

NEW SEATS, NEW START

The Loudermilk Center for Excellence, a 150,000 square-foot facility which includes the Blue Zone premium seating, opened to ticket holders Sept. 3 for the North Carolina football team's season-opening win against James Madison. Below are facts and figures about seats that have been purchased so far, costs of attendance and turnout from ticket holders at the grand opening.

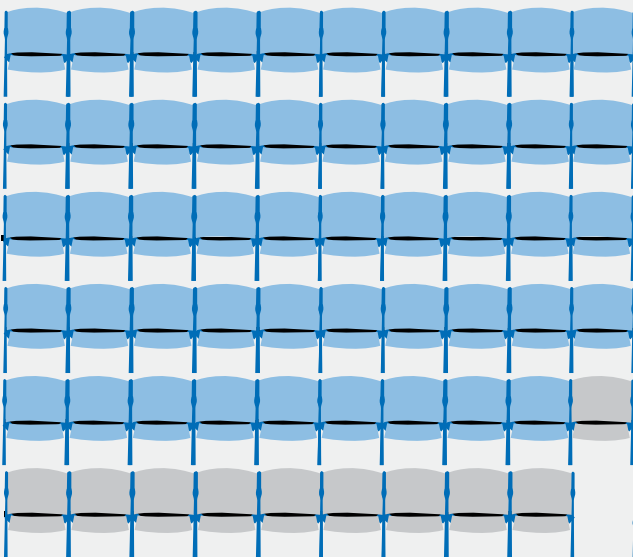


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cost of the Loudermilk Student-Athlete Center for Excellence (includes the athletic centers and the Blue Zone.)

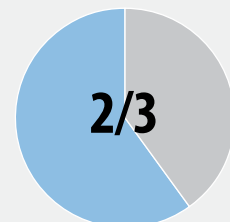
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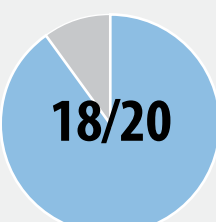
\$750
cost of leasing a Concourse Club per seat per year*



2,968 total seats in the Blue Zone
2,465 tickets scanned against JMU



amount of seats that have been bought



amount of suites filled by season opener

= 50 occupied seats = 50 empty seats

116
television screens in the Blue Zone

80/128
number of student staff in the Blue Zone

* price does not include Rams Club donation or ticket price

UNC officials expect the Blue Zone to eventually sell out.

By Kelly Parsons
Sports Editor

Despite uncertainty surrounding the \$70 million investment in the Blue Zone and the North Carolina football program upon the firing of former head coach Butch Davis, those directly involved with the project said ticket sales and turnout so far this season have made the operation a financial success.

The premium seating sections were first opened to ticket holders for the Sept. 3 game against

James Madison, and the Blue Zone — which has a seating capacity of 2,968 — saw a turnout of 2,465. For Saturday's game against Rutgers, approximately 2,200 Blue Zone tickets were scanned.

Associate athletic director Rick Steinbacher said he expects the turnout to increase and for the Blue Zone to eventually sell out.

"We think the best sales tool sometimes is word of mouth," Steinbacher said. "People want to hear about it and then get in and see it."

Steinbacher said two thirds of the seats have been licensed to patrons — which far exceeds the one half benchmark which the project needed to meet in order to be deemed financially successful.

There was speculation about whether the contro-

versial firing of Davis would have any financial effect on the new facility. But so far this season, athletic director Dick Baddour said he has seen a lot of support for the football program and the project.

Rams Club donors have the opportunity to purchase seat licenses at costs ranging from \$750 to \$2,500 per seat, not including the price of the game ticket. The Blue Zone also contains 20 suites on the fifth floor of the complex, 18 of which were leased for \$50,000 each before the season began.

Karlton Creech, director of tickets and parking for the Rams Club, said the administration has been working hard to market the premium

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INSIDE: The Chapel Hill Town Council passed a resolution against the Defense of Marriage Act proposed in the N.C. General Assembly. See pg.9 for story.

NC could ban gay marriage

The Defense of Marriage Act might end up on primary ballots.

By Estes Gould
Staff Writer

North Carolina could soon be one step away from becoming the last Southern state to constitutionally ban same-sex marriage.

The N.C. House of Representatives passed the controversial Defense of Marriage amendment on Monday, which would make heterosexual marriage the only union recognized by the state.

The 75 to 42 vote in favor of the legislation came after more than three hours of debate, and it could be put to a vote in the Senate today. If it follows expectations and passes, the measure will be on the first primary ballot in the 2012 elections.

"It's for the citizens to decide how they want to define their institution, the institution of marriage," said N.C. Rep. Nelson Dollar, R-Wake.

Supporters of the amendment agree with Dollar. "The citizens of this state really want the opportunity to vote on this, and now they're one step closer to getting that," said Tami Fitzgerald, the executive director of NC Values Coalition.

But Seth Keel, a gay teenager in Dollar's jurisdiction, called the legislation "shameful" when he addressed some Republican legislators after the vote.

"No one is voting on their marriages," Keel said. "So why does the public have a right to vote on whether or not I can get married?"

N.C. Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said the amendment would interfere with child custody arrangements and prevent same-sex couples, and unmarried heterosexual couples, from receiving treatment or counseling for domestic violence.

"This proposed constitutional amendment runs against the tide of history," he said. "I think that's why it's being brought here today, in a last gasp to forestall that tide of history."

Hackney, and other Democrats, said the procedure for the legislation was unfair and calculated — originally, the bill was to be considered in the Senate Judiciary committee on Monday. Instead, it was considered in the House Rules committee, passed, then pushed for "immediate consideration."

Rep. Susan Fisher, D-Buncombe, said amendments are rarely ever considered immediately by the legislature, and Hackney said the procedure minimized debate about the language of the amendment.

But Rep. Paul Stam, R-Wake, the House majority leader, said the procedure was not unusual.

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Early voting site relocated

Moving an early voting location off campus could depress turnout.

By Nathan Vail
Staff Writer

As election season approaches, UNC students will no longer be able to vote early at an on-campus location.

Morehead Planetarium previously housed early voting for students and staff at UNC. But due to new limitations, suite 133-G in University Square off West Franklin Street will be used instead.

The decision to move the site off campus has caused contention, but officials say it is ultimately beyond their control.

"I wish no one would oppose it," said Tracy Reams, the director for Orangi County Board of Elections.

"They had to convert the space we were using to accommodate classrooms, and when they could no longer accommodate us, we couldn't have early voting there anymore."

"It's going to be hard to convince students to walk over there to vote."

Nathan Westmoreland
president of UNC Young Democrats

Linda Convisser, director of local relations at UNC, said when she and Erin Schuettpeitz, director of state relations and communications at UNC, looked for places to replace the Morehead site, no other place on campus met the criteria.

"We looked for another site, but the University was not able to provide us with a place for early voting," Reams said.

For a location to be considered, it has to be handicap accessible and available for the 2-to 3-week early voting period. It must also have adequate security, parking and hard-line internet access.

After the Board of Elections failed to acquire a campus location, they turned to town officials, who gave them access to the University Square site.

Schuettpeitz said the process of finding the new location took about two weeks in August.

"I think it is a great example of

the University working quickly to find the best solution possible," she said.

Nathan Westmoreland, president of UNC Young Democrats, said he is opposed to the move and hopes officials will reconsider in future elections.

"The process was not very transparent, and they didn't keep students in the loop as well as I thought they should have," he said. "It's going to be hard to convince students to walk over there to vote."

According to the Orange County Board of Elections, just 416 people voted in the 18-to-24 demographic out of a total of 7,737 people in the last municipal election for Chapel Hill.

College Republicans President Greg Steele said he was also disappointed with the move.

"It was always convenient,"

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Ackland deals with budget cuts

The museum is one of many arts institutions hit hard by cuts.

By Joseph Chapman
Senior Writer

When it comes to university budgets in a struggling economy, the arts are among the first to go.

And the Ackland Art Museum is no exception. Since 2008, the University's financial support for the museum has decreased by about \$250,000, making it one of the hardest-hit institutions at UNC.

Now, the museum is coping with the changing economy while trying to emphasize the importance of a neglected institution.

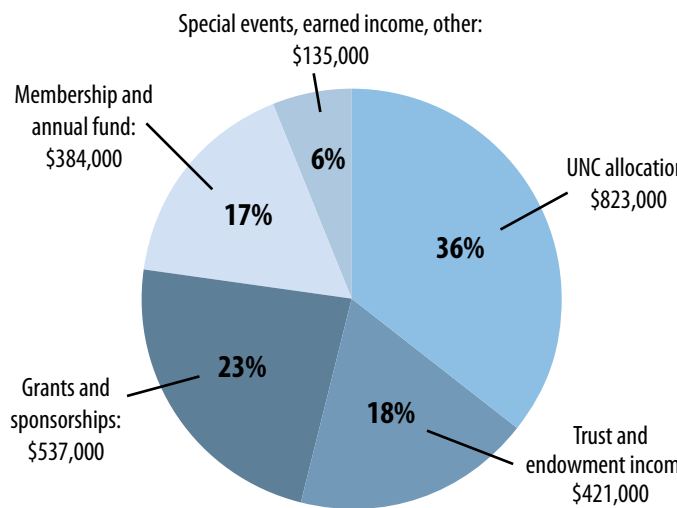
"We're definitely staying afloat," said museum director Emily Kass. "We're not sinking."

"I don't know any nonprofit organization — or business for that matter — that says it's been sailing smoothly in this economy," Kass said.

But what the Ackland needs now, more than just funds and

Ackland Funds

The Ackland was one of the hardest hit when the UNC-system slashed its budget. University funding now accounts for only 36 percent of the museum's operational budget.



SOURCE: EMILY KASS

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donors, is awareness about how the museum operates, she said.

"It's really important for students to understand how institutions in their community — in this case, the community of the University — are funded," Kass said. "A lot of people assume that

a majority of our funding comes from the state, but that's not true."

For the current fiscal year, UNC allocated \$823,000 for the Ackland, 36 percent of the museum's total funding, which primar-

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Although the football team racked up five turnovers in Saturday's game against Rutgers, Interim Coach Everett Withers remains optimistic. **Page 7.**

This day in history

SEPT. 13, 1912
Freshman Isaac William Rand was killed in a hazing incident. UNC dismissed four sophomores, three of whom were found guilty of manslaughter.

Today's weather

It's getting hot out here.
H 88, L 63

Wednesday's weather

So take off all your clothes.
H 91, L 66

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student Congress to discuss Mary Cooper's veto tonight

Student Congress will address Student Body President Mary Cooper's veto of \$5,000 in funds and a \$15,000 loan to the College Republicans at its full meeting tonight.

The funds would have funded a speaking appearance by Republican pundit Ann Coulter.

Student Congress will have the opportunity to override the veto, which was motivated by Cooper's concern that expecting the group to raise \$15,000 in nine days set a dangerous precedent, she said.

Additionally, the body will discuss proposed allocations to student groups to pay for guest speakers, fund events and publish magazines.

Researchers study hospital-acquired infection controls

A new study by UNC researchers found that inexpensive infection control measures could potentially save thousands of lives and billions of dollars.

The study, which appears in the September issue of Health Affairs, was conducted in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at North Carolina Children's Hospital and tested three measures to prevent and reduce hospital-acquired infections.

One in every 20 hospital patients has a hospital-acquired infection, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Those infections lead to about 99,000 deaths in the U.S. each year and up to \$33 billion in preventable health care costs.

Pharmacy school division renamed to clarify mission

The a division of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy has changed its name for clarity, faculty members said.

The division of medicinal chemistry and natural products will now be called the division of chemical biology and medicinal chemistry.

The name change — which was made effective Monday — received unanimous approval in a vote among 13 faculty members.

"This new name more accurately reflects the nature of the research in the division," said Bob Blouin, dean of the pharmacy school.

CITY BRIEFS

Village Project seeks haikus to celebrate car-free day

To celebrate Car Free Day, The Village Project is seeking haiku submissions that relate to the problems with cars or ways to go "car-lite."

The Village Project, which promotes transportation options that make the use of a car optional, will feature the haikus on its Village Commons blog.

Submissions are due by Sept. 22, and the project asks that participants register on the blog so that they can be notified if their haiku wins.

The categories for the Haiku contest are best overall, most humorous, most persuasive, best rant, most inspirational and best use of the senses.

Prizes include a bicycle helmet, a restaurant gift certificate and a bicycle from the Recyclery.

Judges for the event include Jay Bryan, Carrboro Poet Laureate; Ruby Sinreich, OrangePolitics blog founder; Kirk Ross, newspaper reporter and columnist; and Jean Earnhardt, a community activist.

This Haiku Contest is meant to promote International Car Free Day, an annual "celebration of cities and public life, free from cars."

International Car Free Day takes place every Sept. 22.

Registration for parks and recreation program begins

Residents of Chapel Hill and Orange County can now register for this fall's activities offered by the Chapel Hill Department of Parks and Recreation.

Registration began Sept. 12 at 8:30 a.m. Residents can register online or in person at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, Chapel Hill Community Center, Hargraves Community Center or Homestead Aquatic Center.

Non-residents can begin to register Sept. 26 at 8:30 a.m.

The program offers activities, including athletic leagues, swim lessons and fitness classes.

To register online, go to www.townofchapelhill.org/register.

- From staff and wire reports

Lofted beds get safer at UNC

8,500 beds received bed rails during the summer.

By Katharine McAnarney
Staff Writer

Lofted beds just got a little less dangerous this year.

The Department of Housing and Residential Education outfitted 8,500 beds with rails during the summer, enough for every bed on campus.

After Donna Sykes, the parent of a UNC student, died after falling from a lofted bed in Kenan Residence Hall last fall, the department saw an increase in requests for bed rails.

The incident increased student and parent awareness about the risks of lofting beds, said Larry Hicks, director of the Department of Housing and Residential Education. Last year, the department received about 1,000 requests, he said.

But the incident was not the only reason for providing bed rails across the campus.

"The accident drove the conversation, but we were going ahead and outfitting all of the dorms," said Hicks.

"We talked to students, the housing advisory board and Campus Health Services about the issue, and we wanted to prevent future injuries."

During the summer, the department distributed bed

rails to all campus dorms at an estimated cost of more than \$250,000, Hicks said.

Rick Bradley, assistant director of the housing department, said the cost was taken out of the department's budget of about \$50 million per year.

Every student living on campus has the choice to install the rails, which are given to all students when they move in, Bradley said.

"The bed rails are provided on the beds and students can attach them if they wish to use them," he said.

Some students have chosen not to use the rails provided, citing issues of convenience.

Sophomore David Carter, an exercise and sports science

"I don't feel like I'm in danger, but my parents kept bugging me to get one for safety reasons."

David Carter,
UNC sophomore

major, said he installed his bed rail when he first moved into Koury Residence Hall. But he said he found it inconvenient when he wanted to watch television from his bed, so he took it down.

"I don't feel like I'm in danger, but my parents kept bugging me to get one for safety reasons," he said.

Freshman Andrew Kosch, a physics major, said his room had a bed rail when he arrived and that he appreciated having it.

"I heard about bed rails from my (resident adviser), and through meetings and email," he said.

"If students do what they're supposed to do and have the bed rails, they'll be safe."

Hicks said he understands that not all students will use the rails provided.

"All we can do is talk about it and raise awareness."

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ATTACKING THE STEREOTYPES

Arif Alikhan addressed the need to eliminate prejudice

By Meredith Hamrick
Staff Writer

For former Homeland Security administrator Arif Alikhan, the effects of the 9/11 attacks are still apparent in the Muslim American community 10 years later.

Alikhan, who spoke to more than 100 students and community members in the FedEx Global Education Center Monday evening, addressed the harsh stereotypes that have permeated American culture regarding the relationship between Islam and terrorism.

Alikhan — who served as assistant secretary for policy development at the Department of Homeland Security during the Obama administration — said these myths are linked to the false idea that all Muslims are terrorists.

He stressed the importance of getting rid of false assumptions about Muslim Americans because they too were victims in the 9/11 attacks.

Alikhan listed a number of myths about Muslim Americans, including that Muslims are inherently different than other Americans, that they all think alike, that all are susceptible to becoming terrorists and that they could never be loyal to the United States.

He concluded that each of these myths need to be eliminated.

Two panels followed Alikhan's talk — one about Muslim Americans and one about Muslims abroad.

The panels were composed of professors and experts from the professional world who study Islam, including professors from UNC, Duke University and N.C. State University.

Engseng Ho, a professor of anthropology and history at Duke, said he was pessimistic about the War on Terror because it isn't likely to end until there is absolute

victory or defeat.

"I'm very concerned with the future," he said.

Jen'nan Read, associate professor of sociology and global health at Duke, said that as a non-Muslim, she is still sympathetic to the challenges Muslims face in establishing an identity in America today.

Read said she has taught a class on the topic at Duke and feels that Muslims are viewed as less American than non-Muslims.

Most of the panelists agreed that the stereotypes need to be addressed, but most expressed hope that in time perceptions will change.

Junior Ellen Porter, who attended the event, said she found Alikhan's speech interesting because he focused more on his personal experiences than knowledge from his background in government.

"It wasn't particularly controversial," Porter said.

The event was sponsored by the UNC Global Center, the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies.

David Schanzer, director of Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, said he helped plan the event and that Alikhan was an appropriate choice.

"(He's) a Muslim American and can speak from both policy perspective and personal experience," Schanzer said.

Jennifer Boyle, program assistant for the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, said Alikhan spoke for free because he is still a federal employee. Alikhan now teaches at the National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs in Washington, D.C.

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DTH/CRISTINA BARLETTA



(Above) Arif Alikhan, the former assistant secretary for policy development in the Department of Homeland Security, speaks to the crowd in the FedEx Global Education Center on Monday night. (Left) Neel Ahuja, an assistant English professor, responds to Alikhan's statements.

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David Schanzer,
Director of Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security

No emergency rescue funds for candidates

Chapel Hill voter-owned rescue funds were halted after a Supreme Court decision in an Arizona case.

By Gayatri Surendranathan
Staff Writer

The N.C. State Board of Elections suspended emergency voter-owned election funds last Thursday — a move some Chapel Hill candidates say might affect the competitiveness of races in this year's local elections.

Known as "rescue funds," these provisions are a part of Chapel Hill's state-pilot Voter-Owned Elections Program, which began in 2009.

Candidates registered with the program agree to receive only \$5 to \$20 individual contributions. In turn, they receive public grants of \$3,351 for town council candidates and \$10,053 for mayoral candidates after passing minimum contribution totals.

If a non-participant outspends participating candidates by at least 140 percent, the outspent candidates receive extra public grants.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision that Arizona's matching funds scheme — similar to the "rescue funds" program in Chapel Hill — was unconstitutional.

The ruling said Arizona's program, which compensated publicly financed candidates for the exact amount privately funded candidates spent, imposed financial equality — burdening political speech and violating the First Amendment.

Gary Bartlett, executive director of the N.C. Board of Elections, said election officials applied the decision to Chapel Hill.

"The United States Supreme Court ruled that rescue funds were unconstitutional," Bartlett said. "Therefore, the state board stated that they could not be used in Chapel Hill."

But unlike Arizona's matching program, pub-

"If there are folks who run very expensive campaigns, that could impact my outreach."

Donna Bell,
town council member

licly financed candidates in Chapel Hill are given a set amount of money if outspent.

And Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt, who received \$4,000 in rescue funds in 2009 after opponent Matt Czajkowski's fundraising exceeded \$21,000, said that distinction makes the difference.

"It's a misreading of the Supreme Court decision — equating rescue funds with matching funds is a misapplication," he said.

"Our program doesn't provide a dollar for dollar match. It's just a one-time, small amount of money."

Kleinschmidt said he supported the Voter-Owned Elections Program because it levels the playing field for candidates.

Donna Bell, a town council candidate who plans to participate in the program, agreed that limiting spending makes running for office more accessible.

She said the effect of rescue fund suspension on her campaign depends on the other candidates.

"If there are folks who run very expensive campaigns, that could impact my outreach," she said.

Fellow council candidate Czajkowski said he is a long-time opponent of rescue funds.

"In 2009 I lost by 106 votes to a candidate who was funded with rescue funds," he said.

Czajkowski said he wasn't at all surprised by the suspension.

"No one has pointed to a single circumstance of big spending being an issue in a Chapel Hill election," he said.

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Second theft calls for investigation

A person of interest has been identified on campus flyers.

By Becky Bush
Staff Writer

As freshman Patrick White slept in his Hinton James dorm room, a burglar entered his suite and stole several of his suitcases' valuables.

"The dorm was left unlocked and (the burglar) just walked in," White said. "I believe they were in the room asleep when it happened."

The person took \$163 worth of personal property from the room's residents, according to the Department of Public Safety's police blotter.

"They took a wallet and an iPhone," White said.

"I didn't hear anything, and I live right across the way."

The theft marked the second burglary in a residence hall in late August. The first was in Craige North Residence Hall on Aug. 21, when \$2,400 worth of personal property was taken, according to the DPS blotter.

Both thefts are raising security concerns in residence halls.

Both burglaries were classified as non-forced entry, according to the website.

Now, there are signs with a suspect's face posted around Hinton James and Craige North Residence Halls.

"The suspect in the picture

CONTACT POLICE

Students with information on two late August burglaries in South Campus residence halls are asked to contact campus police investigators at (919) 962-8176 or (919) 962-0564.

is a person of interest," DPS spokesman Randy Young said.

"However, we're not saying that this person was involved."

Young declined to say how the department obtained the photograph.

"The picture is part of the investigation," Young said.

"We're not saying if it is a student or not a student."

Young said he hopes the image on the flier will elicit some help.

Larceny is the most common crime on campus, Young said.

He declined to release the nature of the evidence but said the situation needs investigation.

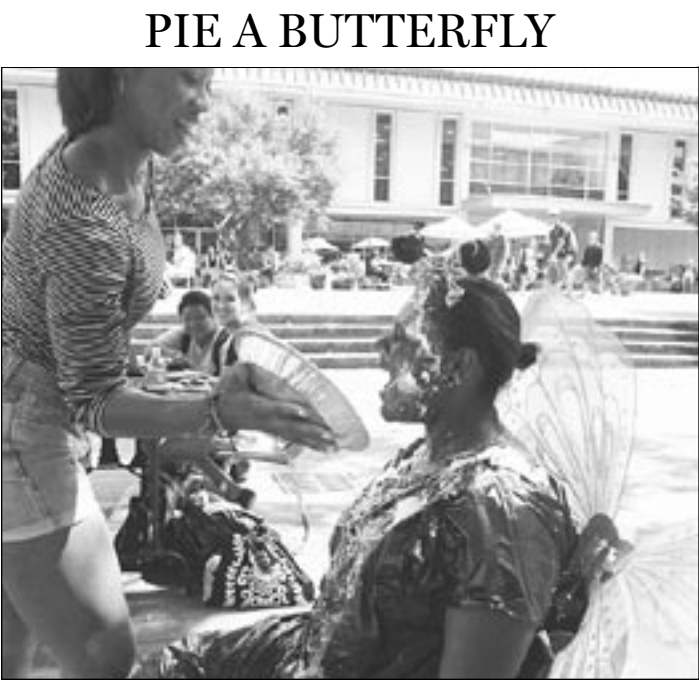
Rick Bradley, assistant director of the housing department, said he was not aware of the break-ins or thefts.

"I'm not aware of the specific incident," Bradley said.

Kristi Stout, a freshman resident of nearby Craige Residence Hall, said she is curious to see how the thief was able to get into the residence hall in the first place.

"There's obviously a flaw in security," she said.

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DTH/JESSICA GAYLORD

Marissa Peterson, left, pies Arlena Ratliff, right, for the annual scholarship fundraiser for Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. on Monday afternoon. "I have to go to class after this," Ratliff said. "I hope people don't stare."

East Chapel Hill upgraded

Caroline Watkins
Staff Writer

East Chapel Hill High School is an Honor School of Excellence for the first time — but a miscalculation almost kept them from the title.

On Sept. 8, the high school was confirmed as an Honor School of Excellence, joining three other schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School System to be awarded this distinction.

The classification was given after an appeal by the school, which the N.C. Department of Public Instruction originally classed as a School of Excellence, a step below Honor School of Excellence.

Before the appeal, the school's score as calculated by the state did not meet requirements for the higher distinction.

"There was a glitch in our data that prevented us from making

AYP (adequate yearly progress), but we were able to appeal and demonstrate that we had met all the standards for that subgroup," said Eileen Tully, principal of East Chapel Hill High School.

Classification as a School of Excellence versus an Honor School of Excellence is based on adequate yearly progress reports, measured by No Child Left Behind standards that mark grade level performance for different ethnic and socioeconomic groups.

To be distinguished as an Honor School of Excellence, 90 percent or more of students at a school must also score at or above grade level on end-of-course tests.

"It is very unusual for a high school to be an Honor School of Excellence or even a School of Excellence," said Stephanie Knott, a spokeswoman for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City schools. "The typically large and diverse popula-

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Ed Holub,

A parent of a sophomore and a senior at East Chapel Hill High

tions make this difficult."

Knott also said adequate yearly progress report standards have been debated since their 2001 creation.

"We were delighted to have an additional school make AYP when it was very difficult to make," Knott said. "The school made a concerted effort at high achievement."

For parents of East Chapel Hill High School students, the new classification is reassuring.

"Academically, East is in the handful of top schools in the state, if not the whole Southeast," said Ed Holub, a parent of a sophomore and a senior at the school. Holub was a former member of

the School Improvement Team, a group of students, parents and administrators that meets monthly to discuss school concerns.

"I guess, as a parent, I feel comfortable that the academics are of high standard," he said. "I feel comfortable they go to a good school."

East Chapel Hill High School's new distinction reflects both students' and faculty's hard work, Tully said.

"It is a hard thing to earn," Tully said, "and I'm so proud that the teachers, students and staff here are earning it."

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Sororities welcome more upperclassmen

By Ben Salkeld
Staff Writer

More than 120 sophomores and juniors joined sororities this semester, a significant increase from the few upperclassmen that were even registered for the rush process last fall.

Student and administrative leaders in the Greek system said the increase is largely due to a new upperclassmen quota.

During recruitment, which ended Thursday, each of the 10 Panhellenic houses had a separate quota it had to meet in giving bids to non-freshmen, said Lindsey Stephens, president of the Panhellenic Council.

The quota system played a primary role in getting more women to participate, Stephens said.

"There are always going to be some girls of all classes who are unhappy every year because there are limited spots, but a lot more

sophomores are excited this year especially," she said. "There are around 10 in every pledge class."

About 111 sophomores and 10 juniors joined sororities this semester, said Aaron Bachenheimer, interim coordinator of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Last year, few upperclassmen registered for the rush process at all, Bachenheimer said, though he could not provide an exact number.

Stephens said some women didn't rush last year because they felt they would not get into the sororities they wanted.

This year, those women were more excited about participating with the new emphasis on admitting non-freshmen, Stephens said.

Although the exact number is not yet available, Stephens said around 700 women participated in rush week.

Ashley Stearns, a sophomore who just completed the rush process and received a bid from Phi

Mu, said even though she wanted to rush regardless, knowing about the new quotas made her feel much more at ease about the process.

Stearns did not to rush last year, wanting to settle in at UNC first.

"None of my friends were doing it, and the process seemed overwhelming at the very beginning of my first year," she said.

As a sophomore, she rushed without worrying about being favored less than the freshmen during recruitment, which hasn't necessarily been true in previous years.

"We were looking for something different this year," Stephens said. "The upperclassmen recruitment ideas prompted new things."

"Hopefully we can continue to improve next year, but I am very happy with how things have gone this year."

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DTH/KARLA TOWLE

Phi Mu is one of the 10 Panhellenic sororities that expanded its quotas to incorporate more upperclassmen.

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It is true that the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza are suffering. But they are suffering because of sixty years of Arab aggression; sixty years of Arabs rejecting peace, and sixty years of Arab wars to destroy the Jewish state. They are suffering because whenever the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza were given the opportunity to hold free elections, they elected corrupt and terrorist regimes to rule over them.

The Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and the Hamas Government of Gaza both claim that Israel is "Occupied Palestine." This is a lie. Israel does not occupy "Palestine." When Israel was created in 1948, there was no Palestine nation to occupy. There has been no state, no country, no nation called Palestine in the Middle East since Roman times. Palestine is a geographical region of the Middle East. Its status is identical to that of New England in America. It is not and has never been a nation.

The derivation of the name "Palestine" is Roman not Arabic. It was a name affixed to the Jewish homeland as an insult and punishment when Rome conquered Jerusalem and dispersed most of the Jews who lived there to the four corners of the globe.

The land on which Israel now stands is not Arab and is not Palestinian. It was part of the Turkish empire for four hundred years when the Jewish state was created. The Turks are not Arabs and there was never a province, nor entity in the Turkish empire called "Palestine."

In fact virtually no Arabs called themselves "Palestinians" until 1964 when the "Palestine Liberation Organization" was created – sixteen years after the creation of the Jewish state. In 1949 Jordan annexed the West Bank and Egypt annexed Gaza. But these annexations of the so-called Palestinian homeland called forth no protests from the Arab world nor the "Palestinians" themselves.

In 1964 Jordan ruled the West Bank and Egypt ruled Gaza but the Palestine Liberation Organization did not call for the liberation of the West Bank or Gaza. It only called for the destruction of the "Zionist entity." That is because the Palestinian nation is a historical fiction invented in 1964 as a rationale for destroying the Jewish state.

Throughout human history, people have suffered deprivation and oppression. But never before in all of human history has a people waged a calculated war on women and children, and honored the murderers who targeted innocents as heroes and martyrs. This is the moral truth of the war against Israel: It is a genocidal war and its motivation is hate.

The lie that Israel "occupies" Palestine is an expression of Jew-hatred and its goal is Israel's destruction. Israel is bordered to the east by the Jordan River and to the west by the Mediterranean sea. The slogan – "Palestine Must Be Free From the River to the Sea" – is a slogan of Jew-hatred – a demand that the Jewish state and its citizens disappear.

This September the Arab League will attempt to take another step in its sinister sixty-year effort to erase the indigenous people of the geographical region called Palestine. They will attempt to establish a theocratic Muslim state called Palestine. They will do so unilaterally – that is without signing a peace agreement to end their sixty year aggression – and their leaders will continue to claim the territory between "the river and the sea." The civilized world needs to stand up and oppose this latest genocidal campaign against the Jews, who have created the only democracy, the only tolerant society and the only nation that seeks peace in the entire Middle East.

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Tar Heels focus on fixing turnovers

Coach Withers attributes turnovers to mindset rather than technique.

By Kelly Parsons
Sports Editor

In its 24-22 win against Rutgers on Saturday, the North Carolina football team racked up five turnovers — its highest single-game total since a 20-17 loss to Virginia Tech in 2008.

But interim head coach Everett Withers said at a press conference Monday that he isn't too worried about the miscues.

All the Tar Heels have to do,

he said, is change the way they think.

"You can work on (turnovers) and you can emphasize them and you can get them corrected," Withers said. "It's not something that I think will linger."

"What we have to do is go back to work and focus on it. I think it's more of a mindset than it is a fundamental technique issue."

Against Rutgers, North Carolina fumbled the ball five times, losing possession twice.

Quarterback Bryn Renner, who threw one interception against James Madison, added three more picks to his career stat line against the Scarlet Knights.

Watching his team win the

game despite committing so many errors proved to Withers his team must have been doing something right.

"I think the percentage is below 10 percent to win a game that you turn the ball over five times," Withers said. "So if you win those kinds of games, obviously you take a positive approach about it. That's what we did."

Withers praised his defense — which ranks third in the nation in defending the rush — for keeping the Scarlet Knights off the board despite the offensive mistakes.

The offensive line, too, has excelled so far this season, and the Tar Heels are one of just five teams that have played two games

and haven't allowed a sack.

Renner has an 87.5 percent completion rate after his first two games as a starting quarterback, but his four interceptions comprise a stat on which he can't help but dwell.

"Here and there I made some good decisions, and those three bad decisions I made were costly to the team," Renner said.

"I can't put the team in that situation with making those types of decisions. The No. 1 job of the quarterback, we talk about it every week, is protecting the football."

On Sunday, that's exactly what the Tar Heels worked on.

Renner said the team spent

"I think the percentage is below 10 percent to win a game that you turn the ball over five times."

Everett Withers,
Interim head football coach

30 minutes of practice focusing solely on holding on to the football.

The team participated in drills, Renner said, during which players would stand in stretch lines and coaches would come by and try to swipe the ball out of their hands.

"Every time somebody has a football, we're going to try and knock it out," Renner said with a laugh. "We might even start tak-

ing them to class."

North Carolina hopes the extra practice will help it win its first conference opener since 2000, as the Tar Heels will face Virginia this weekend at Kenan Stadium.

And when game day arrives, Renner said the Tar Heels are determined not to drop the ball.

Contact the Sports Editor at sports@dailytarheel.com.

Republicans balk at Obama's job package plan



MCT/KEVIN LAMARQUE

President Barack Obama addresses a joint session of the U.S. Congress about job creation on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday.

Republicans oppose tax increases of the president's proposal.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — President Barack Obama would pay for his \$447 billion jobs package by closing tax loopholes and wiping out deductions for wealthier families and specific industries, White House officials said, drawing immediate blowback from Republican leaders.

The exchange Monday echoed the bitter debt-ceiling debate that brought the country to the brink of default. Obama largely resurrected ideas that he failed to achieve over the summer when he sought to cut the nation's deficit through a "grand bargain."

Republicans insisted they would not support what they characterized as tax increases.

Because little has happened to alter the political dynamics in Washington since those negotiations, Obama appears to be following a political strategy that does not rely on Republicans having a change of heart. Rather, the idea is to portray GOP leaders as facing a choice in an election season: Pass a plan that boosts the economy and promotes job growth, or protect oil companies, hedge fund managers and the most well-off households.

"Use one of those airplane skywriters. Dust off the fax machine. Or you can just, like, write a letter."

President Barack Obama,
on how taxpayers can make their views known

Yet the quest for new revenue also shows the White House has few other options to pay for its jobs package, particularly amid repeated calls from Republicans in Congress to reduce the size of government. Economists have warned that abruptly cutting spending could stall the fragile economy and instead prefer a mix of short-term stimulus paired with longer-term deficit reduction.

Obama supports that approach and believes a majority of Americans agree, and has launched a road show to sell his plan to the public and enlist its help in persuading Republicans to give in on new revenue. Obama is asking taxpayers to make their views known in calls and emails to Congress.

"Use one of those airplane skywriters. Dust off the fax machine. Or you can just, like, write a letter," Obama said in a Rose Garden appearance.

"The bottom line is, when it comes to strengthening the economy and balancing our books, we've got to decide what our priorities are. Do we keep tax

loopholes for oil companies — or do we put teachers back to work?"

Since Obama rolled out his jobs package on Thursday, Republicans have suggested that they are open to compromise. But as the White House revealed more specifics about how it would attack the 9.1 percent unemployment rate, Republican objections bubbled up, even as they chose their words carefully to avoid the public perception that they are blocking Obama's every move.

Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., the majority leader who skirmished with the president during the debt-ceiling fight, told reporters Monday that House Republicans stand ready to work with Obama.

"Why don't we just sit down and talk?" Cantor said. "We've had enough of this posturing."

But in the same breath, Cantor dismissed key elements of Obama's proposal.

Neither side shows any sign of moving off its positions. The two parties may find common ground on ideas such as cuts to payroll taxes — popular among politicians and consumers alike. But

Republicans are wary of other key components of Obama's program.

Obama's proposal for putting Americans back to work rebuilding roads and bridges is a non-starter to Republicans: Cantor called it another round of "stimulus" spending. GOP leaders also want no part of Obama's proposal to raise taxes on the wealthy.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, remains "eager" to work with the president, but "this proposal doesn't appear to have been offered in that bipartisan spirit," said Boehner spokesman Michael Steel.

What seems probable is the Senate will take up the bill in the weeks ahead. But it is unlikely to garner the 60-vote super-majority needed for passage and, at that point, it would be carved into smaller pieces.

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Ackland funds cut

In times of budget cuts, the Ackland Art Museum is one of the hardest hit. See pg. 1 for story.

No more Morehead

Morehead Planetarium won't be an early voting site this year. See pg. 1 for story.

Safe in bed

Bed rails were provided for every bed on campus during the summer. See pg. 3 for story.

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Campus police are investigating two thefts in South Campus residence halls. See pg. 3 for story.

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The number of upperclassmen who received sorority bids went up this year. See pg. 5 for story.

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6 "Arabian Nights" birds

10 Big name in razors

14 Alpaca kin

15 Pop singer Brickell

16 Washerful

17 Word on a French postcard

18 Laura of "Jurassic Park"

19 Forever, so to speak

20 Shareholder's bonus

23 Dir. from Memphis to Nashville

24 Something to grind

25 Throw easily

26 Phone bk. info

29 Kitchen island material

32 Spinning sound

35 "It's a Wonderful Life" studio

36 Brief fisticuffs

37 It has lots of slots

38 Invite to one's penthouse

41 Some necklines

42 Macaroni shape

44 "I could win on my next turn!"

45 Bk. before Job

46 Wrap for leftovers

50 "Tiki

51 Wimple wearer

52 Window units, briefly

53 Mud bath venue

56 Laundry convenience

60 Empty room sound

62 Roll of fabric

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1 Little shaver

2 Troublemaking chipmunk

3 Too trusting

4 Madame's "mine"

5 Two-seated carriage

6 Jeff Foxworthy jokes about them

7 Pigged out (on)

8 Word with sewing or traffic

9 Lisbon mister

10 Actor Baldwin

11 Created a study aid in class

12 Was on the ballot

13 Program breaks

21 One in a crowd scene

22 Goes back to sea?

27 Large wedding band

28 Smidge

29 Witch craft?

30 Balderdash

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32 Inflict, as havoc

33 Nametag greeting

34 How grapes grow

39 Remove the chain from, say

40 Doggie

43 Skid row regular

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49 "Compromising Positions" author Susan

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» Pawlenty backs Romney after criticizing health plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Just weeks after abandoning his campaign for president, Tim Pawlenty is injecting himself back in the race with an endorsement of Mitt Romney.

The expression of support for his former foe is a quick turn-about for the former Minnesota governor, who earlier this summer lampooned Romney over his health-care reform plan, which Pawlenty called "Obamneycare."

It also comes as the GOP race for president has entered a newly competitive phase between Romney, a former governor of Massachusetts, and Rick Perry, the current governor of Texas.

In an interview Monday morning on Fox News Channel, Pawlenty said that Perry's rhetoric on Social Security — which he has called a "Ponzi scheme" — made him a flawed candidate.

"Governor Romney wants to fix Social Security — he doesn't want to abolish it or end it," Pawlenty said. "He doesn't believe it should be thrown out — he thinks it should be reformed and fixed."



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» Mitt Romney, left, and Texas Gov. Rick Perry trade jabs during the Republican presidential debate at the Reagan Presidential Library.

During an appearance on "Fox News Sunday" in June, Pawlenty had leveled an attack on the then-front-runner over his support for a health insurance mandate in Massachusetts.

The plan he enacted in the Bay State laid the groundwork for the national healthcare reform effort President Obama pursued, Pawlenty argued, saying the plans were so similar they could be called "Obamneycare."

One of the crushing blows to Pawlenty's campaign came just days later when he failed to follow

through on that attack.

Stocks tumble as investors fear Greek default on debt

LONDON (MCT) — European politicians, who denied for months that bankruptcy was an option as Greece struggled to bring down an enormous budget deficit, are now beginning to acknowledge the possibility.

Nervous investors appear to increasingly believe default is just around the corner.

Proposed Jobs Act could help NC colleges

By Miranda Murray
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama's proposed American Jobs Act could provide welcome funds for N.C. community colleges in need of repairs, but its overall effect on the state's economy might be short-lived.

Obama presented the act to a joint session of Congress on Thursday. The act also includes tax breaks for small businesses and increased expenditures for infrastructure projects across the country.

The plan would provide \$5 billion for community colleges nationwide to modernize their campuses and complete deferred maintenance projects.

Megen Hoenk, director of marketing and external affairs for the N.C. Community College system, said it would be premature to speculate about the plan's effects on the system, but the state's economy could benefit from the repairs.

"The road to recovery runs right through the N.C. community college system," Hoenk said.

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Megen Hoenk,
Director of marketing and external affairs for the N.C. Community College system

Aid would be distributed to community college systems based on greatest need as well as their readiness for modernization projects, said Arne Duncan, U.S. secretary of education, in a blog post last week.

North Carolina has 58 member institutions in its community college system, making it the third largest system in the country based on number of schools.

The system could receive more than \$160 million to provide community colleges with facilities and equipment to meet workforce demands.

Hoenk said many of the community colleges in the system have held off on capital projects due to state funding cuts. Community colleges received a 10.7 percent cut in the state budget enacted this summer.

"We would be hopeful that any plan that puts people back to work would include us," she said.

In Mecklenburg County, Central Piedmont Community College needs additional facilities for a growing energy and health care sector, wrote Jeff Lowrance, CPCC spokesman, in an email.

"Some of CPCC's facilities are more than 30 years old," he said. "These spaces need updating to meet the current demands of college instruction."

John Stewart, a UNC economics professor, said the effects of the bill's changes would likely be short-term.

"Basically, these are all things that most economists would say stimulate jobs in the short run but it's sort of too small," he said.

"It's unlikely to make a major effect on the job situation, aside from the fact it probably won't be passed by Congress."

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HOROSCOPES

If September 13th is Your Birthday...

The year promises financial growth and stability. Consider an investment in your own education, and review investments in general. Shuffle your cards and see if you can play them a new way for greater benefit. Spend time tonight with someone special.

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 7 - With the moon in your sign, you've got the confidence to face any challenge. Consider seemingly crazy solutions that just might work. Take it slow, and finish up.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 - You're inspired and you know what actions to take, so dive in. Work privately, and focus on completing previous commitments first. Unexpected brilliance results.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is an 8 - Schedule meetings today, and enjoy friends - group activities bring rewards. Encourage someone else's creativity. New opportunities unfold. Guard against jealousies, and share gratitude.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 7 - Don't be put off by first appearances, things aren't always what they seem. Keep your house clean to avoid upset. Travel later. Hang with friends when you can.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 - Romantic persuasion works for you now. Your community brings out the best in you. An argument is tantalizing, if you keep your sense of humor. Take notes for future reference.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 6 - It's OK to question your purpose at this point in time. Don't go against your core values. Encourage others to make bizarre suggestions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 7 - Clean up any misunderstandings with your partner to create shared goals anew. Think outside the box when confronted with any challenges. Get expert assistance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8 - Jump into action. You can be especially creative in your work now. Be open for a pleasant surprise. You've got everything you need, so keep your money in your pocket.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 7 - Confer with your family. You're attracting love and romance. A surprising development spurs you to new ideas. Choose for yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 6 - Solve a mystery by cleaning up messes and tying loose ends. Don't get off the train until it has completely stopped. If you do, expect consequences. Better to stay home.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 7 - Practice and study flourish now. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. It's part of learning. Communication allows romantic conflict to end before it starts.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 9 - Push forward to complete projects, especially those that have resisted completion before. Your head's full of ways to make money. Finish up old stuff to make for new.

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Your questions on the economy

If there's one issue on which every American seems to have an opinion, it's the economy. This week, I'm answering your questions on America's hottest topic.

QUESTION: Will the President's \$447 billion package of tax cuts and government spending lead to job creation?

ANSWER: The first step to raising your Scrabble score is learning the two-letter words. There are 101 two-letter words listed in the Scrabble dictionary. Memorize them and you'll see your average score shoot up 50 points.

Twos are great for scoring because they set up what Scrabble players call parallel plays, or moves in which you make two or more words simultaneously.

For example, if you see the word AGE on the board going horizontally, you could place the word BAN directly above it, creating the two-letter words BA, AG and NE, all of which are acceptable.

Q: But how will we see those results on a local level?

A: It should come as no surprise that since QI was added to the Scrabble dictionary in 2006, it has become the most frequently played word in the game.

QI is the only two-letter word containing a Q after all, so it's perfect for getting rid of Scrabble's most burdensome tile.

Every now and then you'll hit the proverbial gold mine by landing the Q on a triple letter score going in two directions. That's 60 points guaranteed before you even count the other tiles.

Q: What kind of an impact will the European debt crisis have on the American market?

A: Remember, interjections such as HA, UM and OW are all acceptable, as are the phonetic spellings of English letters (like EM and AR), Greek letters (NU, XI) and Hebrew letters (PE, FE). Finally, all the notes of the diatonic scale (DO, RE, MI, FA, SO, LA, TI) are fair game.

When your rack is overpopulated by vowels, knowing AA, AE, AI, OE and OI is certainly helpful. And HM, MM and SH can get you out of a bind when you've got too many consonants.

Q: I think I understand. But what does the housing bubble have to do with federal spending?

A: Continue to build your vocabulary by looking over the 1,015 three-letter words. This list will take a little more time to memorize, although you probably know three-fourths of the words already.

As a way to ease into the threes, start by learning which two-letter words you can attach an S to.

For instance, you'd never think the word GO could be extended to make GOS, until you remember that go is also the name of an ancient Chinese board game. BY is another word that takes a surprise S hook.

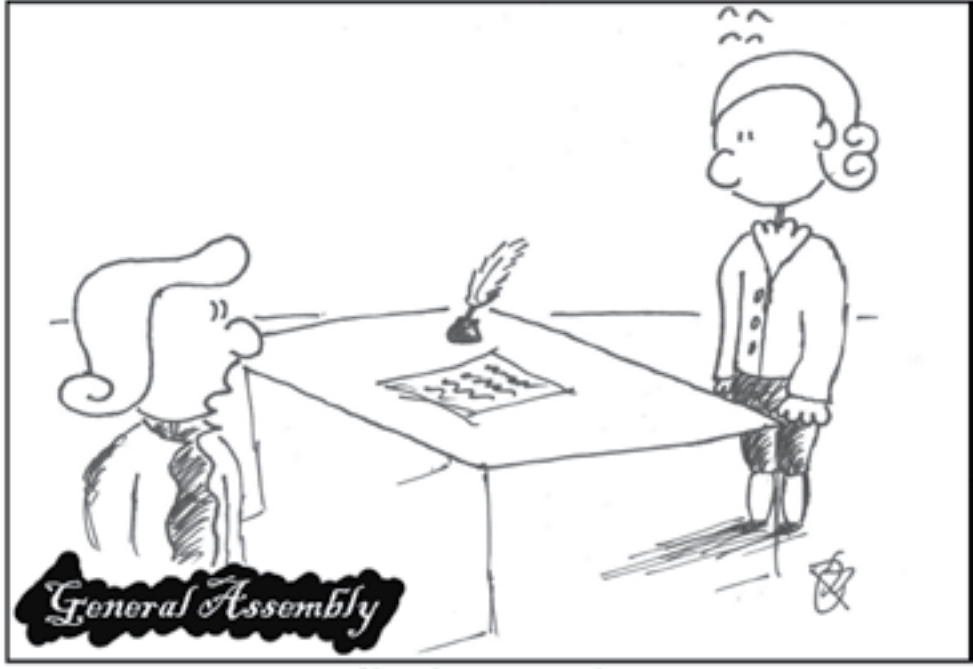
Q: Is it worth it to play a high-scoring word that opens up a triple word score for my opponent, or should I focus on playing defensively?

A: Investors will need to pour millions of dollars into commodity funds for that to happen.

NEXT Columnist Patricia Laya looks into the unpaid internship and what students pay for them.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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EDITORIAL

The wrong side of history

Citizens must step up to block legislation that perpetuates hate.

In a state where gay marriage is already illegal, the N.C. House's passage of a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman occurred as insult to injury. The amendment, which passed through the House by a 75-42 margin, served to define not only the state's definition of marriage but also the culture of intolerance pervading legislators in Raleigh. With all indicators pointing toward Senate approval for ingraining systemized discrimination into the state constitution, the duty of putting North Carolina on the right side of history will fall on its citizenry.

A recent poll conducted by Raleigh-based, left-leaning think tank Public Policy Polling shows that 55 percent of N.C. voters oppose the constitutional amendment. An even larger majority of 61 percent still believes that gay marriage should be illegal in the state, making it clear that the constitutional amendment is overkill in the eyes of most.

Opponents of the bill have cited the possibility that disallowing private companies from providing benefits to domestic partners may scare businesses away in a time of already sluggish job growth. In an effort to curtail this concern, the amendment was altered to include a provision exempting same-sex recognition by private parties.

According to UNC law professor Maxine Eichner, the

"vague and untested language" may prove detrimental to other policy areas, including domestic violence and child custody laws.

The vote comes on the heels of an equally bigoted statement from House Majority Leader Paul Stam, who recently likened a ban on same-sex marriage to state prohibitions on incest and polygamy. Stam didn't quite say that homosexuality was the same as incest and polygamy, but he came close enough to get his point across.

Fortunately, the legislature is not empowered to act carte blanche, as the amendment will require popular approval in a vote set to occur in May. One can only hope the citizens of the state will be able to stand for equal rights for all North Carolinians — even if Raleigh doesn't.

EDITORIAL

More access, less bias

Revisions to the UNC harassment policy take down red tape, bias.

The University took the necessary steps last week to rid its discrimination and harassment policies of red tape and bias. By whittling down the list of places to file a complaint, the University has clarified the reporting process. And the promise of an external review, paired with defense against retaliatory action, should create a culture in which those who feel wronged don't have to choose between their careers and reporting an offense.

The review of UNC's Policy

on Prohibited Harassment and Discrimination began last spring when a graduate student was forced to stay an extra year after a sexual harassment suit forced her to break with her adviser, undermining her prior research. It quickly became clear that the problem was more rampant, as many reported the system was both inaccessible and confusing.

In directing the community to the two most sensible administrative branches — the Equal Opportunity/ADA Office or the Dean of Students Office — the University has removed that confusion. More importantly, the new policy dictates that any complaint against a faculty member must

be adjudicated by someone outside the department. The possibility of injecting bias into an investigation only serves to dissuade students who report infractions, making this step an absolute necessity.

But there is still work to be done. The scope of the policy, as articulated by the University, largely excluded housekeepers, who have complained that supervisors take sides in harassment investigations. The policy also included no mention of discrimination among student groups, an issue that is now under investigation after Psalm 100's ousting of Will Thomason. UNC should show similar responsiveness in that investigation.

Not so green, after all

UNC Management Company should prove that its holdings are coal-free.

The past decade has watched the University put together quite the environmental resume. And, with Chancellor Holden Thorp's commitment last year to end the University's use of coal by 2020, there's plenty of reason to think that resume will only grow greener with time.

But the group that pushed for Thorp's commitment, the Sierra Club's Coal-Free Campus campaign, wants more. It wants the UNC Management Company, the body that invests the University's nearly \$2 billion endowment, to make its holdings transparent. They say that's the only way UNC can be sure it isn't investing in companies that haven't made the same coal-free commitment. And they're right.

The Management Company's quarterly investment update from March showed a target of 7 to 8 percent of assets in energy and commodities.

Stewart Boss, co-chairman of



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the UNC Sierra Student Coalition, said considering about half of the electricity in the U.S. is provided by coal, at least a portion of this money is likely going into the very industry UNC was so proud to turn its back on.

If the coalition's fears prove true, it would mean that UNC is still a contributor to the overall problem. After all, the nature of pollution is its non-excludability.

Coal burned one, or 10, or even 24 hours away sends just as much carbon dioxide into the environment as coal burned right here

on campus.

If UNC wants to remain "a national leader in sustainability in American higher education," as the chancellor said in May of 2010, it's important to reveal the endowment's energy holdings and, if necessary, divest in companies that aren't so green.

The University has made countless steps toward becoming green so far. The Climate Action Plan, energy conservation projects and renovations to Morrison Residence Hall — which won the EPA's first annual Energy Star National Building Competition in 2010 — all point to the University's environmentally progressive direction.

But the University's campus is not a bubble. It needs to understand its sphere of responsibility. The endowment money should be invested in companies that share the same strong environmental morality as the students and faculty of UNC.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This proposed constitutional amendment runs against the tide of history. I think that's why it's being brought here today, in a last gasp to forestall that tide of history."

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, on the Defense of Marriage amendment

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Common sense goes a long way when discussing finances ... Too bad so many politicians and university faculty lack it."

Hugo, on former UNC system President Erskine Bowles' comments in Gerrard Hall on Thursday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Special session is a waste of time fueled by hatred

TO THE EDITOR:

This week, radical Republicans in the General Assembly will spend \$150,000 of your tax money on a special session to debate an amendment to make already illegal same-sex marriage super-extra-illegal via a constitutional amendment. Couldn't they at least have used the money to save three straight teachers' jobs? At a press conference last week, Majority Leader Paul Stam and Speaker Pro Tempore Dale Folwell, the main backers of the amendment, forgot to tell you that the legislature codified marriage discrimination in state law 15 years ago. Instead, they turned to myth and hate speech, predictably comparing homosexuality to pedophilia, incest and polygamy; and implying that people like me made a choice to be this way. I guess I wasn't getting picked on enough in school. My friends and I really just wanted to give our families, peer groups and faith communities a reason to consider cutting us off ... It all makes sense now, right?

I don't want to knock all Republicans. Most of my Republican friends oppose this amendment; most in fact actually support the right to same-sex marriage. What we see with this legislature are the last throes of an ignorant and mean-spirited generation of leadership that voters on both sides (and natural biology) will eventually repudiate. North Carolinians and voters across America don't care for the far-right's divisive social agenda. We have 10 percent unemployment and gigantic cuts to education and vital social programs to deal with. But as a gay man, all I really want is the freedom to turn on the TV or pick up a newspaper and not worry about seeing my identity used as a political wedge. I can't overstate how emotionally and sometimes physically painful these public debates are for queer people. That fact often is lost in the process. Those like Stam and Folwell, who shamelessly stake their political careers on the "defeat" of the LGBTQ community, would do well to realize that despite their humiliating rhetoric, we are still people first.

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Freedom of association affords the right for bias

TO THE EDITOR:

"Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants" – Louis Brandies.

Cameron Parker's Sept. 12 letter asks us to consider a hypothetical situation in which a club rejects students based not on their race but rather on their unwillingness to admit the supremacy of the white race (effectively banning virtually all non-whites). I considered it, and here's what I decided.

White supremacists and homophobes should be free to express themselves by association and disassociation just like

everyone else. A policy of freedom of expression and freedom of association would have two great results: everyone's personal autonomy and freedom of expression will be respected, and it will be easy to tell which people on campus are the racist or homophobic jerks.

Forcing people to accept others into their club does nothing but shove these issues underground.

Mr. Parker says that "gays don't need to be 'helped' or enlightened." I agree completely! That is why we don't need to force people to associate or agree with them. Kindergarten teachers force children to play together. We do not need a University chancellor to force adult college students to do the same.

Both Psalm 100 and the hypothetical white supremacist club should be allowed to display their biases to the world and be mocked for it. Instead of silencing those we deem to be fools, why not let them advertise their foolishness?

David Deerson
Vice President
UNC College Libertarians

DTH was wrong to opine on Psalm 100 near 9/11

TO THE EDITOR:

I am extremely disappointed in the DTH. It is inappropriate and insensitive to use something as significant as the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11th to continue to publicize your view on the issues with Psalm 100 and the College Republicans. We should be using this time to come together as people, gay or straight, Republican or Democrat, to mourn the collective loss of life that occurred on that Tuesday morning 10 years ago and, more importantly, to celebrate the heroism that took place on that day, and in the days following. On that morning we came together as Americans. Our political and religious differences did not matter. Neither did the color of our skin or any other minute detail that seemed to matter before that morning.

I agree that we should be using this anniversary as a reminder that 10 years ago, none of our differences seemed to matter, and we should continue to move in that direction as a University and as a nation. However, this is not the time or place to use a national tragedy to advance your own opinions or beliefs. You are abusing your influence as the voice of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and for that you should be ashamed.

The editorial board needs to re-read their own opinion piece: This Sunday should provide a reminder of all that transcends relatively minor differences. It should show that unity is possible if blinders are removed.

Remove your blinders, Daily Tar Heel.

Bruce Carroll
Class of 2007

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