

GRADUATION

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The New York City mayor then concentrated on the value of a UNC degree.

"Only a lack of education can hold you back in America and today you've cleared the bar, and you've done it at one of the country's finest institutions," Bloomberg said.

Bloomberg said the economy is just one of many difficulties graduates must overcome.

"Failure is the world's best teacher," Bloomberg said. "Education is a lifelong journey."

Class of 2012 Vice President Mohammad Saad said seniors' reception of Bloomberg's speech has been mixed.

"I think everyone was pleased that he had done his research on campus life, but some people thought his speech was too general and vague," Saad said.

Senior and New York native Joshua Ford said he expected a general speech from Bloomberg.

"Giving advice to thousands of people is difficult, even if he were from North Carolina or Chapel Hill," Ford said.

He said seniors were receptive to Bloomberg's opposition to Amendment One.

"No one really expected him to mention Amendment One, but it showed just how far-reaching its

passage has been," Ford said.

Wade Hargrove, chairman of the Board of Trustees, asked UNC seniors to donate so the University can continue to be one of the nation's leaders in public higher education.

"All of us in Chapel Hill arrived on the backs of others," Hargrove said. "We hope you will come back, and come back often."

Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the UNC-system Board of Governors, presented chemistry professor Linda Spremulli with the board's teaching excellence award.

UNC-system President Thomas Ross said he is confident the class of 2012 will improve and give back to their community while pursuing personal success.

During the ceremony, Bloomberg received an honorary doctor of laws degree from UNC, and renowned saxophonist Branford Marsalis received a doctor of music degree.

Saad was the final speaker, and said seniors should be grateful for their time at UNC.

"The University has given us so much that we should give back in whatever capacity we can," Saad said.

The ceremony ended with the Clef Hangers, joined by Thorp, singing "Carolina In My Mind."

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an ordinance that I didn't think was a good idea to begin with, sorry," he said.

"I think it just makes our process look sort of reactionary, and I don't think it really speaks especially well for the way we conduct things."

Council Member Lee Storror said the changes were necessary in order to resolve a conflict in town law.

"We made a modification to deal with the conflict between tow-truck operators who are required to have a cell phone available," he said.

Storror said he would have liked for the issue to have been dealt with during the normal decision-making process, instead of afterwards.

"It's unfortunate that the mind-

set that this interest group used was to not be a part of the dialogue and the process, and instead litigate against us after the fact," he said.

The council also decided to delay the implementation of an education outreach program on the new cellphone ordinance.

George King, owner of George King Towing Service, is suing the town to repeal both ordinances.

King could not be reached for comment.

King's lawyer, Thomas Stark, said the cellphone ban makes it impossible for King to comply with the towing ordinance, which requires tow operators to answer their cellphones while working.

Ralph Karpinos, town attorney, said a date for the next hearing has not been set.

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Tami Fitzgerald (left), Vote For Marriage NC chairwoman, congratulates Mary Forrester, wife of late Senator Jim Forrester, sponsor of the bill.

AMENDMENT ONE

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She said such an interpretation is plausible based on the amendment's wording.

Supporters of the amendment have said it was intended solely to protect a traditional definition of marriage.

Tillman said the amendment merely confirms previously established state policy, and will not force any changes in legal doctrine. He added that most other states with constitutional marriage amendments have not altered legal precedent.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Jim Woodall said his office will continue to prosecute cases of domestic violence involving unmarried partners.

But Butler said such matters will only be decisively settled in court.

"I wouldn't be surprised if someone brought action against the amendment in the courts," Butler said. "Give it a few weeks."

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» Europe's path uncertain amidst leadership changes

PARIS (MCT) - The financially besieged European Union embarked on an uncertain path Tuesday, with a new president in France and a call for new elections in Greece, developments that are certain to change the way Europe handles its economic crisis.

In France, Socialist Francois Hollande took his oath of office in a rainy Paris at a subdued ceremony befitting a troubled economy.

In his inaugural address, Hollande described France's economic situation in blunt terms: "massive debt, low growth, high unemployment, a degraded competitiveness and a Europe that is struggling to emerge from the crisis." He pledged to spread the pain of a budget shortfall, through new taxes, from a middle class that is losing jobs to the wealthy.

Meanwhile, in Greece, that country's president gave up on his efforts to cobble together a unity government, a failure that will send Greek voters back to the polls next month in an effort to settle the country's political morass.

No date for the new elections - the last ones were on May 6 - has been set, but the balloting must take place by mid June - coin-

identally, the deadline for the country to impose new spending cuts and taxes called for under the bailout agreement.

Ron Paul still aims for delegates at state conventions

LOS ANGELES (MCT) - One day after announcing that he would no longer campaign in states that have yet to hold primaries, officials with Ron Paul's campaign clarified Tuesday that the Texas congressman was not suspending his presidential bid.

"We recognize Gov. Romney has what is likely to be an insurmountable delegate lead," said Jesse Benton, Paul's national campaign chairman. "However we believe we still have very, very strong things we can accomplish by continuing this campaign, and Dr. Paul is continuing the campaign. Dr. Paul is not suspending his campaign and he is not dropping out of the race."

Paul has more than 100 delegates who are committed to him, as well as more than 200 who are bound to vote for Romney at the convention but who back Paul, Benton said. These figures do not include alternates. A candidate needs 1,144 delegates to clinch the nomination.

Paul is not likely to formally endorse Romney, he said.

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ment to contact the SBI again, this time to seek their help in reviewing potential criminal activity related to the way in which professor Nyang'oro conducted and was paid for a 2011 summer school course," Thorp wrote in a statement.

Shaw said the SBI's findings might help UNC officials determine if Nyang'oro should receive full retirement benefits.

In a letter addressed to all faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, Karen Gil, dean of the college, wrote that because most issues cited in the University's report occurred during summer sessions, the summer school is putting new policies in place to monitor summer teaching assignments.

Jan Yopp, dean of summer school, said new policies will include looking at independent studies and ensuring those are being taught following guidelines established by the University.

She said the language in professors' contract letters for summer school has been strengthened to reflect high expectations for summer teaching.

Yopp said there is no plan to look into specific courses over the summer.

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