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Wendy's in the Student Union is losing money between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m. The Union Board of Directors will wait to see if sales increase next semester.

Frosty mornings for Wendy's

This spring, \$20,000 could be lost between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m.

By Hailey Vest
Staff Writer

It's almost 6 a.m., and there is no line at Wendy's in the bottom of the Student Union. Six students, minus the one who is asleep, are furiously typing away at their computers. Some are sipping on Wendy's coffee in order to stay awake.

These students benefit from the 24-hour Wendy's that opened at the beginning of this semester — but not everyone craves a Frosty that early in the morning.

Scott Myers, director of food and vending for Carolina Dining Services, said sales during Wendy's breakfast hours are currently less than expected. He predicts a \$20,000 loss for the spring semester between the hours of 3 a.m. and 8 a.m.

"I don't know if people don't know that it's there or maybe people just don't like breakfast," he said.

But he said Wendy's was always projected to lose money in its first year because it is still a new business. Additional training costs for employees were partly to blame for this loss, Myers said.

The restaurant averages only \$8 in sales Wednesday mornings between 4:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., Myers said.

The decrease in revenue during that period led Myers to seek input last week from the Union Board of Directors.

Shrija Ghosh, student body treasurer who sits on the board, said Wendy's must make \$150 per hour in order to break even.

Tom Low, president of the board, said members recommended giving the restaurant time to develop more sales.

"We marketed it for 24 hours, so we want

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WENDY'S IN THE STUDENT UNION

\$20,000

Spring loss between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m.

\$150

Per hour in sales needed to break even

\$8

Average Wednesday sales, 4:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.

\$250

Average Saturday sales, 2 a.m. to 3 a.m.

\$28

Average Saturday sales, 5 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Town Council votes on bus ads

Political and religious ads will be allowed as long as they are not "disrespectful."

By Daniel Schere
Staff Writer

After a public debate that lasted nearly four months, the Chapel Hill Town Council has finally made a decision on a bus ad policy.

The council voted 5-2 at a meeting Monday night to designate the inside of Chapel Hill Transit buses as a limited public forum.

This will allow political and religious ads to appear as long as they are not deemed "disparaging" or "disrespectful".

The policy differs from the original one passed in June 2011 that limited political and religious ads to elections.

Council member Jim Ward, who voted for the policy, said it is important to acknowledge the number of UNC students and employees whose only option is to ride the bus.

"There is a significant portion of our ridership that are captive," he said.

"I think that's a significant difference from most transit systems that you will run across."

Council member Donna Bell also voted for the policy and thinks the policy the council approved is a good compromise between protecting free speech and making sure riders feel comfortable.

"It says that we are still proponents of respectful speech in Chapel Hill, and we want there to be discourse, but we don't want to harm folks," she said.

The controversy surrounding bus ads began in August when the Church of Reconciliation purchased an ad advocating the end of military aid to Israel.

After discovering it had been following a draft policy that allowed religious and political ads — and not the policy adopted in 2011 — the council voted to freeze all new advertising on Oct. 24.

On Nov. 27, the transit partners — which include Carrboro, Chapel Hill

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Racial achievement gap remains steady

The school district will implement initiatives to target minority students.

By Katie Reilly
Assistant City Editor

Like many high school seniors, Jeimy Salazar has spent the past few months visiting colleges.

Salazar, a student at East Chapel Hill High School, hopes to go to college and become a pediatric nurse.

But as a Hispanic student, Salazar has seen many of her minority classmates slip through the cracks of a racial achievement gap.

"I've been taking a good amount of honors and AP classes, but there are only a few minority students in my class. It's kind of surprising since there's lots of support," she said.

The 2012 N.C. School Report Cards, released in October, reflect this ongoing problem in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools — which is recognized as one of the best districts in the state.

In test scores and graduation rates, white students significantly outperform minorities.

"It hasn't gotten any worse, but it

2012 END-OF-COURSE TESTS

95 percent

White students

65 percent

Black students

76.3 percent

Hispanic students

hasn't improved at the rate that we'd like to see that improve," said district Superintendent Tom Forcella.

"When kids at the upper levels continue to grow so do a lot of our economically disadvantaged. Everyone is growing, but the gap isn't closing."

The CHCCS Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program — which aims to improve the achievement of African-American and Latino students — is one of many initiatives in the district working to close the gap, including two put in place in the last year.

But Salazar, who has been in the program since fourth grade, still sees evidence of the achievement gap at her

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Accident spurs Collins Crossing to fix damaged stairwells

Collins Crossing Apartment Homes given 90 days to repair stairs.

By Holly West
Staff Writer

After a 10-year-old boy fell through a stairwell at Collins Crossing Apartment Homes, the town of Carrboro is giving the complex 90 days to repair the damaged stairwells.

The boy, whose identity was not released because of privacy laws, fell approximately four feet on Nov. 24 after a deteriorated stair tread gave way — an issue the town has been working to have corrected for two years.

"That thing was already cracked," said Collins Crossing resident Mark Perla, who witnessed the incident.

"He just went right through it."

Capt. Kim Woodward, operations manager for Orange County Emergency Medical Services, said the boy was taken to UNC Hospitals in stable condition. Information about his current condition is unavailable.



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The town of Carrboro is giving Collins Crossings Apartment Homes 90 days to repair the damaged stairwells after a young boy fell through.

Mike Canova, the code enforcement supervisor for Carrboro's inspections department, said about 20 of Collins Crossing's stairwells need repair.

"The building was built in the mid-'70s," he said. "Over time, weathering and salting have

decayed them."

Canova said the town has been working with the building's owners to fix these problems for about two years.

Richard Cox, deputy fire chief for Carrboro Fire-Rescue, said another

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MAIN STREET PAIN

Some Carrboro businesses have said that the Hampton Inn construction on Main Street has hurt their sales.

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The UNC School of Medicine unveiled Monday its new physician assistant master's program, which is designed to help special forces medical sergeants enter the civilian medical profession to meet some of North Carolina's pressing health care needs. **Page 3**

GRAM-O-RAMA

English professor Marianne Gingham and her stylistics class students present "Cirque du Chat" — a collection of student-written skits about grammar — tonight in Wilson Library. **Page 7**

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Wednesday's weather



This should be snow, am I right?!
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

'It's A Wonderful Life': Play-Makers Repertory Company presents this classic holiday story as a live Christmas Eve radio play, featuring Todd Lawson in his company debut as George.
Time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays and Dec. 8
Location: Paul Green Theatre

Gingerbread House Village: The Carolina Inn showcases its 10th annual Gingerbread House Competition by putting the fes-

tive entries on display.
Time: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays
Location: Carolina Inn

WEDNESDAY

Gingerbread Houses: CUAB hosts this last day of classes celebration full of holiday festivities, including a tacky sweater contest, awkward family photos and gingerbread house creation.
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Student Union Great Hall

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CASH
FOR
BOOKS

December 6th - 14th



Three convenient locations
to sell your books back
and get CASH... not a gift card.

1) Daniels Building

Thursday 12/06 - Saturday 12/08
7:30am - 8:00pm

Sunday 12/09
1:00pm - 6:00pm

Monday 12/10 - Friday 12/14
7:30am - 8:00pm

2) UNC Student Stores
at Rams Head Dining (2nd Floor)

Thursday 12/06 - Saturday 12/08
10:00am - 7:00pm

Monday 12/10 - Thursday 12/13
10:00am - 7:00pm

Friday 12/14
10:00am - 2:00pm

3) UNC Student Stores
at Granville Towers (The Agora)

Thursday 12/06 - Saturday 12/08
10:00am - 7:00pm

Monday 12/10 - Thursday 12/13
10:00am - 7:00pm

Friday 12/14
10:00am - 3:00pm

Candidates for chancellor presented

The group was presented privately to the chancellor search committee.

By Sarah Niss
Staff Writer

A group of candidates was privately presented to the chancellor search committee Monday, narrowing the search for UNC's next leader.

"The pool of candidates that have expressed interest and we're looking at is very impressive," said Wade Hargrove, chairman of the committee. "The committee was very encouraged at the report we received today from the consultant."

The candidates were presented by Bill Funk, leading consultant of R. William Funk & Associates, the firm chosen to lead the search after Chancellor Holden Thorp announced earlier this semester that he will step down in June.

The search committee meeting

New Chancellor

operated mainly in closed session due to confidentiality provisions, so the candidates are unknown.

"When you balance the merits of disclosure in this context, and also the interests of protecting the privacy on this consideration, privacy trumps," Hargrove said.

He said he agrees with confidentiality in the search because the candidates hold prominent positions that they would not want to jeopardize by being named publicly.

"Our responsibility is to identify and attract the most qualified candidates, and we don't want to jeopardize those," Hargrove said.

The committee will evaluate the candidates according to desires of the UNC community.

"At the beginning of the new year, we'll move in on the candidates now that we've received public input," Hargrove said.

About 6,700 people filled out a

survey to voice what they want in a chancellor and what they think the chancellor should focus on in UNC's future, said Erin Schuettpehl, assistant to the Board of Trustees. The survey is available online until Dec. 15, she said.

Alumni are the largest group to fill out the survey so far, making up 60.5 percent of respondents. Students compose 18.2 percent.

According to the survey results, the top priorities of the next chancellor should include preserving academic excellence and retaining the best faculty and staff.

The survey also shows 70.2 percent of respondents said academic excellence is one of the greatest assets of the University, followed by access and affordability with 36.9 percent.

Funk said the survey is a great exercise in presidential searches.

"There has to be one person in the country that has all of these attributes in accordance with these results," he said.

The committee also discussed the



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Members of the chancellor search committee on Monday operated primarily in closed session to keep the group of candidates confidential.

public forums that were held Nov. 7-8.

"The comments were pretty much in line with what we thought we would hear," said Don Curtis, a member of the Board of Trustees.

Curtis and Hargrove both expressed disappointment at the low

turnout at the forums but thought they still served a purpose.

"The forums were very instructive, very helpful," Hargrove said.

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VET PROGRAM UNVEILED



DTH/BROOKELYN RILEY

UNC-system President Thomas Ross and Col. Peter Benson shake hands as they exchange coins in honor of the newly unveiled health care effort.

Physician assistant master's program revealed by Thorp

By John Howell Jr.
Staff Writer

On Monday, Chancellor Holden Thorp unveiled the plans for a program that will enlist veterans to help solve some of the state's most pressing health care needs.

The UNC School of Medicine's physician assistant master's program, which is designed to help special forces medical sergeants transition into civilian health care, is expected to accept its first class of students by 2015.

Dr. Bruce Cairns, director of the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center, has been intimately involved in the process since the idea for the program began three years ago.

"My first and foremost goal, without a doubt, is recognizing and honoring the commitment of those who have served in the military, particularly in the last decade," he said.

With the looming shortage of health care providers, military medics with a history of serving in austere conditions will be instrumental in pro-

viding care to underserved areas, he said.

Almost 1 million North Carolinians live in areas with limited access to health care, said Brad Wilson, president and CEO of BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina.

Wilson said the company will provide \$1.2 million in funding throughout the next four years to develop the curriculum, hire staff and provide scholarships.

Thorp said he is proud of the University for being part of an initiative that will continue its tradition of working with the armed forces.

"In every war throughout history it has taken a special amount of courage to enter the battlefield and save lives," he said.

The program will solicit input on many levels from the Joint Special Operations Medical Training Center at Fort Bragg.

Col. Peter Benson, deputy chief of staff surgeon with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, said people often don't understand the skills special forces medics possess. He said the intense training program prepares them to

deliver care independently.

Wilson said more than 90 percent of these soldiers want to work in health care after their military service.

"Special forces medical sergeants want the opportunity to take what they've learned to the field of North Carolina for deployment," Wilson said.

Sgt. 1st Class Eric Strand, the liaison for advanced medical instructor training at Fort Bragg, said he expects high demand for the new program.

"Guys have been beating on my door for the last year and a half," he said.

During the closing ceremony, Dr. Cairns reminisced about President John F. Kennedy's 1961 speech at UNC, in which he mentioned the state's continued commitment to the military.

"We believe we are honoring a request made by President Kennedy over 50 years ago," he said.

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Sports business minor to come

The minor will be offered through the economics department in the spring.

By Grace Raynor
Staff Writer

The entrepreneurial craze at UNC has spread to the sciences and arts — and sports is next.

The economics department will offer a sport business track within the entrepreneurial minor in spring 2013, said Deborah Stroman, a professor in the exercise and sport science department.

The entrepreneurship minor, which was created about seven years ago, is part of a large effort to introduce students to innovation as a field of study. The minor also offers social, artistic, commercial and scientific tracks.

In the spring of 2011, Stroman developed the first sports entrepreneurship course as a first-year seminar that was well-received.

She then partnered with Joseph DeSimone, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, who was managing the commercial track of the minor.

"He said, 'Wow, why aren't you in this entrepreneurship minor?'" and I said, 'Not sure, but it makes sense,' and he agreed so he was really the catalyst to make it all happen."

In the spring, Stroman will teach Sport Business Venture, which is the required course for the sports track of the minor, in addition to the other entrepreneurship courses.

She added students need to apply for the minor to be in the sport business track, and although spots will be reserved for the minor and sports administration students, anyone can enroll in the course with permission.

Stroman said she plans to bring in sports entrepreneurs who work in the field to talk to her class, as the world of sports business is booming, with over \$350 billion invested in it.

"We've got a very strong athletic and academic brand so it would make sense that we would offer a course where students can actually follow their dreams, their passions," she said.

DeSimone said there are a lot of important aspects of athletics that align with entrepreneurship.

"You think about competition, teamwork, leadership ... having those essential characteristics or qualities more integrated into our campus, I think, is an important dimension," he said.

He added that he expects the program to be very popular.

Senior Meghan Lyons, who is on the field hockey team, said pursuing an entrepreneurship minor is the best thing she's done at UNC.

Typically, each track in the minor has about 25 students in it, but Lyons said she thought it would be difficult to narrow the sport business track down to only 25 students.

"I know the entrepreneurship minor is only going to become bigger and bigger on this campus — it's phenomenal," she said.

"I think a lot of people in the classes are very into sports. Obviously here at Carolina, you've got some sort of passion for athletics."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Faculty executive committee discusses online education

At the faculty executive committee meeting that took place on Monday afternoon, committee members focused on adapting and exploring technology in higher education.

The meeting included a discussion of new online undergraduate classes available for students to take for academic credit as part of Semester Online, a consortium program of 10 universities.

The committee also discussed massive open online courses and other technological innovations in education. They discussed the advantages these courses offer, such as its ease of accessibility and convenience, but also expressed concern about the quality of instruction and learning.

The committee also considered creating a faculty handbook that would more clearly explain University policies and procedures for faculty. Members of the committee said the information is currently spread out over UNC's website and is not available in one easily accessible place for faculty members.

— From staff and wire reports

Perdue faces late appointment

Gov. Bev Perdue wants to forego a procedure she put in place.

By Claire Bennett
Staff Writer

With one month left in office, Gov. Bev Perdue is pushing for a last-minute judicial appointment — but she is once again facing opposition from the Republican leaders with whom she battled throughout her term.

After veteran N.C. Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson announced her resignation last week, Perdue decided to forego the judicial appointment process she had put in place.

Rather than leaving judicial appointments solely to the governor, Perdue signed an executive order in 2011 that formed a commission for appointing justices to the state's highest court — a move designed to remove politics from the judicial selection process.

Now, Perdue says she plans to choose a replacement justice without the help of the commission.

"The biggest problem is the short time that she has to work," said Burley Mitchell, a member of the commission and former N.C.



Patricia Timmons-Goodson announced last week she would resign from the N.C. Supreme Court.

Supreme Court chief justice.

When there is a vacancy on the court, the commission conducts interviews with candidates before recommending three for the governor to select from.

With the approaching holidays, the commission cannot complete its job before Perdue leaves office, Mitchell said.

But state Republican leaders have condemned Perdue's decision.

"If she fails to follow her own rules and makes an 11th hour appointment, then it's one more example of the rank hypocrisy soiling her legacy," said N.C. Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, R-Guilford, in a statement.

Steven Greene, a political science professor at N.C. State University, said the new appointment will have no effect on the ideological make-up of the court.

With Timmons-Goodson, the court comprises three Democrats and four Republican justices.

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Carson scholarship recipients chosen

Two juniors will receive the Eve Carson Scholarship.

By Zach Freshwater
Staff Writer

Juniors Emma DeWitt and Paige Holmes are the next two students who will continue Eve Carson's legacy at UNC. The pair was selected as this year's recipients of the Eve Carson Scholarship, which covers half of the tuition for their senior years and provides \$5,000 to pay for summer enrichment programs. The scholarship was created in 2008 to commemorate

and celebrate the life of former student body president Eve Carson, who was murdered in March of that year. Kacie Neville, the executive director of the scholarship, said the two were chosen because of their service histories and specific plans for the summer enrichment money. "I'm really excited to see what they do with their proposals and their time at Carolina," Neville said. DeWitt is an American studies major from Durham. She said she couldn't believe it when she found out. "I was floored," DeWitt said. "They were asking me how to spell my parents' names, and I got kind of con-



Emma DeWitt plans to use her stipend to create a London arts program for incarcerated youth.

fused. I was completely blown away. It was a good thing I was sitting down." She said she plans to use the summer enrichment stipend to travel to London to create an arts program that serves previously incarcerated youth. "This is going to be slightly new," DeWitt said. "I've done some arts work, but this is going to be working toward a



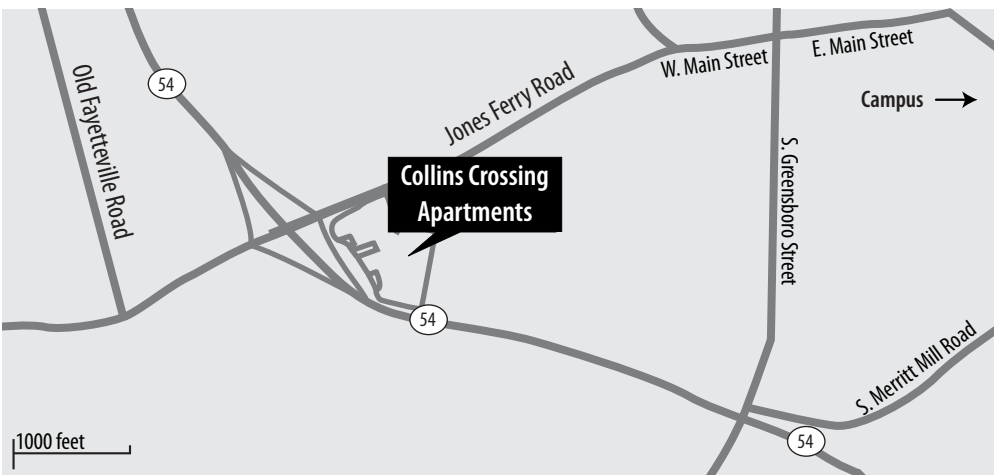
Paige Holmes plans to use her stipend to study positive psychology. She is a psychology major.

continuous curriculum. "I have been incredibly humbled to be one of the people to continue Eve's legacy." The other recipient, Holmes, is a psychology major from Chapel Hill. Holmes plans to use the summer enrichment money pursuing her interest in positive psychology. Her summer plans include two conferences on positive

psychology in California, a position as a camp counselor for children with chronic diseases and work with a positive psychology organization founded by Patch Adams. "I hope to continue (Carson's) light and that passion to help others and help them believe in themselves," Holmes said. Senior Rena Avramidis, who was a recipient of the scholarship last year, said the program reshaped her life outlook. "This experience has allowed me to realize that the only guide you should have — or the most important guide you should have — is your passion," Avramidis said. "Everything I do now, I really

love doing. I'm not anxious about what's next." Avramidis, a business major, used the scholarship to study abroad in Spain and spent her summer working with two social entrepreneurs in California. She said her biggest piece of advice for the new recipients would be to take advantage of the program's opportunities. "The scholarship allows you to access really important people," she said. "Take the chance to really get to know the individuals involved with the scholarship."

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COLLINS CROSSING

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person fell through a stair in a different building at the complex in November of last year, prompting town staff to do an inspection and meet with then-owner Tar Heel Companies to discuss plans for repairs. But Canova said renovations have been slow because the building, formerly known as Abbey Court Condominiums, has changed management multiple times. He said the previous owner repaired four or five of the stairwells, and the current owner, Alcurt Carrboro LLC, is working with engineers to plan for repairs. Aspen Square Management,

the property manager, did not return four calls for comment. Throughout the past two months, Collins Crossing residents, many of whom are low-income Burmese and Latino immigrants, and local advocates have protested Aspen Square's management of the complex. Residents have complained of rising rents, unfair management practices and unsafe conditions. The most recent incident prompted the town to conduct another inspection on Friday and Monday. And Canova said some of the completed repairs were not done correctly. "They put new stringers in and new stair treads in, and

some of them weren't welded thoroughly," he said. Canova said he is working on a report on all of the findings of the inspection, which will be sent to the town manager and planning director. According to an email from Town Manager David Andrews, Collins Crossing has 90 days — until March 4 — to repair the stairs. And Canova said the town is taking this issue seriously. "I am sensitive to the occupants, but I am charged to protect them," he said. "But I don't want to displace people if it's not necessary to displace them."

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BUS ADS

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and the University — met to discuss the bus ad policy. Though the Carrboro Board of Aldermen supported a policy that would have defined the space as a public forum, the partners settled on supporting buses as a limited public forum. Council member Matt Czajkowski, who voted against the policy at Monday's meeting, said the term disrespectful would be difficult to define. "As far as I'm concerned, I

don't think you can do it," he said. "Having to apply those judgments is dicey business." Czajkowski said the policy opens up the potential for a slew of lawsuits and would ultimately increase the town's legal costs. Resident Adam Goldstein, a member of the advocacy group Voice for Israel, shared these concerns at the meeting. "None of us wants to see our tax dollars spent on council lawsuits," he said. Town attorney Ralph Karpinos said the definition of "disrespectful" will be left

WENDY'S

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to have that for at least a full year," he said. Tony Patterson, senior associate director of the Union, said while high traffic in early morning hours wasn't expected, there was high student demand for a 24/7 dining establishment. "(The meeting) wasn't from the perspective that we were going to pull the plug," Patterson said. "We entered into the 24/7 Wendy's because of needs that we thought the Union had, and UNC students had, for late-night dining options and early morning dining options." The loss in revenue has

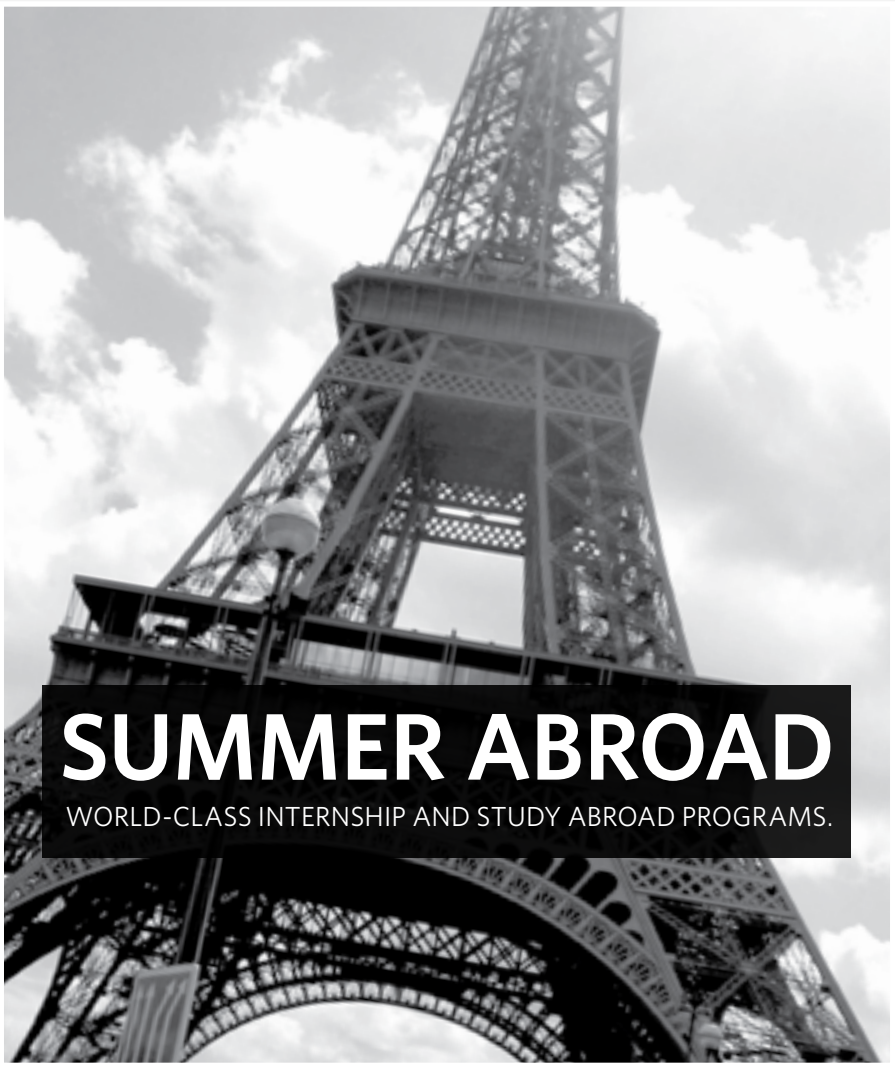
prompted the Union to increase advertising for Wendy's breakfast, Patterson said. Maria Chavez, an employee at Wendy's, said the restaurant is not typically very busy early in the morning hours but it depends on the day. "Breakfast opens at 5 a.m., and sometimes we have a lot of students waiting," she said. "Today, we had five people around 5 a.m." Chavez said she sees the benefit to students in having food options late at night. "A lot of students have to study overnight," she said. "I think it's better that they have something here in the University than out in the town because it's more

up to the courts. "We do it on a case-by-case basis," he said. Karpinos said the Church of Reconciliation's ad would not likely be considered disrespectful and would be allowed to stay under the new policy. He emphasized that it is important that the policy allows ads of the opposite viewpoint to run. "Under any standard you're looking at, viewpoint neutrality is the key," he said.

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school. "You can really tell the difference between the honors classes and a regular class in racial make-up," she said. Her older sister, Itza Salazar, said she knows how easy it is for initiatives to fail to close the achievement gap. "I always felt like there was always some kind of dead end to it. There was only so much they could do," she said. Itza Salazar graduated from East Chapel Hill High in May, but she said it was challenging at times to be a minority student. "Since I was a little girl, there was always an expectation to fail, so I've always had to try harder to make a point and show that I'm not the typical person who's going to fail and drop out," she said. And she didn't drop out. Now a freshman at Wingate University, she is the first in her family to attend college. Lorie Clark, high school specialist for the Blue Ribbon

Mentor-Advocate program, said minority students and their families face more challenges in reaching graduation and entering college. "I think they lack some opportunities for enrichment and personal growth," she said. "They lack opportunities for college exposure, for service learning, for leadership development." The Blue Ribbon program, which serves about 155 students in grades four through 12, aims to make up for those potential missed opportunities. The program offers help and advice that parents who have not attended college might not be able to provide. Clark said part of the problem is the long history of the achievement gap in the district. Many parents and grandparents in the area experienced it themselves. "There's some mistrust," she said. "The school district wasn't very kind to them when they were in school. That stigma has perpetuated itself to some degree."

Clark said parents often don't know how to navigate the school district or are prevented from getting involved in their children's education because of their work schedule. But she thinks the district is heading in a new direction with the implementation of Parent University. The program offers workshops to help families become informed and engaged advocates for their children. "Once you become knowledgeable of what's happening with your child, you become more knowledgeable of what's happening at the school and in the district," said Carla Smith, parent involvement specialist with the program. In 2011, Parent University's first year, 35 parents enrolled in and completed the program. Karen Patillo was one of those parents. She has two sons in schools in the district: one at Estes Hills Elementary School who has ADHD and one at Smith Middle School who is academically gifted. "With two minority students on two different spectrums, it is disheartening as a parent," Patillo said. "I just think the district could be doing more." Many school officials interviewed also recognize the need for a new approach. "We have all been working very hard to figure this out for a very long time," said Mia Burroughs, chairwoman of the CHCCS Board of Education. "At this point, our district is taking the approach of shifting some of the practices toward more effective instruction." The school system implemented the statewide common core this year for the first time. But officials recognize it will take time before any improvement is noticeable. "I think it's important to realize that there's no magic bullet," said Jeffrey Nash, CHCCS spokesman. "If there was, someone would've written a book about it and every district would be doing it."

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» Clinton condemns use of chemical weapons

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Amid reports that Syria is shifting its chemical weapons arsenal, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Monday warned the Syrian government that the United States considers use of such weapons a “red line” that would force it into deeper involvement in the country's civil war.

“This is a red line for the United States,” Clinton said in an appearance in Prague with the Czech prime minister, Karel Schwarzenberg. While she said she would not “telegaph in any specifics” what the administration would do if the government of embattled President Bashar Assad used the weapons against Syrians, “we are certainly planning to take action if that eventuality were to occur.”

She said that “there is a line between even the horrors that they have already inflicted on the Syrian people and moving to what would be an internationally condemned step of utilizing their chemi-

cal weapons.”

Clinton's comments echoed President Barack Obama's public comments in August that use of Syria's large arsenal of chemical weapons is the one red line that would certainly prompt U.S. intervention. “That would change my calculus,” he said then.

In recent days, U.S. officials and allies have again seen signs that Syria is shifting some of the chemical weapons stockpile, diplomats said. It is unclear what kind of action the U.S. and others would take to halt use of the weapons, because entering Syria to take control of them would require a huge ground and air operation involving tens of thousands of U.S. troops, analysts say.

Israeli settlement plan prompts backlash

TEL AVIV, Israel (MCT) — Israel's plans to build 3,000 new homes in the West Bank sparked a storm of protest in Europe Monday, causing Israeli ambassadors in various capitals to be summoned. Israeli envoys in London,

Paris, Stockholm, Madrid and Copenhagen were called to the foreign ministries of their host countries, while Germany called on Israel to “reconsider” its decision.

But reports that ambassadors to Israel would be recalled for consultations appeared to be premature.

Israel announced its plans to build the homes on Friday, in response to the United Nations vote upgrading the Palestinians' status to “non-member state.”

While building there would not totally sever the West Bank in two, it would effectively isolate East Jerusalem, which Palestinians want as the capital of their future state.

With condemnation of the Israeli move mounting Monday, Israel remained defiant, with an Israeli government official office saying the decision would not be changed, even in face of international pressure.

“The Palestinian unilateral move at the U.N. is a blatant and fundamental violation of agreements to which the international community was

a guarantor,” the unnamed official said in a statement.

“No one should be surprised that Israel is not sitting with its arms folded in response to the unilateral Palestinian steps.

“Israel would take further steps if the Palestinians went ahead with further unilateral moves of its own,” the official said.

European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton pronounced herself “extremely concerned” by the plan Sunday and noted that the Union “has repeatedly stated that all settlement construction is illegal under international law and constitutes an obstacle to peace.”

The British Foreign Office said Monday it has warned Israel not to go ahead with the new settlement scheme, which threatened to “wreck” the peace process.

“The foreign secretary has consistently made clear that settlement building ... threatens a two-state solution and makes progress through negotiations harder to achieve,” a Foreign Office spokesman said.



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» A boy carries a toy rocket-propelled grenade launcher at an anti-government demonstration in Qalat al Mudiq, Syria, on Nov. 20. Reports say Syria is shifting its chemical weapons arsenal.

A spokesman for German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that plans were undermining trust in Israel's “willingness to negotiate” in the peace process, since they would shrink the land available for a future Palestinian

state, the creation of which Germany supports.

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A production with ‘purrfect’ grammar

By Josephine Yurcaba
Staff Writer

With cats swinging from cleverly woven prose and properly placed punctuation, “Cirque du Chat” is not for those allergic to clever language or “purrfect” sentences.

The show is this year’s annual Gram-O-Rama production, with skits written and performed by students in Marianne Gingher’s stylistics class.

Gingher, a UNC English professor, said she has been teaching the nontraditional class since 2001.

“Daphne Athas founded the idea that grammar could be performable,” Gingher said, adding that she arrived at the University decades after Athas began the show.

Gingher was a graduate student in creative writing when she first saw the show. She began co-teaching the course the following year.

“I was blown away,” she said. “I didn’t know what I was seeing or hearing ... The sound and nonsense (of language) kind of revives you.”

This year’s show is wild and provocative, and all of the students are rock-solid writers, Gingher said.

“The title of the show exhibits its wordplay aspect,” she said.

“It can be a circus of chat or circus of cats, if translated from French.”

Senior William Heathcote, one of Gingher’s students, said he saw the show last fall and decided he had to take the course.

“This course is very fast-paced,” he said. “We had to perform a piece every day in front of the whole class.”

Gingher said the class of 17 students has written about 400 pieces this semester — and only about 35 of them have made it into the final show.

“We thought we could have a portion of politically themed content,” Heathcote said. “But as we got burned out on the election we realized the audience would be burnt out as well.”

In brainstorming for new content, Heathcote said, the group developed a common feline theme.

“We didn’t know where (the cat theme) came from,” Heathcote said. “It’s in anything from a cat pun to an entire monologue about being a cat person.”

Alex Karsten, a junior in Gingher’s course, said the

SEE GRAM-O-RAMA

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Wilson Library
Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

show primarily focuses on making grammar fun, and showcasing creative, funny pieces.

“The course helped me break away from only using logic in my writing,” Karsten said. “It helped me think about the way something sounds and not just what it means.”

Karsten said all of the students in Gingher’s class are funny — in different ways — and that humor and wordplay are worked into the well-written prose.

“We had to write a monologue using lots of alliteration,” he said. “We’ve also had to write conversations with lots of malapropisms.”

Gingher said the show is meant to remind people how much fun writing is.

“These shows are off-the-page and on-the-stage,” she said. “It has a three-dimensional dynamic that writing on the page doesn’t have.”

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Hotel construction concerns neighbors

By Andy Bradshaw
Staff Writer

Construction won’t be finished until the spring, but Carrboro’s first hotel is already the subject of concern for some local officials.

The development of the Hampton Inn & Suites and an attached parking deck marks the first of three phases of redevelopment for the 300 block of East Main Street.

But construction of the LEED-certified hotel — which will feature five stories and 142 rooms — has closed down a portion of the sidewalk in front of the site.

And some town officials fear this construction will hurt nearby businesses.

In an email to other members of the Board of Aldermen, Jacquelyn Gist raised concerns about the construction of the project.

“I have heard from several small businesses on Main Street who report that they are being negatively impacted by the lack of easily walkable access to their stores and businesses,” she said.

“I have also heard from walkers as well as drivers that the current arrangement is very unsafe.”

Gist suggested a covered walkway, similar to the one used to mitigate 140 West Street, was needed.

But Laura Van Sant, the property manager for the project, said such a walkway would not be possible.

“There’s simply no way to do that,” she said. “The sidewalk in front of the property is too narrow and we would have to expand it into a lane in the street.”

Van Sant said she thinks



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Construction of a hotel on the 300 block of East Main Street in Carrboro has closed down a portion of the nearby sidewalk.

the construction will be worth it in the end.

“We hate it just as much as anybody,” she said. “But we think this is a necessary step for the town.”

Adam Graetz, the marketing director for the Carrboro ArtsCenter, which is located near the hotel, said the center has experienced issues with parking since construction started on the new hotel.

“We have noticed that our parking capacity is limited because some of the construction workers have parked here,” he said.

Jared Spangler, who manages neighboring Ba-Da Wings!, said the restaurant has experienced the same problem.

“It’s been tough to get people in here when so many of our parking spots are taken by construction workers,” he said.

And because the site is at a busy intersection in Carrboro, residents have voiced concern about the safety of rerouting pedestrian traffic.

Kathleen Kenny, a Carrboro resident, said she noticed the dangers the site posed while walking into Chapel Hill one day.

“It’s a dangerous place to cross,” she said.

But many business owners are still excited about the completion of the project.

Graetz said the ArtsCenter hopes to collaborate with the hotel in order to secure rooms for visiting performers.

So while he may be out of a parking spot for a while, he remains enthusiastic.

“There’s a lot to be had in sharing space,” Graetz said.

Contact the desk editor at city@dailytarheel.com.

A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS



DTH/KEVIN HU

The Carolina Inn is now displaying its 10th Annual Gingerbread House Competition entries. The contest is part of the Inn’s “12 Days of Christmas”-inspired holiday events and decorations. Winners for the contest will be announced Dec. 23 after a gingerbread making class.

Chapel Hill parents debate redistricting plans

By Kathryn Trogdon
Staff Writer

Just days after proposed redistricting plans for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools were released, parents are already divided on what plan would work best for students in the system.

The CHCCS Board of Education held the first of two scheduled hearings Monday to hear from parents about the proposals.

Due to severe overcrowding in the system, the district began construction of its 11th elementary school — Northside Elementary School — earlier this year.

The school will open in the fall of 2013, but students will have to be redistricted to alleviate crowded schools.

Last week, the system unveiled four redistricting plans. The board will select one plan on Jan. 17.

Each plan prioritizes redistributing students based on distance to school, socioeconomic status and student achievement. The plans affect each of the district’s segments differently.

Most of the arguments during Monday night’s meeting centered around keeping travel time low for kids.

Payne said the fourth plan would keep kids in her neighborhood from their longtime elementary school — Seawell.

“We’ve been at Seawell since the ‘80’s,” Payne said.

Others said the fourth plan would not efficiently alleviate overcrowding.

Chapel Hill resident Steve Wright said per the first three plans, there would only be two schools that exceeded 95 percent capacity.

But with the fourth plan, Wright said four schools might exceed that capacity.

“It seems that the plan that dislocates the least families and puts the least amount of schools over the 95 percent capacity should be the one to implement,” he said.

But others remained supportive of the fourth plan.

Loo Ng, a Chapel Hill resident, said it was not fair for the district’s 74A segment to move so many students to a school so far away, as would happen with the other plans.

“They moved our 213 kids to the fourth farthest school away from our neighborhood,” she said.

Qingsong Yang, who is also part of the large 74A segment, said his segment is mainly composed of minorities and moving the segment wouldn’t create enough diversity.

“We have a lot of people concerned that if our kids are moved to a new school it will be a minority-dominated

“They moved our 213 kids to the fourth farthest school away from our neighborhood.”

Loo Ng,
Chapel Hill resident

school,” he said.

Others argued segment 74A should be broken up to allow for more flexibility.

Board member Annetta Streater said although her daughter might be affected by the redistricting, she is going to keep an open mind.

“I take the approach that we can make this work and it will be a great environment,” she said. “That’s the approach that I will have no matter what happens.”

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- 14 Really-really
- 15 Verdi's "Celeste Aida," e.g.
- 16 Hypothesize
- 17 Quits worrying
- 19 Oohed and ___
- 20 "Luncheon on the Grass" painter
- 21 Law firm bigwigs
- 23 Group with many golden agers
- 26 Failed firecracker
- 27 Like 56 minutes of each hour of The Masters telecast
- 34 Federal Web address ending
- 35 Office betting groups
- 36 Curaçao neighbor
- 37 TV's talking horse
- 39 Drum kit drum
- 41 "Want the light ___ off?"
- 42 "Stick Up for Yourself" nasal spray
- 44 Glittery topper
- 46 Molecule with a + charge, e.g.
- 47 "Get off my back!"
- 50 Mischief-maker
- 51 Hose fillers?
- 52 Wide-awake
- 57 Wanted poster word
- 61 Longish skirts
- 62 Unfinished business, or, in a way, what 17-, 27- and 47-Across have in common
- 65 Temporarily unavailable
- 66 Sask. neighbor
- 67 Macro or micro subj.
- 68 Help desk staffers, usually
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- 4 Pep rally cry
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- 11 Tennis great Arthur
- 12 Row at Wrigley
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- 22 Nutritional abbr.
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- 25 Chop-chop
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- 29 Insurance case
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- 34 Former car-financing org.
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- 52 Leave out
- 53 "Ponderosa" tree
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UNC '12: come what Mayan

Can you believe it? There's only 21 more shopping days 'til Christmas, and 17 more days 'til the End of Days!

Mark your Mayan calendars, folks: the world is scheduled to end on Friday, Dec. 21 — which, now that we know about it, is going to totally make that whole workweek drag by. (I mean, they couldn't foresee weekends?)

And while most historians believe there's no validity to this interpretation of the Mayan calendar whatsoever, they've agreed to pretend there might be anyways, just to scare the living crap out of everyone.

So, seeing how much less time you may have to finish the UNC bucket list, here are the most essential experiences every Tar Heel must check off before the end of classes and the world:

1. Make it into the DTH by sending in a kvetch, or by being criminally implicated in at least one professionally led investigation of your academic department.
2. Sit in on a student government meeting. Marvel at levels of dedication, emotional and psychological damage.
3. Pretend to, then actually fire the ROTC cannon.
4. Visit the basketball museum. See Michael Jordan's jersey, Matt Doherty asleep, unresponsive on gift shop floor.
5. Dance at Players.
6. Write an essay for a UNC varsity athlete.
7. Visit a professor during office hours. Hand in varsity athlete's essay.
8. When world banks crash, rendering all currencies worthless, show up to pay off campus parking tickets. Act totally stunned.
9. Introduce yourself to Chancellor Thorp, fly private jet with him to your kid's NBA game.
10. Study, or smuggle drugs, abroad.
11. Order from a food truck in Carrboro. Distract the cook while your friend siphons gas.
12. Attend a Board of Trustees meeting totally tripping balls.
13. Watch the sun set, crash into Earth from the eighth floor of Davis Library.
14. Listen to and discretely hide behind the Pit Preacher.
15. PREGAME!!!!!!
16. Rush Franklin after beating Duke in survivors.
17. Have your picture taken with Ramesses and the seven-headed beast.
18. Spend an all-nighter at the UL, working to decide who in your group gets eaten first.
19. Climb the Bell Tower, defeat the Gim Ghoul and toss your senior ring into the fires of Morehead.
20. Follow-up on internship applications.
21. In last seconds, try loudly mentioning to friend in class that if any girl just happened to be, like, "Hey, you wanna just make out like crazy right now?" you'd probably totally be down, because it's the end of the world and, I mean, YOLO, right? ... But yeah, it's whatever.
22. When everyone is gone and existence as we know it has ceased, receive the following text: "This is Alert Carolina with an important message about the apocalypse..."

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Mark Viser, mviser@email.unc.edu



Campus needed an alert

Campus should have been informed of a Nov. 25 shooting.

The campus community deserved an Alert Carolina notification after shots were fired early in the morning on Nov. 25 outside of Time-Out Restaurant.

By the time Chapel Hill police arrived on the scene, witnesses said the person who had fired a weapon from a vehicle after a fight had already driven away in the direction of Durham, said Randy Young, spokesman for the UNC Department of Public Safety.

The department did not

release a "timely warning" since the perpetrator was assumed to be going away from campus.

According to DPS, this type of alert, which is sent via text and email, is only employed when there is a continuing danger to the campus community.

With Granville Towers just yards away from where the shooting occurred, at least an "informational message" should have been sent to inform the community of the situation.

Informational messages are typically sent out to inform the public with the correct details of an event, as well to solicit possible information that would be useful to an investigation.

Critics have raised concerns that messages like these may cause unnecessary panic. Yet keeping the community informed sometimes warrants such a risk.

The purpose of Alert Carolina is to support the University's efforts to communicate information about situations affecting the safety and health of the campus community.

When a gun is fired close to a residence hall and right outside of a restaurant that students frequently visit late at night, the community should be informed, regardless of where witnesses thought the perpetrators might have been heading.

Ban the bandwagon

Fans should stick by Tar Heels through thick and thin.

Athletic excellence and a winning tradition are things that students and fans have come to expect at UNC.

However, it is important for those who associate with our University to stand behind our athletics in support of all of our teams, win or lose.

It can be easy to forget that UNC athletics are an exception in college sports. As an institution, we have collected 39 NCAA national team championships — 21 of

those coming from our most recent champion, the women's soccer team, who has won 21 of 31 College Cup finals.

Students admirably supported our football team this season, even in the wake of a bowl ban, a new head coach, and tough losses to in-state teams like Duke and Wake Forest.

Fans should take the spirit they showed during a tumultuous football season and apply it to other sports.


Sports like basketball draw some of the most dedicated fans at UNC. However, it is no secret that basketball fans here can appear spoiled at times, especially those

who choose to give up on the team when their unrealistically high expectations aren't met.


It shouldn't matter if we are competing for a Final Four berth or an NIT bid. Our fans should always show up to games and support our teams.

In the upcoming winter and spring sports seasons, fans should make a point to support all teams, regardless of their expectations.

All UNC athletes — from quarterbacks to fencers — work hard and sacrifice for this University, and in return fans should make an effort to support athletes during their highs and lows.



QuickHits



I quit.

Just when exam week couldn't get any more hellish, this weather happens. There is a weather god and he is cruel. How are we supposed to study when it's 70 degrees? We're starting a movement to legally require the weather to be cold during finals. If the General Assembly can legislate climate, why can't we?

Maison de Gaufres

Last week, it was announced that Waffle House — a purveyor of good decisions, healthy food and clean facilities — will be joining other Franklin Street "breakfast" joints. If this Waffle House is anything like every other Waffle House, the town's intelligentsia will gather there to debate the great issues of our time.

By any other name...

So this isn't really apropos of anything, but can we talk about "Chubbies" shorts? There's nothing wrong with the shorts themselves — though they do leave far too little frat-thigh to the imagination — but that name? "Chubbies?" Is anyone else a little bit nauseated just saying it out loud? No? Nobody? Freaks.

Pencil pusher

Friday, the DTH published an article on professional pencil sharpener David Rees. Rees will sharpen your pencil to a "professional point" for the low, completely reasonable, not-at-all insane price of \$35. This is the exact sort of innovation and entrepreneurship Chancellor Thorp has been talking about!

Fast food made slow

Last week, Carolina Dining Services went to the Union Board of Directors to ask for input on lackluster sales between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m. One CDS official posited that perhaps "people just don't like breakfast." Right. Or maybe they just don't like ordering breakfast at 7 a.m. and receiving it in February.

That's no moon...

In the latest in a series of crazy petitions to the White House, hundreds have signed their names to a list demanding beginning construction of a functioning Death Star by 2016. No matter how ridiculous this whole business is, somehow it's still more plausible than applying for secession.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't know if people don't know that (the Wendy's) is there or maybe people just don't like breakfast."

Scott Myers, on struggling morning sales for the Union's Wendy's

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"The federal government didn't ask for this yesterday, they asked for it over six months ago."

Ralphie Nader, on UNC's delayed sexual assault policy reform

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transfers also need support from students

TO THE EDITOR:

Monday's front page transfer article left out a key statistic: the percentage of transfer students that drop out after their first semester.

I felt like I was thrown into the deep-end immediately after transferring to UNC, and I ended up taking my second semester off.

It gave me a much needed chance to come up for air, gain my bearings, and I have loved UNC ever since.

It's not easy; transfers are expected to handle the course load of an upper-classman while making up for lost time on campus.

Making things more difficult is the common refrain among campus organizations that they simply aren't interested in junior transfers because they "won't be around long enough to contribute."

It's true that transfers need better assistance, opportunities and communication from the University in order to have a successful four semesters at UNC, but they also need more welcoming peers.

The University is making strides toward easing transfers into campus.

Let's take it a step further — encourage them to take summer school classes. Allow them to sign up for first-year seminars. Offer a transfer housing community, peer mentors and a more holistic orientation.

I didn't want advice from a rising sophomore on how to succeed in college; I wanted to hear from someone who'd been in my shoes.

Let it be known: Transfers are not contagious or failures; transferring into UNC is no easy task.

Students who study abroad often return to UNC with a new voice in the greater discussion; transfers can have the same impact if given the chance.

I am a Carolina student. I have a closet filled with Carolina blue shirts. I've rushed Franklin Street after beating Duke. And in May, I'll climb the Bell Tower and look out at one of the greatest schools in the nation, which will then become my alma mater.

*Josh Clinard '13
Journalism and Mass Communication*

posed of students from both schools, relies heavily on the bus for transportation to meetings and for providing an easy and reliable connection between the schools to complete the reporting and photography assignments our magazine is based around.

The charge will severely limit our organization, and we are not alone. Rival is one of more than 40 Duke-UNC student groups.

My disappointment is from my role as a student.

It is not only Robertson Scholars who venture down the road for academic enrichment; through inter-institutional forms, courses at both colleges are open for all Duke and UNC students.

\$5 per class meeting is outrageous and will inhibit UNC students from taking advantage of the wealth of academic opportunities at Duke.

All UNC students should be able to ride the Robertson for free.

If the projected charge doesn't change, growth of both universities as institutions and the development of their students will be severely stunted.

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An emergency plan is needed for apocalypse

TO THE EDITOR:

Dec. 21, 2012, or as some of us call it, "The End of the World," is quickly approaching, and unfortunately, I believe the university has severely under-prepared for the coming Armageddon.

While some may renounce the possibility of such an occurrence as foolish, the sad fact is that if we all wake up that Friday morning without half of our student body — whether they be fried by cosmic rays, zombified by a strange pathogen or ushered into the heavenly skies by one deity or another — there is currently no plan in place (or at least one that the students are aware of) that would allow our school to continue its normal operations.

As one of the foremost intellectual and cultural epicenters of the southeast, our beloved University would likely serve as a beacon of hope to many survivors in such an event.

We would be able to use our reputation, resources, and networks — particularly in areas of public policy, medicine, commerce, journalism and others — to abate the panic and hopefully form the framework of whatever form our post-apocalyptic society will take.

Thus, I urge the University Safety and Security Council to seriously consider the likely effects of an apocalyptic event and draft an emergency plan to address the needs of all students, faculty and staff who happen to survive.

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Students will suffer from Robertson fee

TO THE EDITOR:

According to last week's article, the Robertson bus will begin charging UNC students \$2.50 per one-way-ride in January.

My disappointment and anxiety is deep-rooted, and the Triangle Transit needs to reconsider the upcoming change.

My outrage is from my role as editor-in-chief of Rival Magazine, a joint UNC-Duke University student publication.

Our staff, which is com-

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