It tends to be treated too light-handedly, even by this board at times. It's easier to ignore an issue when it occurs behind closed doors — both physically and institutionally. Colleges and universities continue to opt into incentives that allow these institutions to not fully engage with the scope and seriousness of the sexual assault problems.

This year, the University announced that it will use the Association of American Universities survey on sexual assault on campus. The University is not required to release the data from the survey, but it has said it will. This is a welcome step in the right direction, and one that I hope the University will honor. UNC, as a leader in the conversation about sexual assault, should urge its peer universities to also release this data.

The silence surrounding the issue, the lack of reliable information about previous assaults, and a continued lack of sanctions for offenders are all part of a collective institutional and cultural denial. I would like to see a campus committed to uncovering the seriousness of this problem before it pretends to have the tools to fix it. Break down the doors.



Kim Hoang
Editorial Board Member

When I was a rising senior in high school, I was nominated to attend Project Uplift by a counselor or because I was in the top portion of my class — and also because I am considered an ethnic minority.

The experience cemented my previously unsure 17-year-old self's decision that UNC was where I wanted to be. This choice had a lot to do with the idea of Carolina's "diversity," which the program promoted nearly every moment.

But diversity can be an empty word. UNC often touts this quality to prospective students, but once many students of color get here, they begin to feel alienated because of their race. In exchange for the "diversity" I provide, I would like more spaces for me and other students of color to be able to unpack our experiences.

UNC was not founded with students of color in mind. It was only 60 years ago that the first black undergraduates were allowed to attend. UNC's campus geography is still riddled with the foundations of its racist past.

While it can be useful to engage a "diversity" of opinions in discussions of racism, treating the lived experiences of students of color as equal to the opinions of individuals who want to invalidate them is harmful.

If UNC wants to continue using students of color to push an image of racial diversity, perhaps there should be more direct conversations with them, rather than around them. If any progress is to be made, UNC needs to listen to students of color more than it does now.

Keep improving Greek life



Kern Williams
Editorial Board Member

Serious improvements in risk reduction have occurred within Greek life during my three years of fraternity membership at UNC. The Interfraternity Council has broadened its mandatory meetings with fraternities' new members; One Act for Greeks was established; and Delta Advocates, a program that aims to provide resources in a safe environment to Greek survivors of sexual assault, was implemented.

Unfortunately, even this year, fraternities and sororities have positioned themselves far too often as target practice for the rest of campus and The Daily Tar Heel.

Too few would be shocked to know that hazing remains endemic within the Greek community despite public outcry.

Further conversation is needed regarding the hypocritical and potentially unsafe power imbalance created by sorority rules regarding alcohol and boys within sorority houses.

Pledging still exists, and it remains unclear whether deaths tied to the practice have altered attitudes toward it at all. The University's method for policing chapters and handing down punishments remains hazy and inconsistent.

These issues and more are the reality of Greek life at UNC. The need for dialogue about how best to make Greek life rewarding, and more importantly, safe, will exist far beyond my time here. I can hope only to see the ball begin rolling.

We owe it to ourselves to act proactively against future tragedy.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I love the process and I hope to see you guys again in three years when I'm out of school. But I'm going to North Carolina."

J.B. Bukauskas, to recruiters from the major league

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"UNC has become another University that pays adjunct professors peanuts, but the athletic department (has) a blank check."

Fred, on a proposal to pay adjunct faculty \$15,000 per course taught

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summers: Town Halls open to all on campus

TO THE EDITOR:

Over the past year, Student Government has been hesitant to responsibly, inclusively and actively represent the voices of students on this campus. The status quo has been to operate in a bubble, making decisions internally, rather than proactively soliciting feedback from students. My team plans to change this status quo.

I seek, through a series of programs, to institutionalize a culture of conversation and of openness. When events happen, both on and off campus, I want to hear what students think—to see how they react. And my policies will reflect these reactions. Each and every student on campus deserves a space to voice their comments, express concerns, levy criticism and provide direction to the new Summers Administration.

To spark this conversation and create a space for productive discourse, the rest of the Executive Branch and I are hosting the "Houston, we have a problem..." Town Hall. Let this letter serve as a formal invitation to every student on this campus to join us Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Anne Queen Lounge of the Campus Y.

This is an event to both encourage and challenge Executive Branch Officers to adopt ideas, policies and recommendations that can improve our campus. We see that students have concerns, and that their problems are as diverse as our community itself. Please bring those concerns into this space. There will be an opportunity to submit thoughts in writing if you do not feel comfortable

sharing them aloud. Come to challenge my team and me to represent you the way you want to be represented. Together we can drive the change we all want to see at Carolina.

Houston Summers
Student Body President

Give column critics benefit of the doubt

TO THE EDITOR:

Seth Rose's April 21 column, "Doing better from my position," was both heartwarming and frustrating. He showcases admirable insight, acknowledging that his words and actions have the power to harm and that his knowledge is limited. He also describes how he strives to be more fair and just in his relationships. I can sympathize.

Unfortunately though, Rose magnifies the importance of race to a colossal size—a size which leaves no room for considering human complexity, intelligence and dignity. He writes that "white men sent so much hate mail to my fellow Daily Tar Heel columnist Ishmael Bishop, simply for being a black man with an opinion, that he was driven to quit."

True hate mail is unacceptable — and it distresses me to hear of Bishop receiving it.

But in his exclusive focus on race, Rose ignores an obvious explanation for much the criticism Bishop received. That is, that many of the columnist's critics disliked his ideas, not his skin color. In ignoring less morally damning motivations for Bishop's critics and instead arguing for a purely racial attribution, Rose avoids the complexity of reality — and instead paints the world in a dull black and white.

Will Parker
Sophomore History

QuickHits

Golf claps to UNC

Argyle everywhere! Nike's update of UNC's uniforms gave fans something to celebrate and detractors more "wine and cheese"-related ammunition to hurl our way. We figure we might as well go all the way on this thing. Let's put Roy's Boys in Jordan-brand penny loafers and Brooks Brothers warmups.

#TebowTake

The Philadelphia Eagles reignited the most monstrous hype machine in sports by signing Tim Tebow this week, and we're mad. Two professional sports are holding their playoffs, but instead of talking about those, idiots on ESPN are arguing about whether Tebow is a winner or not. Again! Dammit.

Wrong on Bong

The seniors who have dreamed of climbing the Bell Tower for four years either waited multiple hours to climb it Tuesday or just weren't able to because of, you know, class. Why not open it up all week? Why open it on a Tuesday, of all days? The eighth floor of Davis will have to do, we guess.

I'm going to cry

Graduation represents the prototypical side-thumb in so, so many ways. Whether you're about to take the plunge yourself or know and love someone who is, the end of this semester is a mixed bag, only it's hurricane-force emotional winds doing the mixing. It's been a heck of a year, y'all. We outie.

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