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Fedora may be next football coach

Southern Miss. football coach interviewed with UNC this week.

By Jonathan Jones
Senior Writer

Southern Mississippi football coach Larry Fedora is expected to be announced as North Carolina's new football coach as early as today.

According to sources and multiple reports, Fedora has accepted the position offered by UNC athletic director Bubba Cunningham.

Fedora has been a prominent name among many head coaching vacancies in recent weeks, including Texas A&M, Arizona State and Kansas.

A Southern Miss spokesman confirmed Fedora was in New York City on Tuesday with athletic director Richard Giannini for the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Awards Dinner, scheduled for Tuesday night. Among those honored were former UNC radio broadcaster Woody Durham, who received an award for his broadcasting contributions.

Cunningham was also in New York City for the banquet and could not be reached Tuesday afternoon, but it is believed he conducted the interview with Fedora there. Chancellor Holden Thorp, who must review and sign the contract before it becomes final, had no comment Tuesday.

Larry Fedora led Southern Miss to a 33-19 overall record, with improving records in each of his four seasons there.

According to multiple reports, Fedora interviewed in New York City with Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne for the Aggie position on Monday and Arizona State athletic director Lisa Love for that position on Tuesday.

He was a long-time offensive coordinator, serving in the role at Middle Tennessee from 1999-2001, then at Florida from 2001-2004 and finally at Oklahoma State before taking the USM job before the 2008 season.

At USM, Fedora has assembled a 33-19 overall record, with improving records in each of his four seasons. He began with two 7-6 seasons before going 8-5 last year and 11-2 this season. The Golden Eagles demolished No. 6 Houston 49-28 on Saturday, a game that cost Conference USA an estimated $17 million in revenue it would have received had Houston gone to a BCS bowl.

Fedora is also a favorite for the Texas A&M job because of his close ties to the school. He grew up in College Station, Texas, and the Aggie job has been open since Dec. 1 when Mike Sherman was fired.

He has four children, including one son who plays football for Oklahoma State. John Fedora told The Daily Tar Heel on Tuesday his brother will do what's in his family's best interest.

"I think doing what's best for the family supersedes everything for him," John Fedora said. "I hope he does what makes him happy. If it's North Carolina, that's great. I think he'll make the right decision either way."

According to a USA Today salary database, Fedora earned

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CARSON MURDER TRIAL

Carson trial jury chosen

One black male will serve on the mostly white jury.

By Chelsey Dulaney
Assistant City Editor

The fate of the second man accused of killing former Student Body President Eve Carson now lies in the hands of a group of Orange County residents.

On Tuesday, attorneys selected the final two alternate jurors to serve on the trial of Laurence Alvin Lovette Jr., who has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder among other charges in connection with Carson's March 2008 murder.

District Attorney Jim Woodall and defense attorney Karen Bethea-Shields will begin opening statements in the trial Wednesday morning.

The box of 12 jurors and three alternates is mainly white, though one black male will sit on the jury.

A man who described his race as South Indian-Asian was also selected to serve as an alternate juror.

Duke University Law professor Jim Coleman said a jury with low minority representation could

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CONCERT CELEBRATION

DTH FILE/JOESPH CHAPMAN

DTH FILE/JOESPH CHAPMAN

Tonight there are two concerts sponsored by CUAB. Folk groups Mipso Trio, right, and Mandolin Orange, top left, perform at 7 p.m, after being rescheduled from August. Rap group Travis Porter, bottom left, performs at 10:30 p.m. in the Union.

COURTESY OF JOSHUA KING

Tonight musical acts Mipso Trio, Mandolin Orange and Travis Porter will perform.

By Michelle Lewis
Staff Writer

Tonight's multi-concert lineup is not an LDOC celebration.

Though it is the last day of classes for the semester, Marquise Hudson, chairman of the performing arts committee of the Carolina Union Activities Board, said that the back-to-back concerts are just a coincidence.

Local folk groups Mipso Trio and Mandolin Orange will perform first, starting at 7 p.m. in Historic Playmakers Theatre.

Georgia-based rap group Travis Porter will continue the night, starting at 10:30 p.m. in the Student Union Great Hall.

Both events are sponsored by CUAB, which receives a third of student activities fees, or $13 per student per year.

"I feel like it worked out even better — people (will) have variety," Hudson said.

MIPSO TRIO & MANDOLIN

Time: 7 p.m. tonight

Location: Historic Playmakers Theatre

Info: www.unc.edu/cuab

TRAVIS PORTER

Time: 10:30 p.m. tonight

Location: Student Union Great Hall

Info: www.unc.edu/cuab

Local folk

Appalachian-inspired folk group

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Obama meeting yields ideas

President asked school leaders how to make tuition affordable.

By Isabella Cochrane
State & National Editor

For many public universities, the 2011 school year has been defined by state budget cuts, dwindling resources and looming tuition hikes.

Several student-led movements have been held across the country in protest of continued tuition increases with students saying education has become too expensive.

But relief could soon be in sight.

President Barack Obama hosted a round-table discussion Monday with a dozen chancellors and presidents. The meeting, which lasted for about an hour and a half, focused on how to make colleges more affordable.

Attendees, including UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp, shared how they have worked to promote innovation, reduce costs and increase productivity during a time of reduced state funding for higher education.

Many administrators say Obama's interest in making a university education more affordable could shift the financial struggle into federal hands.

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Tar Heels to play against UCLA in NCAA College Cup

A new head coach leads North Carolina to its fourth consecutive Cup.

By Brandon Moree
Assistant Sports Editor

There are no easy roads to the College Cup.

And there aren't any short roads either.

For the North Carolina men's soccer team, who will play UCLA on Friday in Hoover, Ala., this College Cup is the end of a journey that started in the spring.

Carlos Somoano took over as head coach on April 25, but junior midfielder Enzo Martinez said that Somoano was making plans even before that.

"From the first minute he got the job and before that when he was trying to get the job, he had prepared for the future very well," Martinez said. "He had us playing a style that he wanted us playing in the fall."

The team took to Somoano's style, one that involves adhering to well-defined roles and knowing the roles of other players on the field. The results, so far, have been undeniable.

Somoano already joins North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance as the only two coaches in ACC history to win conference coach of the year in their first season.

"The College Cup speaks for itself," Martinez said. "It's not just the fact the we won one game or won three games and made it to the College Cup. We won the ACC.

"We have a good record this year we've done a lot of good things."

Despite the coaching change, the goal of making the College Cup remained.

"It had to be our goal," Somoano said. "If we didn't believe we could be here, we wouldn't be here. I think in order to achieve a national championship, and ACC cham-

SEE **COLLEGE CUP,** PAGE 4

DTH FILE/WILSON HERLONG

Junior midfielder Enzo Martinez battles for a ball in the regular season matchup against Maryland. He has nine goals and 10 assists this year.

"December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Art Lunch with Chris Currie: Listen to Christopher Currie, coordinator of academic programs at the Ackland Art Museum, discuss the relations between casual dress and effortless manners in 17th- and 18th-century European portraits. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy this lecture on portraits of artists, collectors and socially ambitious elites of the past.
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

FRIDAY

Winter stories program: If you can't wait for Christmas, come out and listen to storyteller Brian Sturm continue a cherished tradition of words and music. Bring a new or gently used children's book to contribute to a drive for the Book Fairy, an organization that donates books to the Pediatric Oncology Clinic at UNC Hospitals.
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Wilson Library

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Due to a reporting error, Tuesday's page 6 story "UNC debates meatless meals" incorrectly stated that the initiative is an extension of Durham Health Innovations. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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DAILY DOSE

'Taser me, bro!'

From staff and wire reports

The next time your car breaks down while you're trying to drive around a lake, dear readers, do not attempt to steal a boat to get across. You may end up naked and Tasered.

That's what happened to 28-year-old Darrel Horne after he and his friend, 27-year-old Matthew Shrider, were caught by police while in the act of stealing a boat and trying to row it across a lake in Pierson, Fla. Upon seeing police, Horne stood up in the boat, stripped naked and tried to swim away. When he was captured, he yelled at police to "Taser me, bro!"

They complied. Horne later thanked the officers.

NOTED. Do you hate Christmas music and puppies and magic? This Noted might not be for you.

Ratings reports for radio stations show that stations that switch to an "all Christmas" music format for the holidays drastically increase their ratings.

Merry Christmas!

QUOTED. "Ms. Bachmann, my mommy's gay but she doesn't need any fixing."

— Elijah, an 8-year-old boy from Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Presidential candidate Michelle Bachmann was reportedly stunned by the comment and had no response.

POLICE LOG

● Someone vandalized property at 132 S. Columbia St. between midnight and 8:30 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

A power cord had been cut and decorations broken, police reports state.

The Christmas decorations were valued at $700, according to police reports.

● Someone took a tarp from the Southern Village Community Park between 9 a.m. and 2:17 pm. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The tarp was valued at $40, according to police reports.

● Someone lit a cigarette inside a store and was trespassed at around 2:25 a.m. Monday at the Walgreens pharmacy at 123 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Someone broke into a house and stole property at 914 Cedar Fork Trail between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole a letter opener worth $500, $500 worth of cash and $1,100 worth of English pounds, reports state.

● Someone disturbed the peace at 112 Johnson St. at 11 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person was yelling and creating a disturbance, reports state.

● Someone vandalized a school at 606 Estes Drive with graffiti using spray paint between 3:40 a.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The damage to Phillips Middle School was valued at $200, reports state.

● Chapel Hill police found a suspicious vehicle containing marijuana residue in a parking lot at 727 Eastowne Drive on Monday, according to police reports.

Spring rush requirement not clear cut

Some fraternities and sororities may not take new members.

By Grace Raynor
Staff Writer

The University's Board of Trustees mandated last year that every Greek organization offer a spring alternative to fall recruitment, but the reality might not be as clear cut.

At least one fraternity and some sororities are not planning on accepting new members, current members said.

John Childress, president of Chi Phi fraternity, said the house will conduct recruitment, but there is a strong possibility it will not accept any new members due to cost concerns.

But Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp said a fraternity conducting spring rush with the intention of not accepting new members would be unacceptable.

"If an organization predetermined that it was going to go through the motions of spring recruitment with no intention to genuinely consider new members, I would not consider that to be meeting either the letter or spirit of the standards and expectations," he said.

Last November, the board mandated that spring rush be offered by all fraternities and sororities. Crisp was charged with implementing the board's decision.

The decision came in response to a study by the board about the overall experience of freshmen who join fraternities and sororities.

Fraternity spring rush will kick off Jan. 9, followed by a nine-day official recruitment period, said Jack Partain, president of the Interfraternity Council.

All chapters will be required to participate, he said.

Partain said he thinks most fraternities are excited about offering spring rush, and he hopes to see growth in the spring.

"Definitely the overarching theme is that chapters are going to try to get a pledge class in the spring in addition to what they got in the fall," he said.

Ana Samper, president of the Panhellenic Council, said in an email that national chapter regulations will prohibit some sororities from accepting new members in the spring.

"Every chapter that is eligible will participate," she said.

Sororities will begin their spring rush process with a kickoff on Jan. 12, and women will be initiated by mid-April, Samper said.

Greek pledge classes in the spring are typically much smaller than those in the fall, said Aaron Bachenheimer, director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement.

"While there are some opportunities in spring, fall is always going to be the larger recruitment process," he said.

Partain said the number of students interested in rushing a fraternity drops significantly in the spring.

"In fall we were looking at about 500 kids registered, and spring we'll probably see about 200 or so," Partain said.

The smaller size is not ideal, Childress said.

"We don't want to have a three-person or four-person pledge class because that kind of devalues the pledging process, and it isn't special to them."

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Elementary 11 to relieve uneven distribution

Redistricting aims to better allocate low-income students.

By Brian Fanney
Staff Writer

The redistricting caused by the construction of Elementary 11 might relieve the uneven distribution of low-income students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools system.

But some believe spreading out the students is not a good idea.

Carrboro Elementary School's large population of low-income students — many of whom are Hispanic — should stay, said Emily Bivins, principal of the school.

"I support a clustering of students, even if it means the percent of poor students is disproportionate to other schools, for the purpose of dual language," she said.

The dual language program offered at the school involves teaching native English and Spanish speakers together. Classes are taught in different languages throughout the day.

Bivins said dual language classes close the achievement gap for Spanish speakers by more than 50 percent.

According to data from the district's applications for federal funding, 38 percent of the school's students received free or reduced lunch in 2010, second only to Frank Porter Graham Elementary, where 42 percent of students received free or reduced lunch.

Maria Arbiol, administrative intern and dual language teacher at Carrboro Elementary School, said her school is unique in its ability to help low-income residents.

The school has a book fair that returns its profits to low-income students by giving them a free book, a program where teachers and parents donate holiday presents to needy students and food drives during the holidays.

> *"I think it would be more equitable to have the schools all fairly balanced."*
>
> **Renee Van Raay,**
> Former PTA president at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School

"Parents are aware of local programs and ask about getting involved," Arbiol said. "We try to make sure they get what they need from us."

Carrboro Elementary School also employs 15 dual language teachers to serve its Spanish-speaking population.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Seawell Elementary had no dual language teachers — and only 6 percent Hispanic students compared to Carrboro's 22 percent in 2010. Only 15 percent of Seawell students were on free and reduced lunch in 2010.

"The sense of haves and have-nots seems wide," Bivins said.

But not all parents believe groups should be clustered.

Renee Van Raay, former PTA president at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School, said she believes clustering is unfair.

"I think it would be more equitable to have the schools all fairly balanced," Van Raay said.

She said it could be taxing on a school to have a large number of lower income students.

But Julie Keane, PTA president at Carrboro Elementary, supports the distribution because of the dual language program.

"We need these kids to make the program strong," she said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL: UNC 97, EVANSVILLE 48

TAR HEELS TRUMP ACES

Zeller closes in on 1,000th career point

By Kelly Parsons
Sports Editor

No. 4 North Carolina led Evansville 63-27 with just more than 14 minutes to go in the first half when senior forward Tyler Zeller scored his 999th career point at the Smith Center on Tuesday night.

But the senior forward will have to wait a little bit longer for point No. 1,000.

The Tar Heels handedly beat the Purple Aces, and Zeller, one point shy of his milestone, went to the bench for the rest of the game with more than eight minutes to go in the second half.

But after a 97-48 victory, the senior forward didn't have much to complain about.

"Coach told me he has confidence I'll score one more bucket this year," he said.

Five different players had double-digit points in Tuesday's game, and Zeller and forward John Henson each recorded a double-double.

For Williams, the commanding lead throughout the game was significant, as it gave him the opportunity to give his bench players some much-needed playing time.

"It would have been nice to have gotten Z one more point," Williams said. "But I wanted to get those guys out of there. I like it when I look down and Kendall has 25 and nobody else has more than 22 minutes. That's the way it should be."

Sophomore forward Harrison Barnes led all scorers with 17 points, and sophomore reserve guard Reggie Bullock wasn't far behind with 15. Bullock, who shot four of seven from behind the arc against Evansville, was one of six bench players to record at least nine minutes of playing time.

It took UNC more than two minutes to score its first field goal against the Purple Aces, but once North Carolina took a 4-3 lead, it never turned back.

UNC took its first double-digit lead just more than five minutes into the first half, and the Tar Heels led by as much as 51 in the game.

Point guard Kendall Marshall was pleased to see his team show full effort early, even against an unranked opponent.

DTH/ELIZA WILLIAMS

Forward John Henson shoots the ball in UNC's 97-48 win against Evansville. Henson, one of two Tar Heels who finished with a double-double, had 13 points and 12 rebounds Tuesday.

"The thing I was most worried about coming into this game was how we were going to start it," Marshall said. "I think it was big for us to come out with intensity, and I think we took a step forward maturing wise, of not playing to the level of our competition."

The game against Evansville was, for the most part, one-sided. But that doesn't mean UNC didn't take anything from it.

For a team fresh from a loss, the opportunity to correct mistakes and refine old habits is something almost as valuable as the victory itself.

"We've got to keep that focus," guard Dexter Strickland said. "I think the loss to Kentucky motivated everybody since we lost by one point. We felt like we could have easily corrected some of the mistakes we had made down the stretch.

"But this game was good for us and the next game is going to be the same way."

ONLINE: Visit dailytarheel.com. to read about how UNC rebounded well against Evansville on Tuesday.

Contact the Sports Editor at sports@dailytarheel.com.

inBRIEF

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Researchers receive grant to fund genome research

UNC researchers have received a four-year $6.4 million grant to fund genome research.

The grant — from the National Institutes of Human Genome Research Institute — will establish an effort called North Carolina Clinical Genomic Evaluation by NextGen Exome Sequencing (NCGENES).

The project will consider the recent advances in the genetics field that have made it possible to affordably gather a complete sequence of an individual's DNA.

The project will look at ways health care professionals can use genome sequencing in a clinical setting.

Dr. James Evans, a professor of genetics in UNC's School of Medicine, is the leader of the project.

He said the team will sequence all of the genes in about 750 patients in order to evaluate how best to use DNA sequencing technology.

There are 3 billion DNA building blocks in a human genome.

Study says global warming changes human behavior

A study released by UNC researchers shows that humans' weather-related behavior is being influenced by global warming.

Researchers found that attendance at U.S. national parks is happening earlier in parks that have experienced climate change, compared to 30 years ago.

The average shift found in the study was four days.

Of the 18 parts without major temperature changes, only three saw temperature shifts.

The study was recently published in the International Journal of Biometeorology.

Two service scholarships available for UNC students

The Carolina Center for Public Service is accepting applications for two large scholarships for service projects.

The Davis projects for Peace gives $10,000 to returning, full-time undergraduate students wishing to complete a community-based summer project in 2012.

Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to apply for the Ronald W. Hyatt Rotary Public Service Award, which gives $3,000 for similar summer projects.

Applications are due Jan. 16 by 11:59 p.m. and can be found at http://www.unc.edu/ccps/portal/.

Questions can be directed to ccps@unc.edu.

CITY BRIEFS

Orange County Board of Commissioners elects chair

During their annual organizational meeting on Monday the Orange County Board of Commissioners elected Bernadette Pelissier to serve as chairwoman of the board for the year 2012.

This will be Pelissier's second term as chair.

Commissioner Pam Hemminger was elected as vice chairwoman of the board, replacing Commissioner Steve Yuhasz.

Town to offer free Saturday parking during December

During the month of December the Town of Chapel Hill will offer free parking on Saturdays.

The free parking policy will include all public lots and metered spaces.

Starting at 5 p.m. normal rates will be charged at the Wallace deck and the parking lot at the corner of Rosemary Street and Columbia Street.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro to hold holiday parade Dec.10

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade will be held on Dec. 10 between 10 a.m. and 12 a.m.

The parade will begin on East Franklin Street and will make its way down the street ending at the Carrboro Town Hall.

The event will feature more than 60 entries ranging from commercial floats sponsored by local businesses to local church and community organizations.

A float featuring Santa Claus and his sleigh will also make part of the parade.

The town of Chapel Hill and the town of Carrboro will provide assistance with traffic diversion, securing the route of the parade and setting up the parade's line in the morning.

The People's Channel will have a television production aided by the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreations department.

- From staff and wire reports

Law affects unborn babies

The Unborn Victims of Violence Act went into effect this month.

By Estes Gould
Senior Writer

After three years of tireless campaigning, Effie Steele feels that the murder of her daughter and unborn grandson is finally vindicated.

Steele has worked with state legislators since her daughter's death in an effort to pass the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which passed this year and went into effect this month.

The law allows prosecutors to charge someone with causing the death of an unborn child, making homicide of a pregnant woman a double homicide.

"In my view, murdering a pregnant woman is the peak of domestic violence," said Rep. Dale Folwell, R-Forsyth, one of the legislators who worked with Steele and sponsored the bill.

Steele's daughter, Ebony Robinson, was nine months pregnant when she was murdered by the baby's father, a man who had molested her for years and threatened her to keep her quiet.

Robinson opened up to her mom about the abuse the night before she was killed, Steele said. She had named the baby Elijah, and she was looking forward to being a mom, she said.

Steele couldn't believe when the killer wasn't charged with Elijah's murder as well as Robinson's.

"This was my only grandchild, and the state didn't care," she said. "It was like rubbing salt into my wounds."

She researched the topic and found that former President George Bush signed a federal Unborn Victims of Violence law in 2004, after it passed through Congress by one vote.

Similar laws are already on the books in 25 states. Ten other states have partial legal coverage for unborn victims, and North Carolina was the last Southern state to pass a law about violence against pregnant women.

A couple of months after her daughter's death, Steele decided to lobby for a North Carolina law herself, partly just to keep her busy.

There were two other parents working with her at the beginning, but she ended up being the bill's most prominent advocate.

"Once I got to the point where I could breathe, I knew I had to do something to get this bill passed," she said.

She began speaking in high schools and gathering petition signatures supporting the law, but it was only when Republicans gained control of the N.C. General Assembly this year that the bill even got a hearing.

The law recognizes personhood at any time after conception, a controversial stance for pro-choice advocates.

Paige Johnson, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood N.C., said the law would mark the first time that North Carolina recognized a fetus as a person, especially right after conception. But the organization did not take a position on the law and worked with legislators to ensure that it could not be used to restrict women's choices regarding abortion.

Only four senators, all Democrats, voted against the bill. The vote in the House was closer, with 39 voting against it.

Folwell said the personhood argument was what kept the bill from being heard for years, but after he heard Steele's story, he felt compelled to work for her cause. He said all the parents wanted was a hearing — and that he knew Steele's powerful testimony would have an effect on the legislature.

"We knew someone had to keep pushing it, that if we dropped the ball, someone else might not pick it up," Steele said.

Steele is active in chapters of North Carolinians Against Gun Violence and North Carolina Right to Life. Getting involved in these activities, and campaigning for the law, helped her cope with Robinson's death and her anger toward the killer, she said.

"Sometimes it takes a tragedy to propel us to action," she said. "There's no way we can erase the murder of a child or a grandchild, but I didn't want my baby's life to be snuffed out and nothing positive come from it."

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Low turnout for potential candidates meeting

By Jordan Carmichael
Staff Writer

The turnout for an optional potential candidates meeting held Tuesday — the unofficial kickoff of spring elections — was only half of what it was last year.

Twenty-five students attended the meeting, designed to inform those interested in running for offices in student government next year of the process.

Shruthi Sundaram, chairwoman of the Board of Elections, said about 50 students attended last year, which was a prelude to the most venomous election season in recent memory.

Warche Downing, Will Leimenstoll and Tim Longest wrote their names down expressing interest in running for student body president.

One of the biggest changes from last year's campaign season is the transition from a monetary system to a point system to address violations.

"We're hoping that (the election) will run a lot more smoothly than last year," Sundaram said. "I think a lot of the changes to Title VI (of the Student Code) will make things better."

Another major change includes students' right to an attorney. In the case that a complaint is filed, both the plaintiff and the defendant will have access to a student attorney if they choose.

"If either party decides that they don't like the final decision, they have the possibility of appealing it to the Student Supreme Court," Sundaram said.

Another subject of interest was the requirement that students collect a certain number of signatures in order to be put on the ballot.

Students seeking signatures are prohibited from visiting classrooms, computer labs, libraries and dining halls to gain standing for a position on the ballot.

Cody Poplin, a student in attendance, asked a question about specific rules concerning website hosting and domains.

According to revised election law in the Student Code, students are allowed to launch websites promoting themselves after the mandatory candidates meeting Jan. 24.

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> **Shruthi Sundaram,**
> Chairwoman of the Board of Elections

"The emphasis is that you cannot go in the Pit or have grand displays promoting your campaign until Jan. 31," said Zach De La Rosa, speaker of Student Congress.

Student Body Vice President Zealan Hoover also spoke to students about the upcoming elections.

"The (campaign season) is going to be respectful, and it's going to reflect everything that is important about student self-governance."

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Speaker of Student Congress Zach De La Rosa speaks at an optional candidates meeting for spring elections.

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Attacks on Shiite Muslims in Afghanistan kill 59

KABUL, Afghanistan (MCT) — Bomb blasts targeting Shiite Muslim gatherings in two Afghan cities killed at least 59 people and injured 150 others Tuesday, a rare outbreak of sectarian violence in a country wracked by 10 years of war with Taliban insurgents.

The noontime blast in Kabul, the capital, involved a suicide bomber hidden among a throng of Shiite worshipers outside the Abul Fazal Abbas shrine, said Gen. Mohammed Zahir, head of criminal investigations for Kabul police.

That attack killed at least 55 people and injured 134 others, according to the country's Interior Ministry.

At about the same time in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, a bomb hidden in a bicycle detonated near a gathering Shiites, killing at least four people and injuring 16 others, said provincial and Interior Ministry officials.

The bomb exploded as the Shiite procession was heading toward a city shrine, said Gen. Abdul Taj, a top police official in Balkh province, where Mazar-e-Sharif is located.

Gen. John Allen, commander of U.S.-led coalition forces in Afghanistan, condemned the violence and blamed Afghan insurgents for the attacks. The Afghan Interior Ministry also accused Afghan Taliban insurgents of being behind the attacks.

It was Kabul's deadliest attack since a suicide car bomber killed more than 60 people outside the Indian Embassy in July 2008.

Afghanistan's Muslim population is majority Sunni, but sectarian violence is rare.

Shiites make up roughly 15 percent of Afghanistan's population.

Obama addresses voters' concerns about inequality

OSAWATOMIE, Kan. (MCT) — President Barack Obama rolled out the major themes of his re-election bid in a speech in which he sought to capture public concern about rising economic inequality and wrap his policies in a call for a "fair shot" for America's middle class.

"This is a make or break moment for the middle class, and all those who are fighting to get into the middle class. At stake is whether this will be a country where working people can earn enough to raise a family, build a modest savings, own a home and secure their retirement."

The new language, which Obama is expected to repeat often in the months to come, seems designed to directly address voter concerns about inequality.

It pulled together the more populist, harder-hitting themes Obama has tried out during the last couple of months.

To heighten the speech's impact, White House aides chose a venue with historical and political echoes.

Just over a century ago, Teddy Roosevelt traveled to this same small, eastern Kansas town for one of his best-known addresses.

In it, he laid out his "New Nationalism," with its call for progressive reforms and an active federal government committed to reining in the power of concentrated wealth.

Study: U.S. presidents often outlive their life expectancy

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Do U.S. presidents really age twice as fast as the rest of us while they occupy the Oval Office?

Dr. Michael Roizen says the answer is yes.

In the days leading up to President Barack Obama's inauguration, Roizen told CNN that "The typical person who lives one year ages one year. The typical president ages two years for every year they are in office."

This caught the eye of S. Jay Olshansky, a sociologist at the University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Public Health. Olshansky decided to put Roizen's claim to the test with actual data.

Of the 34 presidents who died of natural causes, 23 lived longer than his modified life expectancy (the one that took account of his supposed accelerated aging while serving as commander in chief).

Olshansky calculated that for these presidents, their average estimated age at death was 67.0 years, but in real life they lived to an average age of 78.0 years.

For the 11 presidents who died before reaching their estimated life expectancy (which was 67.8 years, on average), their average age at actual death was 62.1 years.

So U.S. presidents lived longer than expected in about two-thirds of cases.

In addition, Olshansky noted, "all living presidents have either already exceeded the estimated life span of all U.S. men at their age of inauguration or are likely to do so."

MCT/ ALI SAFI

Suicide bombers targeted Shiite Muslim worshippers in three Afghan cities Tuesday, including the Abu Fazlul Abbas shrine in Kabul, Afghanistan, killing at least 59 people.

China struggles to convince citizens that its air is clean

BEIJING (MCT) — The sky in Beijing is often a murky color, something between gray and brown. But the past few days have been particularly bad: hundreds of flights canceled, sections of highway temporarily closed and entire buildings seemingly vanished from the horizon.

On state television and much of Chinese-language media, the darker days of Beijing frequently are explained by one word: fog.

While at times that may be true, there's no question that the capital — crammed with cars and a population that's reportedly grown beyond 19 million — is choking on pollution.

The Global Times, a state-controlled tabloid with nationalist leanings, reported Monday that an engineer at the Beijing Meteorological Bureau had "refuted the idea that the fog is a result of air pollution."

Instead, according to the state engineer, the fog was created by a large amount of water vapor near the ground and a drop in temperature.

Many Chinese apparently are unconvinced.

State media said that the country's largest online retail site, akin to eBay, sold more than 30,000 respiratory masks on Sunday alone.

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Governor's School changes fundraising

By Miranda Murray
Staff Writer

The deadline for deciding if both Governor's School campuses will remain open is looming, but fundraisers remain optimistic.

The N.C. Governor's School Foundation announced Tuesday a decision to change its fundraising strategies to focus on soliciting North Carolina foundations and businesses rather than alumni for donations.

Roice Fulton, vice president of the foundation, said it decided to move forward with this strategy to allow businesses more time to donate money.

Some businesses had expressed interest in donating but couldn't meet the foundation's original fundraising deadline in October.

"We're so much more comfortable in saying we'll have both campuses open in some fashion," he said.

After state funding was cut this summer for the program, a group of alumni began an effort to keep the program running.

As of Tuesday, they had raised $535,737.50 — enough to allow one of its two campuses to remain open.

These promising efforts led the N.C. State Board of Education to give the foundation an extension until Jan. 17 to raise the rest of the $1 million goal needed to open the second campus.

Michael McElreath, director of Governor's School East, said the foundation is striving to make sure the program offers the same experience to future students as it did to the alumni.

"The choice is basically between having two campuses or one, but whether we have one or two, we want students to have the full experience," he said.

David Winslow, a Governor's School alumnus who is coordinating fundraising, said the foundation is targeting in-state businesses based on their sectors and geographic interests.

Winslow said a recent donation from Burroughs Wellcome Fund, a local foundation that supports medical research, highlights how some potential donors invest in Governor's School because it keeps math and science education strong in the state.

So far, Burroughs and two other organizations have pledged $15,000 total, and several others have committed funds.

"It's always a gamble, but we're hoping to be able to announce some major gifts in the next few weeks and get people motivated during the holiday season," Fulton said.

Despite its success so far, the foundation emphasizes that private donations will not provide a long-term funding solution — it will need state money.

"A lot of the sources are making it clear that privately, in public, and in writing, that this is a one-time deal," Winslow said.

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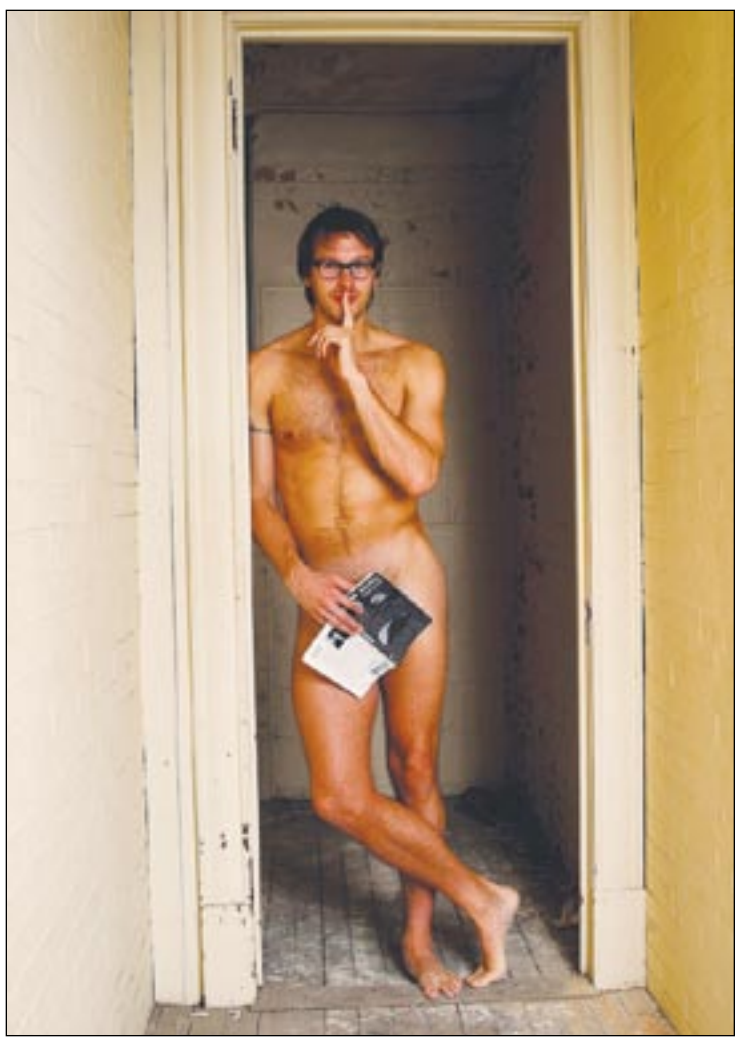
Alumni create calendar to benefit LGBT teens

By Maggie Conner
Staff Writer



COURTESY OF MEGAN PEREZ
Zack, Mr. January, a librarian from New York, poses for the "Men of the Stacks" calendar. The calendar also features two UNC alumni.

Two Tar Heels just made September and November a little sexier.

Megan Perez and Josiah Drewry, both UNC alumni, are making headlines after posing as male models in a 2012 calendar meant to challenge the stereotypes of what the typical librarian looks like.

The calendar — called "Men of the Stacks" — features pictures of male librarians ranging from completely naked (with the help of a book, of course) to clothed in a jacket and motorcycle goggles.

Proceeds from calendar sales, estimated at $17,600, go directly to the It Gets Better Project, a non-profit organization that gives positive messages to LGBT teenagers who are bullied.

Perez, Mr. November and project coordinator, said the calendar was inspired by another calendar of librarians called the Tattooed Ladies of the Texas Library Association.

Perez said he and Trevor Dawes, Mr. August, saw the calendar and joked about making a the male version of the calendar.

"We thought, 'Yeah, that's cool … but where are all the men?'" Perez said.

Drewry, Mr. September, said there wasn't a formal photo shoot for the calendar.

He said the 12 male models submitted photos of themselves, interpreting the idea as they wished.

Drewry said he thinks the men pictured in the calendar chose the It Gets Better Project because it's well known and promotes diverse lifestyles.

"Everybody grows up and faces various difficulties, and once they grow up they realize they should celebrate themselves," Drewry said.

He said the calendar is about celebrating diversity because it features 12 different men with different backgrounds who are all intelligent and attractive in their own way.

Since the calendar went on sale Sept. 27, the website has received hits from around the world, including Poland, Finland, China, Singapore and South Korea, Perez said.

Web designer Sarah Kahn, an alumna of the UNC School of Information and Library Sciences, said the website has been a great tool to generate publicity.

"I have seen the slide show of the men on the Internet a lot," she said.

Perez said the team didn't use a traditional marketing campaign, but instead launched an extensive social media campaign.

He said he created a Facebook fan page, blogged about it and shared the website with all of his friends.

"The first month was pretty crazy."

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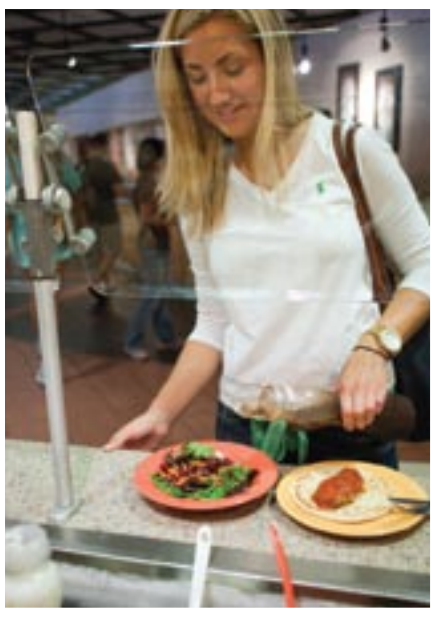

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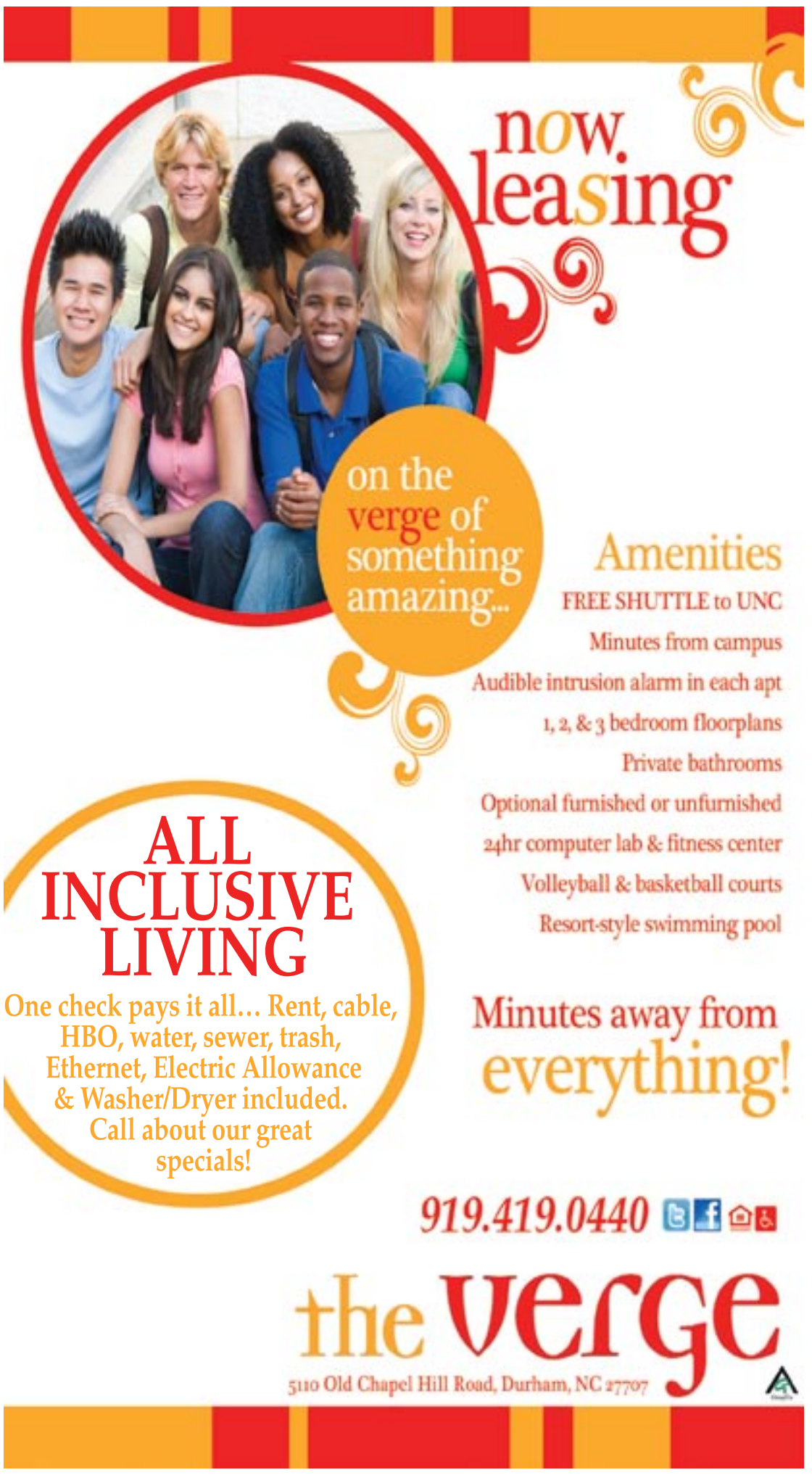

Duke gets largest-ever financial aid donation

By Vinayak Balasubramanian
Staff Writer

The largest-ever individual financial aid donation received by Duke University will promote diversity and access for prospective students in both the U.S. and abroad, administrators say.

University President Richard Brodhead announced Monday that Duke Trustee Bruce Karsh and his wife Martha donated $50 million to the school to set up an endowment for financial aid.

Karsh, a 1977 Duke graduate and president of a global investment firm, said in a press release that he believes the scholarships will help diversify the university's student body.

"Martha and I believe strongly that motivated, talented students — whether from underserved communities in the U.S. or from around the globe — should be able to attend a great university like Duke, which can nurture their talent and help them reach their potential," he said.

The donation adds $15 million to the Karsh Scholarship Fund and $20 million to the Karsh International Scholars Program, which provide financial aid for U.S. and international students.

In addition, $10 million is reserved to match funds from other gifts — encouraging potential donors to support financial aid endowments. The remaining $5 million will establish a partnership with charter schools in underprivileged areas that are part of the Knowledge Is Power Program.

These donations are critical to fulfilling Duke's commitment to admitting students from diverse backgrounds during a tough economy, Brodhead said in a press release.

"We are deeply grateful to the Karshes for this remarkable gift and for the way they have championed one of the university's highest priorities," he said.

Duke received $62 million in endowments last fiscal year, an amount almost surpassed by the single donation from Karsh, said William Conescu, executive director of development marketing and communications for Duke.

Shirley Ort, associate provost and director of scholarships and student aid at UNC, said money yielded from UNC's endowment provided merit and need-based scholarships for 4,500 students this year.

But the University has not received such a substantial donation in recent years, she said.

"I have been here for over 14 years and we have not seen anything that large. I wish we had something that big."

Steve Mancini, director of public affairs for the Knowledge is Power Program, said the $5 million donation will help finance college scholarships for students who graduate from participating middle and high schools and are admitted to Duke.

"Eighty-five percent of (the program's) students are from low-income families," Mancini said. "Many of them dreamed to go to a school like Duke, and now they have the means to go for it.

"This is truly humbling for us. Christmas came early with this news."

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Student Enrichment Fund gives grants to four students

By Jamie Gnazzo
Staff Writer

For the second time this semester, students will travel around the United States thanks to grants from UNC's student government.

The student enrichment fund — part of Student Body President Mary Cooper's platform — awarded $1,225 to four students this month with the help of the Golden Key International Honour Society.

Money for previous awards came from Cooper and Student Body Vice President Zealan Hoover's University stipend.

Selected from a pool of 18 applicants, winners Burcu Bozkurt, Apurva Oza, Jessica Smith and Ganesh Raj received grants ranging from $300 to $335.

Raj was the only student to receive a joint Golden Key and student government grant.

Hoover said the honor society was one of the first groups to express a desire to donate to the enrichment grants.

"They are an example of just one funding strategy we are pursuing," Hoover said. "We are excited to have them on board."

Adam Jutha, student body secretary, said they plan for the partnership with the honor society to be a long-term strategy.

"Now that they have finished funding one student in this round, we will see how that process works and go from there," Jutha said.

Senior astrophysics major Oza will use the grant to attend and present his undergraduate research at the American Astronomical Society conference in Texas.

"This is where all the scientific breakthroughs are happening," Oza said. "It's incredible to be at a place like that."

The conference will feature Nobel Laureates in the field of astrophysics, Oza said.

Sophomore Smith will use the grant to attend the 2012 National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment in Washington, D.C. Without the grant, Smith said she wouldn't have been able to attend the $280 conference.

"I was thrilled because I really wanted to go to this conference, but there aren't a lot of funds for undergrads to go to conferences," Smith said.

Buzkurt, another grant recipient, will attend the Starting Bloc Institute on Social Innovation in Los Angeles, a program designed to promote socially responsible business practices.

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> **Zealan Hoover,**
> Student body vice president

Raj will use his grant to participate in the student-run Social Enterprise Conference at Harvard Business School, a forum on innovative social ideas.

Jutha said student government is pleased that the number of applicants remained steady for this round because it shows that students are still interested.

He added that student government will work with the University's development office on a larger fundraising campaign next semester.

The deadline for the next round of grants is Feb. 1.

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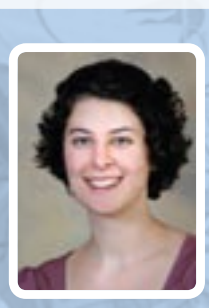

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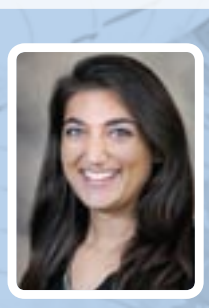

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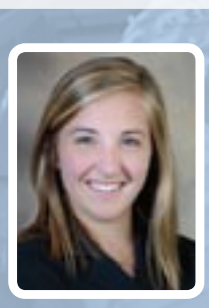

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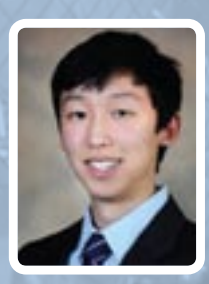

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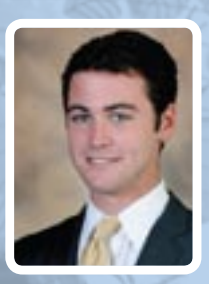

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John K., Kassandra Ofray and Kyle Aronstam arrange wooden shipping pallets to elevate tents for the winter.

Occupy Chapel Hill survives challenges

Staff and Wire Reports

Occupy might have started on Wall Street, but it's lasted in Chapel Hill.

The Occupy Chapel Hill movement that started Oct. 15 in Peace and Justice Plaza has made it through two months, the town's Halloween celebration and a police raid on a nearby encampment.

"We expect it to stay peaceful and cordial," said Sgt. Joshua Mecimore, a police spokesman. "As long as that remains the same, our position will remain the same."

Occupy raid controversial

On Nov. 12, a group of occupiers — many of whom were not associated with the Occupy Chapel Hill movement — moved into the vacant Yates Motor Company building at 419 W. Franklin St.

Roughly 18 hours later, a police raid swept into the building, breaking up the protestors, who knew they were trespassing but said they didn't expect anything so sudden or vicious.

"It was one of the most traumatic experiences of my life," said Hannah Shaw, a protester who said a gun was pointed in her face during the raid.

Protestors said they didn't receive warning before the raid, and police were also criticized for handcuffing two journalists located near the building.

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But police said they were worried about known anarchists who were part of the "Occupy Everything" encampment and took the building by storm as a safety precaution.

"We had no sense of what threats lurked in that building," Chapel Hill Police Chief Chris Blue said at a press conference he and Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt held to address the police break-up.

Protests and marches by the occupiers who had camped in the building, Occupy Chapel Hill and other community members, took place during the days and weeks following the raid, including a march the night of the break up and a protest at the next Town of Chapel Hill Town Council meeting.

Seven occupiers arrested in the raid face a Jan. 30 court date.

Movement continues

In contrast to its ill-fated Occupy Everything counterpart, Occupy Chapel Hill in Peace and Justice Plaza has survived challenges like Halloween and has grown since its start more than two months ago.

The movement, which started with about a dozen tents pitched in Peace and Justice Plaza, now had a large food tent and a marker board that features daily events.

Occupiers worked with police to ensure the movement's safety during Halloween festivities, when tens of thousands of revelers poured onto Franklin Street. The protest moved its tents away from the plaza, but occupiers themselves maintained their presence.

And despite impending cold weather, Occupy has plans to keep that presence going.

"Originally we were just wearing lots of layers, but now that isn't enough," said John Kertzie, an occupier, of the group's cold weather plans. "The new plan is to set up fewer tents and put as many people as possible in them."

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Housekeeping reform to focus on long-term change

After allegations of poor management, UNC has aimed for quality fixes.

By Claire McNeill
Assistant University Editor

A department plagued by allegations of harassment, poor management and discrimination got the spotlight this year.

And the focus of the move toward reform has changed from immediacy to higher-quality and more long-term changes.

Last spring, the University responded to complaints within the Housekeeping Services department by enlisting a third-party evaluation.

PRM Consulting Group released its report in October outlining more than 45 recommendations for change.

The results prompted an announcement from Chancellor Holden Thorp of immediate actions the University would take.

"We have been working to fix these problems, but those sincere attempts have fallen short," Thorp said in an October email to University faculty and staff.

Chief among UNC's priorities was the establishment of an advisory committee composed of housekeepers who will give progress reports and recommendations.

After the report's release, housekeepers said they were optimistic — but some expressed hesitation. Employee Forum delegate James Holman said some doubt remained regarding the extent to which the University would implement substantial changes.

In October, Brenda Malone, vice chancellor for human resources, said the University would begin moving forward on an action plan quickly.

"In using the term 'immediate,' that's the kind of term you don't use unless you mean it," she said.

"For us, it's critically important to move quickly."

But Dick Mann, then-vice chancellor for finance and administration, acknowledged in October that the plan might take months to execute.

"Some of those things are going to take a while because there are so many people involved," he said.

And now, reform in the department is under way, but administrators said the importance lies in quality rather than speed.

Mann said it is important to give critical issues the time they need.

"It's going OK, and I'd love to see it go faster, but it doesn't make sense to jam something in if people don't feel they are involved," he said in November.

Malone said some parts of the process are inevitably taking time.

"I'm not sure there's ever an end date for reaching a climate of cultural stability," Malone said.

"In essence, we're meeting our target."

Ongoing projects include the formation of an advisory committee, a management training program and better communication between employees.

The search for a new housekeeping director has also begun, and a search committee has been formed, Malone said.

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Online classes may be expanded

UNC-system leaders hope to cut costs by expanding online.

By Isabella Cochrane
State & National Editor

In an effort to curb the effects of statewide budget cuts, UNC-system administrators are pushing for the expansion of online education — an initiative that will replace a failed seven-month project originally expected to cut costs.

The UNC-system Board of Governors is still searching for ways to absorb a 15.6 percent state budget cut enacted this summer, and members of the board hope online education might be the answer.

In January, system President Thomas Ross announced a review of the system's 2,000 degree programs to identify duplicate programs that universities could eliminate. Ross and board members hoped the review — termed "unnecessary duplication" — would provide long-term savings.

But at the board's November meeting, Jim Woodward, who led the study, announced that he had found no duplication within the system.

Woodward, former chancellor of N.C. State University and UNC-Charlotte, said individual universities' existing review processes have sufficed to cull unnecessary programs, and the board should expect campuses to continue proposing new programs to meet students' needs.

"I think it is totally inappropriate for you to say, 'OK, we're not going to approve any programs in the next five years,'" he said at the meeting.

Every two years, the board asks each university to conduct program evaluations based on the system's productivity standards.

In February, as a result of the 2010 reviews, the board voted to eliminate or consolidate 60 programs systemwide, including 36 baccalaureate programs.

Instead of recommending additional degree programs to consolidate, Woodward suggested administrators turn to online education for long-term savings.

He recommended universities develop a systemwide online course pool and registration tool.

At the November meeting, system administrators discussed rearranging leadership within the system's General Administration to create a new position to oversee online education. The system has announced that it will hire a new director of online services by March to facilitate these changes.

Board members said the person who filled the position would need to be ready to "walk on water."

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CUAB picks up after slow start this year

By Sarah Haderbache
Staff Writer

It took a while for Carolina Union Activities Board to warm up this semester.

The organization's events have sparked controversy among the student body.

The very first show of the academic year, a concert featuring local folk bands Mipso Trio and Mandolin Orange, was canceled due to weather conditions.

The event was rescheduled for a date more than three months later — this semester's last day of classes.

The cancellation pushed a concert by rapper Big K.R.I.T. to become CUAB's first major event of the semester.

The show was also supposed to feature Curren$y, another hip-hop artist, but the rapper had to cancel when he broke his ankle jumping off a stage in Los Angeles.

Although Big K.R.I.T.'s performance cost $7,500 of CUAB's $364,000 annual budget, less than a third of the concert's tickets were sold.

The selection of indie rock band The New Pornographers to perform at this year's Homecoming concert was also questioned.

CUAB members said it was hard to please the whole student body when choosing the band for Homecoming concert.

Zoey LeTendre, CUAB's program adviser, said in late September that CUAB was trying to reach the usually untargeted graduate student population with this performance.

"They're kind of a weird band and their type of music is very different," CUAB President Cierra Hinton said in September.

The performance — contracted for $40,000 — sold only 703 out of 4,500 tickets available in Carmichael Arena, according to unofficial ticket totals.

In early November, CUAB announced that Oscar-nominated director Spike Lee would speak on campus.

Although the announcement raised enthusiasm, 705 of 1,434 available tickets were sold as of Tuesday evening. Lee was contracted for $25,000.

But CUAB's final planned event of the semester — tonight's concert by rap group Travis Porter — has proven a success.

The 600 tickets for the show — which was contracted for $14,000 — sold out within two days.

In January, CUAB will host a performance in Memorial Hall by Jeff Mangum, lead singer for indie rock band Neutral Milk Hotel.

The Jan. 30 show will be one of Mangum's first solo shows in many years. It sold out within hours of tickets going on sale.

"Jeff Mangum received a fantastic response from the student body," said Kinsey Sullivan, music chairwoman for CUAB. "People loved it."

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The New Pornographers perform at this year's Homecoming concert Oct. 29. Only 700 out of 4,500 tickets were sold.

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Honor system reviewed

By Andy Thomason
University Editor

In the days following the dismissal of head football Coach Butch Davis, University administrators decided to prioritize the reform of the honor system as a way to repair UNC in the wake of the NCAA investigation.

"Regardless of the situation with football, it just makes good sense to seek ways to improve our commitment to honor and integrity," Chancellor Holden Thorp wrote in an email to UNC students and faculty in early August.

The task of honor reform fell to Chairwoman of the Faculty Jan Boxill, who embarked on a handful of initiatives, the most serious of which have focused on improving faculty participation in the system.

These included the creation of a faculty advisory committee and the discussed implementation of an online plagiarism detection software.

Faculty disengagement in the honor system has been at the center of the reform.

At an October meeting of the Faculty Council, several faculty members offered sharp criticism of the system.

"The fully student-run Honor Court is doing a poor job of enhancing intellectual honesty on campus," said sociology professor Andrew Perrin at the meeting.

Perrin added that he knew of department chairmen who specifically discourage professors in their departments to report cases to the Honor Court.

The focus on the honor system began after it was revealed that former defensive end Michael McAdoo had plagiarized a paper, and that offense was not detected by the honor system.

But a group of faculty led by history professor Jay Smith had already been examining the issue of faculty disengagement.

"It isn't like the McAdoo case now all of a sudden said, 'What's wrong with our Honor Court?' It just raised awareness for everybody," Boxill said in an August interview.

The most substantial reform measure already implemented has been the creation of a faculty advisory committee, which aims to serve as a liaison between student representatives and faculty.

The committee, led by political science senior lecturer Donna LeFebvre, met for the first time Oct. 3.

Boxill, who is leading a larger task force on the issue, has also introduced the possibility of utilizing Turnitin, a plagiarism detection software.

Boxill has said that the system would be a positive addition but it is not without its critics.

"It seems like almost every instance it was used in my high school it was disastrous," said vice chairwoman of the Honor Court Morgan Abbott in a November meeting of Boxill's task force.

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Gay marriage threatened in N.C.

By Estes Gould
Senior Writer

After heated debate and campaigns on both sides of the issue, the N.C. General Assembly made a decision Sept. 13 to pass a bill banning same-sex marriage in the state constitution.

It took only two days to pass the amendment, defining marriage as only between a man and a woman. Now the state will wait until May to vote on writing that into the state constitution.

The Defense of Marriage amendment passed as expected through the N.C. Senate with a 30 to 16 vote, meeting the three-fifths requirement for a constitutional amendment to pass.

"I heard more public input on this issue than on any other in my nine years here," N.C. Sen. Richard Stevens, R-Wake, said after voting for the amendment. "It was pretty even on both sides. And now the voters get to decide — it's democracy at its complete stage."

But Democrats, like N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said the legislative process for the bill was unusually quick, especially for an amendment.

If passed, the amendment will ensure that same-sex marriage and civil unions will not be recognized in the state.

But the broad language could prevent even heterosexual domestic partnerships from being recognized, said Maxine Eichner, a law professor at UNC who focuses on sexuality law.

North Carolina's legislation is one of the broadest in the country, she said. Couples in domestic partnerships could lose hospital and prison visitation rights, health insurance and tax benefits, domestic violence protections and child custody rights.

At UNC, those couples would not be able to buy health insurance for their partners or get access to on-campus family housing, said Terri Phoenix, the director of UNC's LGBTQ Center. The Center will emphasize that student impact to encourage voters.

"We'll make a strong drive around university campuses to get people to the polls," said Sam Parker, the director of organizing at Equality N.C., an advocacy group working against what they call the anti-gay marriage amendment.

But Rep. Paul Stam, R-Wake, said in a debate in September that the amendment was just meant to protect the state law that already makes same-sex marriage illegal.

It would make it harder for judges or future legislators to legalize same-sex unions, protecting a state law that has not been challenged by judge or legislator since it passed in 1996, he said.

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Student plays come to life

By Jenna Stout
Staff Writer

This fall, students took playwriting beyond the classroom.

The Writing for the Screen and Stage program's "Long Story Shorts" festival and LAB! Theatre both gave student playwrights the chance to meet the goal of seeing their words come to life on stage.

In October, six UNC seniors in the graduating class of UNC's Writing for the Screen and Stage program saw scripts they began writing last fall performed by professional directors, producers and actors in the "Long Story Shorts" festival.

Dana Coen, the festival's artistic director and acting director of the Writing for Screen and Stage program, created the first "Long Story Shorts" festival this year.

"I was impressed with the ambition, the depth of vision and the individual voices of these writers, and it encouraged me to imagine a festival where we could present these plays to the public," Coen said.

Coen brought together UNC staff, students and alumni to create what he said was a family affair.

Ross Maloney, one of the playwrights, said he was nervous and humbled when the actors first read his script.

"It's been a lot of work involved, but every time it gets sharper and tighter, and it's just great to come in and see the active process of taking your idea and making it something that is moving," Maloney said.

In November, LAB! Theatre produced "Where the Ocean Meets the Sky," a play by junior Patrick Robinson, who nearly quit writing plays to pursue his interest in rap music.

Robinson was awarded the UNC Sam Selden Prize for the original script in the spring of 2011 before he pitched the play to LAB! for production.

Robinson said his inspiration came from observing years of advertisements.

"It's like looking at America as if you're an archaeologist," Robinson said.

He began writing the play in high school and finished revising it at his grandfather's house in the Appalachian Mountains.

"It's been a goal of mine to put this on," Robinson said.

LAB!'s next student-written play — a piece by Sam Smith called "Stick Up Kids" — will be produced in February.

Coen said he hopes to make the one-act festival an annual affair.

"I want the students to get the chance to see their work live."

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We're so used to saying it that it's become a representation of who we are, right behind our names and our birthplace.

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As college students, it's the one question we're sure to hear over and over. It's the infallible icebreaker at orientation or on the first day of class: What's your major?

I will never forget hearing someone at a party say the reason they were studying business was "to make money."

And while that wasn't the best pickup line, he had a point.

Finance, along with economics and engineering, dominated the best-paying college degrees by salary in 2011, according to a PayScale survey.

In fact, computer science or business majors make as much as 50 percent more in a lifetime than those who major in the humanities, the arts, education or psychology, according to a report out of Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce.

So if there is such a thing as a "right major," one with loads of post-graduation job offers and high wages, why are there so few of us who study math or physics?

Apparently, it's because most of us choose our majors based on what we like to do, even while knowing it might not be financially beneficial.

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The median starting salary for journalism grads is just $30,000. Sadder yet, that's the same amount from five years ago.

But studying something that I love has made for a rich and interesting UNC experience.

And as I see more and more friends who graduate and who work in fields completely unrelated to what they studied in school, I ask myself: Does it really matter what you major in?

More often than not, you'll talk to people who say it does matter for your first job, but becomes less important as the years go on.

It doesn't mean that all of us can start applying to petroleum engineering jobs after graduation (this year's best-paying job at $155,000), but that it will never be too late to fall out of love with our majors, especially once we hit the working world and experience it for what it is.

The truth is, without internships, many of us have little idea of the work people who share our majors do every single day.

But if you're like me and still wondering four years into college if you made the right choice, know that basic skills are transferable, and the ability to learn quickly, be a good team player and apply critical thinking can be applicable to any job in any economy.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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EDITORIAL

Barking up the wrong tree

Recent, local Occupy protests diminish the group's credibility.

If the Occupy Wall Street movement hopes to stay relevant, the least its members can do is make sure they have their facts straight.

Two recent incidents involving local branches of the movement have illuminated just how poorly informed many of its participants are. Last week at N.C. State University, protesters interrupted a speech by Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf, blaming him personally for, among other things, "the death of the American Dream."

What the protesters didn't mention is that Stumpf took control of Wells Fargo in 2010, two years after the onset of the financial crisis, and that the bank has repaid the $25 billion of bailout money it received. Rather than bolstering their legitimate claims, this outburst diminished the credibility of the entire movement.

Even more laughable were the objections raised last week by Chapel Hill's Occupy movement to the University's choice of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg as commencement speaker. As members of a protest movement, these students especially should respect the importance of allowing controversial speakers.

Before criticizing, protesters would do well to show some humility. UNC is lucky to have such an illustrious speaker, especially considering that he is doing it for free. Chances are, Bloomberg's experiences have taught him a few lessons our senior class could apply to their own lives, regardless of their political leanings.

EDITORIAL

'Right to' hire in-state

DNC must ease its union contractors pledge for next year's convention.

While its political upside is clear, the Democratic National Committee's pledge to hire union contractors for the upcoming national convention in Charlotte threatens to shut out businesses in this "right to work" state. If North Carolina's votes are good enough for the DNC, so should its businesses.

While the organizing committee has already awarded numerous contracts to local contractors, at least two companies have complained of losing out to out-of-state firms because of unionization.

While concerning, the (Raleigh) News & Observer reporting recently found no clear bias to union firms by the organizing committee. Of the six firms awarded contracts thus far, only one is a unionized firm. The DNC needs to continue this balanced approach as the convention nears.

With an economic impact of about $160 million, next year's convention stands to bring a desperately-needed economic stimulus to the area. With a 10.2 percent unemployment rate, higher than the national average, Charlotte has been hit particularly hard by the economic downturn.

As the host of this convention, the DNC should be doing all it can to promote goodwill among local businesses. Waiving this union requirement would be a good step toward courting favors in November.

Changes come with a price

On its face, a new set of federal guidelines for prosecuting sexual assault cases at schools seems necessary, if not overdue.

But any heaping of praise upon these changes shouldn't go without a deeper conversation about the risks of lowering the standard of proof for these cases.

The Department of Education did implement some commendable changes, such as those mandating that both parties have the right to an appeal, that staff are properly trained for sexual assault cases and that the University provide victims counseling.

But one rule — to reduce the burden of proof on the accuser — could jeopardize everything else, no matter its merits on the surface.

With the changes, UNC's Honor Court must now abide by a preponderance of evidence standard in sexual assault cases, meaning that the accuser must prove only that it's more likely the crime happened than not.

That's it. All prosecutors need is a 51 percent likelihood of guilt. No hard evidence, no worries.

UNC previously required proof "beyond a reasonable doubt," a much stricter burden of proof and the one used in criminal trials.

Will Doran
On the University
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Morgan Abbott, the Honor Court's vice chairwoman, said she supports the change because it will encourage more students to seek help. The reasonable doubt standard discourages reporting because many victims think they won't win and don't want to relive their pain only to lose the case.

Abbott's is a commendable ideal, but it has a dark side. If the burden of proof for criminal courts remains the same while the burden of proof for on-campus hearings is reduced, it stands to reason that many victims will turn to the Honor Court rather than police.

Two cases on the same crime could be incredibly draining, and it could be tantalizing to only go for the more certain win.

This has two negative potential outcomes: The first is that innocent students could be wrongly convicted, as sexual assault cases are often very complicated and hazy because emotions run high — and substances are often involved.

The second is that abusers could get away with their horrific acts with a mere slap on the wrist. Yes, they might have to miss a year or more at UNC. But they can always enroll somewhere else, get a job, travel or do any number of things that don't involve going to jail.

Because of UNC policies giving victims maximum agency, not to mention a severely misguided interpretation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, sexual assaults will permanently stay part of an "educational record" as long as that student doesn't report the crime to police.

We shouldn't just help the victim; we also need to fully punish the guilty. Current standards, with the potential for the guilty to get off relatively free, aren't what survivors of sexual violence deserve.

JOIN US: The Daily Tar Heel is hiring for the spring semester.

We're looking for columnists who will produce hard-hitting, insightful, well-written and well-researched columns with local relevance centered around a theme of their own choosing on a biweekly basis.

We're looking for a board of between six and nine members who will write unsigned editorials on behalf of the DTH. Members must attend a one-hour meeting on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday each week to brainstorm and pitch ideas. Each board member can expect to write several editorials a week.

We're looking for cartoonists who will produce creative, original editorial cartoons weekly. Submit three work samples to apply.

Visit 151 E. Rosemary Street or www.DailyTarHeel.com under "About" and "How to Join the DTH" to apply. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Dec. 9. Contact Opinion Editor C. Ryan Barber at crbarber@unc.edu with questions.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The beautiful thing about him is that he's got ambitions. He's hungry. He wants this as bad as any other coach out there or as bad as any other player."

Enzo Martinez, UNC men's soccer player, on coach Carlos Somoano

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"If people are already paying exorbitant prices for their meal plans why not let them have all options. If you don't want to eat meat, that's fine. Just don't push it on the rest of us."

Hugo, on vegan advocates' push for "Meatless Mondays" in the dining halls

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Petition is meant for dialogue about Occupy

TO THE EDITOR:

I write to address various opinions presented in The Daily Tar Heel over the past few weeks. I am an active member of the Occupy movement as a part of the Outreach Working Group, night watch volunteer at the Chapel Hill Occupation, General Assembly attendee, etc. I have been active in the "Strike the Hikes" campaign and took part in the group effort to write and post the petition to revoke Michael Bloomberg's invitation.

Speaking only for myself, I realize the severity of our request and don't have expectations of the invitation being revoked. Our aim was to spread awareness of the hypocrisy of having such an individual speak at our public, liberal arts university, a university that encourages students to think critically and seek ultimate truth.

While we respect students' decision to attend UNC's commencement in May, we have used this petition to open yet another campus dialogue and raise further awareness of our next move: Alternative Commencement Ceremony. We plan on hosting speakers that have shown support of the growing social movement.

To those who see the occupiers as squatters/jobless hippies/homeless drunks, I urge you to attend a General Assembly. Come to a teach-in. Add your two cents in a constructive manner. The revolution isn't going anywhere — at least not in my lifetime.

Alanna Davis
Sophomore
Global Studies

Budget proposal will be presented to BOG Dec. 9

TO THE EDITOR:

On Friday, the UNC Board of Trustees, along with the heads of other UNC-system campuses, will submit a plan to close next year's $100 million budget shortfall to the Board of Governors. The plan calls for a 40 percent tuition hike over the next few years, a move that will price out many students who are already struggling to make ends meet.

The proposed tuition hikes are exorbitant and unjustified. The money raised through these increases will not close next year's projected shortfall and it leaves the university vulnerable to further budget cuts. Yet the administration refuses to consider alternative funding sources, such as the endowment or alumni donations.

The UNC Education Justice Alliance, a diverse student coalition opposed to the hikes, will present an alternative, student-driven budget proposal to the BOG on Friday and is planning a system-wide day of student action on Feb. 10, when the BOG votes on the budget proposals. Add your voice to the coalition by emailing unceja@gmail.com.

Caitlin Williams
UNC Education Justice Alliance

Kvetching board™

kvetch:

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To the students in my organic chemistry class that made 90s on the test: Tell me your secret, because the standard deviation was higher than my grade.

To the guy listening to Rihanna's "We Found Love": Yes, the UL at 7 a.m. is a hopeless place. I don't think there's any love here, though.

If you require a cover page, professor, I require ten cents.

To the girl wearing wrapping paper as a shirt on the P2P Friday night: No classy Christmas parties for you this year, huh?

To all girls on campus: If you actually stop fantasizing about the perfect Korean guy, you might actually find some real people worth your while.

Don't worry Heels, it is only a matter of time before Calipari invalidates that win as well.

To the hottie grad student in the DeSimone Lab: My friends and I think you're a stud, and with the semester ending we'd like you to take a break and explore your chemistry with us.

Define misdirected participation: Spending half a lecture spaced-out, mentally editing a kvetch.

The library during exams = the gym after New Years.

Chance of a few rain showers this week? I'll risk it. It's not worth putting the campus on lockdown so that I can carry around my full-size comic book umbrella.

To the girl in Number Theory who insists on reading the kvetches aloud EVERY Friday: #annoyed

If Tim Tebow had a thought, would it be called a Christian Ponder?

To the couple loudly discussing whether or not to cheat in Davis: Bet you didn't realize the Attorney General was sitting next to you. See you soon!

Oh, so that's why all the people are camped outside Cameron Indoor Stadium — the Occupy Duke Basketball Movement.

Rams Head: Cockroaches in the dining hall are not what I meant by Meatless Mondays.

To the guy yelling into his phone "Man, what gives you the confidence to get all up in my baby-momma s***!?": What gives YOU the confidence to have this conversation in the middle of Stadium Drive?

To the kid in Davis stressing about the Monday crossword puzzle: Can I have your exam schedule?

To all those criticizing the basketball team: There's a reason they're on the court and not you. Go'n witcha bad self, b-ball team.

Send your one-to-two sentence entries to opinion@dailytarheel.com, subject line 'kvetch.'

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is an 8 - Confirm travel reservations, and set the itinerary. Partners offer the perfect support. Make love a top priority. Express your affection.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 9 - You're on top of your game and your intuition is right on target. Take advantage of your newly gained confidence to accomplish a particular dream.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 6 - The answer you've been looking for gets revealed. Consult with your team, and set the structure to grow your harvest. Postpone travel. Power and luck come tomorrow.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is an 8 - There's more money coming your way, if you're willing to do the work. You find inspiration in a person or a book from far away. Love's your motivation.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 - Success is attainable, once you agree on the course of action. You know what to do. Listen to your heart. A perfectly gorgeous moment comes out of it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 - A friend's help is appreciated. Your network is your true wealth. Everything you want or need can be found there. Share resources and partnership.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 6 - Patience comes in handy, especially around finances. Revise the blueprint (again). There's more work coming along with some good recommendations. Stick with the plan.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 - You're getting better with age. The more you listen, the farther you'll get. Resist the impulse to run away. Give it all you've got, if only for love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 9 - Add a beautiful touch to your workplace. Flowers? Your calming presence is greatly appreciated. Accept a fun challenge. Anything's possible.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 9 - Continue to repay obligations. The perfect solution appears. Get the word out about it. The competition makes you pick up the pace.

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Today is a 9 - The work's hard, but profitable. Collaboration's a good idea, and there are talented players in your network. This could even be enjoyable.

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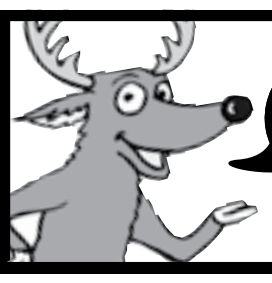

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UNC imposes fines, awaits NCAA ruling

From staff and wire reports

The possibility for additional sanctions for the North Carolina football program still exists after a year-long NCAA investigation has finally reached its end.

Chancellor Holden Thorp and former athletic director Dick Baddour were among a small group of individuals that represented North Carolina in front of the NCAA Committee on Infractions on Oct. 28.

But any penalties the NCAA decides to hand down will compound the self-imposed sanctions UNC instituted in its response letter to the committee.

On Sept. 19, the University released its response to the nine major allegations from the NCAA, and within the response, the University addressed each of the allegations and outlined self-imposed regulations.

The NCAA alleged that a former tutor for the football program, Jennifer Wiley, provided both impermissible academic assistance to multiple players and provided $3,500 worth of benefits to student athletes, including parking ticket expenses, an airline ticket and free tutoring.

The NCAA said that former associate head football coach John Blake was given $31,000 by Pro Tect Management for encouraging players to sign with agent Gary Wichard. Blake also did not provide relevant information to investigators, the NCAA said.

The notice of allegations also noted that seven UNC football players accepted more than $27,000 in benefits from several different individuals.

The NCAA held the University responsible for some of the exchange of impermissible benefits, alleging that UNC failed to properly monitor the program's relationship with former Tar Heel Chris Hawkins, an individual the NCAA views as an agent.

In the University's response, it said that all allegations were substantially correct, except for the one alleging that the University failed to monitor the social networking activities of the football players.

The University instituted a new social media policy alongside other strict self-imposed sanctions regarding wins and grants-in-aid.

The football program vacated all wins from the 2008 and 2009 seasons and decreased the number of scholarships by nine over a three-year period. The University also issued itself a fine of $50,000.

The decision by the Committee of Infractions is still pending, but according to NCAA.org, it typically takes between six and eight weeks to write the report and announce penalties, although complicating factors could extend that time frame.

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this as soon as possible," said Bernadette Pelissier, chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, before the measure passed.

This election season also marked what is likely to be the final cycle of Chapel Hill's publicly funded elections ordinance.

After receiving approval from the N.C. General Assembly and Chapel Hill Town Council, the program — which allows candidates to receive public campaign funding if they limit individual contributions to $20 and reach a threshold amount of funds — was used in both the 2009 and 2011 elections.

However, the program is set to expire this year if it is not renewed by the N.C. General Assembly. Officials say it is unlikely that it will be renewed, since the legislature is now Republican-led and publicly funded elections came under fire in a recent Supreme Court case.

Rep. Rick Glazier, D-Cumberland, sponsored the legislation that created the bill and said last month he believes it has been a good experiment.

"The program creates the opportunity for experiments in democracy by allowing people of all economic backgrounds to seriously run for election."

In 2009, Penny Rich and Mark Kleinschmidt used the program. This year, Jason Baker and Donna Bell received public funds through it.

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will vote on the proposals in February before sending recommendations to the N.C. General Assembly for final approval.

Brad Wilson, emeritus member and former chairman of the board, said any tuition increase proposal above the cap will receive scrutiny from the board, even if the university would remain in the bottom quarter of its peers' tuition and fees.

Approval of increases beyond the cap could begin to undermine the goals of predictability and stability outlined in the board's new tuition plan, he said.

"Anytime you have a policy and you start making more exceptions, then the exception becomes the rule," he said.

University administrators are looking to tuition as a source of revenue after sustaining more than $1 billion in state funding cuts during the last five years. A cut of 15.6 percent, or $414 million, prompted universities to eliminate about 3,000 filled positions and hundreds of course sections this year.

The potential tuition hikes would be phased in during a difficult economic period for families in the state. North Carolina's unemployment rate remains stubbornly high at 10.4 percent.

Board members will consider the impact of increases on families in their tuition discussions, said Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the board. The N.C. Constitution states that system schools must provide a free university education to state residents "as far as practicable."

"We can talk about keeping our competitive edge, and we can frame each campus' tuition in the context of their public peers," Gage said. "But if you're a North Carolina family that can't afford the tuition, you could care less if Carolina says we're below Virginia."

As administrators aim to strike a balance between the academic quality and affordability of institutions, Gage said the system will lobby to restore state funding next year. Legislators opted to sunset a one-penny sales tax and cut other parts of the budget to close a deficit of $2.4 billion this year.

Sen. Richard Stevens, R-Wake, said he expects state revenues to improve after the Republican majority's efforts to balance the budget and allow taxes to expire. Revenue in the state's General Fund is expected to register about 3 percent growth in fiscal year 2011, according to analysis by the Office of State Budget and Management.

"I hope the worst is behind us, and that we'll be able to get back to more of the full state funding," Stevens said. "I don't know that will necessarily mean there won't be any tuition increases."

Gage said university administrators must be wary of a slippery slope with regard to tuition increases.

"I don't think anybody on our board wants to look back in a decade and realize that this was the point where the University of North Carolina began its steady decline," she said.

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LGBTQ

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UNC's non-discrimination policy gives student groups the right to limit membership to those who share a certain set of ideas, as long as no student is excluded on the basis of personal characteristics — including sexual orientation.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp said in October that the University did not find enough evidence to conclude that Thomason's dismissal was related to his sexual orientation rather than his beliefs on homosexuality.

The decision elicited protest from some on campus, including Terri Phoenix, director of the LGBTQ Center.

"It is unreasonable to ask someone to make a choice between different parts of who they are," Phoenix said following the decision. "I think that's a very challenging choice to put people in, and I think it's unfair that that's the position that Psalm 100 in this case put Will into."

But Crisp added that the decision should spark an examination of the policy itself.

UNC officials are still in the early stages of the review.

Meanwhile, an initiative to implement a gender-neutral housing option is currently being examined by administrators.

The proposal, which was presented to Crisp in October, would allow individuals of any sexual orientation and gender to live together in UNC's residence halls.

Supporters have emphasized that, while inspired by the needs of the gay community, the issue is one of health and safety.

"These people don't get to choose to live with who they feel the most comfortable with, and I feel like that's a universal problem," said Kevin Claybren, the initiative's organizer, in September.

Originally slated to be presented by Crisp to the Board of Trustees in November, the proposal was pushed back to the spring in lieu of time-consuming tuition talks.

But supporters of gender-neutral housing are still hopeful that an option will be available in the fall, they said in November.

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FOOTBALL

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which was chaired by Lowry Caudill, met for nearly seven weeks before Thorp introduced Bubba Cunningham as the new UNC athletic director in October.

"The search committee's charge was to find the best person in America for our job," Thorp said. "Bubba Cunningham is that person. He is the right person to lead Carolina athletics into the next chapter of its history."

A continuing search

Cunningham hit the ground running on his first task as North Carolina's athletic director — finding UNC's permanent head football coach.

In late November, the job ad was posted online with a proposed start date of Jan. 1, 2012.

Withers, who interviewed for the position, acknowledged that there's a chance a different coach could be in place by the time UNC takes the field for its bowl game in Shreveport, La.

In fact, Southern Mississippi coach Larry Fedora could be introduced as UNC's next head coach as early as today.

"I plan on coaching the bowl game," Withers said. "But football coaches are day to day."

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Jury selected

The final alternate juror for the trial of Laurence Alvin Lovette Jr. was selected. See pg. 1 for story.

Basketball beat down

The Tar Heels defeated the Purple Aces last night in the Smith Center. See pg. 3 for story.

Spring rush

Spring rush will kick off Jan. 9 followed by an official recruitment period. See pg. 3 for story.

Making 2012 sexy

Two UNC alumni posed as male models in a 2012 calendar. See pg. 8 for story.

2011 in review

The DTH looks back at the biggest stories of the year. See pg. 10 and 11 for stories.

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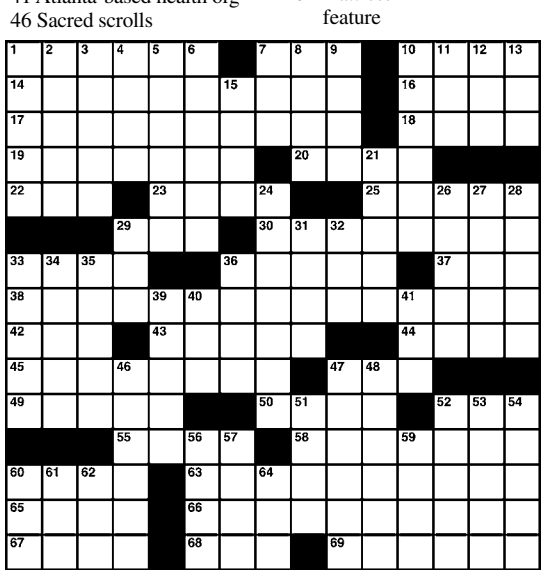

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2011 YEAR in Review

Football gets to bowl amid staff shakeups

By Kelly Parsons
Sports Editor

On Dec. 26, the North Carolina football team will take on Missouri in the AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl, marking the Tar Heels' fourth-straight postseason appearance.

And after a tumultuous year that included an NCAA investigation into the football program and personnel changes, that's a feat that many might not have imagined possible when the season started six months ago.

On July 27, head football coach Butch Davis was fired in connection with the ongoing NCAA investigation. Davis' job was assumed by most to be safe after the NCAA's notice of allegations didn't implicate him in the ongoing investigation into improper benefits and academic assistance for players. UNC's administration and Board of Trustees had previously been steadfast in their support for Davis.

But in July, that idea shifted.

"I made the decision in the fall that I was going to support Butch Davis in his efforts to improve the football program," Chancellor Holden Thorp said at a July press conference. "But I can no longer overlook the fact that what started as a purely athletic issue has begun to chip away at this University's integrity."

A transition period

On July 28, just one day after Davis was fired, Dick Baddour announced his resignation after 14 years as athletic director.

Baddour, who has worked in a variety of roles at UNC since 1967, felt that it was his responsibility to do what was best for UNC.

"As someone who has hired coaches for the past 14 years, I know that it is even more imperative that my successor be able to name the next permanent head coach," Baddour said. "Therefore, I have asked Chancellor Thorp to begin the search for an athletic director as soon as possible."

In the following days, former UNC defensive coordinator Everett Withers was selected to be the Tar Heels' interim head football coach, and a search committee was selected to find the next athletic director.

The 13-member committee,

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INSIDE: UNC responded to a notice of allegations from the NCAA at the end of October. See page 15 for story.

Tuition proposals face votes next year

A potential in-state tuition hike of 15.6 percent for UNC students will receive scrutiny from the BOG.

By Andy Thomason and Daniel Wiser
Senior Writers

The University's Board of Trustees approved a 15.6 percent tuition hike for in-state students in November, despite vocal student protest.

The proposal, passed with one dissenting vote from Student Body President Mary Cooper, would increase in-state tuition by at least $2,800 during the next five years.

The board rejected a proposal from Cooper to delay the vote until December and craft a more moderate proposal. Cooper had proposed a 6.4 percent increase for in-state students coupled with higher tuition rates for incoming students.

Vocal protesters, led first by Students for a Democratic Society but joined by members of the Campus Y and others, sat in on several meetings, holding up signs and chanting "shame" at administrators.

Protesters urged administrators to consider drawing from the University's endowment to alleviate the effects of budget cuts. But administrators countered by saying the vast majority of the endowment is limited by donors' wishes.

Last year, UNC lost more than $100 million in state funding, causing it to cut some departments as much as 32 percent.

The unprecedented hikes were part of a trend of similar proposed increases across the UNC-system, in many cases exceeding the Board of Governors' 6.5 percent cap.

A new Four Year Tuition Plan approved by the board last year maintained that cap, but it also included a "catch up" clause permitting universities to bring tuition more in line with their public peer institutions — as long as they remain within the bottom quarter of their peers' tuition and fee rates.

All UNC-system schools must submit their tuition increase proposals to the system's General Administration by Friday. The board

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Governments add new members

Competitive local elections in Chapel Hill and Carrboro bring first election wins to some.

By Jeanna Smialek
City Editor

Both Chapel Hill and Carrboro's governing bodies added new members after competitive 2011 local election races.

Recent UNC graduate Lee Storrow joined the Chapel Hill Town Council and council incumbent Donna Bell — who was appointed to council in 2009 — won her first election.

Incumbents Matt Czjakowski and Jim Ward also won seats on town council.

Jason Baker, Laney Dale, Augustus Cho, Jon DeHart and Carl Schuler lost their bids for town council — Baker by less than 2 percent of the vote.

In Carrboro, newcomer Michelle Johnson won a seat on the Board of Alderman, alongside incumbents Dan Coleman and Lydia Lavelle.

Braxton Foushee, who has previously served as an alderman, ran and lost.

Both towns returned their incumbent mayors to office.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt ran for a second term and won against newcomer Tim Sookram and four-time candidate Kevin Wolff in Chapel Hill.

"I'm very grateful to the people of Chapel Hill for this opportunity. It's very humbling," Kleinschmidt said on election night.

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton will serve his fourth — and what he says will be his last — term as the town's mayor after gaining the spot in an unopposed race.

Orange County voters also approved a new quarter-cent sales tax, which will be used to fund education and county economic development.

The quarter-cent increase is expected to bring in about $2.5 million in revenue to be split evenly between its education and development goals.

The tax, which the county funded an information campaign to educate voters about after it failed to in 2010, drew some controversy.

Critics say it was unfair that the increase was placed on the ballot during a year when rural areas did not have municipal elections — possibly skewing the vote toward more urban residents who were already at the polls.

"Because of the budget cuts schools felt from state level, it was vital we do

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Psalm 100 decision sparks campus debate

UNC is now reviewing its non-discrimination policy and stressing LGBTQ issues.

By Andy Thomason
University Editor

A gay senior was expelled from the Christian a cappella group Psalm 100 in August, a decision that the University determined did not violate its non-discrimination policy for student groups.

But the dismissal of Will Thomason did spark an on-campus controversy that contributed to the focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual, trasgender and queer issues that dominated 2011.

The a cappella group maintained that its members voted unanimously to remove Thomason because of his views on homosexuality, not his sexual orientation.

"It was really about a disagreement with something that was clearly written in Scripture and in the Bible and we just have to base all of our decisions, constitutionally ... on the Bible," said Blake Templeton, the group's general manager, in August.

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INSIDE: The N.C. General Assembly banned same-sex marriage on Sept. 13. See page 11 for story.