

## HOUSEKEEPING'S CLEAN-UP



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At a meeting of the Employee Forum, University housekeepers protest a new policy that bans sitting down on the job. Complaints began in July 2010 after eight employees received disciplinary action for resting on the job.

Housekeepers, with support of some students and community members, organize a protest on the steps of South Building regarding schedule changes.

Housekeeper Amanda Hulon appeals a University ruling on a sexual harassment complaint she filed against her supervisor.

Housekeepers present Chancellor Holden Thorp with a petition requesting the reassignment of Tonya Sell, the assistant director of Housekeeping Services.

DTH/MEG WRATHER

### Independent group found that managers deviated from protocol.

By Claire McNeill  
Assistant University Editor

A report released Thursday by a consulting group charged with examining the culture of UNC's Housekeeping Services outlines more than 45 recommendations for change in a department riddled with allegations of harassment and discrimination. The investigation, which began in March, was conducted by PRM Consulting Group. The results prompted an announcement from Chancellor Holden

Thorp of immediate actions the University will take to address the report's findings. "We have been working to fix these problems, but those sincere attempts have fallen short," Thorp said in an email to University faculty and staff Thursday. Thorp said in the email that the University has developed an action plan incorporating many of PRM's ideas and others. Thorp outlined several steps the University will take immediately. Chief among these is the establishment of an advisory committee composed of housekeeping employees who will offer input on progress and offer recommendations. Thorp also called for an evaluation of housekeeping salary data to discern if there is unacceptable pay



**DTH ONLINE:** Visit <http://bit.ly/ngsIkN> to read the report by PRM Consulting Group, which outlines more than 45 recommendations for change for UNC's Housekeeping Services.

discrepancy, as well as for follow-up investigations of reports of alleged harassment or discrimination, among other actions. Thorp said a complete list of actions will be posted online in the near future. The University is not bound to follow any of PRM's recommendations. "It appears management in the (housekeeping department) has deviated from UNC's practices and

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## Buyout plans lack funds

**A plan to cut costs and buy out tenured faculty is no longer an option.**

By Daniel Wiser  
Assistant State & National Editor

Plans to offer buyout packages to tenured faculty have been discussed as a viable option to cut costs and find savings at universities in the state. But UNC-system administrators say there's no money — even for a program to save money. In preparation for state funding cuts earlier this year, administrators considered using the buyout option to lure tenured faculty into retiring early. Universities ended up absorbing a cut of 15.6 percent, or \$414 million, in funding from the state. A "retirement incentive package" recommended in Gov. Bev Perdue's budget proposal did not make it into the final version of the state budget enacted in June, Charlie Perusse, vice president for finance for the UNC system, said in an email. But even without the state funding, some faculty view the buyout plans as a welcome chance to leave rather than be forced out due to budgetary constraints.

Michael Green, faculty president at UNC-Charlotte, said faculty members approached the school's chancellor at the start of the fall semester about potential buyout plans. But the school's budget would not sustain the buyouts, he said. "In one unit on campus, we have five individuals who are past traditional retirement age who are holding on with the hope that a retirement package is forthcoming," he said. "That probably won't happen." Betsy Brown, vice provost for faculty affairs at N.C. State University, said the school has not set aside funds for any type of early retirement or buyout packages for tenured faculty. She said encouraging tenured faculty to leave would not necessarily benefit universities strapped for funding. For example, it might be difficult to hire replacement faculty in research-intensive science fields for rates lower than retiring faculty.

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## End in sight for diversity search

### The four candidates for vice provost have similar career backgrounds.

By Chelsea Bailey  
Staff Writer

With the selection of four candidates for the position of vice provost for diversity and multicultural affairs, the University has moved one step closer to addressing its diversity woes.



**Taffye Clayton** is associate provost for equity, diversity and community relations and chief diversity officer at ECU.

Of the 54 heads of departments and centers in the College and Arts and Sciences, only five are minorities, an issue interim Associate Provost for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Terri



**Roger Worthington** was chief diversity officer at the University of Missouri from 2006 to 2011.

Houston said requires action. After months of searching, the University announced that Taffye Clayton, Charles Alexander, Roger Worthington and Pedro Caban would visit UNC on Oct.



**Pedro Caban** was vice provost for diversity and educational equity for the State University of New York system.

11, 14, 18 and 25, respectively. Interviews with each candidate will be held in the Pleasants Family Room of Wilson Library. Whoever is chosen will become a member of the pro-



**Charles Alexander** is associate vice provost for student diversity at the University of California- Los Angeles.

vest's cabinet, meeting weekly with Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bruce Carney. Houston said whoever suc-

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## Comedy pros come to town

### Kyle Dunnigan of 'Reno 911!' fame kicks off the ArtsCenter's new series.

By Mary Stevens  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill comedy scene, a notable launching pad for young comedians, has been missing a major element — big names. Funny Business Entertainment, a North Carolina-based comedy booking agency, is attempting to fill that void with a monthly professional comedy series — Funny Business Live — at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro. Beginning Oct. 1, the ArtsCenter will host performances by nationally acclaimed stand-up comedians. Kyle Dunnigan,

#### EVENT NAME

**Time:** 8 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** Carrboro ArtsCenter  
**Info:** Tickets are \$15  
[www.artscenterlive.org](http://www.artscenterlive.org)

known for his role as Craig the Truckee River Killer on Comedy Central's "Reno 911!", will kick off the series along with Tennessee comedian Paul Strickland. Eric Yoder, a booking agent for the business, said he noticed a lack of professional comics when he moved to the area two years ago. "It was pretty much just open mics and local acts, so I thought it would be nice to fill that niche and start a professional series," he said. Funny Business — which



**DTH ONLINE:** Visit [dailytarheel.com](http://dailytarheel.com) to read Canvas' Q&A with Kyle Dunnigan. started as a family business in Michigan and transplanted to Asheville about two years ago — is one of the leading comedy agencies in the country, Yoder said. They book about 70 comedians each week, he said. The series' promoter, Steve Brady, hosts weekly open mic nights at Jack Sprat Cafe on Franklin Street. Brady said he thinks that the series will be a perfect supplement to the local comedy scene. "This comedy series will provide quality, professional comedy to the community and help fuel interest in local comedy as well," he said.

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## UNC to grow applied sciences

### The effort, in its early stages, faces logistical obstacles.

By Andy Thomason  
University Editor

One year after the University announced a \$125 million commitment to innovation, administrators are preparing to take the next step — a multi-million dollar expansion of the applied sciences. Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bruce Carney has pledged \$1 million in state enrollment funds to get the project, which is still in its early stages, off the ground. Applied sciences, or the marriage of basic sciences with engineering, has potential to bring

UNC a significant amount of grant money, administrators said. "It is a source going forward of federal funding that I think is not fully taken advantage of here at Carolina," said Mike Crimmins, associate dean of the college and member of a newly created task force charged with planning the effort. But even with little set in stone, leaders of the project have already addressed several potential challenges. First and foremost is how to boost the applied sciences while staying true to the University's commitment to the liberal arts. During the summer, Karen Gil, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences — which will house the program — formed the task force to plan the project's trajectory. Crimmins said

the group, which meets biweekly, is committed to making sure the eventual plan has a significant liberal arts component. "The key thing that's come out of the discussion so far is that we want to be sure that we develop an applied sciences program at Carolina that fits with the mission of UNC," Crimmins said. Another, more sensitive, issue is the perception that an expansion of applied sciences at UNC would be redundant given the presence of an engineering school just 25 miles away at N.C. State University. Project leaders said they are committed to making sure the outcome of the planning stages will not conflict with other system schools, especially at a time

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Junior Charlotte Lindemanis was taken to UNC Hospitals to treat injuries after being hit by a University van. **Page 7.**

### This day in history

**SEPT. 30, 1953**  
The Federal Communications Commission gave UNC permission to operate an educational television station on channel 4.

### Today's weather

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## 'Good munchies'

From staff and wire reports

Getting a chat message from a friend that says "So HIGH...Good munchies" is nothing new. But apparently, they frown upon these things if the people sending the messages are on-duty police officers.

Three Houston police officers are under investigation after claims they got high while on duty in late May. The officers had just arrested 19-year-old Nicholas Hill for marijuana possession, when they confiscated some brownies from Hill's apartment. The officers then allegedly began messaging each other on their police cruiser computers. What a half-baked idea.

**NOTED.** Some consider people who flash their lights to warn others about hidden cops to be on par with Mother Teresa. The Florida Highway Patrol disagrees.

Erich Campbell, ticketed for flashing his lights, has filed a lawsuit saying the ticket violates his First Amendment rights. You go, boy.

**QUOTED.** "What if (Obama) is so outside our comprehension, that only if you understand Kenyan, anti-colonial behavior, can you begin to piece together (his actions)?"

— Newt Gingrich.  
Ladies and gentlemen, your former Speaker of the House.

## CORRECTIONS

Wednesday's story "UNC students debate Palestine, Israel," incorrectly stated Jacob Plitman's title. He is the co-chairman of the Israel Committee of UNC Hillel. The story also incorrectly stated Hilla Paz's title. Paz is an Israel Fellow of N.C. Hillel. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

Tuesday's story "Chapel Hill 2020 to hold open house" reported a number of inaccuracies. At the open house 18, not 60, trained leaders planned to lead groups, with one, not three, per group. The meeting was intended to brainstorm, not to settle on, themes for the process.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SATURDAY

**Seymour Center Yard Sale:** Come out to the Seymour Center Yard Sale. All proceeds will support the seniors of Orange County.  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Seymour Senior Center

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## 'GREEN' THUMBS



DTH/ELIZA WILLIAMS

Mariah Earle, a freshman from Mooresville, N.C., gardens in the Coker Arboretum on Thursday afternoon. Maintaining the gardens in Coker is a part of one of many UNC work-study programs that help students earn money towards their educational expenses.

## POLICE LOG

● Someone stole from Gumby's Pizza & Wings at 12:31 a.m. Tuesday at 306 West Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.  
The person stole a 6-inch collectable Gumby doll valued at \$30, reports state.

● Someone broke and entered a residence without force at 11:13 p.m. Wednesday at 3 Douglas Road, according to Chapel Hill police reports.  
The person opened a screen door and turned the door knob, the report states.

● Someone broke and entered an apartment without the use of

force between 6 p.m. Tuesday and 6 a.m. Wednesday at 102 Pinegate Circle, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person entered the apartment by unknown means and took two pairs of women's underwear valued at \$25, reports state.

● Someone vandalized a car at about 5 p.m. Wednesday at a commercial building at 1302 Wildwood Drive, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone broke the car's windshield while it was parked on the street, reports state.  
Damage to the 2002 red Jaguar was valued at \$500, according to police reports.

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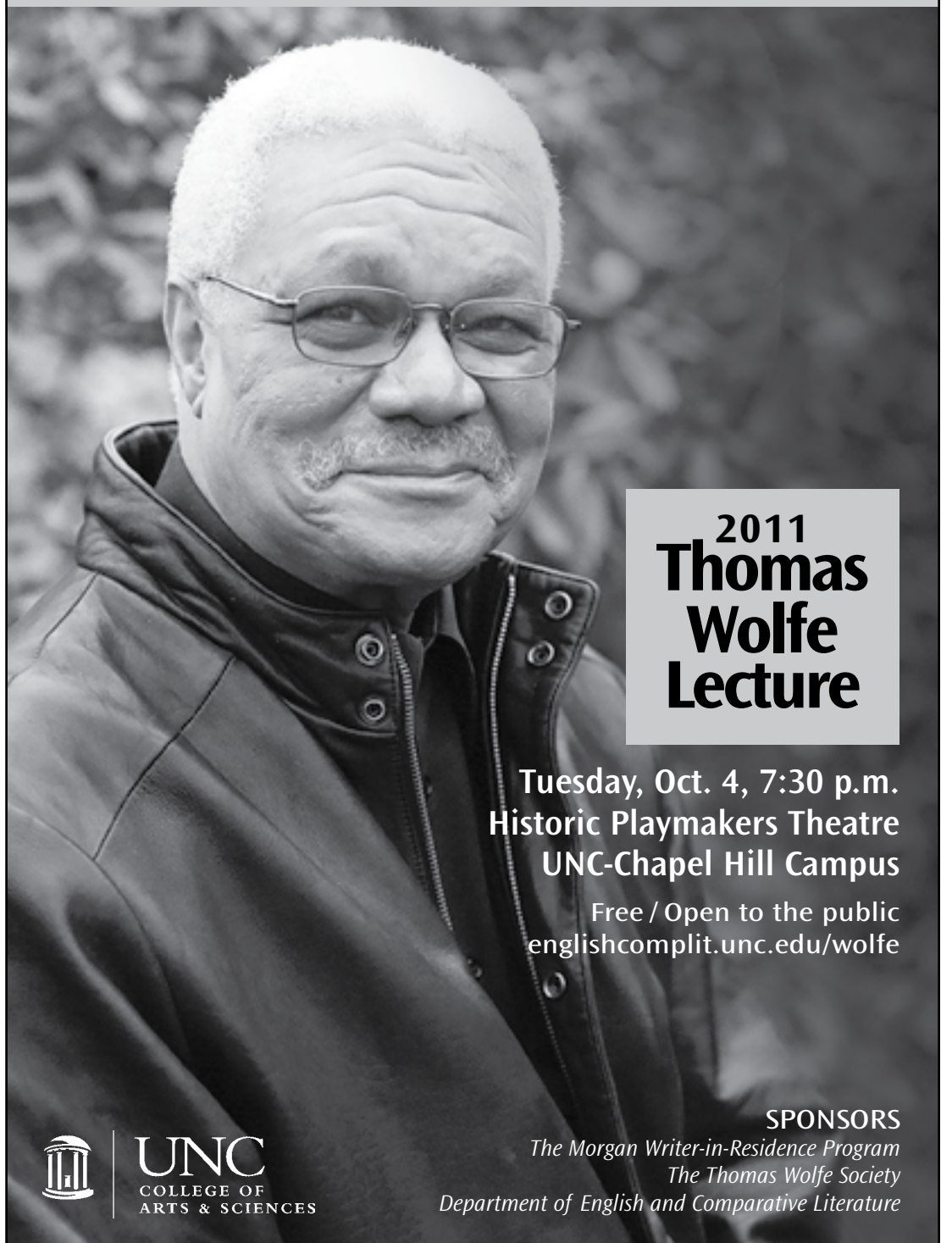
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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Detection of colon cancer improved with help of UNC

UNC partnered with the North Carolina Community Health Center Association to create a toolkit with the best methods for improving colorectal cancer screening rates in North Carolina.

The toolkit will benefit 136 clinics that serve uninsured or underinsured patients.

The partnership used funding from the University Cancer Research Fund to develop and distribute the toolkit.

Shelley Earp, director of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, said the project fits in well with the University Cancer Research Fund's goal of improving cancer outcomes in the state.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the state.

UNC researcher receives top award for young scientists

A UNC pharmacology researcher will receive the highest award from the U.S. government for early career scientists and engineers next month.

Thomas L. Kash, assistant professor in the department of pharmacology and the UNC Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies, will be awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

Kash will be recognized for the promise he has demonstrated as a scientist and his research program on the effects of alcohol on neural circuits in the brain.

The award was given to 94 researchers and will be presented at the White House in October, along with a monetary grant to continue research.

Applications for teaching leadership class open Oct. 3

Applications to lead peer leadership classes through the Carolina Leadership Development Office will open Oct. 3.

Juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty and staff are allowed to apply.

Those selected will lead a one-hour leadership course on a variety of topics next semester.

Applications can be found at leadership.unc.edu and are due by Oct. 16 at midnight.

Questions should be directed to unc.peer.educators@gmail.com.

CITY BRIEFS

County waste management holds paper Shred-a-Thon

Orange County Solid Waste Management will hold two free sessions of confidential paper shredding in October.

The project is being carried out in cooperation with University Mall, the Chapel Hill Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Orange County residents and government employees will be able to securely destroy and recycle their personal confidential documents free of cost.

There will be a limit of 10 "banker-box" sized boxes or large bags filled with paper per person.

The events will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days and will take place at University Mall on Oct. 13. and at the Hampton Pointe Shopping Center in Hillsborough on Oct. 22.

Chapel Hill High School promotes safe teen driving

The Allstate Foundation enabled Students Against Violence Everywhere to present Chapel Hill High School with a grant intended to increase safe driving among teenagers.

The money will be used to allow the local SAVE chapter to conduct campaigns during key times of the year for driving safety, like prom and the holidays.

In October, the chapter will host awareness events during America's Safe Schools Week.

They will also hold an X the TXT event in the fall with the assistance of a local Allstate agent.

The major event of the year will be the "Mock Crash," held in the spring.

The event will involve participants from local and state law enforcement, fire departments, 911 call centers, UNC Air Care, UNC Hospitals Injury Prevention and the court system.

- From staff and wire reports

# Town hosts 39th Festifall

## The festival, held on West Franklin Street, will take place Sunday.

By Maggie Cagney  
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill will be welcoming the fall weather with an appropriate celebration this weekend.

On Sunday, Chapel Hill will host the 39th annual Festifall on West Franklin Street.

Voted Chapel Hill's "Best Annual Event" of 2010-2011 by Chapel Hill Magazine, the festival includes visual and performing arts, food, children's activities, music and live performances.

This year, the town expects more than 15,000 residents and visitors to attend the event.

Wes Tilghman, supervisor of festivals and community events for the town, said the event brings many visitors to Chapel Hill, which has a positive impact on the local economy.

He said production costs of the event are \$18,000, but the town is expecting to recover

more than 100 percent of that cost, as they have done in the past.

Local vendors also hope the event will help their businesses.

Sam Suchoff, owner of The Pig, a barbecue restaurant on Weaver Dairy Road, will be selling hot dogs at the event for the first time.

"I certainly expect to get some new clients through the event," he said. "We are a little over a year old, and I think this is a great way to get my name out there."

Other restaurants located on Franklin Street say they expect the event to draw a large crowd and attract customers.

Cameron Bolish, an employee at Carolina Coffee Shop, said the restaurant is preparing for the event by ordering extra food and drinks.

"Any time there is a community event, it always increases the population in the restaurant throughout the day," he said.

"In the afternoon when the street action comes to a close, people find their way to the restaurant to kick back and grab a drink or some food."

Tilghman said the festival is

also a good opportunity for artists to showcase their work and for companies to market and gain brand exposure.

"We are providing a platform for artists to succeed," he said. "Many are local artists, but some are traveling in from out of town or out of state."

The event will feature live music and dance performances in the Showcase Stage and the World Music Dance Tent.

Musical performances will include local groups like the Triangle Jazz Orchestra and Mipso Trio.

Attendees will have the chance to learn dance moves from local professionals.

UNC Dance Marathon will perform demonstrations and teach lessons in salsa and Capoeira, a Brazilian art form, at the tent.

A pumpkin sculpture, aerial dancers and food from Bandido's and Ben and Jerry's will also be at Festifall.

Matt Carusona, assistant supervisor of festivals and community events for the town, said with the help of volunteers and town staff, the festival is built in one day.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All-Day Events:

- Heritage Loom
- Pumpkin Sculpture
- Kids Canvas
- Bandido's, The Pig and Ben & Jerry's will be served

Performances:

- 140 West World Music Dance Tent: Noon to 6 p.m.
- Live Music at the Showcase Stage: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Aerial Dance: 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. next to the Courtyard

"We have a large response from UNC-Chapel Hill and community organizations," he said. "We have 90 volunteers plus our town staff that work to set up and clean up the event."

Festifall will take place from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the City Editor at city@dailytarheel.com.



DTH/ELIZABETH MENDOZA

The Orange County Animal Services Center's cages don't meet the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' standards for housing for cats.

# ANIMAL HOUSE

## Shelter's cages cause concern

By Jordan Prince  
Staff Writer

Robin Cutson went to the Orange County Animal Services Center determined to offer a home to a cat in need. But when she arrived she was shocked at how small the cages were.

"It appears that the shelter was built more for the people that work there than for the animals," she said.

On Aug. 21, Cutson, along with Margaret Heath and Chapel Hill Town Councilwoman Laurin Easthom, presented a report to the Orange County Board of Commissioners outlining the main issues at the shelter.

According to the report, the cages at the shelter did not meet the standards for humane housing for cats, as outlined by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians.

"You want to enlarge the cages but not reduce the number of animals that you are holding, because then you would have to euthanize them," Cutson said.

The Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters state cats should have

a minimum of 30 cubic feet of space and there should be no less than two feet between the cat's resting area, food area and litter box.

But these standards might not always be in line with the shelter's resources and animal population, said Robert Marotto, animal services director.

"To my knowledge, there is not a cat enclosure on the market that meets the Association for Shelter Veterinarian's standards," Marotto said.

The Animal Services Advisory Board, believes the standards are unrealistic and unfitting for a county shelter, said Kristine Bergstrand, the chairwoman of the board.

She said the report made suggestions based on the practices of a local rescue organization, but those ideas wouldn't be workable in a shelter.

Rescue organizations don't have to take every animal that comes to the door, but can choose animals that are healthy and readily adoptable, Bergstrand said.

But Marotto said county shelters have an open admission policy that makes them take in all animals brought to them.

And rescue shelters usually run on more flexible private budgets and donations, while the shelter relies on county funding.

The Animal Services Department runs on a budget of a little more than \$1.6 million and about half of the money is allocated to fund the shelter and its operations, Marotto said.

Animal services has not seen a significant increase in funding since the 2007-2008 approved budget.

He said when funding won't allow for both comfort and animal safety, the well being of the animals takes priority.

Marotto said the shelter provides medical care for animals that come in with infectious diseases.

The shelter aspires to meet the expectations of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians with the staff and funding available, but it will be a gradual change, Bergstrand said.

"We have been working very hard in this issue and we've been taking it very seriously," Marotto said. "We are responsible and we are very much committed to proceeding with these efforts."

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# Massive overhaul coming to UL computer lab

## The library plans to eliminate 40 computers and add new furniture.

By Riley Davis  
Staff Writer

Senior Sean Murphy noticed the "change is coming" signs in the Undergraduate Library for the first time Thursday, but was confused about what "change" meant.

Officials from Information Technology Services hope students are left pleased, not puzzled, after the upcoming renovations to the library's basement.

During fall break, ITS will conduct a four-day renovation of the bottom floor of the library, creating more study space for students.

Kim Vassiliadis, instructional design and technology librarian, said ITS will revamp the computer lab with more iMacs and remove old furniture to replace it with new, more comfortable furniture.

She said the fresh look is designed to create a welcoming environment for group work, while also accommodating students who wish to work alone.

"We've got plans in place to really be able to pull the old out and put the new in by the time

students return on (Oct. 24)," Vassiliadis said.

"I think (the lab) will look a lot more inviting, and that you'll want to be down there."

ITS will cover the \$65,000 cost of the renovations, said Jeremiah Joyner, manager of ITS labs and systems. Joyner said the cost falls within the department's current budget.

Joyner said the part-time student staff that monitors the computer lab in the library will be eliminated to help cover the costs.

He said the renovations will reduce the amount of computers from 70 to 30, which will cut replacement costs. Of the 30 com-

puters, 10 will be 27-inch iMacs.

Suchi Mohanty, collections and research librarian for the Undergraduate Library, said the renovations were inspired by student feedback.

"Right now, we have a lot of students asking where they can find more study space, and we're hoping to fill that need," she said.

Joyner said most students currently use the library's computer lab from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and that the goal of ITS is to make it a place that students use 24 hours a day.

He added that he hopes students begin to view the basement as a place to study with their laptops.

# SILS creates data system

## UNC is helping lead a multi-million dollar research effort.

By Edward Pickup  
Staff Writer

Researchers in the School of Information and Library Science have become part of a multi-million dollar effort to create a national data network.

Plans for the infrastructure are in their earliest stages, with researchers saying they don't know exactly how far their research could take them.

"The significance of the grant is bigger than the actual monetary award as it positions the Carolina as a leader in data management," said Karen Green, communications director of the Renaissance Computing Institute, which will be involved in the research.

The University's inclusion in the \$8 million grant from the National Science Foundation underlines its prominence in the field of information science, said Barbara Entwisle, UNC's vice chancellor for research.

"UNC is the place to come for library and information science," she said.

The University will receive about \$4 million of the \$8 million during five years awarded to the DataNet Federation Consortium, as the lead institution and home to the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) Center.

The consortium is made up of researchers from seven additional research universities.

The technological tool used to create the national network, — the integrated Rule Oriented Data System — is already being put to use by countries such as Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom to build their own data infrastructures.

The consortium will principally address the data management needs of six science and engineering disciplines, but the technology being developed has other significant uses.

Reagan Moore, principal investigator for the consortium and director of the DICE Center at UNC, said the project has implications for research in academics, digital libraries and federal agencies such as NASA.

"The technology could provide an on-campus opportunity for students to start building their own digital libraries of whatever interests them most," Moore said.

This kind of technology use can be seen at Drexel University in Philadelphia, where the engineering department is using it to share design blueprints among faculty and students, Green said.

Entwisle said the grant was the result of a three-year application process.

"We have a powerful and impressive team interested in national data research across a wide range of disciplines," she said.

This foundation could lead to more funding in the future, Entwisle said.

The School of Information and Library Science tied for first in the country for library and information studies graduate schools by U.S. News and World Report.

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## ‘There’s a Rhino in My House’

**UNC forward recalls growing up on a game preserve in Zimbabwe.**

By Jonathan LaMantia  
Staff Writer

Cheetah urine on the curtains, a baby rhino knocking you off your chair and the family’s pet hyena trying to eat you are not the problems of a typical North Carolina student athlete, but they are for field hockey player Samantha Travers, a native of Harare, Zimbabwe.

Travers’ family runs an 11,000-acre game preserve, Imire Safari Ranch, where her parents, conservationists John and Judy Travers, breed endangered species, including black rhinoceros. Recently, Animal Planet filmed a show called “There’s a Rhino in My House” featuring the Travers family.

“Coming from Africa is one thing, but coming from the home that I grew up in is another,” Travers said. “By seven o’clock, we’re at the elephant pens dealing with the elephants, maybe I go for an elephant ride... come home for breakfast there’s a warthog, there’s a mongoose on the table.”

Though the endangered rhinos are dehorned, poachers still attack, slaughtering them for what little horn grows back. The Travers adopted an orphaned rhino, Tatenda, whose mother was killed by poachers.

“It’s the kind of thing that you never think will happen to you, so when it did it literally was like losing somebody in your family, my parents were distraught,” Travers said. “We had just lost an entire breeding herd.”

The Travers also adopted two more orphans, a warthog they named Pogs and Tsotsi, a hyena. Tsotsi became Travers’ parents’ favorite pet, but she and the

hyena didn’t get along so well.

Shortly before she came to UNC, Travers took a walk with her parents and Tsotsi attacked her. Travers’ mother knew something was wrong and immediately told her to take off and run.

“I got about halfway and I’ve never heard a scream like it,” Travers said. “I turned around and (Tsotsi) had broken free and he was now after me up the hill.

“My mom said she honestly thought that I was dead...(my dad) started running toward me, and I turned around and (Tsotsi) got the back of my shirt and as he pulled me, my dad picked me up.”

**From the ranch to the field**

Travers helped her parents around the preserve, but she still had plenty of time for sports. In Zimbabwe, Travers played for national teams in field hockey, tennis, squash and golf.

A friend got Travers the contact card of UNC assistant coach Grant Fulton, a native of South Africa, and she was immediately interested in North Carolina.

“I just had to try and prove myself,” she said. “I always knew that no matter what, UNC was my first choice, because honestly how couldn’t it be?”

Despite her national team experiences, Travers said she came to UNC ill-prepared to handle the stiff competition of the ACC.

“I played so many different sports, so everything used to be incorporated into one,” Travers said. “The level was a lot lower. The standards were lower.”

Coach Karen Shelton immediately noticed some bad habits, but she also saw tremendous potential.

“She is a natural scorer, she has a nose for the goal and again, she’s getting better every day,” she said.

Travers is currently second on the team in goals with seven.

Teammate Jaclyn Gaudioso



COURTESY OF SAMANTHA TRAVERS

North Carolina field hockey player Samantha Travers stands alongside elephants in her native country of Zimbabwe. Travers, a redshirt freshman forward, sat out for most of the 2010 season due to an injury but has started all 10 games so far in 2011 and is second on the team in goals and points.

Radvany said the team enjoys having a range of cultures on the squad.

“I personally find it rewarding to meet people from other countries and have different styles coming to our team,” she said. “It’s rewarding to have these connections all around the world.”

**A long way from home**

The transition from high school is difficult for any student athlete, but Travers had to adapt to the

vast cultural differences as well.

Certain situations that are familiar to American students came as a shock to Travers. During her first trip to the grocery store in the United States, she was overwhelmed by the selection.

“I didn’t even know where to look. There were a thousand different types of bread,” Travers said. “Back home, there’s a loaf of bread on the table, you pick up the loaf and you walk out.”

Travers said she’s enjoyed her experience so far in the states, but

there are aspects of Zimbabwe she cannot help but miss. Like many students who live far from home, she misses her family the most.

“Chapel Hill is so pretty, but I miss the beauty of Africa, I miss the sunsets,” Travers said. “Everywhere I go in Zimbabwe I see a full sky of stars, you know, it’s all those things.”

Shelton sees that appreciation in the attitude she brings to practice.

“Every day is a treat and she comes happily to practice even when we do the hard things,” she

said.

While Travers misses home, she admits there are times when life on a game ranch can become frustrating.

“We had a cheetah that used to always pee on the curtains so the house smelled of cheetah pee,” Travers said. “Things like that are a little frustrating, but that’s life. That’s what I love. That’s what I’m used to.”

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# Pirates geared up for in-state rivalry

**By Kelly Parsons**  
Sports Editor

Last week at Bobby Dodd Stadium, Georgia Tech ran all over North Carolina — racking up 312 rushing yards on its way to a 35-28 conference victory.

But this week, the Tar Heels will be exposed to an entirely different kind of offense.

UNC (3-1) will travel to Greenville to play East Carolina (1-2) on Saturday, a team which is known for its pass-heavy offense.

The Pirates throw the ball

an average of 45 times per matchup, and senior quarterback Dominique Davis ranks third in the NCAA with 30.27 completions per game.

But the UNC defense is ready for the challenge of adjusting its game plan accordingly.

“I think it’s going to be a very big change,” Quinton Coples said. “ECU does a lot of quick throwing and things of that nature, so I think that’s definitely going to be the biggest adjustment that we have to do.”

Getting after Davis and keep-

ing their hands up is something Coples said the defensive line is focusing on against East Carolina.

But after last week’s loss, the Tar Heels know a little bit about quarterbacks under pressure.

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Bryn Renner was sacked seven times by the Yellow Jackets, and the first-year starter threw a pair of interceptions.

Renner said he’s determined to clean up his game in time for Saturday’s matchup.

“I made a lot of mistakes — mental and physical. It’s stuff we

can correct,” Renner said.

“I put the team in some bad situations taking those sacks, and the responsibility falls on me just to get the ball out of my hands.”

East Carolina has won just one game this season, but that doesn’t mean the Tar Heels are taking the in-state rivalry lightly.

The Pirates — whose losses this season came at the hands to two ranked opponents — have 70 North Carolina natives on the roster.

Interim coach Everett Withers

said he expects the large number of in-state athletes between the two teams to cause emotions to run high on Saturday.

“When you’re the University of North Carolina, you want to beat every school in this state,” Withers said.

“We know it’s a rivalry. We know it’s a tough game. It’s a lot of relationships in this rivalry ... And we just got to make sure we handle our business.”

But relationships between the athletes won’t be the only ties on Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on

Saturday.

The matchup between the Pirates and the Tar Heels marks the fourth time East Carolina head coach Ruffin McNeill and Withers have met on the football field as part of opposing coaching staffs.

Withers said the two have followed similar career paths and are well-acquainted.

“We’re very good friends,” he said. “Except for on Saturdays.”

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## DTH PICKS OF THE WEEK

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

Yet again, the guest picker had the best week as Tim Crothers had a mark of 6-2. Senior writer Mark “Weapon” Thompson also went 6-2 last week, keeping his average right on .750. But three out of four is only good enough for third place in this league.

Behind the guest picker, assistant sports editor Brandon Moree is pacing the field with 25 correct picks so far this season. Last week, Florida State let him down as they fell to Dabo Swinney and his Clemson squad.

In fact, the Seminoles let everyone down last week except for assistant sports editor Leah Campbell, who was confident enough in quarterback Tajh Boyd to give Clemson the nod. Campbell, like Moree, Sports Editor Kelly Parsons and senior writer Jonathan Jones went 5-3 last weekend.

It looks like Campbell spread some of that Clemson love to assistant sports editor Michael Lananna as he and Campbell both think they

will continue their hot streak this week against Virginia Tech. This week’s guest picker also tabbed the Tigers in what is being billed as the best early season ACC match up.

Lananna has a pretty rough week last time out, going 4-4, the loosest record last week. But he still has a one game lead over Parsons and two over Jones who is holding down last place.

There’s not a lot of diversity in the picks this week. Each of the seven pickers are taking Wake Forest over bottom-dwelling Boston College and the Crimson Tide over Florida. Also of note, all seven pickers chose the Russell Wilson-less Wolfpack to lose to the Yellow Jackets while everyone picked the Wilson-led Badgers against eighth-ranked Nebraska.

Everyone except Parsons selected the Gamecocks, who are playing Auburn at home this week, in what could be a desperate move to get out of the cellar.




**Evan Markfield** is this week’s guest picker. Markfield is a former writer for The Daily Tar Heel and graduated from UNC. He now covers Tar Heel sports for Carolina Blue.

This week’s guest picker is Evan Markfield. Markfield is a familiar face here in the DTH picks of the week, having been a featured guest picker many a time.

Markfield is no stranger to the UNC family. A North Carolina alumnus and former writer for The Daily Tar Heel, Markfield now spends his time covering a variety of North Carolina sports as a senior writer for Carolina Blue.

Maybe Markfield will be able to uphold the high standard of excellence set by the guest pickers leading up to this week’s picks.

Last Week	Kelly Parsons	Brandon Moree	Leah Campbell	Michael Lananna	Jonathan Jones	Mark Thompson	Evan Markfield
Record to date	5-3 21-11 (.656)	5-3 25-7 (.781)	5-3 23-9 (.719)	4-4 22-10 (.688)	5-3 20-12 (.625)	6-2 24-8 (.750)	6-2 28-4 (.875)
UNC at East Carolina	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
Clemson at Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Clemson	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Clemson
Georgia Tech at N.C. State	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech
Wake Forest at Boston College	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest
Texas A&M at Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
Auburn at South Carolina	Auburn	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina
Alabama at Florida	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Nebraska at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin




East Carolina vs. North Carolina

(1-2) Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, 8 p.m. Saturday (3-1)

HEAD-TO-HEAD


UNC rush vs. ECU front seven

The Pirates allowed just 117 rushing yards to UAB last weekend. But schools from BCS conferences have proved tougher for the ECU defense as both South Carolina and Virginia Tech ran for more than 200 yards.  
**Edge: UNC**




UNC pass vs. ECU secondary

ECU held South Carolina to just 131 passing yards in the season opener, but USC quarterback Stephen Garcia was sitting for most of the game. Last week the Pirate secondary looked more suspect, giving up 283 yards to UAB.  
**Edge: UNC**




ECU rush vs. UNC front seven

In their three games this season combined, the Pirates have rushed for 251 yards. Compared to last week, when the Yellow Jackets ran for nearly that much in the first half alone, this week should be a breeze.  
**Edge: UNC**




ECU pass vs. UNC secondary

The Pirates are polar opposites of Georgia Tech. GT bangs it out in the option, while ECU lets it fly from the spread. Last week ECU tallied more than 300 passing yards. Expect coach Ruffin McNeil to test the UNC back line.  
**Edge: ECU**



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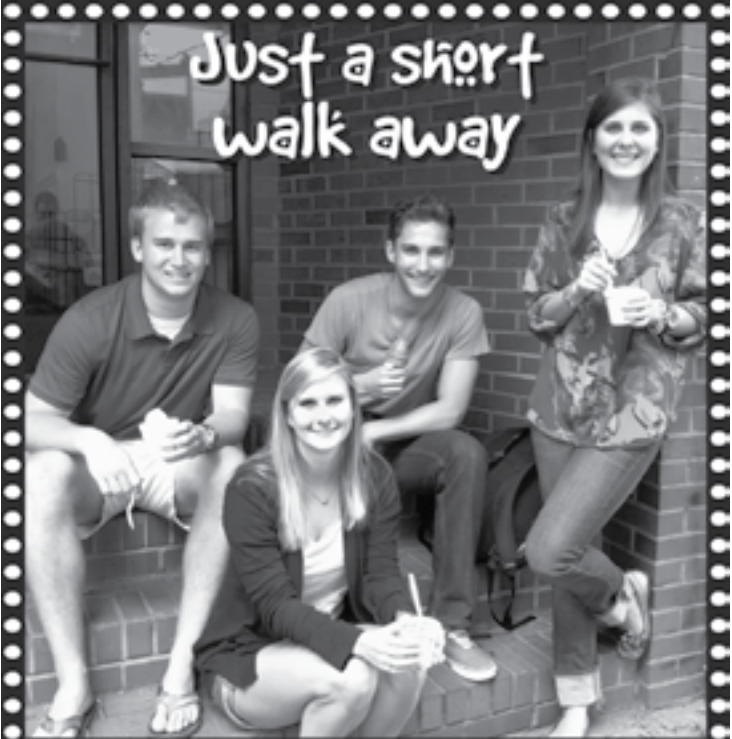
Pirate kicker Mike Barbour is 2 for 3 this year with a long of 48 yards. UNC will still use Thomas Moore until Casey Barth returns from a groin injury. But Moore has been strong in Barth's absences, so this one's a toss-up.  
**Edge: Push**



The Bottom Line — North Carolina 28, East Carolina 24

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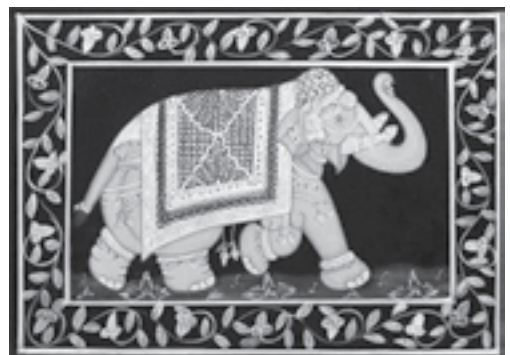
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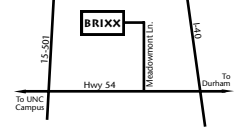
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## Ready to get embarrassed?

I've never been to Greenville. Neither have a lot of the state's top high school football recruits.

I hear they know how to party at East Carolina, and I also hear they really like their football.

In fact, they like it so much, the Pirates believe they should be in a BCS conference.

ECU athletic director Terry Holland has displayed this wish so flagrantly that if and when the Pirates get their application turned down once again by the Big East, it will take embarrassment to another level.

The Pirates want so badly to be big-time, but their problem is they don't have "it."

UNC senior defensive end Quinton Coples summed up "it" pretty well on Monday. The Kinston native grew up in "Pirate Country" and knows a thing or two about how their fans think.

"They just think that (UNC players) got it made," Coples said. "They think that we didn't really work for anything. ECU players think that way. We take it and let them know that we had the same opportunities. Everybody came out and we worked harder than them obviously to get here."

ECU's situation is a precarious one. The Pirates know they aren't the Tar Heels' archrival, and they also willingly accept that they



**Jonathan Jones**  
Not a role model

can't compete against UNC — or really any other ACC school — at any sport other than football.

The Conference USA school knows it's not a top academic institution, and the Pirates also don't complain about the school's name (see: University of South Carolina).

But ECU sure does show some heart. Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium holds 50,000 fans, and ECU turned out 49,404 for Virginia Tech and an apparent standing-room-only crowd of 50,023 against Alabama-Birmingham last Saturday.

Pirate fans are planning a blackout for Saturday's 8 p.m. match against UNC, and Greenville is sure to be rocking since the game sold out more than a week ago. On Saturday, Pirate fans will wish to conjure up the magic from four years ago when they packed the stadium to 101 percent capacity.

It was 2007 when ECU took down the less-than-mighty Tar Heels in a 34-31 decision at home. It was Butch Davis' second game as head coach and T.J. Yates' sec-

ond game as quarterback. Despite UNC handling the Pirates in two subsequent games, ECU fans hold that win close to their hearts.

This week, Holland sent a precautionary statement to Saturday's fans warning against the "unsportsmanlike behavior" in which they previously had partaken during last year's 33-27 overtime win against N.C. State. But the best part of Holland's letter of caution comes in the penultimate paragraph.

"Please do your part to welcome all guests to our campus — every visitor will have relatives who are potentially future ECU students and student-athletes," he wrote.

Pirate fans, don't be on your best behavior because it's the right thing to do. What a silly concept.

Instead, your athletic director wants you to refrain from shouting expletives at those in Carolina Blue because somewhere down the road, those Tar Heel fans may have a son or nephew who will run so smoothly, pass so efficiently or sack so mercilessly that a BCS conference will finally accept ECU as a member school.

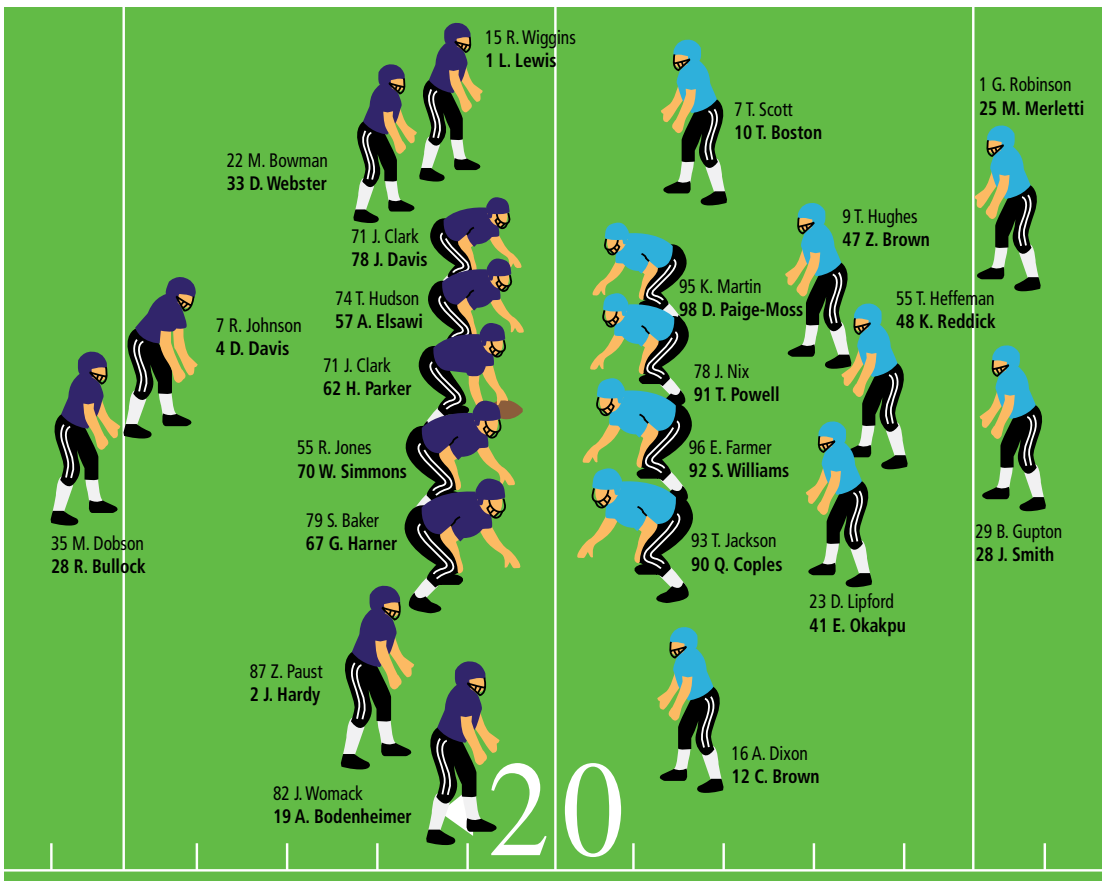
Keep dreaming, Greenville, and work a little harder to get to big-time before you send another application to a BCS conference.

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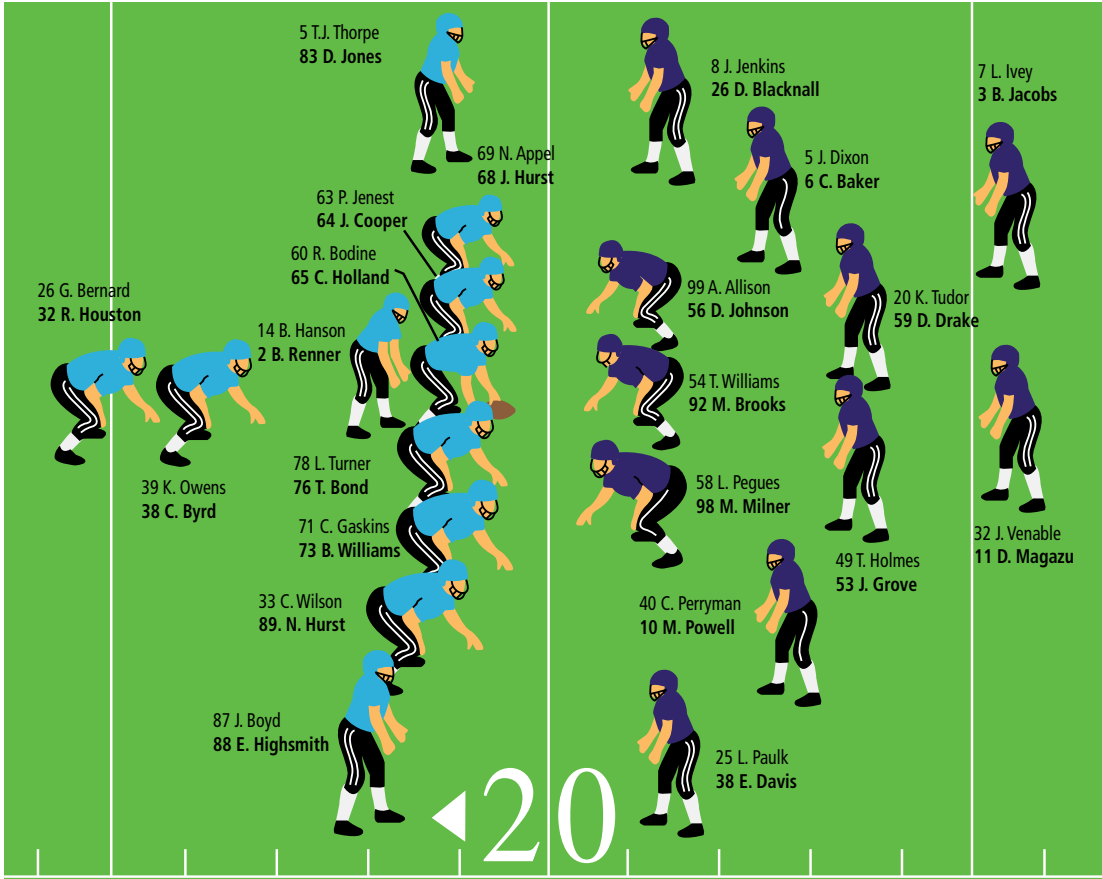
## How UNC lines up against ECU

North Carolina leads the series against East Carolina 10-2-1, but the Tar Heels and Pirates have only faced off at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium twice before. Last time the teams matched up in Greenville in 2007, the Pirates beat the Tar Heels 34-31. ECU utilizes a spread offense and a 3-4 defense.

### When ECU has the ball



### When UNC has the ball



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# CHCCS hopes for new elementary school

**Building the new school may put the county over its debt limit.**

**By Jenny Surane**  
Staff Writer

As the possibility of overcrowding in local elementary schools becomes more real, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Board is considering dipping into its own savings to start building a new school.

At a joint meeting Sept. 22, the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the school district discussed a plan that would jumpstart the construction of Elementary 11, the district's latest school proposal.

Elementary 11, which would cost the county about \$20.6 million, would alleviate overcrowding in the district by serving 585 students.

Construction of the new school has been delayed because of a lack of funding in the past.

At the start of the 2011-2012 school year, 5,440 elementary-age students were enrolled in the district — 42 more students than was projected.

If the district reaches 5,506 students, or 105 percent capacity, the county would have to freeze residential development in the area, in accordance with Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance.

In order to avoid the freeze and overcrowding, school board officials have proposed taking \$3.1

million out of the fund balance to begin construction on Elementary 11 immediately.

The county originally planned to begin funding the project in August 2012.

The county, which is responsible for funding the project, would pay the district back for the borrowed money.

If the district were to go through with the plan, Elementary 11 would open by August 2013, said district spokeswoman Stephanie Knott, instead of the original projected August 2014 opening.

Although County Manager Frank Clifton said he recognizes the problems with overcrowding, he said starting the project early could push the county past their debt service limit of 15 percent of

their general fund expenditures.

He said he thinks timing is a difficult issue, and making sure the district and county's goals match up is the biggest struggle.

"It's an issue of making sure the two group's calendars are in sync," he said.

Clifton also said he believes funding the school construction early could be a preemptive move.

"As much as we don't want an overcrowded classroom, we don't want an empty classroom," he said.

County Commissioner Alice Gordon said although the county wants to build the school early, the commissioners' debt limit might prevent them from borrowing the funds to do so.

But Gordon also said enrollment totals for the elementary

*"As much as we don't want an overcrowded classroom, we don't want an empty classroom."*

**Frank Clifton,**  
County manager

schools are not final yet, and she worries they could fluctuate up throughout the year.

"I think we should get this school going," she said.

Mia Day Burroughs, vice-chairwoman of the school board, said she fears the effects overcrowding could have on students.

"The biggest problems will be in the core facilities — or places like the gym and the cafeteria that we can't expand," she said. "To feed all the kids lunch forces us to start feeding them earlier or later."

She said schools might have to start serving lunch as early as 10 a.m. to accommodate all students.

But Burroughs said she thinks the county is committed to education and opening the elementary school.

"I feel lucky to be an elected official in a place that's so forward thinking about education," she said.

The school board will further discuss the new proposal at a meeting Thursday.

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## Town council mulls lofts

**Shortbread Lofts would close Dawson Place right-of-way.**

**By Conor Furlong**  
Staff Writer

Local officials hope a new downtown Chapel Hill development might fill a void in affordable rental housing.

Residents discussed plans for Shortbread Lofts, a proposed mixed-use development, at the monthly Friends of the Downtown meeting Thursday.

The project, slated to be located on the 300 block of West Rosemary Street, would be composed of 76 residential units and would target upperclassmen and graduate students, said developer Larry Short.

He said the project, first proposed in 2005, was originally planned to be a larger condominium complex.

But due to the economy and current housing market, Short said he decided to downsize and switch to rental apartments. The goal was to attract people who can't afford purchasing units and would prefer to rent, he said.

Town council member Matt Czajkowski said rental units make more sense downtown.

"There is a shortage of rental space downtown," he said. "It tends to be pretty expensive."

But part of the proposal — the closure of the Dawson Place right-of-way, which bisects the development's intended site — has caused controversy recently.

At a Sept. 19 public hearing, the Chapel Hill Town Council discussed nearby businesses' concerns that the closure could impact parking and access and hurt their business.

The project can't begin construction until the right-of-way is closed. Developers say they would create a new, U-shaped access to replace the right-of-way.

"It strikes us that this would be a win for everybody," said David Rooks, who represents the development. He said there might be a temporary alleyway while the new route is constructed.

The council asked town staff to gather more information about how the current alley is used.

Czajkowski said the concerns could be valid, but the project will ultimately bring more people downtown and help business.

Short said Shortbread Lofts would also offer new housing and ease pressure on Northside neighborhood. He said it would also increase housing competition.

"Northside landlords will see there's new housing that could attract their market," he said. "So they will have to clean up and fix management and compliance with community rules."

Along with the apartments, the project would have 6,000 square feet of ground floor retail space and 171 parking spaces.

The plan still has to go through the town approval process, but Short said the apartments would ideally be open by fall of 2013.

Chapel Hill Town Council will revisit the plan Oct. 10.

*Staff writer Pete Mills contributed reporting.*

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## Junior struck by van treated for injuries

**The student was treated for tissue damage and burns at UNC Hospitals.**

**By Becky Bush**  
Staff Writer

After being hit by a University van Tuesday afternoon, junior Charlotte Lindemanis was taken to UNC Hospitals to treat burns, bruises and severe tissue damage.

Lindemanis was hit while crossing the walkway at the intersection of McCauley Street and South Columbia Street as the van made a left turn.

"I fell onto the hood and as I fell back onto the ground, I got hit a second time," Lindemanis said.

Lindemanis added she instantly felt a stabbing pain in her leg

and could not move her arm.

"I got hit by a 10,000 pound metal vehicle," she said.

The incident underlines the relatively infrequent but ever-present issue of pedestrian and motor vehicle collisions on campus and in Chapel Hill.

Since January 2011, there have been four motor vehicle and pedestrian collisions on campus — one more than the total number of collisions in 2010, according to the Department of Public Safety's website.

Sgt. Joshua Mecimore of Chapel Hill police said there are several reasons why pedestrians might get hit on campus, such as a car's failure to yield to the pedestrian, or a person's ignorance of crossing signals.

At many crossings there are no crosswalk signals and pedestrians are required to walk across

*"The doctors said I'm going to get worse before I get better ... I am just thankful to be alive."*

**Charlotte Lindemanis**  
UNC junior

the road with traffic, Mecimore added.

He said that in 2008, three people died from injuries associated with pedestrian motor vehicle collisions on UNC's campus.

"We haven't had a fatality since," he said.

Lindemanis was burned from the friction of colliding with the van and had bruises and tissue damage from the impact, she said.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Randy Young said the van was driven by University employee Charles Wagner.

Young said Wagner has been cited for failure to yield.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**4** pedestrian motor vehicle collisions in 2011

**3** pedestrian motor vehicle collisions in 2010

**6** pedestrian motor vehicle collisions in 2009

"The doctors said I'm going to get worse before I get better," Lindemanis said.

"I am just thankful to be alive."

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Wagner — who works in design and construction services at UNC — could not be reached for comment.

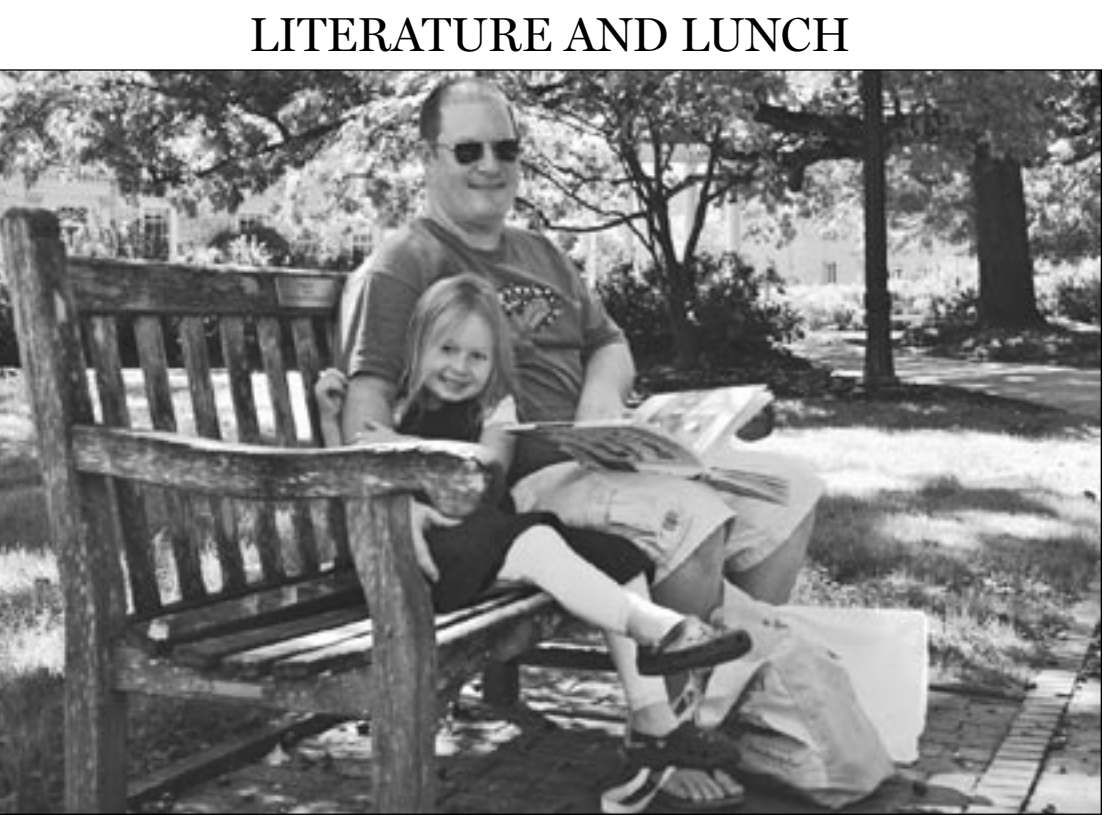
Lindemanis was taken to UNC Hospitals for treatment immediately after the accident, she said.

"I had to get 35 X-rays," Lindemanis said.

The surrounding students and onlookers by the event rushed to help, she said.

"Everyone was grabbing my stuff and putting it in my bag for me," she said, adding that a student made the 911 call.

She has been resting since the incident occurred, she said.



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John Lithgow and his daughter Genevieve wait to meet his wife, English professor Hilary Lithgow, for a lunch date. The pair takes advantage of the warm weather to read a library book together in McCorkle Place.

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# NCCU law center canceled

By Memet Walker  
Staff Writer

A proposed constitutional law center at N.C. Central University will not move forward amid questions about its source of funding and political leanings.

Bob Orr, former N.C. Supreme Court justice and executive director of the N.C. Institute for Constitutional Law, withdrew the center's proposal Tuesday in a letter to Raymond Pierce, dean of the NCCU School of Law.

The institute is a nonpartisan organization based in Raleigh that advocates educating the public and lawmakers about constitutional issues and litigating those issues, according to its website.

Greg Doucette, president of the Student Bar Association at NCCU, said some members of the university community were concerned with the involvement of Art Pope — a Raleigh businessman and well-known Republican donor — who would have funded the institute entirely for its first three years.

Orr, who would have led the center, said the idea was to emphasize the importance of the

state's constitution for students in a law school setting.

An alumnus of UNC-CH's School of Law, Orr said that when he graduated with his law degree, he barely realized there was a state constitution.

"There's a pressing need for an academic focus on the N.C. constitution — of which there is very little, if none at all," he said.

Aimee Wall, associate professor of public law and government at the UNC School of Government, said the school would have worked with the center. Wall said the School of Government was supportive of the institute's proposal at NCCU.

But the proposal, submitted last spring, never made it past the university's faculty curriculum committee, the first in a nine-step approval process. The committee was scheduled to vote next Wednesday.

In his letter to Pierce, Orr addressed the criticism surrounding the center's proposal.

"For the past several months, it has become increasingly clear that my time and efforts can be better spent elsewhere," he wrote.

"Starting a Center at the law school is now increasingly inconsistent with the direction I prefer to go in my career."

Pierce could not be reached for comment.

Doucette said the project had pros and cons, but he was unhappy with the way the situation was handled at the university.

"My personal two cents is that it's unfortunate how what should be a deliberate process gets hijacked by political ideologues," he said. "That's precisely what's wrong with this country today."

Orr said he was disappointed with the proposal's lack of support but he's moving forward.

"I'm 65 years old," he said. "I've earned the ability to do what I want to do. I'm not sure I want to do anything else in academia."

Orr added that he had advice for anyone at the university who objected to new institutes at NCCU being funded by Republican donors.

"I would suggest they go find a wealthy Democrat," he said.

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### Economic data point away from another recession

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — The economy grew slightly more than previously estimated in the last quarter and weekly jobless claims fell to their lowest number in five months, signs that the nation may not be heading into another recession yet.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 1.3 percent from April through June, an anemic but marginally better pace than the most recent estimate of 1 percent, federal officials said Thursday.

The revised data on total economic output, also known as gross domestic product, narrowly beat expectations.

Also Thursday, the Labor Department reported that weekly claims for unemployment insurance dropped 37,000 last week to 391,000, the lowest figure since early April.

Economists said claims below 400,000 were a positive sign for job growth. The unemployment rate was 9.1 percent in August



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Tripoli University students paint over slogans left from Gadhafi's reign.

after the economy failed to add any new jobs.

Even so, a private report Thursday indicated that only about a third of the nation's chief executives expected to hire employees any time soon.

### U.S. Ambassador to Syria threatened by protesters

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — The American ambassador to

Syria and aides were threatened by a "violent" pro-government crowd as he met with an opposition figure in Damascus, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The crowd of about 100 people pelted Ambassador Robert Ford and his aides with eggs and tomatoes as the envoy arrived at the meeting site, official said, and the protesters beat on the doors once the diplomats were safely inside the building.

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##### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 - Adventure calls ... either to an outburst of creative expression or a quest to discover something new. Choose your direction, and commit. Go for it!

##### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 9 - Changes necessitate budget revisions. Authorities may need some persuasion, so show them the financial projections. Tap into your inner executive, and wear your power suit.

##### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 - Go ahead and take charge. Travel later ... home is where the action is. Provide direction, guidance and partnership. Your skills are greatly appreciated.

##### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 7 - Energy and bold action favor expression now. Keep it in balance, but dare to take a little risk for what you really want. Set your talents free, and get it done.

##### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 - You've got the confidence to express yourself with complete originality. Make sure the project moves your spirit and that it contributes to others. Then jump into motion.

##### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 - Consider an outing to a park or trail. You may want to bring a journal and write under a tree. Words come out easily, and beautiful scenery inspires the endeavor.

##### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 9 - Your head's full of ways to make money. Play the financial game like you mean it. Roll the die with confidence, and, if you pass "Go," don't forget to collect \$200.

##### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 - Be yourself. You're a genius and a true artist, even if you haven't yet found your means of self-expression. Keep experimenting.

##### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 9 - Your feelings feed your work, whether your medium is writing, painting, serving others or solving mathematical equations. Passion adds spice and authenticity.

##### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 9 - Your friends play an exceptional role in your production. Make sure that you cast the right people for the right part. Take any necessary chances, and keep those cameras rolling.

##### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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## HOUSEKEEPING

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protocols,” the report reads.

After many employee accounts of workplace problems were reported to the administration, Thorp announced the University’s contracting of PRM Consulting

Group in mid-March.

The group took four months to complete the investigation, interviewing virtually every one of the Housekeeping Services’ more than 400 employees.

Brenda Malone, vice chancellor for human resources, said UNC’s choice to use an external organi-

zation demonstrates its dedication to fairness.

“What PRM has given us is a body of ideas and concepts,” Malone said.

Housekeeper James Holman said some doubt remains among employees regarding the extent to which the University will imple-

ment substantial changes.

“Our biggest concern is that the managers that are in place are not going to change unless they’re forced to,” he said.

Housekeeper George James said he has been openly discriminated against in his time at UNC.

“It was almost like I had to prove my worthiness as a human,” he said. But James said he is still supportive of the University.

“We’re trying to heal the department from within without hurting people or property,” he said.

“And I think this is a good step

forward.”

James said the recommendation for a committee of housekeepers is key.

“I thought it was fabulous,” he said. “I’m hopeful. I’m optimistic.”

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## DIVERSITY

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ceeds her must be able to work with a wide range of constituents.

“The candidate has to bring a willingness to listen but yet a passion to know that change can come,” she said.

The finalists all come from similar professional backgrounds, each having been head of a diversity program at a major university.

Charles Alexander is director of the Academic Advancement Program and associate vice provost for student diversity at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Alexander said his experience qualifies him for the position because the size and structure of the universities are similar.

“It’s going to be a learning experience,” he said.

Pedro Caban was vice provost for diversity and educational equity for the State University of New York system from 2007 until 2011.

Barbara Hardman, Caban’s administrative assistant for three years, described him as a passionate advocate for diversity.

“He was a true champion of diversity and a champion of underrepresented minorities in New York state,” she said.

Caban declined to comment before visiting campus.

For Taffye Clayton, returning to the University as a vice provost would mean having the opportunity to strengthen the minority support system of her alma mater.

“It’s all about what I think is the authentic opportunity to con-

tribute to an environment that contributed so much to me as a student,” Clayton said.

Clayton is the associate provost for equity, diversity and community relations and chief diversity officer at East Carolina University.

Roger Worthington, who was chief diversity officer at the University of Missouri from 2006 to 2011, declined to comment about his candidacy before his interview.

Paul Godley, chairman of the search committee, encouraged the community to discuss diversity with the finalists in October.

“I think we have outstanding candidates,” Godley said. “People need to come and see for themselves what they are about.”

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**Change is coming**

ITS will renovate the bottom floor of the Undergraduate Library. See pg. 3 for story.

**From Zimbabwe to UNC**

Field Hockey player Samantha Travers talks about her life in Harare, Zimbabwe. See pg. 4 for story.

**Football at ECU**

How will the Tar Heels stack up against the Pirates' pass-heavy offense? See pg. 5 for story.

**Pedestrian hit by van**

A UNC student was hit by a University van. See pg. 7 for story.

**Tea talks**

Students discussed the Troy Davis execution. See [dailytarheel.com](http://dailytarheel.com) for story.

## BUYOUT

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“When these programs have been proposed, the assumption is that you either don’t replace the faculty members that retire or if you do replace them, you will have to spend less for the new faculty member,” she said. “It’s not a guarantee that campuses would save money on every one of those transactions.”

Faculty also participate in the system’s phased retirement program, enabling schools to pay tenured faculty less for a reduced workload during a three-year span.

While UNC-system schools lack the financial means to provide full buyout packages for faculty, other universities nationwide

have offered tenured faculty buyout plans as a long term strategy to cope with state funding cuts.

The University of Nevada-Las Vegas received 48 bids this summer from tenured faculty for its buyout program, saving an initial total of \$6.34 million in salaries and benefits but at an up-front cost of about \$7.5 million.

John Curtis, director of research and public policy for the American Association of University Professors, said recent faculty buyout programs contribute to a trend of universities hiring more adjunct and part-time faculty — which might be better for schools’ financial rather than academic operations.

“If there’s this financially motivated proposal to provide retirement incentives, then you may be

losing some of your very best faculty,” he said. “It really all boils down to an academic quality issue.”

Universities in the state have also struggled to keep the faculty they currently have in place.

The UNC system retained only 37 percent of faculty who received job offers from other universities last year, a concern for the academic quality of institutions, said Phil Dixon, chairman of the Board of Governors’ personnel and tenure committee.

Brown said discussions about whether to buy out tenured faculty could crop up again in the future.

“I certainly don’t think it’s off the table,” she said. “But I don’t see it on the front burner right now.”

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## SCIENCE

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when the UNC system is looking to eliminate duplicate programs.

“Our mandate is not to build an engineering school,” said Lowry Caudill, a member of the Board of Trustees and the task force.

Carney acknowledged that the perception of redundancy is a

sensitive issue, but said it won’t prove a major obstacle.

“We’re not going to do textiles, OK?” Carney said.

“I don’t think that’s going to be a threat to this.”

Several high-level administrators met on June 8 to discuss plans for expanding the applied sciences.

According to a transcript of the meeting, Chancellor Holden

Thorp told attendees that he was willing to make the effort a high priority as long as it doesn’t create more tension than it resolves.

Thorp also emphasized that the group should steer clear of the creation of new schools or deans due to the costs associated with them.

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## COMEDY

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Both Yoder and Brady said they hope the series will provide opportunities for local comedians, who will have the chance to host events and showcase their work.

“Local open mic comics don’t have a lot of opportunity to open

for big names, which are mostly in New York or L.A.,” Brady said.

Dunnigan welcomes the idea of working with aspiring comedians, and said he advises them not to judge themselves too harshly.

“Be exposing to a point where you’re almost really uncomfortable with sharing what you’re going to say — and just do it,” he said.

Brady said the series has gotten a lot of positive feedback.

“We are building a scene that will help achieve their dreams of being a stand-up comedian,” he said. “We have a great environment to provide some really great entertainment.”

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1 Shoots the breeze  
6 1940s-'50s Israeli U.N. ambassador  
10 Game  
14 "The Wolf and the Crane" author  
15 Cross off  
16 Piece of one's mind?  
17 Halloween tricksters' route?  
19 Awestruck  
20 Roy Halladay stat  
21 Sister of Calliope  
22 It may be icy  
23 Best place to watch "Animal House"?  
25 Close, for instance  
28 Unburden  
29 Kate of "Ironclad"  
30 Soften by soaking  
35 How most reading is done, and this puzzle's title  
39 Sherry alternatives  
40 Albany's father-in-law  
41 "Piers Morgan Tonight" channel  
42 Eisenhower library site  
45 Feathers?  
50 Nigerian seaport  
51 Noted Beethoven interpreter  
52 CIA's ancestor  
55 Cancel  
56 Work the late shift at the diner?  
58 "... no kick from

Champagne": song lyric  
59 Steady  
60 Response to a skeptic  
61 Gets into  
62 Employee IDs  
63 Third shift hr.

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1 Champs Élysées feature  
2 Bach title?  
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4 Dress finely, with "out"  
5 Field of influence  
6 Americans in Paris, maybe  
7 Tug and junk  
8 Overlord  
9 Ultimate  
10 Home at the park?  
11 Airport whose code is BOS  
12 Decide not to finish  
13 Desert bordering the Sinai Peninsula  
18 Choral syllables  
22 Feast in the month of Nisan

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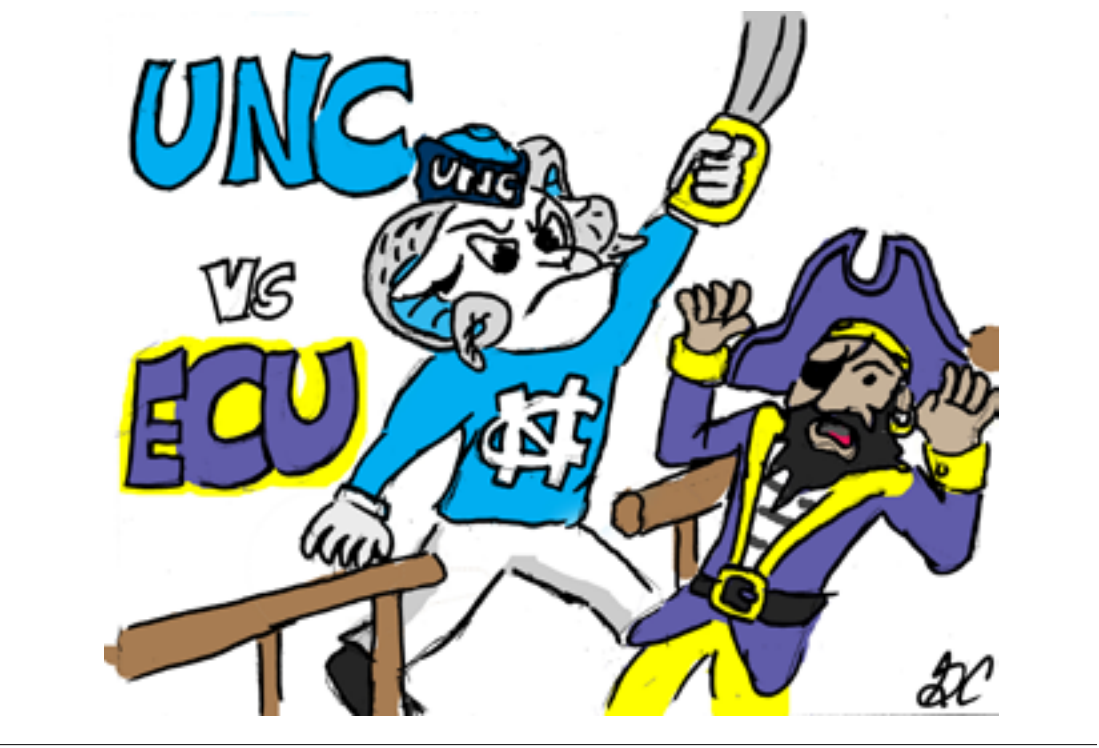
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Reading into your sensitive side

Putting yourself in someone else's shoes can be as simple as putting your nose in a good book.  
Or even a bad book, evidently; "Twilight" was used as part of a recent study investigating the link between reading fiction and empathy.  
Philosophical arguments have long argued that fiction helps train us to recognize the feelings of others. In the past decade, the scientific community has also developed a significant interest in that relationship.  
The importance of investigating how empathy works has been heightened by studies concluding empathy is declining and narcissism is rising, particularly among younger generations.  
Those trends are being linked to reports that people are reading less literature than ever.  
The qualities of fiction responsible for creating empathy are the same qualities that distinguish fiction from other forms of media and entertainment: a focus on psychological processes, motivations and the reasons people do things. A movie shows us what someone else does, but a novel puts us in someone else's place and explains how and why decisions are being made.  
These insights are more literal than you might expect. Observing others' emotional responses can trigger the neural functions of our brain responsible for creating the same feelings.  
Less exposure to literature is not the only cultural and societal change being credited with contributing to our diminishing empathy.  
Social media, some argue, is part of the problem. Online relationships are easier to ignore. And the fast-paced way we use the Internet doesn't allow the time for processing and reflecting on information that is important for relating to others.  
Does this mean we should log off and read up? Not necessarily. It's almost a reflex these days to blame problems on social media and the Internet. But on a second look, online interactions might provide more avenues for empathy than roadblocks.  
Stereotypical posts about food and updates of relationship statuses obviously skew toward narcissism rather than empathy. But the wealth of personal information also provides opportunities for relating, understanding and connecting.  
Is empathy worth taking the time to study and learn about? The developing field of experts on social media think so, pointing to understanding others as a crucial aspect of using the medium effectively.  
Writers certainly pay attention to the connection, too. Many novelists consider creating relatable characters a crucial part of writing a successful work. There are more quotes from writers on the subject than could fill this newspaper.  
Even if you're not writing a novel, Facebook status or a blog post, empathy is still valuable. Its applications extend beyond the realm of emotions and feelings. Empathy has strong ties to altruism, and it also helps us anticipate what decisions others will make.  
What's most important about these studies, conclusions and theories on empathy is that we recognize the value of fiction's illuminating qualities and adapt it to new mediums.

NEXT  
10/3: Health columnist Andrew Moon addresses mandates for the HPV vaccine.

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EDITORIAL

Open both lanes

The state must provide pro-choice license plates to level the debate.

If the N.C. General Assembly wants a war of ideas on the road, it needs to at least make it a two-way street. But recent legislation allowing the state to produce a number of specialized license plates is making the conversation one-sided by offering North Carolina drivers the option of a pro-life plate, but not a pro-choice one.  
This legislation borders on state-sponsored censorship, steers revenue toward organizations supporting the plates' respective causes — and seems especially suspicious given the anti-abortion sentiment among current legislators.  
Under this legislation, plates featuring the phrase "Choose Life" will be available to drivers for an additional fee of \$25. But the state won't produce the plates until Dec. 1, the first day of hearings between the state and the American Civil Liberties Union, which has sued on First Amendment grounds.  
It's questionable whether this kind of advocacy even has a place on state-issued license plates. Regardless, the tactics and language surrounding this bill's passage raise serious concerns about legislators' respect for the first right afforded under the Bill of Rights.  
Rep. Mitch Gillespie (R-Burke) made sure in his sponsorship of the bill that the pro-choice side would not have its day on the road. He used all the Machiavellian shrewdness he could muster to bully, elbow and threaten his way into ensuring that nothing but

a bumper sticker advocate for the right women have, at least for now, to choose to have an abortion.  
Unfortunately, Gillespie's shrewdness appears to be a bit limited. He has shown that he either doesn't understand or doesn't respect his duty, as a representative, to preserve the rights of his constituents. A more shrewd politician might have been able to pull this off — co-opting an uncontroversial topic and turning it into an inflammatory all-or-nothing debate rife with posturing and exaggeration — but he has, perhaps unwittingly, shown a narrow understanding of freedom of speech.  
Gillespie explained his insistence that there be no pro-life option, saying, "That was my legislation, and I didn't want it attached to my name and bill." Gillespie is confounding government speech with a government forum for private speech. The sense of ownership he claims over this bill is damning, as it shows he thinks he has the right to limit private speech.  
Here's the problem: legislation doesn't belong to anyone, not even its sponsor. The rights it affords belong to the state and its betterment. But Gillespie's imagined prerogative to decree the government's position on abortion isn't for anyone's betterment.  
This isn't just a matter of government speech. It is a government-regulated forum for private speech. Therefore, it cannot limit the discourse. Only allowing one side to voice its opinion in this forum is censorship.  
Contrary to other states where any interest group can petition to have a special license plate made so long

as it is willing to pay a fee, this state's legislature must approve any license plate, regardless of the level of interest in it.  
Gillespie threatened to let the entire bill die if an amendment was passed to allow for a pro-choice plate. Legislators might have been simply too afraid of the backlash they would incur from the other groups if they were the reason the bill died, so Gillespie made it virtually impossible for anyone to amend the bill.  
This legislation is disturbingly reminiscent of a law that was ruled unconstitutional in South Carolina. It's also emblematic of the sentiment behind the Women's Right to Know Act, a piece of legislation requiring a 24-hour waiting period, ultrasound images and other information be provided to women seeking an abortion. The ACLU and Planned Parenthood filed a suit to overturn the bill Thursday, showing the continued defiance that the state needs.  
The legislature is already doing enough to make abortion difficult. This crusade makes an erroneous connection between the abortion debate and what should be basically a clerical issue.  
Combined with the passage of the Defense of Marriage Act, this recent legislation brings Raleigh's priorities into question. Instead of addressing the state's anemic budget, legislators are basking in the light of their newfound opportunity to dictate social policy. In time, these plates will serve only as a dark reminder of the opportunity conservatives squandered, pandering to politics at the fringe of more urgent problems.

EDITORIAL

Keep Rex around

Selling Rex Healthcare would do more harm than good long term.

WakeMed has spun its unsolicited \$750 million offer for Rex Healthcare not for what it is — a hostile takeover — but as a quick fix to inject funds into the financially troubled UNC system. That offer was rejected by UNC Health Care, but now, a state committee on state-owned assets is assessing whether Rex Hospital should be put up for sale. Representatives on that committee must look past the spin and see WakeMed's interest as short-term support that would create long-term hardship for the health system that does more for North Carolina.  
UNC Health Care maintains that its role as a public hospital system would not be possible without Rex. Karen

McCall, vice president of public affairs and marketing for UNC Health Care, said that losing Rex could be a severe blow to revenue for the system. With the possibility of more budget cuts to come, detaching Rex would detract from UNC Health Care's training of physicians and its ability to provide \$300 million a year in uncompensated care. The sale would require UNC Health Care to ask more of the beleaguered state budget. As Bill Roper, CEO of UNC Health Care, told the House select committee on state-owned assets, "If, God forbid, you force us to sell Rex, we would definitely be back here next year asking for a whole lot more money from the state."  
But WakeMed argues that Rex would serve a greater purpose in its system. Heather Monackey, spokeswoman for

WakeMed, said that since Rex is in Raleigh, the hospital could keep its resources local while helping WakeMed better address a wider patient demographic, especially those who rely on state programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Monackey added that WakeMed provides a cardiovascular program similar to a cardiovascular-focused patient tower that Rex proposed to build.  
The House committee is just beginning its deliberations about Rex, but it could ultimately recommend to the General Assembly that the hospital be sold. The committee must realize exactly what stakes are involved in its decision.  
Selling Rex may be a tempting one-time injection of funds, but it will cause irreversible damage to the future of health care and education in North Carolina.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"...We have five individuals who are past traditional retirement age who are holding on with the hope that a retirement package is forthcoming. That probably won't happen."

Michael Green, faculty president at UNC Charlotte, on faculty buyout plans

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"His Honor demonstrated his complete divorce from reality with his absurd, blanket condemnation of the ENTIRE justice system as racist. Wow, only in Chapel Hill..."

CarolinaMD, on Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt's death penalty comments

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gender-neutral housing is a new idea of comfort

TO THE EDITOR:  
In the article, "Congress denies CR's Coulter request again," the endorsement for a gender-neutral housing option was discussed. This concept is relatively new for many people, so it is understandable that members of Student Congress were hesitant to vote in favor.  
Genny Beemyn, an advocate for gender-blind policies reminds us, "Until 10 years ago, no one had discussed the idea of gender-neutral housing."  
"Gender-neutral bathrooms were similarly rare, and colleges were just beginning to integrate sexual orientation into their nondiscrimination policies, never mind gender identity."  
The inclusion of gender-neutral housing options would be beneficial for UNC students — not only transgender, but those who would simply prefer living with someone of the opposite sex. It is important for students to feel comfortable and safe in their living situations, and not everyone is content with a traditional same-sex roommate.

Jessica Murray  
Freshman  
Undecided

Rejection of Coulter was motivated by high costs

TO THE EDITOR:  
In a letter regarding the failed request by the College Republicans to bring Ann Coulter to campus, Anthony Dent makes the blatantly inaccurate claim that the University doesn't support intellectual diversity because Student Congress denied the \$20,000 request.  
I voted in favor of this request after an impressive presentation from the College Republicans treasurer (and as a representative of a traditionally conservative district).  
The largest roadblock for the petition was not partisan politics, but rather that College Republicans were required to abstain from voting to prevent conflicts of interest. This procedural stifling took away key votes, leading to an abnormally high amount of abstentions.  
In a time of glaring budget cuts, it's hard to believe that this failed request can cause such controversy — it was the largest request made this semester by several thousand dollars.  
If Dent would like UNC to support "intellectual diversity," then he ought to seek out the TAs who have lost positions and explain to them that he would prefer more than 10 percent of Congress' budget go toward an event accommodating fewer than 1,000 students. He needs to take facts into account before accusing Student Congress, or the University, of anything.

David L. Hamrick  
UNC Student Congress,  
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To the creators of the Dozen Donut Dash: I guess State does have some good ideas.  
To the professor who peed next to me in the urinals: Don't think I didn't notice that you walked out of the bathroom without washing your hands.  
This girl on my hall asked me if I would sponsor her to play video games for 24 hours straight. I asked her if she was aware State is just down the road.  
To the guy showering who advised his friend in the adjacent shower to "go to Campus Health if it falls off," please, please don't explain the situation to me.  
To whoever pissed in the women's bathroom sink in Connor: You're either a disgusting random man or a freaky inventive hallmate. Either way, I might put some pepper spray in my shower caddy.  
Guy in the next stall: Are you trying to have an endurance competition or something? Because I have my iPad and a colon full of Time Out - I'll take you down.  
Dear Lenoir, the water in your bathroom sinks is too hot. Your food, on the other hand...  
To the couple on the second floor balcony in Hojo: You're in a dormitory, so seriously, GET A ROOM.  
To the guy with the FULL raccoon tail hanging off your backpack: I don't think your "hipster" is PETA approved.  
To Anthony Dent: Calling yourself a valued perspective at UNC is like calling Ann Coulter an intellectual. Oh wait, you did that too.  
How many sororities girls does it take to screw in a light bulb? Just one . . . but five more to help design a shirt about it.  
To Kenan community: Thank you for the 5 minute shower timers, they help me divide my 15 minute shower into three sections.  
To that girl in my PWAD 490 class: Is it weird that I get turned on when you start talking about authorizing the use of force?  
To the P2P girl complaining about glitter in her vagina: I guess he wasn't really Edward Cullen.  
I know I am a 6'1" 200 lb black man with dreads and a beard, but I would love to at least be offered a SafeWalk at night.  
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