

Farmers' market hits major milestone

The market has planted deep roots in Carrboro

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The Carrboro Farmers' Market has long occupied a central place in local residents' lives — this year, the market is celebrating 20 years in its current location at Carrboro Town Commons, next to Town Hall.

For Shannon Harvey, global relations assistant at UNC Global, the market is more than a place to get produce every week — it's where she and her husband got married.

"We were new here, so we invited everyone that we knew and said just come down to the farmers' market," she said. "We just set up in the middle and had a little ceremony."

The market has played a big role in other local families' lives too.

Pam Oakley, a third-generation farmer from Chatham County and a vendor at the market, said her family has been there since the start.

"My mother actually worked with the federal government to get small farmers' markets started way back in the '70s," Oakley said. "Back when it was first proposed to use this land there was some controversy, if you want to call it that, because of the

expensive land that it was."

The market's story began in 1977, when a group of farmers worked with the North Carolina Agricultural Marketing Project and the town of Carrboro to establish the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Farmers' Market on Roberson Street. The market moved to its current location in 1996.

Oakley and her mother sell flowers, fruits, vegetables and hand-painted vases at their stand, Grandma's Garden.

"My grandmother, she was again one of the original sellers and she was probably the first, or one of the first ones, that started selling flowers," Oakley said. "I ventured out a little bit with the vases."

At the Carrboro Farmers' Market, you can find seasonal produce grown within a 50-mile radius of Carrboro as well as crafts and canned goods — all sold by the farmers or farm owners themselves.

"A lot of people like to come to see the person that is directly connected with the farm," Oakley said.

She said people come to the market as a social outing, even bringing their young children.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Bethany Chaney said the market is an



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Kevin Meehan, a vendor from Saxapahaw, explains his scale at his booth at the Carrboro Farmers' Market on Wednesday afternoon.

important part of the community's food system.

"It's a terrific connection between the food system and people, which is important to the people of Carrboro and Orange County," she said. The market is open on

Wednesday afternoons from April to November and on Saturday mornings year-round.

Chaney said the town of Carrboro is working to renovate the market's space to make room for more vendors and to improve handicap accessibility.

"The town is going to embark on a Town Commons re-design with the farmers' market in mind," she said.

Oakley said the market has dealt with disagreements over parking and between old and new farmers in the past, but

on the whole, things flow well.

"For the most part, I think everybody here works together," she said. "It's like children or brothers and sisters — we're a family."

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3 felonies in Newman case

The former finance director allegedly stole more than \$150,000.

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The former director of finance and administration at UNC's Newman Catholic Student Center Parish has been charged with credit card fraud, paying himself an unauthorized salary and embezzling more than \$100,000 from the parish, records state.

Brian Lee Cansler, a 25-year-

old UNC graduate, turned himself into the Orange County Sheriff's Department Aug. 22, said Lt. Josh Mecimore, spokesperson for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Justin Ross, pastor and campus minister at the Newman Center, reported suspected embezzlement July 27, police records state.

"We conducted an investigation, and on Aug. 16, we obtained a warrant for his arrest," Mecimore said.

The alleged embezzlement and fraud was committed between the conclusion of one audit and the start of another audit of the

parish's financial records, according to a joint statement released by the Newman Center and the Diocese of Raleigh.

"While the Diocese and UNC Newman Center have implemented protocols and procedures to do everything humanly possible to monitor such situations, we believe this was an isolated case where the proper protocols were manipulated and circumvented," the statement said.

All three charges are felonies. Mecimore said Cansler allegedly stole about \$150,000.

"When you go over \$100,000, it goes from a class F to a class

C and it becomes a much more serious felony," he said.

In the statement, the Diocese said the diocesan insurance program will ensure the Newman Center can fulfill its financial and pastoral commitments.

Cansler appeared in court on Aug. 23 and was released on a bond of \$150,000, records state. He is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 23.

Cansler's attorney, Matthew Charles Suczynski of Chapel Hill, could not be reached for comment.

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Review group to include athletes

UNC administrators want to involve student-athletes in policy choices.

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This story is part of a series from The Daily Tar Heel examining the more than 70 reforms the University has said were made since information about the academic-athletic scandal came to light in 2010. The complete list of reforms can be found on carolinacommithment.unc.edu.

UNC administrators are making an effort to include student-athletes in the policies around the academic-athletic scandal.

This past spring, the Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group, which spent two years updating academic policies for student athletes, closed out its work and implemented the Student-Athlete Academic Process Review Group. This new group will monitor and evaluate policies and processes for student athletes every semester.

"The group will be separate from, but have a liaison with, the Faculty Athletics Committee," said professor Andrew Perrin, special assistant to the provost and dean for accreditation and curricular innovation. "FAC is an elected body of faculty, independent of administration, that handles policy and monitoring academic issues with respect to student-athletes."

A goal of the new review group is to encourage student-athletes to take an active role in the dialogue surrounding the policies that affect them. Their involvement is key to the group's success, said Deborah Clarke, special consultant to the provost.

"I think that their experiences bring so much to the table in terms of what they can tell us about," she said.

The review group currently has one member who is a student-athlete, football player and senior Nick Weiler, but it is in the process of finding another.

According to Clarke, the University has implemented over 70 reforms to mend its academic integrity. Although the new group is one in the many changes UNC has made, Clarke does not believe it is another reform.

"I think of the process review group as an obvious or organic continuation of the working group in recognition of the fact that we have to continually review these processes," she said.

The group reviews the processes of student athletes chronologically from recruitment through graduation. Faculty Athletics Representative Lissa Broome said no single process takes priority in the eyes of the review group.

"Every part of it is important and we're trying to give attention to each part and make sure we don't slight anything," she said.

Detailed information about the improvement of the processes for student-athletes is publicly available on apsa.unc.edu.

Broome said the review group is a way to keep the University heading in the right direction.

"It's thinking about the idea of continuous improvement and how we can go forward reviewing and making things better on an ongoing basis."

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UNC has relatively little space for recreation

Campus Recreation is planning to improve current rec facilities.

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Students who are tired of waiting on the squat rack at the Student Recreation Center or done trying to squeeze their pick-up soccer game onto Ehringhaus Field might have noticed the limited recreation space on campus.

Campus Recreation Director Bill Goa and his staff are drawing up a major expansion plan to bring UNC's exercise and sports facilities up to par with other Division 1 athletic schools.

"Our overall goal is to provide recreational facilities and recreational programs to make us a top five public institution, program and facility wise," Goa said. "We want our programs and facilities to match our brand."

He said the global design and planning firm HOK was brought in to run a study that compares the amount of acreage set aside for recreational space, as well as the type and quality of recreation facilities, against the student population.

"What we have done, or what we're in the process of doing, is a feasibility study of all recreational facilities, both indoor and outdoor," Goa said.

Goa said the study shows the University should have 28-35 acres of outdoor recreation space — UNC currently has nine.

"When we take all this, we'll



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A recent study by Campus Rec found that UNC is coming up short in recreational space for student use.

then go to the students, and then take that to UNC administration and say, 'This is what the students want,'" he said.

Goa said there is a possibility for the SRC to expand toward Stadium Drive and potentially add a completely new wing.

"We think we could probably capture about 150,000 square feet," Goa said.

Jill Coleman, a landscape architect for Facilities Services, said there are obvious problems when it comes to expansion — space and competition.

"The one thing that I can say is that we're just beginning to work on a University master plan," Coleman said. "A number of different departments do a feasibility study. It's something

they do on a regular basis to stay up to date."

She said the University is working with limited space and the last time it was assessed was 2007.

Some students are feeling the lack of space for recreational space.

Sophomore Duncan Hales and his fraternity brothers put together an intramural basketball team every year, but can't always get space to practice.

"The gym gets packed during the main hours and the courts get swarmed," he said. "Unless you stake your spot early, it's pretty tough to get on."

Hales said beyond just club teams and intramurals, he wanted to see more space for people

to go out and exercise.

"Even last year as a (first-year) going to the gym over at Rams, it's kind of a smaller gym and I didn't get to play a lot, and the actual gym facility upstairs is pretty limited. I found myself just kind of sitting on a rowing machine all the time," Hales said.

Goa said Campus Recreation plans to release the finalized results around October 1. The study will be shown to UNC administration in order to go through an approval process for construction.

"We're really excited about all of this and really excited to release this," he said.

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“When I pass a flowering zucchini plant in a garden, my heart skips a beat.”

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