

A LEADER IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Thomas Ross was inaugurated Thursday as UNC-system president.

By Isabella Cochrane
State & National Editor

GREENSBORO — The UNC system's 17th president says he's embracing severe budget cuts, resource shortfalls and a troubled economy as a challenge — a challenge he plans to tackle head on.

Thomas Ross, the man who has overseen the 17 UNC-system campuses for the last nine months, was sworn in Thursday.

In front of an audience of students, faculty and legislators at N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University, Ross vowed to uphold his position and carry on the legacy of his predecessors.

"To be mentioned in the same breath as presidents Bill Friday, Dick Spangler, Molly Broad and Erskine Bowles is emotionally and intellectually overwhelming," Ross told his audience. "To follow in their crater-sized footprints is daunting and even scary."

Since Ross was selected last August, the N.C. General Assembly has cut \$414 million from the UNC-system budget. The 15.6 percent cut to the system has forced universities to eliminate vital resources, such as counseling services, course offerings and about 3,000 faculty positions.

Many administrators have expressed concern that these cuts will make it difficult to protect the "academic core," of the university — an initiative that Ross' predecessor Erskine Bowles made a priority.

Bowles, who led the UNC system from 2006 until 2010, was known for handling one of the worst recessions in decades.

And as the state suffers an unemployment rate of 10.4 percent — the seventh highest in the nation — and administrators struggle to figure out how to fund next year's potential budget shortfalls, Ross must prepare for similar challenges.

But he says he won't be doing it alone.

"We are in an economic and social malaise and fear we may never come out of it. We've heard the phrase the 'new normal' and fear that where we are right now is where we will stay," Ross said. "Well I don't buy it. It doesn't have to be that way. This is our time and what we do with it is up to us."

While Ross is handling similar challenges as his predecessor, many administrators say his style of leadership is a bit different.

"Erskine Bowles was quick, somewhat impatient. (Ross) seems to be a little bit more deliberative," said Sanjiv Sarin, dean of the graduate school at N.C. A&T.

Phil Dixon, a member of the UNC-system Board of Governors and Ross' former classmate, said the new president has different strengths that will allow him to combat economic instability.

"Erskine brought a business perspective to the system," he said. "He looked at the performance of programs, utilized space, whether we were top heavy in middle management, whether we could cut. He did some nice things for us in taking a different look at it."

"Tom probably has the added advantage of having been in academia, so he understands both sides."

In his speech, Ross outlined steps the system should take to maintain accessible and affordable education during tumultuous economic times.

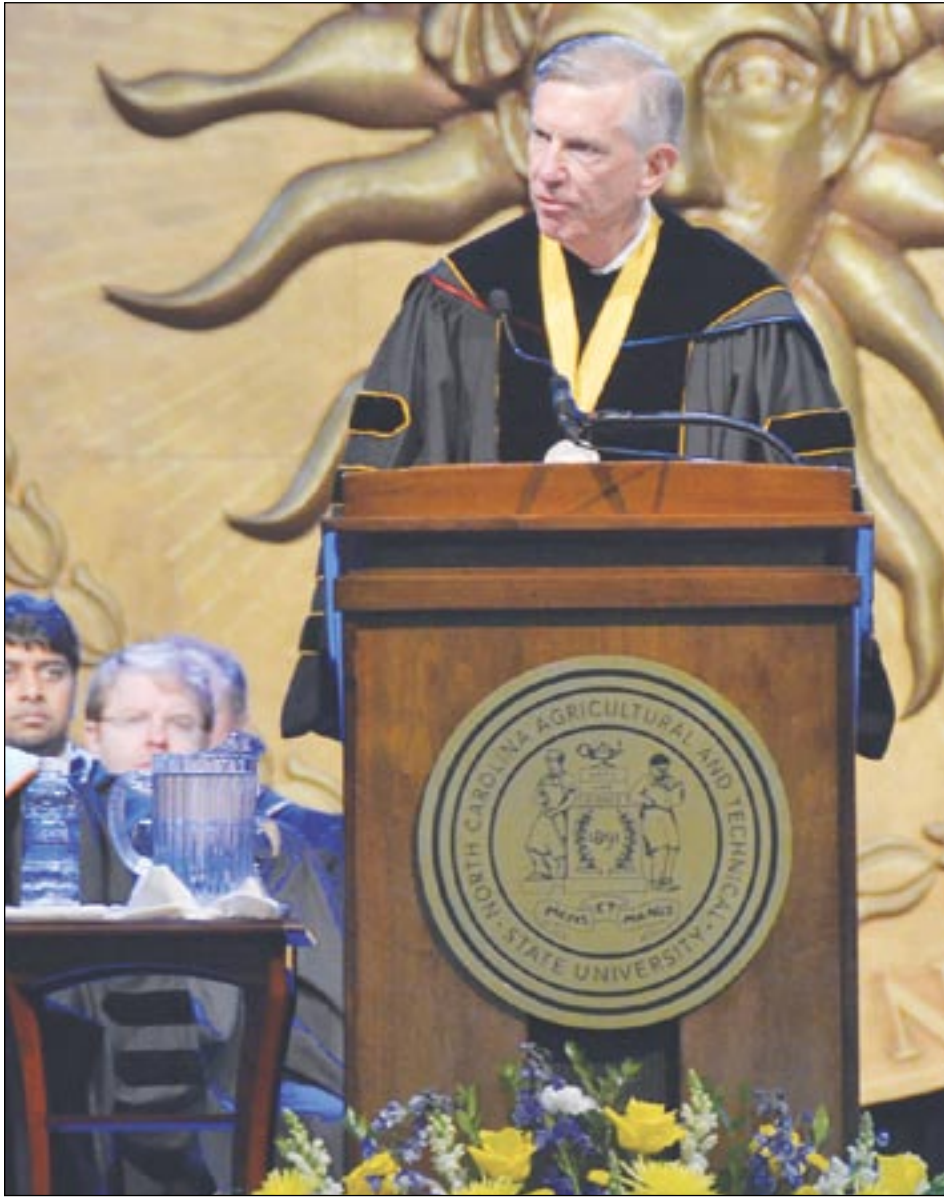
He stressed the importance of leveraging technology to create more online classes and cutting inefficient programs.

"Such efforts will help preserve and expand student opportunities while reducing cost," he said.

Ross, who is a native of Greensboro, is a graduate of Davidson College and UNC-CH School of Law. Ross was president of Davidson from 2007 until the end of 2010. He also has served as a N.C. Superior Court judge and as a director of the N.C. Administrative Office of the courts.

Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the board, said

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DTH/ESTES GOULD

Thomas Ross was inaugurated as the president of the UNC system in Greensboro on Thursday.

Tuition hikes proposed to raise revenue

The UNC system looks to tuition raises as a way to absorb budget cuts.

By Elise Young
Assistant State & National Editor

GREENSBORO — When the UNC system's governing body met Thursday, discussions about how

to absorb budget cuts and supplement them through other sources of revenue dominated its agenda.

At the meeting, held at UNC-Greensboro, the board, which has typically opposed significant tuition raises, expressed willingness to approve hikes beyond what is currently mandated by the system's tuition policy.

Members also approved new peer institutions for each system

university, which schools will use to compare themselves to in several aspects — including tuition.

The system's tuition guidelines, approved last year, allow schools to propose tuition hikes above the 6.5 percent cap if they can demonstrate that it's their only viable option for increasing revenues.

The plan requires schools' tuition rates to stay within the bottom quarter of their peers'.

Administrators at UNC-Chapel Hill have already said they want the University's tuition rates to be more in line with those of its peers.

And for N.C. State University, raising tuition would be a last resort, Chancellor Randy Woodson said.

The university first needs to focus on advocating for state funding, growing its endowment and expanding research efforts, he said.

"Nobody wants to raise tuition, but we don't want this university system to become second-rate," Woodson said.

"Tuition is likely to be a bigger part of our revenue stream."

Members of the board's budget and finance committee acknowledged there are multiple ways to increase revenues to alleviate the system's increasingly bleak budget situation.

The state budget enacted this summer included a 15.6 percent, or \$414 million, cut for the system.

David Young, chairman of the budget committee, said administrators must not base decisions on precedents set by past years' tuition raises.

He said he thinks tuition rates at peer institutions will influence

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Veterans Day Carrier Classic makes waves

UNC men's basketball will play Michigan State on an aircraft carrier.

By Chelsea Bailey
Staff Writer

This Veterans Day, the UNC men's basketball team will kick off the season against Michigan State in unfamiliar territory — on an aircraft carrier.

And on Nov. 11, the Tar Heels will have an ally in the captain's chair.

Captain Bruce H. Lindsey, commanding officer of the USS Carl Vinson, leads almost 5,000 crew members with a UNC basketball jersey draped over his captain's seat.

His daughter, senior Blair Lindsey, gave him the jersey after UNC won the 2009 NCAA National Championship.

Lindsey said he fought to have the inaugural Carrier Classic played on the USS Carl Vinson.



COURTESY OF STEVEN BARBER

Filmmaker Steven Barber and his entertainment company Vanilla Fire Productions are shooting a documentary on the Carrier Classic.

"When I heard that they were thinking about playing the game onboard an aircraft carrier, I thought it would be an awesome way to show a little recognition of the Carl Vinson crew for all of their sacrifices

protecting our great country's freedoms," Lindsey said in an email.

"This game will really boost the morale of the crew — espe-

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Academic support reformed

NCAA probe led UNC to look into student-tutor communication.

By Michael Lananna
Assistant Sports Editor

For better or worse, the NCAA investigation has left a lasting imprint on UNC's Academic Support Program for Student Athletes.

Since the NCAA's allegations

of academic misconduct surfaced more than a year ago, the University has worked to reform the support program, levying tighter restrictions on tutors and on the ways in which tutors communicate with student athletes.

How the school will monitor those student-tutor interactions, though, remains to be seen.

"It's really difficult to monitor something like that," said Robert Mercer, director of the ASPSA. "Because you're really saying, 'How do you monitor

someone's email?' I think there is certainly some privacy that needs to be maintained.

"I think the best way is to attack it from an educational point of view — that this is simply a policy, and that if we find anything different, then we're going to have to act on it."

Communication between student athletes and tutors is now restricted to in-person tutoring sessions at the academic support

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Local Buddhist temple expands

In a new meeting space, parishioners will celebrate growth.

By Pete Mills
Staff Writer

Parishioners who transcend religious backgrounds and an architect whose dying wish was for the opening of a Buddhist meditation hall will have their hard work fulfilled Saturday.

Nestled behind high hedges along Old N.C. 86, Chapel Hill's Won-Buddhism Meditation Temple has served the community for nearly a decade.

And this weekend, it will add a new meeting space that follows the vision of Rev. WonGong So and architect John Hartley, who died of cancer in June.

Rev. So, a native of South Korea and graduate of the University of Maryland, came to Chapel Hill in 2003 to teach

Won-Buddhism.

"I had a great hope that people would be interested in the benefits of these teachings," she said.

Won-Buddhism, which began in the early 1900s, replaces the worship of Buddha with the "Won" — the Korean word for "circle" and a symbol that represents truth.

Rev. So said Won-Buddhism's message of self-awareness and

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ATHLETIC FEE INCREASE

The student athletic fee could increase by \$90 if the student fee advisory subcommittee passes a proposal from the athletic department today. **Online.**

This day in history

OCT. 7, 2001
The United States invaded Afghanistan in a retaliatory response to the 9/11 attacks. Operation Enduring Freedom continues today.

Today's weather



California here we come.
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Friday's weather



How many days 'til Christmukkah?
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“Though I am not naturally honest, I am sometimes by chance.”

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

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Jesus, grab your Glock

From staff and wire reports

A lot of people bring offerings to church. Some bring their Bibles. Some bring their fancy hats. And in Georgia, they want you to be able to bring your guns.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta Thursday heard arguments over whether Georgia's current law prohibiting firearms in places of worship violates First Amendment rights to religious freedom. Lawyers for the state claim the ban makes sense, as worshipers can focus on "spiritual activities."

But not everyone feels that way. GeorgiaCarry.org, a pro-firearms group, believes people should be able to protect themselves in church. "Why would you not want to take a gun?" asked group member Jerry Henry. They have a point — God has been known to go all fire-and-brimstone. Clearly shotguns are the answer.

NOTED. There are a lot of things we would do for \$300. Most of those things do not involve women's thongs and a Baptist church.

Twenty-three-year-old Brandon Ames, of Monroe, La., was arrested and charged with obscenity Wednesday after he tried to flag down cars outside a Baptist church wearing only a black and pink thong as part of a \$300 bet.

QUOTED. "I would sign a bill tomorrow to eliminate the 9th Circuit (Court of Appeals). That court is rogue. It's a pox on the western part of our country."

— Rick Santorum, former U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania.

Dear Rick, the founding fathers called. They want to know what you're talking about.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Frantz Fanon Symposium: Join the final session of a commemoration that marks the 50th anniversary of the death of cultural and political icon Frantz Fanon.
Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Stone Center

Coker Arboretum tour: This tour, part of a series of "Priceless Gem" tours, will explore the Coker Arboretum and offer interesting facts and information about it. The tour will be led by a natural science educator and, best of all, it's free.
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: UNC Visitors' Center

Fridays on the Front Porch: Come out and celebrate the last of this year's Fridays on the Front Porch. There will be refreshments and music by Mel Melton & The Wicked Mojo. There is no cover charge, so don't miss this exciting event.
Time: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: The Carolina Inn

SATURDAY

Drawing in the galleries: Are you artistic but wish to strengthen your drawing skills? Practice your creativity at a free session with Amanda Hughes, the director of external affairs at the Ackland. She will discuss and practice the art of drawing.
Time: 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Ackland Art Museum

UNC football vs. Louisville: The Tar Heels are back at home this weekend after two weeks on the road. Come out and cheer on the team as they take on Louisville. Admission is free for students with a valid One Card.
Time: noon
Location: Kenan Stadium

'In Praise of Ancient Mountains': Come enjoy this lovely weather (while it's here) and celebrate the publication of a highly anticipated book by photographer Jim Valentine and writer Chris Bolgiano, "In Praise of Ancient Mountains, Old-Growth Forests, and Wilderness." This event

is free.

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.**Location:** N.C. Botanical Garden Visitor Education Center

SUNDAY

Walking tour of Franklin Street: The Preservations Society of Chapel Hill hosts this tour every month to teach about the area's history. Admission to the tour group costs \$5.
Time: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Horace Williams House, 610 E. Rosemary St.

UNC volleyball vs. Miami: Come out and watch the women's volleyball team take on Miami. Admission is free for students.
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: Carmichael Arena

To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.

CORRECTIONS

Thursday's story "35-day finance reports filed" incorrectly stated that town council candidate Lee Storrow is using the publicly funded election program. He is not.

A graphic accompanying Thursday's story "Peer study to include review of tuition rates" stated the per-semester tuition rate for the University of Texas at Austin instead of its per-year rate. The per-year rate is \$9,816.

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PAINT THE TOWN



DTH/KELSEY HAMMER

Artist Aurelio Trevino, a California native, paints on West Franklin Street. Trevino is visiting the Chapel Hill area and he described it as "beautiful." Trevino says his favorite type of painting is facade painting. He paints many of his favorite food spots in California.

POLICE LOG

● Someone took a suitcase from a sidewalk at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday at 206 W. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The stolen suitcase was valued at \$75. The suitcase contained miscellaneous clothing valued at \$15, a wallet valued at \$10, business cards valued at \$5 and a social security card valued \$10, reports state.

According to reports, the man who owned the suitcase was from Boca Raton, Fla.

● Someone urinated in public at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday behind a building and in an alley at 150 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Someone stole a refrigerator or picked it up as abandoned from a curbside between 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The Sears brand refrigerator was valued at \$600, reports state.

● Someone entered the front door and stole several possessions at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday at 803 Coker Drive, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Stolen items included \$80 in cash, an Xbox, an iMac desktop computer, a headset, a game controller, an iPod touch, three "Call of Duty" video games, one "Halo" video game, one "Grand Theft Auto" video game and a "Motor Sport 3" video game, according to reports.

In all, the stolen items were valued at \$1,105, reports state.

● Young females removed magnetic stickers from parked vehicles in a parking lot at 11:48 a.m. Wednesday at 1838 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Someone displayed a weapon and demanded property between 11:30 p.m. Wednesday and 1:05 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The stolen items were valued at \$1,420, reports state.

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You must be 18 years old and have a home computer with internet access.

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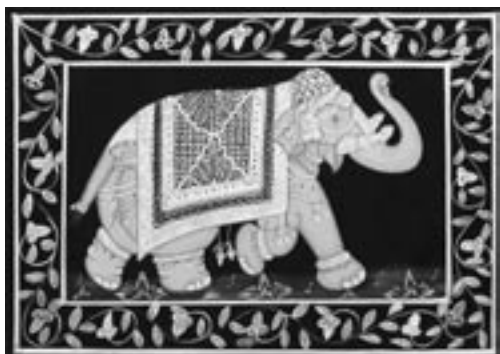
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inBRIEF

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC student athletic fee could rise by \$90 this year

The student athletic fee could rise by \$90 if the student fee advisory subcommittee passes a proposal from the athletic department today.

If it doesn't pass, the athletic department will have to reconsider how else it will maintain its varsity sports programs, said athletic director Dick Baddour.

The fee increase would support funding for Olympic sports — all varsity sports excluding basketball and football.

Fee money for Olympic sports would be split evenly between personnel operating costs and Olympic sports scholarships, Baddour said.

Professor receives IBM prize for second year in a row

UNC Professor Paul Jones received a \$15,000 IBM Faculty Award for the second time.

The international award is given to scholars who are conducting research that could be strategic to IBM's research and development.

Jones is the director of ibiblio, an online public library with freely available software and information for topics ranging from music to science.

Jones, a clinical associate professor at the School of Information and Library Science and the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, has received the award for two consecutive years.

CITY BRIEFS

Fired sanitation workers file complaint with Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil was served with a complaint from the lawyers of Kerry Bigelow and Clyde Clark on Tuesday.

Bigelow and Clark, known as the "Sanitation Two," were fired from their jobs as garbage collectors in Oct. 2010 for what a town memorandum called insubordination, threatening or intimidating behavior and unsatisfactory job performance.

Bigelow and Clyde, who belonged to labor unions, have said they believe they were fired as a retaliatory act for pushing for workers' rights.

Their firings spurred a series of protests from various labor groups and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Bigelow applied for a vacant position in 2010, but was passed up for the job, although he has stated he thinks he was better qualified than the person hired.

The complaint points to race as a point of contention in the hiring.

The person hired for the job was white, while Bigelow is black, according to the complaint.

The document also states the town wrongfully terminated the two men, as well as violated free speech rights and the state's non-discrimination policy.

IFC will hold meeting to discuss goals and projects

The Inter-faith Council for Social Service will hold its annual meeting Oct. 20.

The meeting, which will be held in the Friends and Family Hall of St. Thomas More Parish Center, will feature a potluck.

At the meeting, attendees will hear about IFC's accomplishments, goals and programs and projects for the next year.

There will also be a presentation of the Mildred Berkley Award to an outstanding volunteer.

Elections will also be held at the meeting. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at 940 Carmichael St. in Chapel Hill.

Attendants are asked to provide their name and the food they plan to bring.

ARTS BRIEFS

Love Language to open for New Pornographers Oct. 29

Indie rock band The Love Language will support The New Pornographers at the Homecoming concert Oct. 29.

The Raleigh-based band is signed with Merge Records, a Durham-based label.

The concert will directly follow the Homecoming football game. It is sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board and the General Alumni Association.

- From staff and wire reports

Cuts may hurt elections

Redistricting and BOE cuts could cause problems come Nov. 2.

By Vinayak Balasubramanian
Staff Writer

Cuts to the State Board of Elections could cause inconveniences for voters in the upcoming 2012 election.

Many political officials have expressed concern about potential problems voters might face at the polls due to a \$1 million cut to the State Board of Election's budget.

The cut, enacted this summer, coupled with a freeze in federal Help America Vote Act funds means local boards of elections have to make do with less — including the elimination of 14 election officials statewide.

Gary Bartlett, executive director of the State Board of Elections, said eight of the election officials are technicians, which train county elections workers to improve accuracy, audit voting equipment and provide emergency technical

support during elections. The technicians also served as liaisons between the state offices and local boards, he said.

Without these technicians, Bartlett said it could take longer for polling place problems to be resolved. The lack of federal funds could also result in longer lines at polling places and the use of older voting equipment.

"Many of the less wealthy counties will be without IT support as far as voting equipment is concerned," said Johnnie McLean, deputy director of administration for the State Board of Elections.

Damon Circosta, executive director of the N.C. Center for Voter Education, said the state could run into infrastructure problems.

"Without adequate funding and machines, you could run into a Florida in 2000 or an Ohio in 2004," Circosta said.

"Running elections is like a shuttle launch. You only get one shot."

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said budget cuts coupled with redistricting could lead into additional problems.

"I think there is less help for the locals at a time when we could have a very difficult ballot," she said.

Kathy Ray, director of the Madison County Board of Elections, said a couple of technicians helped the board resolve a lawsuit stemming from the 2010 election. Equipment problems resulted in 700 uncounted votes, she said.

"The (district election technicians) were very, very helpful in conducting an audit trail and subsequent reports relating to it," she said.

"We will continue to be able to provide quality election services, but it is going to put a burden on us."

While many lower-income counties could experience problems, Tracy Reams, director of the Orange County Board of Elections, said the funding cuts will not affect Orange County this fiscal year.

There might be one fewer early voting site in the 2012 elections due to the freeze on federal funds, she said.

Sen. Andrew Brock, R-Davie, a cochairman of the Senate

Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology committee, said the cuts to the board of elections partially resulted from inefficiencies related to the use of state funds by technicians.

The majority of technicians did not fully utilize state-issued vehicles and failed to consistently administer performance management systems, Brock said, citing a report issued in February 2011.

"These were problems they created," he said. "They were caught with their hands in the cookie jar, and they ate all the cookies already, so I don't understand why they are complaining."

The elections should still run smoothly despite the state funding cuts and freeze of federal funds, he said.

Despite the cuts, Bartlett said local boards will adapt to the funding situation.

"We are going to do our best to ensure that problems will not happen."

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RALLY FOR NEUTRALITY



DTH/KELSEY HAMMER

Terri Phoenix, director of the UNC LGBTQ Center, led a rally Thursday that included a discussion about a new proposal for gender-neutral housing.

Gender-neutral housing sees administrative review

By Emily Overcarsh
Staff Writer

Supporters of a gender-neutral housing option on campus gathered Thursday for a last push of support before the proposal goes to administrative review.

Today at 5 p.m., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp will receive the proposal for the initiative, which would give students the option to live with roommates of the opposite sex.

The proposal includes a petition that has been signed by more than 2,500 students, said Kevin Claybren, the leader of the project.

Claybren led the Thursday meeting with Terri Phoenix, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Center, to explain and rally student support for the request. More than 100 students attended the meeting.

Claybren said he hopes the hard work he and other members of the campus community have put into the proposal will be evident to administrators.

He said student feedback at the meeting

was empowering.

"Students were asking questions as if this were already passed," Claybren said.

In order for the department of Housing and Residential Education to enact the new housing option, the proposal will have to be approved by Crisp and Chancellor Holden Thorp, Phoenix said. If approved by Thorp, the proposal will be sent to the Board of Trustees.

Phoenix said the proposal needs to be addressed by the board before its November meeting, its last of the semester, if the option is going to be implemented by the fall of next year.

More than 650 students have expressed interest in a gender-neutral housing option, Claybren said.

Student Body President Mary Cooper spoke in support of the proposal at the meeting.

"This is our chance to say we are going to have an inclusive campus," Cooper said.

As of this semester, 33 public universities and 66 private universities have the gender-neutral housing option, Phoenix said.

In the meeting, Phoenix said that LGBTQ students are 19 times more likely than heterosexual students to be harassed at UNC, and that residence halls are the fourth most common location for this harassment.

"I think it's crucial for every student to have a safe living environment," senior Bethany Hargis said.

"I probably wouldn't live in gender non-specific housing but I think it's an important option for students who want that choice," she said.

The proposal has garnered support from several large organizations on campus, including the Residence Hall Association, the executive branch of student government, Student Congress, the Campus Y and the Black Student Movement, Claybren said.

"All the administrators on campus are really supportive," Phoenix said.

"They know it's an issue of health and safety."

Contact the University Editor at university@dailytarheel.com.

Town talks 2020 plan

More than 200 people discussed themes for the plan to address.

By Jeff Kagan
Staff Writer

At a Thursday night meeting, more than 200 people met to discuss the next steps in drafting the town's comprehensive plan.

A group of town officials and residents attended the meeting at East Chapel Hill High School to help finalize focus committees for Chapel Hill 2020.

The plan will help guide the town growth for the next decade.

"We're a small town, and in this economy we can't count on the federal or state government," said George Cianciolo, co-chairman of Chapel Hill 2020. "We're trying to do this as uniquely as possible and set an example that a town of this size can accomplish this."

At a previous meeting, attendees brainstormed growth-centered themes they wanted to see included in the plan.

At the meeting, Chapel Hill 2020 leaders surveyed attendees about their opinions on the themes through survey clickers.

Attendees chose transportation, development and growing the town's tax base as the most supported themes.

Town and University relationships, arts, public safety and environment were also topics residents want to see included in the plan.

Focus committees will be centered around those seven topics. The committees will submit ideas to include in the plan and will continue to provide input once it is implemented after June 2012.

"The topics worked on are each a chapter of the plan," said co-chairwoman Rosemary Waldorf.

Cianciolo said the committees will evolve to fit the town's needs throughout the planning process.

"We want to continually evolve, and for the better," he said.

People signed up for the committees of their choice at the meeting, and officials said they hope to have focus committees formed by Oct. 27.

Once formed, individual committees will meet weekly, and all committees will meet together every three weeks.

"When the groups get down to business and have to face real concerns such as budgets, reality will set in," Cianciolo said.

But the plan caused mixed reactions among some residents.

Jeanne Brown and John Schmidt, members of Neighbors for Responsible Growth, an organization dedicated to preserving quality of life in Orange County, said they are worried that the plan is too optimistic and idealistic.

Schmidt said he likes the small-town aspect of Chapel Hill and hopes that the plan won't over-develop the town.

The next Chapel Hill 2020 event will be an Oct. 22 open house.

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Students face obstacles to graduating on time

Budget cuts may affect students' enrollment in necessary classes.

By Charles Patton
Staff Writer

Mackenzie Hatfield first stepped onto Appalachian State University's campus in fall 2007.

Four years later, she has yet to graduate — despite never failing a class.

Hatfield, a biology major in her ninth semester at the university, said the lack of available classes and quality advising has contributed to her extended stay on campus.

Not only did she have to spend extra time, she also had to pay tuition for her additional semester.

"Lab space is too small," she said. "It held me back from graduating on time."

The four-year graduation

rate has remained static at UNC-system schools in the most recent data available, with 34.9 percent of students graduating within four years in 2004.

But after absorbing a state funding reduction of 15.6 percent — or \$414 million — this year, university administrators say budget cuts might begin to noticeably affect students' ability to graduate on time.

Stephen McFarland, vice provost at UNC-Wilmington, said state funding cuts could cause the four-year graduation rate to decline in the next few years.

"It's going to get harder and harder for students to get the 15 to 16 hours they need to graduate on time," he said.

Susan Davies, associate vice chancellor for enrollment management at Appalachian State, said the funding cuts have resulted in fewer course sections and problems with faculty retention.

"Budget cuts create a chal-

lenge for getting and keeping good teachers," she said.

Reduced course offerings have placed students in an unfortunate position, said Franklin McCain, a member of the UNC-system Board of Governors.

"The students are the victims in this case," he said.

Steve Roberson, dean of undergraduate studies at UNC-Greensboro, said schools will likely see more students struggling to graduate on time if state funding continues to shrink.

"There is huge pressure on limited resources," he said. "I'm scared to death cuts may go further."

Roberson said his office has taken several measures to help students graduate in four years. The university capped credit hours at 18 per semester and is allowing more flexibility in major requirements.

UNC-W has offered more independent study courses — one-on-one courses taught by

"I really wanted to graduate in May, but the course I needed wasn't available."

Ivan Penado, a biology major in his ninth semester at Appalachian State University

professors without additional pay — to help students graduate on time, McFarland said.

Bruce Carney, executive vice chancellor and provost at UNC-CH, said budgetary restraints have not altered the University's expectation that students graduate in four years.

"I think we're going to be OK," he said. "I am hoping we are bottoming out in terms of state funding cuts, so we don't plan on changing our message."

Carney said the University decided to moderate its cuts to financial aid and academic advising to maintain its four-year graduation goal for students. In 2011, 80.4 percent of the senior class graduated in four years, up from 69.1 percent

in 2002.

But Carney added that "massive" holes remain in next year's budget for academic operations.

Students such as Ivan Penado, a biology major also in his ninth semester at Appalachian State, said a lack of course availability postponed his graduation.

Penado said he had to stay an extra semester after a systematic botany course wasn't offered his senior year.

"I really wanted to graduate in May, but the course I needed wasn't available," he said.

"I've been twiddling my thumbs for a year waiting to take this class."

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Sierra Club endorses municipal candidates

By Tyson Leonhardt
Staff Writer

The North Carolina chapter of the Sierra Club announced endorsements Wednesday for Chapel Hill and Carrboro's municipal elections.

The environmental organization endorsed five of the 12 candidates in Chapel Hill and four of the five candidates in Carrboro.

The Sierra Club is the first major political organization to endorse Chapel Hill and Carrboro candidates this election cycle.

The state chapter of the Sierra Club chose to support Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt,

who also won the endorsement in 2009. The group also endorsed incumbent candidates Donna Bell and Jim Ward and challengers Lee Storrow and Jason Baker.

The Sierra Club backed Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton, the two Board of Aldermen incumbent candidates, Lydia Lavelle and Dan Coleman, and first-time candidate Michelle Johnson.

In a press release, the Sierra Club praised the endorsed candidates for their commitment to making Chapel Hill and Carrboro more environmentally friendly through increased mass transit options, water conservation

efforts and other green initiatives.

In 2009, four of the five Chapel Hill candidates and all four of the Carrboro candidates endorsed by the Sierra Club won.

Olga Grlic, co-chair of the Orange-Chatham Group of the Sierra Club, said endorsing candidates is an extensive and time-consuming process.

The procedure begins with a thorough examination of candidates' platforms, environmental track records, websites and media interviews before the club sits down for a half-hour interview with them, Grlic said.

"We study the candidates' responses to our questions and

their performances in our public forums," she said.

The Orange-Chatham Group then discusses which candidates they should endorse before sending recommendations to the state chapter.

The state group verifies that the endorsements correspond to Sierra Club priorities, Grlic said.

Grlic said she thinks both the candidates and communities pay close attention to the Sierra Club endorsements.

"I have the impression that the candidates take them very seriously," she said. "A lot of our residents have high expectations for the leadership in terms of

environmental issues."

Damon Circosta, executive director of the North Carolina Center for Voter Education, said while endorsements can play a role in municipal elections, they're not always the deal maker.

Because local elections have low turnout, voters are more motivated and get their information from several sources, he said.

"A single endorsement won't win you an election in local campaigns," he said. "But if you can get numerous endorsements from diverse groups, that can start to make a difference."

Circosta also said local elections are generally dominated by

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Greenbridge problems could hurt gallery

By Alex Edwards
Staff Writer

The LIGHT Art and Design shop, located in the bottom of Greenbridge Developments, could face problems when the luxury condominiums are foreclosed upon in November.

But the gallery owners said they have no plans to move right now.

The gallery, which aims to spread awareness of design sustainability and local art, originally chose the Greenbridge space because their design firm, SitzerSpuria, designed the interiors of the Greenbridge building, said Carrie Moore, LIGHT marketing manager.

The Greenbridge complex

opened in October 2010 but has been a controversial topic since the idea for its construction was conceived.

After selling poorly, the building was scheduled by its loaner, Bank of America, to be foreclosed in June, then in September.

The complex's foreclosure date is now set for Nov. 7.

"Foreclosures tend to occur more often since the 2008 financial crash," said Boone Turchi, an economics professor at the University.

"Lenders used to try and work with developers who had trouble paying off loans, but now they are immediately pulling the plug."

The future of LIGHT's design

shop is tied to that of the complex.

Maintenance and amenities could dwindle if the building changes ownership, which could cause problems for LIGHT.

"The effect on the gallery will be the lack of traffic generated by other businesses," said Cindy Spuria, owner of LIGHT.

Turchi said that part of the reason for LIGHT's location was the high-income demographic living above the gallery.

"(The gallery) may have worked to develop a relationship with the tenants, and this foreclosure could hurt their customer business," he said.

Like LIGHT, FRANK is a recently founded local art gallery.

Barbara Rich, director of the Franklin Street Gallery, said that art galleries are struggling in the current economy.

"Because of the economic situation, art galleries must scrutinize every penny," she said.

"The goal is to have Franklin become a destination for people who are looking to find art."

Despite these struggles, Rich said art galleries in the area are trying to stand strong.

"Galleries are keeping morale up," she said.

"We are providing things to love and to be inspired by, which are especially important in these rough times."

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Kimowan Metchewais' work is featured in the LIGHT Art and Design shop in Greenbridge Developments. The location faces foreclosure.

Finance reports filed in race

A first-time candidate in aldermen race raised more than incumbents.

By Tyson Leonhardt
Staff Writer

First-time candidate for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen Michelle Johnson emerged this week as the leading fundraiser among a field of mostly incumbents.

Candidates filed 35-day campaign finance reports Tuesday with the Orange County Board of Elections, detailing their fundraising and spending.

Four candidates — two incumbents, a former alderman and a newcomer — are bidding for the three open seats.

Three of five candidates have amassed more than \$1,000, according to reports and candidates.

Johnson, a social worker, has raised more than any other candidate for the board, with donations totalling nearly \$3,000.

Johnson said she is meeting contribution goals and credited her success to broad support from people in the community.

"I've been out canvassing door-to-door and people seem to be very engaged in the elections," she said. "Everyone has a lot of questions, and I'm excited to see them excited."

Alderman Lydia Lavelle has raised about \$2,500, making her the second highest fundraiser, though she caps how much people can donate to her campaign.

"My donations are going great, but I have a self-imposed limit of \$100 a person," she said. "And many people have responded to that and sent in small amounts."

Lavelle, first elected to the board in 2007, said she's working as hard on her campaign this year as she did the first time around.

"Because I have maintained my website since I was elected four years ago, a lot of folks who supported me last time have kept up with me over the years and are supporting me now," she said.

Alderman Dan Coleman, who was appointed to the board in 2006 to fill Mayor Mark Chilton's seat and was later elected, has raised less than \$1,000.

And while Coleman welcomes more community dialogue, he said he doesn't want to take people's money if he doesn't need it.

"I think I'm in a position where I can spend less and still get the message out," he said. "And I think that makes sense in these economic times."

Braxton Foushee, a former alderman, said he has raised about \$1,200.

Foushee said his campaign is "raising some money, not a lot of money, but some," and he thinks he is connecting with the town.

Mayor Mark Chilton is running unopposed for his fourth, and what he said will be his last, term as Carrboro mayor.

Chilton said he isn't concerned about raising money in the election cycle.

"I'm going to be out doing some campaigning and appearances later this fall, but so far I haven't done much," he said.

Although he is running unopposed for mayor, he said he is looking forward to the more contentious aldermen election.

"It's going to be an interesting race. I think the community has some very important decisions to make," Chilton said.

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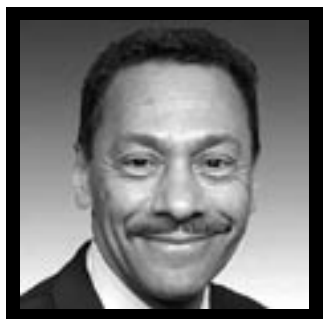
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UNC rush vs. Louisville front seven

Louisville dropped a game against Marshall last week, allowing its opponent to run all over its defense. Gio Bernard has racked up more than 500 yards and is averaging seven yards per carry. Louisville is going to struggle. **Edge: UNC**




UNC pass vs. Louisville secondary

Bryn Renner boasts a 75.7 completion percentage. Louisville allowed Marshall to notch two passing TDs and throw for 236 yards in last week's game. UNC's receivers should easily beat Louisville's safeties to the end zone. **Edge: UNC**




Louisville rush vs. UNC front seven

Look for Quinton Coples and the rest of the UNC defensive line to shut down Louisville's running backs, who have averaged only 3.3 yards per carry this season. Louisville is also 50th in the nation in third down conversions. **Edge: UNC**



Louisville pass vs. UNC secondary

Cardinal back up QB Teddy Bridgewater was sacked five times last week, and starter Will Stein may or may not be healthy for Saturday's game. UNC's back line has five interceptions this season, but it allowed ECU to rack up 417 passing yards. **Edge: Push**



Special teams

With Casey Barth on the sidelines with an injury, UNC will rely on kicker Thomas Moore. Moore missed a 39-yard field goal against ECU, but Louisville's Chris Philpott has been almost perfect this season. **Edge: Push**



The Bottom Line — North Carolina 31, Louisville 10

COMPILED BY LEAH CAMPBELL

DTH PICKS OF THE WEEK

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

It was a desperation move — a hail Mary pass in the fourth quarter of a tight game.

Sports Editor Kelly Parsons was knocking on the cellar door at the beginning of last week, sitting only one game ahead of last place. But then the junior went out on a limb and picked non-ranked Auburn to defeat No. 10 South Carolina.

The risky pick paid off. Auburn managed to just squeak past the Gamecocks 16-13 last Saturday, and it fueled a week-high 7-1 performance for Parsons.

Parsons wasn't alone at the top, though. Assistant Sports Editor Leah Campbell matched Parsons with an equally ambitious pick of Clemson over Virginia Tech on her way to a 7-1 record of her own.

The women of the group undoubtedly set the pace last week, but sophomore Assistant Sports Editor Michael Lananna, senior writer Mark Thompson and guest picker Evan Markfield

weren't far behind at 6-2.

Lananna rebounded from a sub-par 4-4 showing the week before, as he, like Campbell and Thompson, prognosticated a third-straight victory against a ranked opponent for Clemson.

But Tiger blood also ran through the veins of Markfield, as his Clemson pick helped pad a league-best 34-6 mark for the star-studded guest picker squad. With a .850 winning percentage, the guest pickers have taken a clear lead and don't show signs of giving it up any time soon.

Assistant Sports Editor Brandon Moree and senior writer Jonathan Jones rounded out the rest of the pack as each posted a 5-3 record last week.

Moree continues to lead the non-guest pickers with his 30-10 record, but he now shares that lead with Campbell and Thompson.

Jones, on the other hand, continues to occupy last place with a 25-15 record.

There won't be much of an opportunity for



Andy Thomason is this week's guest picker. Thomason is the University Editor for the Daily Tar Heel and served as the paper's editor-in-chief this summer.

Jones to climb up the ranks this week, as there is little separation in picks. Most pickers see eye-to-eye, except for this week's guest picker, Andy Thomason.

With his picks of Miami and Texas to win against Virginia Tech and Oklahoma respectively, Thomason is taking the road less traveled. Let's hope Thomason, who was recently voted the worst-dressed editor in the newsroom, put more thought into his picks this week than his wardrobe. The junior will hope to continue the trend of guest-picker dominance this week.


Last Week	Kelly Parsons	Brandon Moree	Leah Campbell	Michael Lananna	Jonathan Jones	Mark Thompson	Andy Thomason
Record to date	7-1 28-12 (.700)	5-3 30-10 (.750)	7-1 30-10 (.750)	6-2 28-12 (.700)	5-3 25-15 (.625)	6-2 30-10 (.750)	6-2 34-6 (.850)
Louisville at UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
Maryland at Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech
Florida State at Wake Forest	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State
Miami at Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Miami
Oklahoma vs. Texas (neutral)	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Texas
Florida at LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Auburn at Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Auburn	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
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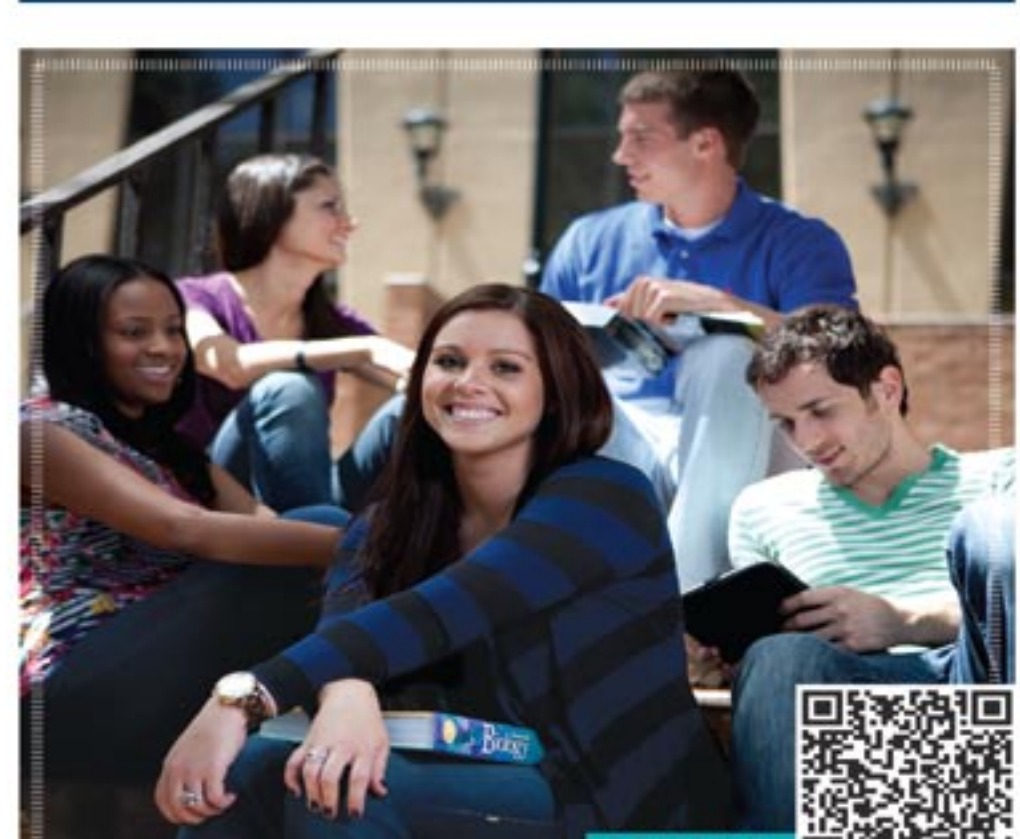
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Quarterback Bryn Renner clutches the ball as he looks to make a play in a game against Rutgers on Sept. 10. The Tar Heels beat Rutgers 24-22.

UNC prepares for Louisville defense

By Michael Lananna
Assistant Sports Editor

Jonathan Cooper expects to see plenty of blitzes when Louisville visits Kenan Stadium this Saturday. And for the North Carolina guard, that's an all too familiar sight.

"I feel like we're one of the most blitzed teams in America," Cooper said. "And I mean, you kind of get used to it. You just know (Louisville is) going to try to bring some exotic things and they're going to try to bring pressure all the time."

Led by head coach Charlie Strong, a former defensive coordinator, the Cardinals lead the nation in tackles for loss per game and are among the top 25 in sacks, scoring defense and rushing defense.

On Saturday, though, they'll be facing a UNC offensive line that has been formidable in its own right.

"We know our O-line is one of the best in the country," redshirt sophomore quarterback Bryn Renner said. "Every series the skill player who scores goes and thanks the O-line because we couldn't do it without them."

That UNC line didn't allow Renner to be sacked until the third game this season, and for the most part, it has kept the running lanes open for tailback Giovanni Bernard, who has 548 yards on the ground.

But two Saturdays ago, that same line also gave up seven sacks in a loss to Georgia Tech. And even after rebounding against East Carolina 35-20 last week, Renner said he still believes the offense as a whole hasn't quite hit its stride.

"We really want to just take

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Jonathan Cooper,
North Carolina offensive lineman

it one drive at a time because we have spurts where we do it and spurts where we just hit a wall a little bit," Renner said. "Just staying consistent is a big thing we're going to focus on this week."

The North Carolina offense may not have to score much, though, as Louisville will be entering Saturday averaging only 18.75 points per game — good for 104th in the nation.

Last week, the Cardinals (2-2) could only muster 13 points in a 17-13 home loss to Marshall. Freshman quarterback Teddy Bridgewater made his first career start that day, and he could be at the helm for the second week in a row in place of injured junior Will Stein.

Even though this week's match-up will likely offer a much different atmosphere than the rivalry game against ECU did, UNC interim coach Everett Withers said he doesn't expect there to be a let down against a Louisville team that's on the decline.

"We talk about eliminating the noise," he said, "Because everybody is going to pat them on the back this week about beating ECU ... Everybody is going to tell you how good you were. Well, you're only as good as that next game you play."

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The Elevator

On the rise

Hakeem Nicks



This season, former UNC wide receiver Hakeem Nicks has stepped up for the New York Giants. With 10 receptions for 162 yards last week, Nicks is becoming the No. 1 target for quarterback Eli Manning. So far this season, Nicks has started all four games, averaged 14.5 yards per carry and racked up a ton of fantasy points.

UNC volleyball

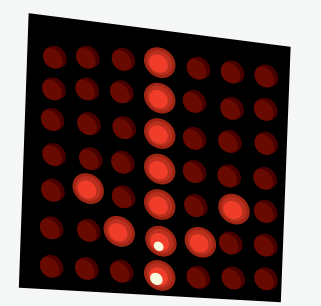
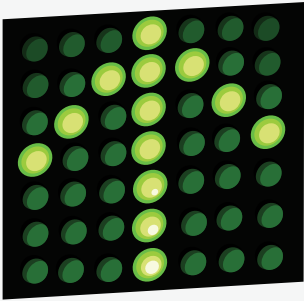


The North Carolina volleyball team hasn't lost a conference match so far this season. Boasting an overall record of 13-3, the Tar Heels are the No. 1 ranked team in the ACC. Coach Joe Sagula's young squad, led by senior Kaylie Gibson and redshirt freshman Chaniel Nelson, has bested conference foes N.C. State, Georgia Tech and Clemson all within the last two weeks.

Jebari Price



Sophomore cornerback Jebari Price returned to the field last Saturday against East Carolina for the first time after suffering a finger injury during training camp that kept him sidelined for the first four games of the season. Price posted two solo tackles and three assists in UNC's 35-20 victory against ECU.



On the decline

Nebraska football

Nebraska, a former Big 12 team, made its debut into the Big Ten last week in a matchup against No. 7 Wisconsin. Unfortunately for the Cornhuskers, Badgers quarterback Russell Wilson boasts the school record in completion percentage (.748) and threw for 255 yards and two touchdowns. Wilson also ran for 32 yards and a score. Welcome to the big time, Nebraska.



Tampa Bay Rays


In the last couple weeks of the season, manager Joe Maddon's Tampa Bay Rays have lived on the borderline, swinging in and out of the playoff picture. But while the team ultimately pushed ahead of Boston in the wild card race with a wild 12-inning win against the Yankees in the season's final game, the victory only pushed Tampa Bay's season exit back a few days. Tampa was eliminated 3-1 in the ALDS by the Rangers on Tuesday, spelling the end of the Rays' unlikely run.



Indianapolis Colts

With legendary quarterback Peyton Manning sidelined indefinitely with a neck injury, the Indianapolis Colts are facing their worst start since 1998. With a record of 0-4, the Colts' playoffs hopes are almost surely dashed after the first four weeks of the NFL's regular season, as back-up quarterbacks Curtis Painter and Kerry Collins can't seem to be able to create anything major for the offense.






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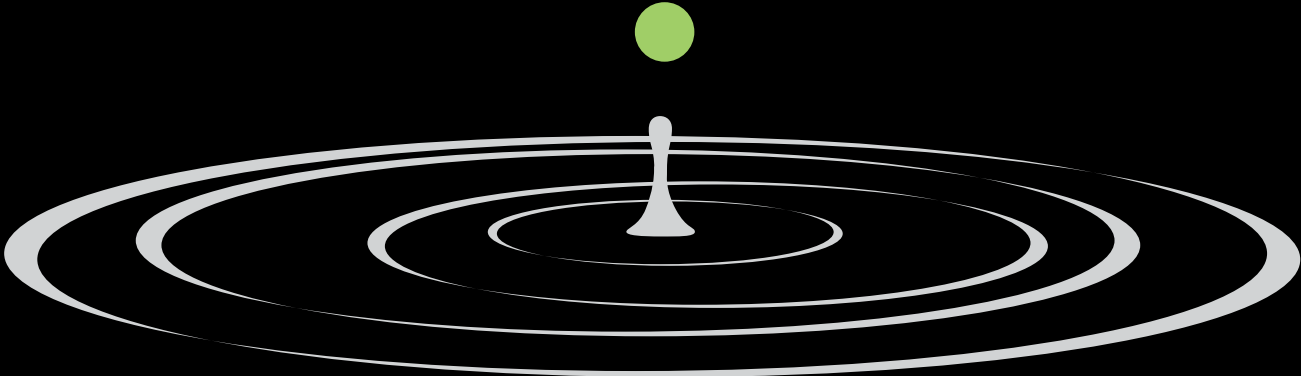
When Louisville has the ball

When UNC has the ball

North Carolina has won its last seven matchups against non-conference opponents, and Saturday against Louisville the Tar Heels will try to extend that streak. The Cardinals, who are coming off a 17-13 loss to Marshall, lead the nation in tackles for loss, but starting quarterback Will Stein has been sidelined due to injury and might not play in Saturday's game. In his place, freshman quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who was sacked five times last week, could take the field. Louisville (2-2) has wins against Murray State and Kentucky.



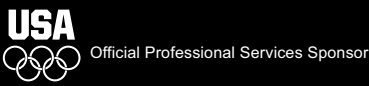
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Carrboro debates dollar store

The possibility of a Family Dollar causes concern in Carrboro.

By Conor Furlong
Staff Writer

Alabama Avenue's close-knit neighborhood feel could be lost if a proposed Family Dollar store passes the town of Carrboro's approval process.

On Thursday, Stronach Properties presented their initial concept plan to Carrboro's Appearance Commission, Planning and Transportation Advisory boards.

Developers have yet to apply for a special use permit from the town of Carrboro, but the project has already caused controversy.

"Right off the bat we knew it would change the character of the neighborhood with a big chain store down the street," said Alabama Avenue resident Claire Hermann.

Will Stronach, one of the developers, said the building would be approximately 8,000 square feet

and would be built on a wooded plot at the opening of the street, near the intersection of Jones Ferry Road and N.C. Highway 54.

A small stream that flows through the property would be paved over upon construction of the building.

Ron Sutton, civil engineer designer for the project, said that a mitigation settlement with the town would make up for the loss of the stream.

But some residents disagree. "Wetlands (like the plot) are good at managing runoff, and having this natural environment down the street is nice," Hermann said. "Having it paved for a parking lot is upsetting."

Sutton said the developers have designed an underground self-filtration system that would filtrate nitrogen, phosphorous and solid particle runoff.

This would ease concerns that the hard-top pavement would accelerate and pollute runoff.

"Everything we're producing, we're treating," Sutton said.

But Alabama Avenue residents and people who live in the surrounding area have also cited environmental, traffic and safety

"I won't be able to let my two children play outside, and that concerns me."

Rebecca Bennett,
Alabama Avenue resident

issues as problems with the proposed development.

Hermann said the proposed site adds privacy to the neighborhood — but if it is cleared for construction, the area will lose that.

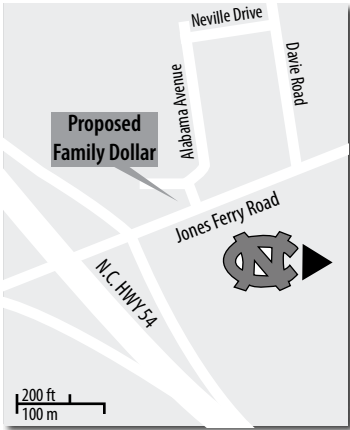
Catherine Adamson, another resident, also spoke of the importance of the wooded plot.

"It makes it possible to buffer the commercial activity and businesses on Jones Ferry," Adamson said.

Crime is another issue neighbors raised at a previous meeting with the developers, Stronach said.

"The issue of crime was raised, which would be a concern to us as well," Stronach said.

He said though residents worry the store could attract strangers to the area, developers don't think it will cause more crime.



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"We are comfortable with it," Stronach said.

Shoppers using the Family Dollar would also increase traffic, said Alabama Avenue resident Rebecca Bennett.

"You put this store on my street, and people will be coming up and down the road," Bennett said.

"I won't be able to let my two children play outside, and that concerns me."

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HANG TIME



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Alison Gamble, a junior at UNC-CH, and Doug Wegman, a senior at N.C. State University, relax on their hammock near McCorkle Place. "It's such a nice day," Wegman said. "We just hang out, read the Bible and do homework. It makes her less stressed."

Food processing center set to open

The grand opening will be held on Oct. 21 in Hillsborough.

By Elizabeth Straub
Staff Writer

Local food producers will soon have a more cost-efficient way to bring their products to consumers' plates.

The Piedmont Food and Agricultural Processing Center in Hillsborough will hold its grand opening Oct. 21 after more than a year of construction and preparation.

Center Manager Matthew Roybal said the ceremony will commemorate nearly seven years of striving to make the processing center a reality.

The 10,400-square-foot center will include, among other resources, four production areas, two kitchens, walk-in coolers and a room for clients to meet with vendors.

"It's definitely going to provide farmers and food entrepreneurs a foot up trying to make their business a continued success, as well as allow for new businesses to pilot production," said Noah Ranells, agricultural economic development coordinator for Orange County.

Local farmers and food entrepreneurs will be able to use the plant to prepare and package their products for sale, he said.

In order to use the facility, food producers have to go through an application process and complete orientation, Roybal said.

Rental fees will depend on the number of hours per week spent in the center and will run between \$15 to \$25 an hour.

In the current economic climate, resources that help small businesses save money are critical, Roybal said.

"The most important thing about this center is that we're here to serve and help small businesses get off the ground," he said.

The project evolved because county and institutional buyers like universities, hospitals and schools were looking for a way to buy more locally produced food, Ranells said.

Roybal said local interest in the project has been overwhelming.

The center has received 48 applications and more than 200 inquiries from local food entrepreneurs, farmers and organizations.

Audrey Lin, co-owner of Two Chicks Farm in Hillsborough, plans to use the center's resources next spring to help with canning.

Before the center, Lin and co-owner Debbie Donnalld would can their products at a church's kitchen.

She believes the center will be an important resource for the local food community.

"I think it is important for people to support local farming because as gas prices go up and people are trying to ship food from far away, local production is going to be important," Lin said.

Cathy Jones of Perry-winkle Farm in Chatham County agrees.

As a member of the Chatham County Agriculture Advisory Committee, she recommended the county support the center more than a year ago because of the advantages it offers.

"Any time that a consumer buys a product that they can identify as being from their community, it increases awareness," Jones said.

The processing center, a

joint project between Orange, Chatham, Durham and Alamance counties, received \$1.4 million in grants to help support renovation, equipment purchases and first year costs, Ranells said.

Though the counties pledged to cover any costs that exceed budget, Roybal said the center will open up well within the grant money budget.

The center hopes to become a

non-profit entity in the next few years, Ranells said.

Though the processing center will serve 22 counties extending from Winston-Salem to Wilmington, Roybal encourages anyone in the state to apply.

Roybal hopes the facility's expertise and guidance will have an impact on small businesses.

"It's not just what you're making, it's how you want to sell it,"



he said.

He said the center's opening is just a part of food localization.

"There is still a lot more to do to promote local foods and to ensure that local food entrepreneurs and farmers understand the full range of opportunities that they have," Ranells said.

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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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1 Puts a little too close to the flame

7 Does away with

11 Spirit

14 Set straight

15 Narrow space

16 Pay add-on

17 Where many changes occur

18 August

20 Boast à la Donald Trump?

22 Patriot Act protesters: Abbr.

24 Malt finish?

25 Goddess of motherhood

26 "Our overly fussy friend has a point"?

31 Wasikowska of "The Kids Are All Right"

32 "Trinity" novelist

33 Union agreement

34 Fiber source

36 Illegal pitch

40 "Have some"

41 Kid on "The Cosby Show"

42 Big name in '40s-'50s Argentina

43 Joplin piece about modern weaponry?

47 Went under

48 Emulate Eminem

49 Irascibility

50 Delay from an 18th-century English ruler?

55 LA and MI, but not DO or RE

56 Gas up?

59 NRC predecessor

60 It can get you credit

DOWN

61 Shrink, in a way

62 "The ___ of Pooh": '80s best-seller

63 "Right away, Mammy"

64 It's zero in free-fall—and, put another way, a hint to how the four longest puzzle answers were formed

1 Religious org., perhaps

2 George's lyricist

3 Show little interest in, as food

4 Get ready for action

5 Sicilian resort

6 Unaccompanied

7 Biology text topic

8 Roadside attention getters

9 Water brand named for its source

10 Dam up

11 Fertilizer substance

12 Draw forth

13 Treaties

19 Water source

21 Surround with dense mist

22 Spherical opening?

23 Hirsute pet

27 Like the sticks

28 Sizzling

29 More fleshy, perhaps

30 Under the weather, e.g.

35 Anouilh play made into a Burton/O'Toole film

36 It's not always easy to get into

37 "Tootsie" Oscar nominee

38 Assessment, for short

39 Popular trend

41 Pontiac muscle car

43 Sartre work

44 Paris-based cultural org.

45 "Gunsmoke" star

46 Popular purveyor of stromboli

47 Zippo

51 Deep blue

52 Play to ___

53 Named names

54 Two pages

57 Front-of-bk. list

58 Cote girl

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Afghan war takes toll on Pakistan's economy, security

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Ten years into the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan, neighboring Pakistan, despite receiving billions of dollars in U.S. military and financial support, continues to be gripped by an economic crisis and persistent terrorist attacks.

Former U.S. and Pakistani diplomats say that Pakistan's decision to support the war has worsened its own security, dampened exports, reduced foreign investment and tourism and slowed the privatization of its heavily state-

controlled industries. All that has led to lower tax revenue, bloated security spending, damage to roads and basic infrastructure and huge costs to care for millions of Pakistanis who have fled the volatile tribal areas and become refugees in their own country.

But the Pakistani intelligence agency's widely alleged links to some militant groups — including the Haqqani network, based in Pakistan's tribal areas, which U.S. commanders call the No. 1 threat to their forces in Afghanistan — have led many U.S. and Afghan officials to conclude that Pakistan is playing a "double game," as

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said earlier this week.

Obama backs Senate plan to tax millionaires for jobs bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — President Barack Obama said Thursday that he would agree to a surtax on millionaires instead of other tax increases to finance his proposed jobs bill, as his fellow Democrats in the Senate suggest.

However, Obama added that he wants more than the \$447 billion in revenue needed to pay for the jobs bill, suggesting that he would still want other tax increases as

he's proposed to help reduce long-term budget deficits.

The president called the hastily arranged news conference as the Senate nears a vote next week on his proposed American Jobs Act. Senate Democrats don't have enough votes to pass the bill.

Senate Democrats on Wednesday proposed a 5 percent surtax on taxable income above \$1 million as a way to finance the bill.

In the Senate, 60 votes are needed to cut off extended debate and bring the bill to a final vote. Democrats control 53 of the 100 seats.



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Today is an 8 - As you care for your investments, you may have to make a difficult decision that ultimately results in future growth. Ask for help.

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Today is a 6 - You're both your best and worst critic today. Take your diatribes with a grain of salt, and pay attention to any brilliant ideas. Let others moderate. Make decisions later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 - Everything's possible today, especially if you can work as a team. Take advantage of new openings in the interaction channels. Do what seems right. Share the glory.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
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UNC remembers Steve Jobs

By Devyn McDonald
Staff Writer

Fred Brooks met Steve Jobs at the White House in 1985. Brooks, now a computer science professor at UNC, was there to receive the National Medal of Technology for his work at IBM, while Jobs was receiving the same prize for his work at Apple.

As recipients exchanged pleasantries in a back room, Brooks complained to Jobs about his Apple III computer.

Jobs told Brooks that if he sent him the computer, Jobs would send him a new Macintosh.

Brooks still has that Macintosh today.

The announcement of Jobs' death Wednesday left Apple devotees and casual consumers alike

reeling, including those on a campus of students that grew up with iPods, Macs and iPhones.

For Brooks, the implications of Jobs' passing extend beyond the success of a company.

"How did Bach's death affect music?" Brooks said.

"(Jobs) figured out what people ought to want, built it and put it out," he said. "Each one changed the world."

Many students expressed sadness at the death of Jobs, who oversaw the creation not only of the iPod and the iPhone, but also the film studio Pixar.

Michael Gracia, senior biology major, said Jobs and Apple fundamentally changed communication and media consumption.

"He made it shiny," Gracia said. "Apple's all about style."

The University's decision to

expand its Carolina Computing Initiative program to include Macs is a testament to Apple's influence, said Larry Conrad, vice chancellor of information technology.

"His ability to redefine any market he moved into — that's what's most impressive," he said.

And for a campus that one year ago made a \$125 million commitment to innovation, the death of the most acclaimed innovator of the 21st century carries special meaning.

Buck Goldstein, an economics professor who co-authored a book about innovation with Chancellor Holden Thorp, said he was reading an issue of The New Yorker on his iPad after hearing of Jobs' death Wednesday night.

The article he was reading mentioned a newly released

album. Goldstein tapped the iTunes button, downloaded the album and returned to The New Yorker, all in one moment.

That's when it hit him.

"Thank you, Steve Jobs," Goldstein said.

"That sort of sums it up, personally," he said. "All of us will probably have a similar moment within the next few days to say, 'Thank you, Steve Jobs,' and that's pretty cool."

He said Jobs was the greatest entrepreneur of modern times, perhaps even of all time.

"Apple can be a great company, but I don't think it's realistic to expect it will be the same company."

"There's only one Steve Jobs."

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ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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center or through a full-time academic counselor, according to the University's response letter to the NCAA released Sept. 19.

In the past the ASPSA had prohibited electronic communication related to academic assignments, Mercer said. But the emphasis has shifted toward eliminating electronic correspondence altogether.

"It may be that now if a tutor is running late to a session ... that you're not contacting the student to let them know that," Mercer said, noting that a full-time ASPSA staffer would likely serve as an intermediary in such a scenario.

"If the student texts you and says, 'Oh, I'm running late. I'm not going to be there,' that sometimes can lead to other conversations electronically."

That type of electronic communication is partly what put UNC in hot water in the first place. According to the response letter, it was through email evidence that the University discovered academic improprieties within the ASPSA.

As alleged by the NCAA and confirmed by the University, a part-time academic mentor provided football players with impermissible academic assistance in 2008 and

2009, using email as a means of communication.

The response also notes that in the summer of 2009, concerns arose that the academic mentor in question "had become too close to football student athletes socially."

Consequently, the ASPSA's academic mentor program has been dropped. Academic mentors were mostly undergraduate students with a background in education and worked mainly — but not exclusively — with UNC football players, Mercer said.

The ASPSA's learning assistants now provide those mentor services, and the program has expanded its tutoring staff, hiring writing tutors — most of whom are graduate students. Of the program's 80 tutors, fewer than five are undergraduates.

"We're not eliminating undergraduates," said Steve Reznick, chairman of the faculty athletics committee. "We're just being more selective on what roles we want undergraduates to play."

Reznick was part of the task force that reviewed the ASPSA in the spring. While Reznick said the investigation had a definite impact on the process, a review had already been planned for the program in anticipation of its move to the Loudermilk Center for Excellence this August.

The center, located in the Blue Zone, was constructed as part of the Kenan Stadium renovation, and the 150,000 square-foot facility has afforded the ASPSA more room for expanding the program.

The program hasn't yet finished fleshing out its staff, though. As laid out in the response letter, a new tutor-coordinator position has been developed to recruit tutors and monitor their effectiveness. The program has not yet begun interviewing for the position, but Mercer said that several resumes have already been submitted.

Monitoring duties will also be assigned to a faculty advisory committee that has been reconstituted, Mercer said. The committee is hoping to meet twice this semester and is designed to closely watch the ASPSA.

"There's always been an advisory committee, but it's probably not been as active as it was when we first started the program and put it under arts and sciences," athletic director Dick Baddour said.

"It's very important that a program such as this has a strong connect with the teaching faculty. And so, what this will ensure is that that relationship is strong."

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CARRIER CLASSIC

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cially since we will be deploying again soon afterward for six months."

Lindsey added the fact that the Tar Heels will be playing on the Carl Vinson is an added bonus. He said he has been a UNC fan since he moved to Reidsville, N.C., during high school.

UNC forward Tyler Zeller said while he's looking forward to the game, he's more excited about the opportunity to give back to the men and women who serve the country.

"I've gotten emails from military personnel saying that they stay up until 2 a.m. watching our games on tiny screens," he said.

"I have a lot of respect for them. It's going to be a great honor to go out and play in front of our military that protect and serve us each day."

The Carl Vinson gained notoriety in May after it was revealed that it was the vessel used to bury Osama bin Laden at sea.

Los Angeles filmmaker Steven

Barber is the official documentary filmmaker for the game.

While he will have footage of the game and interviews with the players, Barber said he wants the crux of his story to be the troops.

"The basketball game is just the backdrop," he said.

"We need to let everybody know that these guys are busting their butts for us and that they are worth doing extra for."

Last year, Barber's documentary "Unbeaten" made the short list of nominations for the 83rd Annual Academy Awards, he said.

Barber said Americans are remiss for not honoring Veterans Day the way it should be honored.

"Veterans Day has become a barbecue and a car sale," he said.

"One in 10 people are in the military. This is about putting the pride back into Veterans Day."

With six- to eight-month deployments, Lindsey goes long stretches without seeing his family. When Blair Lindsey saw her father in August, it was their first reunion in a year and a half.

But she said abbreviated time with her father is a sacrifice her

entire family is willing and proud to make.

"It's important to remember how lucky America truly is to have citizens who voluntarily serve their country," she said.

"It doesn't matter whether they're in the Navy, Army, Marine Corps or Coast Guard — they're all fighting for the same reason."

A temporary basketball court and seating for 7,000 spectators will be built off-site and relocated to the deck of the Carl Vinson on the day of the game, according to the event's official website.

Michael Jordan and Michigan State alumnus Magic Johnson will be honorary team captains on board the carrier, which will be docked at a naval base in San Diego.

California-based company Morale Entertainment Foundation Inc. developed the concept for the basketball game.

The company organizes entertainment events for the U.S. armed forces.

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BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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discovering order in a chaotic world has appealed to members of the Chapel Hill community.

"This place could help people find the way of peace and happiness," she said.

Parishioners previously met in the living room of a converted house sold to the group by one of its members, Chon Shoaf, who is also a Baptist deacon.

But as more attended regularly, the space became cramped. By 2005 Rev. So and roughly 30 temple members began planning an expansion — a new dharma hall.

Over the next five years, members raised about \$525,000 for the hall, and construction began in fall 2010.

Hartley, who was a member of the temple, led the planning and construction of the new hall. He was a career architect who had a

passion for blending nature with architecture, Shoaf said.

"John was open-minded and always wanted to have fun and try different things," he said.

Rev. So said the hall became a work of love for Hartley, who worked on plans until his death.

"John worked very sincerely and very joyfully," she said. "He was very happy when he was working on the hall."

Parishioners spread his ashes in a garden named for him.

"We pour so many blessings to his soul," Rev. So said.

Parishioners said they are excited about the opportunities the new hall offers. The 2,600-square-foot space will fit more people and offer more room for stretches and exercises.

The hall's dedication ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and will be followed by lunch. On Sunday, there will be a meditation service and an open house.



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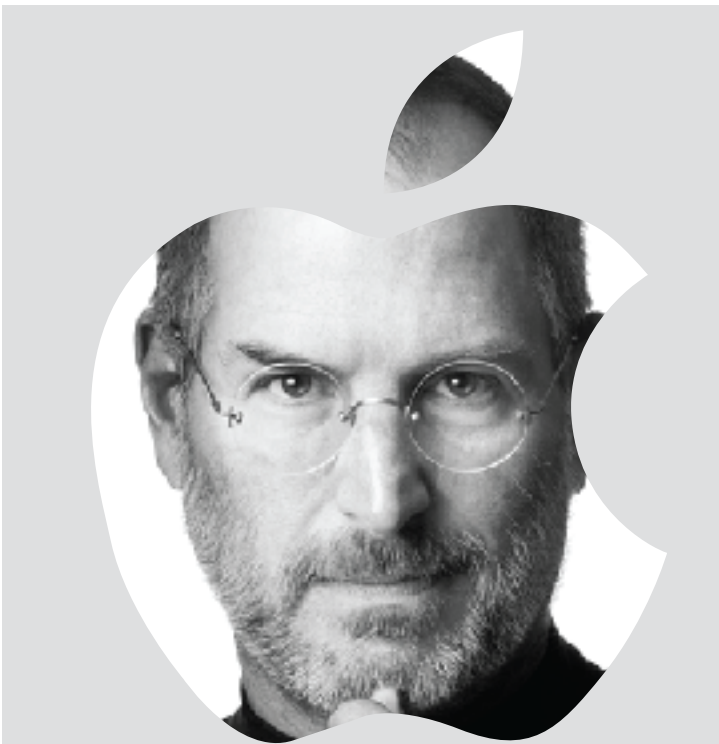
Chapel Hill's Won-Buddhism Meditation Temple's new meeting space will open on Saturday. The temple has been in Chapel Hill for a decade.

John Delconte, a practitioner who grew up Catholic, said Won-Buddhism has appeal regardless of one's spiritual experience.

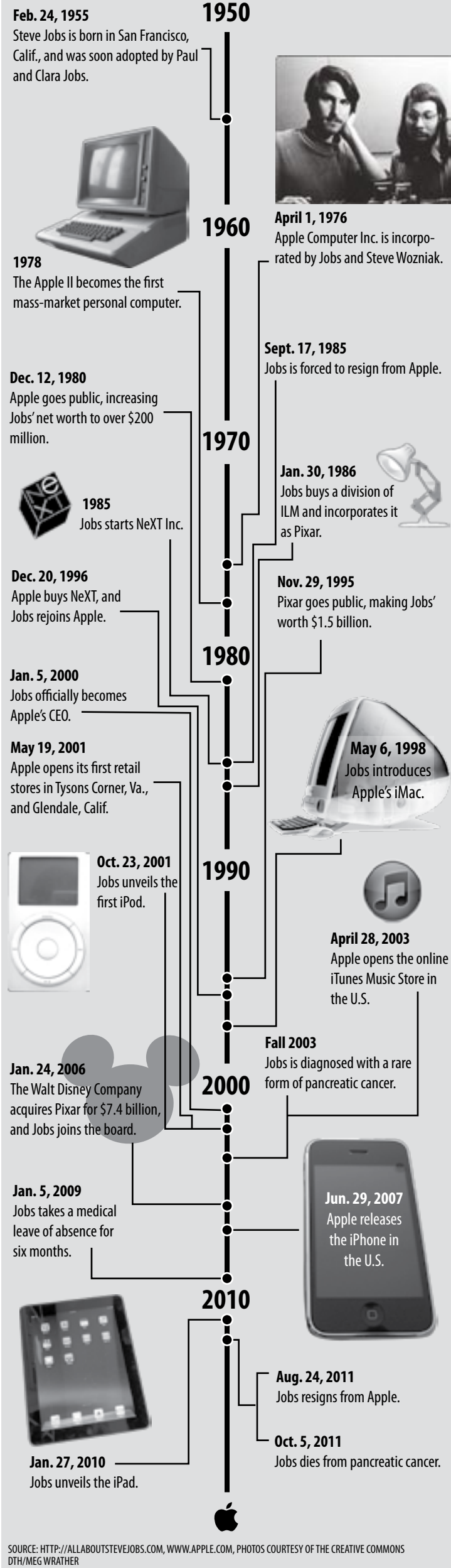
"They don't care if you practice another religion," he said. "The

ultimate goal is to drop our selfishness and find a more outward perspective."

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The real concern about Facebook

There were two major developments for the social media site Facebook in September.

The first was the introduction of a number of changes and new features. You probably heard about those, either from the f8 conference where Facebook announced them, or from the now-traditional backlash the changes brought.

The second development might be news to you. Facebook filed paperwork four days later to form a political action committee, which allows the corporation to make financial contributions directly to candidates.

User reactions to the move are almost nonexistent. And there was no mention of it during the f8 conference. In fact, there's been little said about the PAC beyond this one-sentence statement:

"FB PAC will give our employees a way to make their voice heard in the political process by supporting candidates who share our goals of promoting the value of innovation to our economy while giving people the power to share and make the world more open and connected."

The creation of this group is the latest step Facebook has taken to increase its government influence and savvy. In the 2011 fiscal year, it spent \$550,000 in lobbying, \$200,000 more than it spent the previous year.

Its office in Washington D.C., opened in 2007, now has more than a dozen employees, four of whom are federally registered lobbyists. The Washington office is headed by Joel Kaplan, former deputy chief of staff for President George W. Bush.

Other big names in politics have also been attracted to the company. This summer, Joe Lockhart joined Facebook as vice president of global communications. Lockhart formerly served as press secretary for President Bill Clinton. Erskine Bowles, who was White House chief of staff from 1996-98, recently joined Facebook's board of directors. And former Clinton White House official Sheryl Sandberg is the company's chief operating officer.

Should Facebook users be as concerned about the social media platform's growing interest in Washington as they are about the aesthetics of their profile pages? After all, many companies have political action committees. And individuals from the public and private sectors go back and forth all the time.

We'll have to wait and see where Facebook decides to make contributions. But it's not a stretch to assume their political bodybuilding has less to do with supporting politicians than it has to do with protecting itself from them.

It's hard to imagine Facebook's views on creating an "open and connected" world will match up with the views of users who value privacy. Potential regulations banning targeted online advertising without user's consent, for example, would likely be lobbied against by companies like Facebook.

Facebook competitor Google is currently involved in a Federal Trade Commission antitrust probe. By increasing its political experience and connections, Facebook could be looking to curb similar scrutiny. And congressional interest in the company is sure to rise as concern grows over online privacy — an area where Facebook doesn't have the best track record.

NEXT 10/10: Perry Tsai chips away at circumlocution and the conflict between body autonomy and public health.

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EDITORIAL

No time for neutrality

It is time to consider gender-neutral housing in earnest.

There are few times in a student's journey through college as daunting as the early days of freshman year. The opening of a new chapter of life at a new school is awkward at best, but can occasionally devolve into a period of intense discomfort. So long as on-campus living is compulsory during freshman year or financially beneficial, it's up to the housing department to do everything in its power to ensure that residence halls foster a culture of acceptance and inclusion.

The Department of Housing and Residential Education has provided this with both coed and single-sex halls and dormitories, along with living-learning communities. But without a gender nonspecific housing option, there is still work to be done. As peer institutions have implemented such an option, UNC has discussed the possibility of eventually doing the same.

That time is now.

Never before this year have students so extensively vocalized their demand for this option. From the Residence Hall Association to Student Congress — which only narrowly endorsed the measure — students have offered their support. And today, after many months and more than 1,100 signatures, students will present Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp a petition and proposal for a gender nonspecific option at UNC.

Crisp, who will digest the proposal and submit a recommendation to Chancellor Holden Thorp, views the gender nonspecific option through the appropriate lens. Above all else, Crisp said he sees gender nonspecific housing as an issue concerning students' health, safety and sense of inclusivity.

While he doesn't anticipate a significant number of students ultimately requesting this arrangement, he does see the issues addressed by gender nonspecific housing as "significant any time."

That approach should be followed from Crisp's office to the chancellor's and, ultimately, to the Board of Trustees. And it should trump any minor feasibility issues that might come into play.

The University need look no further than its peer institutions for a workable first step.

Roommate requests

This year, the University of Michigan began allowing students identifying as transgender or gender non-conforming to live together, so long as they requested each other by name. Their approach includes collaboration with the Spectrum Center, the UNC LGBTQ Center's counterpart at the University of Michigan.

As Peter Logan, director of housing communications, noted in an interview Thursday, gender identity is variable, and randomly assigned transgender or gender non-conforming roommates would not necessarily feel comfortable together. It is for this reason that universities like UNC should apply a roommate request system as a first step in making gender nonspecific housing a reality.

With a by-name roommate selection system already in place, a similar measure would be feasible at the University. It might prove difficult for incoming freshmen to arrange but should exist for students feeling uncomfortable upon moving in or for those returning to on-campus living for another year.

Since 2005, Logan said the University of Michigan has accommodated the concerns of students seeking a more comfortable living situation on

a case-by-case basis, assigning them new roommates or putting them in single suites that provided more privacy. Only about a half-dozen students have requested gender nonspecific housing, partially because a lengthy deliberation process pushed the policy's implementation to late February when students had already signed up for more conventional on-campus living arrangements.

UNC must learn from the University of Michigan and be sure to have a well-thought-out, but not an unnecessarily drawn-out, decision-making process. With urgency, UNC can offer incoming freshmen and returning on-campus residents the opportunity to opt into a gender-neutral environment as early as next year.

Where to go

Some students will naturally feel uneasy about this change. To ensure that the comfort of some students doesn't come at the cost of others, the University would be wise to initiate gender-neutral housing in an apartment-style complex like Ram Village or in newer South Campus residence halls like Craige North, Horton or Hardin. These would provide the privacy of suite-style rooms that Michigan has provided since 2005 or the apartments Duke University began providing this year for students seeking gender-neutral housing.

Like Duke, UNC is looking into potential legal hurdles. But the state's 201-year-old law barring unmarried couples from living together was struck down in 2006. In beginning a legal review, the University appears to be taking the swift action students have resoundingly requested. Barring any legal surprise, the University has nothing standing in its path.

And, like any path worth taking for the University, the students cleared it.

EDITORIAL

A second chance

The former N.C. State chancellor has a lot to prove in his new role.

The David H. Murdock Research Institute has taken a gamble with its public and private funds in the recent hiring of former N.C. State chancellor James Oblinger as its president.

Though his resignation and the harm it caused N.C. State might not seem directly relevant to his new position, his hiring nonetheless reflects poorly on a partially state-funded initiative and its tolerance for the conduct Oblinger engaged in.

Oblinger was tapped to lead the institute — which is part of the N.C. Research Campus

in Kannapolis and staffs itself with researchers from N.C. universities — just two years after resigning due to his role in the hiring, promotion and pay raise of then-N.C. first lady Mary Easley. He has since remained on the N.C. State faculty.

Only time will tell whether Oblinger's hiring was a bad decision or not, and he'll hopefully make the most of his second chance. If the institute and state are careful to ensure that Oblinger is transparent, there is no reason this shouldn't turn out well for all parties involved.

Still, Oblinger has the most to gain here, and the institute has an awful lot to lose if Oblinger engages in anything even vaguely reminiscent of his former transgressions.

Unless the candidate's qualifications make him absolutely irresistible, it's common sense to think twice about someone with such a glaring pock on his resume. That's especially true of a research facility that receives public funding.

Remaining accountable and transparent to the taxpayers who help fund it is one of the most important responsibilities of any state-funded institution, which N.C. State must continue to bear in mind as it recovers from scandal.

Trust is a very hard thing to gain back. But Oblinger now has an opportunity to restore confidence in his management of taxpayer dollars. He must take care to make sure this was a risk worth taking.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have a lot of respect for them. It's going to be a great honor to go out and play in front of our military that protect and serve us each day."

Tyler Zeller, UNC senior and varsity basketball player, on the Carrier Classic game that will take place on the U.S.S. Carl Vinson on Veterans Day

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"It's really amazing how people can get into a top flight school and still be as clueless as these protesters. Proof positive that our education system is broken."

someone, on the "Occupy UNC" movement Wednesday at Wilson Library

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Committee to discuss Honor System Monday

TO THE EDITOR:

The Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor and the honor system invite you to the Chancellor's Open House on Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union. This round-table discussion will be between students and administrators regarding the role of a student-led honor system in an age of increasing technology.

Student self-governance has served as a core principle of the University since its inception. The Honor Code ensures that students exercise their freedom responsibly and in a manner which does not negatively impact the campus community. As the system evolves, students continually renew their commitment to creating a community of mutual respect and understanding through abiding by the Honor Code. It is crucial that we as a student body continue to assess what our community standards and commitments should be.

At the conclusion of this discussion, students will be able to ask questions of administrators regarding the University's non-discrimination policy and ways in which the University works to foster an inclusive community.

Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We look forward to seeing you there for an open discussion.

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As a long time Friend of the Carrboro Branch Library, I urge all Carrboro residents to re-elect Alderman Dan Coleman. He is conversant with issues related to the prospective Southwest Branch Library planned for Carrboro and understands both town and county politics. Dan Coleman also does his homework, is fair and is a good listener — all essential qualities of an effective alderman. We need someone with his track record to oversee the library project. Thank you, Dan, for all your past support.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, Thursday's letter to the editor "UNC retaliated against Cramer's free speech" from Elliot Cramer misstated the argument of the editorial "Cramer's Case." That editorial argued that Cramer was planning to drop the case he is planning. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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