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A NOTABLE GAP IN GRADUATION RATES MAKES RESEARCHERS ASK: IS THE PRESSURE TO PERFORM IN SCHOOL AND SPORTS TOO MUCH?

By Henry Gargan
Assistant Sports Editor

The Atlantic Coast Conference and its member schools publicly take pride in modeling a healthy compromise between excellent athletics and academics.

But researchers at the College Sport Research Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill are wondering if student-athletes — at least the ones who turn a profit for their schools — are representative of that compromise.

The answer is no, according to the third annual Adjusted Graduation Gap report released Thursday by the institute. The report compares student-athletes' graduation rates with those of their full-time peers.

Although its gap closed five percentage points from 2011, the ACC ranks last among the NCAA's 30 Division I men's

basketball conferences, boasting the largest gap in graduation rates between players and the general full-time student body: 36 percentage points. The average is a gap of 20 percentage points.

For women's players, the gap is considerably smaller, averaging 9.2 percentage points. Still, the ACC ranks 20th.

Woodrow Eckard, a professor of economics at the University of Colorado-Denver, developed the metric used in the report. He said the goal of the report was to create an apples-to-apples comparison of student-athletes to other full-time students.

"The purest comparison would be to compare athletes to full-time students with full-time jobs," he said. "But how many full-time students do you know with full-time jobs?"

Other metrics of student-athletes' academic performance fail to separate part-

time student graduation rates from those of other full-time students, he said.

As a result, overall graduation rates used by the NCAA are brought down by part-time students, who take longer to graduate than their full-time peers. This oversight, Eckerd said, obscures the gap in graduation rates that his team's report reveals.

UNC Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham declined to comment on the report. Other representatives from the athletic department were unavailable.

Pressure to perform

The report's authors said they prefer to let the data speak for themselves when it

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Resolution passes to oppose false reproductive advice

The town aims to promote women's health care accuracy.

By Cammie Bellamy
Assistant City Editor

In a unanimous vote Monday night, Chapel Hill became the first town in the Southeast to approve a resolution opposing deceptive practices in women's reproductive health care.

The resolution was written by NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, an abortion rights activist group.

NARAL presented the resolution to the Chapel Hill Town Council in response to concerns about crisis pregnancy centers — or family planning organizations that provide alternatives to abortion.

The resolution calls for the N.C. General Assembly to legally rein in centers' practices considered misleading, such as telling pregnant clients that abortion poses risks to their health.

According to a 2011 NARAL study, there are 122 crisis pregnancy centers in North Carolina.

In an interview before the vote, Councilman Jim Ward said the resolution is meant only to show the town's support for accuracy in women's health care.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt stressed the fact that the resolution will not affect the ability of nearby centers to operate.

"The town of Chapel Hill is not in a position to tell anyone in this arena what they can or can't do," he said.

Suzanne Buckley, executive director for NARAL's N.C. chapter, said though her group pushes for abortion rights, this is just an issue of medical accuracy.

"This is not about abortion, pro-choice or pro-life," she said.

"This is really about the women of North Carolina. We think everyone can agree that no one should be misled about their health care options."

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Crisis pregnancy center



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More global students to come to UNC

A new program will allow 20 international students to enroll directly.

By Haley Waxman
Staff Writer

International students will be allowed to directly enroll at UNC for the first time this fall, as part of an effort to increase the global presence on a campus lagging behind its peers in that respect.

The new Global Visiting Students program will give 20 international students the opportunity to attend UNC for one or two semesters for credit.

The direct enrollment is different from a traditional foreign exchange program, in which the number of students UNC sends must be equal to the number it receives.

Katie Bowler, UNC's director of global relations, said the program only caters to international students.

"This program is about incoming students and international students outside of an exchange program that may not be pursuing four years of study in the U.S., but would like to study here short term," she said.

The program was created in response to a theme set forth by the 2011 Academic Plan, which aimed to extend UNC's global presence, teaching, research and public service.

The University does not enroll as many international students as its peers. According to a 2009 report from UNC Global, the percentage of international students enrolled as undergraduates hovered above 1 percent, compared to more than 5 percent for Duke University and the national average of similar colleges — 4 percent.

Ron Strauss, executive vice provost and chief international officer, said the ability to work cross-culturally is important to students' careers and understanding of the world.

"Being a globally aware student is of very high importance for Carolina, and we've taken lots of steps to becoming a more global university," he said.

Prospective international students will apply through both the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Study Abroad Office.

"We're very committed to making sure the students

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New budget process vexes Town Council

A priority-based system is used to allocate funds.

By Thompson Wall
Staff Writer

In the face of a weak economy and growing costs, Chapel Hill's effort to better balance its budget is causing confusion among members of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

On Wednesday, the council ranked 25 goals and prioritized funds for long-term projects — and development was at the top of the council's list. Environmental stewardship ranked as the lowest priority.

The town first used the priority-based system last year to allocate its \$90.5 mil-

lion budget.

The system — which allows the town to adjust department budgets individually rather than make across-the-board cuts — is also intended to provide more opportunities for public input. But some council members question its ability to simplify the budgeting process.

"As Councilman (Jim) Ward said, these words are so amorphous that I truly am not sure what they mean," Town Council member Matt Czajkowski said.

"I think in an effort to tie in Chapel Hill 2020, council goals and everything else all into words that somehow fit together, you end up diluting the words to the point where it's not really clear what they mean."

Czajkowski said the ambiguity of these budget categories — which include com-

munity, safety and accessibility — makes the initiatives bleed into one another, creating confusion about what the voters actually wanted.

"Interestingly, the one thing that struck me was that parking was amongst the lowest priorities when you look at the consensus votes of the council," Czajkowski said. "Are people really saying we don't need to spend anymore money or time on parking? Maybe, but I think that's a bit of a revelation to me because I really wonder if the community as a whole would agree with that."

Ward said prioritizing issues will have real consequences — perhaps detracting from the town's ability to fund projects, such

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- Someone reported hearing one gunshots at 128 Johnson St. at 8:49 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY
Last day to add or late register: Also the last day for schools or departments to add students.
Time: All day
Location: Steele Building

Corps info session: Recent and soon-to-be UNC grads are invited to an info session about helping first-generation and low-income high school students get to college. Current advisers will discuss the program and application process.

Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: Jackson Hall

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CORRECTIONS

- Due to a reporting error, Monday's front page story "Rogers Road Task Force may be disbanded" said Chapel Hill Council member Lee Storrow is a member of the Rogers Road Task Force. He is not a member.
- Monday's page 5 story "County meeting sparks fiery email exchange" said a Dec. 11 Orange County Board of Commissioners meeting caused an email exchange between County Commissioner Penny Rich and Chapel Hill Planning Board Chairwoman Del Snow. The two women did not email each other; they emailed members of the Chapel Hill Town Council.
- The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.
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Bieber brainwaves

From staff and wire reports

Just when you thought Justin Bieber had perhaps — thankfully! — faded into irrelevance, he's being used in a criminal defense. An Illinois man who has been arrested several times for sex offenses claimed he was stalking the halls of a local school because he received a "brainwave message from Hollywood recording artist Justin Bieber."

Maybe it's wrong of us to downplay the Bieb's telepathic abilities, but the only truly ridiculous thing here is that this crazy dude wasn't already behind bars.

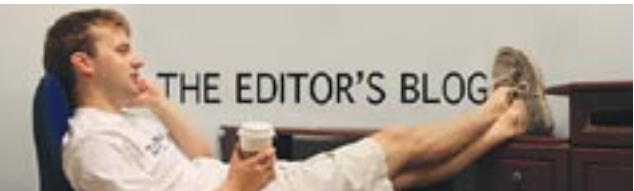
NOTED. Coca-Cola plans to address obesity in a new ad campaign, a cutesy montage of joyful people burning off the "140 happy calories" in a can of Coke, guilt-tripping you for not working out and for not drinking their product.

QUOTED. "I haven't really been following the controversy over 'Zero Dark Thirty,' but when it comes to torture, I trust the lady who spent three years married to James Cameron." — Amy Poehler, crushing it at the Golden Globes

Get oriented with DTH blogs

The spring semester brings not only ambiguous weather patterns and RateMyProfessor binges, but a resurgence of The Daily Tar Heel's lively blog scene.

Below are selections from two of the DTH's most active blogs — The Editor's Blog and From The Press Box.



Here's a timely reason why you should apply to be a part of the DTH staff:

1. It matters. College media is a force for good. An example from The Daily O'Collegian at Oklahoma State: One day in early December, the O'Collegian staff got an anonymous email tip that a former student had committed a string of sexual assaults. The paper contacted the police, who found evidence suggesting that said male had committed sexual assaults in the double digits. Worse yet, the university knew about it, and had not told police. Oklahoma State hid behind (wait for it!) the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act in declining to notify police. Without the O'Collegian, who knows how long it would have taken for this case to come to light?



With the addition of Pittsburgh and Syracuse to the ACC football lineup, the conference has made small changes to the way it structures its teams' schedules.

Pittsburgh will play in the Coastal Division, and Syracuse in the Atlantic.

As before, each team will play eight conference games — six against divisional opponents, and two against cross-divisional opponents. Of those two games, one is guaranteed every season, and the other is rotating. N.C. State is UNC's protected crossover game, and in 2013 UNC's other Atlantic opponent will be Boston College.

The following is the order of UNC's conference schedule. Exact dates have yet to be released:

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Immigrants with work rights denied driver's licenses

Some illegal immigrants are eligible for work permits.

By Eric Garcia
Staff Writer

Many of North Carolina's young illegal immigrants have received federal approval to apply for worker's permits — but per current state policy, they are not able to drive to a job. Last summer, President Barack Obama's administration granted some illegal immigrants brought to the country as children deferred action, a two-year grace period from deportation in which they can apply for a work permit. According to a report by the Immigration

Policy Center, about 18,000 illegal immigrants are eligible for deferred action in North Carolina. The state's Division of Motor Vehicles halted its issuing of driver's licenses to those who would qualify for the deferred action program and is trying to reconcile state laws with federal policy. Marge Howell, spokeswoman for the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles, said the department is waiting for an opinion from N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper to resolve the issue. State law requires proof of Social Security to receive a driver's license in most cases, said Jeanette Doran, executive director of the right-leaning N.C. Institute for Constitutional Law. But an exemption allows those without a Social Security number to apply if they have proof of residence in the country, she said.

The question remains whether a worker's permit counts as an appropriate proof of residence. Doran said state officials are taking the proper actions to determine how state laws mesh with the federal program. "I think it's a good idea for state agencies to consult with what the law requires or doesn't require," she said. Ivan Parra, executive director of the N.C. Latino Coalition, said the current state laws concerning driver's licenses create an inconvenience for young illegal immigrants. "They are allowed to be here but are not allowed to move to their employers," he said. "That causes a lot of problems for thousands of people who applied for this important program." Howell said she does not think Republican

leaders are responsible for the move to deny deferred action recipients licenses. She said the DMV has been discussing the issue with the attorney general since former Gov. Bev Perdue's Democratic administration. But Jose Rico, spokesman for the N.C. DREAM Team, an immigrant advocacy group, attributed the practice of denying deferred action recipients driver's licenses to the Republican leadership in Raleigh. "We see the people in power playing politics with our lives," Rico said. "Now that the federal government has created a pathway, they have created this roadblock."

Contact the desk editor at state@dailytarheel.com.

Q&A with EMIL KANG

Kang discusses 'Rite of Spring' and its impact on the University

Carolina Performing Arts, led by Emil Kang, executive director for the arts at UNC, is halfway through its season celebrating the centennial anniversary of Igor Stravinsky's controversial ballet "The Rite of Spring."
Staff writer Breanna Kerr sat down with Kang to discuss the "The Rite of Spring at 100" season and as its impact on both the University and global communities.

Daily Tar Heel: How do you think the fall semester went for "The Rite of Spring at 100?"

Emil Kang: Overall, it exceeded our expectations. I would say the audience's enthusiasm behind the idea of "The Rite of Spring at 100" was something we underestimated, and audiences were incredibly supportive of the artistic idea.

The opportunity to present artists no one had ever seen before through these commissioned works was a risk — and the fact that we had a chance to share these ideas with our audiences was something I think we knew we always wanted to do.

We got a lot of great feedback — a lot of full houses. We also had two articles in The New York Times and a big article in The New Yorker.

DTH: What do you think the biggest successes were? Can you can pin one down?

EK: I don't think there is one. But for me, the biggest success is the reach of the idea across the campus and the community.

DTH: Do you have any different aspirations or plans for the spring semester?

EK: The semester and the year start off next week with a world premiere by two of the greatest living artists: Bill T. Jones and Anne Bogart.

I just attended a preview of it in New York on Thursday, and it sold out. That premieres next Friday, and for me that will be the biggest thing this semester.

We will be presenting a bunch of new works from theater to music to dance — it goes all the way to end of April.

DTH: Which specific performances should people pay special attention to this semester in "The Rite of Spring" series?

EK: People ask me that all the time, and it's like picking among your favorite children.

Every performance has a backstory. Nothing is something that we just found in a catalog and said, "OK, we would like



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Emil Kang is the executive director for the arts at UNC. He is in charge of Carolina Performing Arts' "The Rite of Spring at 100" season.

one of these and one of these." They are all a result of years of gestation and collaboration and discussion, so in this one — this Bill and Anne one — you have two giants.

I really feel, in the potential in our community, that if you engage a little bit with something you don't know, you may be surprised in how interesting you may find it.

It's not a question of it being fun — that's not what we're showing you — it's what can make you think about things in a different way, and that's what good art does.

It can also be fun, but ultimately its about opening your mind. Sometimes it can serve as a pallet cleanser to clear out stuff, something like a spirit enema. You can think of a way where it just cleans everything out.

DTH: So far, has the season lived up to your original expectations? Why and how?

EK: The only expectations we had were meeting our budgetary goals.

Everything else was more fuzzy — how we could emphasize our commitment in supporting the creation of new work by artists around the world, by communicating to the global arts ecology that Chapel Hill is an important destination for art and to get students to see art as another form of learning.

That's the role that we play here: extending the learning outside the classroom, introducing new ideas, new cultures, new philosophies, new thinking, new beliefs into our community.

We get questions a lot like, "Why don't you do things that are more fun for the students?"

My response to that is that there is already enough of that out there, and it isn't necessarily our job to do that, because

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you can get that through commercial means. The reason we support the work that we do is because we are trying to push people's buttons. The more response we get — good or bad — the better we feel we've done. Not everything we do is perfect, so it's much more a matter of taking chances and taking risks. I am a big believer in communicating to students this idea that your undergraduate career is the time for you to take risks, so we like to represent that in our own way with what we do.

DTH: Has the reaction from students, faculty and community members been what you expected, more than or less than? Why do you think that is?

EK: I think it's interesting because we are talking about some serious art, and it always occupies only a fraction of the consciousness of our general population. We're never going to reach the kind of status of pop culture and athletics, but that's not the bar by which we measure ourselves.

For us, the key is looking at how do we fit in this global world — just like UNC as an institution does fit. We are looking at this idea of the local and the global and how do we connect with North Carolina and the world.

What we do is try to bring the world to Chapel Hill.

Students vie for TEDx spot

The winner of the student speaker finals will be announced Wednesday.

By Victor De La Cruz
Staff Writer

Senior Stirling Little believes video game culture clearly illuminates the problem of gender harassment.

He lectured about this rampant discrimination at the TEDxUNC Student Speaker Finals Monday night, sharing that two-thirds of women playing video games lie about their gender to avoid harassment.

"Not thinking about it is a willful refusal to look at some really important issues that are going on today," Little said.

"All of these women are being treated horribly, so poorly, that 67 percent of the women and girls playing games have reported about lying or hiding their sex for fear of harassment."

Seven finalists — Peacemaker Myoung, Jonathan Hebert, Portia Nleya, Eli Hornstein, David Freifeld, Laura Rozo and Little — all gave five-minute speeches arguing that they should be selected as the student speaker at the TEDxUNC conference on Feb. 9.

The finalists gave previews of their talks, and were then voted on by the audience through a ballot. More than 500 people showed up for the event, which also included a performance by Mipso, a popular local music group. Everyone who attended the event received a ticket to TEDxUNC.

The winner will be announced Wednesday along with the rest of the speakers.

Hornstein, a junior, said conservation is the most pressing issue facing the world today.

He gave a demonstration of conservation after traveling to Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2010 and seeing firsthand how quickly the ice on top of the mountain was melting after previously seeing it in 1997.

"What must it be like if this sort of sudden extreme change can happen in my lifetime, what must it be like if you're an organism that lives there?" he said.

Hornstein then demonstrated the theory of "gene drive" — the spread of a single gene rapidly through a natural population — by placing green sheets underneath audience members' chairs for them to hold up, and then turn around if they make eye contact with someone holding a red piece of paper.

Hebert, an improv comedy performer, spoke about



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The line for entry stretches across the FedEx Global Center. Every person who attended got a ticket to TEDxUNC.

how he takes the lessons he learns from the stage and incorporates them into his life.

"If you do something on stage that scares you, the fun you can have on the other side is greater because playing safe is fun."

"I became an opportunist through failure," Hebert said. "We need this mentality of positivity."

Nleya said she was overwhelmed by the large turnout.

"It was definitely amazing, and I was pretty nervous about the crowd but not about the talk," she said.

Rachel Myrick, co-founder of TEDxUNC, said the finalists demonstrated a lot of talent.

"We were really blown away by the kind of talent that we saw and the great ideas that we saw just by from putting this contest out there," she said.

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Gig.U initiative faces legal hurdles in NC

N.C. municipalities can't regulate broadband systems, per state law.

By Kathryn Trogdon
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council moved forward Monday with an initiative to provide Internet to communities, despite concerns about its legality.

The Gig.U initiative is a nationwide effort to provide high-speed Internet access to universities and their surrounding communities that has been successful in states like Florida and Maine.

North Carolina began its own initiative under the North Carolina Next Generation Network group — made up of six municipalities, including Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and universities like UNC and Duke.

The group hopes to release a request for proposal Feb. 1. This allows potential network service providers to submit proposals for the job.

In November, Cynthia Pols, a telecommunications attorney, contacted the group about major problems with its request.

One of the problems is the legality of some of the objectives — specifically one that would require low-cost Internet in low-income neighborhoods.

Under state and federal laws, North Carolina municipalities can neither franchise nor regulate broadband systems, Pols said.

"North Carolina is a unique beast in terms of the restraints in municipi-

palities," she said. "The North Carolina legislature has essentially prohibited municipal involvement in the broadband arena."

Because municipalities do not have these powers in North Carolina, the network group cannot enforce the contract with the service provider.

Despite raising these concerns, Pols said the group has done little to address the issues.

"We tried to alert them to some of these issues a while back," Pols said. "There doesn't seem to be any willingness to address these things."

But Terri Buckner, project manager at UNC for information technology, said she believes that the group has made accommodations for these concerns.

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton expressed concerns about the initiative at the town council meeting.

He said if members spent more time on it, the group could better address the enforcement issues.

"There is no requirement that we act by (Feb. 1)," Chilton said.

Despite the possible legal and enforcement issues, many supported the initiative at the meeting.

Marc Hoit, vice chancellor for information technology at N.C. State University — which is also a part of the network group — said he supported the initiative.

"It's fiber and bandwidth. That's the new future. If cities don't have that they will not be able to move forward," he said.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will discuss Gig.U at 7:30 p.m. today.

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CEO emphasizes worldwide influences

By Andy Willard
Staff Writer

The Procter & Gamble Company provides many household products that are used worldwide every day, but CEO Bob McDonald said one brand's success has exceeded the rest — Pampers.

But the 175-year-old company's global presence is due to more than just diapers.

In a speech at the Kenan-Flagler Business School Monday night, McDonald discussed his company's worldwide influence and the role of innovation at P&G.

His speech, which was the second in the Dean's Speaker

Series, was tied into UNC's Water in Our World theme.

The P&G Children's Safe Drinking Water program, which UNC is involved with, has cleaned 5.25 billion liters of water to date.

"I wanted to talk about the growth opportunity ahead of not just this company, but any company around the world," he said.

McDonald said P&G is well-established in areas such as Asia and the Middle East, but the future is in expanding its presence in sub-Saharan Africa because of the region's size and growth potential.

He gave the example of doing village-to-village dem-

Bob McDonald is CEO of Procter & Gamble. He spoke at the business school Monday.

onstrations of Ariel detergent, which allowed the company to take over the markets there.

Tom Cawley, director of special events at the business school, said the school chose McDonald because of P&G's big recruiting effort at UNC and because McDonald has spoken at UNC before.

"We've heard him speak,

and we really like the message," he said.

David Huh, a Ph.D. candidate in marketing, said he was "amazed" because McDonald was able to condense his many business experiences into a one-hour speech.

"I truly felt that P&G was trying to focus on the customer, and that was at the heart of their strategy," he said.

McDonald said the company is building many factories in developing countries, but it also has an aspect of social responsibility.

He mentioned some humanitarian efforts that P&G had taken part in, such as edu-

cating developing countries on managing menstruation — which helps girls continue their education — and preventing neonatal tetanus.

"To be a globally effective leader, as opposed to in your own country, the number one thing you need to have is empathy," McDonald said.

Cawley said McDonald demonstrated a great vision of leadership with his emphasis on innovation.

"It just seems like, more so than ever, the person that can innovate can make more money," he said.

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Town Council candidates unanimously approved

By Danielle Herman
Staff Writer

UNC student Bjorn Pedersen may soon have more to worry about than the high price of textbooks.

Pedersen, a physics major, is one of 11 candidates vying for a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council.

The diverse group of candidates presented their platforms to members of the council and public at a special meeting Monday night.

The council, with the exception of Councilman Gene Pease, who was absent, unanimously approved all candidates as nominees for the vacancy.

The selected nominee will fill former Town Councilwoman Penny Rich's spot for the remainder of the year. Rich left the council in December for a seat on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

In four-minute speeches, the nominees discussed a multitude of issues, ranging from civil rights to sustainable economic growth.

Maria Teresa Unger Palmer, a Chapel Hill resident of 17 years who grew up in Peru, said one of her objec-

tives would be to help the local Latino community.

"I will help bring us together. I will bring a stronger voice to the conversation," she said.

Palmer was appointed to the State Board of Education in 1999 by former Gov. Jim Hunt.

Jennifer Marsh, director of research, community services, and student programs at the UNC School of Law, said she wants to focus on civil rights issues in the town, including affordable housing.

"I have firsthand knowledge with the difficulties of housing for families of modest means," she said.

Pedersen suggested relaxing zoning ordinances to improve affordable housing.

He said evidence shows zoning ordinances often increase housing costs and urban sprawl and decrease socioeconomic diversity — problems the town council has tried to address.

"I think that relaxing and removing those restrictions would help solve problems we have correctly identified within our community," he said.

Many candidates also discussed the importance of sustainable economic growth,

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

- Sally Greene
- Loren Hintz
- David Jackson
- Gary Kahn
- Jennifer Marsh
- Paul Neebe
- Maria Teresa Unger Palmer
- Bjorn Pedersen
- Amy Ryan
- Carl Schuler
- Aaron Shah

especially within the context of the Chapel Hill 2020 comprehensive plan.

Amy Ryan, a member of the town's planning board, said the town must look beyond the old model for economic development.

"I want to focus on innovation and homegrown business," she said, citing LAUNCH Chapel Hill as a step forward in local economic growth.

The town council will select the new member at their meeting on Jan. 23.

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Faculty delegates to voice concerns with 5-year plan

Some faculty think the plan overlooks UNC-specific issues.

By Jordan Bailey
Staff Writer

The proposed UNC-system strategic plan will affect many aspects of the University, and some faculty members are worried the systemwide policy changes might overlook University-specific concerns.

The Faculty Executive Committee met Monday to voice concerns and discuss the five-year plan, which will be presented to the UNC-system Board of Governors in February.

Members will have a chance to have their voice heard by UNC-system President Thomas Ross on Friday at the UNC-system Faculty Assembly meeting.

"We want to stress the value of liberal arts," said Lloyd Kramer, chairman of the history department. "We want to research across all disciplines — I mean, not just the ones that are singled out. And we want to stress the importance of autonomy."

The delegation — five elected UNC faculty delegates

"We want to stress the value of liberal arts ... (and) the importance of autonomy."

Lloyd Kramer,
chairman of the history department

led by microbiology and immunology professor Steve Bachenheimer — will represent UNC at Friday's meeting.

One of the main issues with the strategic plan that faculty members discussed was how to fund the state's eLearning online courses program.

Members also expressed concern about the plan's perceived trend toward homogenizing the UNC system. UNC law professor Mike Gerhardt said the plan would eliminate positive competition between the universities and result in a loss of academic diversity.

The committee also worried whether the strategic plan's goal to "become the national leader in the assessment of student learning gains" would force professors to teach to a test.

History professor Sarah Shields expressed concern about the vague language of this goal.

"I keep telling my students that their core competency is about critical analysis of

sources and critical thinking about the ways that other people have dealt with the past," she said.

"And I'm a little bit worried that, as vaguely as this is presented, that my students are going to have to take tests on American history as it's been defined in somebody's textbook in order to complete their core competency."

Although faculty members had many concerns with the strategic plan, there are still some aspects of it that they agreed with.

Rachel Willis, an American studies professor, said faculty will strive to make their current measures of student performance more transparent.

"We are sincerely committed to collaborating with the UNC General Administration on eliminating inefficiencies in the system and injustices," Willis said.

"We are in complete agreement on that," she said.

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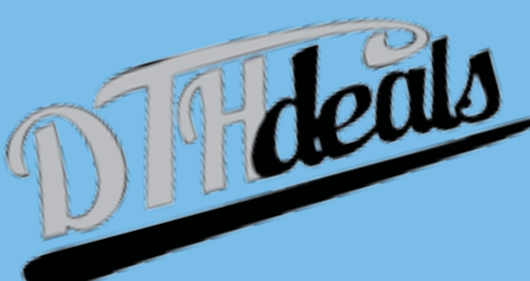
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Street performer brings folk tunes to Franklin

By Elizabeth Bartholf
Staff Writer

With her violin in hand, musician Alicia Best brought the rich, haunting tones of Appalachian folk ballads to Franklin Street for the first time on Saturday night.

"It's a North Carolina tradition that isn't here as much, and it's something I know and have studied and wanted to have an opportunity to share," Best said.

Saturday night marked Best's third time street performing. She began in Asheville one day when she needed gas money to drive home to Chapel Hill.

She said that instance

allowed her to finally overcome her fears of playing for a street audience.

"I really enjoy the interactions," Best said. "My second day in Asheville, a woman stopped and pushed her baby to sleep while I was singing."

Best said her folk music is received differently in Chapel Hill than in Asheville, where much of her audience has Appalachian folk roots.

"It's interesting to be singing to boys in full-on UNC regalia," Best said. "Maybe they've never heard someone sing this way before."

Best, originally from Durham, studied performing arts at Bennington College in Vermont and began playing

violin when she was three.

She found her passion for Appalachian folk ballads while participating in contra dancing — a partnered folk dance — growing up.

"I loved both the whimsy and gruesome parts," Best said of the traditional ballads, many of which concern unrequited love and murder.

"I take a song that I hear and I make it my own, either by altering the lyrics or melody and finding a way that I enjoy to sing it."

UNC freshmen Diana Ford and Rachel Woolridge said they enjoy street performers in Chapel Hill and think it sets the town apart.

"I personally love it," Ford

said. "I'm from suburbia, so I don't get that as much."

Franklin Street is often a stage for local musicians, with performers dotting the street on all nights of the week.

"I like that you can find a different kind of music on every block," Woolridge said.

Best, who also sings in the band Bevel Summers, said she hopes to continue performing in Chapel Hill.

"A lot of people are just really busy and going wherever they want to go," Best said. "I try to not be a nuisance but try to add something into the busyness."

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All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses.

Compiled by staff writer Caroline Hudson.



Carolina Brewery adds more brews

Carolina Brewery is switching things up in the new year with a new line of small batch beers, made on site at the Brewery.

Almost two weeks ago, the Brewery debuted its line of craft beers — which includes new recipes along with old favorites — bringing the total to 12. New recipes include the fruity, brown Alter Ego Altbier, the bitter Franklin Street Lager, and the dark, malty Funky Monk Ale.

Ron Snyder Jr., a manager at Carolina Brewery, said the restaurant will be rotating taps as each batch runs out, offering new beer options in the coming weeks.

The new options have been unbelievably popular thus far, Snyder said.

"We're giving (customers) something more to look forward to," he said.

The new beers are sold in pints, pitchers, growlers and kegs.



Top This! to open this week

Top This! Roast Beef, Burgers & More, a restaurant taking the place of Jack Sprat Cafe, will open its doors at 161 E. Franklin St. this week.

Tom Scheidler, one of the owners of the new restaurant, said he hopes to have a soft opening for Top This! on Wednesday — without heavy advertising or promotional deals.

"We want to make sure the execution is proper," Scheidler said.

He said the restaurant's prices for its portions are always a deal.

Scheidler said all of the products the restaurant uses are fresh — including about 20 toppings, dressings and sauces, all-certified Angus beef products and four types of specially chosen buns.

"I've spent three years working on the concept," Scheidler said.



Pita Pit celebrates 10 years

Pita Pit is celebrating its 10-year anniversary on Franklin Street this week with special promotions.

Owner Josh Sanders, who bought Pita Pit in October, said the restaurant is an important landmark because many businesses on Franklin Street don't make it to 10 years.

"We owe almost everything to the community," he said. "We're very appreciative."

He said Pita Pit will have promotional deals all week — including \$2 pitas on Tuesday, half-off pitas on Wednesday and a drawing on Friday that will award one customer with free pitas for life.

Sanders said Pita Pit is a healthy late-night dining choice and a great alternative to buffalo wings or greasy French fries.

The restaurant's Resolution Solution offerings include items with as few as 280 calories, Sanders said.

Pita Pit is open until 3 a.m. every night of the week.



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GLOBAL PROGRAM

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who come here will benefit from it — they will be fully integrated on campus,” Bowler said.

After the first round, administrators said the program will grow by 20 students each year for the following two years. Administrators said they will then evaluate the success of the program before deciding whether to continue on.

Jonathan Hartlyn, senior associate dean for social

sciences and global programs, said the cost of the program will be covered by the out-of-state tuition the students will pay, as well as a fee for administrative costs.

“It will not cost UNC anything,” he said.

Strauss said this program is unique to UNC.

“This is more evidence of our leadership globally,” he said. “This program is going to be unique and very high quality.”

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GRADUATION GAP

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comes to discussing the gap’s causes and implications.

“Graduation rates are not good or bad,” said Richard Southall, director of the institute and an associate professor in UNC’s department of exercise and sport science. “It’s just a gap. But you want to ask yourself, why do you have these large gaps and what are causes for them?”

Mid-major conferences, such as the Southwestern Conference, tend to have a smaller gap than their major conference counterparts — on average, it is 15.6 percentage points.

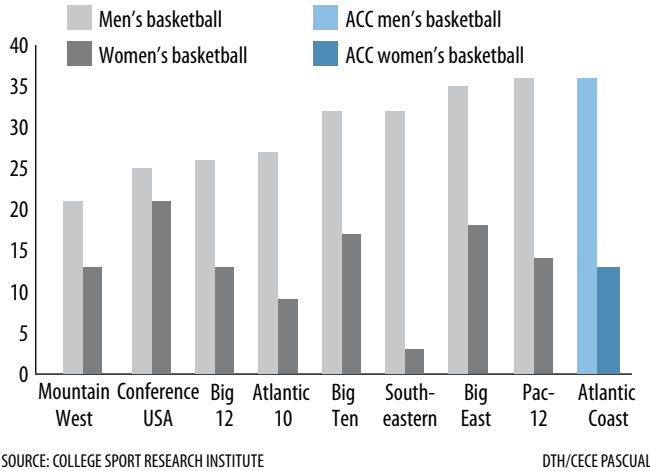
While student athletes in major conferences leave school to play professionally more often, revenue-related motives are another likely cause of disparity at the conference level, said Mark Nagel, associate director of the research institute and an associate professor in the department of sport and entertainment management at the University of South Carolina.

Programs in major conferences are typically under more pressure to win year after year — a pressure that sometimes bends admissions standards, he said.

“At the major schools that are very selective, those students have a general ability to do work at high levels,” Nagel added. “You’re putting athletes on campuses where they’re ill-prepared for the level of academic rigor that’s required, and you’re compounding that with the commitment they’re required to

Men’s and women’s basketball graduation gaps

The 2012 Adjusted Graduation Gap shows the percentage point difference between the graduation rates for basketball players and the rest of the full-time student body in each conference. The ACC is ranked last in the men’s conference rankings.



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make to their job.”

The word job is critical.

The report’s statistical procedures hint at a specific condition that the authors all said should be acknowledged: Division I athletes are expected to perform a full-time job at their sport while maintaining good academic standing.

Revenue athletes, Nagel said, are especially subject to television scheduling that rarely takes academic obligations into account.

Accepting the facts

The NCAA has stated that student athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student bodies of its member institutions.

But Nagel points out that while that might be true as an aggregate of all divisions and sports, it doesn’t hold up for the most profitable athletes.

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percentage of international students in Duke University undergraduate population

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percentage at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

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percentage at UNC-Chapel Hill

PREGNANCY

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A NARAL poll of 66 crisis pregnancy centers showed that while 92 percent of the centers did not have medically licensed staff, only 24 percent disclosed that fact to study volunteers.

Additionally, 26 percent falsely claimed that abortion leads to breast cancer and 48 percent told women that none of the common birth control methods are effective at preventing pregnancy.

But Mimi Every, executive director of Pregnancy Support Services, a crisis pregnancy center in Chapel Hill and Durham, said her organization has never provided women with inaccurate information since it was founded nearly 30 years ago.

“One of the things that’s on the resolution is giving incorrect medical information,” Every said.

“Well I agree; that’s a horrible thing to do.”

Every, who described Pregnancy Support Services as a non-political Christian ministry, said all of its clients get accurate information and are able to make private decisions about their pregnancy.

She added that while the organization provides information on what it considers potential risks of abortion, it tells clients that most of these risks — particularly physical ones — are rare.

“We don’t ever manipulate,” Every said. “We never coerce. We’re not here to make decisions for people.”

The organization claims abortion complications can include uterine scarring, cervical damage, stress and anxiety — all of which NARAL disputes.

Every said Pregnancy Support Services meets with an average of 80 to 95 women clients every month between its two locations. Its Chapel Hill branch is the only crisis pregnancy center in the town.

Buckley said there is at least one such center within 25 miles of every college campus in North Carolina and that many advertise to college-age women.

Ward said he hoped the resolution would further the conversation about women’s health care in North Carolina as well as in Chapel Hill.

“We just need to give women and their families the best information in a nurturing atmosphere as we can,” he said. “I just don’t understand why we wouldn’t want that.”

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BUDGETING

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as operating the newly-expanded Chapel Hill Public Library.

“The top priorities probably will get funding,” Ward said. “It’s those priorities in the middle and lower end that have some support and are very worthwhile but because we’re fiscally constrained they may not get the funding level they’re requesting.”

The closing of the Orange County landfill in June and move toward shipping town waste to the Durham Transfer Station will also cost the town.

Ward said the council will not know how much can be allocated toward these projects until the 2013-14 budget is adopted on June 10.

But he believes that in time, the council will adapt to

the new process and become more efficient overall.

“As we get further into it, it will be a way of using a scalpel instead of a sledgehammer to deal with issues so we are much more strategic in how we use the limited funds we do have,” he said.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said he is also confident the priority budgeting process will help determine the town’s budget more accurately without having to raise taxes.

“We don’t want to raise taxes,” Kleinschmidt said. “That’s always been the rule. This is hopefully going to help direct the staff on how they’re going to write the budget so we don’t have to raise taxes.”

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Q&A with CPA director

Check out a Q&A with Emil Kang, who talks about this year’s past and future shows. See pg. 3 for story.

See what’s online

Catch up on new entries from “The Editor’s Blog” and the sports blog, “From the Press Box.” See pg. 2 for story.

TEDxUNC speakers

See who came out to the finals for the student speaker slot at next month’s conference. See pg. 3 for story.

P&G boss talks at UNC

The CEO of Procter & Gamble, Bob McDonald, spoke at the business school. See pg. 4 for story.

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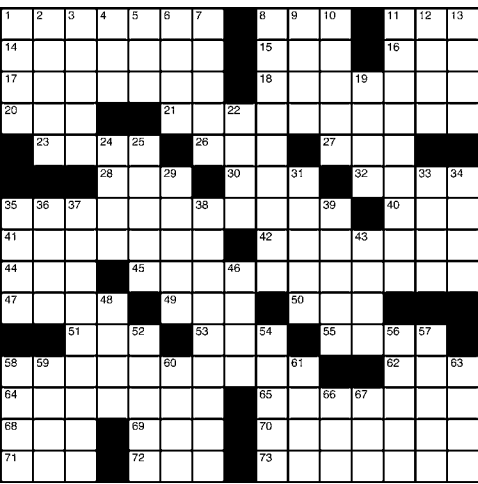
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- South African lilies
- Powerful person
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- Let fall
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- Emergency gear
- Has obligations
- On a need-to-know ___

- Whippersnappers’ opposites
- Lecherous sort
- Dutch South African
- Calamine target
- Pastoral places
- Meeting with an atty.
- Something to talk about
- River in Hades
- Dimwits
- Popular dunker
- Caught in the act
- Train engine sound
- Filmmaker Wertmüller
- Planned travel route
- Down-to-earth
- Michelangelo statue

- Golfer Norman
- Connecting strip of land: Abbr.
- Yaks and yaks
- Bank takebacks, for short
- Chef’s headgear
- Chopper blade
- *Am not!” rejoinder
- Tops of overalls
- Vet sch. course
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- Unimposing
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- Burgle



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McCrory and Duke's close ties

With former Duke Energy executive Pat McCrory now sworn in as governor of North Carolina, Duke Energy could be more powerful than ever — and that's not a good thing.

The company's controversial merger with Progress Energy has been settled, making Charlotte-based Duke Energy the largest electric utility in the country. The environmental advocacy group N.C. WARN estimates Duke now controls roughly 97 percent of North Carolina's electricity.

An analysis by Democracy North Carolina found that before the merger, the two companies' combined 2009-10 spending of roughly \$19 million on lobbying and campaign expenditures would have made it the state's largest corporate political action committee.

With the merger, the newly created utility giant is now poised to exert an even greater influence on lawmakers from both N.C. political parties.

McCrory worked at Duke for nearly three decades, and his employment there continued during his seven-term run as the Republican mayor of Charlotte. That's fine — being mayor is technically a part-time job.

But the Democratic group N.C. Citizens for Progress vocally criticized McCrory during the 2012 campaign for refusing to make his Duke salary public and for testifying to Congress as Charlotte's mayor against proposed air quality regulations that could hurt Duke's bottom line.

McCrory has now appointed two former Duke employees to his Cabinet as Secretary of Commerce and Director of the Office of State Personnel.

With that in mind, the state's new governor has a big decision in front of him.

In his first term, McCrory could make at least three new appointments (including a new chair) to the seven-member N.C. Utilities Commission. He could also name a new Public Staff executive director to represent state residents in utility cases.

NC WARN and AARP North Carolina are pressuring McCrory to recuse himself from these decisions. Their letter to McCrory says: "After being employed at Duke Energy for 28 years, you have an actual conflict of interest." They're absolutely right.

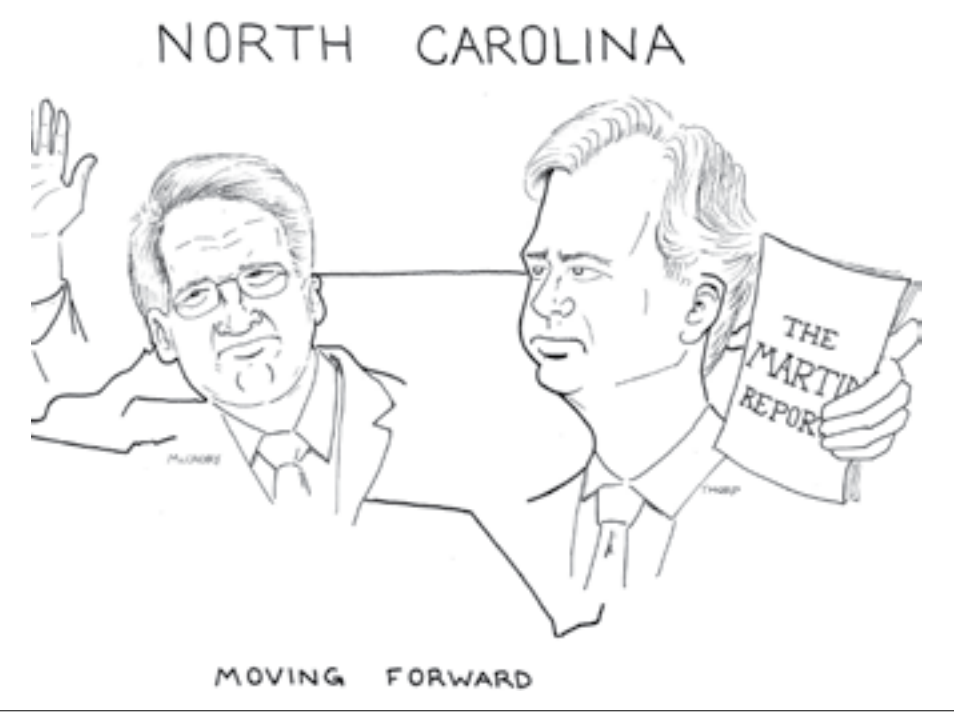
These appointments will directly impact North Carolina families and small businesses. Duke Energy already received a 7.2 percent rate hike in 2012 and is seeking additional rate increases. N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper is opposing Duke's requests because of the discrepancy between the company's profits and the burden of repeated rate hikes.

McCrory's bid for governor was built around restoring public trust in state government after a string of corruption charges linked to Democrats.

Duke's ethics scandal involving its Indiana subsidiary hiring the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's general counsel should serve as a warning — nothing would take the bloom off the rose like an improper relationship between Duke and the new governor.

To stick to his campaign promises, McCrory should put some distance between himself and his former employer.

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EDITORIAL

Planning for the future

Athletic plan goals, if attained, would strengthen UNC.

The new three-year plan released by Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham does well to emphasize high achievement for all UNC varsity student athletes both in competition and in the classroom.

The plan should be applauded for its holistic approach to fulfilling the University's mission.

By uniting the athletic, academic and administrative realms of the University in a series of priorities for athletics at UNC, Cunningham and his staff have taken a step in the positive direction.

One of the more eye-catching goals detailed in the plan includes the objective of finishing top-3 in the conference and top-10 nationally both academically and athletically in every sport.

But a plan alone doesn't ensure integrity. The athletic department — and the University in general — must be serious and vigilant about making the plan succeed.

In the wake of a humiliating NCAA investigation and probation of the football team, it only makes sense to seek a future devoid of all NCAA investigations.

The plan is wise to include all varsity teams, making a strong statement that all 13 men's

and 15 women's sports at UNC matter and should therefore be held accountable and valued — not just football and basketball.

The academic priority of the plan includes academically supporting student athletes pre-enrollment, during school and after their college years. Ideally, this sort of support would foster an environment where academic fraud isn't just wrong, but unnecessary.

The last two years have seen an athletic department in the crucible of national scandal. Although, according to the Martin Report, the scandal was academic and not athletic, it's reassuring to see the athletic department keen to prevent future scandal.

EDITORIAL

Eat responsibly

Sustainable food in dining halls makes for a better UNC.

Carolina Dining Services is demonstrating its commitment to sustainable food by not only meeting its goal to offer 20 percent sustainable food in UNC dining halls, but by doing so eight years earlier than expected.

The groups leading this initiative included CDS and Fair, Local, Organic, a student group. This partnership between CDS and FLO is precisely the sort of salutary collaboration between students and administrators that this campus needs.

It's not just the effective

partnership that's worth commending, but the outcome of that partnership.

As a result of their joint efforts, students who dine at CDS locations like Rams Head, Lenoir and some of the other on-campus dining venues will be simultaneously filling their stomachs and the pockets of members of the local economy.

At the heart of this push toward sustainable foods is a debate about what qualifies as sustainable and what does not.

FLO uses a nationally recognized calculator established by the Real Food Challenge in order to determine what qualifies as real food.

CDS, on the other hand, uses a less stringent — and

problematic — metric in order to define what qualifies as local food. By this questionable calculus, Pepsi is a local food because it is bottled and processed in North Carolina.

In this debate, while there is no official definition for sustainable, both local and real foods are considered sustainable.

There are many cheaper alternatives to locally produced sustainable foods and it can, understandably, be difficult to navigate the contending concerns of cost and social responsibility.

However, CDS' prioritization of sustainable foods despite the expense is the type of responsiveness to student concerns that lets good ideas float to the top.

EDITORIAL

Seeing red tape

New Union room registration system is inconvenient.

The Carolina Union Office of Events Management implemented a new — and unnecessary — online room reservation system last semester.

The new process, which is meant to improve room reservation efficiency, changes the steps required to reserve a room online.

Students who wish to use a room are forced to watch a 20-minute video, take a 13-question quiz and wait one business day in order to receive their username to begin reserving rooms online.

While this is only a one-time inconvenience, it is an unnecessary one.

The video is split into two segments, the first of which focuses on making reservations. This part of the video includes information that is, to say the least, a waste of time.

For example, the video instructs viewers in the highly technical art of chair arrangement. Finally, students will know what a "U-shaped" setup looks like.

The second part of the video discusses the online system for reserving rooms. This part of the video could actually be useful to someone who finds the reservation website confusing and cluttered.

The video shouldn't be required and neither should the quiz.

However, "quiz" might be too strong a word given that students can scroll back and forth from the questions to the video with no penalty.

The whole process seems to be a barrier to students that adds little of value.

A registration as inconvenient as this could actually deter people from using the Student Union in the first place.

Student groups could judge it easier to just find an empty classroom and meet there, rather than go through the Union.

The system makes it harder than it should be to do something simple.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Your undergraduate career is the time for you to take risks, so we like to represent that in our own way with what we do."

Emil Kang, on Carolina Performing Arts' season offerings

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Regardless of which side is 'right,' how does this affect us moving forward or determine who is culpable? It doesn't."

walkinginplace, on the release of the Martin Report dividing faculty

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Strategic plan draft needs faculty input

TO THE EDITOR:

The UNC Advisory Committee for Strategic Directions is largely made up of politicians, CEOs, administrators and only one faculty member.

As of their Jan. 9 meeting, two key sections of the plan — "Maximizing efficiencies" and "Ensuring an accessible and a financially stable university" — were unavailable.

The full draft will appear on Wednesday, just two days before the system-wide Faculty Assembly meets to provide feedback.

That is the only meeting of the assembly before the plan is brought for a vote before the Board of Governors in February. And this schedule leaves no time for the assembly to gather responses from its constituents.

Because faculty are the ones who best understand our concerns, we think it crucial to have the Faculty Assembly receive comments and respond.

In addition, there should be a public forum with President Ross and members of the working group who wrote the document.

This would give faculty, students, staff and committee members a chance to discuss plans that will affect us all.

On Jan. 9, Charles Perusse, chief operating officer of UNC, gave hints of what's to come.

He spoke of increasing "efficiencies" with regard to education, including class size and "low enrollment and low productivity programs."

Mr. Perusse has spoken earlier of consolidating programs.

Increasing class size, putting programs together and getting rid of programs with a low number of degrees would have far-reaching consequences for teaching and curricula, and hence are matters in which faculty should be centrally involved.

What is most efficient may not be the best for teaching and learning, or for having a university with intellectual integrity.

The Progressive Faculty Network calls on President Tom Ross and Board Chairman Peter Hans to direct the Advisory Committee to present the final draft to the Board of Governors in April.

That timetable will allow faculty to read the document and respond.

The current haste itself reflects the problem of valuing efficiency over education.

This letter was endorsed by 46 members of the Progressive Faculty Network of UNC-Chapel Hill.

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English

Inaccessible tuition for international students

TO THE EDITOR:

I am concerned with the implications of the Jan. 11 article on the change in the out-of-state student rate.

While increasing the number of international students may promote diversity, the proposal to impose a higher tuition on international students is not an easy way out of the University's financial problems.

The notion that views international students as "untapped source of tuition revenue" and proposes for an "international level of tuition, which would be higher than out-of-state or in-state" is not only misguided, but also poses serious financial threats to the international students.

Ineligible for federal and state financial aids, international students typically pay the full amount of tuition with which they are charged.

Consequently, there have been numerous cases across the country where international students had to quit school because their families were not able to keep up with the skyrocketing tuition.

International students at UNC are of no exception — especially because they face one of the steepest tuition hikes among the public universities in the U.S.

Such an increase also discourages potential international students from pursuing their academic career at UNC. This acts against the University's commitment of global awareness, diversity and affordable education.

Tuition increases may be necessary evils to mitigate the University's budget constraints, but it should be noted that international students are an integral part of the University, not just a "source of revenue."

Further increases in tuition should be reviewed with caution.

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Roy just needs more time, not retirement

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Bridges, you seem to have a very short memory. Roy is doing just fine with the situation he has been handed. It was only last year that our team over-achieved.

When you consider the amount of starters we had that had serious injuries, it was a great accomplishment to get as far as we did in the NCAA Tournament.

Our team is extremely young with the experienced players playing out of position in order to compensate for losing four top-caliber starters to the NBA Draft.

It takes a few years to rebuild. In the current NCAA basketball world, you are lucky if you can keep a good player for more than a year.

I think Roy and the team will do just fine; it will just take time.

Kathy Morgan
Exam proctor, Student Services representative
The Friday Center

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