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LUX leases cut short last minute

Slow construction is at fault for the termination of 25 LUX leases.

By Paige Ladisic
Summer Editor

LUX at Central Park seemed like the perfect deal for students signing their leases for the upcoming year — brand new buildings and amenities, competitive rates and a short distance from campus.

Until students learned their dream apartments wouldn't be ready in time for the fall move-in, and some received notice that their leases had been terminated.

Residents received an email on June 27 explaining that LUX, an apartment complex located on a 9.13-acre site along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, would not be completed in time for the Aug. 17 move-in date. The email laid out two options for residents: they could be put up in hotels or could terminate their leases.

But last week, some UNC students planning on living in LUX received another email from Trinitas, LUX's developer. That email, only sent to certain residents, served as notice to select residents that their leases had been terminated.

"Despite tireless efforts put forth by the contractors in Chapel Hill, areas of our building will not be completed in the manner that holds true to expectation," the email sent to certain residents last week states. "This means that at this time we are forced to release some of our incoming residents from their lease obligations."

A provision in LUX residents' leases, obtained by The Daily Tar Heel, explicitly states LUX is responsible for putting residents up in alternative accommodations if there is a delay greater than 14 days — but the same provision also allows LUX to terminate the lease, if it is more than 30 days before the estimated beginning of their lease term.

'Tireless efforts'

Travis Vencel, the vice president of development at Trinitas, said 25 people received a termination notice.

"Those are 25 people who were assigned specific units on the far eastern side of the building that we do not believe are going to be done on time," Vencel said. "So that's why we terminated them."

Charlie Austin, an economics major, said he was angry he wasn't given an explanation when his lease

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THE DTH CLOSED FOR SUMMER

The Daily Tar Heel has completed its summer printing schedule. The Welcome Back special edition will be in the racks Aug. 16, and the DTH will resume daily publication Aug. 18. The office will close on Friday until Aug. 12 at noon. Check back with dailytarheel.com for important news updates.

NOT QUALIFIED FOR FINANCIAL AID



DTH/KENDALL BAGLEY

Lawrence Bacudio, a N.C. School of Science and Mathematics graduate, attends orientation despite tuition issues while awaiting his green card.

Immigration status harms need-based aid eligibility

By Amy Tsai
State & National Editor

Lawrence Bacudio suddenly woke up one June morning when his mother ran into his room yelling — a stranger had donated \$1,000 to his college fund, she told him in tears.

He had set up an online fundraiser the night before to help pay for college. He couldn't go back to sleep, and he started daydreaming about life as a UNC student.

College accessibility has long been a priority in the state, which boasts the nation's oldest public university. But the lack of financial aid for students of varying immigration statuses can pose a major barrier.

Bacudio, a graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, immigrated to the U.S. after he finished fifth grade in the Philippines, where he was born.

He will attend UNC as a freshman this fall.

Right now, Bacudio's family can only pay for one semester at UNC for certain, he said, and he tries not to think about whether he can attend all four years.

"I choose to ignore it and just look on the bright side for now and see what my chances are and improve those chances by, for example, applying to (outside) scholarships," he said.

Due to his family's current immigration status, Bacudio does not have a social security number and cannot qualify for any type of need-based financial aid, something he had counted on receiving.

Almost 50 people have donated more than a total of \$4,000 to Bacudio's fundraiser, as of press time.

He said his family applied for green cards in February 2010 and is hoping to obtain them this year, which would enable

Bacudio to receive future financial aid.

Without a social security number, students cannot qualify for need-based aid unless they fall under a protected federal category, such as someone with refugee status, said Eric Johnson, a spokesman for UNC's financial aid office.

"We have, in the past, been able to use private funds to support a handful of undocumented students," Johnson said. "But that was on a very case-by-case basis, and we simply don't have that funding anymore."

Former student body president candidate Emilio Vicente, a rising senior and well-known undocumented student, attended UNC on a privately-funded merit scholarship from the University.

"This is the only way that it worked out for me; otherwise, I probably would have gone out-of-state," he said. "So I am

really lucky and thankful."

Such private funding comes from individual donors or family trusts, Johnson said.

For UNC students who are N.C. residents, the total estimated cost of attendance is \$24,120 for the entire 2014-15 school year.

But undocumented students are treated as international students by state law and need to pay out-of-state tuition and fees, Johnson said.

The total estimated cost for an out-of-state UNC student is \$50,938 for 2014-15.

Bacudio, whose family is in the U.S. legally on visas, was originally billed the out-of-state tuition rate but eventually proved he qualified for in-state tuition.

Undocumented students can have even fewer options.

Having universities provide a few private scholarships at the

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Online courses no longer an extra charge

The online courses are offered through the Friday Center.

By Maura Devetski
Staff Writer

Beginning this fall, full-time UNC students will no longer have to pay extra to take online courses through the Friday Center.

Previously, the Friday Center has offered students the option of taking Carolina Courses Online in addition to on-campus courses. However, they paid separate tuition for the online course plus their regular tuition — \$231.06 per credit hour for in-state students.

With the change in policy, students will only have to cover the costs of textbooks for the online courses.

"(The change) fits with the Friday Center's mission

CAROLINA ONLINE

\$231.06

Previous in-state cost per credit hour for online courses

79

Carolina Courses Online offered in the fall of 2014

1

Online class allowed per student in the fall semester

to serve the community and the University by expanding access to education," said Robert Bruce, director of the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education.

Bruce said there were several reasons for the policy change, but ultimately the goal

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UNC football ready for kickoff

The Tar Heels were picked to finish fourth in the division at ACC Football Kickoff.

By Pat James
Sports Editor

With the college football season just around the corner, the North Carolina football team and 13 other ACC teams sent representatives to Greensboro Sunday and Monday for the 2014 ACC Football Kickoff.

After a disappointing 1-5 start last season, the Tar Heels won five of their last six games to secure a trip to the Belk Bowl, where they defeated the Cincinnati Bearcats 39-17.

Now with the team getting prepared for the start of practice, the Tar heels are looking forward to carrying their late-season momentum into the upcoming season.

"Coming off a winning record and a winning bowl game, that gives you the next step in taking it to the next season," said redshirt junior quarterback Marquise Williams. "And we're ready for that, and we're going to do our best and come to compete at the highest task this year and do whatever it takes."

Williams, who replaced Bryn Renner as the starting quarterback last season, was a key component to the team's late-season success — taking over the position during the team's turnaround



DTH FILE PHOTO

Quarterback Marquise Williams was one of three representatives for the North Carolina football team at ACC Football Kickoff held in Greensboro on July 20 and 21.

and finishing the season as the team's leading rusher.

But as he announced on Feb. 20, Coach Larry Fedora said during his media availability Monday that the starting quarterback position is still an open competition between Williams and redshirt freshman Mitch Trubisky.

"They have done a tremendous job pushing each other all spring, all summer," Fedora said. "And I would say right now watching them develop as leaders has been really pleasing for me,

so I'm excited to see how this thing shakes out."

While the quarterback competition ensues on the offensive side of the ball, the defense continues to fix its kinks.

The UNC defense allowed an average of 182.5 rushing yards per game and 403.2 total yards per game last season. But despite losing three key starters in the NFL draft, senior bandit Norkeithus Otis said the defense is making adjust-

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“I’ll be seeing you in all the old familiar places.”

BILLIE HOLIDAY, “I’LL BE SEEING YOU”

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WEEKLY DOSE

A series of unfortunate events

From staff and wire reports

The Dosters had a bad weekend. Pamela Doster caught her husband Michael giving head to a man on a boat off a nude beach in Florida. After the couple drunkenly argued atop a Sea-Doo, about what we can't possibly know, Michael Doster threw his wife off of the boat four times, the last resulting in a head injury. And then he left her there. We wish we were joking but in his drunken rage, Doster actually left his battered wife on a sandbar to be later picked up by local law enforcement. If anything, Pamela should have had first dibs on who was getting exiled after such an awful day. The horrid and unfunny twist: Officials simply named Doster a suspect after Pamela died in a hospital days later. These episodes of CSI are really getting out of hand.

NOTED. A woman named Courtney in Harris County, Texas, was shot in the head after she refused to forfeit her phone to a mugger. She survived.
Apparently, the phone was a Samsung Galaxy. Really, lady? We would take a bullet for a family member, friend or even a pet. But a Samsung Galaxy? Hell nah.

QUOTED. "No one ever said that the goal was full integration of these populations."
— David Von Spreckelsen, a developer of a separate door for low-income renters at a new New York City high-rise apartment building. Wow, suddenly, the affluent don't dare mix with the proletariat? For shame. We thought this was 2014.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Southern Culture Movie Series: Don't miss this week's free showing of Family Name, where filmmaker Macky Alston sets out to look into the history of his white slave-owning ancestors. The film will be paired with a short discussion and refreshments.
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: 301 Pittsboro St.

FRIDAY.

Movies Under the Stars: Watch the classic movie Jurassic Park on the roof of Wallace Parking Deck in downtown Chapel Hill. Bring your lawn

chairs or towels to sit on, and enjoy free popcorn!
Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Location: 150 E. Rosemary St.

SATURDAY

Introduction to Insects: Dying to learn more about the features, diversity, evolution and importance of insects? It's only \$40 for a morning full of learning.
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: 100 Old Mason Farm Road

SUNDAY

Kipos' Summer Barbecue: Celebrate the summer with

Kipos! Feast on traditional Greek food — meat on the grill and whole roasted lamb, to name a few. For only \$24, you'll gain entry to the barbecue and stay well-fed all night with unlimited non-alcoholic drinks. Children under 6 are free, children 6 and older are \$10.
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Location: 431 W. Franklin St.

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LEARNING WHILE PLAYING



DTH/SHENGMEI YIN

Children of various ages enjoy their Saturday afternoon with their parents at Kidzu Children's Museum after a book reading event hosted by Josh Taylor, a local illustrator, for his latest children's book, "The Legend of Lizard Lick."

POLICE LOG

- Someone shoplifted from a gas station at 1501 E. Franklin St. at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person tried to steal beer valued at \$1.89 from Kangaroo Express, reports state.
- Someone attempted robbery on Rosemary Street at 3 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person pointed a gun at the occupants of a vehicle, reports state.
- Someone vandalized property following a fight at 137 E. Franklin St. at 2:05 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone heard gunshots at 2701 Homestead Rd. between 2 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
A shell casing belonging
- to a Luger model pistol was found at the scene, reports state.
- Someone stole property from a building at 137 E. Franklin St. between 12:17 a.m. and 1 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole a backpack, a phone charger and articles of clothing valued at \$100, reports state.
- Someone stole mail from 1008 Dawes St. between 6 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole two pieces of mail valued at \$10, reports state.
- Someone broke into and entered a vehicle and attempted larceny at 5623 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd. at 8:37 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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Chapel Hill looks to replace buses

43 of Chapel Hill Transit’s bus fleet are of the age to be replaced.

By Joey DeVito
Staff Writer

When it comes to buses in Chapel Hill, age is more than a number — it’s a growing problem. Of the 99 buses in Chapel Hill Transit, 43 of them are older than 12 years, the age at which they are eligible to be replaced, transit director Brian Litchfield said.

These older buses can be expensive, not only because of the cost to replace one, but also because of the cost to preserve them.

“We look at it from a cost per mile basis, and we know that once a bus gets more than 12 years of age, it’s usually much more expensive to maintain than a bus that’s under 12 years of age,” Litchfield said.

In the past, the town has relied on federal and state funding to help with the purchase of new buses, according to a memorandum sent by Town Manager Roger Stancil and Business Management Director Ken Pennoyer.

“Usually the Federal Transit Administration helps to cover up to 80 percent of the cost of a bus, which is significant considering that a bus can go anywhere from \$450,000 to just under \$600,000,” Litchfield said.

Despite the fact that Stancil and Pennoyer expect the amount of federal funds to increase from last year, they are still concerned that federal funding is at a historically low rate.

“It was much easier in the past to replace buses with federal funds than what it is today,” Litchfield said.

The Chapel Hill Town Council has already started working to supplement the expected lack of federal funds. In their most recent budget, the council set aside \$400,000 for Chapel Hill Transit to begin financing new buses.

“I think the days of major resources coming from state and federal sources is gone,” councilman Lee Storrow said. “Unfortunately, in the past, we haven’t allocated enough local funds to maintain the bus system — which is one of the reasons why, in the next three to five years, we’re going to have a number of buses ending their useful life.”

The town of Chapel Hill is working with its transit partners, the town of Carrboro and the University, to come up with a solution to fund new buses, he said.

And Storrow said it is a priority to find a way to pay for new buses without having to charge bus fare.

“No one is considering adjusting the system to not be fare-free,” he said. “I absolutely would not support that move, nor do I know of anyone who’s proposing it.”

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STILL SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED



DTH/HENRY GARGAN

Anton Enoch serves himself food during Friday Fun Day, a free lunch event, on Friday afternoon for families in the Chapel Hill area.

Organizations work to combat hunger in summer

By Kelsey Weekman
Senior Writer

The town of Chapel Hill slows down in the summer, but organizations fighting hunger do not take a break.

Food insecurity — characterized by not knowing where one’s next meal will come from — can affect people of any age in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area, but it is especially apparent in low-income families during the summer months.

Thirty percent of students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools receive free or reduced lunches, according to Liz Cartano, director of child nutrition at CHCCS. She said when school ends, the families of these students experience an average increase of \$316 per month in food costs.

Organizations and volunteers in the area are trying to help the families where they can.

Eleven-year-old A.J. Perry and friends who live in the Airport Gardens Apartments in Chapel Hill enjoyed a meal and games at a Friday Fun Day lunch event last week. Before A.J. abandoned his empty food plate to join his friends at the basketball court, he praised the delicious strawberries he had eaten.

The lunches were provided by Cory Greene and Bethany Stauber, volunteers who run the lunch event at the apartment complex. These types of events work to decrease the number of people who suffer from food insecurity.

Through the N.C. Seamless Summer Nutrition Program, CHCCS provides two meals a day for many of the children from low-income families.

Cartano said CHCCS partners with apartment complexes, churches, the Refugee Support Center and local pro-

grams like Friday Fun Day to serve almost 1,500 meals a day.

“Without having these summer meal programs in place, the upcoming school year could start with children who have struggled both nutritionally and academically over the summer break,” Cartano said.

She said she believes that through the program, they are giving each child they serve the ability to know what success feels like.

TABLE, an organization that collects food donations and distributes them to hungry children in the area, does not slow down in its efforts during the summer months, said executive director Ashton Tippins.

Tippins said TABLE provides food for many of the other programs, as well as Weekend Meal Backpacks, which are filled with healthy, non-perishable food items.

One of those backpacks went

home with A.J. this weekend, providing him and other children at the event with extra nutrition and fresh produce they otherwise would not have had.

But the school system is not the only place where people are struggling with food insecurity.

The Community Kitchen, a ministry of the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, offers three hot meals a day to anyone who needs them. John Dorward, IFC’s executive director, said the organization’s food pantry provides 1,500 bags of groceries to people in need every month.

“That caring spirit from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community is what sustains our agency and makes it possible for us to serve as many people as we do,” Dorward said.

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Hospital hosts farmers’ market

Wellness Wednesday runs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May through September.

By Stephanie Lamm
Staff Writer

On Wednesday mornings, the atrium in the UNC Children’s Hospital is transformed into a pop-up farmers market.

The hall is lined with colorful fruits, vegetables, flowers and other farm-grown goods.

“It’s impossible not to notice you’re in a hospital, but the market doesn’t feel out of place,” said Reginald Savage of Azurelise Chocolate Truffles in Raleigh.

The UNC Wellness Market runs from May through September and is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Wednesday.

Though the program began as an employee initiative, Elizabeth Churchill, the administrative coordinator of outpatient care services and director of the Wellness Farm, wants all UNC students and faculty to feel welcome at the market.

“Students want to stay healthy too, and this is just a short walk or bus ride away from their dorms,” Churchill said. “Students can pick up a basket of peaches and snack off that all week.”

The vendors also get a good deal because there is less vendor competition and a large crowd to sell to.

“I love coming here because there’s air conditioning and



DTH/HANNAH MACIE

Jason Conway sells produce and other products at the North Carolina Children’s Hospital as part of the hospital’s Wellness Wednesday event.

valet parking,” Bob Davidson of Carrboro Tropicals said. “It’s easy to sell here because you don’t have to worry about the weather.”

Davidson, who sells blooming orchids, said he loves seeing kids’ faces light up when they see the bright flowers at his stand.

Sally Jo Slusher of PlowGirl Farm joined the Wellness Market last year and has come back ever since. Slusher said access to fresh food can make people not only healthier, but also happier.

“I feel lucky that I’m able to be a part of this,” Slusher said. “This is how I make my living, but it is also what I love doing. I feel blessed to be able to share that with people.”

The market is relaxed despite the busy hospital atmosphere. Staff members come to the market to pick up groceries and take a break from their busy schedules.

Churchill said patients schedule appointments on Wednesdays so they can visit the market, and children in the hospital beg the nurses to take them on a walk through the vendor isle.

Other hospitals have opened farmers’ markets in recent years, including the University of California San Francisco Medical Center and Vanderbilt Medical Center. The UNC Wellness Market is one of the few indoor farmers markets on the east coast.

This fall, the market will host a harvest fair the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

“The market is a hidden gem,” said Churchill. “The staff here love it and we want to share it with the larger UNC community.”

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Community colleges end federal loans

Some community colleges favor scholarships due to student default rates.

By Sam Killenberg
Staff Writer

More than half of the state’s community colleges have stopped offering some federal student loans to combat student debt, but critics say such loans are key to accessibility.

About 36 percent of N.C. community college students lacked access to the federal direct student loans in 2013-14 — the fourth highest percentage in the nation, more than quadruple the national average of 8.5 percent, according to a report by The Institute for College Access and Success (TICAS) last week.

Debbie Cochrane, one of the report’s co-authors, said the study’s findings are concerning because she thinks federal student loans are safe and affordable.

“When we see large groups of students not having access to them, that’s a concern for us because we want students to get the aid that they need to attend college,” she said.

But loans from the federal government must be repaid, sometimes even in cases of bankruptcy, said Jeff Lowrance, a spokesman for Central Piedmont Community College, which opted out of the federal direct student loan program in March.

“We felt like for many of our students, it would be better if we could provide grants and scholarships rather than (have them) take out loans that

they have to repay,” Lowrance said.

Of the 58 community colleges in the state, 39 have opted out as of July 2014.

“As the (state) legislation outlines, decisions to participate or opt out of the program are made at the local level,” said Megan Hoenk, a spokeswoman for the N.C. Community College system, in an email.

Starting in 2014, if over 30 percent of its students default on federal direct loans for three consecutive years, a participating college or university can lose eligibility for Pell Grants and other forms of federal financial aid.

An estimated 57 percent of students at Central Piedmont receive Pell Grants.

“We don’t want to do anything that will risk the way that 60 percent of our students are able to attend school,” Lowrance said.

Nationwide, 20.9 percent of community college students who started repaying federal loans in 2010 defaulted within three years, the TICAS study found.

And more than 53 percent of North Carolina’s college students attend a community college, according to the study.

“Our research has long found that community college students need more financial aid than they receive,” Cochrane said. “When you see a state that’s highly reliant on community colleges, and then low rates of loan access within a state, that’s particularly troubling.”

Lowrance said he hopes Central Piedmont can expand its scholarships.

“And of course, you don’t have to pay back that scholarship,” he said.

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out-of-state tuition rate is not sustainable, Vicente said.

“The reality of budget cuts is, unfortunately, (private funding) is not available,” he said.

Last year, Vicente co-founded the “One State, One Rate” campaign to advocate for in-state tuition for undocumented students.

The N.C. Justice Center published a study last month in support of such a policy, referred to as tuition equity.

“I think the most important finding is that tuition equity does have the potential to really improve not just the economic wellbeing of many young people living in N.C., but also the broader economy,” said study co-author Alexandra Sirota.

Costs are minimal to the state, and the benefits are long-term as undocumented graduates contribute to their communities and inspire younger students, she said.

An estimated 677 undocumented N.C. high school graduates are likely to attend

college each year, according to the N.C. Justice Center’s study.

“It’s a small but important group of people,” Sirota said.

Immigrants contribute to industries such as health care and the service sector, which benefit from bilingual and multicultural employees, said Dani Moore, director of the N.C. Justice Center’s Immigrants’ Rights Project.

“For there to be a systemic barrier to them, to be blocking access financially to these students is wasting the talent that they could bring our state,” she said.

Bacudio, who hopes to attend medical school, is fluent in both English and Tagalog, his first language. He was inspired to be a doctor after he contracted the mosquito-borne dengue fever living in the Philippines.

Senior Christopher Gremillion, Bacudio’s freshman orientation leader, said immigrant students contribute unique perspectives.

“It’s such an important thing because it just enhances the conversations that we have at places like UNC and ideally

in the general public,” he said.

Moore said the N.C. Justice Center has been working since 2005 to build legislative support for tuition equity.

Undocumented students in at least 18 states can qualify for in-state tuition rates, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The University of California system’s undocumented students have been able to qualify for both in-state tuition and some state sources of financial aid since the California Dream Act was passed in 2001.

Vicente said he thinks it’s not a matter of if, but when, reform will happen in N.C.

But Mitch Kokai, a spokesman for the John Locke Foundation, said the state’s Republican leaders believe illegal immigrants do not deserve taxpayers’ benefits.

“If the university and state’s coffers were flushed with cash, they still wouldn’t want to give in-state tuition to undocumented students,” he said.

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ONLINE COURSES

FROM PAGE 1

was to make online courses more accessible to UNC students who already pay tuition, instead of paying additional expenses for online classes.

About a combined 500 students have already enrolled in online classes for the fall and spring semesters, but Bruce said he expects the program will continue to grow, especially with this change.

“We’re hoping for a 20 percent jump in enrollment,” Bruce said.

Bruce said the process to cover the costs of the online courses has proved to be a challenge, especially with them being a huge source of revenue. He said he has been working closely with the Office of the Provost to make the transition possible.

Student body president

Andrew Powell echoed concern for the short-term financial issues with the change, although he said he was 100 percent in favor of the greater availability of online classes.

“I think there is a big demand for students to take online courses and a huge hurdle was the additional costs,” Powell said.

Powell said students who previously may not have been able to afford online classes can now utilize their benefits, like greater flexibility in scheduling.

Students will also have a better chance to enroll in popular classes that are difficult to get into and even classes that aren’t offered at UNC.

Powell said the expansion of the online courses could eventually lead to widespread cooperation across universities.

Gabriella Gaje, a senior from Camp Lejeune, has already taken online classes at UNC.

“I like the freedom that online classes provide me. I would much prefer to do some classes that I have to take online than in the classroom,” Gaje said.

Without the extra fee, Gaje said she thinks the program will attract more students.

The Friday Center will offer 79 courses in the fall, but Powell said he hopes the program will eventually provide more summer courses, which will allow students to get credit while taking part in internships or study abroad programs.

He said he expects a push to integrate online courses into the university system in the near future.

“This is the direction that public universities need to be heading in,” Powell said.

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Moving on, moving in

“There is no intention to terminate any more leases,” Vencel said. “It’s our belief we can accommodate everyone else.”

He said LUX is rapidly approaching the end of construction, but there are parts of the building that will not be finished before move-in.

“As always, there will be little items that are not done for some time that we just continue to work on,” Vencel said. “We’re just slightly

behind schedule from where we wanted to be.”

As for Austin, he’s found an apartment a few miles from campus — and he said he wishes he could have the newness and the proximity of LUX.

“I did have to compromise on location and definitely on quality of the complex,” Austin said. “I chose LUX because it was going to be a new, quality apartment in walking distance to campus.”

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LUX

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was terminated. The day he received the email, Austin said he had called LUX’s Franklin Street office to ask about his hotel assignment. But instead of a hotel assignment, his lease was terminated.

“They showed no concern in making someone homeless one month before the start of school, especially after reassuring everyone a couple of weeks before that we would be placed in hotels,” he said.

FOOTBALL

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ments.

“I’ve seen a major difference,” said Otis, who finished last season with 7.5 sacks and 13.0 tackles for loss. “I’ve seen the guys working harder, watching film, teaching the younger guys, trying to get better each and every day.”

Despite receiving the second-most first place votes, the Tar Heels were selected by the media to finish fourth in the up-for-grabs Coastal Division behind Miami, Duke

and Virginia Tech.

UNC has reeled off six consecutive winning seasons but hasn’t recorded more than eight wins in a single season since 1997. But Fedora said the team is continuing to make progress toward getting over that hump.

“We have a sound philosophy, and we have a proven plan, so now it’s working that plan,” Fedora said. “I think we’re making the progress that we’ve expected to make. Now it’s just continuing that and staying on track.”

The Tar Heels open their season with a night game on Aug. 30 at Kenan Memorial Stadium against the Liberty Flames.

With each day bringing the team closer to the start of the season, Williams said he and

his teammates are looking forward to showing everyone that their hard work this summer has paid off.


“We’re going to come out and compete,” Williams said. “We’ve been really impressed with this summer. Coaches are really glad with what we’ve brought to the table this summer and guys are buying into what Coach Fedora is trying to do.

“That’s the only thing we need, we need everybody to stay on one train and not 10 guys and one guy is off by himself. We’re going to come together as one unit and compete at the highest state and play Carolina football: smart, fast and physical.”

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Solar panels on rise in Chapel Hill

By Joey DeVito
Staff Writer

The sight of solar panels is becoming more common in Orange County.

The most recent attempt to put a solar farm in the county comes from Sunlight Partners, who want to put their 19-acre farm in Falls of New Hope in Chapel Hill.

"The benefit will be primarily to reduce the reliance on coal-fired and nuclear energy reduction," said Orange County commissioner Earl McKee.

The creation of the solar farm would also give an economic boost to the town.

"They will be like any business, they will generate property taxes, which will help pay for schools, pay for social services, pay for a lot of the things Orange County does pretty well in providing for our citizens," McKee said.

Residents of the neighborhood next to where the solar farm would be placed raised concerns at a meeting of the Board of Orange County Commissioners on May 27 that the farm would hurt the value of their property.

"On the public hearing we had quite a bit of feedback from the neighborhood questioning different aspects of it so we of course will take those comments into consideration," McKee said.

The commissioners will continue public hearings in September in order to get more feedback from both the town and Sunlight Partners.

The solar farm would be another in a line of solar projects taken on by both the county and private businesses.

"This is not something that is totally new to Orange County, nor is it anything that is particularly new to the state or the county at all," McKee said.

Sunlight Partners declined to comment on their attempt to put a solar farm in Orange



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The White Cross solar farm was built by Strata Solar in 2013, and more of these farms are hoping to be built around the county.

County.

In the fall of 2013, the Chapel Hill-based company Strata Solar completed a solar farm on White Cross Road in Chapel Hill.

Blair Schooff, vice president of sales and marketing of Strata Solar, said Orange County was ready for growth.

"We are finding many communities who want more solar energy in their area," Schooff said.

The White Cross location produces approximately 9,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year. According to the Strata Solar website, this is equivalent to the amount of energy used by 696 average North Carolina homes.

Schooff said the company has built 60 solar farms since it started in 2008 and is looking to expand.

"We are always investigating new projects throughout North Carolina and the surrounding states," she said.

Another business which brought solar energy to Chapel Hill was Greenbridge Condominiums. The condos were built with a number of green features, including recycled materials and water-saving fixtures.

Greenbridge took advantage of solar energy by putting in

a solar thermal system which cools and heats the building, along with the water supply.

"In this day and age it's very successful and I think our homeowners have embraced the green features and are enjoying living there," said Vic Miller, senior vice president managing broker for The Marketing Directors, who represent Greenbridge.

And Councilman Ed Harrison said the town has been looking into a couple of ways to collect solar energy.

"An organization in Boone, among others, has proposed that the town work out a way with investors to put covers with solar collectors over all of our buses," Harrison said.

If successful, the town would put these collectors over all of its 99 buses while they are not in use.

"This can't happen without some pretty eager investors," Harrison said.

The town is also looking for an investor to put solar panels on top of the Homestead Aquatic Center, which would be much smaller than the bus project.

Harrison said the town has not found an investor to partner with for either project.

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UNC artist's legacy lives on in landscapes

By Marcela Guimaraes
Arts & Diversions Editor

Some people might say artist Marvin Saltzman is an abstract painter. He, however, would consider himself a realist.

Saltzman paints landscapes. His vibrant paintings, consisting of a multitude of colored glyphs, make up mountainous landscapes, rivers and trees. Saltzman's process is an interesting one. Drawing from nature, he paints exclusively from memory.

He travels around the world, and while on-site, he draws rough graphite sketches of shapes he sees in nature. He then takes these black and white sketches and paints the landscapes in color solely from memory.

"I don't invent color," he said. "Nature invents its own color. I just see it."

Saltzman's work is currently on exhibit at the Eno Gallery in Hillsborough until Aug. 17, and an artist salon will be held where he will talk about his

work, inspiration and process.

Mark Donley, gallery director, said he is very fortunate to have his work shown at Eno Gallery and represent an artist he considers an icon in North Carolina.

"The way he works and the way he mixes color is just gorgeous," he said. "When he is putting his work together, it's very intellectual in his head."

Saltzman works in a series. He hangs up multiple palettes around his studio, rotating them around until they're determined finished.

"The painting tells me it's finished," he said.

Donley said although he sees Saltzman's work as playful, he wants the viewer to interpret his or her own emotions from it.

"His use of color, planes and, in particularly, the glyphs to bring out this almost joyous exuberance, it's almost playful," Donley said.

Saltzman has led quite a legacy in the arts community in Chapel Hill. In 1998, Saltzman was honored with the North

ARTIST SALON

Time: 7 p.m., tonight

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Carolina Award in Fine Arts. But he didn't stop there — at the age of 83, although retired, he continues to work on his art every day of his life.

Saltzman has also left quite a few footprints in the Tar Heel footpath. From 1967 to 1996, he was a faculty member at UNC.

Among his accomplishments, he was a driving force in helping the art department move toward racial and gender diversity and helping found the Hanes Art Center along with Joseph Sloane.

Saltzman said he has always had an eye for art.

"I come from a family of painters," he said. "Art has always been a part of my life."

This eye is the one that tells him when a series is finished



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Marvin Saltzman poses with his paintings in his studio, located in Chapel Hill. His exhibit, "The Abstract Landscapes of Marvin Saltzman," is currently on display at the Eno Gallery in Hillsborough.

and what works and doesn't. This eye is also what helped him critique his student's works.

Sculptor Thomas Sayre said when he was one of Saltzman's students, he was often intimidated by his critiques.

"He'd come in and say, 'This sucks,' right before he'd say,

"You should just not do that," Sayre said. "My next response will be, 'Well, why do you think that?' and it's often very interesting why he thinks that."

He said Saltzman's eye for art and his blunt honesty is what continues to influence him throughout his career.

"I think the spirit of

(Saltzman) influences me in my work and my life," he said.

"The way (Saltzman) looks at the world has been an influence to me. When a life is influenced, the art that comes out of that life is influenced."

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Fred Clark retires from teaching

The longtime professor remains with the Covenant.

By Emily Ruffin
Staff Writer

Although Fred Clark's 47 years of teaching at UNC have come to a close, he won't be leaving just yet.

Clark, a longtime professor of Portuguese and the academic coordinator for the Carolina Covenant program, will retain his position with the Covenant despite his retirement from teaching.

Shirley Ort, associate provost director for the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, was relieved Clark would remain on the Covenant team. "I just couldn't imagine doing this without him," she said.

Clark, originally recruited by Ort, has been involved with the program since its start 10 years ago. Carolina Covenant is a program that allows students from low-income families to graduate debt-free, and Ort said Clark has played a crucial role in the program's success.

"He knew exactly what types of programs to plug in to ensure student success," she said. "But what I also got in (Clark) was a deep passion and care for students."

Ort said Clark's main responsibilities are academic support services, personal student enrichment and coordination with faculty and staff to keep them engaged with students. He takes a deep interest in the well-being of students, providing Covenant Scholars and their parents with his personal cell phone number.

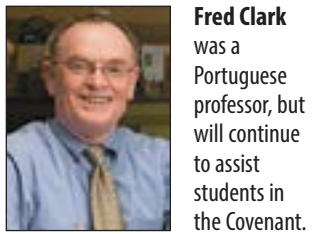
Senior Rodrigo Martinez said this support was crucial during his first semester at Carolina. As the first in his family to go to college in the United States, Martinez was overwhelmed and didn't know what to expect.

"Initially, it's really difficult to ask for help and recognize you need help," he said. "(He) does a really good job of making sure that you know there are so many opportunities here and so many ways to get help and that you're not alone."

Class of 2014 alumna Maria Godoy said Clark helped make her transition as a transfer student easier.

"When I came to Carolina, he was very supportive, and we could go and talk with him about anything," she said. "He was always there, asking us how we were doing, how our classes were going."

One of Ort's favorite moments with Clark is when they walk to lunch together and seeing the extent of his influence on campus.



Fred Clark was a Portuguese professor, but will continue to assist students in the Covenant.

"It's like walking with a television celebrity or a politician because everyone comes up and knows him," she said. "It takes a long time to get from one place to another because people are always stopping to chat."

Clark provides students with a great deal of academic support, too. Godoy said that when she made changes to her academic plans, he was there to make sure she was on track.

"When I decided to change my major, he was very supportive," she said. "And if I had problems with classes, he would give me advice and connect me to the resources I needed."

Martinez said Clark has been a positive figure in all areas of his UNC experience.

"He's someone that's really genuinely happy to see you and very happy and excited to know that you're doing well and accomplishing what you want to accomplish."

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NC residents discusses carbon emissions plan

By Lindsay Carbonell
Senior Writer

North Carolina residents gathered Tuesday to give testimonies in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's new carbon pollution standards.

The EPA's Clean Power Plan, announced in June, targets power plants and is projected to reduce carbon emissions' 2005 levels by 30 percent in the United States by 2030.

Medical Advocates for Healthy Air, a subsidiary of the advocacy organization Clean Air Carolina, hosted the state's only citizens' hearing to support the EPA's Carbon Pollution Standards.

"It's creating a strategy around which a community can have a conversation, which has been lacking," said the Rev. Richard Edens of the United Church of Chapel Hill, where the event was hosted.

Citizens' hearings are being held all over the country, and comments can also be provided on the EPA website. A stenographer was present at the North Carolina meeting to record testimonies, which will be sent to the EPA.

States have flexibility in how their individual plans will be implemented, and the comment period will be open until Oct. 16 for citizens to provide their input.

Each state was provided with different goals in the Clean Power Plan based on a number of factors, including the renewable energy potential of the state and how much energy in the state is already renewable.

The implementation of the states' goals — when it will happen, who will enforce the standards — is up to the individual state, and citizen testimonies will be taken into consideration by the EPA.

The Clean Power Plan has received the largest number of public comments for any federal ruling in history, said Susannah Tuttle, director of North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light, an environmental advocacy group.

At the hearing, concerns came from professors, medical professionals and political and religious leaders alike about the state of the air quality in North Carolina, the United States and the world.

"We are really aware of the importance of good policy (in North Carolina)," said North Carolina House Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, at the event.

North Carolina is ranked second in the nation for solar energy use and has the second longest coastline on the eastern seaboard, said Robert Bruck, professor of environmental science at Louisburg College.

The U.S. has 13,000 megawatts of solar energy available for use — enough to power 2.2 million homes, said David

"We are really aware of the importance of good policy."

Verla Insko,
N.C. House of Representatives, D-Orange

Salvesen, deputy director of UNC's Center for Sustainable Community Design, part of the Institute for the Environment.

"The fact is that North Carolina should be a leader," Bruck said. "We should not be riding behind, and that word has to get to the (North Carolina) General Assembly."

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A NEW BEGINNING



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Construction workers are currently renovating the vacant space where the Rathskeller restaurant use to be located. The location can be found in the alleyway across from Bandido's, and it will be used for office space by the new owner.

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UNC players in NBA Summer League

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SOURCE: NBA.COM



	MARSHALL	THOMPSON
Minutes per game	26.3	19.0
Points per game	8.3	6.6
Assists per game	3.0	1.2
Rebounds per game	2.8	3.8

DTH/TYLER VAHAN, EMILY HELTON AND KAYLA GOFORTH

Four former Tar Heels participated

The NBA's Summer League in Las Vegas and Orlando offers players the opportunity to fine-tune their skills against professional competition during the early weeks of the offseason.

This month, four former North Carolina men's basketball players took advantage of their opportunity to play in the Summer League.

After being drafted by the Charlotte Hornets via trade with the No. 26 overall pick

of the NBA draft, guard P.J. Hairston took Las Vegas by storm — finishing as the league's No. 10 scorer and earning Rookie of the Day honors four times.

Forward James Michael McAdoo, who signed with the Golden State Warriors for the Summer League, finished third on the team in rebounds.

Guard Kendall Marshall opened Summer League play in Las Vegas with the Los Angeles Lakers and led the

team in assists in four games before being waived by the Lakers and signing with the Milwaukee Bucks, where he will join former UNC teammate John Henson.

Forward Deon Thompson, a member of the 2009 national championship team, appeared in five games with the Memphis Grizzlies. He was the only Tar Heel who played in Orlando.

— Compiled by Pat James

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ACROSS

1 Trick or treat, e.g.
5 Center of authority
9 One on the lam, perhaps
13 DH, usually
14 Novelist Jaffe
15 Mixed bag
16 Be a part of treaty negotiations?
19 "Silver Lining" album maker
20 Tulsa sch.
21 Satisfied sound
23 Bay State cape
24 Unexpected political upheaval?
29 Trick or treat, e.g.
31 Irish ____
32 It helps smooth things out
33 Palm Pre predecessor
34 Like "la" in Fr.
35 Smelting waste
36 "White Fang," for example?
40 Words after give or take
43 Nice setting
44 Touch
48 Humorous
50 Item tied with a decorative knot
51 Shore thing
52 One that keeps bumping into senators?
55 Réunion, par exemple
56 Midnight

indicator, maybe
57 W, for one
58 Champagne toast?
60 Endless spiel?
65 Yu the Great's dynasty
66 "No problem"
67 Coach K's team
68 Bibliog. term
69 Trick
70 1974 CIA spoof

DOWN

1 Drifter
2 First lady after Lou
3 Attendants
4 One putting a tyre into a boot
5 Sellout sign, briefly
6 It's quite a stretch
7 Pantry raider
8 Lake near the Kirkwood Mountain Resort
9 They're often blocked

10 She, in Lisbon
11 Sitcom family name
12 Thick soups
17 Some Windows systems
18 Sea eagles
22 Indicator of possession in the bathroom
25 Failed '80s gridiron org.
26 Indicator of possession
27 Janitor's tool
28 Like much spam
30 Calming words
37 Agreeing words
38 First name in country
39 It may be left in a copier: Abbr.

40 Mr. Clean rival
41 Concerned question about a sick friend
42 Most gross
45 Developed
46 Word from a grumpy gambler
47 Sprouts incisors
49 Home to Seán O'Casey
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A village shows greater values

This is a story of two villages — one in which people tended to be content with their material possessions and one in which people did not.

During part of a Costa Rican study abroad program this summer, I spent five days in a 60-person village called El Sur de Turrubares. About a decade ago, people from the village formed a cooperative group, borrowed money and opened an eco-lodge. The lodge, which caters to environmental tourists, provides much of the income for the community, and villagers work together to operate and maintain it.

The result is a poor yet tightly knit community with minimal variation in socio-economic status.

Near El Sur is a larger village called Bijagual, where there is not a community emphasis on cooperation. Locals told my class Bijagual has more economic activity, and people, on average, have more income and wealth than their counterparts in El Sur, but they also faced increased socioeconomic stratification.

In order to investigate the relationship between success and material satisfaction, some of my classmates conducted a study of villagers' contentment with the size of their houses. While every house in El Sur had a single story, some people in Bijagual had two story houses and the houses were, on average, larger. Yet a mere 16 percent of those surveyed in Bijagual stated they were content with the size of their house.

In contrast, 72 percent of respondents from El Sur indicated contentment.

Based on this metric, it seems relative, not absolute, economic success is indicative of material satisfaction.

While this finding came from a small study based on just two villages, this idea has been supported by other researchers. In a 2008 study, Richard A. Easterlin found a correlation between income and happiness existed within countries but not necessarily across countries. That is, he did not find that a country's relative wealth was indicative of its inhabitants' happiness.

An increase in a country's gross domestic product is traditionally viewed as a clear indicator of positive change. But if absolute economic success is not indicative of happiness, then this metric loses much of its importance.

Bhutan is the only nation to recognize Gross National Happiness as the primary indicator of development, a practice that it began in 1971. There, holistic well-being is emphasized over material success.

The first study of global happiness rankings was performed in 2006, and found Bhutan to be the happiest country in Asia and eighth happiest overall. Given that the ever-materialistic United States came in 23rd in the same study, perhaps it's time that we re-visit what success really means.

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EDITORIAL

Keep the standards high

N.C. leaders shouldn't give up Common Core yet.

Public education should always be an issue treated with the utmost seriousness.

Some North Carolina leaders failed to do that this week, and the result was a problematic bill Gov. Pat McCrory signed into law yesterday, setting the stage for the replacement of Common Core standards, a set of guidelines for what level of mastery students should have over English and mathematics upon the completion of each grade.

The law sets up a commission to draw up new educational standards, even though the state has already spent \$66 million preparing to adopt Common Core standards according to WRAL.

Those costs were covered by a federal grant, but that figure doesn't include additional funds spent by local school districts preparing to

adopt the standards.

Thankfully the version of the bill McCrory signed was not an earlier House version, which would have banned the use of Common Core standards entirely, ensuring that all of the money spent preparing to implement them would have been wasted.

Instead, the governor signed a more sensible version of the bill that simply allows the commission to update or replace as many Common Core standards as the members of the commission see fit.

The effectiveness of Common Core standards are not yet clear and they have not been in place long enough for definitive evaluation. Giving up at this stage of their implementation would be foolish and wasteful.

The commission set up by the law should be wary of making substantial changes in standards that have not had a chance to be effectively implemented yet.

If the commission's changes are minimal, as

they should be, then that means state leaders were using public education to do little more than political grandstanding.

But if the commission sets up standards that the Department of Education finds lacking, the state could lose out on federal funding it badly needs.

In May, the Department of Education sent a letter to the Indiana State Superintendent warning that Indiana could face sanctions under the No Child Left Behind law if the Department of Education finds Indiana's new standards, which replaced Common Core standards, to be insufficient.

According to the latest rankings by the National Education Association, North Carolina is 48th in spending per student among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The state can use all of the funding it can get, and education, more than almost any issue, is something that should not be used for political posturing.

EDITORIAL

A bussing problem

Chapel Hill needs to find more money to fund new buses.

Time and time again, we've heard that many of the buses that are part of Chapel Hill Transit's 99-bus fleet are at the age where they need to be replaced.

To be more specific, 43 of the 99 buses need to be replaced, said Chapel Hill Town Councilman Ed Harrison. When a bus hits 12 years of age, as those 43 buses have, they're eligible for replacement.

In Chapel Hill, students and residents all use public transit to get to the University, to go to work and to go home on a regular basis. The town is not in a place to have malfunctioning and aging buses in the rotation.

When Chapel Hill approved its budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year, it set aside \$400,000 for transit to combat an expected lack of federal

funds. Another \$653,000 in Orange County sales tax revenue will be set aside for transit as well, according to a memorandum sent to town councilmen by Town Manager Roger Stancil and Business Management Director Ken Pennoyer.

But the cost of a single public transit bus can range anywhere from \$400,000 to \$600,000, according to Chapel Hill Transit Director Brian Litchfield. And even if the older buses aren't replaced right away, they cost more to preserve and repair because of their age.

Assuming the transit department uses all of the \$1.6 million set aside for them to replace the buses that require it, that's at best only four buses, a mere fraction of what the town needs.

If the town of Chapel Hill needs to replace or preserve these 43 older buses, that amount of money obviously isn't going to cut it and a solu-

tion needs to be top priority for the town council.

Because of the state and federal funds Chapel Hill has received in the past, it hasn't designated much money of its own toward transit.

Now it's time for the town to really dig in its heels and find a way to bring in the necessary money to replace the buses.

If that means directing money from other projects to cover the costs of all buses that need replacing, it's worth the sacrifice. And if the Chapel Hill Town Council wants to put any importance on keeping Chapel Hill Transit fare-free, then the money needs to be found somewhere — sooner rather than later.

Setting aside money for buses and recognizing there is a need for buses to be replaced is applaudable — but it's not enough in a town that depends on public transit the way Chapel Hill does.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Blair Schooff, vice president of sales and marketing of Strata Solar

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Can someone explain decaf coffee to me? Not the what, just the why.

When you're feeling down, just remember that Zac Efron has a YOLO tattoo.

People have been criticizing Marquise's passing ability lately, but I assure you he can make a pass at me any time.

I paid a few extra bucks so I could live in LUX, now I have no where to live and that sucks so thanks a bunch you suck...

LDOC during summer school is like watching the U.S. in the World Cup — there's not much to celebrate, but I'll be drinking anyway.

I McCant believe that scandal has snuck into our basketball program, but I McAdoo think we'll have a great season next year!

I'm glad we still get Alert Carolina during the summer. I wanna know all about the heavy rain and mysterious door-openings I'm missing.

I'd be more likely to read the DTH online if I wasn't assaulted by a balloon ad every time I open a link on my phone.

I do love Sup Dogs, but do the super skinny waitresses have to be there reminding me I'll never look like that after eating here?

Why can't our paper have a Missed Connections section? Yours truly, the girl with the red shirt from the party who doesn't want to die alone.

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QuickHits

Poet in motion

Newly named North Carolina poet laureate Valerie Macon resigned last Thursday after an uproar from the N.C. literary community over her limited qualifications for the job. Gov. Pat McCrory was incensed and responded to the controversy with a haiku: English lit majors / Can go straight to hell, don't you / Have coffee to sell?

Fool's gold digger

Kanye West has reached a new level of delusion. In an interview with GQ, he compared celebrities' treatment to that of black Americans in the '60s. Oh Kanye, it must be so hard having your ideas for leather jogging pants rejected by fashion companies. Totally the same thing as the violent suppression of human rights for millions.

Revenge of the nerds

ESPN2 aired a preview this weekend for the finals of a video game tournament called "The International," in which some elite gamers compete at Dota 2 to win \$10 million. Gaming isn't any less of a sport than poker, so this is cool, but it's going to start feeling meta when ESPN broadcasts NBA 2K competitions.

Selfishness

Twitter user Breanna Mitchell decided her trip to the Auschwitz concentration camp presented a great time to take a smiling selfie and post it on Twitter with a cute emoji. Then the internet exploded in mock outrage at this teenaged girl. Then media organizations started writing articles about it. 2014 is pretty depressing, isn't it?