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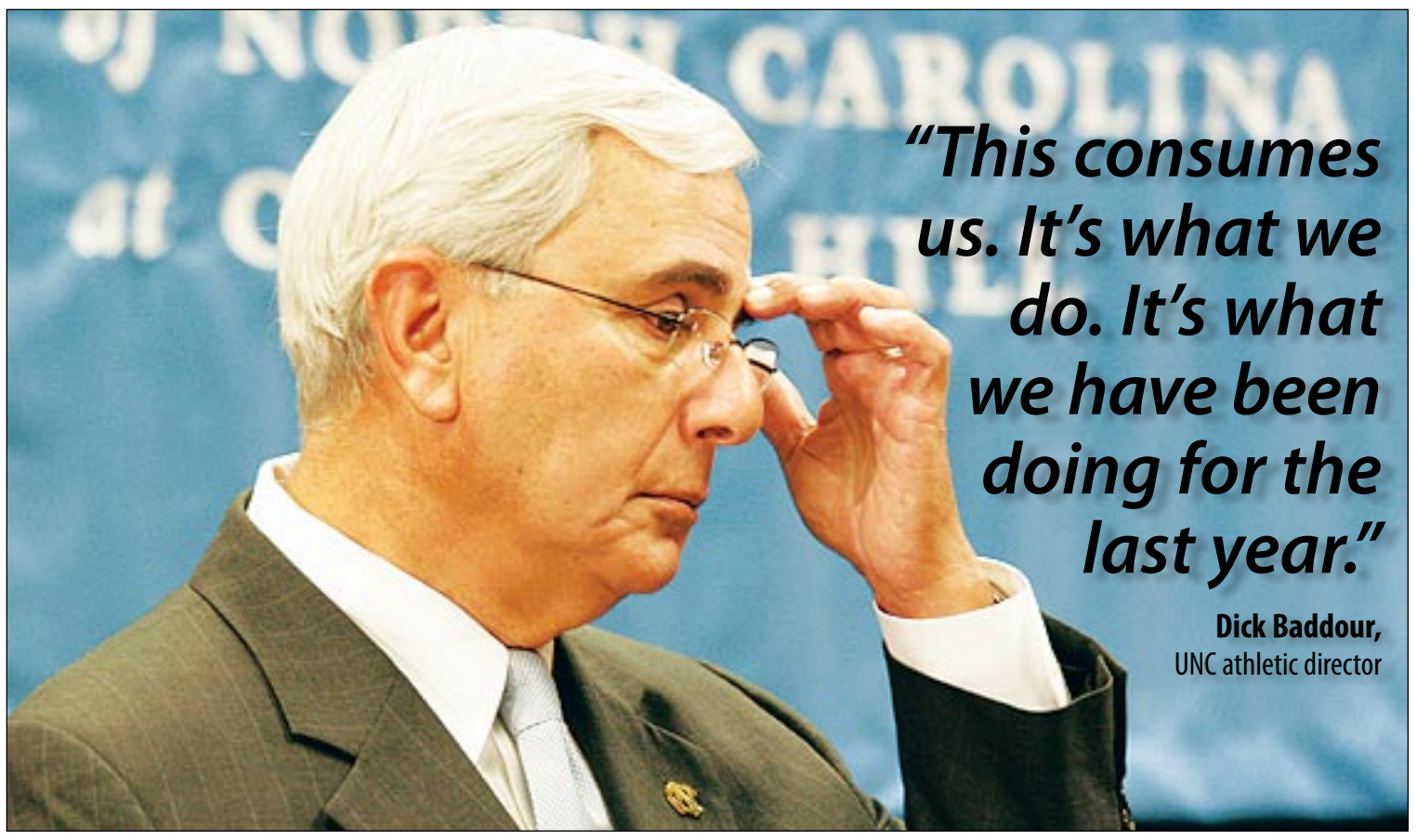

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University self-imposes sanctions and forfeits wins

By Kelly Parsons
Sports Editor

After nearly 15 months of an NCAA investigation into the North Carolina football team, the University has responded to nine allegations the NCAA said were committed by the program.

In the response, the University detailed 18 punitive actions it will self-impose as a result of the violations, including a two-year probation, a $50,000 fine, reduction of scholarships and the vacation of 16 total wins from the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

University officials — who received the NCAA's notice of allegations June 21 — responded to each allegation, as well as answered specific questions that were asked by the NCAA about the violations in the notice.

Though athletic director Dick Baddour couldn't say exactly how many hours were spent on drafting the 111-page document, Baddour stressed the strain the entire process has put on the University during a teleconference on Monday.

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University response to NCAA allegations

*The University and the enforcement staff conducted **more than 60** interviews related to the violations in Allegation No. 4 and the persons involved.*

The response outlines 7 types ofcorrective actions and 18 penalties as a result of the violations.

16 wins will be vacated from the 2008 and 2009 seasons

$50,000 self-imposed fine

The University agrees that all information in 8 of 9 of the allegations is substantially correct.

During the 2009-10 academic year and August 2010, Jennifer Wiley provided approximately $3,500 in impermissible extra benefits to football student-athletes.

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY LETTER OF RESPONSE TO NCAA ALLEGATIONS

DTH/LYDIA HARRELL

Tutor's link to players released

By Jonathan Jones
Senior Writer

In the University of North Carolina's 111-page response to the NCAA's notice of allegations, previously unreleased details regarding former UNC tutor and mentor Jennifer Wiley and her association with UNC football players were made public.

While the NCAA investigation into agent-related benefits during the summer of 2010 eventually led to the discovery of academic fraud, University officials had been made privy to Wiley's potential inappropriate assistance in April 2010, nearly nine months after UNC did not renew her contract. Additionally, Wiley paid off $1,789 worth of parking tickets just one day before UNC began its attempts to interview her.

John Blanchard, senior associate athletic director for student-athlete services, received an anonymous report in April 2010 that a football player had, among other things, received academic assistance from Wiley, according to the NCAA letter.

After he informed compliance director Amy Herman and senior associate AD Larry Gallo, UNC AD Dick Baddour launched an investigation that had no clear resolution in the response letter.

"We were hampered in that we were working with an anonymous report at that time," Baddour said in a teleconference on Monday. "Actually, the focus of that report had more to do with extra benefits than it did, what you might say, the quality or extent of the academic help, so we were very limited in what we could do. We had denial in terms of what was going on, and we couldn't do anymore with it."

According to the NCAA response letter, the football player was questioned on three occasions, including an interview with former head

SEE **WILEY,** PAGE 5

AFAM studies to be reviewed

The investigation follows the resignation of the department's chairman.

By Amelia Nitz
Staff Writer

The University will form a committee to review academic practices in the African and Afro-American Studies department and the practice of independent study, Chancellor Holden Thorp said in a Faculty Council meeting Friday.

The review comes on the heels of the resignation of the department's chairman, Julius Nyang'oro, earlier this month amid reports of practices favorable to UNC football players.

Thorp said Karen Gil, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will lead the review committee.

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their academic mission," Thorp said.

Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate education who will help select members of the committee, said she doesn't think the review is a direct

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Glen Lennox could be rezoned

Conservation District status may allow new land use regulations.

By Florence Bryan
Assistant City Editor

Glen Lennox moved closer to becoming a Neighborhood Conservation District Monday when the Chapel Hill Town Council agreed to approve final plans for phase one of its rezoning Oct. 26.

The change would add the area to seven existing districts, and would limit development to preserve the neighborhood's character.

But even as Glen Lennox's petition moves toward approval, town officials said conservation districts could be significantly changed in the town's upcoming comprehensive plan review.

Mixed results

In 2003, the Chapel Hill Town Council created conservation districts when it passed its Land Use Management Ordinance.

Neighborhoods petition to become conservation districts. The distinction lets them adopt a special set of land-use regulations that prevent extensive development.

Council member Donna Bell, who served on the town planning board when the districts were created, said neighborhoods' different housing markets have produced varying results.

"What we found is that in some neighborhoods it has done exactly what we wanted to do and in some neighborhoods it didn't," she said.

Loryn Clark, Chapel Hill neighborhood and community services manager, said some residents have unrealistic expectations.

"There are limitations to what zoning can do," she said. "You can't use zoning to fight the market."

Ruby Sinreich, editor of the

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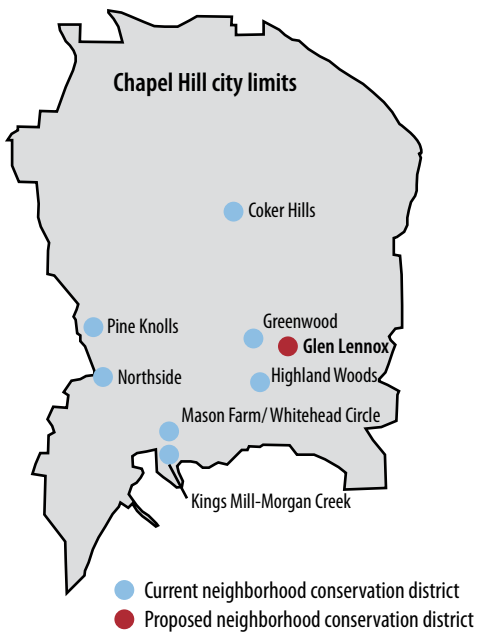
Neighborhood Conservation Districts

Glen Lennox has petitioned to be Chapel Hill's eighth Neighborhood Conservation District, a change that would restrict development.



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The New Pornographers to headline UNC homecoming concert

CUAB is hoping to continue success from last year's Passion Pit concert.

By Katherine Proctor
Assistant Arts Editor

Indie rock group The New Pornographers will headline the Homecoming concert on Oct. 29, the Carolina Union Activities Board announced yesterday.

"Public Service Announcement: the New Pornographers are coming for Homecoming :) more info to come! ..." the CUAB account tweeted Monday afternoon.

The show will be held in Carmichael Arena. It is hosted by CUAB in conjunction with the General Alumni Association.

The two organizations sponsor all Homecoming activities.

CUAB has not yet released the names of the supporting acts.

Kinsey Sullivan, music chair for CUAB, said that the organization chose The New Pornographers for their anticipated popularity with students.

"The student body's reaction to and interaction with CUAB is always our primary concern," she said.

Sullivan said that because CUAB receives a third of the student organization fees — part of student activities fees — the organization is accountable to the student body.

SEE THE SHOW

Time: Saturday, Oct. 29, time to be announced.

Location: Carmichael Arena

Info: www.unc.edu/cuab

"We are responsible for providing students with events and opportunities that enhance their Carolina experience," she said.

Cierra Hinton, president of CUAB, said The New Pornographers' performance would continue the trend of lively Homecoming concerts in the wake of last year's headliner, electro-pop group Passion Pit.

"We thought The New Pornographers would be a really fun show riding off Passion Pit, so we thought we'd give it another try," she said.

Since both bands come from the inde-

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Inside

YO HO HO
What do pirates, UNC and folk music have in common? Daniel Levi Goans. **Page 3.**

TREE DOWN
A rotting post oak tree in front of the New West building was cut down to prevent its decay from putting people in danger. **Page 9.**

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX
Amber Madison, the daughter of a UNC professor, writes a sex column for Seventeen and was a guest on Ryan Seacrest's radio show. **Page 7.**

This day in history

Sept. 20, 1979
The University's women's soccer program played and won its first ever game, beating Duke University 12-0.

Today's weather

Weird weather continues
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At least it's consistent
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Don't cuss. Don't argue with the officials. And don't lose the game.
JOHN HEISMAN

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Yoga in the galleries: Participate in a 50-minute gentle yoga session at the Ackland Museum. Beginners are welcome. Yoga mats are provided. The session is free for members and $5 for non-members.
Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

Sex in the American Civil War: Listen to Fred W. Kiger talk about soldiers and sex during our nation's Civil War. The cost is $25 for GAA members, $30 for non-members. Register at http://www.alumni.unc.edu/.
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: George Watts Hill Alumni Center

African Diaspora lecture and film: Attend a lecture by artist-filmmaker Zina Saro-Wiwa and view her documentary film, "This Is My Africa."
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Sonja Haynes Stone Center

WEDNESDAY

Majors expo: Representatives from more than 50 departments will be available to discuss possible majors.
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Frank Porter Graham Student Union

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Monday's campus brief "New computerized LifeTime Library will be used by UNC" stated that freshmen in the School of Information and Library Science will be the first to have access to the new program. It will be available to all of the school's incoming students. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for any confusion.

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DAILY DOSE

DAs and dominatrices

From staff and wire reports

Times are tough in this economy, and taking on second or third jobs to make ends meet is a perfectly acceptable practice these days. Unless, apparently, your first job is being a prosecutor and your second job is whipping people for money.

New York prosecutor Alisha Smith, 36, learned that the hard way after she was suspended from her job Monday. The suspension comes because of a rule stipulating that employees must seek permission before engaging in any pursuit that could be worth more than $1,000. Looks like someone needs a spanking.

NOTED. Here in North Carolina, we like to celebrate birthdays by acting like a sorority girl who forgot her morals. In Florida, they like to drive lawnmowers and howl.

That's what Merrilee Schwarz, 51, did on Wednesday before being arrested. Malzel tov.

QUOTED. "There's nothing wrong with a loving, committed relationship between an old man and a hot young woman … I see many of you agree."

— Steve Levitan, showrunner for "Modern Family," addressing the crowd at the 2011 Emmy Awards.

POLICE LOG

● An employer closed his or her business and left the country with payroll at 255 S. Elliott Road, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone reported the incident to police at 3:48 p.m. Friday, reports state.

● Someone knocked on a door and requested money for gas between 7:30 a.m. and 7:47 a.m. Friday at 200 Chesapeake Way, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Someone spray painted a vehicle and the police substation building between 5 p.m. Friday and 10:37 a.m. Sunday at 501 Sykes St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The damage to the police substation totaled $100, reports state.

According to reports, damage to the vandalized car, a white 2003 Chevy Trailblazer, totaled $500.

● Someone reported a suspicious condition at 6:54 p.m. Friday at 1800 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone may have put bleach into the victim's Coke, reports state.

● Someone broke into Tarheel Telecom between 7:30 p.m. Friday and 10:40 a.m. Saturday at 109 N. Graham St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The suspect pried open the door and stole $4 in cash, reports state.

● Someone broke into and entered a vehicle between midnight and 2 p.m. on Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

An unknown suspect entered the car and took a 9mm pistol from the glove box, police reports state.

The pistol was valued at $300, reports state.

It was taken from a 2008 black Nissan Altima, according reports.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student Congress groups to meet tonight to deliberate

Three committees of Student Congress will meet tonight to discuss a variety of issues.

The finance committee will discuss a bill to clarify the treasurer certification process. It will also vote on funding requests from several student organizations.

The groups include College Republicans, Campus Blueprint, Bounce Magazine and the Black Student Movement, among others.

The oversight committee will vote on the approval of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation's appointments to the renewable energy special project committee.

It will also review a set of student fees.

The rules and judiciary committee will revisit efforts to reform Titles I and IV of the Student Code.

Study could help scientists understand immune system

Researchers at UNC have found a key component of cells that could help treat diseases such as type I diabetes, arthritis and lupus.

The study looked at the composition of cells known as Tregs, which can stop cells in the body from attacking other healthy cells. The results of the study could help scientists better understand how the immune system works.

Findings from the study were published last week in the online journal Immunity. Researchers used mice to test for cell abnormalities and mutations.

The National Institutes of Health, the Lupus Research Institute and the University Cancer Research Fund provided money for the research. The study was co-authored by Yungi Wang and Dr. Maureen Su.

Researchers complete huge study on brain disorders

Genetics professor Dr. Patrick Sullivan was a principal investigator on a team of more than 250 researchers that discovered a link between a person's genetics and his or her risk of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

The researchers, who came from more than 20 different countries, studied the DNA composition of more than 50,000 adults. They found common DNA links between schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Sullivan said this is by far the largest study of its kind. He is a member of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Carolina Center for Genome Sciences.

Approximately one percent of the world's population suffers from both of these diseases. People with histories of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder in their family are at a much higher risk of developing the debilitating diseases.

Research was funded with money from European, U.S. and Australian sources.

N.C. State group sponsors student idea competition

The Institute for Emerging Issues, a public policy organization at N.C. State University, is hosting the Emerging Issues Prize for Innovation for the second year.

The student competition hopes to spur thoughts about North Carolina's most pressing issues.

This year's Emerging Issues Prize challenges students to devise an innovative idea that will help North Carolina's high school graduation rate.

Students are encouraged to work in teams to create an application.

Student finalist teams will receive $1,000, and the winning team will receive $5,000 to put their idea in motion.

The winning team is chosen by a public vote.

Last year's winning team was composed of UNC students.

UNC study shows impact of programs on young drivers

The Gillings School of Public Health published a study that shows the impact of graduated driver's licensing programs on teenage drivers.

The research shows these programs lower the rate of fatal crashes among 16-year-old drivers by 26 percent.

But, researchers claim the same programs are associated with a 12 percent increase in the number of fatal accidents among 18-year-olds.

- From staff and wire reports

Amtrak funds could be slashed

New proposal would prohibit the trains from using federal funds.

By Matt Steyl
Staff Writer

Students who take the train home to Charlotte might have to find an alternate mode of transportation if a proposed budget plan is passed by Congress.

The federal transportation budget, proposed by congressional Republicans, would cut funding to Amtrak and prevent it from using federal funds to operate state-supported railroad lines, such as the Piedmont line from Raleigh to Charlotte.

The proposal would force 15 states to decide whether to keep local Amtrak lines up and running.

Rep. Bill McGee, R-Forsyth, said he doesn't think there will be enough state funding to cover the proposed Amtrak cuts.

"We are already in shortfall, and we would love to have more money in the (Department of Transportation)," he said.

McGee said state trains will be more in demand as the price of fuel rises, meaning less federal funding could cause problems for the state.

Steve Kulm, a spokesman for Amtrak, said the proposal cuts Amtrak's operating funds by more than $350 million.

"We think it's a shortsighted policy," Kulm said. "America needs more passenger rail, not less."

Patrick Simmons, director of the rail division of the N.C. Department of Transportation, said the funding cut would impact Amtrak's record-breaking number of passengers.

Passengers for the Piedmont line have increased 50 percent compared to last year, he said.

"North Carolina's trains do very well in returning revenues to support the service," he said. "Passengers in North Carolina pay about 79 to 80 percent of the total cost of the operation."

But Simmons said the annual contract with Amtrak covers the rest of the costs of operation.

> *"It's a shortsighted policy. America needs more passenger rail, not less."*
>
> **Steve Kulm,**
> Amtrak spokesman

"There's no transportation system, whether it's railroads, or highways, or transit, or aviation, that funds itself," he said.

Scott Saylor, president of the N.C. Railroad Company, said the state might not be able to afford the operating costs of trains if the budget plan is approved.

"We could have the infrastructure but not the trains," he said.

The company, whose stock is owned by the state, hosted a Progress in Motion Forum last week to discuss the future of railroads, Saylor said.

Some students who rely on the train to travel to Charlotte might struggle to find transportation.

Roli Tyagi, a UNC sophomore, said she would have to rely more often on friends with cars.

"It would be really inconvenient," she said.

"I use the train as a backup when I can't find a ride or if it's last minute."

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MUSIC OF COMMUNITY

COURTESY OF DANIEL LEVI GOANS

Daniel Levi Goans, a 2009 UNC graduate, released his folk album "BrotherStranger" in his native Greensboro on Saturday.

Founder of UNC Pirate Club releases folk album

By Grace Tatter
Staff Writer

English majors often use books in their careers — but not as musical instruments.

Daniel Levi Goans, who graduated from UNC in 2009 with an English degree, does just that on his album "BrotherStranger," which was released Saturday in Greensboro.

Goans — who is from Greensboro — said he is strongly influenced by his North Carolina roots.

"Folk music is a music of stories," he said. "It connects people and it's a much more community-based genre."

Goans recorded the album in an old library in Royal Oak, Md., on the Chesapeake Bay during his nine months at Trinity Forum Academy.

The academy hosts a postgraduate fellowship that allows 12 artists each year to hone their craft in a community setting. He said he spent about two years crafting and writing the album that was recorded there.

Goans said that although his sound is distinctly North Carolinian, he was inspired by his surroundings, and used the spines of the books in the library as percussion.

"BrotherStranger" is Goans' second solo album, but he said it is the first one to be widely marketed.

His first, "Choice Cannonball," was released in September 2009.

Earlier this month, he released a 40-minute single, recorded in Greensboro with other local musicians as a precursor to the album release.

As an undergraduate at UNC, Goans played in The War, a rock band that started when its members were UNC students.

Scott Cash, a member of The War and 2005 UNC graduate, said Goans immediately impressed him and fellow band member Ken Pittman.

Goans first played with the band as a freshman when they needed a keyboard player in a pinch.

He learned 15 songs in about two hours, Cash said.

While the band toured around the U.S. and recorded in Nashville, Tenn., Goans said he completed his final semesters at UNC through correspondence courses.

Though The War was a rock band, Goans said he classifies his solo music as folk.

Cash said that Goans' transition from rock music to folk is not surprising.

"He's got a great ear for rock music, but he's always been into James Taylor and Paul Simon," he said.

Although Goans recorded his album in almost complete isolation, 12 musicians performed with him at the CD's release party on Saturday, recreating the tracks' layers.

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Info: Visit daniellevigoans.com to listen to and purchase the album, "BrotherStranger."

Greensboro musician Edward Kerr played guitar at the show. He said the live performances of the album demonstrate Goans' passion for community in music.

"Getting that many people in one room together, making sounds that we all love, is going to be really exciting," Kerr said before Saturday's performance.

The release party was held at The Blind Tiger Neighborhood Bar, a Greensboro venue.

During his time as a student in Chapel Hill, Goans' interest in building community was not limited to music.

As a freshman, he started the Pirate Club at UNC.

Despite its lack of purpose, the club garnered more than 600 members in a matter of weeks, he said.

The club created "Shiver Me Timbers" T-shirts that at least 200 people purchased.

"I've always loved community, so that's why I'm drawn to writing and music — and the Pirate Club," he said.

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Carolina Creates sketches ambitious aims

Innovate@Carolina offshoot will sponsor concerts, performance.

By Nick Andersen
Senior Writer

With a broad vision and a even broader heft, a permanent version of the Chancellor's Student Innovation Team was officially launched Monday, angling to foster a more creative and innovative campus.

And while completion of the group's goals — which include a TEDx conference, spontaneous music performances in public spaces and a student literary competition, among other initiatives — is telescoped out for years to come, group leaders are optimistic about their chances of success.

"Now's the time for us to take action," committee chairman Hudson Vincent, a junior, told a large gathering of students involved with the project. "We can do great things on campus right now."

The group, dubbed Carolina Creates, is an offshoot of Chancellor Holden Thorp's extensive Innovate@Carolina fund raising campaign. It builds upon the efforts of other arts policy initiatives, including former student body president Hogan Medlin's Arts Innovation Steering Committee.

Members of that committee, which largely failed to capitalize on its policy projects due to fund raising difficulties, have been intimately involved in Carolina Creates.

The group's vice chairman is senior Ian Lee, who was student body secretary in the Medlin administration. Lee is also a current member of The Daily Tar Heel's editorial board.

The new group appears to take a expanded definition of creativity. Sub-committees have already worked to sponsor student musician performances in the Pit and other public spaces, and others are in talks to help display student visual art in campus buildings.

> *"We're trying to get student music out of Hill Hall and into the Pit or the Daily Grind."*
>
> **Ian Lee,**
> Carolina Creates vice chairman

"We're trying to get student music out of Hill Hall and into the Pit or the Daily Grind or Graham Memorial," Lee said.

Monday's meeting also marked the first public presentation of a planned campus TEDx Conference.

The conference, an official affiliate of the international nonprofit organization TED, will bring a roster of speakers to the University in January. The conference will focus on the theme of Global Initiatives, but the lineup is still largely tentative.

Junior Rachel Myrick, who is spearheading the TEDx effort, would only confirm that current entrepreneur in residence Dennis Whittle will give a talk at the event.

Whittle is a UNC alumnus and the co-founder of social fund raising organization GlobalGiving.

"We're aiming to make this an annual event," Myrick said.

Members admitted that the group's association with one of the chancellor's biggest policy pushes has helped it overcome administrative and financial hurdles, but Vincent stressed the role of the average student in the group's ultimate plan.

"This is all about what students as students can do to make our university better," he said.

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Perry finds fans at UNC

A new student group supports the GOP presidential candidate.

By Corinne White
Staff Writer

A new student-led support group is rallying behind conservative presidential candidate Rick Perry.

N.C. Students for Rick Perry is a chapter of a national organization, whose members say Perry, a Republican presidential candidate and Texas governor, would be a "fiscally responsible" president. His emphasis on job creation has also won students over.

"We're fired up. We're pumped up," said UNC student Brendan Madigan, who leads the N.C. chapter of the group.

Madigan said the organization has been garnering support by spreading the word through College Republican groups and its Facebook page.

"Rick Perry has created an environment with less regulation to allow businesses to flourish," he said.

Jason Roberts, a political science professor at UNC, said Perry appeals more to the conservative base of the GOP, which might help him more in a primary than a general election.

"Perry has taken the GOP field by storm," Roberts said. "He is plain spoken and is very effective on the stump."

Daniel Walker, vice chairman of N.C. Students for Rick Perry, attends Guilford Technical Community College, where several of his fellow classmates have also joined the group.

Walker said he's been speaking at different political group meetings on campus to publicize the organization's efforts.

"(Perry's) a conservative man, and as a conservative man, it's nice to have someone who stays firm on the issues and doesn't waver from that," he said.

But Nathan Westmoreland, president of the UNC Young Democrats, said Perry is a "scary" candidate.

"He wants to cut things like the (U.S.) Departments of Education and Health and Human Services and repeal Obamacare, which helped hundreds of thousands of people in (Texas) that need health insurance," Westmoreland said.

The Young Democrats are already gathering campus support for President Barack Obama's reelection campaign. The group recently ran a voter registration campaign but is currently focused on local races.

Greg Steele, chairman of UNC College Republicans, said his organization has not endorsed a presidential candidate but is happy to see the active participation in Perry's campaign.

Other Republican candidates are also seeing some campus support, but there has not been an organized effort yet.

UNC College Libertarians member Kevin Martin said some of the organization's members plan to campaign for Ron Paul.

"I think he is the most likely to promote our individual liberties while also maintaining responsible fiscal policy," Martin said.

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RESPONSE

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"This consumes us," he said. "It's what we do. It's what we have been doing for the last year."

The University said in the response that it agrees with most of the information in eight of the nine allegations, but it contested parts of the ninth allegation.

The refuted allegation includes a claim that the University failed to adequately monitor social networking.

"Allegation No. 9 (b) is unprecedented," the response states. "No NCAA member institution has ever been found to have violated NCAA legislation due to an alleged failure to monitor 'social networking activity' of student-athletes."

Baddour said he feels the University took responsibility for the violations it committed but added that defending itself on that specific issue was necessary.

"We debated just to accept that, but we just decided that we had done what was expected of us, what could have been expected of us, and just didn't feel like we could give in on that point," Baddour said.

Baddour said that University officials, with the help of legal counsel, crafted the self-imposed sanctions by looking at past NCAA investigations at other institutions.

In addition to the consequences, the response also outlines corrective actions the University plans to incorporate.

The actions, which include rules about the relationships between and communication methods used by student-athletes and tutors, are separated into seven different categories.

And while the sanctions outlined by UNC in its response will likely affect the University for several years, UNC might not be in the clear just yet.

Baddour and Thorp will go before the NCAA Committee on Infractions in a hearing on Oct. 28, during which further consequences to the UNC football program could be levied — including a potential postseason ban.

Baddour did not say whether former head football coach Butch Davis will be present at the hearing, but said interim head coach Everett Withers will be attending.

"Everett understands," Baddour said. "He is supportive of the University's process, and his total focus is how does he help move this football program forward and how do we put all of this behind us."

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WILEY

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coach Butch Davis. Wiley had previously worked with Davis' son as his tutor. On all three occasions, the player denied any wrongdoing and the case was apparently dropped.

Both Blanchard and Gallo declined comment and forwarded all questions to Baddour.

The response states UNC has abandoned the academic mentor program, imposed additional constraints to student athletes and their tutors or learning assistants, increased the budget to hire and retain tutors and to expand rules education for tutors, among other corrective actions.

It wasn't until investigators conducted interviews and read players' emails that they discovered the academic fraud. The fraud dated back as far as April 2008 and occurred on multiple occasions until Wiley's contract wasn't renewed in July 2009 — the same month she provided improper assistance to former UNC player Michael McAdoo on his heavily plagiarized Swahili paper.

According to the letter, on Aug. 20, just one day before UNC officials attempted to contact Wiley and her counsel, she paid $1,789 worth of outstanding parking tickets for a football player. For five days UNC officials attempted to contact Wiley before holding an Aug. 26 press conference to announce they were now investigating potential academic fraud.

Despite the large, one-time payment being made by credit card just one day before UNC attempted to call her, University officials say they did not know about the parking tickets until November 2010.

"The University learned this information during a separate review of parking citations received by football student athletes in response to media requests for records under the North Carolina Public Records Act," the response states.

Those records, for which The Daily Tar Heel and other media outlets sued, showed UNC football players racked up 395 tickets totaling more than $13,000 in a three-and-a-half year span.

One of the additional monitoring measures UNC has now imposed is a biweekly report of student-athlete parking citations from UNC's Department of Public Safety.

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BABY-SITTING BUDDY

DTH/SILVANA GOBERDHAN-VIGLE

Preschooler Ryah Layne, 3, gets an early start on UNC traditions as she drinks from the Old Well. She accompanied her baby sitter, senior communications major Sarah Lilly, to class on Monday. She was well-behaved all day and prepared for class with her "Little Mermaid" backpack.

HOMECOMING

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pendent music community, they have similar fan bases.

Last year's Passion Pit concert sold out. More than 2,000 tickets were sold on the first day.

Though the energy and audience for this year's show will be similar, Hinton said that she does not expect it to be exactly the same.

"They're kind of a weird band, and their type of music is very different," she said.

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> **Cierra Hinton,**
> President of CUAB

CUAB hopes to attract not just students but members of the greater Chapel Hill area, Hinton said.

"Watching Twitter and Facebook, people seem to be really excited about it," she said.

"We're hoping the surrounding community will be as well."

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AFAM REVIEW

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result of Nyang'oro's resignation.

She added that the committee will be formed by Sept. 27.

Owen said the department's issues and those surrounding independent study are unrelated.

"It's an issue that the faculty looks at periodically," Owen said. She said independent study is discussed about every 10 years.

"Currently, only 12 hours of independent study course credit can count toward the total credit hours a student needs to graduate," Owen said.

She said the University encourages students to participate in service-based learning, internships or research that can qualify as independent study credit.

But the practice begs the question of whether the University should raise the credit hour limit for these courses, Owen said.

Raising the limit on independent study hours could be discussed again in the committee's review, she said.

But a proposal to raise the limit was shot down the last time it was discussed by faculty members, Owen said.

Dee Reid, director of communications for the College of Arts and Sciences, said Gil declined to comment in order to preserve the integrity of the committee's discussion.

Nyang'oro resigned following the (Raleigh) News & Observer's report that he had hired a sports agent to teach a summer class without informing Gil.

It was also discovered this summer that former defensive end Michael McAdoo had plagiarized a paper for Nyang'oro's class, and the offense had gone undetected by Nyang'oro as well as UNC's honor system.

> *"Carolina and all public universities have to succeed both at athletics and their academic mission."*
>
> **Holden Thorp,**
> UNC chancellor

Chairwoman of the political science department Evelyne Huber was appointed to interim chairwoman of the department.

This review is not the only one sparked in part by McAdoo's plagiarized paper.

A task force led by Jan Boxill, chairwoman of the faculty, is slated to begin examining the student-led honor system.

The honor system originally found McAdoo only to be guilty of receiving help with the works cited page for the paper that was later found to be largely plagiarized.

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NEIGHBORHOODS

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progressive blog Orange Politics, said the intentions of more affluent neighborhoods, such as Greenwood, often differ from those of historically low-income neighborhoods, such as Northside and Pine Knolls.

"When you look at Northside and Pine Knolls, they're trying to prevent gentrification ... Whereas the other neighborhoods, they are also concerned about 'McMansions,'" she said.

Sinreich, who helped form the Northside conservation district, said the plans were designed to prevent change to the character of the neighborhood but can prevent the areas from developing at all.

Bell added that the zoning requirements often prevent duplexes and other affordable, high-density housing construction in an effort to keep students away, but the result can hurt low-income families.

A new plan

George Cianciolo, co-chairman of the group working to draft a new comprehensive plan, said the new plan will likely address the successes and failures of conservation districts.

"I think they'll be on the table," he said. "The comprehensive planning process will look at whether we've achieved what we've wanted with them."

He said they need to consider whether conservation district requirements will allow Chapel Hill to reach development goals.

Bell agreed that zoning ordinances will be part of the process.

"We change them as we learn about new and better ways of doing things," she said. "We are not married to our neighborhood conservation districts."

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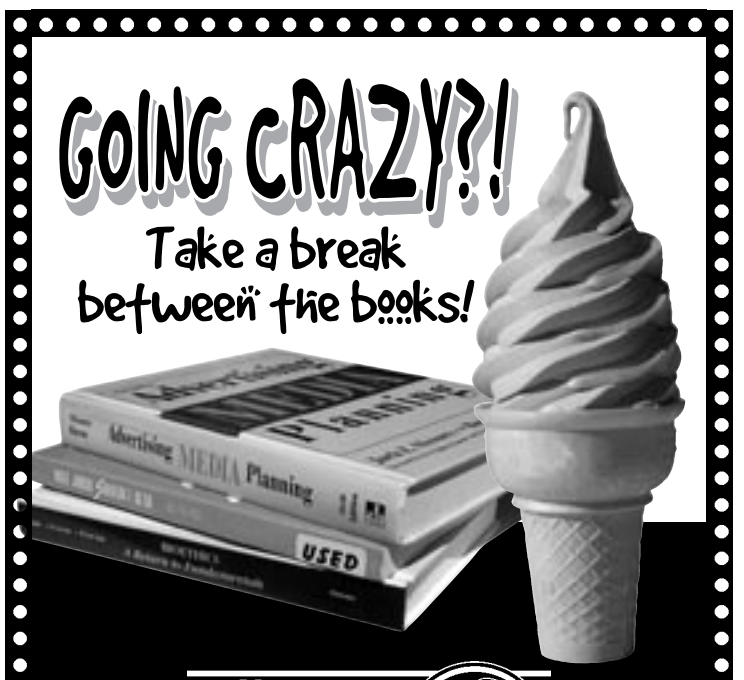

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Town tree canopy efforts praised

By Helin Park
Staff Writer

DTH/MAGGIE BARBER
This tree is one of many that stand within the tree-protection areas of McCorkle Place and the quad.

Chapel Hill's newly revised tree canopy standards have brought the town more than shade.

Earlier this month, the N.C. Forest Service gave Chapel Hill the "Outstanding Project Merit Award" for revising its 20-year-old tree protection ordinance.

The Urban Forestry Awards Program recognizes communities, organizations and individuals for protecting and enhancing city forests, according to its website.

Jennifer Rall, urban forestry program assistant, said parts of Chapel Hill's revised ordinance for foliage protection stood out to judges.

Discussions for the revised ordinance began in 2007, the Chapel Hill Town Council enacted it in December 2010 and it went into effect this March.

The new ordinance requires developments to fulfill a minimum proportion of canopy coverage.

Rall, administrator of the awards program and one of four judges, said the ordinance requires a follow-up a year after enactment, setting it apart.

"It's important that someone goes back to check if the ordinance is doing what it's supposed to do," she said.

Rall said while she welcomes urbanization, she doesn't approve of the way trees are afterthoughts in many large developments.

"A tree should be considered as a piece of infrastructure just like sidewalks and buildings," Rall said.

Emily Cameron, a landscape architect for the town's Public Works department, said another winning factor was the three-year ordinance revision process, which allowed for direct public input.

Arborists, civil engineers and neighborhood groups were asked to be involved in information sessions and the public hearing.

Chapel Hill has a long history of protecting trees, Cameron said.

In 1990, the town was one of the first communities in North Carolina to adopt a tree-protection ordinance.

Chapel Hill has been recognized 12 times as a Tree City USA. To become one, a city must meet four criteria set by the Arbor Day Foundation.

The town's tree protection ordinance doesn't apply to the University's campus.

But Tom Bythell, the University forest manager, said the work by campus tree crews is comparable to the town's.

The University has a long commitment to the protection of the urban forest, he said.

Bythell said there's been a University arborist since the early '70s .

"Trees are extremely important from an energy-saving perspective," Bythell said.

If the campus were clear of trees, it could be 10 to 15 degrees warmer, he said.

Cameron also said tree shade can enhance property value.

"In the summertime, everyone welcomes the shade on the street," she said.

The Town of Garner's White Deer Park won the Outstanding Project Grand Award from the program.

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Tax for transit stalled to help tax for schools

By Meredith Burns
Staff Writer

Plans for a regional light rail connecting Orange and Durham counties have been put on hold for now.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners has postponed putting a half-cent sales tax increase on the ballot Nov. 8, which was proposed to finance the light rail.

Commissioner Barry Jacobs said another increase — a quarter-cent sales tax that would create revenue for local schools and economic growth — took priority over the half-cent sales tax.

"We are focused on passing the quarter-cent first," Jacobs said.

The board, unwilling to overwhelm voters with multiple tax increases, will discuss putting the half-cent increase on the ballot next year, Jacobs said.

Orange County commissioners are also waiting to see how a similar half-cent tax will fare in Durham County elections.

Orange County Board of Commissioners discussed a regional and local transportation plan between Orange and Durham counties in April.

A proposed light rail — an urban railway that uses trolley cars — was one component.

But County Manager Frank Clifton said Orange County will not move forward with plans for a light rail until Durham County approves its portion of the light rail's funding.

Durham's half-cent tax would generate funding for light rail construction by 2024.

"Without Durham County's approval of the light rail, Orange County's plan lacks feasibility," Clifton said.

Commissioner Earl McKee said he questions the light rail's practicality in Orange County.

"We do not have the dense urban areas to create a sustainable demand for light rail," he said.

But Jacobs said the light rail would connect residents to centers of commerce in the Triangle.

But he said the board has other plans to improve public transportation in Orange County, including new and expanded bus routes.

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>
> **Barry Jacobs,**
> Orange County commissioner

While these plans have flexible funding options, the board isn't considering any other funding option for the light rail.

"If we want to do the light rail component, there is no way we can do it without the half-cent sales tax increase," said Commissioner Chairwoman Bernadette Pelissier.

She said the transit plan is still developing.

"It's a work in progress," Jacobs said. "We are not ready to make a proposal to the voters."

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Hybrid classes to change

By Gayatri Surendranathan
Staff Writer

Freshmen at select Chapel Hill-Carrboro City high schools are facing schedule changes only three weeks into the school year.

The changes will occur within the next couple of days and come as a result of miscommunication between the school board and the schools' administrations on how to implement honors courses, officials said.

Both Carrboro High School and East Chapel Hill High School offer "hybrid classes" — a format in which both standard and honors level students are taught in the same classroom by the same teacher.

Carrboro High School implemented the system in the 2010-2011 school year, placing freshmen in "hybrid" English and world history classes, said Principal Colin Batten.

"We wanted to resolve scheduling conflicts and provide a common experience for all freshmen," he said.

East Chapel Hill High School followed suit this year, introducing a hybrid freshman biology class.

When parents of East Chapel Hill High School students complained, the system looked into the issue at all high schools and found that Carrboro High School had been offering the classes as well.

This conflicted with a February 2010 school board decision, said Stephanie Knott, spokeswoman for Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools.

"When we discussed adding more honors classes for freshmen over a year ago, the hybrid model was mentioned," said Annetta Streater, a school board member. "We dismissed it due to concerns that teachers wouldn't be able to split instruction between two levels at once."

But the stipulation is not explicitly stated in the resolution, Streater said.

Principals of both schools have been contacted and are currently working to fix the issue, she said.

Batten said he believed hybrid classes were allowed under the school board's provisions and had not received any complaints about the program last year.

"I liked that it provided all students an opportunity to experience honors-level work," he said. "We were looking forward to seeing how our tenth graders performed."

The school will redistribute the classes between two new teachers.

Streater said she worries for students who will have schedule changes.

"Hopefully it won't make the transition to high school any tougher than it has to be," she said.

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Panhellenic Council finds minor violations

By Ryan O'Rorke
Staff Writer

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Women celebrate their bids in the Arboretum last year. The Panhellenic Council is now addressing violations that occurred during rush this year.

One and a half weeks after sororities extended bids to new members, the Panhellenic Council is addressing a litany of small recruitment violations.

Lorna Knick, vice president of standards for the council, said the violations are relatively common, and that no serious violations were reported.

Included in these violations are exceeded time periods for recruitment rounds, impermissible gifts to potential new members and the use of restricted words in skits.

Gifts can be anything from a cup to a napkin that potential new members carry out of the house during recruitment.

Among the words prohibited in songs, chants or skits are "girl" and "rushee."

While these infractions are not out of the ordinary, Knick said they must be reported and dealt with formally.

"Every chapter with infractions will go through the mediation process and get results from there," she said.

Panhellenic Council members said they wanted to maintain a heightened presence at chapter houses during recruitment rounds.

"We wanted to be available to the chapters and to be aware of any infractions that take place," said Katie Chubb, vice president of recruitment for the council, in an email.

Chubb said none of the recruitment infractions will affect next year's recruitment.

Lindsey Stephens, president of the Panhellenic Council, said the system's ability to adjust to significant changes in the process has been particularly impressive.

This year, sororities dealt with new policies from the Panhellenic Council, such as the requirement for all potential new members to wear identical shirts during the first round of recruitment.

Stephens said the policy is an attempt to move toward a "no-frills recruitment," which would make the rush period less demanding for sororities.

A new upperclassmen quota prompted nearly double the amount of non-freshmen to rush this fall compared to last year, said Jermisha Dodson, interim coordinator of fraternity and sorority life.

Dodson said there is room for expansion in upperclassmen membership but potential new members responded positively in the effort's first year.

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NC native becomes 'sexpert'

Amber Madison has written 3 books about relationships and sex.

By Victoria Esguerra
Staff Writer

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Amber Madison, an Orange County native, recently appeared on the Ryan Seacrest radio show to share sex and relationship advice.

Amber Madison wants to talk about sex.

That desire prompted her to write three books on the topic, helped her to become a sex columnist for Seventeen Magazine and last week, landed her a guest spot on Ryan Seacrest's radio show.

But Madison's belief that people should talk openly about relationships didn't start in New York, where she lives —but in Orange County.

Madison, a N.C. native, grew up in Orange County and attended Orange County High School.

She said her local roots exposed her to people who differ from those she has known in big cities, helping her to realize that relationship issues are universal.

"Chapel Hill is very different from Boston and New York," she said. "Relationships are part of human experience. It's a universal thing, and it doesn't matter what race you are or where you're from."

Jane Madison, a professor in the UNC Department of Psychiatry and Amber Madison's mother, said she supports her daughter's sometimes controversial career choice.

"I think it's really creative," she said. "She took what she loved, which is writing, and a topic she is good at talking about, relationships, and is making a living off of it."

After high school, Amber Madison moved to Massachusetts to attend Tufts University, where she wrote a school newspaper sex column titled "Between the Sheets."

"Sex needed to be talked about more," she said. "People had questions about sex, their bodies and relationships."

Madison said although her column was sometimes controversial, she still had support.

"For the most part, I was supported by the students and faculty," she said.

Madison graduated from Tufts in 2005 and moved to New York City in 2008.

In May 2011 she started writing as Seventeen's "sexpert."

She recently released an iPhone application, "A-hole Tester," which she discussed on Seacrest's show last week.

The app uses Madison's research to determine the probability that the user's partner is a jerk, she said.

Madison has also written three books, including "Hooking Up" and "Talking Sex with Your Kids." Madison is now working on promoting her new book "Are All Guys Assholes?" that will be released Sept. 29.

"There are women who are attracted to so-called jerks, and there are men who act like jerks because that's what they think women want," she said.

Madison said after conducting extensive research, she concluded in her book that men care about serious relationships, not just sex.

She said she visited 10 major metropolitan cities and interviewed more than 1,000 random men about their views on dating.

"I'd walk into bars, fast food restaurants, and ask guys to answer questions," she said.

"I asked what (their) primary interest with women is and actually 73 percent of the men said to have a serious relationship."

Madison is also a lecturer on sex and relationships for Jodi Solomon Speakers.

Jodi Solomon, president of the organization, said Madison has a unique style of lecturing.

"She does not preach; she educates," she said.

Madison said her goal for the lectures is to teach students to be proud of their decisions.

"It's about learning how to make sexual decisions you can agree with the next day."

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Online MBA program a success

By Grace Raynor
Staff Writer

"Across the board, things have gone better than could have reasonably been expected."

Douglas Shackelford,
Associate dean of MBA@UNC

Kenan-Flagler Business School administrators say a new program, which allows students to earn their Masters of Business Administration degrees without setting foot on campus, is running smoothly.

The school is one of the first major business schools in the country to offer an online program for MBAs, said Douglas Shackelford, associate dean of MBA@UNC, the new program.

He added that despite some concerns, the program has been successful so far.

"I think it's exceeded all expectations," he said. "Across the board, things have gone better than could have reasonably been expected."

But online degree programs are nothing new to UNC, with the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Gillings School of Global Public Health already boasting online options.

The online curriculum offered by MBA@UNC loses little in the move from the residential model, Shackelford said.

"It's a real class, except it would be like having a seminar with 10 to 15 students sitting around the table," he said.

Class discussions are conducted online, some by video. "Call it the Brady Bunch," Shackelford said. "Everyone's face is on the screen."

Students raise their hands by clicking a button, discuss material and review problems together.

The journalism school launched an online program this year for 20 incoming students to earn Masters of Arts in Technology and Communication degrees, the first online degree in journalism offered in the UNC system.

The fundamental difference between the business and journalism programs is their development, said Louise Spieler, associate dean for professional education and strategic initiatives.

"The key difference is we developed the program completely in-house, and of course, the online MBA program is working with another company to develop their program," Spieler said.

The business school partnered with the company 2tor to develop MBA@UNC. Spieler said it was more cost-efficient for the journalism school to develop the program on its own.

Smaller class sizes allow students in the journalism school's online program to receive attention, Spieler said.

"We're meant to be a small critique program that's meant to be very much like what we're doing with our residential program here on campus," Spieler said.

Though the business and journalism online curriculum programs are just launching, the school of public health was one of the first schools at the University to develop online curricula, said Barbara Rimer, dean of the school.

Rimer said the school's online degree in health policy and management and several certificate programs cater primarily to professionals.

"We are enabling them to get an education while they are working."

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Pell grant program questioned

By Gayatri Surendranathan
Staff Writer

Low graduation rates among Pell grant recipients at community colleges are leading some administrators to think the system needs to be reformed.

While the Pell grant increases accessibility of higher education to low-income students, many schools are combating retention problems and fraud.

The U.S. Department of Education provides Pell grants to college students based on their family's income, their enrollment status and their college's cost of attendance.

But Richard Vedder, director of the Center for College Affordability and Productivity, conducted personal research, which found that 40 percent of Pell grant recipients are graduating within six years. Vedder's sample consisted of 750 U.S. schools.

"A lot of kids are getting Pell dollars and not graduating," he said. "Does the goal of giving everyone a chance trump the goal of keeping costs down in today's economy?"

Vedder said graduation rates are lowest in three types of schools — some private institutions, non-selective schools and community colleges.

"All three cater to low-income students whose prospects of success are low," he said.

About 11 percent of Pell grant recipients who enrolled in the N.C. community college system in fall 2009 graduated or were still enrolled a year later, said Megen Hoenk, spokeswoman for the N.C. Community College System.

But she said community colleges cater to a different set of students than universities.

"Success could mean obtaining some sort of credential or associate's degree, or it could mean transferring to a four-year university," she said.

Hoenk also said the system is looking to improve its methods of tracking graduation rates.

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> Vice president of institutional advancement at Pitt Community College

Pitt Community College does not have any specific data about graduation rates for its Pell recipients, said Susan Nobles, vice president of institutional advancement at the college.

She said the school canceled 46 Pell awards for students who did not show up for class.

"This way, there is no chance they would inappropriately take advantage of the sums," she said.

Nobles said she must be diligent in monitoring Pell recipients since the average Pitt student is 26 years old and often has other financial responsibilities.

"If people don't use the funds responsibly, they jeopardize what the government is doing," she said.

Vedder said large public schools, like UNC, have high Pell recipient graduation rates because they are traditionally more selective.

About 65 percent of Pell recipients who enrolled at UNC in 2004 graduated within four years, as opposed to about 78 percent of non-Pell recipients, according to a study by the University's Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Shirley Ort, associate provost and director of scholarships and student aid at UNC, said she attributes this discrepancy to the background of Pell recipients.

"Pell students come from low-income families and are often first-generation college students," she said.

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Obama targets jobless youth

By Daniel Wiser
Assistant State & National Editor

President Barack Obama's proposed American Jobs Act will invest $5 billion in job programs for low-income youth, the chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee said in a conference call with student reporters Monday.

U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla. and chairwoman of the committee, held the conference call to discuss the impacts of the $447 billion proposal on youths struggling to find jobs in a tough economic climate.

Schultz said the act's "pathways back to work fund" will provide states with federal funding for both summer job programs next year and year-round jobs for low-income youth.

The act will also cut payroll taxes for small businesses in half to encourage employers to hire more youth, she said.

Other measures include a $6,600 tax credit for businesses that hire unemployed veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom are under the age of 30.

Schultz said Republican members of Congress should support the proposal as bipartisan legislation.

"It brings Democratic and Republican ideas together," she said. "There is no excuse for Congress not to pass it right away."

Kalpen Modi, a former White House staffer, also talked about the policies Obama has supported in his first term affecting youth.

Obama's signature health care reform law, the Affordable Care Act, allowed young adults to stay on their parents' health insurance plans until age 26, he said. The law also created a special insurance plan for adults 20 and older with preexisting conditions.

But Greg Steele, chairman of UNC College Republicans, said Obama's policies — whether it's health care reform or economic proposals — have done little to alleviate the unemployment woes of youth.

Steele said the unemployment rate likely won't dip below 6 percent until 2017, not in time for many students who will graduate in the next few years. The current national unemployment rate is 9.1 percent.

Obama's proposal could mirror the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act — also known as the stimulus plan — in its failure to keep unemployment rates low, he said.

"I do fear that it could become a stimulus, where it is a short-term solution that won't really lead to a lot of long-term answers for a lot of people," he said.

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President Obama speaks about the American Jobs Act in Reynolds Coliseum on N.C. State University's campus Wednesday afternoon.

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Peace College protestors switch tactics

By Miranda Murray
Staff Writer

After almost two months of demonstrations, protesters at Peace College have shifted their focus to legal channels as administrators say they will push forward with plans to restructure the college.

A group of Peace College alumnae said they are consulting legal counsel in order to keep the school's traditions intact.

Alumnae and students gathered in protest following a July announcement that administrators would institute several changes at the college — including altering the college's name to William Peace University and admitting men to the traditionally female institution.

Protesters created a petition to remove Debra Townsley, who began serving as president of the college last August, due to the drastic changes instated under her administration they claim weren't transparent.

"We're trying to work and just basically share information that we know was not shared before people made a very important vote," said Meredith McLean, treasurer of the fund and an alumna of Peace.

Daily protests outside the campus have stopped and alumunae have shifted their focus to a non-profit fund for legal expenses.

McLean said group members are keeping their strategy under wraps, but they have no plan to sue.

"We are using the fund to pay legal expenses, but it's not a legal defense fund."

Todd Robinson, chairman of the Peace College Board of Trustees, wrote in an email that board members have no reservations about the protesters' communication with attorneys.

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> **E.B. Watson,**
> Alumna of Peace College

"We do not believe that there is anything actionable that will come from this," he said.

Protesters also expressed unhappiness with the perceived lack of transparency from the current administration.

"We feel like we have no reason to believe anything they say," said E.B. Watson, an alumna of Peace and a protester.

"The message from the school is 'Get over it, we aren't changing,'" she said.

R. Donavon Munford, Jr., a board member, said changes to the college had unanimous approval.

"We are very comfortable with the decisions we made," he said.

But McLean said administrators did not provide the board with all the information available before they decided on the changes.

Protesters said they sent each board member a detailed letter earlier this month with documents many of the members had not seen, including petitions and letters of disapproval from past presidents and professors. They have yet to receive a full response from the board, McLean said.

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Old tree removed, observed on campus

By Hailey Vest
Staff Writer

University employees removed a nearly 200-year-old tree from North Campus on Monday.

The rotting post oak tree in front of New West Hall was cut down last week in hopes of preventing its decay from putting people in danger, said University Forest Manager Tom Bythell.

Bythell said the ultimate reason for the tree's death is unknown, but ambrosia beetles and rotting roots contributed to its decline.

"We did several borer treatments this past spring — the treatments were unsuccessful," he said.

The tree was planted around the time New West Hall was completed — between 160 and 180 years ago, Bythell said.

"Rotting in the center has made it difficult to determine the exact age, but it is likely that the tree was planted at the same time as New West, which was pretty common back then," Bythell said.

"Trees add to the natural beauty of the campus. They are basically landmarks."

Jennifer Powell,
UNC sophomore

The removal of the tree was completed by University employees at no extra cost to the school, Bythell said.

Students expressed dismay at the demise of a campus landmark, as well as love for the University's trees.

"The trees add to the natural beauty of the campus," sophomore Jennifer Powell said. "They are basically landmarks for our school."

Freshman Addison Honeycutt said UNC's natural environment attracted him to enroll.

"I am from Asheville, which is a very eco-friendly city, so being here with all the trees reminds me of my hometown," Honeycutt said.

The University plans to re-plant a tree in the spot where the post oak was removed, Bythell said.

"Ideally, I would like to plant a post oak, but if that is not possible, something similar, such as a white oak, will be planted," Bythell said.

Junior Erica Afanador said cutting down trees on campus takes away from the University's natural beauty.

"Sitting in the quad after classes is one of my favorite things to do because there's always such a nice environment," Afanador said.

The N.C. Botanical Garden currently has the trunk from the post oak and the Office of University Development will preserve the remaining wood.

Bythell said the University has plans to remove a willow oak tree from the same area of campus over fall break.

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A 200-year-old tree on Cameron Avenue across from Memorial Hall was sawed down Thursday morning.

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Obama pitches $3 trillion deficit-reduction strategy

WASHINGTON (MCT) — President Obama on Monday made an aggressive pitch for his $3 trillion deficit-reduction strategy, promising to veto any proposal that fails to raise revenues by asking wealthy Americans to "pay their fair share."

Obama said his plan would seek $1 in new revenues for every $2 in cuts. At its core is a plan to raise $1.5 trillion in new revenues through an overhaul of the tax code.

Speaking in urgent tones from the Rose Garden at the White House, Obama rejected Republican arguments that his proposals amount to "class warfare," saying it comes down to "math."

"It comes down to this: We have to prioritize," he said. "Both parties agree that we need to reduce the deficit by the same amount, by $4 trillion. … Either we ask the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share in taxes or we're going to have to ask seniors to pay more for Medicare. We can't afford to do both."

On Monday, Republicans swiftly responded to the president's proposal with opposition.

"Pitting one group of Americans against another is not leadership," House Speaker John Boehner added.

US violent crime in 2010 decreases from previous year

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Violent crime in 2010 dropped 6 percent from the year before, the FBI reported Monday, the fourth consecutive year of such declines.

The government's annual report, called "Crime in the United States," is based on data from more than 18,000 city, county, university and college, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies from around the nation and presents the most complete picture of what residents do to other residents in the way of crime.

"Safe communities are the foundation of our nation's prosperity and I have made it a priority of this Department of Justice to protect the American public by aggressively fighting violent crime," Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. said in a statement.

"We've targeted gang leadership in communities from Florida to New York, and from Tennessee to North Carolina. We've renewed our commitment to fighting organized crime, whether it is traditional La Cosa Nostra or Mexican drug cartels," Holder said.

The top crimes were drug abuse violations, at 1.6 million, followed by driving while intoxicated at 1.4 million, the FBI said.

About 10.3 million crimes were reported in 2010, according to the FBI.

Revolts in Yemen continue, killing and wounding dozens

SANAA, Yemen (MCT) — The wounded and the dead were carried through alleys beneath the gaze of rooftop snipers in Yemen's capital Monday as men with rifles guarded their homes and protesters clashed with security forces amid explosions and spirals of smoke.

There seemed no safe place in the barricaded ancient city of Sanaa, which has become a cauldron of revolt for tribesmen, demonstrators and defected soldiers battling forces loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

At least 25 people were killed and dozens wounded when government soldiers fired on protesters for the second day in the capital. Twenty-six people died Sunday, shattering a stalemate between opposition and pro-Saleh forces.

Saleh, who has ruled Yemen for 33 years, has refused to yield after months of protests inspired by the revolts in Tunisia and Egypt.

Rescuers struggle to reach Indian earthquake victims

IMPHAL, India (MCT) — Rain, landslides and severed communications continued to hamper rescue efforts late Monday after a large earthquake struck Sunday in northeastern India, Nepal and Tibet, killing at least 50 people.

The epicenter of the magnitude 6.8 earthquake temblor was in India's northeastern Sikkim state near the Nepal border. With most of Sikkim connected to the rest of India by a single, badly damaged national highway, a higher death toll is expected once emergency workers reach isolated communities.

By late Monday, food and doctors were being airlifted into the area, although these operations were also hampered by poor weather, said R.K. Singh, India's home secretary. In one case, officials reported 16 landslides in a single six-mile stretch of road.

P.M. Rai, a lawmaker from Sikkim, said early tallies suggested at least 150 people were in area hospitals, including a significant number suffering from trauma.

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President Obama speaks about his proposed $3 trillion federal deficit reduction plan at the White House on Monday in Washington, DC.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is an 8 - Work through an intermediary, for greater impact. Let a partner negotiate. Discover hidden treasure by spending time at home.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 - Reason and emotion argue to a standstill. Get quiet, and meditate on it. Study. Take on more responsibility without compensation, and you'll be amply rewarded later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 9 - Anticipate resistance, and, if there isn't any, fly ahead faster. A prepared response gives confidence. Communications from a distance provide clarity. Consider the bottom dollar.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 9 - Travel's not advised today. Don't confront authority directly, but be prepared to defend your position. Budget for future plans, and then reach for them. You've got the power.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 - Leave your money in the bank. Let your partner know the score. Get out of the house and around town, preferably in good company. Don't focus on stressful situations.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 - You may find yourself in a maze of confrontations, contradictions and disparities. In the end, it's your imagination that carries you in the right direction.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 - There's plenty of room for misunderstandings now, but nothing you can't handle with your sense of humor. You can easily diffuse the situation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8 - Avoid confusion in interactions by creating the necessary structure. Sometimes the best strategy is to keep quiet. You'd rather play than work now. Spending time outdoors rejuvenates.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 - Don't try out a new idea yet. Even though a loved one is anxious for home improvements, don't take out any loans. Learning is tons of fun, and cheap. Business heats up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 - Think of a new service to provide. Focus on work now and be wonderfully productive. Don't get distracted by other people's anxieties. Offer food and comfort.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 - You're lucky in love now, and you like it. Enjoy some good social time while you can, as things are going to get very busy soon.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
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BOARD GAMES

DTH/CRISTINA BARLETTA

Wayne Capps, a senior environmental studies major and an officer of the UNC Longboarding Club, does a trick in the Pit on Monday. Steven Vazquez, who is also a club officer, says: "If anyone is interested, no experience is required. Come join our skate sessions!" The club has all the equipment needed to participate.

LifeTime Library to improve file storing

By Katie Quine
Staff Writer

"You can be assured that the data you place on the site will be there when you attempt to retrieve it 10 years later."

Mike Conway, UNC graduate student who helped create the program

New students in the School of Information and Library Science now have access to a program that could change the way they store photos, documents and papers.

The program, LifeTime Library, is an online comprehensive file hosting site that is currently available to the school's incoming students.

Gary Marchionini, dean of the school, said LifeTime Library is the first program of its kind to be used by a university in the nation.

With the program, students can permanently store and later retrieve computer files that are usually kept on hard drives and social media sites. The program's data is stored on a series of disks managed by the school and other departments.

Marchionini, who dreamed up the program, said he began noticing 10 years ago how much information people stored on their computers.

"The idea came about that we should try to help our students who specialize in information management by providing them with a tool that will teach them to become good practitioners of their own personal record keeping," he said.

Kristen Street, a first-year graduate student in the school, said she has enjoyed using LifeTime Library to store her photos.

"It would have been useful if I had started using it as an undergraduate because of how disorganized my stuff is now," Street said.

Mike Conway, a graduate student in the school who helped create the program, said it is different from other file-saving sites because users have complete control over the storage of their files.

"You can be assured that the data you place on the site will be there when you attempt to retrieve it 10 years later," Conway said.

Sites such as Facebook own all uploaded content and can remove files at any time, which served as an impetus for the project, Conway said.

Marchionini said it would take a great deal of money and faculty support to make the program available campuswide.

A portion of the school's endowment helped fund the program, Marchionini said.

Since no state funds have been used to implement the program, partnerships with major corporations and charitable gifts would be necessary to provide the rest of the University with LifeTime Library's services, he added.

Students outside the school said they would welcome LifeTime Library's file storing capabilities.

"I know some people whose hard drives have crashed, and they lost a lot (of files), so it would be really helpful to have something where you could store everything like that," freshman Thomas Sessoms said.

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Car break-ins decline

By Sarah Mansur
Staff Writer

Anna Difiore has never made a habit of leaving valuable items in her car.

But on the night of Aug. 18, she thought her backpack full of electronics would be safe, and so she left the bag in her blue 2004 convertible BMW.

That night, someone stole $3,000 worth of items from Difiore's car, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

During August and September in 2010, police responded to 60 car break ins, according to police reports. Police have seen 61 break-ins since August this year.

While those numbers have remained stable and could still increase, break-ins have been on the decline in recent years, according to police data.

Between 2009 and 2010, the number of vehicle break-ins during the months of August and September decreased by 37.5 percent, according to Chapel Hill police records.

Randy Young, spokesman for the UNC Department of Public Safety, said that decrease in vehicle break-ins might be related to a decline in GPS usage.

He said having a visible GPS, or even suction marks on the windshield, can make cars an easy target for thieves.

In recent years, the popularity of the GPS has decreased because most people use their smart phones to navigate, Young said.

Lt. Kevin Gunter, spokesman for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said in an email that car break-ins in many cases are a crime of opportunity.

"We have found those vehicles left unlocked or locked with valuables left in plain view are the most targeted," he said.

Gunter said Chapel Hill police have increased patrols and launched public awareness campaigns informing residents how to protect themselves and their valuables.

Chapel Hill police also sponsors programs such as the Neighborhood Watch program and Community Safety Partnership.

The programs combine law enforcement and community efforts to alert police officers if they see suspicious activity.

Still, Difiore said she is now much more cautious with her belongings.

"It was frustrating losing all that stuff," Difiore said. "It's not hard to replace a computer, but it's hard if you can't get any of your files back."

The 21-year-old UNC student lost her laptop, iPod and digital camera, according to Chapel Hill Police reports.

"It helps to park in well-lit areas and remove temptation to thieves, like valuables in plain view," Young said.

He also said people should report suspicious activity to the police.

"People don't understand that 911 is not necessarily for life and death situations," Young said.

"If you see something, say something because it might be your car next time."

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Elections shake up school board

By Janie Sircey
Staff Writer

"Nationally we talk about the importance of education, but the school board is really where we can make a difference."

James Barrett, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Board candidate

With more than half of the school board seats up for grabs, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are looking at a year filled with change.

Candidates and school officials said the adoption of a new curriculum, working with a newly hired superintendent and dealing with budget cuts will be key issues this election.

Five of the seven school board seats are on the ballot in the upcoming Nov. 8 election, an unusual occurrence for the area, said Stephanie Knott, spokeswoman for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

"It's kind of extraordinary to have five seats open — usually no more than three or four seats are open at a time," she said.

"It can really transform the makeup of the board."

Among the candidates running are incumbents Mia Day Burroughs, Annetta Streater and Mike Kelley. New to the race are James Barrett, Raymond Conrad, Brian Bower and Kris Castellano.

These seven candidates are running for the four four-year positions.

Jamezetta Bedford is running unopposed for the board's open two-year position.

During the summer, the school system officially adopted the Common Core curriculum, a set of standards developed by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. Forty-four states have adopted the standards, which were created to give school systems across the nation consistency in their education.

The 2011-2012 school year will serve as the transition year from the current curriculum to the Common Core standards for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Kelley said due to the amount of work that will go into shifting over to the new guidelines, he believes that the new curriculum will take all of the board's attention.

"This is a year to not start new things," he said. "The staff and the central office will have a lot to work on."

Along with the change in curriculum, new Superintendent Thomas Forcella took over the position on July 1.

Kelley and Barrett both said Forcella's leadership will bring more consistency to the school system and will change how the board is run.

"It's a great opportunity for schools and the board to see some follow through," Barrett said.

Knott said the board exists mostly to encourage professional development and ensure that children can grow academically. Board tasks include handling financial resources and personnel issues.

Despite recent budget cuts, Burroughs said she believes that the board has maintained its focus on students.

"The board has done a really good job protecting student experience even though millions of dollars were cut from our budget," she said.

The school system still achieved the highest average SAT scores in the state and the state's second highest graduation rate.

"We could applaud ourselves and stop right there, but we don't," Burroughs said.

Barrett said educational change starts in the schools.

"Nationally we talk about the importance of education, but the school board is really where we can make a difference," he said.

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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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NCAA response

UNC responded to the NCAA's allegations with self-imposed fines and penalties. See pg. 1 for story.

Musical pirate

Former UNC student and founder of the pirate club released a folk album. See pg. 3 for story.

Students for Rick Perry

A new student-led group rallies behind the conservative presidential candidate. See pg. 3 for story.

Let's talk about sex

Amber Madison, daughter of a UNC professor, is leading a career as a sexpert. See pg. 7 for story.

Peaceful protest

Groups unhappy with Peace College's changes will focus on legal action. See pg. 8 for story.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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1 Word on a red octagon
5 Tree-trunk greenery
9 Channel covering Capitol Hill
14 Coif makeup
15 Queen Boleyn
16 Partner of well
17 Partner of willing
18 Like tilted ltrs.
19 Moderated, with "down"
20 Hullabaloo over a sudden policy reversal?
23 Ball supporter
24 Little mischief-makers
25 Legendary Chicago cow owner
29 Attack from above
31 __ Grande
32 Co. bigwig
33 Sign of table tennis tendonitis?
37 Bushy coif
40 Half of a double play
41 Inventor's germ
42 Bit of applause for an equestrian event?
47 Big thing at McDonalds?
48 Samaritan's offer
49 Game one
53 Meditation instruction
55 Crossword hint
57 Inventor Whitney
58 Cry of frustration about a Hostess cake?
61 Montezuma, e.g.
64 Snug ... bug in ___
65 "Exodus" author
66 Musical pace
67 Easy pace
68 Waiter's handout
69 Cuts and pastes, say
70 Iowa State's city
71 Stage accessory

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3 More greasy
4 Make ready, briefly
5 Letter carriers
6 Winning
7 Velcro alternatives
8 Note to __
9 Book of available products
10 Hillside
11 Exemplar of neatness
12 Hail, to Maria
13 Composer Rorem
21 Fido's poodle amie
22 Pork cut
26 Military sch.
27 Actress Russo
28 Class using mats
30 For each one
31 Campus military gp.
34 __ Samaritan
35 Little Lab
36 Organ whistle
37 High point
38 Source of linen
39 Yummy but fattening
43 Parti-colored cats
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45 Sprawls, as by the pool
46 Take down __: humble
50 Less remote
51 Cause of odd weather
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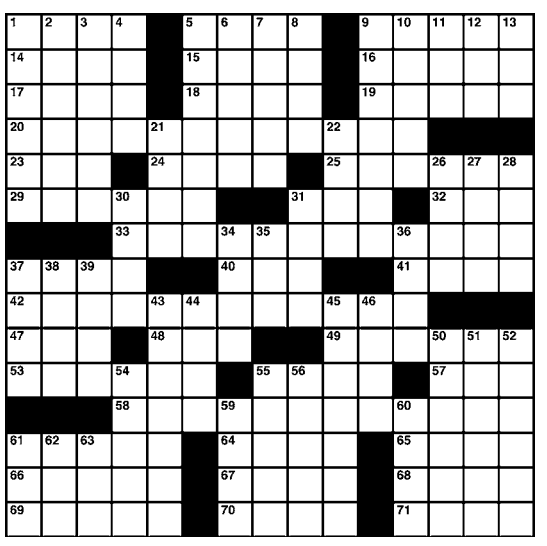

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Alcohol: It's the footprint in your hand

There is a way to inspire environmental-consciousness in almost everything UNC students do on a daily basis. Eating, studying and even football games at the University have become sustainable. However, what might be overlooked is the tradition that takes over campus before every game — the tailgate.

For that matter, what about every leisure event (of which there are many) involving alcohol? In the interest of environmentalism, it's time to consider whether alcohol can be green anytime other than St. Patrick's Day.

Beer

Beer, probably the most popular drink at those tailgates and parties, packs most of its environmental punch with its packaging. Sustainability consultant Pablo Päster calculated that shipping cans creates fewer emissions than bottles. Cans also tend to be recycled more than glass. And, just so all party-throwers know, kegs happen to be the most green, in terms of both shipping and materials.

Wine

According to a 2007 study by the American Association of Wine Economists, wine adds to carbon emissions mostly through shipping. A consumer can therefore minimize the environmental damage of their merlot by buying wine made relatively close to home. Since North Carolina is on the East Coast, that means European wine (or champagne for the super classy) travels a shorter distance than those from California.

Liquor

All liquor production tends to be worse for the environment than wine or beer. Rum and tequila are usually made from sugarcane or molasses, two particularly destructive crops. "Reviews in Environmental Science and Technology" estimated that for one liter of tequila, 10 liters of toxic acidic waste is created. Vodka and gin are made from a mix of grains, so they require more energy and water than other spirits.

Ways to 'green-out'

Fortunately, the alcohol industry is wising up to its environmental impact. The New Belgium brewing company, whose beer is sold all over the United States, has made a commitment to reduce its carbon footprint. True, it's a little more expensive than a Natty Light, but isn't it worth it to know that your good time is saving the environment?

Many liquor producers are also devising creative ways to minimize ecological damage. Maker's Mark bourbon recycles byproducts to generate renewable energy. TRU vodka not only uses organic products, 25 percent less glass than regular bottles and labels printed on corn fiber, but it also made a promise to plant a tree for every bottle sold. Your pre-game Bloody Mary just got so much more exciting, right?

Environmental awareness is about more than science and Al Gore. It also applies to one of (21 and up) college students' favorite pastimes. So for your next tailgate, think about what you're buying and, by all means, recycle your Solo cups.

NEXT
9/21
Will Doran writes on the troubles of reforms to student-athlete tutoring.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

By Mark Viser, mviser@email.unc.edu

EDITORIAL

No slap on the wrist

Response sent the right message to the NCAA, but questions remain for UNC.

As the University took care to note in a 111-page response to the NCAA's allegations Monday, the athletic department's history is almost entirely scandal-free. But considering the gravity of the football team's violations, "almost" means nothing. The University showed an understanding of that point in answering the NCAA's allegations with hefty self-imposed punishment; however, there are questions left to answer.

In an appropriately apologetic response that stopped short of banning the football team from post-season play, the University offered the NCAA a play-by-play account of the violations committed by the football team. It proposed sanctions that would include three fewer scholarships for each of the next three seasons, a $50,000 fine and a two-year probation. Those two years account for the seasons UNC fielded players who took improper benefits. With the University offering to vacate its wins from those years, the selfishness of those few players has now cost the 2008 and 2009 teams any formal recognition of their accomplishments.

As the NCAA considers the response and devises a final punishment, the University will be waiting with bated breath to see whether it's permitted to partake in postseason bowl games anytime in coming years. Until then, the question of bowl game eligibility should come a distant second to more pressing questions.

First among them is the investigation, or lack thereof, into the former UNC tutor and mentor in question, Jennifer Wiley. In April 2010, nearly nine months after it opted not to renew her contract, the University received an anonymous tip naming Wiley as a purveyor of improper academic assistance. An investigation launched by athletic director Dick Baddour led to the questioning of a player on three separate occasions but no clear conclusions. The player denied any wrongdoing in each round of questioning — and the case was dropped without so much as a single meeting with Wiley.

Not until the day after Wiley paid $1,789 worth of parking tickets in August did the University bother to begin attempts to interview her. And officials said the University didn't know about parking tickets until November.

In a Monday teleconference, Baddour said the anonymous nature of the tip hampered the investigation, as did the tip's prioritization of extra benefits over academic help.

No matter how much or little it mentioned improper academic assistance, the tip deserved a full investigation. Instead, the investigation fizzled with the denials of the player in question and Baddour said, "we couldn't do anymore with it." Baddour gave no explanation why an earlier interview couldn't have been that something more, or whether the timing of the University's long overdue interest in her was a mere coincidence.

Those explanations are owed to the community and the NCAA as it reviews UNC's response and comes up with the last word. Even after vacating its victories, that word could include a ban on bowl games for one or more of the coming years. There's certainly a case for such a ban — but the NCAA should consider the University's cooperation, concessions and reforms before dealing the team a blow that current and future players did nothing to deserve.

The reforms include an abandonment of the academic mentor program, increased funding for hiring and retaining tutors and expanding compliance education for tutors, along additional constraints to student athletes and their tutors or learning assistants. Constraints prohibiting tutors from communicating with student athletes outside of their academic time might prove difficult to enforce, but they do set a clearer standard for what is expected of tutors and athletes.

UNC has dutifully moved to set a higher standard amid the investigation. But to make a compelling case to the NCAA and its followers, lingering questions need answering.

EDITORIAL

Faculty need more

Recent rankings show UNC needs to do more for faculty in trying times.

UNC needs to do more to ensure it is creating a supportive and enriching environment for faculty success and retention, or it risks losing its status as a premier public institution. After two years of plunging in the faculty resource rankings, from 35th to 59th, it's time for the University administration to act.

Last week, U.S. News and World Report released its rankings report of national universities. While UNC saw its overall ranking increase by one, to 29th, it saw its ranking for faculty resources fall 12 spots. This decline comes on the heels of last year's ranking, which also saw UNC drop 12 spots from 35th to 47th. Why? Faculty retention and class size are two of the biggest reasons.

As the University has had to absorb significant budget cuts in the past two years, faculty compensation and smaller courses have suffered significantly. These factors account for 65 percent of UNC's score in the rankings and now are at levels that threaten UNC's ability to remain competitive for both top faculty and students. And the outlook for improvement in the near term remains bleak.

Faculty retention for a public institution is difficult even during the best of times, but the recent economic downturn has hit UNC's ability to retain top faculty particularly hard. Last year, only 37 percent of faculty considering offers at other institutions chose to stay at UNC. These failing results come despite the aid of a $10 million dollar fund established to help UNC retain top faculty, which is now near empty. This brain-drain of more than 70 of the University's best and brightest is likely to take millions of dollars and years, if not decades, to repair.

University administrators should take a holistic view of UNC's faculty resources, identify key weaknesses, and look for innovative and cost-effective ways to make the University more attractive to faculty, as budgets are likely to keep faculty compensation tight in the near term. On the same token, faculty members wishing to stay at UNC must be understanding of the University's position and stop attempting to game the system's reserve funds for incremental raises.

While unfortunate, these declines are not entirely unexpected and are highly correlated to the impact of state budget cuts on public universities' operating budgets in the past two years. During this period, the College of William and Mary, University of California-Berkeley, Michigan and Illinois have also seen their ranking drop compared to private institutions, but UNC seems to be one of the most severely affected.

Chancellor Holden Thorp and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bruce Carney have largely succeeded in protecting UNC's academic core during these challenging times, making tough choices. But if something is not done to protect the world-class faculty and small classroom settings that define a UNC education shortly, we risk losing the things that give UNC its distinct identity.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Rotting in the center has made it difficult to determine the exact age but it is likely that the tree was planted at the same time as New West."

Tom Bythell, UNC forest manager, on the tree removed from North Campus

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Look back at the bands that used to headline Jubilee and ask yourself if The New Pornographers belong even to be mentioned in the same galaxy, let alone the same breath as bands booked at UNC. The CUAB needs to return to earth/relevance."

come on, on the selection of The New Pornographers for Homecoming

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

False accusations led to loss of emailing rights

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to respond to The Daily Tar Heel's excellent article about me. I never "involved the UNC network in a personal dispute."

I briefly corresponded on University email with a so-called animal activist who wrote many University officials with false claims about my association with a local non-profit animal welfare association, FOCAS.

Two months later, after accessing my personal emails, the University's general counsel, Leslie Strohm, repeated Joseph Villarosa's false accusations, threatening to disable my IT account.

I immediately responded, copying the chancellor, but received no reply. Two months later, following hundreds of emails from Villarosa to University officials, Strohm wrote me saying "please remove — immediately — from any University resources any links to material referencing Mr. Villarosa, either directly or indirectly … I believe you now use private email accounts to continue your disputes with others. And, I acknowledge that the website you maintain on University resources is clean on its face. It is the links that continue to be problematic."

The same day she wrote Villarosa saying, "This is not a University matter."

I did remove the link but asked for a retraction of her earlier false claims and an apology. In retaliation, the chancellor had my email and website disabled in violation of my First Amendment rights.

I believe that all students and faculty should be concerned about this invasion of privacy and retaliation for speech.

A summary of my correspondence may be found on http://tinyurl.com/cramerA1 with full documentation on http://tinyurl.com/cramerA2.

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9/11 issue helped us all remember the tragedy

TO THE EDITOR:

I really enjoyed reading your article on Sept. 11. It helped me reflect on what I was doing and my feelings on that dreadful day.

Just like many others, I still remember exactly where I was and what I was doing. I also liked the fact that you used Alana Austin and Ashley Robinson's stories in your article. It was nice getting a feel for what other students thought about this day. Living in North Carolina during 2001 would probably have been very different from living in New York during 2001, and that's why I'm glad you expressed their views.

I believe that we, the people of the United States, have to keep patriotism for our country. Your article truly helped remind people about the terrorist attacks and to renew and instill a sense of love, pride and respect for our country.

I love how you wrote about Sept. 11 in the newspaper. I believe that this continual reflection and remembrance should never cease. Every year in early September, I hope that our country still talks about what happened in 2001 and remembers the tragic event.

Hannah Randles
Freshman
Undecided

Consider consequences of Carolina North

TO THE EDITOR:

More than 222 years ago, a committee of six men lobbied to create the first state university in a budding nation. Legend has it that under the canopy of a Tulip Poplar tree near the center of New Hope Chapel that William Richardson Davie picked this spot to build. The course of history has proved them correct.

Some 10 years ago, a self-elected Board of Governors met around a dead piece of wood to plan the future of Carolina North. This does not evoke nearly a quarter century of world class.

I hope this letter finds a voice. I plea that these words evoke discussion about how we build in the woods of Carolina North. In a few short weeks a 40-to-60-foot wide swath of naked earth will scar Carolina North from one end to the other.

I believe as a community we can achieve far better a plan than slash, dig and replant. We should be more concerned about the initial impact and not sustaining the collateral damages.

Harold K. Hill
Housing Support

DPS inappropriately patted itself on the back

TO THE EDITOR:

The Department of Public Safety's attempt to redeem its shoddy reputation should not be made at the expense of a UNC student's livelihood. Just last year, the DPS failed to alert the campus of an armed robbery in Morrison, though now it has erred on a larger account in revealing the name, age and charges of a UNC student in a University-wide email without even entertaining the notion of this student's innocence. The line, "The identification of the suspect was a direct result of the Alert Carolina 'Informational Message' sent to the campus community yesterday," smacks of an attention-starved toddler vying for the acknowledgment of his otherwise occupied parents. While the DPS can now proudly receive a gold star, pat itself on the back for a job well done, and shuffle off into obscurity, the accused student in question can only wait in unwarranted infamy for the "All Clear" sirens to sound.

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