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Left: UNC senior Holly Holbrook, middle, protests at a Planned Parenthood rally at the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday afternoon. Right: UNC graduate student Matt Hughes sits inside at the Democratic National Convention. Hughes is a delegate at the convention.

## UNC students represent at DNC

**Several UNC students are represented in the N.C. delegation.**

**By Madeline Will**  
Assistant State & National Editor

CHARLOTTE — The Democratic National Convention kicked off Tuesday, and UNC students were among the thousands flocking to the area. The convention, which will con-

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**Sam Spencer,**  
president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina

tinue until Thursday, has focused on increasing young voter participation in hopes that President Barack Obama will again dominate the youth vote this November. Sam Spencer, president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina, said there are delegates

from UNC-CH, East Carolina University, Duke University, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Greensboro and Western Carolina University. “We wanted to make sure the delegation reflected the changing face of North Carolina,” he said. Spencer, who is 27, said that out

of the 157 delegates from North Carolina, there are 32 delegates, four alternates and two pages younger than 35 — composing 20 percent of the state’s delegation. “We are twice as youthful as the convention as a whole,” Spencer said. Vibhav Kollu, 18, is a UNC freshman and the youngest N.C. delegate: “It’s pretty awesome,” he said. The delegates’ vote on the Democratic platform was his main delegate duty of the day. The platform, which was unani-

mously approved Tuesday, included a plank on the Democratic Party’s support of same-sex marriage. “We’re going to have a historic moment as the Democratic Party becomes the first to endorse same-sex marriage in our platform,” Spencer said. “A lot of the young delegates are excited.” Matt Hughes, a UNC graduate student and chairman of the Orange County Democratic Party, said being a delegate at the con-

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## Democrats use convention to woo Latinos

**Prominent Latino figures said Hispanic voters’ importance is rising.**

**By Jeanna Smialek**  
Senior Writer

Prominent Latinos such as actress Rosario Dawson and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa are sharing a common message at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte this week — that Latino voters represent a rising political force. It’s a point Republicans like Susana Martinez, the nation’s first

Latina governor, also appealed to during last week’s Republican convention in Tampa, and it’s one that resonates in North Carolina. The state has added 30,000 people who self-identify as Hispanic voters to its rosters since 2008, according to N.C. Board of Elections data. While Hispanics represent only about 99,000 of 6.4 million registered voters in North Carolina, their ballots could be crucial in a state President Barack Obama won by about 14,000 votes in 2008. And Latinos’ importance will only increase as young Hispanics born after their parents immigrated in the U.S. grow into voting age, said Greg Weeks, a political sci-

ence professor at UNC-Charlotte who studies Latino immigration. Latinos will probably vote Democrat in 2012, Weeks said, but neither party has its loyalty guaranteed in the long run — and as both liberals and conservatives recognize the demographic’s power, they are vying for Hispanics’ allegiance. “Both parties need to earn the Latino vote,” said Hector Sanchez, executive director of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, during a policy presentation at the convention. “The Latino community will not follow any party or candidate because she is the lesser of two evils.”

**Demographic changes**  
The number of Hispanic voters registered in North Carolina grew by 44 percent between December 2008 and Sept. 1, 2012, according to N.C. Board of Elections data, compared to a 4 percent increase in black voters — and just a 0.3 percent increase in white voters. Though Latinos make up 9 percent of the state’s total population, they account for only about 2 percent of the state’s registered voters, which Weeks said is partly because many older Latinos are undocumented. Of those who are

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BY THE NUMBERS	
<b>44 percent</b>	increase from 2008 Latino voters
<b>4 percent</b>	increase from 2008 black voters
<b>0.3 percent</b>	increase from 2008 white voters
<b>99,192</b>	registered Latino voters in N.C.

## AFAM students form union

**Supporters of the AFAM department will meet to form action.**

**By Nicole Comparato**  
University Editor

Students in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies want the UNC community to know they will not be silent. In response to criticism of the department in light of one of the largest academic scandals in UNC’s history, a group of students who major, minor and take courses in the department has formed a “union” meant to represent their peers. “The union was established last year in response to the

scandal,” said Kristen Maye, a 2012 graduate who majored in African and Afro-American Studies and was involved in the creation of the group. “We wanted to show the University and the department that students from (the department) were also affected.” The union had its first meeting of the year Tuesday. Members spoke about moving the department past the scandal, and changing the perception of those who think the entire department is at fault for the fraud. “Everyone’s throwing the department under the bus,” said Darius Ingram, a senior who joined the union this fall. “We can’t help what Julius Nyang’oro did with athletes; it was just one professor who brought the attention to (the department).”

A group of about 10 people discussed ways to show the student body that the integrity of the department is still intact. Senior Sam Pride said the group will try to mobilize faculty members of the department to get behind their efforts to restore confidence in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies, but they will need more to come together. “This union won’t be worth anything if people in the department continue to be complacent,” he said. Maye said current chairwoman Eunice Sahle worked with the union last year, and supported the goals of the group. Maye said they will attempt to work alongside her this year as well. Sahle could not

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## Students return to school in crowded classrooms

**City schools enrolled 18 more students than projected.**

**By Graves Ganzert**  
Staff Writer

Going back to school is stressful for students, but it has proven to be even worse in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. When school began on Aug. 27, many local elementary school students returned to crowded classrooms — an issue that has plagued the district in recent years as student enrollment increased faster than they could accommodate. There were 12,147 students enrolled in the district this year — 18 more than projected. There were 11,878 students

enrolled in the district last year. To alleviate some of the crowding, CHCCS expects to open Elementary School 11 in August 2013. A systemwide redistricting will move students to the new school. But until then, district officials and teachers are looking to new ways to accommodate the influx of students. Seawall Elementary School — one of the most crowded schools in the district — is only a few seats away from being capped. “We have had to monitor our capacity and have talked about capping Seawall,” said Todd LoFrese, assistant superintendent of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. “We monitor staffing and continue to

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PlayMakers Repertory Company’s second stage, PRC2, kicks off its season with Ray Dooley in a re-imagining of Homer’s “The Iliad.” **Page 3.**



**SOCCER IN TOKYO**  
Three players on the UNC women’s soccer team are playing in Tokyo on Saturday with the U.S. U-20 national women’s soccer team. The U-20 World Cup final is against Germany this weekend. **Page 7.**

**This day in history**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 1996**  
Hurricane Fran ravaged parts of coastal and central North Carolina. It also caused significant damage on UNC’s campus, in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

**Today’s weather**  
Unnecessary rainboot outfits.  
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**Thursday’s weather**  
More unnecessary rainboot outfits.  
H 89, L 70



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I'll have the cocaine chicken

From staff and wire reports

If these roasted chickens had gotten into the wrong hands, several upscale restaurant-goers would have been incredibly energized. A Nigerian man living in Brazil tried to smuggle \$150,000 of cocaine back into his home country via roasted chickens. The browned chickens were stuffed with egg-shaped packages filled with cocaine and wrapped in foil. In all, he tried to transfer about 6 pounds of the drug. The man — a mechanic — planned to use the drugs to catapult his way into a life of luxury and retirement. He was arrested in Nigeria, a major port for drugs moving from Latin America to Europe or the United States.

**NOTED.** While most perfumes are used to cover up the smell of sweat, Swedish sweat smells good enough to be the perfume. An artist from New York working in Sweden plans to collect the sweat of Swedish glassblowers to sell to tourists. He believes selling the sweat is no different than selling the blown glass.

**QUOTED.** “I oughtta go out there and start an ass-kicking contest.” — John Manassel, an elderly man in Benton, Ark., whose news interview was interrupted by a naked man emerging from the woods. Nathaniel Koba, the naked man, sat in the middle of the country road before the police picked him up.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**TODAY**  
**Impressions from an artist and a scholar:** A collaborative lecture from Dr. Yan Song and Barbara Tyroler discusses changes in China. Dr. Song will speak on urbanization's critical effects on China, while Tyroler will discuss her exhibition, displayed in the FedEx Global Education Center.  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Location:** FedEx Global Education Center

**THURSDAY**  
**‘A Season of Japan’ reception:** Celebrate with the Ackland in artsy style. This semester’s focus, “A Season of Japan,” features multiple shows of Japanese art. Triangle Taiko will drum at the reception, and four new exhibitions will be opened for a first look.  
**Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Ackland Art Museum

**American Songbook II:** A trio of UNC jazz professors — Stephen Anderson, Jason Foureman and Dan Davis — join their collective musical performance skills in a late-night concert of American music classics.  
**Time:** 9:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Kenan Music Building

**Hopscotch Music Festival:** It may be in Raleigh, but the trek along I-40 is worth it for this event, which lasts Thursday through Saturday. A slew of local bands plus a solid bunch of imports make up the near-200 band line up.  
**Time:** Begins at 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Raleigh, N.C.

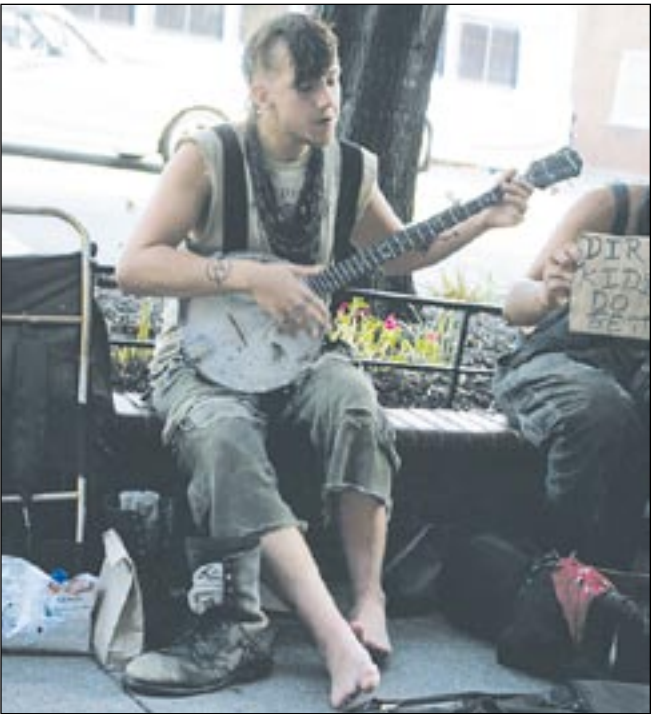
**Ralph Wileman exhibition:** The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill is hosting Ralph Wileman’s needlepoint art at the Horace Williams House. The opening reception will be held on Sunday.  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Horace Williams House

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ROCKIN’ RODENT



DTH/LOGAN SAVAGE

Rodent, from Pennsylvania, plays the banjo with his fellow traveler Coyote, from Maine, on Franklin Street Tuesday afternoon. The pair are train riders and will leave Chapel Hill for Raleigh and Philadelphia tomorrow afternoon.

POLICE LOG

- Someone stole a door key at 128 Johnson St. between 11:30 a.m. and 11:35 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. After a verbal disturbance, the person took the key and fled, reports state.
- Someone reported an email scam at 602 E. Rosemary St. at 9:46 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone stole a camera near the intersection of 100 Pickard Lane and East Franklin Street between 11 p.m. Sunday and 6:03 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The \$100 Canon PowerShot was taken from the camera bag, police reports state.
- Someone stole an automobile at 700 Bolinwood Drive between 12:01 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone broke and entered a business at 136 E. Rosemary St. between 2:22 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person damaged the ceiling at Club Pulse and stole alcohol, reports state.
- Someone made harassing phone calls at 501 N.C. Highway 54 between 8 p.m. and midnight Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports. An acquaintance sent someone numerous profane text messages, reports state.
- Someone caused a disturbance at 114 E. Main St. at 2:03 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.

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#MoreFacePaint #MoreTraditions #MoreWinsThanLosses

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# UNC professor dies in car crash in Peru

**Lee Dirks was in South America to celebrate his 15th wedding anniversary.**

By Jessica New  
Staff Writer

Some UNC alumni leave the school and never look back. Lee Dirks never stopped returning. Members of the UNC community he called home were saddened and shocked on Aug. 28 upon news that Dirks and his wife, Judy Lew, had died in a car accident in Peru. Dirks and Lew were in South

America to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary, according to a website set up in the couple's honor. While on the way to visit ruins, the driver of their car lost control, and the car careened off of a cliff. The couple was killed by the crash, leaving behind two daughters, ages 6 and 4. Friends and family have started an education fund for the daughters. "It was a real shock to everybody in the school," said Jeff Pomerantz, an associate professor in the School of Information and Library Science. Dirks advised the school often and was appointed to be an adjunct professor beginning in the fall of 2013.



**Lee Dirks** was slated to become an adjunct professor in the fall of 2013. He and his wife, Judy Lew, were killed Aug. 28 in a car accident in Peru. "Everyone expressed this horror, so sudden and horrible, and what a shame really it was," Pomerantz said. Upon graduating from UNC with his master's degree in information and library science in 1990, Dirks went to work in Microsoft's research division. Though an avid UNC basketball fan, Dirks' enthusiasm for the school

went far beyond love of the game. He continuously came back to UNC, as a student, an adviser, a researcher and a member of the School of Information and Library Science's Board of Visitors. "It was really wonderful to have a graduate (of the school) do so well and do such interesting work, and then be able to come back and contribute to the school and our current students in such a concrete way," Pomerantz said. Gary Marchionini, dean of the school, said the University will miss Dirks' expertise and advice. "Students will miss a great personality," he said. "He is just a funny, engaging guy — great sense

of humor. I'm sure he would have added a lot to the classroom." "I will really miss him. He brightened up any room he walked into," he said. "He was a big guy with a great big smile, and the world is a better place because of him." Jane Greenberg, a professor in the school, knew Dirks for more than 20 years. "He was generous with his time, sharing his knowledge," she said. "Lee was one of the most outgoing people I have ever met. I feel fortunate to have known Lee in my life."

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## THE ILIAD, REIMAGINED



DTH/MELISSA KEY

Ray Dooley is the one-man cast of PlayMakers Repertory Company's production of "An Iliad". Dooley has performed in one other solo show.

### PlayMakers Repertory Company debuts one-man show

*PlayMakers Repertory Company kicks off its sixth season of the PRC2 series today with the opening of "An Iliad," a solo show featuring Ray Dooley. Assistant arts editor Carson Blackwelder spoke with Dooley about the challenges of solo shows, his role and how "An Iliad" fits into PlayMakers' season.*

**Daily Tar Heel:** Is this your first solo show?  
**Ray Dooley:** In December of 1998, PlayMakers presented a one-man version of "A Christmas Carol," which I did. That was my first, and this is my second solo show in full production.  
**DTH:** What do you think are the big differences between solo shows versus shows with a cast?  
**RD:** The main difference is that your acting partner is the audience. As the sole actor, it's important to know why the character is there, what the relationship is with the audience and what change the character wants to make in the audience.

**DTH:** What is the process like preparing for a solo show?  
**RD:** It's important to be as prepared as possible. The audience is the missing — and final — piece. So you want to be as prepared as possible so that when you add in each night that final piece, it allows for a certain flexibility or spontaneity. You can take in what you are getting back from the audience and have confidence that the nuts and bolts of the performance will be there.  
**DTH:** What's the feeling like on stage during a solo show?  
**RD:** There is never a moment where you are not aware of the entire event, all the way to the back wall. If you are in a scene with other actors, at least a part of you believes that you are in a closed-off space that does not include the audience.  
**DTH:** Is there added pressure when you are alone on stage?  
**RD:** I would say yes because all you have to work with is the

story and your acting partner, the audience. You are working to bring them into the story and make them a part of the event.  
**DTH:** Can you tell me about your character? Who do you play?  
**RD:** The character is called "The Poet." What we know about him is that he has been a witness to wars, and that he has been telling this story of the Trojan War for a millennia. He's like an ancient mariner figure who reappears through history to tell this story again and again to a new audience. He travels a lot and carries a suitcase. He's got papers and various things in his suitcase that he uses.  
**DTH:** The play pertains to more than just Homer's classic telling of the Trojan War, correct?  
**RD:** Yes. And more specifically than just war, I would say the rage within human beings that causes war — that causes strife between people. That is a theme that he touches on quite a bit.

**"AN ILIAD"**  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m., Wednesday - Sunday; 2 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Kenan Theatre  
**Info:** [playmakersrep.org/aniliad](http://playmakersrep.org/aniliad)  
**DTH:** With PlayMakers doing "Penelope" last season and the "Henry" plays, which were about war, how does this fit in with those plays?  
**RD:** As a theater, one of the things we have been exploring through Joe Haj's selection of these pieces is war and its causes and effects, because that is a question that has been with civilization and humanity for a millennia. We examine the large questions in life, and in this case we have the "Henry" plays and "Penelope" that touched quite a bit on the question of war and its aftermath. "An Iliad" makes a trilogy, if you will, of explanations about war.

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## Death of 'Ma D' marks end of era

**Katharine Dempsey, 90, was known for her fried chicken and her love of basketball.**

By Sam Schaefer  
Staff Writer

There have been many world-famous UNC basketball legends — but on Friday, the program lost a legend of a different kind. Katharine Dempsey, who was best known to the UNC family as "Ma D," was a lifelong UNC basketball fan and friend of players and coaches. "It was a very important part of her life," said her son James Dempsey III. She died Friday morning in her sleep at Wilson Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was 90. Dempsey, who preferred to be called "Tassie," became close with many UNC players and coaches while serving her famous fried chicken at tailgates. Dempsey first became a Tar Heel fan through her husband, James Dempsey Jr., who briefly attended UNC and became a friend of head coach Frank McGuire during the 1950s. James Dempsey III said that one day in 1963, head coach Dean Smith asked her to make a picnic of fried chicken and meat loaf sandwiches for a visiting basketball prospect. A tradition was born, and for as long as it was allowed under NCAA rules, Katharine Dempsey would serve her fried chicken to visiting prospects and current players. James Dempsey III said that she cooked food for the football team at every home game for 30 years. "I'm sure that if any recruit ever tasted her fried chicken, it was a shoo-in," said Eric Montross, a former UNC player. "Coach Smith was always pretty smart with that when it came to recruiting." Katharine Dempsey shared a birthday with Smith, and would celebrate with Smith and friends. Woody Durham, former play-by-play announcer for UNC basketball and football games, also knew Dempsey. "The best way to describe her is that she was a genuine southern lady," he said. Dempsey occasionally traveled with the team to tournaments, serving players food she cooked out of her suite after games. In addition to being a basketball fan, she was also active at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Wilson and was devoted to her children and grandchildren, James Dempsey III said. "She was a beautiful woman, she was a kind woman, she was a smart woman, and just as attractive as you can be — just fun to be with all the time," he said. UNC basketball head coach Roy Williams wrote in a statement via email that Dempsey was a great friend to players and coaches. "Her care and elegance will never be forgotten," he wrote. Montross said her impact on North Carolina basketball was unforgettable. "She was one of the sweetest people you could ever come across — it was a warm hug, it was a warm plate of food, it was just the fact that she always had the fabulous smile — that was her," Montross said. "She was a Carolina gem."

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## Faculty strive to be 'a bond rather than a bridge'

**The faculty athletics committee looks to improve communication.**

By Caroline Leland  
Staff Writer

In the wake of recent NCAA sanctions and widespread criticism of the UNC athletic department, University administrators are striving to turn over a new leaf. In its meeting Tuesday, the faculty athletics committee focused on facilitating a stronger connection between athletics and academics. "We need to be a bond rather than a bridge," committee chairwoman Joy Renner said. Renner said the relationship between University athletics and academics should be so close that

one department's decision directly and immediately affects the other. At the meeting, Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham discussed a new strategic plan to guide decision-making in the athletic department. The plan involves clarifying the department's values and commitment to academic excellence. It will be fully revealed in October. This summer, the athletic department partnered with Paul Friga, a professor in UNC's business school, to develop the plan. Friga, who presented a draft of the plan, said it will help prevent individuals from making selfish choices that could be detrimental to the athletic department as a whole. He said aligning operations to fulfill the mission of the University is a top priority of the athletic department. Another goal is to be one of the

top three universities in the ACC and one of the top 10 in the nation in both athletics and academics, Friga said. Chancellor Holden Thorp, who spoke at the meeting, stressed the importance of excellence in both academics and athletics. "We want to make sure that Carolina is the best in all that we do," he said. This new focus on the relationship between the athletic and academic departments follows closely after an investigation that resulted in the largest academic scandal in the University's athletic history. The scandal was uncovered in 2010, when it was found that UNC football players were receiving inappropriate academic help. In August, a faculty report revealed that African and Afro-American Studies classes, some of which contained a high percentage

of student athletes, were taught irregularly, or not at all. In his presentation, Friga said the athletic department's core values are responsibility, innovation, service and excellence. The plan, which seeks to promote these values, also highlights examples of the department's strengths and weaknesses. Friga said strengths include student athletes, the coaching staff and the department's focus on facilities. He said weaknesses include poor organization and a bias toward the status quo. Renner added that individual initiative can prevent improper activities from happening without detection in the future. "Don't assume things are being handled by someone else," she said.

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## inBRIEF

### CAMPUS BRIEFS

**2 professors receive \$12.6 million in grants**

Two UNC psychiatry research professors each received a \$12.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health's Autism

Centers of Excellence research program. Joseph Piven was awarded the grant based on his plan to research brain imaging of infants with a high risk of later developing autism. Linmarie Sikich, who also received a grant, will use the grant to establish a research

network, the ACE SOARS Network, to develop treatments for autism spectrum disorders. UNC is one of only two institutions in the nation that received more than one Autism Centers of Excellence grant. UNC is also ranked second

among the top 25 institutions in the world that promote autism research.

### CITY BRIEFS

**Downtown Partnership to host downtown walks**

The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership will host the first

of four "moving conversations" on Thursday. The Dream Up Downtown walks are designed for Chapel Hill residents who want to get to know each other and discuss ways to make downtown closer to what residents want it to be. Walks will begin at 6 p.m.

at University Baptist Church's Memorial Garden, located at 100 S. Columbia St. The first discussion will focus on developing projects and how to create shorter block lengths in the linear downtown area.

— From staff and wire reports



# Liberal arts ‘secret sauce’ of entrepreneurship

**By Jamie Gnazzo**  
Staff Writer

As entrepreneurship becomes increasingly prominent on a global scale, so does the pressure to become an innovator.

Joseph DeSimone, director of the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, spoke to students Tuesday about the important connection between a liberal arts education and entrepreneurship.

“A lot of innovation happens at the intersection of other disciplines,” said DeSimone, who is one of UNC’s leading researchers.

“It’s a liberal arts training that allows us to seek connections that are not so obvious at times. That’s the secret sauce our group has.”

DeSimone said a liberal arts education will best pre-

*“A lot of innovation happens at the intersection of other disciplines.”*

**Joseph DeSimone,**  
director of the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise

pare students for entering the competitive arena of entrepreneurship because it gives them the ability to continually learn and adjust.

DeSimone has worked with other researchers to claim more than 130 patents.

His projects include work on developing synthetic blood and creating non-flammable car batteries.

Mathilde Verdier, coordinator of the social innovation incubator at the Campus Y, said they were thrilled to host such a great role model and mentor in research.

“We’re really lucky at UNC to have such an incredibly successful social innova-

tor within University walls,” Verdier said.

DeSimone said he wants to help shape UNC to become the most influential institute in the world for entrepreneurship and innovation.

“Students can be really good problem solvers, but they don’t know where the problems are,” DeSimone said. “We want to match them with people who hold the problems.”

DeSimone said UNC is in a great position to encourage innovation, which he said was confirmed by the recent jump in rankings for funds spent on research and development.

“Right now, there are staggering opportunities for

doing something important,” DeSimone said.

DeSimone’s speech kicked off a series of events organized by the Campus Y that focus on innovation.

Alice Wang, a Ph.D. student and a member of the incubator, said she attended the event because she was fascinated by his experience.

“I saw an amazing exhibit of his work at the Nature Science Research Center in Raleigh, and I was really interested to see what he had to say to students,” Wang said.

Campus Y Co-President Mackenzie Thomas said DeSimone was an inspiration to students and the UNC community.

“He represents the talent and expertise this University can thrive off of,” she said.



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Joseph DeSimone, director of the University’s institute of private enterprise, speaks at the TEDxUNC conference on Jan 21.

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## Carrboro man finds loan loophole

**The Board of Aldermen discussed a lending rule.**

**By Holly West**  
Staff Writer

Carrboro resident and UNC professor Greg Gangi wanted to refinance his condominium, but banks would not approve his loan because of a Fannie Mae lending rule.

The rule states that loans will not be considered for condominiums in developments where more than 10 percent of the units are owned by one entity.

Two of the 16 condominiums at Carrboro’s Pacifica Cohousing Community, where Gangi lives, are owned by Orange County’s Community Home Trust.

This means Pacifica falls under the lending rule.

At the Carrboro Board of Aldermen meeting Tuesday night, Gangi said the rule has made it hard for him to refinance his condo.

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton said he understands Gangi’s frustration.

“If you don’t qualify, you have to go with an investment grade loan, which has a considerably higher interest rate,” he said.

But Gangi has found an exemption he thinks more people should know about.

After being rejected by two banks, Gangi contacted Robert Dowling, executive director of Community Home Trust. When Dowling contacted Fannie Mae’s community land trust project manager, he discovered there was an exemption to the rule that applies to community land trusts, which manage land for residents while preserving housing affordability.

This exemption includes the condominiums owned by the Community Home Trust at Pacifica.

Gangi said that with Dowling’s help he was able to start the refinancing process, but he wants more people to be aware of the exemption.

“Most people aren’t going to be this lucky,” he said. “They’ll give up.”

Dowling said banks are overwhelmed with bad loans and refinance applications, so they may not know about exemptions to the rule.

“It’s easier to just say ‘No, we don’t do that’ than to go through Fannie Mae guidelines and find where it says ‘Yes, you can do this,’” he said.

The Board of Aldermen voted to send letters to politicians urging them to investigate Fannie Mae’s rule.

Board members said they want information about the exemption to be forwarded to local banks.

At the meeting the board accepted a grant that will allow businesses along Roberson Street to connect to a public sewer.

The board also heard an update on the Carrboro WISE energy saving program.

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# Shifting landscapes of Beijing on display

# Second terms often troubled

**By Shilpi Misra**  
Staff Writer

Beijing is moving away from its traditional roots, and local artist Barbara Tyroler is using non-traditional methods to illustrate this shift.

Tyroler's abstract artwork, done with mixed media, features subjects ranging from children swimming to citizens strolling on the busy streets of Beijing.

"My work touches on migration, urbanization, globalization — specifically through families and the transitions that young families go through when they move away from each other," Tyroler said.

Tyroler's "Beijing Impressions: Portraits of a Shifting Landscape" is on display at UNC's FedEx Global Center through Sept. 13.

Tyroler will be at the center this evening to speak about the abstract figurative portraiture. And Yan Song, director of UNC's Program on Chinese Cities, will join Tyroler to discuss urbanization in China.

Song said she will provide context for the urban shift, explaining how modern structures are beginning to replace the old.

"The dramatic change has caused and been caused by a personal shift — the migration from rural to urban, the needs and expectations of new residents and the loss of home — for the prospect of new, modern and efficient," Song said.



Tyroler said her artwork illustrates the mystical complexity of Beijing and its inhabitants against the backdrop of rapid urbanization.

Tyroler layers and blends digital photography with painted portraits to create a combination of abstraction and realism.

Tyroler said the exhibition draws from the experience of her daughter, Samm Tyroler-Cooper, who studied in Beijing and wrote poetic interpretations of personal memoirs by the Chinese writer Lin Bai.

"It's about migration issues on a more personal level, and these young women were leaving their families while coming to the city and finding their voices and identities — like my daughter," Tyroler said.

Laura Griest, the program coordinator at the FedEx center, said the color and texture in Tyroler's art create multiple physical and interpretive layers.

"Barbara's work is incredibly complex, seeping with symbolism and yet-to-be-discovered personal stories," Griest said.

"Her work is beautiful and compelling, inviting each person to consider the lives these portraits represent."

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Barack Obama might want to think twice before accepting his party's nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. Should he win re-election, the thrill of victory could give way to the "Second-Term Jinx."

For more than a century presidents have run into unforeseen woes in their second terms.

Some have been tragic. Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley were assassinated; Woodrow Wilson suffered a debilitating stroke. Others' troubles have been political, scandals and controversies that set back their agendas or worse: tarnished their very place in history.

Some of the recent examples:

- Harry Truman watched his popularity drop to a dismal 22 percent in his eighth year in office;
- Richard Nixon resigned under threat of impeachment;
- Ronald Reagan endured the Iran-Contra scandal, the dark mark of his otherwise successful presidency;
- Bill Clinton was impeached for lying to conceal an affair;
- George W. Bush watched unpopular wars sink his popularity.

"It's almost an unwritten law that the second term is not as good as the first term," said Stephen Hess, a presidential historian at the Brookings Institution who served on two presidential

staffs and advised two others. "Generally, the historical pattern is the presidency is like an hourglass with the sand running out," he said.

The paradox is that re-election is often considered an endorsement of the president's first four years. He must win a second term to be validated by the public. Yet their re-election often comes at the very time they might be starting to wear out their welcome, as years of overexposure and endless political battles that reveal a president's every shortcoming are just about to take a toll, said historian Robert Dallek.

Hubris also can lead a president to overreach. Wilson tried to remake the world stage after World War I with a League of Nations. The Senate said no. Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to pack the Supreme Court with allies. The country said no. Bush tried to overhaul Social Security. It never got to a vote in Congress.

And an administration can run out of steam after four years.

"The job of the president and being in the administration is draining," said Lewis Gould, a presidential historian and author of "The Modern American Presidency."

"It's physically and emotionally and psychologically demanding," he said. "And so you have an arc of coming in and four years and getting re-elected. And there is this inevitable, 'Aahh ...' So it's hard to crank things up again."

# Injured firefighter back in action after house fire

**By Daniel Schere**  
Staff Writer

A Chapel Hill firefighter injured in a residential fire Sunday night is back in action.

The firefighter was injured when the Chapel Hill Fire Department responded to a call that lightning had struck a home at 114 Pinoak Ct.

Chapel Hill Fire Marshal Matt Lawrence said the firefighter was treated for minor smoke inhalation at UNC Hospitals and released that same night.

"There are occasions when the smoke overcomes them," Lawrence said.

The homeowners could not be reached for comment, but

Lawrence said nobody was in the house at the time.

And though the fire was contained to the front part of the attic, the fire department said damage to the property was valued at about \$150,000.

Lawrence said the firefighter's injuries were not serious, but he was taken to the hospital as a precautionary measure.

He said this is not uncommon.

Though the fire department had the fire under control within an hour and a half, Lawrence said trucks stayed until 6 a.m. to make sure the fire was completely out.

He said the fire was contained to the attic, which made it more difficult to extinguish than most.

"Given the circumstances, I would say that that was a reasonable amount of time," he said.

Lawrence said the department has seen an increase in fire calls lately, but most of them have been minor incidents of students setting off fire alarms.

"I think with students back in town our calls have increased," he said.

In addition to the six trucks and 20 personnel sent by the Chapel Hill Fire Department, one truck and five personnel were sent from the New Hope Fire Department.

The reinforcements are part of a mutual aid agreement the Chapel Hill Fire Department has with other departments in the area. The closest fire department to the call also sends a truck.

Lawrence said the department has agreements with the New Hope, Durham, Chatham and Carrboro fire departments.

New Hope Fire Chief Mike Tapp said his department often responds to Chapel Hill fire calls.

"We typically go to Chapel Hill when there's a house fire on the north side of town," he said.

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A house at 114 Pinoak Ct. suffered fire damage after a lightning strike Sunday. A firefighter was injured responding to the fire.

# Ryan shoulders campaigning while Romney stays secluded

WESTLAKE, Ohio (MCT) — With Mitt Romney lying low on the opening day of the Democratic National Convention, Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan shouldered the campaign while Romney stayed secluded.

Romney, taking a break from public campaigning, arrived Tuesday in Vermont, where he plans to practice for upcoming debates at the secluded mountain estate of Kerry Healey, who was lieutenant governor of Massachusetts when Romney was governor.

That left Ryan to soak up attention for the Republican ticket at campaign stops in Ohio and, later Tuesday, in Iowa.

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"He can't run on his record, he's run out of ideas, and that's why his campaign is now sadly based upon the politics of envy and division," Ryan told the crowd in Westlake.

Obama has accused Romney of making millions of dollars in Bain corporate takeover deals

than they were when the last Democratic president lost a campaign for re-election in 1980.

"When it comes to jobs, President Obama makes the Jimmy Carter years look like good old days," Ryan told about 1,000 supporters. "If we fired Jimmy Carter then, why would we rehire Barack Obama now?"

Speaking two days after several top Democrats fumbled answers on national television to the question of whether Americans are better off than they were four years ago, Ryan reminded the audience that Ronald Reagan posed the same question in his 1980 campaign against Carter.

Democrats plan to run a Carter video at the convention on Tuesday — a few hours before the prime-time television address of first lady Michelle Obama.

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"If we fired Jimmy Carter then, why would we rehire Barack Obama now?"

**Paul Ryan,**  
Republican vice presidential nominee

that drove jobs overseas and led to thousands of layoffs. The president's campaign ads have also questioned Romney's placement of some of his personal fortune in overseas tax havens, such as Bermuda and the Cayman Islands.

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## LATINO VOTE

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eligible, most were registered by Democrat grassroots campaigns last election, said Tom Jensen of Public Policy Polling, meaning parties must register college-aged Latino voters who have since turned 18 to increase their voting bloc.

"There's really not that much low-hanging fruit left," Jensen said.

And young Latinos will become even more important with time, Weeks said.

The median age of Hispanic North Carolinians is just 24, compared to 41 for whites, based on Pew Research Center data. Of Latinos younger than 18, 89 percent are U.S. citizens, according to data compiled by Democracy NC, a Durham-based advocacy group.

"I think the rise in Latino votes, it's good news for the Democrats in the long term," Jensen said, explaining that young Latinos voted even more heavily for Barack Obama than older voters in 2010. "For Republicans long-term in North Carolina, they need to find a way to appeal to those voters."

### Complicating factors

The Latino vote isn't locked in for Democrats in this election or in the future, Jensen said.

Many Latino voters are upset that immigration initiatives that Obama promised to throw his support behind, like the DREAM Act, have stalled in Congress. Even more importantly, Latinos are disenchanted with the state of the economy, which is voters' foremost priority, Weeks said.

"Obama's challenge is to make sure that people don't stay home," he said, explaining that while he expects those who do vote will still largely support the president because many perceive the Republican Party as ethnocentric, they could come out in numbers so small that their importance is diminished.

If Republicans soften their stance on issues like immigration, they might have a chance to capitalize on the share of the vote that Democrats are



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Actress Rosario Dawson speaks on Tuesday at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte.

losing, Jensen said.

"The Romney campaign is doing a far better job in North Carolina than the McCain campaign did in 2008," Jensen said, explaining that Romney has been reaching out to young voters, including Hispanics, much earlier and more heavily. "When voters are unhappy, it's a lot easier to be the challenger."

### Campus action

Peter McClelland, a UNC sophomore and College Republicans member, said he thinks the Republican party realizes the Latino vote is going to become pivotal in North Carolina.

"Like the rest of us, Latino voters are looking at an economy that is not where it should be," he said. "The Republican Party appeals to a portion of the Latino party that is well-established."

The College Republicans group isn't reaching out to Latino voters on campus specifically, he said, because that would conflict with their view of treating voters as individuals.

But Young Democrats President Austin Gilmore, a

UNC senior, said his group is working to connect directly with Latino voters by reaching out to groups like Carolina Hispanic Association.

"Everyone knows that Latinos and Hispanics will be a potent force moving forward," he said, adding that Young Democrats are addressing issues that matter to Latinos, including immigration.

Education and the economy are also major Latino concerns at UNC, said Andrea Alonso, a UNC senior and vice president of CHispa, which she said does not take a partisan stance. The organization plans to put on events to showcase both sides of such issues before November.

Even as the parties and their campus representatives plan for this election and the future, how Latinos vote this year — and whether they vote at all — will depend heavily on how they perceive Obama's performance to date, Jensen said.

"A lot of Latinos are going to have to decide — has Barack Obama done everything he could?"

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## UNC DELEGATES

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vention brought excitement of "prom times 10."

"Being a delegate at the age of 21 is a pretty amazing feat, I think," he said.

Hughes, who graduated from UNC last May, said he was used to feeling like the youngest person in the room when it came to political activism: "(Now) I have peers with me to experience this."

UNC senior Holly Holbrook, who volunteered with the DNC, said she was excited to see college-aged delegates representing the Democratic Party.

"That's something really cool to see — young people that are involved," she said. Holbrook volunteered Sunday and Monday, and she is attending different women's rights events during the week.

"I just feel like it's really important for youth to get involved, especially college students," she said. "The DNC in Charlotte is a one-time opportunity. I'll never be this close again — or be able to take a week off."

Holbrook tried to attend the Planned Parenthood-sponsored rally Tuesday, but she was blocked by a police motorcade after anti-abortion protesters tried to reach the rally.

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be reached for comment.

The group also discussed ways to incorporate more students and faculty into the discussions about restoring the department's integrity.

Qubilah Huddleston, who is not an African and Afro-American Studies major, said the way the department has been depicted throughout the entire investigation into the scandal has been problematic.

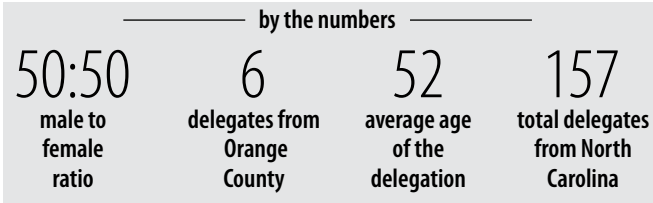
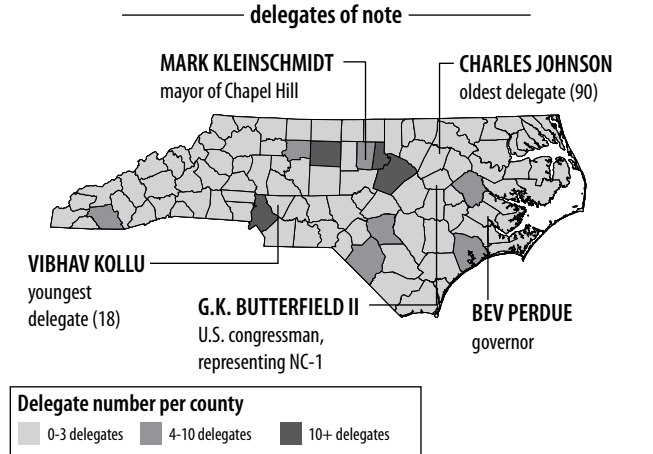
"It's wiping away a whole history," she said.

Several members said the most frustrating part is that they feel the problems with academics could extend beyond the department.

"The University is trying to use the department as a scapegoat," Ingram said. But members stressed that the group's goal is not to persecute athletes.

"Athletics needs to be held

## GET TO KNOW THE NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION



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"So much of the conversation, especially today, is about how women are battling the same things they did 56 years ago," she said, adding that this challenge has led to her to pursue a career in activism.

Spencer said the presidential race will be close, but he thinks young college students would be an "amazing part" of

Obama's re-election against Mitt Romney.

"Young people are really willing to do all this to make the effort and really make a difference," he said. "It's going to come to young people ... if Obama wins North Carolina."

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Students discuss the future of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies at a meeting on Tuesday night.

accountable, not necessarily athletes," Maye said. "They're just as much victims as all of us are."

The union will work to meet every week and set up communication with other "stakeholders" in the scandal, Maye said.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. "We want this to be the nail in the coffin," Pride said. "We don't want any more attacks on (the department) after this."

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## OVERCROWDING

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add some staff to accommodate the increase in students."

Mia Burroughs, chairwoman of the Board of Education, said schools are also turning extra spaces into classrooms.

"They are squeezing into any space that is an appropriate space for a classroom,"

Burroughs said.

LoFrese said crowding can affect the school environment.

"I think it does make an impact. Even simple things like how many lunch waves a school schedules," LoFrese said.

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He said the newly constructed elementary school will only solve the problem temporarily.

"When we open Elementary 11 it will give us temporary relief, but not for long," LoFrese said.

"Our projections show that in four years from the opening of Elementary 11, we will need to build an Elementary 12."

James Barrett, a member of the Board of Education, said the first week of school showed the district's ability to adapt to crowding.

"It has been a really smooth transition," Barrett said.

"It has been organized and teachers have worked hard to make students feel comfortable."

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# Balancing play abroad and at home

By **Robbie Harms and Brooke Pryor**  
Assistant Sports Editors

The U.S. U-20 national women's soccer team will play Germany in the World Cup final in Tokyo on Saturday, more than 9,000 miles away from Chapel Hill.

On team's roster will be three current North Carolina players — forwards Kealia Ohai and Crystal Dunn, and goalkeeper Bryane Heaberlin — who have yet to log minutes in a game for the Tar Heels this season.

The three, plus freshmen Summer Green and Katie Bowen, who played on U-17 teams, are among their respective nations' elite soccer players, but their talent comes at a cost — missing time from their university.

"We accept the landscape,"

head coach Anson Dorrance said. "We want to recruit those kinds of players. We want players with the ambition to play for their country."

But even Dorrance, who coached the U.S. women's national team for eight years and calls himself a strong supporter of the program, admits that it's not easy sacrificing talent.

"Obviously it's hard," he said. "Sometimes when you lose just because your roster is depleted, it's harder to compete. But I accept that those are the kinds of players we want to recruit because they make a difference."

Though they missed the start of the school year and the subsequent opening weeks of class, the players aren't absolved of academic duties.

"They've reached out to all of their professors and

are in discussion with them via email," Susan Maloy, academic adviser for the women's soccer team, said.

"So they're keeping up with their work while they're away. They purchased their books prior to leaving," she said. "They have all the assignments and information they need in order to do the work from where they are competing."

The UNC players on the national squads also must balance concurrently playing two styles of soccer.

"It's easier than I thought," Green said of going back and forth between the two squads. "But it is a little tough just because I try to get rest periods in there and also just try to stay going hard-core with the Tar Heels. So it is a little difficult, but it's nothing that I wouldn't want to do. It's all worth it."



**Bryane Heaberlin** is the starting goalkeeper for the U-20 team and was the No. 1 recruit of the 2012 class.



**Crystal Dunn** is a top defensive resource for the U-20 squad. Dunn plays forward for North Carolina.



**Kealia Ohai** is the Woman of the Match for the U-20's 2-0 win against Germany in the semifinal.

The trio is as important abroad as it is in Chapel Hill.

Playing in Tokyo, Ohai, Dunn and Heaberlin each played all 90 minutes of the United States' 2-0 semifinal win against Nigeria, and Ohai's goal against Nigeria earned her ussoccer.com Woman of the Match honors.

Back in the United States, the Tar Heels struggled early in the season to offset the absence of Ohai and Dunn, who accounted for more than 20 percent of the team's goals

last season.

"We know that our offense will continue to get better with the return of two of field player U-20 stars — Kealia Ohai and Crystal Dunn are wonderful attacking personalities," Dorrance said.

"We know that if any team lost two of their best attacking options, it'd certainly be a struggle on offense ... It'll be kind of fun to see us score some goals even without them."

UNC's offense was sparked by the return of Green, who

missed the first regular-season game but came back this weekend for the Notre Dame Adidas Invitational, where she had a hand in all three of UNC's goals.

"It was just amazing to look back at the weekend and past month and see how much our team has grown," redshirt senior Maria Lubrano said. "The soccer we're playing is great, and we don't even have all of our players back yet."

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# Former pitcher to fill assistant coach role

By **Brandon Moree**  
Sports Editor

When North Carolina pitcher Bryant Gaines injured his right elbow in his sophomore year, he only saw it as something that would keep him off the field.

He had no idea it would lead him to a career on it.

In order to maintain his eligibility for an extra semester as he recovered from Tommy John surgery, Gaines had to add a minor to his course load — he chose coaching.

"I had to extend my hours out at the time," Gaines said. "It was almost like the writing was on the wall — I just never decided to read it."

"It worked out great." Assistant coach Robert Woodard left coach Mike Fox's staff in early August to take the pitching coach position at UNC-Wilmington.

That opened the door for Fox to hire a new volunteer assistant, and he decided that Gaines was the man for the job.

"He's just a great person to be around every day," Fox said. "He's got a great demeanor, calm influence, and he really wanted to coach. I mean, he quit a full-time job to basically coach for nothing."

"That tells you how badly he wanted to be at North Carolina."

The volunteer position is



**Bryant Gaines** is the new assistant baseball coach. He held a 5-0 record pitching for the Tar Heels.

not paid by the University, but Fox said most of the compensation for that position comes from working baseball camps.

Gaines graduated from UNC in 2011 and was a part of four College World Series teams. In 35 appearances, Gaines registered a perfect 5-0 record. Ten of those appearances came after he returned from elbow surgery.

Now Gaines will have the chance to help the current Tar Heels through their own hardships.

"I can help guys if they have any arm issues, if they are coming back from any kind of surgery or injury — I can encourage them because I've been in the same shoes," Gaines said.

"But also, if there are guys that are fighting for playing time, not getting to play as much as they want to, I can be encouraging because I've been there before."

Gaines also said he was very grateful to Fox because he knew the Tar Heels' skipper had plenty of other options and ones that likely had much more coaching

*"(Gaines) certainly has experience in how to deal with adversity."*

**Mike Fox**, UNC head baseball coach

experience than he did.

"You say he doesn't really have experience from a coaching standpoint, but he certainly has experience in how to deal with adversity," Fox said, "and how to persevere and how to be a team player and how to keep fighting. ... There were all sorts of reasons for him to give up but that's not in his personality. I think that's why he'll be a great coach."

Fox also said that being a former Tar Heel pitcher and being familiar with the North Carolina system helped his case.

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# Behind enemy lines



By **Michael Lananna**  
Senior Writer

Once a week on our From the Press Box blog, we like to give you an inside look into what North Carolina's conference foes and rivals are up to.

Here's a look around the league:

- The Wake Forest football team, which will host the Tar Heels this Saturday, just barely survived a matchup with Liberty in its season opener. The Demon Deacons came out on top 20-17 after falling behind early.
- The Tar Heels will likely need to keep an eye on Wake Forest receiver Michael Campanaro, who powered the Demon Deacons with 96 receiving yards on nine receptions last Saturday.
- The Duke football team passed its first challenge of the season by taking down Florida International, and now it'll prepare to head out

west to play No. 25 Stanford.

- Duke athletic director Kevin White said he thinks things are looking up for Blue Devil football program that hasn't seen a winning season since 1994.
- N.C. State will be without cornerback C.J. Wilson for its next three games. The NCAA suspended Wilson for an academic issue.
- Though No. 6 Florida State won its season opener, it also lost one of its top players. Preseason All-America defensive end Brandon Jenkins is out for the season with a Lisfranc injury.
- After losing running back Lamar Miller to the NFL draft, Miami may have found his replacement in Duke Johnson. Johnson had a splashy debut for the Hurricanes, running for 135 yards on just seven carries.

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# Death toll in Syrian violence growing

ANTAKYA, Turkey (MCT) — The number of people killed in violence in Syria has skyrocketed since U.N. efforts to broker a peace agreement fell apart in June.

The total likely dead, including both government loyalists and opponents, now likely surpasses 30,000 since demonstrations against President Bashar Assad began nearly 18 months ago, according to recently available statistics.

The pace of killing grew by 55 percent in July and then another 48 percent in August, according to numbers gathered by the Syrian Network for Human Rights, which documents rebel and civilian deaths.

While the increase in violence has been obvious — the rebels launched assaults on the country's capital, Damascus, and its business center, Aleppo, in July, and the government counterattacked in August — the speed

with which the violence has surged, does not indicate a decline in violence soon.

During the two months when the U.N.'s Syria envoy, Kofi Annan, was actively trying to find an accommodation between Assad and his opponents, the death toll dropped 36 percent from its previous high in March, when the Syrian Network for Human Rights recorded 2,101 deaths. In May that number had fallen to 1,344.

Once the rebels declared an end to the cease-fire and the U.N. pulled back its observers in mid-June, deaths shot up quickly — by 78 percent, to 2,336, in June; up another 55 percent, to 3,643, in July, and then up nearly 48 percent in August, to 5,384, a record high. The last U.N. monitor left Syria on Aug. 23.

Those totals do not include the deaths of Syrian soldiers, police and government sympathizers killed by the rebels. The Syrian government news

*"We recently documented the Syrian government striking breadlines in Aleppo province."*

**Lama Fakh,**  
Human Rights Watch researcher in Beirut

service, SANA, last reported casualty counts for its forces in late June, when at least 649 had died so far that month.

Altogether, however, the likely death toll is now in excess of 30,000 since the uprising began in March 2011, with the Syrian Network for Human Rights saying it had recorded more than 24,000 civilian and rebel deaths, and the government reporting a total death toll of 7,928 as of July 9, according to a U.N. report released last month.

The rising violence has also driven more people from their homes, with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees reporting that more than 200,000 Syrians have sought refuge outside Syria.

Thousands more are waiting to do so but have not been allowed to cross borders.

It's difficult to say who has the upper hand in the fighting. August saw major offensives by the Syrian government to dislodge rebel fighters from areas they had taken in July, particularly in Damascus.

Fighting continues in many of the same places where the government has been battling rebels since mid-June.

"We recently documented the Syrian government striking breadlines in Aleppo province. The strikes are wildly indiscriminate, and the long lines are resulting from bread shortages," said Lama Fakh, a researcher in Beirut for the independent advocate Human Rights Watch.



Kurds in Qamishli, Syria, demonstrate for the end of Syrian President Bashar Al Assad's regime on Friday, Aug. 10, 2012.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 -- Patience helps getting things done. It's easier to motivate and inspire. Love finds a way. Failures can accelerate growth faster than successes; they illustrate the road to avoid.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 5 -- Knowing what you want and expressing it clearly is a plus. If at first you don't succeed, try again later. Apply what you have learned. It will be easier the second time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 6 -- When in trouble, use the pen, not the sword, to be mightier. Calculate risks. You have more abundance than you realize. Put your subconscious to work on it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Get into the competition to win, but don't be attached to results. In the end you'll have a great story and hopefully have a blast. Write it down.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Find the perfect thing in your own closets or by networking. Then step out of your comfort zone and go for it. Show others what you're capable of.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 5 -- Other people may melt down emotionally. Don't put up a fight. Listening is most important now. Take it easy and don't touch your savings. You see the light.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 -- Quick thinking solves a household problem. Friends make the connection. Your holdings are gaining value. Revise plans, and get your finances in line. Gather info to reap rewards.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 5 -- Solve a puzzle at home. Improve household communications with a new tool to get the word out. Think fast, and work faster. Postpone a decision to savor a moment.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 -- Everything seems possible. Some things may have to be left behind. Success is your reward. Increase your family's comfort. Discuss; don't argue.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 -- More work is required. Learn from your competition and a trusted partner. Decide what to spend and what to save. Give your word and follow through.

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# DNC KICKS OFF IN CHARLOTTE



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Amber Riley, an actress in the popular TV series ‘Glee,’ sings the national anthem at the start of the Democratic National Convention Tuesday afternoon. Right: N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue gives a speech on the first night of the convention.

On the wire: national and world news

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**Democrats re-embrace big government ideas**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — President Bill Clinton may have said the era of big government was over in the 1990s. But as their party meets this week for their national convention, Democrats around the country define themselves differently on the role of the government, the key issue in the coming election.

Democrats today are solidly in favor of a bigger federal government that provides more services. They want it to spend more money to stimulate the economy. They want to raise taxes on the wealthy, and they say that would help the economy. They think the government should do more to help the needy even if it means more debt.

They differ as well on some social issues. They support gay marriage, for example. Clinton signed a law to stop states from being forced to recognize gay marriage, and President Barack Obama dropped his personal opposition to it only this year.

Whatever differences Democrats have with their past, however, pale compared to their differences from Republicans.

Democrats support abortion rights without exception. They want stricter gun controls. They overwhelmingly approve of the 2010 health care law. They want the government to spend more to develop alternative sources of energy, such as wind. They believe humans cause global warming. They are much more open to citizenship for illegal immigrants than Republicans are.

Looking overseas, Democrats think it’s important to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons even if it means war, but a third of them think it’s better to avoid conflict. They want to get U.S. troops out of Afghanistan as fast as possible, not to wait for Obama’s scheduled withdrawal by the end of 2014, according to surveys by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center.

Demographically, Democrats are diverse. Democrats are more likely to be women, to be single and to make less money than Republicans.

They’re likely to be white, though not as likely as Republicans are: 58 percent of Democrats are non-Hispanic whites, versus 89 percent of Republicans, according to Pew. They’re much more likely to be African-American, Hispanic or of some other race than Republicans or the country at large: 40 percent of Democrats versus 26 percent of the country and 9 percent of Republicans.

They’re no more likely to be young than any other group is. There are more of them in the cities, fewer in the suburbs and small towns.

Ask them what’s behind their views of government and taxes, and they offer a fairly common theme.

“The Democratic Party is for the majority of the people,” said Maryann Gannon, a retired nurse in New Port Richey, Fla. “We’re for the

rich people, too, but we want the rich people to help and do their share.”

“Democrats stand for little people, regular people, common people like myself,” said Robert Haynes, a 57-year-old African-American salesman in Calera, Ala.

“My daddy was a Republican because Abraham Lincoln was a Republican, but the Republican Party changed and started being for people who had money. He was a common worker. The Democrats are more down to earth. They look out more for people in his economic category.”

“We’re for working people, people who are trying to pick themselves up by their bootstraps, providing an opportunity via education, employment that pays you a decent wage, a safety net for people who can’t get ahead,” said Rudy Garcia, a 50-year-old Hispanic securities trader in Albuquerque, N.M.

There are still Democrats who have mixed feelings about the growth of government, and the debt amassed to pay for it.

Almost six in 10 Democrats view the federal debt of about \$16 trillion as a top priority, according to a recent Marist-McClatchy poll. They don’t blame Obama for its growth, and they oppose steep spending cuts to bring it down. But they don’t dismiss it, either.

» **Cleanup continues in wake of Hurricane Isaac**

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Helped by a declaration of a statewide health emergency, Louisiana officials pressed forward Tuesday with their cleanup from last week’s Hurricane Isaac. They also reported that electrical power had been substantially restored throughout the state.

A spokesperson for the state’s unified command group estimated 95 percent of all electrical power had been returned. Officials at the utility Entergy placed the number of customers without power at 56,807. Some flooding was

still reported from the storm, which made landfall a week ago, on Aug. 28.

On Monday, Gov. Bobby Jindal formally declared a statewide public health emergency — a move that allows government workers to enter private property and remove debris.

In the announcement, Jindal noted that 200 advisories to boil water had been issued and that more than 40 percent of electrical power had been lost for extended periods of time.

The health emergency will last until Oct. 3, though it can be ended sooner if the cleanup progresses well, officials said.

**‘Godmother of Cocaine’ dies in Colombia slaying**

MIAMI (MCT) — Griselda Blanco, the drug kingpin known for her blood-soaked style of street vengeance during Miami’s “cocaine cowboys” era of the ‘70s and ‘80s, was shot to death in Medellin by a motorcycle-riding assassin Monday.

Blanco, 69, spent nearly two decades behind bars in the United States for drug trafficking and three murders, including the 1982 slaying of a 2-year-old boy in Miami.

Called the “Godmother of Cocaine,” she was deported in 2004 to Colombia, where she maintained a low profile.

Colombia’s national police confirmed her slaying late Monday. According to Colombian press reports, two gunmen on motorcycles pulled up to Blanco as she walked out of a butcher shop in Medellin, her hometown. One man pumped two bullets into her head, according to El Colombiano newspaper. It was the sort of death many had predicted for her: Blanco has been credited with inventing the idea of the “motorcycle assassin” who rode by victims and sprayed them with bullets.

“It’s surprising to all of us that she had not been killed sooner because she made a lot of enemies,” former Miami homicide detective Nelson



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» Soybeans are smoothed out in a barge bound for New Orleans. Soybean shipments are piling up after Hurricane Isaac.

Andreu, who investigated her, said late Monday. “When you kill so many and hurt so many people like she did, it’s only a matter of time before they find you and try to even the score.”

The former kingpin was with a pregnant daughter-

in-law, who was uninjured. According to El Colombiano, the woman told police that Blanco was no longer involved in organized crime and that she was hoping to live off the sales of several properties she owned.



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Gulfstream was forced to temporarily close its casino after a 13,000-gallon fish tank flooded the second and first floors.

**Hispanic voter support**

Democrats are looking to the DNC to bring in support from N.C.’s growing hispanic bloc. See pg. 1 for story.

**Chinese impressions**

An artist and a UNC professor will discuss China’s urbanization with different lenses. See pg. 5 for story.

**From player to coach**

The newly hired baseball coach replacing Robert Woodard is a former player for UNC. See pg. 7 for story.

**Innovation enterprise**

Director of UNC’s institute of private enterprise talks research and innovation. See pg. 4 for story.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**  
1 Home to the Ibsen Museum  
5 Online auction payment, say  
10 Animation  
14 Part of a Clue guess  
15 Salsa holder  
16 Political pal  
17 \*Saw  
19 1997 Peter Fonda role  
20 Like some stadiums  
21 Drove (on)  
22 \*Head  
26 Like prison windows  
30 Doesn’t mention  
31 Toe the line  
32 Peach pit  
33 Close, as a windbreaker  
36 \*Come  
40 Glamour VIPs  
41 Denmark’s \_\_\_ Islands  
42 Suffix with tip or trick  
43 Erin of “Happy Days”  
44 Mathematician  
46 \*Board  
49 Decree  
50 Tummy soother  
55 One in a four-part harmony  
56 \*Do  
59 Gubernatorial turndown  
60 Cassette half  
61 Prefix missing from the starred clues

**DOWN**  
1 Inexact words  
2 Gazpacho, e.g.  
3 Easy run  
4 Hint of things to come  
5 Begrudged  
6 Meaningful pile of stones  
7 Bldg. coolers  
8 “Steady as \_\_\_ goes”  
9 Mason’s tray  
10 Comic’s rewards  
11 “Any volunteers?” reply  
12 Sails force?  
13 Scrutinized  
18 Award two stars to, say  
21 Glyceride, for one  
23 Improper  
24 Start of a parliamentary proposal  
25 Math ratio  
26 Hint of things to come  
27 Not yet stirring  
28 Game callers  
29 Caraway-seeded bread, often  
32 Comic Silverman  
33 Tubular pasta  
34 Urban addition  
35 Ceremonial pile  
37 In progress, to Sherlock  
38 Causing puckers  
39 Fed. benefits agency  
43 N. Zealand’s highest peak  
44 “Deep penetrating pain relief” brand  
45 Subject to a penalty fee, maybe  
46 Thumb twiddler  
47 Capone henchman  
48 More wise  
49 Roof overhang  
51 2007 A.L. MVP  
52 Vena \_\_\_  
53 Gossip column couple  
54 “Coming Home” actor  
56 Language suffix  
57 Letters for Louis Quatorze  
58 Lemony quencher

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## Twitter and the modern 'female'

On Sunday evening, while procrastinating writing this column, I noticed that one of Twitter's trending topics was #HowToPissOffAFemale.

For this female, the existence of such a hashtag could be deemed the number one method of achieving said end. It only employs six words, but even without its host of accompanying tweets, it manages to be icky. First, there's the implication that more than half of the world's population can be irritated in the same set of 140-character ways (though I suppose it's a rather certain fact that any woman would be upset if someone were to "replace her tampons with party poppers" — mainly for the assumption that she wouldn't be able to tell those items apart).

Then there's the use of, in lieu of "woman" or "lady" or even an affectionate "slam-pie," the clinically cringe-worthy "female," which many a male Republican politician has used to make women sound more like chimpanzees in a nature documentary than people whose votes they might want (i.e. "the females" must not be allowed access to contraception, "the females" have some disgusting organs in their bodies that I wish you'd not mention in front of me, "the females" will extract our semen in the night and go start another civilization without us).

And then there's the fact that the Twitterverse feels the need to brainstorm answers to this problem, when Todd Akin is sitting right there.

It really won't do much to list the tweets this hashtag produced — you can probably guess 10 of them without thinking.

"Compare her to other females," "Tell her to make you a sandwich," and "Call her fat" numbered among the hit parade. There was the omnipresent, "Ask if she's on the rag," the rapey, "Forget to pull out," and the presumptuous, "Don't give her no D."

These responses, no surprise, all came from apparently male Twitter users. Among the tweets written by the "females" in question, I was pleased to see the righteously angry and the righteously sarcastic. But I was disappointed that the majority played right into the expectations of the hashtag's misogynistic creators. I gave them a free pass because, you know, solidarity or whatever.

I'm not setting myself up for a rant. Frankly, I've become sort of exhausted by repeatedly explaining to a world that invented penicillin and the Internet that women ought to be sovereign rulers of their respective vaginas, breasts, ovaries, uteri, arms, brains, lungs, phalanges and pretty much the rest of their bodies.

I know the hashtag constitutes a microsecond in Twitter's life, I know it wasn't formed with malicious intent, and I know it's not as though someone of political influence will use it to bolster a personhood amendment. I'm tempted to just laugh the whole thing off, but not to treat it even a little seriously would be a disservice to my gender and an insult to Twitter's influence.

Congratulations, Twitter. I'm a little pissed off. And no, I'm not on the rag.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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EDITORIAL

## No conflict of interest

### Facebook lawsuit is not invalid by Bowles connection.

Controversy is roiling over North Carolina Retirement Systems' role as lead plaintiff in the class action lawsuit against Facebook and Morgan Stanley.

Critics of the system's status as lead plaintiff argue that there is a potential conflict of interest between it and Facebook. The conflict is due, they argue, to the financial and personal relationship between Erskine Bowles and N.C. State Treasurer Janet Cowell.

Using the relationship between Cowell and Bowles as a justification for calling for the system to step down as lead plaintiff is overblown. The community should direct its attention to the real issues addressed by the lawsuit.

Erskine Bowles is a board member of both Facebook and Morgan Stanley, the investment bank that handled the Facebook initial public offering. Cowell is a board member and sole trustee of the retirement system.

A fundraiser hosted at the Bowles' household for Cowell's campaign for

State Treasurer on June 22 of last year is held up as an example of the close ties between Cowell and Bowles.

Opponents of the retirement system as the lead plaintiff argue that Cowell might not fairly represent the interests of the group of plaintiffs bringing the lawsuit, given her ties with Bowles.

However, if there was a conflict of interest, why would Cowell lead a lawsuit against someone with whom she has close ties? Especially since it could cause Bowles potential financial losses.

Also, the investment firm for which Bowles is a senior adviser, Carousel Capital, was not directly involved in the system's purchase of Facebook stock. Instead, Sands Capital Management made the purchase.

The focus on the Bowles-Cowell relationship is misplaced. If the lawsuit is eventually thrown out by the judge, it should not be for this reason.

The retirement system is leading the suit against Facebook and the investment banks who handled the IPO after North Carolina lost more than \$4 million since Facebook's public offering.

Other firms in the class

action lawsuit had a \$3 million combined loss, which is much less than the system's loss.

In class action lawsuits, the lead plaintiff is traditionally the party that has lost the most money, justifying the retirement system's bid for lead plaintiff.

Since the offering on May 18, Facebook's share price has almost halved from \$38 to less than \$18.

Rather than focusing on the Bowles-Cowell connection, it's much more important to look at where the buck stops in this financial decision. This conflict of interest debate is a distraction from the real issue of the lawsuit.

Focus should instead be on the shady dealings between Morgan Stanley, Facebook and other investment banks that potentially led to the losses.

The class-action lawsuit is legitimate and the community should not call for the system to step down as lead plaintiff.

Cowell representing the state's retirement system in leading the lawsuit against Facebook should challenge claims of a conflict of interest, rather than raise suspicions.

Since the system lost the most money, it ought to be the one leading the class action lawsuit.

EDITORIAL

## NCAA lacks credibility

### The decision not to pursue sanctions is deplorable.

A disturbing statement released Friday by UNC administrators said the NCAA will not pursue sanctions based on present information about the worst academic scandal in memory.

UNC administrators updated the NCAA on Aug. 23 about recent findings in the academic scandal involving the African and Afro-American Studies department. Julius Peppers' transcript, which was accidentally posted on a UNC website, implies the alleged academic fraud in the department might have extended much further back than originally thought.

The NCAA's decision to cease pursuing the sanctions after learning of these findings shows its complicity in the subjugation of academics to the interests of athletics at member institutions.

If the available infor-

mation about the scandal truly did indicate that NCAA rules were not violated, then the NCAA ought to revise those rules to prioritize academics more than they do.

UNC administrators first notified NCAA officials of possible academic issues with student athletes more than a year ago.

Administrators commissioned an internal review to see if there was academic impropriety, but limited the investigation to one department and to courses taught between the summer of 2007 and the summer of 2011.

The NCAA, content to rely on UNC's internal investigation's findings despite the obvious conflict of interest, sent only a single enforcement official to Chapel Hill.

The internal review, concluded in May, revealed that 52 of the 616 courses investigated between 2007 and 2009 had little or no instruction.

Furthermore, the report uncovered "faculty signatures that appear to be

forged" and unauthorized grade changes.

These classes were found to have a disproportionately large number of student athletes.

The report concluded former department chairman Julius Nyang'oro and former department manager Deborah Crowder were both involved in setting up and facilitating these courses.

Another report, conducted by a special subcommittee of the faculty executive committee and released in July, strongly suggested athletic counselors directed student athletes to the courses Nyang'oro created.

Despite these discoveries, the NCAA took no action.

If the NCAA wants to maintain credibility, it must take academic fraud more seriously.

And if, as new evidence unfolds, it is found that Nyang'oro did create courses to maintain the eligibility of athletes, the NCAA's dismissive stance will undermine its mission to ensure athletic program integrity.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm sure that if any recruit ever tasted (Katharine Dempsey's) fried chicken, it was a shoo-in."

Eric Montross, on the late Dempsey, who was known as "Ma D"

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"At this point the public colonoscopy our athletics programs have gotten is almost as bad."

Walkinginplace, on the NCAA's decision not to start another probe

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### If you vote in Chapel Hill, register your car

TO THE EDITOR:

With privilege comes responsibility. Students who sign voter registration cards declaring themselves as residents of Chapel Hill/Orange County need to realize that this signed declaration of residency triggers other legal steps if you own an automobile.

As a new Orange County resident, N.C. law requires you to register your vehicle using your Orange County address. You can then expect to receive your property tax bill within 90 days after that change to your car registration.

If your car was previously registered outside of N.C., you will have to obtain a N.C.-issued driver's license 30 days after residency, get your vehicle tested for emissions, pay a 3 percent highway use tax, pay for a new N.C.-issued car title and registration (within 60 days), obtain the minimum liability insurance and later pay the city and county property taxes. That is the law.

You cannot claim residency in Orange County for voting convenience and simultaneously claim residency elsewhere for tax avoidance. Compliance is not just the law, it's also the right thing to do.

Perry Collette '84  
Chapel Hill

### Illegal immigrants shouldn't get benefits

TO THE EDITOR:

The article regarding in-state tuition for illegal immigrants was dangerously ignorant to the financial situation regarding public education in this country.

I welcome immigrants to this country; after all, aren't most of us immigrants? I do not, however, condone the activities of those who come here illegally.

Although some of them do not choose to come here, they should not be granted the same privileges of those who are legal immigrants or citizens.

If illegal immigrants were granted in-state tuition, this would be unfair to those who have worked hard to become legal immigrants and citizens.

The article claims that "illegal immigrants ... are treated as out-of-state students." As harsh as it may seem, an illegal immigrant

is from way out of state.

We have enough economic problems as it is; granting tuition reductions to students who haven't paid taxes for education leaves a gigantic hole in the budget.

I am all for immigration reform and allowing foreign students to study at American universities. However, I do not support the abuse and destruction of our countries' educational and economic system.

America is the land of the free — free to those who abide by the law.

David Marsh '16  
Business

### President Obama's record is not stellar

TO THE EDITOR:

Madeline Will's article indicates that young voters are "dissatisfied" with Obama's performance.

They shouldn't be. True, his jobs record is less than stellar, but he has extraordinary achievements in other areas.

Obama ordered the assassination of Anwar al-Aulaqi, the first time any president ordered the assassination of an American citizen.

Even better, one of his drone strikes killed al-Aulaqi's 16-year-old son. The Al-Aulaqi family is proud to have contributed to this historic presidential accomplishment!

After seven years in Afghanistan, Bush could only ever manage to get 30,000 troops there at once. Thanks to Obama, we now have 88,000 Americans in the middle of the Afghan desert. Not to mention the drone wars he is now waging in Yemen and Libya!

And not only is Guantanamo still open, but now we can send American citizens there indefinitely, without trial, thanks to Obama's signing of the NDAA.

Bush was able to deport about 200,000 undocumented workers per year. Not bad, but Obama is deporting twice as many! That's higher than any other president in history!

The president does need to work to help fix the economy, but he also needs to continue dismantling civil liberties and murdering American citizens. When it comes to those important issues, Obama's performance has been truly inspiring.

David Deerson '13  
President  
UNC Young Americans  
for Liberty

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