

First gay couples get married in Orange County

Lines began forming at 7:45 a.m. at the Register of Deeds.

By Mary Tyler March
Senior Writer

After North Carolina's gay marriage ban was struck down Friday, some gay couples were able to officially tie the knot — but since the ruling was handed down after business hours, others had to wait until Monday.

Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle and her spouse, Alicia Stemper, were one of them. Lavelle said they arrived at the Orange County Register of Deeds at 7:45 a.m. Monday, making them the first LGBT couple to receive a marriage license in Orange County.

Though Lavelle and Stemper had a commitment ceremony about a decade ago, Lavelle said the two decided to go to the office early Monday to get an official marriage license.

"It was really exciting — we didn't want to wait," Lavelle said. "We knew that once we were able to, we'd want to go ahead and get a license."

Lavelle said the lead-up to the ruling on the state's marriage ban had come sooner

than she had expected.

"It was a weird emotional up and down," she said. "I think by that time everyone had resigned themselves to thinking it would be next week."

Gina Kilpatrick and Joni Madison were another couple who opted to wait until Monday for a marriage license.

Madison asked Kilpatrick to marry her a year ago, and they had planned to get married this Friday in Washington, D.C. and hold a wedding ceremony at their home in Hillsborough later on.

"With all this, luckily, we're only going to have to have one ceremony in North Carolina, and the next thing I'm going to do is cancel some plane tickets and some hotel reservations," Madison said.

Kilpatrick said she and Madison had planned to be married by friend and former Methodist minister, Jimmy Creech, who was defrocked in the late 1990s for performing an LGBT couple's marriage.

"He couldn't pronounce us, and he couldn't sign the license," Madison said. "But we told him, 'We'll figure it out.'"

Madison said Creech is now ordained again and will be able to preside over their wedding.

"It was a really loving, caring gesture," Madison said.

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Gina Kilpatrick (left) and Joni Madison will have their dog Max at their wedding. The couple will marry Friday in Hillsborough.

Research dollars lag for cystic fibrosis

Students will raise awareness for the disease today in the Pit

By Amanda Albright
Senior Writer

When she was younger, Julia Thompson watched her sister Rachel suffer from cystic fibrosis and promised herself she would one day find a cure.

Julia Thompson, a UNC freshman, has decided on a different career path, but she's still committed to fighting the disease. After two months on campus, Julia has spearheaded an awareness event for the disease in honor of Rachel, a UNC junior who died in January.

"She would have been really pissed off if I sat around and moped," Julia Thompson said.

Rachel Thompson, an English and religious studies major, was known for her involvement with campus groups, such as Religion as Explorative Learning Integrated in our Community, a living learning community that promotes religious tolerance.

"Rachel was always involved in something," her sister said. "She was always doing something."

Julia Thompson will host an event today in the Pit to encourage people to participate in "65 Hours of Silence for Cystic Fibrosis," a national social media campaign Wednesday. It asks participants to stay inactive on social media for 65 hours to show the lack of attention given to the disease.

"There's lots of research for diabetes and heart disease — there's a lot of research for diseases that affect lots of people," said Dr. Marianna Henry, a UNC pulmonologist who treated Rachel Thompson. "There's less focus and research that focuses on rare diseases."

The rare disease

Cystic fibrosis is a life-threatening genetic disorder that causes the lungs to fill with mucus. About 30,000 people in the United States are living with cystic fibrosis, said Lisa Stewart, the logistics specialist for the Carolinas chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Research into treatments or cures for the disease doesn't get much govern-



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UNC freshman Julia Thompson organized Pizza In The Pit to raise awareness about cystic fibrosis after losing her sister to it in January. The event is tonight at 7 p.m.

ment funding and instead relies on the national Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Ninety-five percent of cystic fibrosis drugs have been developed with foundation money, Stewart said.

"We are basically the ones funding everything that is going on for these patients," Stewart said, noting the foundation's financial support for families.

"Because we've made so many advancements for our patients, 50 percent of (the) population (with cystic fibrosis) is 18 and above," Stewart said. "Ten years ago, that wasn't the case."

Rachel Thompson received therapy at UNC, which houses one of the biggest cystic fibrosis research centers in the country. It serves about 550 patients from North Carolina and the region, said Dr. George Retsch-Bogart, co-director of UNC's Cystic Fibrosis Therapeutics Development Center.

The most groundbreaking research might only help a portion of people diagnosed with cystic fibrosis — which could change soon. In 2012, Kalydeco,

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Chapel Hill works on cyclist street safety

North Carolina is one of the most dangerous states for pedestrians.

By Zoe Shaver
Assistant City Editor

North Carolina is one of the most dangerous states in the country for pedestrians and bicyclists, and it's especially dangerous in high-traffic areas with populated downtown hubs and large universities like UNC.

North Carolina had the sixth-highest rate of pedestrian fatalities per capita in 2012, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

But crash rates have been declining in the state throughout the past decade, said James Gallagher, pedestrian and bike communications manager for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, a division of the UNC Highway Safety Research Center.

The state also has the ninth-highest bicyclist and pedestrian commuter fatality rate in the nation, according to a 2014 report from the Alliance for Biking and Walking, an organization that advocates for cyclist and pedestrian safety.

"It's important that cyclists and pedestrians be mindful of defensive driving," said Lt. Joshua Mecimore, spokesman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

"Not just worrying about what you're doing, but worrying about what everyone around you is doing."

A cyclist was hit by a vehicle at the corner of Church Street and West Rosemary Street Monday night and was transported to UNC Hospitals with minor injuries, said Lt. Kevin Gunter of the Chapel Hill Police Department. The crash follows a recent string of accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

On Oct. 3, 57-year-old Durham resident Pamela Lane was biking along Martin Luther

King Jr. Boulevard when a car pulled out of a gas station parking lot where Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard intersects with Hillsborough Street, according to a statement from the Chapel Hill Police Department.

The car hit Lane, who later died from her injuries, according to the statement.

A pedestrian hit on Jones Ferry Road on Aug. 28 and another hit on U.S. 15-501 on Sept. 29 both suffered disabling injuries, according to reports from the Chapel Hill and Carrboro police departments.

In 2012 and 2013 in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, there were 50 total crashes involving pedestrians and 30 involving cyclists, according to the Highway Safety Research Center.

Watch for Me N.C., a pedestrian and bicycle safety advocacy organization, is kicking off its enforcement this fall in an effort to make the streets safer in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and elsewhere.

Gallagher, who is also a spokesman for Watch for Me N.C., said the organization trained more than 120 officers at nearly 40 police departments across the state this summer to combat this problem.

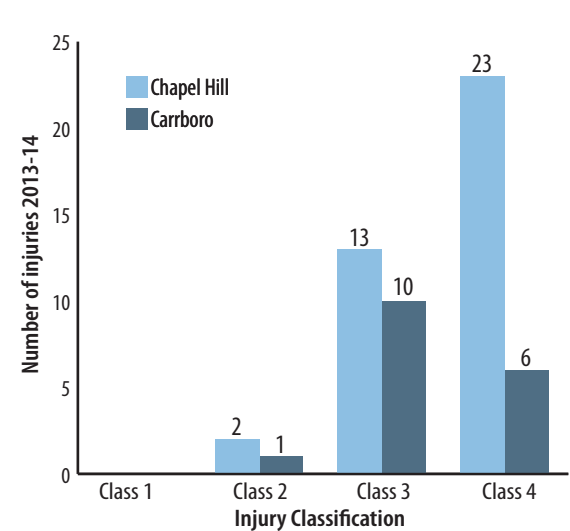
"The officers were educated about pedestrian and bike laws, what the laws say and how they can best enforce them," Gallagher said.

He said Watch for Me N.C. already offers educational programs for the community, but in the coming months, police officers will also be more informed and able to issue citations and warnings when people walk, bike and drive unsafely. "Officers will be pulling over drivers who do not yield at crosswalks," he said. "They will be ticketing pedestrians who cross against red lights, and they will be going after bicyclists when they see them violating a law, such as running a red light or stop sign."

Gallagher said Watch for Me N.C. also provides police officers with bicycle lights, which cyclists are required to wear at night under state law.

Bike and pedestrian crashes in Chapel Hill and Carrboro

The majority of incidents since 2013 has been Class 4 injuries, indicating possible injury. If the Oct. 3 accident is counted as a Class 1 injury after the Chapel Hill Police Department concludes its investigation, it will be the first cyclist fatality in the 2013-14 period.



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"The idea behind this is that when police are driving around, if they see someone riding without these lights, they can pull them over and then provide them a set of lights," he said.

Mecimore said Chapel Hill has a number of options for safe biking, including bike lanes and greenways.

"We have greenways that can be used to get you to and from places at much less of an incline than you might have otherwise," he said.

"Some of those areas, like (U.S. 15-501) or (N.C. 54), you probably wouldn't want a bike lane on the side of the highway — you would want a greenway to allow for bikes. You typically see that bikes aren't allowed at all on highways because it's just not safe."

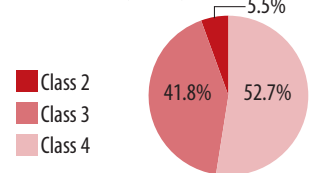
Gallagher said one of the main problems that gets in the way of bicycle and pedestrian safety

The four injury classes

Accidents are classified on a scale from 1-4 depending on the severity of injuries sustained.

- Class 1: Fatality/killed
- Class 2: Incapacitated/disabled
- Class 3: Evident injury
- Class 4: Possible injury

Breakdown of accidents in Chapel Hill and Carrboro by injury class



DTH/CASSIE SCHUTZER

is that many crashes go unreported. He said only about 56 percent of pedestrian and only 48 percent of bicycle crashes are reported.

"What'll happen is drivers will hit pedestrians, but it won't be significant enough to call the police," he said.

Gallagher said awareness is one of the key components of making North Carolina's roadways safer.

"We are trying to get all road users to do better," he said.

"We want pedestrians using crosswalks and obeying crossing signals, we want bicyclists riding with traffic and obeying traffic signals, we want drivers watching for pedestrians and giving bicyclists room."

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UNC Men's Soccer vs. Georgia State: The No. 28 men's soccer team will take on Georgia State. The game is free for all students and staff and \$5 for the public.
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Fetzer Field

Making the Workplace More Sustainable (Workshop): This staff sustainability training will be held today and Thursday to

teach staff about the benefits of sustainability in the workplace. Registration is required.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Administrative Office Building at 104 Airport Drive

WEDNESDAY

Piketty's "Capital" in the 21st Century: Professor Stanley Black will discuss the fact that many economics books are not purchased by anyone but university

libraries, though Thomas Piketty's "Capital" has defied that.
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Flyleaf Books

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A crazy Crisco crime

From staff and wire reports

Some stealing makes sense — like robbing money or jewelry. However, we can't really make sense of this next story. Like, at all.

A truck with 18 tons of Crisco sticks was stolen in Florida. Yep, someone felt the need to steal that slimy, greasy stuff your mom uses to cook if you're from anywhere south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Why anyone would feel the need to steal one package of that, let alone 18 tons of it, really stumps us. Maybe he has a lot of biscuits to make — like, 18 tons of biscuits. Maybe?

NOTED. Of all the scary things to be found in the ocean, the squid might just take the top spot. One of these cephalopods attacked a Greenpeace submarine in the Bering Sea. Legit attacked a sub. Bow down "Jaws." Bow down.

QUOTED. "Que paso?" — Nigel, a parrot who had a British accent when he disappeared four years ago, now has a bit of a different flair. He now speaks Spanish and said this continuously when he was finally returned to his owner.

POLICE LOG

- Someone committed misdemeanor larceny at Southern States at 300 N. Greensboro St. between noon Friday and 1:56 p.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.
The person stole four chain saw chains valued at \$168.40, reports state.

- Someone damaged personal property on the 1500 block of Homestead Road between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.
The person damaged a decorative wooden barrel and a 2007 Honda Accord, reports state.

- Someone damaged property on the 500 block of North Greensboro Street at 1:17 a.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.
The person painted graffiti on a sign, reports state.

- Someone was speeding on

the 100 block of Hillsborough Road at 2:28 a.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person was also driving while impaired and driving with no lights, reports state.

- Someone had a loud party with a band on the 300 block of West Poplar Avenue at 11:40 p.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.
The band agreed to stop playing, reports state.

- Someone committed larceny at Morrison Residence Hall at 8 a.m. Thursday, according to reports from the UNC Department of Public Safety.
The person stole a bicycle, reports state.

- Someone was driving while impaired at Granville Towers East at 3:11 a.m. Sunday, according to reports from DPS.

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UNC Dance Marathon changes name

The group’s new name will be Carolina For the Kids Foundation.

By David Doochin
Staff Writer

UNC Dance Marathon is getting an identity makeover.

The organization, founded in 1997, has been named UNC Dance Marathon since its inception. This year, it’s changing its name to Carolina For the Kids Foundation.

Senior Evan Sherwood, the program’s executive director, said the name Dance Marathon didn’t give the community a clear idea of its purpose.

“Whenever I’d go out in the community talking about who we are, there was always a lot of

general confusion about what we do because our name doesn’t point you in any particular direction of who we’re supporting or what we’re helping or who we’re helping,” he said.

Corporate marketing chairwoman Christina Lewis said the name often presented the wrong idea about the group’s mission.

“One of the most commonly asked questions is, ‘Oh, you’re the dance people?’ And so a lot of people recognize us as being a dance group, which we’re not, or they recognize us as just being our one event in March, which we are not,” she said. “We’re a year-long fundraising event.”

Carolina For the Kids’ mission is to provide emotional and financial support for the patients and families served by N.C. Children’s Hospital.

Morale and recruitment chairman Jean-

Luc Rivera said the new name will help fundraising efforts.

“By introducing ourselves as Carolina For the Kids, it will be much clearer what we actually do, and we’ll be interacting with the community, so that will hopefully help us with our fundraising goals,” he said.

The organization is best known for its 24-hour dance-a-thon held every spring, but leaders of Carolina For the Kids like Sherwood want to emphasize that it’s by no means the only event held each year.

“UNC Dance Marathon is just one of the many events that we do,” Sherwood said. “We also have a 5K and a 10K now this year called Kilometers for the Kids, a program that we put on, and we also have a big benefit reception that we put on every year.”

Freshman Emily Venturi, who was unfamil-

iar with the group’s mission before the name change, said the new name is more informative but also has some disadvantages.

“So if you’re looking at raising awareness on what the organization is raising money for, I think that’s fantastic because it also incorporates the other events,” she said. “But at the same time, it would take some explaining because you’re taking the big event out of the name. There’s good and bad, I guess.”

Sherwood is optimistic that the name change will bring some much-needed recognition to the cause.

“We’re hoping this new name kind of turns over a new leaf for us and really reminds everyone why we’re doing what we’re doing — for the kids, as the name really states now,” he said.

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AT UNC, LABORING FOR WORKER RIGHTS



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Al McSurely (left), a Chapel Hill lawyer, and Clyde Clark, a former Chapel Hill sanitation worker, answer questions after a showing of the documentary Monday.

Film about Lenoir workers’ strike addresses labor rights

By Katie Kilmartin
Staff Writer

Student Action with Workers held a viewing Monday of a documentary about the 1969 Lenoir Dining Hall workers’ strike and invited speakers to discuss workers’ rights, hoping to inspire students to make their voices heard.

After the film, “Women Behind the Lines,” Al McSurely, a lawyer who serves as the legal redress chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Clyde Clark, a Chapel Hill sanitation worker who was fired in 2010, spoke about the importance of getting students involved in workers’ rights.

“We can form this diverse rainbow of a coalition,” Clark said.

Kat Caskey, a member of SAW, said the group wanted people to know the history of labor struggles at UNC. The group asked McSurely to speak to demonstrate how workers’ rights problems are still relevant in the Chapel Hill community.

“When students and workers work together, they get a lot more done,” Caskey said. “You can put pressure upon both sides on the administration, and it’s a lot more effective.”

On Feb. 23, 1969, Lenoir workers prepared meals for students as usual, but sat at cafeteria tables and went on strike instead of serving. Supported by the Black Student Movement, workers demanded raises, paid overtime and the end of split shifts. The UNC students of 1969 and workers joined forces to raise awareness for the overworked and underpaid employees. University officials ordered state troopers to campus.

After a monthlong strike and the creation of a temporary dining hall in Manning Hall for student supporters, Gov. Robert Scott finally agreed to raise wages by 20 cents per hour.

Caskey said SAW hopes to instill knowledge that will encourage students to continue supporting workers’ rights issues, even after they graduate and leave Chapel Hill.

“What we do now directly impacts our

future,” Caskey said.

In 2010, the town fired sanitation workers Kerry Bigelow and Clark when they tried to set up a union. The workers, known as the “Sanitation 2,” have been trying to get a trial for four years.

Since being fired, Clark has not found any work and is living at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service’s Community House on West Rosemary Street.

“It was a garbage job, but it was the best job I ever had,” he said. “I just want to get back to work.”

McSurely said a strong support network from students would help.

“We need to build this movement,” he said. “It’s just going to keep building and building.”

Unionizing is important because it helps workers speak their voices, Caskey said.

“I feel that it’s incredibly important because it gives the workers power,” she said. “If they are not united, they can be taken advantage of far easier.”

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UNC football still plagued by penalties

Despite an effort to cut penalties down, UNC still averages 9.5 per game.

By Grace Raynor
Sports Editor

Coach Larry Fedora stuttered for a second and cited a vague form of positive reinforcement as punishment.

Senior defensive tackle Ethan Farmer said sometimes it’s a matter of running a sprint or two — some sort of an updown.

But either way, with the regular season halfway over, it’s still unclear what punishment the North Carolina football team endures for penalties in practices and games.

And six games in, it shows.

The Tar Heels average 9.5 penalties for 78 yards each game, which is up from the first six games of 2013, despite Fedora making a preseason promise to cut the penalties in half.

In 2013, UNC averaged two fewer penalties and almost 15 fewer yards per game through the first half of the season, compared to the first half of 2014. To date, the Tar Heels rank 113th in the nation for total penalties and 116th for penalties per game,

which has Fedora left wondering if what is learned in practice will carry over to a game for his 2-4 Tar Heels.

“You keep doing what we’re doing and you say, ‘Well, you keep doing what you’re doing, you’re going to get the same results,’” Fedora said at his weekly press conference Monday. “But I really believe in practice — we’re doing this the way they’re supposed to be done. We’ve just got to play smarter.”

While in the first half of the 2013 season, UNC only amassed double-digit penalties once — 11 against Virginia Tech — the team has picked up 10 or more three times already this season. Against Clemson, it tallied a season-high of 15 for 130 yards.

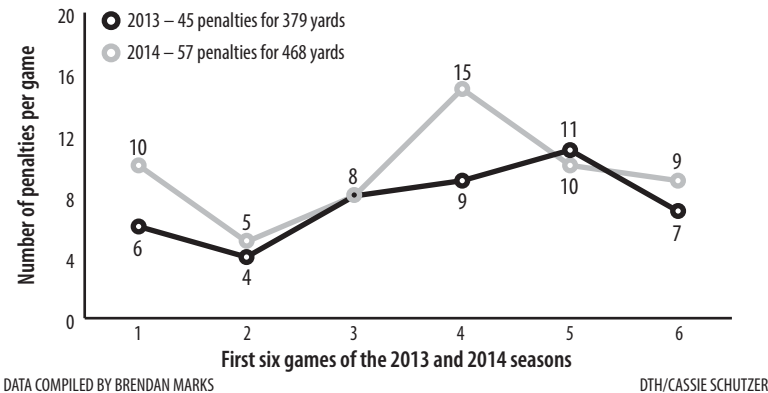
Fedora said he doesn’t mind the occasional pass interference if it prevents a touchdown, but he didn’t justify any other type of penalty.

“The false starts on offense, that’s inexcusable, really. To have three or four of those a game, there’s really no reason for that,” he said. “We’ve had at least one on special teams, I think, every week, I believe. We’ve got to do a much better job of that.”

Saturday, the Tar Heels will take on Georgia Tech — who, in addition to running a potent triple-option

Football penalties increase from 2013 to 2014

For the first six games of this season, the team is averaging two more penalties and nearly 15 more penalty yards per game than it did in the first six games of 2013. UNC is now 116th of 125 teams in penalties per game.



offense, has 21 penalties fewer on the season than UNC.

“This week in practice is going to be extremely tough for us,” Farmer said. “As a defense and as a defensive line, we know we have to fill our gaps very well. Everybody’s going to have a role that they’re going to have to play this week.”

Part of cutting down on the penalties, he said, is trust.

“You can’t really worry about the guy next to you,” he said. “Just knowing he’s going to do his job.”

But if all else fails, Farmer said there’s nothing to do but move on, accepting that penalties are an inherent part of football, though they’re an even bigger part of UNC’s game.

“The way you gotta look at it and the way you approach it is you’ve got to move on to the next play — the next series,” he said. “You can’t really worry about penalties in the game because it’s always going to happen.”

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Comfort cooking comes to Carrboro

The grilled cheese chain Tom+Chee is set to open a Carrboro location in 2015.

By Mengqi Jiang
Staff Writer

A restaurant specializing in the classic comfort food pairing of grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup will soon be coming to downtown Carrboro.

Tom+Chee, which originated in Cincinnati, is set to make Carrboro its first restaurant location in North Carolina. Trew Quackenbush, co-founder of the restaurant chain, said it will likely open in early 2015.

Executives at Tom+Chee decided early this year to make Carrboro one of the company’s next locations for expansion, said Laurie Paolicelli, director of the Chapel Hill and Orange County Visitors Bureau.

The Carrboro location will be one of 13 new restaurants the chain plans to open nationally in spring 2015, she said.

Quackenbush said that the restaurant is currently under construction at Carrboro’s 370 E. Main St.

Tom+Chee already has other locations near universities, including the University of Louisville and Michigan State University, he said.

Quackenbush said he thinks being close to universities attracts more business to the restaurant.

“Because there is a college, many people from outside of the state or other places in the state are going to come there and see that college and see Tom+Chee,” he said. “There are several college towns lined up.”

Tom+Chee will also open restaurants near Ohio State University and the University of Michigan around the same time it launches its Carrboro location, Quackenbush said.

The business started in 2009, but it grew after appearing on the ABC television show “Shark Tank,” a program in which entrepreneurs pitch business ideas to potential investors.

Due to fame from the show, Quackenbush said he is expecting people’s curiosity to bring Tom+Chee a lot of business in Carrboro.

Based on Twitter and Facebook comments, Quackenbush said it seems like people in Chapel Hill and Carrboro are excited and ready for the restaurant to open.

“We are much different from the typical fast food out there,” he said. “Everything is fresh and homemade.”

Paolicelli said she also thinks the chain is different from typical restaurants.

“There are many restaurants that offer soup and sandwiches,” Paolicelli said. “But this is unique in the country.”

Quackenbush said the restaurant’s food is made from scratch. Employees roast meats and make their own dressings in house.

But junior Erin Bisette said she does not think Tom+Chee fits in with other Carrboro eateries.

“When I think of Carrboro, I am more thinking, like, health food,” Bisette said of the restaurant’s location. “I don’t think Tom+Chee is kind of as much like that.”

Paolicelli said the restaurant is highly anticipated.

“It is an exciting restaurant for us because it is entrepreneurial, and they have a big following,” she said.

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Athletic dining services limited to football

New NCAA rules forced athletics to change its policy.

By Cain Twyman
Staff Writer

UNC football players can now text their breakfast orders in to chefs and pick them up from the Kenan Football Center on the way to class.

This year, the athletic dining hall changed vendors to Rocky Top Hospitality, which provides football players with a small morning meal, lunch and dinner. During the 2013-14 academic year, the athletic dining hall was open for lunch for all students and for dinner for all student-athletes.

Kevin Best, a spokesman for the football team, said many of the changes to dining services for student-athletes

were implemented after the NCAA passed new rules during the off-season.

The new rule was passed after former standout University of Connecticut basketball player Shabazz Napier said he went to bed hungry some nights after practice in April.

The price per person for the morning meal is \$6, the lunch price is \$13, and dinner is \$15, according to documents provided by the University.

The documents said Rocky Top Hospitality does not have a contract with the University; rather, the company provides its services on an as-needed basis.

The new legislation allows the University to provide additional meals beyond the “training table meal,” which was originally the only meal allowed by the NCAA.

The newly adopted policy, which took effect Aug. 1, allows the University to pro-

vide meals and snacks that are incidental to student-athletes’ practices and games.

“In the morning, a snack — grab-and-go — is provided to the football student-athletes,” Best said. “This is not a sit-down meal.”

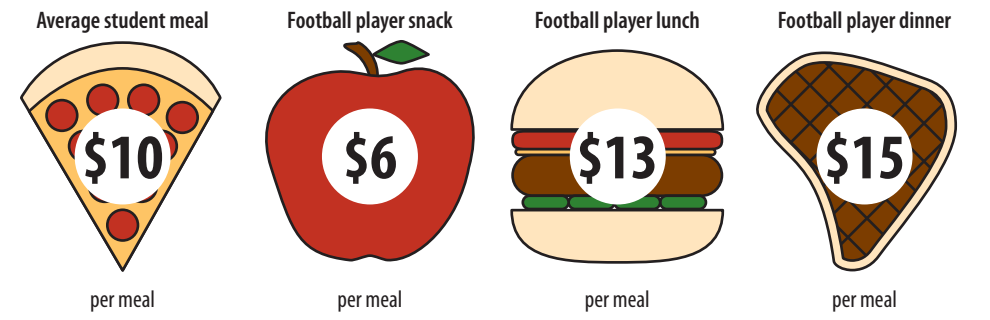
The athletic department had to figure out how to provide the extra meals the NCAA now allows and is responsible for paying for them with money from its own budget.

“The cost of meals and snacks provided as benefits incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics need not be deducted from a student-athlete’s board allowance,” the approved NCAA rule said.

Senior safety Tim Scott said the change has not distanced him from his friends on other teams.

“During the day, I see people I’m cool with in class, or on the field, if they are my

Difference in price of a football player’s meal and the average student’s
Rocky Top Hospitality charges per meal for the football team. At \$15, dinner is the most expensive meal. The Block 160 Plan — which is closest in cost to the average cost of all plans offered by Carolina Dining Services — was used to determine the average price per student meal.



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teammates,” he said.

He also said it is convenient for the players since they are always very busy.

“I feel like in football we are always on the go ... it’s a 10-second pickup, and we eat mostly in between classes,” Scott said.

Senior linebacker Jeff

Schoettmer said the football team gets its meals from the Kenan Football Center and that all them are mandatory.

He said he is happy with the vendor change this year and thinks that they have done a good job providing meals.

“I think it’s great. The service is friendly, and the food is

great,” he said.

Schoettmer reiterated Scott’s sentiments about convenience.

“We can text in our breakfast order ... You can pick it up and take it to go,” Schoettmer said. “It’s all right there for us.”

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UNC athletes haven’t unionized

By Karishma Patel
Staff Writer

UNC-system scholarship athletes have denied the invitation to sign up.

Despite a ruling that allowed scholarship student-athletes at UNC-system schools to join the State Employees Association of North Carolina, none have joined yet, said Toni Davis, a spokeswoman for the union.

In May 2014, the union ruled that because they fall under the definition of a state employee, scholarship student-athletes at UNC-system schools could join.

Davis said they are at the planning and development stage of deciding the role that student-athletes would have in the union, but the opportunity is currently available for student-athletes to join the association.

“Right now, what we did in our original vote at the association was simply to amend

our rules to allow (scholarship student) athletes to join the association,” Davis said.

Frank LoMonte, the Student Press Law Center director, said joining a union in North Carolina may not entail the same benefits as joining a union in another state.

“There is a state law that prevents employees of a government agency, such as UNC, from engaging in ‘collective bargaining’ with their employer,” he said in an email. “Meaning a negotiation that leads to a binding contract about working conditions.”

Director of Athletics Bubba Cunningham said he closely followed a March ruling by a regional office of the National Labor Relations Board that recognized scholarship football players as employees under labor laws. He said he worried the ruling would change student-athletes’ relationship with universities — turning athletes into employ-

ees instead of students.

“I’m concerned about it because it affects the collegiate model,” he said. “It affects what we do at 1,100 NCAA institutions. There are 460,000 student athletes at the NCAA level.”

“If you become a union, now you negotiate all of your compensation issues,” he said. “It’s limitless to what you could negotiate.”

Cunningham said the possible negotiations could be a salary, the number of classes one would have to take, health care benefits and parking passes.

Houston Summers, a junior and member of the track team, said it’s not a good idea for student-athletes to join the union.

“I believe there are systems in place that allow student-athletes to be respected as they should be,” he said.

Summers was 17 and in his senior year of high school when he was drafted

“I’m concerned about it because it affects the collegiate model.”

Bubba Cunningham,
Director of Athletics

to play baseball with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He has seen how the professional model works and doesn’t see it transitioning well to the collegiate level.

“I truly believe if (the professional athletics system) is brought to the collegiate level, it’s going to affect diversity,” he said.

“It’s going to affect overall student experience. It’s going to narrow opportunities for individuals to go to college just because the only programs that will be able to be supported are revenue sports.”

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County makes rural recycling easier

By Trent Hollandsworth
Staff Writer

The rural areas of Orange County are about to become even greener.

The Orange County Solid Waste Management Department will include rural households in the county's 95-gallon recycling cart program next year. Residents must respond by Oct. 20 to a postcard sent out by the department to receive a cart.

The number of carts ordered depends on how many residents respond, said Eric Gerringer, recycling programs manager for the department.

Rural residents will have a choice of whether they want the new carts or want to continue using their current 18-gallon bins, unlike residents of urban Orange County, who must use the new carts. Approximately 7,000 residents have responded, with 6,000 of them giving a firm yes,

Gerringer said.

The carts are scheduled to be delivered in January and February. They will also contain computer chips used for tracking, which are already present in the urban carts.

Since the start of the program, total curbside recycling in Orange County during the months of July, August and September increased from 1,098 tons in 2013 to 1,418 tons in 2014 — a 320-ton difference. But the plan to expand into rural areas had been in place independent of the urban recycling results.

"There are still some issues unresolved, but at this point, we believe most people are happy with the carts," Gerringer said.

Chaaya Yeager, a resident of Chapel Hill who has been using one of the roll carts, said she finds the carts more convenient than the bins because they can roll and be closed.

There have been no problems with the cart, she said.

Commissioner Renee Price said recycling is a priority for Orange County.

"It is in part to save the environment since we have to use plastics and paper," she said. "It saves trees and non-renewable resources."

Another reason for the push for recycling is that it saves land space and reduces expenses, she said.

"By keeping products out of the landfill, we save on dump expenses, and there are less fumes and risks involving the water supply," she said.

Currently, the main method of recycling available in rural Orange County is driving to a solid waste convenience center.

The biggest challenge with the expansion is that the pick-up will cover an overall larger area, making it take longer to deliver carts.

"Rural buffer areas — or

"By keeping products out of the landfill, we save on dump expenses ..."

Renee Price,
Orange County commissioner

suburban areas — like the program and find it advantageous," Price said.

But expanding the program to more rural areas and farmland will increase costs because the land is farther away from the centers, Price said.

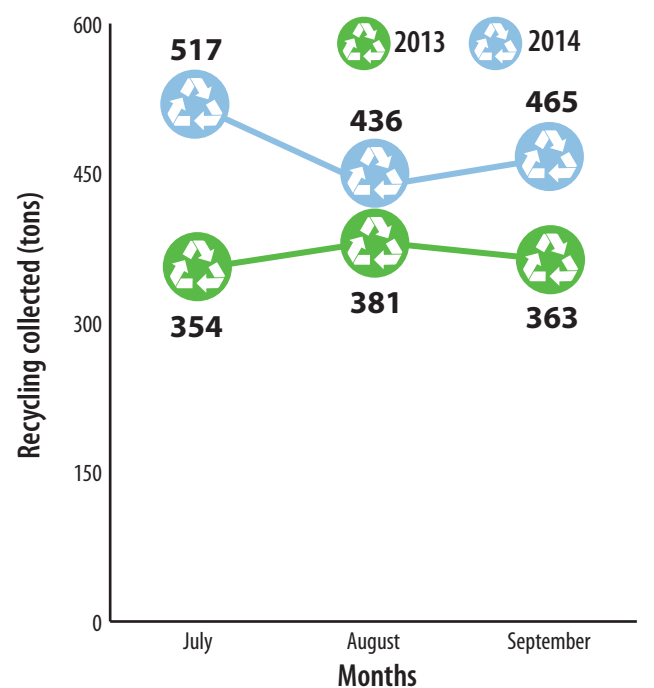
She said commissioners are working to find a solution for how to pay for the program and assign responsibility for the costs.

"We need to reach out to rural areas to see how they want to be involved in the recycling program," she said.

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County's new roll carts increase recycling

Since Orange County debuted its new 95-gallon recycling carts over the summer, the county has collected 1,418 tons of recyclables as compared to 1,098 tons in 2013.



SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
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Kindergarten tests create child profile

By Elizabeth Matulis
Staff Writer

Nearly half of North Carolina's school districts began formative assessments of kindergarteners this fall — though the 4- and 5-year-old students won't be taking pencil-and-paper tests.

K-3 N.C. Assessment Think Tank, a group of 22 teachers and education experts, aims to develop the best assessment format for students from kindergarten to third grade.

In 2015, kindergarten through third-grade teachers across the state will begin using the new assessments.

Once a student's assessment is completed, the data will be used to create a "child profile" that will remain in the state's database.

Kenneth Dodge, the think tank's co-chair and a Duke public policy professor, empha-

sized that it is an "assessment for learning" rather than an "assessment of learning."

Dodge compared the assessment to basketball coach Roy Williams' assessment of a player's various skills.

"It is of little value to get one overall test score, but Roy assesses every day that player's progress in footwork and lateral movement, and he then knows what to emphasize in practice," Dodge said.

North Carolina was one of three states to receive a grant from the U.S. Department of Education in 2013 to develop its kindergarten assessments.

Eight other states and the District of Columbia are in a partnership with North Carolina, and officials are looking at North Carolina's pilot program to enhance it for use in their own states, said Cindy Bagwell, the K-3 Assessment project administrator.

Participating teachers in North Carolina were trained this summer for professional development.

Dodge said each kindergarten teacher in the pilot program will repeat the assessment throughout the year and in future grades as the program expands.

"It will include input from the parents, the child and the pediatrician, as well as direct assessment and observation by the teacher," he said.

The pediatrician would let teachers know if the student has any health conditions that could affect learning.

The role of the pediatrician would be voluntary, but Dodge said it would involve a two-way interaction between teacher and pediatrician, given parental consent.

Terry Stoops, director of education studies at the John Locke Foundation, said he

thinks the assessments are generally a good idea.

"Just like any other assessment, there are shortcomings," he said.

He said drawbacks could include differences in teacher proficiency and the large amount of time teachers would have to spend evaluating students and recording results.

Bagwell said she has heard from a lot of teachers in the pilot program that assessments take away teaching time in the classroom.

Providing teachers with more resources, Bagwell said, should help with the program.

She added that many participating teachers have given positive feedback.

"They will be trained and supported at every step," Dodge said. "They are the masters and heroes of this effort."

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Some schools abandon semesters

By Corey Risinger
Staff Writer

With high college tuition and inflexible schedules posing a challenge for non-traditional students, universities are finding ways to offer degrees outside of a semester structure.

There is a rising trend nationwide of competency-based education, which requires mastering a subject for advancement — no matter the time it takes to do so. Schools aim to increase scheduling flexibility compared with traditional standards, like credit hours.

Students move at their own pace, can personalize their course of study and save money using blended learning techniques like online and in-person instruction.

"Competency-based education makes sense," said Dr. Julie Byerley, vice dean for education at the UNC School of Medicine. "You describe an outcome that you want the learners to achieve. When (they) achieve that outcome,

they can be done with their education."

The School of Medicine incorporates competency-based learning into its medical curriculum with seven goals for proficiency that students must achieve, Byerley said.

Keith Sawyer, a UNC education professor, said he does not believe these so-called competency systems will challenge the traditional university structure or the bachelor's degree model of competence.

"The real philosophy behind it has nothing to do with the university," Sawyer said. "The argument behind competency-based is you should be able to demonstrate that you are competent in a variety of ways."

Freshman Eric Lee said the application of competency-based education holds potential, though it could be difficult to assess students.

"The real challenge in implementing that kind of system would be creating an equitable and consistent method for evaluating each of the many skills that you would probably

EDUCATIONAL MODEL:

Competency-based education is the idea of educating students for content mastery without specific time requirements, like semesters:

- Competency-based education targets the needs of non-traditional students.

- UNC's School of Medicine has a similar program for its medical curriculum.

end up testing," he said.

The University of Wisconsin system and Northern Arizona University are two of the first institutions nationwide to embrace the system.

Jan Ford, director of Student Success for the Flexible Option at the University of Wisconsin, said the school has developed the UW Flexible Option, a program that offers five competency-based degrees.

"These are students that have not been well-served by

our traditional modalities of brick-and-mortar or more structured online (courses)," Ford said.

The UW Flexible Option allows students to enroll for three-month-long subscription periods to work on a curriculum — which are completed on a student's schedule and replace the semester model.

Ford said the UW Flexible Option still aligns to the university's academic standards.

Fred Hurst, executive vice president of the Extended Campuses of Northern Arizona University, said the school deconstructed typical three-credit-hour courses and created specific competency goals.

"Basically, you learn any competency that you need to know to graduate in an interdisciplinary way," Hurst said.

The Department of Education is working with institutions to ensure that their degrees meet more stringent standards, especially regarding the allocation of financial aid.

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Millennials marrying later in life

Most women look for a partner with a good job, Pew found.

By Sara Svehla
Staff Writer

The millennial generation is putting off marriage until later in life — and the delay is at a record high, according to a recent Pew Research Center report.

In 2012, one in five Americans age 25 and older had never been married, compared with one in 10 in 1960, said Wendy Wang, senior researcher at Pew. And she said the trend is likely to continue.

The median age of a first marriage among men and women has drastically changed in the last five decades, she added. Women now tend to be 27 years old,

compared to 20, and men are 29, compared to 23.

“I want to have a lot more figured out for myself before I commit to a life with someone else,” said sophomore Julie Canziani.

Wang said some couples are choosing an alternative to marriage — almost a quarter of young adults ages 25-34 are living with a partner without any type of legal contract. Some are raising children this way.

Canziani said she thinks marriage is not something young people should rush into, and she does not want to end up unhappily married later in life but have legal obligations to stay with the person.

“I think you can live happily with someone without being married to them,” she said.

Wang said most young people do want to get married — only 8 percent are resistant to the concept — but men and

women have distinct priorities in finding a partner.

She said 78 percent of unmarried women emphasized the importance of finding someone with a steady job, compared to 46 percent of men.

“It’s very interesting that it seems that men and women have very different criteria when they’re looking for a potential spouse,” she said.

Among people in the 18-29 age bracket, two-thirds said they agreed with the viewpoint that “society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children.”

“Starting a life with someone can be very expensive, and paying off student loans and finding a good job may have to come first,” said UNC sophomore Kaitlin Sivret.

And Canziani said she doesn’t think the tax, work and social security benefits of a legally binding marriage

are enough to motivate taking that step.

Wang said men tend to be more focused on finding someone with similar ideas about having and raising children.

But the emotional side of marriage is still present.

Wang said researchers found one of the top reasons people are marrying at later ages is that they have not found the right person yet — and Sivret said she agrees with that reasoning.

“I think that I have been around people, especially my parents, who stress the importance of being — and staying — in a committed relationship,” Sivret said. “They have showed me that marriage is something you should not necessarily rush into, but once you do get married, it is something that you be committed to for the rest of your life.”

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GOODIES FOR GLOBALISM



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Rachel Farmer (left) and Aubrey Kimble represent UNC Study Abroad at a SweetFrog benefit Monday. Kimble said her time spent studying in Spain was the best experience of her life.

Panel pushes bully prevention

Chapel Hill joined a national movement against bullying.

By Hannah Jaggers
Staff Writer

Community leaders talked about how to prevent bullying in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools at a panel discussion Monday night — but not many people were there to hear the message.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt hosted a discussion panel and a movie screening of the award-winning documentary “Bully,” at East Chapel Hill High School Monday.

Only about two dozen people attended, and the event drew no high school students.

Rachel Kaplan, a staff member for The Bully Project, a national move-

ment to end bullying inspired by the 2012 documentary, said Monday’s program is part of a national initiative started by the project called Mayors Campaign to End Bullying.

“Over 200 mayors across the country are showing the film during this month in an effort to start conversations in their town,” Kaplan said.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and so far, the movie has been shown to approximately 3.5 million children.

“The response to the movie has been really positive,” Kaplan said. “It’s been great to sort of watch what people are doing and the changes they are making in their schools.”

Dana Griffin, associate professor and school counseling program coordinator at the UNC School of Education, was a panelist at the event.

“I want the audience to

learn how bullying actually hurts people,” Griffin said.

“This is actually a harmful thing and, you know, I don’t know why we don’t pay more attention to it, but it’s very serious, and the effects of it are long lasting.”

Griffin said bullying today is usually more covert.

“People do not see it, and so if you don’t see it, you can not punish it,” she said. “It’s all covert, and it’s very hard to spot, and that’s why you don’t have the report and you don’t have teachers seeing it or other students seeing it.”

In February 2013, East Chapel Hill High held its first summit on cyberbullying, where students shared stories of personal experiences with social media bullying.

Griffin said she was grateful to the mayor for hosting this event and for bringing more awareness to the issue.

“I applaud the mayor for

actually putting together this panel, for showing the movie,” she said. “To have someone from that political level to bring issue to this and an awareness to it is very important.”

Councilwoman Maria Palmer was in attendance and said that bullying is a major problem in the CHCCS system.

“I know kids who have been pulled out of school here and home-schooled because of bullying,” she said.

“Bullying is something that really concerns me.”

Palmer said that one way to fix the bullying problem in schools is to include the entire community.

“We need a different mindset,” Palmer said. “We need a mindset that teachers are also responsible. They have to address it in class.”

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Football penalties

In the football team’s first six games, it consistently struggled with penalties. See pg. 3 for story.

Athletic dining hall

The former athletic dining hall will now only serve football players. See pg. 4 for story.

Not yet unionized

Despite an invitation, no student-athletes have joined the state employees union. See pg. 4 for story.

Recycling in rural areas

Orange County asks rural residents to sign up to use larger recycling bins. See pg. 5 for story.



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AWARD-WINNING STUDENT JOURNALISM SINCE 1893

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Westminster landmark

6 Literary captain who says “I’d strike the sun if it insulted me”

10 Natural bandage

14 Witch

15 Decide, as a judge

16 Freight train hopper

17 Stolen pastries in “Alice in Wonderland”

18 Access using force

20 Say with certainty

21 “Get off the stage!”

22 Without any slack

23 Old-time fountain employee

25 Right-angle bend

26 Amigo

27 They’re earned by completing college courses

31 Shade

34 ___ bear

37 Buffalo’s lake

38 1954 Oscar-winning Brando film, or where either half of 18-, 23-, 51- and 61-Across can literally be found

42 Gyro bread

43 Staircase pillar

44 Ultimate degree

45 Many a rush-hour rider

48 Drink often iced

50 Justice Dept.

division

51 Like unabridged print dictionaries

56 Less biased

59 Wall-climbing plant

60 Bump off

61 Being attacked

63 Sudden power increase

64 Observes

65 Tablet operator

66 In base eight

67 Police crisis unit acronym

68 One of the deadly sins

69 Kick off

DOWN

1 Attend to the duties of 2 “Well done!”

3 Yawning in class, say

4 Catch in a sting

5 “Certainly!”

6 Ann __, Michigan

7 “Impresario” memoirist

8 Stein filler

9 Car that’s ready for the scrap heap

10 Side of a road

11 Egyptian Christian

12 Adam’s second son

13 More than lean

19 Leafy green

21 Later on the page

24 Joke

27 Group of workers

28 Appliance with a water reservoir

29 Shade

30 Late-night host Meyers

31 Beer flavoring

32 Curriculum part

33 James of jazz

35 Path to the pins

36 Consumed

39 Ergonomic keyboard feature

40 Second attempt

41 Hurried away

46 Bucks and does

47 Tongue-lashing

49 Kidnap

51 Adds to the staff

52 Stave off

53 Vital blood line

54 Groucho’s smoke

55 Prepared to be knighted

56 Make a scene

57 Once again

58 Creative spark

62 Pocatello sch.

63 Sea captain’s “Help!”

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UNC's streaking hypocrisy laid bare

Rita Balaban cemented her place in UNC folklore Thursday afternoon when she unmasked two of the three streakers who ran through her Economics 101 lecture. Frankly, it was awesome. In years to come, I have no doubt this story will be exaggerated as the truth of what happened becomes hazier and hazier.

As The Daily Tar Heel reported, one of the streakers was cited by the Department of Public Safety for indecent exposure.

This student might have to register as a sex offender because of the incident. While I do not condone what he did, it does seem unfair that he is the only one who gets in trouble for going on a jog au naturel.

Every semester, on the eve of finals, dozens of students don their birthday suits and run through Davis Library — a seemingly harmless UNC tradition that draws a large crowd of students, staff and, yes, even Department of Public Safety officers to the library. There, they gather to watch and laugh at the shivering exhibitionists as they complete their lengthy tour of the stacks.

But none of these streakers seem to encounter any repercussions for his or her actions. The University needs to be consistent with how it applies its policies and punishes those who break them.

I have never had an issue with campus police turning the other way when the annual streak-a-thon comes around every December, but if they are going to cite a student for running through Carroll, then they must dole out the same treatment to finals streakers. It's likely that last week's streakers assumed they'd be treated like their Davis Library counterparts. It's equally unlikely that they would have gone through with it if they'd suspected it would land them on a sex offender registry.

The argument that the streakers in Balaban's class should have been punished because they were interrupting a lecture simply does not hold water. Just because a rule is broken outside of the classroom — in a library, for instance — does not mean that the rule was not broken. Public nudity does not suddenly become a sex offense when it takes place in a lecture hall, especially when those affected are students in both cases.

In fact, the Davis streakers bring commotion and distractions that would otherwise not be allowed during a peak study time right before finals, the most important and stressful time of the academic year.

While one can debate whether lecture or study time is more important, there is no debating the clear hypocrisy of the University's policies. Perhaps the University felt it had to cite the student who got caught because of Balaban's strong reaction. After seeing the finals eve streaking for the past two years, I can say that no one has responded to the finals streakers like Balaban did on Thursday.

But it should not require the Davis librarians' channeling their inner Rita to ensure that the University fairly applies its rules in all situations.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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VIEWPOINTS

THE ISSUE: UNC students and their prospective employers will soon find student transcripts have been beefed up. Below, two entirely different people argue for and against the new contextual transcripts, which include information like overall grade distribution and section size.

New transcripts provide overdue academic parity

Like it or not, UNC will provide students with contextualized transcripts beginning this fall. This an honest effort by the University to furnish more accurate and transparent transcript information. Students whose classes tend to have significantly lower class averages than those of their peers will be recognized for their hard work.

Among UNC students, there exists an understood continuum of majors. At one end lie the liberal arts majors, as well as the notorious-yet-ranked-number-six-in-the-country Kenan-Flagler Business School program. At the other, more difficult end of the continuum are the physical science and math majors.

The new transcripts will also address grade inflation, universities' trends of giving students higher average grades. In 2012, almost three time as many A's were given as in 1960.

To say this is not discrediting any majors. It's simply acknowledging conventional wisdom and correcting for it.

Students shouldn't be upset by this change in policy. Grade inflation creates frustrating inequalities for students. Contextualized transcripts will level the playing field among UNC graduates and provide potential employers and graduate schools with a more accurate representation of a student's academic history. And anyway, hasn't learning been the goal the whole time?

An impassioned defense for the common slacker

You're kidding yourself if you think you came to UNC to learn. We worked our asses off in high school to get in this place in order to GET A JOB — and to party. UNC's contextualized transcripts are screwing those of us who have meticulously chosen the classes that everyone knows about — but that I can't mention in this editorial — to prop up our GPA.

College is hard, and UNC is damn hard. How am I supposed to maintain my middling GPA and have a social life? Some may call it binge drinking, but everyone

knows that there's no such thing as alcoholism before you're 23. I have the right to go out at least three times a week and keep up my grades. But really, come on. You mean to tell me these professors and faculty that are instituting contextualized transcripts didn't benefit from grade inflation during their time in college?

Rita Balaban handles herself way too coolly in front of naked students to not have had her fair share of fun. It's unfair of them to commit their students to a tougher, more transparent transcript if they don't have to suffer any of the consequences.

Many UNC students rely on the classes which proportionally give out lots of high grades. Carol is cheating us out of better-looking transcripts for the sake of a few nerds and kids who want to be doctors.



Kern Williams
Editorial board member



William Kerns
Your roommate from sophomore year

ADVICE COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we forecast footwear and lament Lenoir Dining Hall

Drew Goins (who almost wrote this week's column as Rita Balaban) and Kelsey Weekman (who never took a class with Balaban, but deeply respects her nevertheless) are "You Asked for It," a column in which the two experts give you their rarely helpful advice. Results may vary.

You: What shoes should I wear around campus?

YAFI: As temperatures rise throughout the day, you can shed your North Face, but you'd better leave your shoes on unless you're aiming for "Boho Chic" or "Hip Hobbit."

Try Toms. You'll look socially conscious, but when it rains (or if you have to traverse a swath of seashells) on the way to your Teach For America interest meeting, you'll long for those mesh waterproof shoes you wore on the beach as a kid if you were a weenie.

Maybe consider Chacos. If you click your heels together twice, a trail of granola will lead you to a roost of ENO hammocks, but that won't protect your toes from frostbite.

With combat boots, trip-



Kelsey Weekman and Drew Goins

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ping on bricks won't be a problem, but you might destroy everything in your path — overambitious publicity directors, wayward squirrels, etc.

Crocs are always an option. Sure, you'll look like you just came from gardening with your grandkids, but you'll have great arch support and, in water resistance, they're second only to the beach weenie shoes.

As far as Uggs go, we all secretly love them, but sadly you can only wear them with a pink velour jumpsuit.

You: How do I stop dreading Lenoir?

YAFI: Unless you're a freshman of the variety that

still refers to it as TOPO, you've likely grown tired of Top of Lenoir. You'd rather scrounge up food from the abandoned Pita Pit than stomach one more plum tofu slider.

But the fear of your mother chastising you for unused swipes beckons you up the escalator, and though dreary overall, Lenoir has some bright spots.

Stop by the sushi bar. Each roll only has one ingredient, but they feature the sea's finest bounties — imitation crab, chicken, even cucumber.

Never be afraid to express your discontent, either. A strongly worded napkin pinned up on the corkboard can go a long way, especially if it's yet another request for Frosted Flakes. Strength in numbers, y'all!

Of course, one gold standard remains untouchable — the cookies. Run to them before all that remains are gluten-free, free-range, grass-fed brownies. Then again, as long as you've lost your taste buds in a chemical accident, a dollop of lactose-free soft serve can fix even those bad boys right up.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"By introducing ourselves as Carolina For the Kids, it will be much clearer what we actually do."

Jean-Luc Rivera, volunteer for the formerly named Dance Marathon

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Chapel Hill is too liberally closed-minded to appreciate one of the great leaders in our state's history."

Kyle, on the selection of Gov. Pat McCrory as University Day speaker

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Zero-waste game was a good first step

TO THE EDITOR:

UNC's first zero-waste athletics event at the women's soccer game Thursday was a huge success. With the help of student volunteers and staff from the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling and Carolina Athletics, almost all waste was either recycled or composted. And of course, it doesn't hurt that the Tar Heels beat Wake Forest 3-0.

The transition to zero waste was surprisingly easier than expected. With the exception of a few brands of candy wrappers and plastic utensils, the majority of concessions packaging is already compostable or recyclable. At the event, all trash cans were replaced with compost and recycling bins with clear signage and volunteers. Most fans seemed appreciative of the switch, and even Chancellor Carol Folt attended and showed her support.

This program could easily be adopted at every home athletic event. Last week's game was a great first step, but we can and should work to implement this on a broader scale over time. We look forward to continuing collaboration with Aramark, OWRR, the athletic department and students to make this happen.

UNC can always make progress to become a more sustainable university. Zero-waste games are an effective and achievable step in the right direction.

Jasmine Ruddy
Chairwoman
Environmental Affairs
Committee

Balaban's teaching is impressive, too

TO THE EDITOR:

We appreciated the article Friday by Sofia Edelman on "flipped" classes in natural sciences at Carolina, but it's important to mention that economics faculty member Rita Balaban is one of the innovators in this area. With the assistance of undergraduate assistants and specialists at the Center for Faculty Excellence, she flipped her Economics 101 class and is observing improved learning outcomes among her students.

She was featured prominently in The Daily Tar Heel on Friday for her response to streaking, but I hope that your readers will also recognize her for her innovations in instruction.

Prof. Patrick Conway
Economics

Absentee voting is a legitimate option

TO THE EDITOR:

Early voting in person starts Oct. 23, but you can apply to vote by mail right now!

Full info is at www.ncsbe.gov (Look for the mail-in absentee banner

ad on the state website, and there are several other vote-by-mail links there.). Applications must be received by Oct. 28 at the county board of elections where you are registered. There's also an application on the back cover of the official voter guide you may have received in the mail. Orange County registered voters can mail their application to P.O. Box 220, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

Gerry Cohen
Class of '71

University Day was marred by McCrory

TO THE EDITOR:

In the commentary on Pat McCrory as University Day speaker this year, Christopher Rogers put it just right. For all the reasons mentioned in that letter to The Daily Tar Heel published on Oct. 13, I am hard put to imagine a more inappropriate selection for that occasion.

Nancy Pickelsimer Elkins
Class of '64

Contextualized grade system is problematic

TO THE EDITOR:

If we assume that the grade inflation, grade compression and systematic grading inequality described in Liz Bell's Oct. 9 article are indeed "big problems," UNC could have addressed them in a number of ways. For example, UNC could have hosted forums where faculty and students across departments could discuss the purpose of grading and whether differentiating between and ranking students is the proper goal of education. UNC also could have undertaken a rigorous study of why some instructors have lower grade distributions than others, rather than assuming that instructors with high distributions simply have "lower standards."

The University did none of those things. Instead, it opted to list the grade distributions of students' classes on their transcripts along with a Schedule Point Average.

This so-called "contextualized grading" will make students more anxious about grades than they are already. It will also discourage students from working together to understand course material.

After all, if a student's classmates also do well, the course will appear "easy," and the student's Schedule Point Average will be lower. Additionally, the policy will punish instructors in (whose classes) many students achieve high grades because the instructor worked hard to make sure all students mastered the course material.

Such instructors will be seen as giving out "easy A's" regardless of how difficult the course actually was. Unfortunately, this is the kind of context that will not be captured in UNC's so-called contextualized grading policy.

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