

CORRECTION

Tuesday's front page teaser for "Kind of Blue" incorrectly stated the day the performances begin. The first show is Thursday. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Three honored with awards for advancement of women

Three members of the University were awarded University Awards for the Advancement of Women on Feb. 14, which awards \$5,000 for faculty and staff and \$2,500 for students.

Caroline Fish, a psychology major, Lillie Searles, an associate professor of biology and Robert Pleasants, a UNC alumnus and interpersonal violence prevention coordinator, received the award.

Fish received the award for her work with Project Dinah, an organization that works to prevent violence against women. Among other activities, Fish led the first Carolina Violence Awareness Week.

Searles won the award for her leadership in female faculty discussions on issues women face in the male-dominated sciences. Her discussions fostered the creation of a standing committee on the topic.

Pleasant was honored for his work teaching a violence prevention course in the department of women's studies. He also co-sponsors the campus program Helping to Advocate for Violence Ending Now and chairs a campus task force that works to prevent interpersonal violence.

CITY BRIEFS

Student gets award from president for volunteering

An East Chapel Hill High School student received the President's Volunteer Service Award. Carly Collette will receive a lapel pin, certificate and letter from the president during an awards ceremony.

President Barack Obama presents the awards to people of all ages who have given a significant amount of time to community service.

School Board cancels closed session scheduled Friday

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education was scheduled to meet in closed session on Friday night to review applications for school superintendent, but the session has been canceled.

The Board met Monday for the first of two scheduled application reviews but concluded the work and no longer has a need for the second session.

Commissioners consider effects of state budget cuts

Orange County officials struggled to maintain optimism at Tuesday night's budget meeting with state cuts looming ahead.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners held the first in a series of meetings to discuss the process of creating a budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Clarence Grier, county financial services director, presented the board with a series of updates on state and county budget statuses.

Grier said county expenditures have decreased and all departments are operating at less than their full budgets at this point in the fiscal year.

"Right now, we aren't projecting a need for any layoffs or any major cuts in department," he said.

Though the county's budget is in good shape, the state's financial crisis could have strong effects on the county. State officials estimate the budget deficit could range from \$2.4 billion to \$3.7 billion.

If the state makes drastic funding cuts, the county could be forced to make large budget cuts, as well, affecting important services such as education and emergency services, Commissioner Barry Jacobs said.

The board agreed raising already-high property taxes should be a last resort to increase county revenue.

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Aldermen discuss impact of state and federal budgets

Carrboro could face serious financial difficulties if the state transfers road maintenance responsibility to the town, the Board of Aldermen said at a meeting Tuesday.

Members discussed how the current federal and state budgets could impact Carrboro in the 2011-2012 fiscal year at the meeting.

Town manager Steven Stewart began with a presentation of the town's economic future.

"I don't normally do presentations, but these are unusual times. I want to set the tone," Stewart said.

The severe federal and state budget cuts could trickle down and affect the town financially, he said.

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ArtsCenter looks to reform

Cuts director job to change, cut costs

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After eliminating its executive director and youth performing arts conservatory director positions last Friday, Carrboro's ArtsCenter is trying to change the way it operates, sources said.

The center, a nonprofit community arts and education space, has struggled to regain its financial footing since the 2008 economic crisis.

The center's board of directors has launched a campaign to examine and potentially reform its organizational structure.

The elimination of executive director Ed Camp's position was intended to save money, ArtsCenter board of directors chairwoman Karen Regan said in

an e-mail to center supporters on Friday.

"The elimination is not a reflection on Ed's capability," Regan said Tuesday. "This has more to do with our attempts to try and make ourselves sustainable."

Camp, a former manager of Chapel Hill's University Mall, has been with the ArtsCenter since 2009.

Although Camp's salary was not available in financial documents filed by the ArtsCenter, his predecessor's annual salary is listed at \$63,000.

Camp is not permitted to publicly comment until the terms of his severance package are negotiated.

He will keep his position until Feb. 25 and help with the transition after his leadership, Regan

said in a press release.

In the fiscal year that ended in 2009, the center reported an operating loss of \$142,309.

Financial information available for years prior also indicate declining revenue and large operating losses.

The center has seen a sharp decrease in annual paid memberships in recent years, with a high of nearly 1,500 14 years ago reduced to 200 in December 2010.

"We've been a victim of the economy as an arts nonprofit," Regan said.

And while the youth performing arts conservatory will continue without a director, the center at large could see an entirely new operating structure following an internal debate to take place in the next three months.

"We're going to throw all the ideas out there as a board and fig-

ure out what is the best structure," Regan said. "We need to find one that is more suited to our current needs."

The executive director position was a combination of the center's formerly separate marketing and development positions.

"We realized that the positions need to be more discrete and not all lumped together," Regan said.

Regan stressed that the changes do not mean that the center is closing or considering a close.

Camp launched a membership drive in December, and the center is on track to achieve its goal of 1,000 due-paying members by November 2011, Regan said.

"We hope to come through this stronger than before," she said. "We're carrying on."

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Matthew Roybal is taking over as Facility Manager at The Piedmont Food and Agricultural Processing Center. Roybal started as a chef before moving to Kankakee, Ill., to help his mother start a farm. This farming experience piqued his interest in locally produced food.

LOCAL FOOD MIDDLE MAN

Roybal to lead entrepreneurial processing lab

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Matthew Roybal doesn't look like a farmer.

Young, tan and professionally dressed, the 36-year-old Hillsborough resident looks more like a chef. But his interest in food extends beyond the kitchen.

"I've never had a desire to learn anything about farming. I just did through my food experience," Roybal said.

"I just started asking basic questions: 'Where is my food coming from? Who's growing this?'"

Roybal is the manager of the soon-to-be-complete Piedmont Food & Agricultural Processing Center in Hillsborough.

The center, set to open in April, will help small farmers in 22 counties bring their products to market much more cheaply by providing a facility for packaging and storing their crops.

He was introduced to the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Feb. 15.

Roybal said he has experience working at each level of food production, and gained large-scale production experience working as a chef for Whole Foods Market in Chicago.

Roybal also participated in the company's local initiative, volunteering to meet with the farmers who supplied Whole Foods.

After leaving Whole Foods, Roybal worked most recently as a consultant for Weaver Street Market, where he focused on natural foods and cooperative and small business operations.

"Matt is a kindred spirit in his passion for local food, and he will act as a strong proponent for local farmers," said James Watts, head merchandiser for Weaver Street Market.

Roybal said he heard about the food processing center and its managerial position while consulting for Weaver Street Market.

"Immediately it piqued my interest as a chef," he said.

Noah Ranells, Orange County agricul-

tural economic development coordinator, said the center would benefit from Roybal's rapport with local farmers.

"We were happy to find someone who lived right here in Hillsborough," Ranells said. "He has an excellent set of skills that can help the processing center get off on very solid footing."

Though the center is currently operated by Orange County, Roybal said the goal of the new facility is to ultimately become a nonprofit organization funded by money raised by helping farmers bring their products to market.

"My personal goals are to see it service as many small farms and businesses as possible and to see it be well-supported," Roybal said.

Roybal eventually sees himself taking over his mother's farm in Illinois where he first learned about agricultural production, but said he isn't quite ready to settle down.

"No offense to my mother, but Kankakee, Ill., is not where I'd like to be right now."

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Mills elected as next speaker

De La Rosa to serve as pro temp

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Alex Mills will be the first graduate student in recent memory to serve in the position of speaker of Student Congress.

Mills, who previously served as speaker pro tempore, will replace Deanna Santoro, who stepped down to pursue a case against the Board of Elections earlier this month.

Mills was nominated by members Adam Horowitz and Kristen Johnson, and he ran unopposed after Zach De La Rosa, chairman of the rules and judiciary committee, refused to accept a nomination for the position. Although the term only lasts one more month, the role of speaker will still be prominent in the coming weeks as Congress gives its input on the annual budget talks.

"My priority is the annual budget bill," Mills said. "Let's be honest, we have one month left. Let's get it done and get it done right."

The contest to fill Mills' former position as speaker pro tempore proved to be the more hotly contested.

Horowitz and De La Rosa were both nominated for the role, which is the second-highest position in the body and is seen as a stepping stone to the speaker position.

De La Rosa was elected to the position by a vote of 21-5.

De La Rosa said he decided to run for speaker pro tempore rather than speaker because Mills was already serving in the role on an interim basis.

"I decided to because Mills is the presiding officer of Student Congress and is doing an excellent job," De La Rosa said. "Next year will be a different term."

In their explanations for running, De La Rosa and Horowitz both pledged to work through the annual budget discussion and to focus on the recently debated Title VI election law.

"We need the budget process to go smoothly," Horowitz said. "I'd like to work on Title VI to prevent all of these lawsuits. This (election) process was a slap in the face to Congress. There were so many violations out there."

De La Rosa agreed with Horowitz and said he was happy to fill the role of speaker pro tempore.

"The pro temp's job is to work with the speaker," De La Rosa said. "I am happy to work with Adam on Title VI, looking at referendums."

De La Rosa highlighted his experience as the chairman of the rules and judiciary committee.

"I do understand all of the rules moving forward and would be more than happy to help people in this congress," said Rosa.

To fill De La Rosa's former position, members nominated Evan Ross, who served this session as the vice chairman of the rules and judiciary committee, and Congress representative Todd Michalske.

Ross was elected by a vote of 19-8.

The 92nd session ends in late March, and the election for leadership of the 93rd session takes place in April.

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Future unclear for Middle Eastern programs

Study abroad office monitors region

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As unrest topples leaders and turns the political landscape of Middle Eastern and North African countries upsidedown, the future of study abroad programs in those regions rests on shaky ground.

Though the study abroad program at American University in Cairo is the only one to be suspended by the University, Bob Miles, associate dean for study abroad, said his office is closely monitoring countries other than Egypt.

"It is something we take very seriously," Miles said. "We are constantly taking note of what is happening."

Miles said future unrest and travel warnings from the state department could suspend other programs. But those scenarios are difficult to predict, he said, adding that two or three students' plans to study abroad in Egypt this summer might be canceled if the warning stays in place.

"These things are very difficult to predict," he said. "It is such a fast-moving situation."

The University does not have programs in Libya, Bahrain or

Algeria, the countries Miles said pose the most immediate threat.

Miles said he recommends that students looking to travel to the region visit Jordan if they are interested in languages and to Israel or Morocco to study culture and politics.

While the suspension forced two students who were studying in Egypt to return early, it might spur others to consider taking classes on the region at UNC, said Kevin Hewison, director of the Carolina Asia Center.

"Things happening in the Middle East will increase interest in a positive way," he added.

Other Triangle and peer univer-

sities are also keeping a watchful eye on the region for their own study abroad programming.

N.C. State University and Duke University did not have students in Egypt, and Wake Forest University and the University of Virginia have asked their students to return.

Two of UVa.'s students have chosen to stay in the country with their exchange program.

At the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, a peer university of UNC-CH's, the only student to remain in the country, an Egyptian native, decided to stay with a family member.

Marina Markot, associate director of study abroad for UVa., said

she is worried about the fate of certain programs.

"We are very carefully watching Jordan and Morocco," she said.

Because of the constant changes, Miles said his department pays undivided attention to the region so it can act accordingly.

Nasser Isleem, an Arabic professor at UNC-CH, said he also tries to keep in contact with his students abroad.

He added that he is writing recommendation letters for students looking to study abroad in the Middle East in the near future.

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