

MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW

Students across the state waste a considerable number of their dining hall meals every semester. At UNC, administrators put that waste to use.



Appalachian State
5,800 meal plans per semester;
less than 0.75 percent wasted



East Carolina
7,000 meal plans per semester;
25 percent wasted



UNC-Asheville
meals per semester not available;
38 percent wasted



UNC-Chapel Hill
6,000 meal plans per semester;
25 percent wasted

By Katie Quine
Staff Writer

Sophomore Erica Roberson thought she had finally found the right meal plan. But at the end of the fall semester, she was surprised to find more than a quarter of her 160 meals had gone unused. Roberson is a part of a larger trend. At UNC-CH, 25 percent of all meals bought through campus dining plans are wasted each semester, a model that finds mixed comparisons at other UNC-system schools. “There should be some kind of block plan, maybe even lower than 120 meals, because the lowest they have is the commuter plan with 50 meals, which is too little,” Roberson said.

Money from wasted meals subsidizes Carolina Dining Services’ prices and pay for overhead expenses and staff, said Scott Myers, director of dining and vending. Carolina Dining Services, which offers meal plan options to on-campus and commuter students, sells about 6,000 meal plans each fall. The large percentage of unused meals can be attributed to students buying meal plans that don’t match their lifestyles, Myers said. Money from unused meals also help pay for debt owed by Carolina Dining Services, which currently has \$30 million in outstanding debt charges due to facility upkeep and renovations at Lenoir and Rams Head dining halls.

“We want the meal plan program to be actually desirable to people because we actually have to sell it.”

Scott Myers, UNC’s director of dining and vending

If students were to eat every meal they purchased, meal plan prices would be higher, Myers said. “For a plan that includes 14 meals per week, we charge \$6.67 (per meal),” he said. “You would never see an all-you-can-eat meal for \$6.67 anywhere else.” But some students think there should be a more economical option. “Sometimes when I’m not really hungry, I’ll go to the dining hall and (wonder) if it is really worth the \$10 or \$7, depending

on the time, when I just feel like eating a salad,” freshman Terri Frasca said. Appalachian State University and Western Carolina University boast much lower percentages of unused meals: 0.75 percent and 0.007 percent, respectively. Appalachian State, with dining halls that operate on an a-la-carte system, has the most economical meal plans of UNC-system schools, said its director of food

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COLUMN

A drinking game worthy of a king

Tomorrow, I will spend more time in the Paul Green Theatre than I typically spend sleeping. PlayMakers Repertory Company’s most recent main-stage production, “The Making of a King,” consists of three of Shakespeare’s history plays and has a total running time of six hours. I will have the privilege of seeing all of the rotating repertory show — both parts of “Henry IV” and “Henry V” — in one day. And I’m pretty psyched about it. I’m an English major, I love Shakespeare and I love political drama. I also predict the experience will be, on some level, communal. Like a tame day at Bonnaroo, sans the weed and dehydration. But I’m not completely naive. I know there’s going to be that hour where both of my legs are dead asleep. I know that I’ll seriously contemplate escape about nine times. And I know that to power through, I’m going to need



Katherine Proctor
Assistant Arts Editor

some sort of motivational device in place. So — if any of you are also considering this conquest — here follows a plan that might be useful for the theatrical marathon. First, grab a drink. Coffee. Tea. Or I guess, if you’re feeling particularly daring, Diet Coke with lime. I honestly cannot think of any other beverages you would possibly want to consume while spending 25 percent of a day in the same seat. Got your drink? Cool. Awesome. Great job. Now go find your seat. Sit in that seat.

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Hackney won’t seek re-election

After 32 years in Raleigh, the minority leader will step down.

By Estes Gould
Senior Writer

As the UNC system faces pervasive state budget cuts and tough choices to compensate for the loss, one of its allies in the legislature has announced the end of his political career. N.C. House Minority Leader



Joe Hackney, N.C. House minority leader and key supporter of the UNC system, will not run for re-election.

Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said in a statement Thursday morning he would not run for re-election. “Joe has always been a tireless supporter of the University and his retirement leaves a big hole that will be hard to fill,”

said Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the UNC-system Board of Governors. Hackney is one of the last prominent University supporters to leave the N.C. General Assembly. Former Sen. Marc Basnight, once the UNC system’s key supporter in the state legislature, resigned in January 2011, only two years after another ally, former Sen. Tony Rand, resigned. Gage said their years of experience had helped them to understand the role and the

challenges of a public university. “Joe respected that role, and that doesn’t happen overnight,” she said. Hackney affirmed his commitment to finishing his term, which ends this year. “At the end of this term, I look forward to a more predictable schedule for my family, my law practice, my family farm and for the recreational activities I’ve been missing,” he wrote in a statement published on his

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11-year-old taking classes at UNC

MarcAndrew Laurenvil takes math with students twice his age.

By Becky Bush
Staff Writer

MarcAndrew Laurenvil was the only student to get a perfect score on his multivariable calculus final last semester. But there is something else that sets him apart from his classmates at UNC: he’s still in middle school. Several times a week, the 11-year-old’s father drives him

to UNC from McDougle Middle School for math class. “I can learn math very quickly,” MarcAndrew said. “It makes sense to me.” The seventh-grader skipped half of both second and third grade. In sixth grade, he completed algebra 1, algebra 2, geometry and precalculus. MarcAndrew’s accomplishments might already make for a formidable resume, but he said he’s aiming higher for a profession: theoretical astrophysicist. “What I like most about math

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DTH/MELISSA KEY

MarcAndrew Laurenvil, 11, goes to his middle school classes for the majority of the day and then leaves early to take math classes at UNC.

Inside

THRIFTY HELP
The PTA store, which celebrated its 60th birthday, funds various school programs. **Page 3.**



RUFFIN-PRATT IS BACK

Tierra Ruffin-Pratt returns to the women’s basketball team after spending the first 13 games on the bench. **Page 5.**



ALL UP IN YOUR BUSINESS

Mellow Mushroom is expected to open in the old Ham’s location, Front Porch is relocating and He’s Not is expected to get new owners. **Page 3.**

This day in history

Feb. 3, 1994
The Duke and UNC men’s basketball teams played each other for the first time as the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in the nation, respectively. The Tar Heels defeated Duke 89-78.

Today’s weather



More February-like
H 59, L 35

Saturday’s weather



Perfect for cookie eating
H 60, L 45

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Canada is da bomb, yo

From staff and wire reports

You always hear those stories about average citizens who, through good old-fashioned vigilance, go on to stop a major terrorist attack. We think that's what this guy was going for. Maybe.

Joseph Tarochione, 73, was arrested Tuesday in Hudson, Fla., after he pulled over a car with Ontario (Canada) license plates in the Calendar Girls Strip Club parking lot. Tarochione, who does not work for the government, claimed that he worked for the Department of Defense in a special forces unit. He then called 911 and requested a local police deputy to come search the car for bombs. Police proceeded to search Tarochione's vehicle instead, and found three weapons including a 16-gauge shotgun.

Poor Canadians. All they wanted to do was see titties. Welcome to America.

NOTED. Old people are cute. Unless they're crotchety old people. Then they are the WORST. Take this guy for instance. Warren Melamed, 65, of Brentwood, Tenn., was arrested Saturday for unauthorized use of a vehicle. No, he isn't one of those old folks who can't drive. He's the kind who tries to hijack an ambulance and move it because he doesn't want it blocking the road.

QUOTED. "We don't tell people what they can view and check out. ... Filters compromise freedom of speech. ... We're not in the business of censoring information."
— Andra Addison, spokeswoman for the Seattle Public Library. The library is under fire for letting its patrons watch porn in public. If you need us, we'll be in Seattle.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY
Carolina Chocolate Drops: This Grammy-winning group is performing its unique blend of folk and string music tonight with Luminescent Orchestrii. This group is popular not only in North Carolina but across the country, and it is a special treat to have them here at UNC. Ticket prices vary.
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall

'I Was the Voice of Democracy': This performance of "I Was the Voice of Democracy" is performed by Brian Herrera and recounts the story of a boy whose patriotic speech wins a national contest. The performance is humorous but also emotional and will be performed three times over the weekend. Tickets are \$5 for UNC students.
Time: Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.
Location: Swain Hall, Studio 6

UNC women's basketball: Come out and support the women's basketball team tonight at Carmichael Arena as it takes on the Virginia Cavaliers. This is going to be a good one, and you surely don't want to miss it. Tickets cost \$10 for the general public and are free for UNC students, staff and faculty.
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Location: Carmichael Arena

SATURDAY
David Letterman showcase: Eddie Brill, who has been a comic and booker for "Late Show with David Letterman" for 14 years, will be coming to the ArtsCenter to look for some new talent from North Carolina. Some of the next big comics could be at this show. Single admission costs \$16, and student tickets cost \$12.
Time: 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Location: the ArtsCenter

SUNDAY
Look, linger and learn: Are you looking for a relaxing and educational way to spend your Sunday afternoon? If so, bring your friends and family out to the Ackland Art Museum as it hosts its featured guided tour of the exhibit "The Spectacular of Vernacular." The Ackland's Director of External Affairs Amanda Hughes will lead this tour and will talk about the materials the artists used when creating the pieces featured in the exhibit. Admission is free, and the event is open to the general public.
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

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.

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FOOD FOR THE SOUL



DTH/KATE GOLDBAUM

Jagadguru das, left, and Tulasi dasi have been providing a free weekly feast in McCorkle Place since 1987. As members of the Hare Krishna movement, they provide sanctified food to students seeking spiritual upliftment and a free meal.

POLICE LOG

● Someone broke into and entered a vehicle at 115 S. Elliot Road between noon and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person broke a passenger window and stole items, reports state.
Stolen items included an iPod valued at \$150 and a car radio valued at \$200, according to police reports. Damage to the red 1991 Honda Civic was valued at \$300, reports state.

● Someone stole from a vehicle at 109 Hillsborough St. between 4:22 a.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
Stolen items, which were valued at \$165, included a bicycle and a cassette iPod adapter. A Canada vanity plate valued at \$30 was damaged but recovered.

● EMS responded to an emergency situation at 108 Ephesus Church Road at 10:55 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel

Hill police reports.
A person was found lying unconscious in a breezeway, reports state.
● Someone was assaulted with a deadly weapon at 1400 Ephesus Church Road between 1 p.m. and 2:46 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person threw a knife at a victim while at school, reports state.

● Someone stole from a jewelry store at 121 E. Franklin St. at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole a necklace from Light Years, reports state.
The necklace with five crystals was valued at \$15, according to police reports.

● Someone punched a window from outside a house at 113 Taylor St. at 10:11 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.



Laura Broomfield
Senoir Forward

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Snubbed seniors still angry

Some seniors claim they followed the rules but didn't get a Duke ticket.

By Kevin Phinney
Staff Writer

More than 50 emails from angry seniors demanding to know why they didn't get tickets through the UNC-Duke basketball lottery flooded the Athletic Ticket Office inbox Thursday. After a lottery notification glitch Wednesday night, many seniors said they were worried they had slipped through the cracks, missing their opportunity to attend the Feb. 8 game. But Clint Gwaltney, associate athletic director for the ticket office, said all seniors are

guaranteed a ticket to the game through their "senior priority status," unless that status has been used before. "All seniors who have not won on priority status before, and applied correctly through the lottery, received a ticket this year," Gwaltney said. Senior priority status is based on the number of credits hours that a student has, said Caitlin Goforth, president of the Carolina Athletic Association. The registrar compiles a list of all of the eligible students and sends it to the ticket office every year before the Duke game. Students receive an email saying they are graduating, and if they are not, they must go to the registrar to correct it. After all lottery requests are received, the ticket office checks

that list with past records to ensure that no one has already used their priority status. Every qualified student who has not previously used their senior priority status and did not waive it gets a ticket. But senior Carrie Dobbins said she specifically waived her senior status as a junior, and still didn't receive a ticket this year. "I was bummed that I didn't get a ticket because I thought all seniors got tickets," she said. Gwaltney said he has already addressed another case in which a senior had not used his priority status before and did not receive a ticket. Exceptions like that will be considered by the ticket office if brought forward, he said. The ticket office has answered each of the 50-plus emails individually in order to handle it on

a case-by-case basis. Goforth said she has received only two emails with direct complaints about the process, and one about priority status. She said that the student had already used her priority status previously, and was unaware that it's a one-time privilege. It is possible to qualify for senior priority status as early as sophomore year if a student has the credits, Goforth said. Ultimately the responsibility falls on students, she said. "The low number of complaints that I have received shows that the policy is pretty effective, but we are always open to suggestions on how to make it clearer."

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White House hosts town hall on campus

The housing secretary echoed themes from the State of the Union.

By Nick Andersen
Senior Writer

President Barack Obama's chief housing and urban development official paid a tightly scripted visit to UNC on Thursday, continuing a recent trend of intense White House attention on the state as the president seeks to repeat his surprise 2008 N.C. victory in the upcoming November election. Shaun Donovan, the U.S. secretary for housing and urban development, joined a small group of students, administrators and campus community members in an informal town hall gathering in the Morehead-Cain Foundation's east wing. The secretary offered his candid assessments on a slew of the Obama administration's new plans to help college students, homeowners and the unemployed, often repeating lines from the president's recent State of the Union address in a dry and often awkward hour-long discussion. "There's an eroding sense about the realities of the American promise," Donovan said. "We all have the responsibility to make sure that we can restore that fundamental path to success." The event, which the Department of Housing and Urban Development planned within the last week, was billed as an "open town hall" on col-

lege access and affordability, but Donovan only answered pre-submitted questions as filtered through Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp. "We're nice people here in North Carolina, so we'll give you an easy one first," Crisp said, before asking Donovan what he considered to be the president's best quality. In emails obtained by The Daily Tar Heel between Student Body President Mary Cooper and Donovan's office, the hastily coordinated nature of the event is clear. Donovan's office contacted Cooper late last week, and seemed to be mostly concerned with the size and appearance of the available meeting space. "Our biggest concern is that we'll have a very large room and not be able to fill it — or at least make it look full," Melissa Bruns, the secretary's director of scheduling, wrote in a Jan. 31 email to Cooper. Cooper's administration offered several campus locations for the event, eventually settling on the Morehead-Cain Foundation as late as Tuesday afternoon. The talk was one of many staged by the president and his officials in the last week. Paying close attention to the loyalties of his crowd, Donovan finished his town hall with a bit of local color. "I always pick Carolina in the office Final Four pool," he said. "I'd be lying if I told you I'd ever pick Duke to win."

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DTH/BJ DWORAK

Crayton Wanders, right, of Carrboro, buys mugs and cards from Katherine Sanford, who has worked for the PTA thrift store for about four years.

THRIFTY PHILANTHROPY

PTA Thrift Shop celebrates 60 years of service

By Elizabeth Straub
Staff Writer

For 60 years, the PTA Thrift Shop has done more than sell books and clothing to local residents. The Carrboro-based shop has also served as a much needed form of funding for local districts — donating more than \$2.4 million to Chapel Hill-Carrboro Parent Teacher Associations since 2003. The store, which celebrated its 60th birthday last Saturday, funds various extra-curricular programs and supplemental classroom costs through each school's PTA. "The money is used for student enrichment. ... A lot of the schools use our funds for families in need," said Barbara Jessie-Black, the shop's executive director. "I think the community has gotten behind us pretty robustly in the past 60 years." The shop's two locations — in Chapel Hill and Carrboro — together donated about \$265,000 to 17 district schools and one charter school in 2011. The amounts given to each school vary based on school enrollment and volunteer

hours, Jessie-Black said. Carrboro Elementary PTA Member Robin Hathorn, who recruits parents to volunteer at the thrift shop, said the thrift shop donations accounts for about one-third of the school's fundraising efforts every year. "It's a fantastic way for schools to get money without having to sell door-to-door," she said. While the thrift shop was founded to help fund art programs, Jessie-Black said its purpose has expanded to fund field trips and sports teams, add classroom equipment, and finance school events. Hathorn said teachers also use the thrift shop to buy books for the classroom or costumes for school plays. "It does a lot more for the community than being a place where people can go and shop," she said. The store, which sells clothes, books, electronics and other donated merchandise, also contributes to the community by supporting local charities. Jessie-Black said the shop donated clothes to about 1,200 families in need last year. They also partner with other non-profit

and social service organizations. Friendship Used Clothing Collection has worked with the PTA Thrift Shop for about nine years and receives unsold donations from the shop, which it sends to impoverished nations to keep them out of landfills. Friendship Used Clothing Collection owner David Greenfield said he recently made a \$15,000 donation to support the shop's renovation project. "I support them 110 percent ... I'm impressed with what they do," Greenfield said. The Carrboro store is looking to expand from its current 12,000-square-foot building to a 27,000-square-foot area that would also lease space for various school district activities. Jessie-Black said they hope to start construction by mid-year and be completed by the end of 2012, though they are still in the town approval process. "(The current building) is just not really made up for a great shopping experience," Hathorn said.

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Web petitions not a 'game-changer'

Online signatures made up only a small portion of the total collected.

By Meredith Hamrick
Staff Writer

For student body president candidates, it seems technology just can't replace face-to-face interaction. Though candidates were allowed to collect petition signatures online for the first time this year, all three still collected the large majority of their signatures the old-fashioned way — with paper and pen. "The limited amount of interaction you can get is a huge drawback to it," said Tim Longest. Longest collected a mere 3 percent of his signatures online. The other candidates — Calvin Lewis Jr. and Will Leimenstoll — each collected less than 15 percent of their signatures online. Lewis said online petitions were most useful early in the week when being the first candidate to reach students was key. Leimenstoll, who collected the most signatures overall, said the online option served as a useful tool but could not replace the paper method. "I don't think it's a game-changer," he said. Longest agreed. "We prefer a personal, hands-on approach," he said. Longest said in-person signature collection served as a testament to his team's hard work. "It also becomes a question of the amount of work that you

want to put into your campaign," he said. "It was a lot of work for our people to go door-to-door." That's not to say setting up signature-collecting websites was a waste of time, candidates said. Leimenstoll said signing petitions in person is difficult for those who don't pass through the main campus on a regular basis, like nursing students. "It was definitely a great option for students who were studying abroad," he added. Lewis said he wishes he had publicized his website more. "I didn't really push it out to my friends the way I should have," he said. "There are some people who just don't stop in the Pit," Lewis said. "They just want to go from point A to point B." Last year, just one candidate for student body president — Ian Lee — collected signatures online. Nearly 20 percent of his petition signatures came from his website, he said in an email. Lee is a member of The Daily Tar Heel's editorial board. "When he did it, I think everyone was just very confused because it was so out-of-the-box," said Shruthi Sundaram, chairwoman of the Board of Elections. Designing an online petitioning system was up to the candidates. The Board of Elections did not design a program for signature collection, Sundaram said.

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All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses

Compiled by Staff Writer Chessa DeCain



Front Porch leaving Franklin

Front Porch Bar & Grill may have closed its Franklin Street doors on Wednesday, but it won't be gone for long. The bar is relocating to a new location that hasn't been set, said owner Billy Scott. Scott said several reasons — the cramped space, minimal parking and an uncooperative relationship with the landlord — prompted the move from Franklin Street. "It's an ideal location because it's downtown Franklin Street, but it's also not." Scott said he hopes to move the restaurant to a shopping center, partly because of its free parking lot. "The older students here that drive that come in two to three times a week, they'll probably come out if they want one of my burgers or something," he said. Scott said the business wants to move as soon as possible, but must wait for the town to approve its permit, which will take at least 30 days.



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The Mushroom's back in town

After seven years, Mellow Mushroom is returning to Chapel Hill. The restaurant, known for its quirky decor and signature pizzas, will open at the old location of Ham's across the street from the Franklin Hotel. Karen Halsey, co-owner of the new Chapel Hill site, said the town's previous Mellow Mushroom, located at 1502 E. Franklin St., closed in 2005. "I'm a Chapel Hill graduate, so I'm excited to be back there," she said. "Every Mellow Mushroom is different and has its own personality. ... We want it to be unique to Chapel Hill and still have the same great pizza." Halsey, who is also the co-owner of the Mellow Mushroom in Raleigh, said the restaurant will ideally be open by late summer, before UNC students return in the fall. "It's a much better location, there's a lot more foot traffic, a lot more visibility."



He's Not Here sale imminent

The sale of Chapel Hill's iconic bar He's Not Here should be finalized in just days. Though the deal was not completed by Feb. 1 as initially planned, the deal is still on the table, said Michael DePersia, broker for National Restaurant Properties, which was hired by owner David Kitzmiller to market the business. "It's just like buying a house," he said. "You have surprises and just trying to finish up things last minute. It should be any day now." Neal DePersia, who owns the firm, said the bar is expected to be sold to two men — one of whom is a UNC alum who played football for the school in the 1980s. "(We're) just working through the details," he said. According to DePersia, the new owners plan to keep He's Not — which is famous for its Blue Cup and its dive-bar atmosphere — the way it is.

inBRIEF

STATE BRIEFS

Erskine Bowles announces he will not run for governor

Former UNC-system President Erskine Bowles announced Thursday that he will not run for North Carolina governor. Bowles announced in a statement that he has spent a lot of time considering whether or not he should run, but in the end he decided against it. His announcement follows a report released by left-leaning think tank Public Policy Polling, which placed Bowles as the most favored among 13 hypothetical Democratic candidates. Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton and Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange, have

already declared their candidacy in the Democratic primary, following Gov. Bev Perdue's announcement that she would not seek reelection. Pat McCrory, former Charlotte mayor, is the only Republican who has declared his candidacy.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Thousands of UNC students receive Dean's List honors

UNC has recognized 6,589 students for academic achievement by placing them on the Dean's List for fall 2011. Full-time students who started in fall 2010 or after must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average with no grade lower than a C for 12 hours of letter-grade credit.

- From staff and wire reports

Teach-in held to oppose tuition hikes

By Megan Cassella
Staff Writer

Members of Students for a Democratic Society say it's not too late to stop looming tuition hikes.

When UNC-system President Thomas Ross met with students at UNC on Wednesday night, he said it would be hard for students to affect the tuition decision this late in the process — but SDS members disagreed.

To prepare for the UNC-system Board of Governors' looming vote on tuition increases, campus groups, including SDS and UNC's Education Justice Alliance, held a teach-in Thursday night in an attempt to renew efforts in opposition to tuition hikes.

Attendees saw presentations from one student and two state officials who focused on how the proposals would affect students directly.

Sean Langberg, a sophomore member of SDS, used data to illustrate the specifics of the tuition increase.

"I wanted to contextualize what the tuition hikes really mean," Langberg said.

"I wanted to take the issue out of the vacuum it's been put in and make it more available to students."

N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, who spoke at the event, expressed support for the influence of student-led protests.

The UNC Education Justice Alliance is a group of students, faculty and community members who oppose tuition hikes.

In the group's list of official demands, members urge the Board of Governors to democratize all discussions and deci-



DTH/MOIRA GILL

Alexandra Sirota of the N.C. Justice Center speaks to students at a teach-in about the proposed tuition hikes for all UNC-system universities.

sions on tuition, treat students as partners, reaffirm commitment to affordability and stop the N.C. General Assembly's "privatization of public education," among other things.

Organizers of the event said they hope the teach-in will enable students to make their own decisions through education.

"We feel like the student voice has not been included nearly as much as it could be, so we're trying to change that," said Kate Davis Jones, an organizer of the event.

The Campus Y hosted a similar event Monday, featuring Student Body President Mary Cooper. Amanda Ellis, president of

UNC's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People who attended the event, said she felt empowered by the presentation.

"Knowledge is power," she said. "Now I want to see more faces, and I want more fires in this fight."

SDS members plan to march to the Board of Governors' meeting on Feb. 10, when board members will vote on proposals.

"You have to wake up, and more importantly, you get to skip class," Langberg said. "And then you get to start a revolution."

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MEAL PLANS

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services Art Kessler.

"We promote that they go to the on-campus convenience store at the end of the year, so at least they can take something home with them (by using) whatever is remaining on their meal plan," he said.

"We're not resting on our laurels here," Kessler said. "We monitor it every day to make sure students are getting what they're paying for."

During the past few decades, UNC-CH has experimented with alternative meal plan systems. In the early 1990s, Carolina Dining Services established a meal equivalency program that allowed students to use swipes to purchase food at other on-campus vendors.

But this system, which N.C. State University currently uses, was quickly scrapped.

"There were so many complaints about the value students got from their equivalency," Myers said.

Despite shortcomings in the current system, Myers said he still thinks it is economical.

"We want the meal plan program to be desirable to people because we actually have to sell it," he said. "We're not making anybody buy it."

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HACKNEY

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Facebook page.

But after 32 years of serving in the legislature, including stints as majority leader and speaker, as well as president of the National Council of State Legislatures, Hackney's decision also seems to reflect the state's shift of power to the right.

Hackney's announcement came just a week after Gov. Bev Perdue, another Democrat, announced she wouldn't run for re-election.

"Joe Hackney never wavered from the principles that brought him to public service: to better

11-YEAR-OLD

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is how easily things can be visualized," MarcAndrew said. "I feel exhilarated that I've found the solution to a problem — that it all makes sense."

Last semester, MarcAndrew audited multivariable calculus at UNC. Now he is auditing discrete mathematics.

"He comes up with a lot of questions I hadn't thought of before," said Justin Sawon, his discrete mathematics professor.

"He asks a lot of questions. He's more enthusiastic than the average student."

Sawon said he has never seen this kind of talent before.

"I'm quite proud of him," said MarcAndrew's dad, Hansy Laurenvil. "I think a lot of his strength comes from the fact that we interact and talk (about his ideas)."

Laurenvil had always tutored MarcAndrew outside of school. But when MarcAndrew reached complex levels of math and science in sixth grade, it was almost too demanding for his father to continue teaching him.

"That's when he started giving me the books to read," MarcAndrew said.

Laurenvil said it was hard to convince the middle school of

MarcAndrew's talent.

"I was fighting with the school system for them to understand," Laurenvil said. "We were trying to figure out where he would be challenged. He was wasting his time there."

Laurenvil encountered resistance until MarcAndrew met with Peter Mucha, chairman of UNC's mathematics department.

"Dr. Mucha spent some time with MarcAndrew and talked to him about physics and math," Laurenvil said.

"Somehow professor Mucha broke the door down."

Mucha said MarcAndrew is the only pre-high school student he has ever seen in classes on campus.

"His abilities are remarkable," Mucha wrote in an email. "It's been quite an experience to work with him."

MarcAndrew explains his passion through examples, detailing his theories about perpetual motion, black holes and the ergosphere.

But his age still limits him in that respect.

"I also came up with a few inventions that I won't be able to publish or invent for a few years," he said.

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North Carolina and its people by providing them a stronger education system and a government that truly serves the people instead of just the privileged," Perdue said in a statement about his retirement.

Perdue was trailing Republican gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory in the polls before she quit the race. And Hackney — like many other Democrats in the General Assembly — was affected by the redistricting maps drawn by Republicans last session.

Hackney called the divisions "partisan" and "race-based" before the courts approved the maps. He

represents the 54th district, but the new map combines it with the 56th district — which is represented by another Democrat, Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange.

The two would have faced each other in the next election.

Despite his retirement, Hackney said in his statement he would continue to work for the Democratic Party.

"I will continue to assist our candidates' campaigns and will actively raise money for them, as I have in the past," he said.

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2) Take a drink every time one of the few female characters appears on stage. Then think about later British history — Elizabeth I, Margaret Thatcher, Elizabeth II. Then, being very careful not to disturb your fellow patrons, softly sing Beyonce's "Run the World (Girls)" to yourself.

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SportsFriday

NEVER OUT OF THE GAME

While recovering from injury, UNC guard Tierra Ruffin-Pratt found her voice on the sideline.

By Brooke Pryor
Staff Writer

Tierra Ruffin-Pratt might be listed on North Carolina's roster as a guard, but to think that's her only role would be a mistake.

This season, the 5-foot-10 junior has played every position on the court.

And when she was sidelined for the first 13 games of the season to recover from off-season shoulder surgery, Ruffin-Pratt suddenly found herself in yet another new role.

"I had to be able to talk and give my input, even to the coaches. They started calling me coach Pratt," she said.

Redefining a role

While Ruffin-Pratt is known for her aggressive demeanor off and on the court, taking the floor was not an option for the first half of the season.

The surgery repaired an injury sustained at a summer pick-up game that rendered her right shoulder immobile for five weeks. Once she returned to UNC, rehabilitation presented uphill battles.

Eventually, she cleared a major hurdle in recovery and was allowed to return to practice. Though she reached the milestone, being held out of competition was still frustrating to the veteran player.

"I felt all right before the games started," Ruffin-Pratt said. "Then the games started, and I wasn't able to play. Thirteen games went by, 15 games went by, and I'm just sitting on the bench and there was nothing I could do."

UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell could tell that Ruffin-Pratt was frustrated by her inability to physically contribute during the games. Prior to the surgery, she had only missed two games in two seasons.

Hatchell would have preferred to have her most

versatile player contributing on the court, but having Ruffin-Pratt's help on the sidelines was the next best thing.

"(We) gave (injured players) responsibilities as far as getting signals and charting the opposing teams' tendencies and that type of thing," Hatchell said.

"That's why we called her coach Pratt because she is a very intelligent player. She wants to be a coach one day, so that's another reason."

Like any coach, not all of Ruffin-Pratt's sideline responsibilities revolved around charts and whiteboards. Self-described as a less vocal player on the court, she found her voice on the sidelines, encouraging her teammates and giving coaches her input.

"When I'm playing, I don't really talk a lot unless it's defense," said Ruffin-Pratt, whom Hatchell has deemed the team's secretary of defense. "I had to be able to voice my opinion even when I didn't feel like it was going to be heard."

Return to the court

Typically, a player's return to competition from injury or surgery is gradual. A slow transition helps ease the athlete back into the fierce level of competition that cannot be simulated in practice.

For Ruffin-Pratt, her return to game action was an exception to the rule.

After sitting out for 13 games, she saw 32 minutes of playing time in her first appearance of the season, a double-overtime win against Virginia.

"We put her out there just to see what she could do, and she played really well," Hatchell said. "We didn't have any intention of playing her that many minutes, but that was the situation and she did a great job."

Since returning, Ruffin-Pratt has averaged 31.4 minutes per game. But getting back in the swing of things is easier said than done after a long break. All of the motions are the same, yet Ruffin-Pratt said settling into old shooting rhythms can be difficult.

"At the beginning it affected (my shot) when I



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Tierra Ruffin-Pratt couldn't play in the first 13 games this season, but she never left the court.

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Tierra Ruffin-Pratt dribbles down the court in UNC's 75-71 win against Wake Forest. Ruffin-Pratt had a career-high 21 points in the victory.

RUFFIN PRATT

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first got back to practicing a little bit," Ruffin-Pratt said. "I'm getting back into it, still being aggressive and shooting the ball."

Ruffin-Pratt still isn't in top shape, and she experiences residual discomfort from the surgery.

While it would be understandable for Ruffin-Pratt to be wary of reinjuring her shoulder, her statistics show that she is playing without fear. She is averaging eight points and six rebounds per contest, including a career-high 21 points against Wake Forest.

"She's really cut loose," Hatchell said. "I don't think she's holding back any at all."

The Tar Heels' turning point

Ruffin-Pratt's return not only adds depth to an injury-depleted rotation, but it also gives the Tar Heels an additional resource with significant game experience.

"We were young before," junior teammate Krista Gross said. "We had a lot of freshman who had to step up and play. So now that

we're getting in deep to ACC play, it's nice to have more experience in our starting lineup."

Hatchell lauded Ruffin-Pratt for her basketball intelligence and adaptability on the floor — two traits that have the potential to be game-changers in the tough ACC matchups to come.

"(We put her) wherever we need her," Hatchell said. "If a team is pressing us, she's really good at breaking a press. If they're playing us in a zone defense, she's really good at flashing into the middle and reading whether she has a shot or someone else has a shot or who to pass it to."

Though Ruffin-Pratt got a taste of the coaching life early in the season, she is more than happy to return to her role as a player and make an impact on the court.

"Everybody was excited when they first told me that I could start back practicing," she said. "(Before) all I could do is voice my opinion, but now that I'm back out there, I can do what I'm used to doing."

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The Elevator

On the rise

Lacrosse



The North Carolina men's lacrosse team is ranked No. 6 in the preseason polls. The Tar Heels open their season with an exhibition game against No. 5 Denver on Saturday. The women's lacrosse team checks in at No. 5 and will look to make a fourth-consecutive Final Four appearance.

Dunks

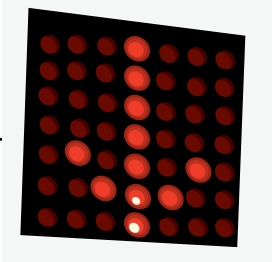
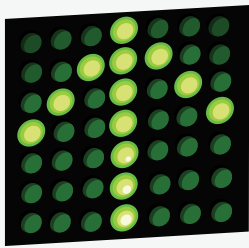


The week of the dunk. LeBron James started it all off when he hurdled his defender for a one-handed alley oop, which was followed by Blake Griffin's posterizing of Kendrick Perkins. Baylor's Quincy Acy and Kansas' Thomas Robinson also threw down highlight-worthy slams in the college ranks.

Mark Herzlich



The Giants linebacker was diagnosed with cancer in 2009 after being named ACC Defensive Player of the Year at Boston College. After months of chemotherapy, he returned to the field. Now he's playing in the Super Bowl. Herzlich summed it up with a tweet: "2 yrs ago I was told I might never walk again. Just WALKED off plane in Indy to play in The #SuperBowl. #TakeThatSh*tCancer."



On the decline

Signing Day

Another National Signing Day has come and passed, again proving just how ridiculous



college football recruiting is. We all huddled around scouting websites and ESPNU, obsessively cutting down or praising football players younger than us. This year in particular brought some of the most head-shaking moments in recent memory. One player reportedly chose Auburn instead of Clemson because the proximity of a Chick-Fil-A. LSU coach Les Miles said that a quarterback who backed out on his commitment doesn't have the heart to play college football. Stay classy, coach.

Pro Bowl

What do you get when you mix football players that are tired of football, superstars whose only goal is to not get injured and a week of lounging in Hawaii? The most uninteresting game ever. NFL's Pro Bowl, despite its 59-41 score, was boring with no defense and no effort.



Indiana

After a blistering start including upsets against Kentucky and Ohio State, the Hoosiers have lost five of their last seven games. Although Indiana is past the toughest part of its schedule, it still has a losing record in the Big Ten. The Hoosiers need a win at Purdue, which is suddenly creeping back into national conversations, this weekend to turn their season around. After climbing as high as No. 7 in the polls, Indiana will most likely be unranked next week.



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No. 5 North Carolina at Maryland

(13-8, 3-4 ACC)



(19-3, 6-1 ACC)

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Backcourt	The Terrapins' backcourt features the most prolific scorer in the conference, Terrell Stoglin. Slowing him down will be the toughest defensive task for UNC since the loss of Strickland. Edge: Push	
Frontcourt	Forward James Padgett has been Maryland's best rebounder this season, pitching in nine points a game. He's going to need a lot of help from freshman Alex Len to compete with Henson and Zeller. Edge: UNC	
Bench	The Terrapins have eight guys averaging more than 10 minutes a game in conference play, but Stoglin definitely shoulders most of the offensive burden. Only one other player is averaging double digits in ACC play. Edge: UNC	
Intangibles	North Carolina is coming off a miserable shooting performance at Wake Forest and has certainly shown vulnerability on the road this year. College Park can be a tough environment. Edge: UMD.	

The Bottom Line — North Carolina 76, Maryland 69

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UNC seeks its first win at UMD in 6 years

By Brandon Moree
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday, the No. 5 North Carolina men's basketball team will play Maryland in College Park.

The Tar Heels had one of their worst shooting performances of the season Tuesday night at Wake Forest and will be looking to improve on that 31 percent showing from the floor tomorrow.

But the Comcast Center isn't the easiest place to start a turnaround. In fact, the Tar Heels haven't beaten the Terrapins in their habitat since Feb. 2, 2006.

Also, for underclassmen such as Harrison Barnes, Kendall Marshall and Reggie Bullock, this will mark their first game at Maryland.

The Terrapins are 13-8 overall and 3-4 in ACC play. Wednesday night, Maryland took Miami to double overtime before losing 90-86 in Coral Gables. Terrapin guard and ACC leading scorer Terrell Stoglin put up 33 points in the game.

But Maryland has been much more dangerous at home this season than on the road.

The Terps are 11-2 at the recently named Gary Williams court this season. The two losses came at the hands of No. 7 Duke

(74-61) and Illinois (71-62) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Though the Tar Heels didn't shoot the ball with their normal efficiency in the 68-53 win at Wake Forest, they did continue their dominance on the glass. UNC outrebounded the Demon Deacons 55-40.

North Carolina should have a rebounding advantage at Maryland, as their top rebounder, James Padgett, stands just six-foot-eight-inches.

If Bullock, P.J. Hairston or whoever draws Stoglin as a defensive assignment can keep him in check, Maryland will have a very difficult time keeping up with the Tar Heels.

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SportsFriday

DTH PICKS OF THE WEEK

The DTH sports staff and one celebrity guest compete to pick the winners of the biggest ACC and national college basketball games each week.

Last week, the second-semester picking season continued on its roller coaster-like path.

After a truly horrendous week where only two pickers finished better than .500, last week marked a stunning change in fortune for the DTH pickers.

Every single staff member finished well above .500 — including two perfect weeks — as the group continues to rise and fall in unison.

Last week, Assistant Sports Editor Brandon Moree shot into a first-place tie after putting together an 8-0 week. Moree correctly predicted that Notre Dame would defeat Connecticut, and the junior reaped the benefits. In an attempt to recapture the magic, this week Moree is picking Miami to pull out an upset against Duke.

Behind Moree and Thompson are Sports Editor Kelly Parsons, Assistant Sports Editor Michael Lananna and Senior Writer Megan Walsh, who are deadlocked in a tie for second place. Walsh has put together back-to-back strong performances after a 4-4 first week. Along with Moree, she picked



Zach Evans is this week's guest picker. Zach is multimedia editor at The Daily Tar Heel. Evans is a senior communications major from Princeton, N.C., who has been on The Daily Tar Heel since his freshman year. Evans is an avid sports fan who has established a prominent Twitter presence. Follow his musings at @ztevans.

Notre Dame to take down Connecticut, and, as a result, she put together a perfect 8-0 week. New Assistant Sports Editor Chris Moore is in last place among the staff members, but at 15-9, he's certainly within striking distance.

With the Super Bowl looming Sunday, the pickers have taken their best guess at who will come out victorious.

	Kelly Parsons	Brandon Moree	Chris Moore	Michael Lananna	Megan Walsh	Mark Thompson	Zach Evans
Last Time	7-1	8-0	6-2	7-1	8-0	7-1	6-2
Record to date	16-8 (.667)	17-7 (.708)	15-9 (.625)	16-8 (.667)	16-8 (.667)	17-7 (.708)	14-10 (.583)
UNC at Maryland	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
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Kansas at Missouri	Kansas	Kansas	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Ohio State at Wisconsin	Ohio State	Ohio State	Wisconsin	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
Michigan at Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan State	Michigan State
Giants vs. Patriots	Giants	Giants	Patriots	Giants	Patriots	Patriots	Giants

Men's lacrosse ready for exhibition match

By Henry Gargan
Staff Writer

It may only be an exhibition game, but the North Carolina men's lacrosse team isn't making things easy for itself this weekend.

No. 6 UNC will take on the fifth-ranked Denver Pioneers on Saturday morning at Navy Field in the team's first action since an October exhibition game against Bucknell. And although this weekend's matchup won't count toward their record, the Tar Heels are not taking it lightly.

In its final game before the regular-season opener against Penn State, UNC is looking to make any final adjustments necessary to enter the season in top form.

"We couldn't ask for a better tune-up," senior attackman Thomas Wood said. "(Denver is) a top-five team, they went to the Final Four last year and returned their entire offense. They played Team USA to a one-goal game, so they're definitely a fantastic team."

With a healthy offense —including returning players Greg McBride and Tyler Morton, who both sat out last season with injuries — coach Joe Breschi said that his team is as deep as it has ever been.

The goal now, he said, is building relationships between old and new faces, especially for the defenders.

"I'm really encouraged by the leadership we have," Breschi said. "I think defensively we're a bit young, but that's OK. I think with time things will come together."

Wood, who was third on the team in points scored last season, agreed.

"We're fortunate to have a lot of our older guys in significant roles, even though our senior class is pretty limited," Wood said. "We have a great team, not just talent-wise but from a work ethic standpoint as well."

The Tar Heels are hoping to improve upon last season's finish, in which the Tar Heels exited the NCAA tournament following a first-round loss to Maryland.

"In the three years I've been here, we've started in the top

10 and finished there," Breschi said. "We're not where we want to be, but we're excited about the recruiting classes and the culture of the program and the commitment."

"That's all a recipe for success, but we need to go out there and prove it."

Fans will have plenty of opportunities to watch them try to do it. Six of UNC's games this season will be televised on ESPN channels.

"And if the weather stays like this, we'll have great crowds," Breschi said.

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If February 3rd is Your Birthday...
Somehow, you don't take things for granted anymore. Not resources, love or health. Enjoy them this year in the company of those you love most. It's not about accumulating stuff but about higher ideals, values and principles. Carpe diem!

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 - Finish a job carefully. Slow and steady does it. Hurry and you might get to do it twice. Leave negative words unsaid; they can multiply. Silence is golden today.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 - Don't let a minor disagreement mess up your plans. Compromise. Talk about money later. Get some post-holiday rest to stay healthy. Tea, soup and a movie could be nice.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 - Refuse to be suppressed, yet wild impulsiveness could cause accidents, so balance it out. Stand up for your health by taking good care of yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 5 - The timing's not right so proceed later. Stay close to home. Have some compassion. You're doing the best you can with what you have. A bubble bath and some chocolate soothe.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 - Your friends may demand something that you don't really want to do. Sometimes there's power in saying "no." Have fun without spending; challenge your creativity.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 - It's not a good time to travel. Don't issue orders. An assumption gets challenged. Release old limitations. Take it on faith.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 - Wander quietly through your imagination. Explore ice cream castles or travel deep into feathered canyons. Let your creativity run wild. Fairy tales can become real.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 6 - You may be thinking about it too much, and that's okay. Stay close to home and take it easy. Slow down. Silence can be a symphony of elegant understatement.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 - The difficult work is just about over. You'll be reaping the rewards soon, but don't spend what you don't have yet. Keep up a good pace. It takes you far.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 9 - You're dependable and do good work. Shift your routine around. Don't get burned out to the point that you get sick. Take time for yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 - There are many opportunities for romance, but they require you to stop looking at your belly button. Don't waste resources, either. Be creative.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 - The waves threaten to rock your boat today. Strap yourself in, keep your eye on the horizon and sail on. Luckily, you're good at this and love an adventure.

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Protesters march in Cairo after 74 die in soccer riots

CAIRO (MCT) — Thousands of protesters marched on the Interior Ministry in Cairo as Egypt began three days of mourning Thursday for 74 people killed in a soccer riot that renewed anger against the nation's police and ruling military council.

The protesters, many of them die-hard fans from Cairo's Ahly soccer club, swelled across a bridge over the Nile, marching through Tahrir Square toward the barricaded Interior Ministry.

The military-backed interim government attempted to stem growing rage by announcing a criminal investigation and forcing the resignation of several officials.

Those steps did little to appease families who waited outside a morgue to collect the bodies of their loved ones, most of them young men. Families and politicians blamed the police and the military for incompetence, if not complicity, in the deadly violence that erupted when hooligans from a soccer team in Port Said attacked rival fans from Cairo with knives, clubs and chairs.

Cairo fans in the stadium said police did little to protect them as they were chased toward locked doors by mobs. Families members and politicians said they believed the riot was instigated by security forces and thugs loyal to toppled President Hosni Mubarak. They added that such unrest allows the military to tighten its hold on the country.

"This was an organized crime," Hussein Ibrahim, a lawmakers, said on the floor of parliament.

GOP faces uphill battle in courting Hispanic voters

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (MCT) — Jesse Gutierrez wants to help Latino voters find their niche in the Grand Old Party. He uses a seven-question survey to peg people as liberal or conservative, believing he will help some Latinos discover they were always meant to be Republicans.

But as the GOP primary season pivots toward the West, careening into the Nevada caucus Saturday, the Reno area activist and former San Francisco Bay Area resident worries Republicans are losing the Latino vote.

"There needs to be a little more



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Jessica Haden, Emirates flight attendant, waits for the press conference to start as the arrival of Emirates' first flight from Dubai International Airport (DXB) to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on Thursday.

outreach, a little more education and a softer approach to immigration," said Gutierrez, 60, who directs a fledgling conservative network called Nevada Latinos for Prosperity. "The Democrats take them for granted and the Republicans don't do anything about it," he said.

Latino voters in the West — from California to New Mexico — are more numerous, more concerned about immigration policy and far less inclined to vote Republican than the Cuban-American voters candidates courted in Miami.

But come November, many experts say the Latino electorate in Nevada and other Western states is critical in deciding the next president. "It's going to matter the most in the general election. We're a battleground state, a swing state," said Ken Fernandez, a professor at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Israeli official says Iran is creating missile to reach U.S.

JERUSALEM (MCT) — An Israeli government minister said Thursday that Iran is developing a missile that could strike targets more than 6,000 miles away and thus would be capable of reaching the East Coast of the United States.

Minister for Strategic Affairs Moshe Yaalon said the missile project was "aimed at America, not us" and should heighten U.S. concerns about Iran's nuclear project. Tehran maintains its research is designed for peaceful purposes, but the U.S. and some of its allies suspect the regime is trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Israel has been lobbying hard in recent weeks to persuade the U.S., Europe and others in the international community to impose even tougher economic sanctions on Iran.

Obama seeks to make college affordable

By Leslie Carlucci
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama has proposed new measures to provide relief to university students and families struggling to pay skyrocketing tuition costs nationwide.

But the passage of his proposals are anything but certain.

Obama announced the proposal in his State of the Union address on Jan. 24. His proposal included plans to tie federal financial aid funding to tuition costs at campuses nationwide.

He also called for shifting \$10 billion annually from schools who fail to curtail tuition costs to schools that seek to curb tuition hikes and better aid needy students. Obama also wants to maintain a college tax credit for families.

Obama cited recent budget cuts as a driver for tuition hikes at universities in a speech at the University of Michigan last week. The UNC-system absorbed a budget cut of 15.6 percent, or \$414 million, in last year's state budget.

In his speech Obama said 40 states cut funding to universities last year. He said he wants to give schools incentives to contain tuition costs and also encourage states to fund higher education and aid for needy students.

Part of his proposal, which includes a Race to the Top initiative for higher education, will provide \$1 billion to states that commit to containing costs.

But Bruce Carney, executive vice chancellor and provost at UNC, said the program might not be large enough to have a substantial impact.



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President Barack Obama visited North Carolina last summer. He has proposed measures to provide relief for rising tuition prices nationwide.

"It looks to me the size of the investment in his Race to the Top program, as he says, is not very large spread out over all the state schools in the country," Carney said. "It would not make a very significant difference."

Carney added that Obama's proposals to control tuition costs were a good start.

Obama is also urging Congress to prevent the interest rate on student loans from doubling to 6.8 percent this July. His administration will develop a "College Scorecard" to inform families about financial requirements and the graduation and employment rates of universities before committing to them.

"I look forward to learning

more about his proposals when this year's budget request is submitted," said U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., in a statement.

If these proposals pass in Congress, it will be the first time the federal government has tied federal financial aid to tuition policies.

But Miles Lackey, director of UNC's Office of Federal Affairs, said the political gridlock that has consumed Congress recently might hinder the passage of Obama's proposals.

"This is just the beginning of the process," Lackey said. "Congress will still have to pass legislation, and that is a daunting task in an election year."

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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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Meal plan waste

UNC wastes nearly 25 percent of meal plans purchased. See pg. 1 for story.

Smart guy

A 7th grader is taking advanced math classes at UNC. See pg. 1 for story.

Hackney is out

N.C. House Minority Leader Joe Hackney will not run for re-election. See pg. 1 for story.

Online signatures

All three SBP candidates collected most of their signatures in person. See pg. 3 for story.

All up in your business

Mellow Mushroom comes to Chapel Hill and Front Porch will relocate. See pg. 3 for story.

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19 Sleep acronym
20 Summary of a shrinking mass?
22 Capital of Colorado?
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25 Marlin's son, in a 2003 film
26 Caused an insurrection
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60 Type of screen, briefly
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62 Prey catcher
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64 Marine: Abbr.
65 City south of Florence
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3 Work together
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academic lectures

"To Write Poetry After Auschwitz is Barbaric:" 44 Years of Living Among the Barbarians with Sidra Dekoven Ezrahi from Hebrew University of Jerusalem on Monday, February 6, 5:30 p.m., Hyde Hall

Anti-Semitism: The History of an Idea with Jonathan Elukin of Trinity College on Monday, February 27, 5:30 p.m., Hyde Hall

[The Furst Forum] **The Wise Men of Chelm: Eastern European Jewry's Favorite Folk Tradition and Its German Origins** with Carolina's Professor Ruth von Bernuth on Thursday, March 1, 5:30 p.m., Hyde Hall

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Schools and the next NC governor

North Carolina's public education is pretty important to me. Chances are, graduates of this state's schools will be my coworkers, doctors, lawyers and political representatives when I grow up. Heck, one day I might even send kids through the system myself.

And since I'm still registered to vote in Florida (but duly concerned about North Carolina), I'm jealous of all of you who get to vote for governor. This race could have far-reaching consequences for the future of this state's schools.

So, for what it's worth, here are my thoughts on the candidates' plans for education.

Democrat Walter Dalton and Republican Pat McCrory have the best education platforms — in that order.

McCrory has some solid ideas and a teaching certificate to boot. Dalton has the bureaucratic experience, and he has had a hand in many positive steps in North Carolina's education policy.

The main difference-maker in the race, however, is a temporary 0.75-cent sales tax hike, which Gov. Bev Perdue is pushing. Democrats are for it; Republicans aren't. The tax would provide much-needed relief for the state's strained education budgets.

I've watched tuition skyrocket these past few years, so despite being generally opposed to tax increases, I have to throw my support to Dalton.

If it means saving on tuition and, more importantly, creating a concrete base for quality education in North Carolina, I think we can stomach this minute increase.

As current Lieutenant governor, Dalton sits on the state boards of education and of community colleges, giving him knowledge of K-12 and higher education alike.

Dalton also founded the Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Commission in 2009. Clearly, he understands the importance of translating education directly into employment.

McCrory, a former mayor of Charlotte and the early front-runner, holds some typical conservative views, like supporting charter schools and rewarding teachers for their students' performance. But he also advocates for improved distance education and focusing on technical and vocational training.

The other candidates all have good ideas, but most of them lack feasibility.

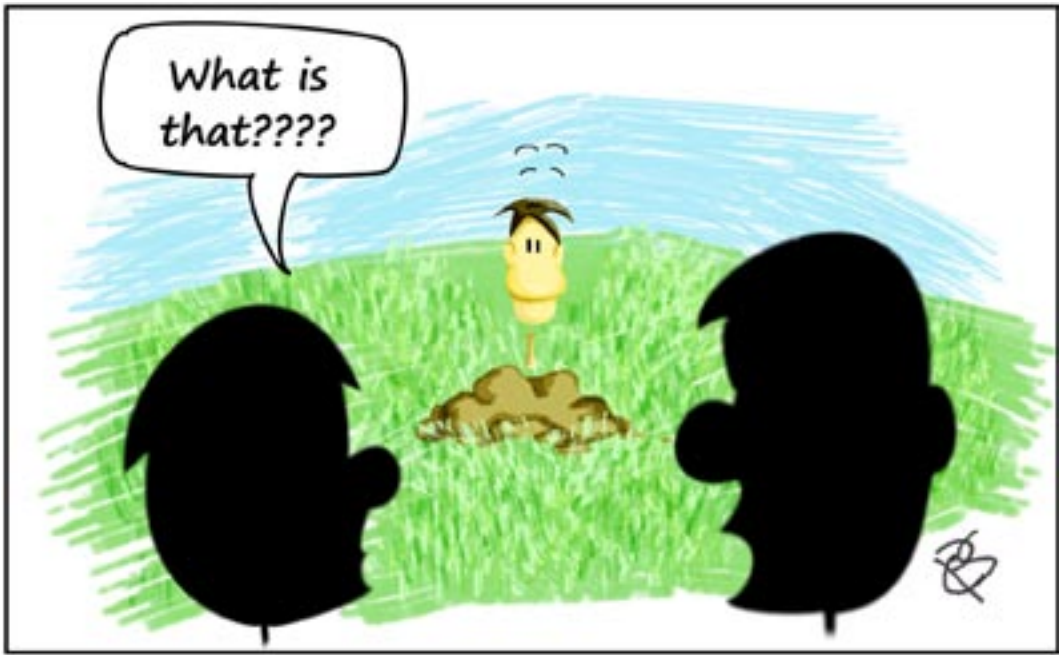
Both Republican Douglas Schell, a former business and economics professor, and Democrat Bill Faison, a state representative from Orange County, would run into serious political and fiscal roadblocks implementing their lofty ideas.

McCrory and Dalton, on the other hand, both have realistic plans that would improve education in this state. But doing so requires money and experience — and Dalton's plan edges out McCrory's in both.

NEXT 2/6: ONE NATION
Amna Baloch on the complexities of American Muslim identity.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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EDITORIAL

Narrowing the field

A higher signature count may streamline student elections.

The early stages of this year's student elections have proven the effectiveness of increased signature requirements.

By asking student body president candidates to collect more signatures, new regulations have helped narrow the field early on and make the process more efficient.

Student Congress should increase the signature requirement further to 1,500 to ensure an even leaner field of candidates in future years.

This is not to say accessibility should be compromised. Thanks to the Board of Elections' decision to allow

candidates to collect signatures online, the number is still well within the reach of devoted, organized candidates.

At a university of 18,000 undergraduate students, it is more than realistic to expect candidates to gather 1,250 signatures, especially if they fully utilize social media. But most of this year's candidates failed to take advantage of this new option for collecting signatures.

Many of the candidates who didn't qualify this year freely admit they did not possess the organizations to collect that many signatures. If candidates cannot mobilize a campaign staff to collect 1,250 signatures, how would they fare in the general election? How effectively would they manage a cabinet?

Increasing the required number of signatures to 1,250

and allowing students to use their ONYENs to virtually sign a candidate's petition are important steps, but a further increase is still merited.

Every candidate on the ballot is allotted \$250 of student fees for campaign expenses. And in the event of a runoff, the two candidates receive an additional \$85.

So it makes sense from a fiscal standpoint to limit the number of candidates who make it onto the ballot and to avoid a runoff if possible. The money could then be put to uses that serve a larger portion of the student body.

Students tire quickly of the campaign season, and the candidates themselves deserve a speedy outcome. Raising the signature requirement is an easy way to effect this.

EDITORIAL

Tools for success

UCS and students must work to improve employment services.

UNC students have an invaluable resource at their disposal in University Career Services. Unfortunately, not enough of them make use of this resource.

Students should work together with Career Services as it strives to be even better at helping them find internships and jobs.

UCS does a thorough job making the career search easier on undergraduates and helps thousands of seniors find employment every year. It also sponsors a number of events to

inform students about employment.

This past Wednesday, UCS sponsored a discussion about the present job market with Chancellor Holden Thorp and professor Buck Goldstein. This and other similar UCS events are perfect ways for students to gain an advantage in the job market.

UCS has a variety of useful tools at its disposal, such as the InterviewStream or Careerolina, but they can only be useful if students know they exist.

Students simply don't know about the resources available to them.

UCS needs to put more effort into marketing its programs and tools so that stu-

dents are more aware of them.

This means going beyond simple email updates and reminders. UCS could remodel its website or increase on-campus marketing.

Tim Stiles, associate director of UCS, said he was very open to discussing possible improvements to the services it provides and needs students to maintain a dialogue with UCS to ensure its programs are working.

Stiles mentioned making programs more sequential so that students can build on their skills with each program.

But none of the services is going to work if UCS does not increase its publicity and if students don't provide constructive feedback.

COLUMN

College isn't a waiting room

If you have walked past the Center for Dramatic Art, you've walked past the Paul Green Theatre. The theater pays homage to Paul Green, a UNC professor of dramatic arts until 1981 and one of the South's most celebrated poets and playwrights.

In reality, however, he was an activist as much as a playwright and spent a good deal of his time writing about race and class issues. He wasn't just interested in the humanities, after all; he was interested in real life.

Like many students, I was introduced to Paul Green through Jim Leloudis' N.C. history class, which focuses, like Paul Green's work, on the relationship between regionalism and justice.

My favorite quote about Paul Green comes from a talk that his daughter, Janet Green, did. Of her father, she said, "He felt that too much stress on the hereafter prevented us from doing our job while we are here. ... (Life isn't) a waiting room. He said, 'Let's write a great story while we are here.'"



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As UNC students, we face a big year ahead. And yes, every year is a big year. But 2012 carries the special weight of decisions that will affect the identity of UNC — decisions that will extend far beyond any of our graduation dates.

What role will environmentalism play? How will the University treat employees? What will the quality of education be? And, of course, how much will that education cost? Are tuition hikes even worth fighting?

As a second-semester junior, college can seem like a waiting room. I already find it easy to check out of student involve-

ment. I'm busy writing my own story and this is, in fact, what the University encourages us to do: prepare for our future. But what about the future of the University?

As beneficiaries of a legacy of state tax dollars and a larger public education system, we aren't just participating in our own story. Over the years, the University has come to represent a powerful legacy of affordable, quality education in the South.

We're part of a bigger narrative: the University that has been and the University that will be. Our lives intersect with the students before us who fought for high standards of equality at UNC and the students who will come after us and inherit the University we leave behind.

As such, we're compelled to have an opinion, whatever that opinion might be, and to act on it.

So, in the first stages of this next semester, maybe walking past the Paul Green Theatre can be a good reminder: College isn't a waiting room. So hey, let's write a great story while we're here.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The low number of complaints that I have received shows that the policy is pretty effective, but we are always open to suggestions on how to make it clearer."

Caitlin Goforth, CAA president, on Duke ticket complaints

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"It is not about comfort or whether or not Tom Ross thinks it's okay for students to speak out. It is the obligation of the students to demand their right to be recognized...in a meaningful capacity."

STILLTIMEACTUALLY, on student protests against the tuition increase

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn valuable skills through the Honor Court

TO THE EDITOR:
The Undergraduate Honor Court is now accepting applications for new members. This unique student-led system is responsible for adjudicating instances of academic dishonesty and personal misconduct.

All members undergo training and are responsible for sitting one case each week until graduation. Through your work with the Honor Court, you will gain a valuable skill set that will aid both your academic and professional careers.

The selection committee is looking for diverse candidates who are representative of the student body. We encourage all interested students to visit honor.unc.edu to learn more about the Honor System and download an application.

The Honor Court is offering two final information sessions: Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in SASB North Upendo 1114 and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Room 2510 of the Student Union.

Applications are due in the Honor System suite by Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. Please email honor-court@unc.edu with questions.

Michelle Healy
Chairwoman
Undergraduate Honor Court

Austin Shaw
Vice Chairman
Undergraduate Honor Court

Quick Hits name-drop shows lack of creativity

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to commend all of the SBP candidates on a job well done, no matter how many signatures the candidates may or may not have collected. The true measure of the best candidate for SBP is surely not how many signatures one may have acquired. Rather, the true measure of the candidates will come from forums, endorsements, campaign image and a plethora of other areas.

To the individual who brought up my name in the Quick Hits, it is quite interesting how you can point out your inferiority, which undoubtedly highlights your weakness as a hater. If you would like to talk to me in person, I am a very approachable individual.

If you cannot write anything positive, then do not write at all. Perhaps you possess no creativity, which is probably the reason why you decided to summon my name in the Quick Hits.

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Junior
Public Policy

COUNTDOWN TO THE BOG

● Student government is sending personal letters with student input on tuition increases to every BOG member.

● Student Body President Mary Cooper is attending "Tea Talks: Is College Worth It?" tomorrow from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Campus Y.

SPEAK OUT

WRITING GUIDELINES

- Please type: Handwritten letters will not be accepted.
- Sign and date: No more than two people should sign letters.
- Students: Include your year, major and phone number.
- Faculty/staff: Include your department and phone number.
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Have I signed a petition for SBP? Yeah, yours will be my fourth.

To the girl Facebook-creeping on "the cute blonde guy with the whorish girlfriend:" That whore sits behind you. And by the way, your shirt is on inside out.

I'm glad people skateboard/longboard around campus, because otherwise I wouldn't know who was cool.

To the girl wearing a "We didn't come to college to find our husbands, we came to find our bridesmaids!" shirt: That's funny; I came to college to get an education.

Dear missing bricks, thanks for adding me to the torn ACL Crew. Do I get to sit next to Lezz and Dex now?

Why isn't there a twerking LFIT?

To the girls who complain about us staring at your boobs at the gym: We need to remember you by something when you give up on your New Year's resolution.

Dear Letters to the Editor: please keep our sundry time machines and witches out of off-topic letters. Sincerely, Physics Majors and Salem, Massachusetts.

To the girls on Cameron Ave. bragging about drinking vodka with no mixer: How cute. Did your mommy let you dress yourself today too?

To the insanely drunk girls who trespassed into the kitchen at IP3's at 7:00pm on a Saturday because you wanted to make your own pizza: Do you really think your pizza is better than IP3's? I think not.

Is it weird that whenever I see DTH written anywhere, I do a double take to see if it really says DTF?

Who do I have to blow around here to get a Duke ticket?

To the girl whose response to the Pit Preacher was, "The Bible says not to f***ing judge people, so like, shut the f*** up": Point taken.

Duke is puke, Wake is fake, but the UNC Ticket Office is the one I hate.

Hey Stilman, let us know where you got food poisoning at so we can send a nice pre-game meal to Duke for next Wednesday.

Can somebody start a petition for Dexter to get a haircut?

Dear Reggie Bullock: you look so cool whipping out your iPad in class, especially because your background is a picture of you.

To the SafeWalker who asked my breasts if I needed an escort back to my dorm: No thanks, I've got them covered.

To whoever wrote "Rush Slytherin" on the desk in Davis: How rigorous is pledging?

Send your one-to-two sentence entries to opinion@dailytarheel.com, subject line 'kvetch.'