

UNSUSTAINABLE PATH

Budget cuts and tuition hikes are changing schools' revenue models.

By Daniel Wiser
Assistant State & National Editor

Tori Gill has been planning ahead.

A 2009 graduate of UNC-CH, Gill has already begun researching strategies to finance her 11-month-old daughter's college education. Apart from deciding which savings account to open and which bank to partner with, Gill said one question looms above the rest — how much will it cost?

"I don't know what it's going to look like in 18 years when it's time for us to send her to college," she said.

A 'spiral out of control'

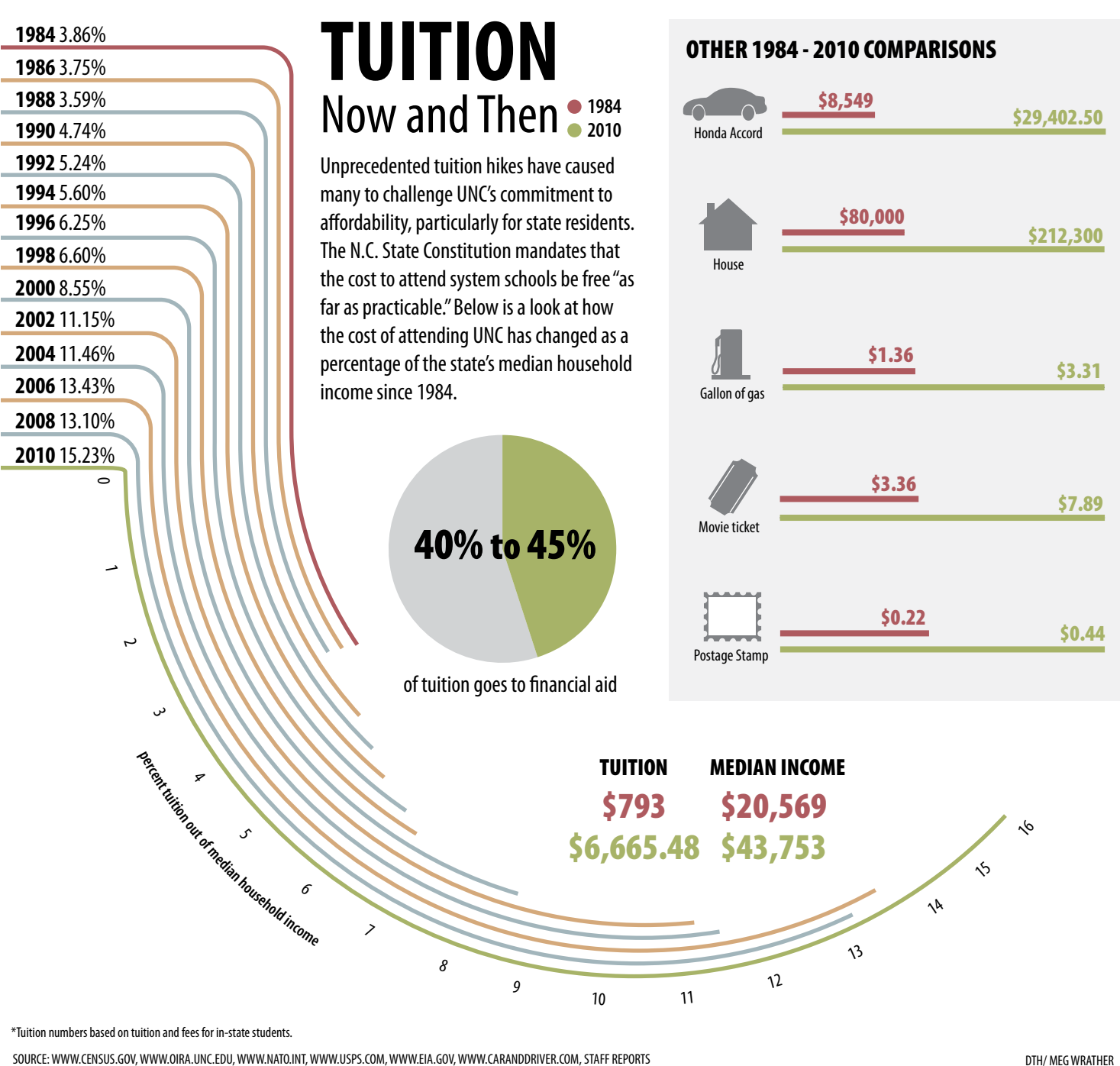
Families nationwide continue to grapple with the rising costs of higher education. Public universities, which typically rely on state appropriations as a primary source of funding, increased their tuition and fee rates at a higher percentage than private universities this year.

Tuition and fees for in-state students increased by 8.3 percent to an average of \$8,244 at public universities, while private universities increased their tuition and fees by 4.5 percent to an average of \$28,500, according to data compiled by the College Board. And that doesn't include additional costs such as room, board and textbooks.

UNC-CH's Board of Trustees approved a tuition hike proposal of \$2,800 earlier this month that would be phased in during a five-year span, including an increase of 15.6 percent for in-state students next year.

A new Four Year Tuition Plan approved by the UNC-system Board of Governors last year maintained a 6.5 percent cap on tuition increases, but a clause in the plan permitted universities to propose one-time increases above the cap if they justified a need to "catch up" to the tuition and fees of their public peer institutions.

University administrators are



using that clause to propose the temporary increase.

But Sandy Baum, a co-author of the College Board report, said if UNC-CH's tuition increases are ultimately approved, there would be no looking back and tuition would more than likely not return to lower levels.

"Tuition will keep rising," she said. "It's pretty unrealistic for them to go back."

Tuition and fees at UNC-system schools have traditionally

been lower than comparable institutions, but families in the state have devoted a larger portion of their income to higher education costs in the last two decades.

While the median family in the state contributed 3.2 percent of their income to tuition and fees at UNC-CH in 1989, that percentage increased to 5.1 percent in 1999 and 10.4 percent in 2009. If UNC-CH raised tuition by 6.5 percent for the next five

years in addition to the proposed supplemental increase of \$2800, tuition would comprise 18.8 percent of the median family's income based on 2009 levels.

Median family income is calculated each decade as a part of the federal census.

Sen. Richard Stevens, R-Wake and former member of the UNC-CH Board of Trustees, said middle-class families often bear the brunt of tuition increases.

"The folks that have a lot of money will be able to go regardless of the cost," he said. "The folks that have no money will have opportunities through various student aid methods. At what point do you squeeze out the middle class from being able to attend one of our campuses?"

All universities must submit their tuition increase proposals to the system's General Administration by Dec. 9. The

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Housing changes debated

Community leaders are speaking out against the South Campus plan.

By Grace Harvey
Staff Writer

Members of the Residence Hall Association are worried a new policy might limit diversity in residence halls.

Housing officials have proposed a plan to stop reserving space for freshmen on North Campus in an effort to keep more upperclassmen from moving off campus.

But many student leaders are speaking out against the proposed policy.

Andrea Pino, community governor of Kenan Community, started a petition against the proposal.

Pino said the decision to segregate freshmen and upperclassmen would limit diversity and prevent opportunities for learning and mentorship.

At a tense meeting of the RHA leadership Tuesday, members

discussed the possible policy change, even questioning whether or not it was true.

The University's announcement of the policy change has been removed from the housing website. The RHA will take a stance when the proposal is confirmed, members said.

Edgar Lopez, governor of Manning West, said even if the proposal does create more space for upperclassmen on North Campus, these students will already have made their living arrangements for next year.

RHA President Hans Peng said he fears the implications of separating students based on their class.

"Although this policy doesn't explicitly prohibit (freshmen) from living on North Campus, it will definitely make it harder for them to do so," Peng wrote in an email.

"I myself was a North Campus resident my first year at Carolina, and I loved talking to upperclassmen and benefiting from their wisdom," he said, adding that the change would also stigmatize South Campus and make it a

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Hans Peng, Residential Housing Association president

more undesirable living location for upperclassmen.

Pino said she does not want to see the freshman experience limited to one area of campus.

"I appreciate housing, but I also think that housing can do more," Pino said. "Not everyone is looking for the same experience. Diversity is the most important thing."

Pino said part of UNC's appeal is students' freedom to choose residence halls.

She said residency restrictions could cause a lack of communication regarding opportunities in student government and residence leadership.

Elizabeth Lynch, an admissions ambassador, said she agreed.

Lynch said the policy would be detrimental to freshmen's awareness of campus events and community activities.

SIGN THE PETITION

http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/unchousingrestriction/

The proposed change comes from an effort to fill 434 empty beds on campus, which cost UNC about \$4.3 million in wasted space, said Rick Bradley, assistant director of housing assignments and communication, on Monday.

Student Body Secretary Adam Jutha said student government is aware of the issue and is currently seeking student opinion.

"We are trying to understand the full perspective of the student experience at Carolina," Jutha said.

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CARSON MURDER TRIAL

Jury selection off to slow start

One juror has been chosen for Laurence Alvin Lovette Jr's trial.

By Chelsey Dulaney
Assistant City Editor

The process for selecting a jury in the trial of Laurence Alvin Lovette Jr. — the second man accused of murdering former student body president Eve Carson — got off to a slow start Tuesday.

After attorneys selected only one juror to serve on Lovette's trial, Judge Allen Baddour told them he was concerned with the slow pace — so much that he said he could revoke his decision to allow individual selection.

Lovette is charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery, first-degree kidnap-

ping and felony larceny in connection with the death of Carson, who was found dead with five gunshot wounds in a Chapel Hill intersection on March 5, 2008.

Lovette pleaded not guilty to all counts Nov. 17.

Woodall said even with Tuesday's slow progress, he still expects jury selection to last about four to five days.

But Baddour was skeptical the process would be completed so quickly.

Attorneys interviewed four out of 46 potential jurors during Tuesday's session.

Baddour also expressed concern that Woodall and defense attorney Karen Bethea-Shields asked the jurors the same questions several times.

Questions centered on jurors' work and family history, previ-

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'WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?'

Ray Dooley and Julie Fishell star in the production that opens tonight. **Page 3.**



BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team takes on Wisconsin tonight in the Smith Center. See the story inside, then go to the game or check out ESPN at 9:30 p.m. to watch. **Page 3.**

POINTS POLICE

Student Congress passed a bill Tuesday to implement a point system for campaign violations during student elections. Ten points could mean disqualification. **Online.**

This day in history

Nov. 30, 1982
Michael Jackson's album "Thriller" is released by Epic Records. It would become the best-selling album of all time.

Today's weather

Winter-ish
H 55, L 32

Thursday's weather

Davis Library
temperature
H 57, L 30

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Stabbin’ around the Christmas tree

From staff and wire reports

It is the season to be jolly, drink lots of eggnog and lie to scores of small children about Santa Claus as we empty our life savings at the local Target. Decorating your trees with lots of pretty ornaments is also a good way to get in the holiday spirit ... as long as you don’t stab people with them.

Fifty-five-year-old Ruth Wagner, of Plantsville, Conn., was arrested Sunday after she stole several Christmas ornaments from a weekend craft fair. As she was fleeing from police, Wagner stabbed another woman in the arm with one of the ornaments. She has been charged with first-degree robbery, second-degree assault and several other charges.

Deck the jail cell bars with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la.

NOTED. Pretty much everyone we know hated Windows in its older, crash- and virus-prone incarnations. We can’t say that hatred was strong enough to prompt a lawsuit 16 years later, however.

That’s what Microsoft is now facing, as Bill Gates testified Monday in a \$1 billion lawsuit over Windows 95.

QUOTED. And now, a helpful haiku:
“A sudden car door
Cyclist’s story rewritten.
Fractured narrative”

— New York City Transportation Commission. New York is rolling out new “Curbside Haikus” to promote safety. We’re surprised Carrboro didn’t do this first.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

SunTrust information session: If you are looking for a job, put on your business-casual dress, grab your resume and come to this information session with high-profile investment bank SunTrust Robinson Humphrey. Please RSVP in Careerolina before showing up.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Hanes Hall 239

THURSDAY

Nursing robot design: Hear Manida Swangnetr, a visiting professor from Khon Kaen University in Thailand, present a lecture entitled “Humanoid Features in Nursing Robot Design and Patient Emotional Responses: Exciting Innovations in Use of Robots in Hospital Settings.”
Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Blue Cross Blue Shield Auditorium, Hooker Building of the School of Global Public Health

Carolina Innovations Seminar:

Explore the impact of patent reform via the recently signed America Invents Act and review patent inventorship standards and intellectual property strategies relevant to copyright works. Mitch Bigel of Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec P.S. will speak. Bigel is sure to provide a wealth of knowledge and experience from his nearly 30 years practicing patent law.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Sitterson Hall, Room 014

Ackland Film Forum:

Come to a free screening of two movies: “Marija’s Own” (2011) and “Such a Beautiful Boy I Gave Birth To” (1999). “Marija’s Own” depicts an unconventional and surreal memorial that three granddaughters host for their beloved deceased grandmother. In “Such a Beautiful Boy,” the camera documents and provokes conflicts between the filmmaker and his par-

ents, who disapprove of his choice to study filmmaking. Don’t forget your OneCard.

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Varsity Theatre

Lecture by a Holocaust survivor:

Listen to Chapel Hill resident Nick Stashko, who was just 20 years old when he was sent to Auschwitz for distributing anti-Nazi fliers, discuss his World War II experience. Stashko will be speaking about his experiences as a political prisoner during the Holocaust.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Frank Porter Graham Student Union Great Hall

To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.

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2020 VISION



DTH/CHRIS CONWAY

Senior Adam Migliore Meyer writes a suggestion for expanding downtown Chapel Hill at a Chapel Hill 2020 meeting in the Union Tuesday. The meeting was to gather input for a plan to guide Chapel Hill’s future. Attendees wrote comments and suggestions on easels.

POLICE LOG

- Someone received a trespass warning at about 10:32 a.m. Monday at 703 Copperline Drive, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone was disturbing the peace by yelling at a teller machine at about 1:55 p.m. Monday at 137 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- A dog bit someone who was aggressively taunting it at about 8:40 p.m. Monday at 175 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone stole a bicycle by breaking the lock between 12:00 a.m. and 1:15 a.m. Tuesday at 211 Church St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The lock was valued at \$20 and the bicycle at \$200, according to reports.
- Someone reported the doors of a business standing open between 10:15 p.m. Monday and 4:49 a.m. Tuesday at 1800 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a suspicious person walking in the area between 2:20 p.m. and 2:25 p.m. Monday at 712 Kenmore Road, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone trespassed a property by returning after being evicted at around 8:40 p.m. Monday at 102 Isley St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone assaulted a woman by hitting her on the head with an object at about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Airport Gardens parking lot, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone vandalized a property by painting a large black-and-white skull on the dumpsters at noon Sunday at the end of Todd Street, according to Carrboro police reports.

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UNC to face tough Badger defense

The Tar Heels look to rebound against a top-ranked defense.

By Mark Thompson
Senior Writer

As far as bounce-back games go, No. 9 Wisconsin might be one of the last opponents a team fresh off a loss wants to play.

No. 5 North Carolina lost to UNLV on Saturday in a game that coach Roy Williams said the Tar Heels played with a lack of intensity. Now UNC is preparing to face one of the most physical teams in the country.

But the Tar Heels are also in a much different frame of mind. “We realize things that we have to get better at from the last game, and we are just focused on improving that,” point guard Kendall Marshall said. “We didn’t plan on losing this early in the season, but I think it’s a nice monkey to have off of our back.”

But getting back on that winning wagon against the Badgers — one of the nation’s most

efficient offensive and defensive teams — will be a challenge.

“They’re really impressive,” Williams said. “They guard you. They score, and they shoot like the dickens.”

UNC will likely have its leading scorer Harrison Barnes, who sprained his ankle against UNLV, although his availability was in question early this week.

A tweet from the athletics department said Barnes participated fully in practice Tuesday and is expected to play.

But Barnes or no Barnes, UNC is the first ranked opponent Wisconsin will play this season. Still, the Badgers’ numbers are no less impressive. Wisconsin leads the nation with an assist to turnover ratio of 1.94 and ranks first in the country in points allowed and field goal percentage defense.

Through six games, the Badgers have allowed 39.2 points per game and have held their opponents to an equally staggering 30.5 percent field goal percentage.

“The most impressive thing is the 30.5,” Williams said. “We can go out there and hold teams

to 50 points. I mean, we really can. But I don’t know that we can go out there and hold teams to 30.5 percent from the field.”

Wisconsin has always been a tough defensive team, but the Badgers aren’t limited to playing good defense.

Leading the charge on offense is senior point guard Jordan Taylor, much like the Tar Heels and Marshall.

“I think both of them really like to make their team win,” Williams said. “They’re more facilitators than they are scorers even though Jordan can score.”







Taylor scored 18.1 points, grabbed 4.1 rebounds and dished out 4.74 assists a game last season. He also led the nation with a 3.83 assist to turnover ratio.

“Wisconsin isn’t known for having McDonald’s All-Americans, but they have a great coach,” Marshall said. “On the court it starts with a great point guard, and he goes out there and leads them.”

Sounds familiar.

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THE LOWDOWN ON TONIGHT’S GAME

	No. 9 Wisconsin vs. No. 5 North Carolina	
(6-0)	Smith Center, 9:30 p.m.	(5-1)
HEAD-TO-HEAD		
Backcourt	UNC was hit hard by shots from the outside as UNLV made thirteen 3-pointers Saturday, and this year UW is shooting 47 percent from three. But UNC still has Kendall Marshall. Edge: Push	
Frontcourt	As injury threatens Barnes’ status for tonight’s game, expect Zeller and Henson to have better performances than they did against UNLV, when they both had four fouls. Edge: UNC	
Bench	The Badgers only have six players that have taken more than 16 shots in their six games this season. Overall, the Tar Heels are going to be more dangerous deeper in the rotation. Edge: UNC	
Intangibles	Though Wisconsin has the best defense in the country, UNC will be the most talented team UW has seen. Plus, the Badgers are catching UNC after their first loss of the season. Edge: UNC	

The Bottom Line — North Carolina 79, Wisconsin 64
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DON’T FEAR VIRGINIA WOOLF

Veteran professors play dueling spouses in award-winning play

By Katelyn Trela
Arts Editor

Ray Dooley and Julie Fishell don’t recall ever being married.

Maybe once, Fishell says, but she poisoned him early on.

Beginning tonight, Dooley and Fishell will take the Paul Green Theatre stage as George and Martha, the dysfunctional husband-and-wife pair leading Edward Albee’s award-winning play, “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?”

The two 20-year PlayMakers Repertory Company veterans have appeared together a handful of times on stage. Their turn as George and Martha will be one of the few in which they play battling leads.

The characters, who Fishell called “Everests of American theater,” have been married for 23 years. They host a young couple at their home for drinks and put their changing relationship on display through a progression of stunts and arguments.

Dooley said he and Fishell have developed a sort of shorthand in their years together that lends itself perfectly to tackling a piece like “Virginia Woolf.”

“When you work with someone you don’t know, it takes more time,” he said.

McKay Coble, PlayMakers’ costume designer and chairwoman of the Department of Dramatic Art, came to the company in 1987, only a few years before Dooley and Fishell. Having watched the two actors for years, she echoed Dooley’s sentiment.

“If you’re forever changing partners, it’s hard to hit your stride,” she said. “If you’re working with the same people, you can set new goals for yourself.”

Dooley and Fishell were both trained in classical drama, Dooley at the American Conservatory Theater and Fishell at the Juilliard School.

Both said that PlayMakers has offered them one of few chances to have steady careers as classical actors.

“To have an artistic home where there’s a continuity of work but a variety of experiences, we stay in the same place, but things are changing,” Dooley said.

They each also teach classes, Dooley graduate students and Fishell undergraduates. The ability to teach by example, Dooley said, is something that not many programs offer as intensely as UNC does.

“We are actors who teach acting, not directors who teach acting or acting teachers who don’t act,” he said.

Joseph Haj, producing artistic director for PlayMakers, said he chose to make “Virginia Woolf” a part of the 2011-12 PlayMakers season with Dooley and Fishell in mind.

“It’s the right actors at the right times in their life,” he said.

“Virginia Woolf” won the Tony Award for Best Play in 1963, but was denied a Pulitzer Prize when the board said it wasn’t “uplifting” enough.

But Fishell said the script is actually funny, in its own, dark way. George and Martha continuously build



Julie Fishell and Ray Dooley, trained in classical drama, play husband and wife in “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?”
DTH/ELIZABETH MENDOZA

on each other, examining life, death, love and loss by saying and doing things Fishell said few would believe.

The play — three acts and nearly three hours long — is a never-finished exploration, Dooley said.

“There’s a sense of incorporating the audience into our rehearsal,” he said. “They’re not going to come to a finished product.”

Fishell said the play, which she called a “boxing match,” allows them to keep evolving because it goes on for so long.

It then becomes a question of stamina, Dooley said. Coble, who is not designing for “Virginia Woolf,” said she has seen one rehearsal moment. In the scene, Dooley and Fishell were yelling at each other in one of George and Martha’s many heated moments.

“It was terrifyingly real,” she said. “And then they both stopped, and they laughed. They really are

SEE THE SHOW

Time: Tuesdays through Sundays at 7:30 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sundays; runs through Dec. 18

Location: \$10 to \$45

Tickets: playmakersrep.org/tickets

George and Martha fighting with each other, and Ray and Julie working with each other.”

Fishell said that, though the roles are taxing, she is comfortable bearing them with Dooley.

“I know if I jump, he’s going to catch me,” she said. “And if he doesn’t, I know where his office is.”

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Proposed charter school disputed

By Jeff Kagan
Staff Writer

Students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools could have more education options if an elementary charter school application for the area is approved.

But while some say the school would offer students more attention and alleviate overcrowding, critics say it will siphon funds from public schools and isn’t needed.

Chapel Hill resident Angela Lee helped submit an application Nov. 10 for the Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School.

She said charter schools, which use public funds but aren’t subject to the same regulations as public schools, better track student growth to solve achievement gaps and overcrowding.

“Students are getting the same

rigor, which is constant and consistent. There will be no leveling off like in public schools,” she said. “Our standards will be high and our curriculum rigorous. We want a school that speaks to the diversity and globalization in our community.”

Lee said the end goal is to have charters from kindergarten through 12th grade, though this school will focus on elementary.

But critics like Kevin Hicks, a professed public schools advocate, said public schools can deal with overcrowding and achievement gaps more efficiently.

“With the building of public Elementary School 11 in Northside ... a charter school is not needed to alleviate overcrowding,” he said.

On Nov. 14, Hicks and an NAACP panel met with new Superintendent Thomas Porcella to identify issues the school

board should address within three years, he said.

“The superintendent has a philosophy that he is following, and we want to give that an opportunity to work,” he said.

Charter schools could also take away money from the overall public school system, said Stephanie Knott, spokeswoman for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

“Charter schools receive a portion of funding that would go to schools that already exist,” Knott said. “They are essentially siphoning funds that already go to public schools.”

Hicks said a lack of public transportation could limit access to charter schools.

“Only certain students will get to that school. That’s really skimming off the top,” Hicks said.

If a review committee sends the application to the North

Carolina Charter School Advisory Council on Dec. 14, supporters and opponents of the school should learn its fate early in 2012, said Dottie Heath, consultant for the State Office of Charter Schools.

The council has received 27 applications this year compared to six last year, Heath said.

The applications were submitted to the “fast track” program. Program applicants must prove they can successfully open a charter school by August 2012.

The removal of a cap limiting the number of charter schools there can be in the state led to the increase, Heath said.

Despite the competition, applicants said they are hopeful.

“We are very optimistic, but we just submitted it,” Lee said.

Contact the City Editor at city@dailytarheel.com.

inBRIEF

CAMPUS BRIEFS

New York company to give students money for parties

A New York company is giving \$100 to college students to throw parties on campus.

The Party Fund will give the \$100 grants out weekly on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Awards have gone to students at Harvard University, Stanford University and UNC.

Grant recipients are required to invite their Facebook friends to “like” brand sponsors. The student winner must also upload photos of the party and tag the sponsor in them.

The program was established to help brands build meaningful relationships with students online and in the real world.

To apply, visit www.thepartyfund.com.

CITY BRIEFS

Bus stop to be permanently relocated 300 feet south

As of Dec. 5, the South Columbia Street bus stop at Sitterson Hall will be relocated to between Sitterson Hall and the Navy ROTC building, about 300 feet south.

For more information, customers can call a service representative at 919-969-4900.

Friends of Downtown to host ‘Holy Smoke’ authors

A Friends of Downtown meeting Thursday in the Franklin Hotel will feature John Shelton Reed and Dale Reed, authors of “Holy Smoke: The Big Book of North Carolina Barbecue.”

The former Chapel Hill residents will present and answer questions. The 10 a.m. meeting is free and open to the public.

- From staff and wire reports

TUITION

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board will consider the proposals before sending its recommendations to the N.C. General Assembly for final approval.

Several universities in the system have discussed proposals to increase tuition by a percentage above the cap. Even if those schools would remain in the bottom quarter of their public peers' tuition and fee rates — a requirement stated in the plan — board members must be sensitive to the impact of tuition increases on families in the state, said Brad Wilson, emeritus member and former chairman of the board.

"We need to act very carefully before we get into the habit of rationalizing a dramatic exception to the policy that we have in place," he said. "You can start to spiral out of control."

Defining 'practicable'

The potential for substantial tuition hikes at UNC-system schools has also raised concerns about the state's legal obligation to provide an affordable university education.

Suzanne Ortega, the system's senior vice president for academic affairs, said raising tuition is one of a series of strategies to ensure the UNC system maintains its academic reputation after budget cuts.

A state funding cut of 15.6 percent, or \$414 million, prompted

universities to eliminate about 3,000 filled positions and hundreds of course sections this year. The UNC system has cumulatively absorbed more than \$1 billion in state funding cuts during the last five years.

But rapid tuition increases could begin to violate administrators' constitutional responsibility to in-state students, said Rep. Rick Glazier, D-Cumberland and a member of the House appropriations subcommittee on education.

The N.C. Constitution states that system schools must provide a free university education for state residents "as far as practicable."

Increases within the bottom quarter of tuition and fee rates at universities' public peers will not necessarily prevent them from fulfilling their constitutional mandate, Ortega said.

"One strategy for figuring out what is as free as reasonably practicable is to say if 75 percent of all universities are above where you are, you must be doing a pretty good job of containing costs," she said. "That seems like a reasonable approach."

At a panel discussion of former UNC-system presidents and current President Thomas Ross earlier this month commemorating the 40th anniversary of the consolidated system, Bill Friday — the system's first president — said universities must also be cognizant of the benefits university graduates reap for the state.

"The University, and all of its campuses, is the agent that produces the people who will lead this state in the next half-century," he said. "We've got to be about making certain that it will continue to draw the talent in regards to price."

Community college transfers

As UNC-system administrators deliberate measures to curtail costs at universities, many have suggested partnering with one of the state's other educational entities — the N.C. community college system.

Students who attend one of the state's 58 community colleges for two years would be able to save money and fulfill general education requirements before transferring to a university, administrators say. Collaboration between the systems could also ease the credit transfer process for students.

At the UNC-system presidents' panel, former president Erskine Bowles said he expects administrators to continue removing the barriers between community colleges and universities to create a "seamless" transition for students.

"I think in the future you'll see more and more kids start there if for no other reason than economics and then end up transferring to one of our 16 institutions," he said.

For the 2009-10 academic year, 87 percent of students who transferred from community colleges performed as well as or better than students native to UNC-system schools, said Megan Hoenk, spokeswoman for the community college system, in an email.

But increased enrollment at the state's community colleges could begin to strain the system's resources. Enrollment increased by 28 percent from 2007 to 2010, and community colleges received a state funding cut of 10.7 percent this year.

"When you experience this amount of growth, physical capacity is strained," Hoenk said. "Class availability becomes limited and students are unable to immediately enter into the courses or programs of their choice."

Transferring from a community college might also begin to under-

mine the traditional four-year university experience, Stevens said.

"They would miss that first two years of on-campus experience," he said. "But given the financial times we're in, the University is going to have to continue to look at alternative options moving forward."

Academic-industrial complex

Administrators have also recommended utilizing online courses and technology to provide a seamless and cost-efficient university education.

Jim Woodward, former chancellor of UNC-Charlotte and N.C. State University, suggested universities develop an online course pool and system-wide registration tool for students in a report presented to the Board of Governors earlier this month. The system has announced that it will hire a new director of online services by March.

The expansion of online services will stunt growth of the system's "academic-industrial complex," said Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the board.

Board members declined to approve the construction of a new pharmacy school for UNC-Greensboro last year, opting instead to extend instruction at UNC-CH's Eshelman School of Pharmacy to satellite programs across the state. Their decision represented a turning point for the board, Gage said in an email.

"This was when we decided as a board to move away from the stand-alone model towards a collaborative model," she said. "We can no longer afford stand-alone schools when high-quality education can be delivered less expensively with technology."

Technology has been the focal point of evolving instructional methods at N.C. Central University's School of Law, one of the only law schools in the country with a virtual classroom for legal clinics.

The school secured a federal stimulus grant of \$1.8 million last year to finance construction of the "telepresence" room.

Broadband technology enables NCCU's law students to interact with their clients in real time and advise them on a number of

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legal issues, such as foreclosure prevention. Students have already served more than 1,900 clients at 20 locations across the state, said Pam Glean, assistant dean for clinical and professional skills at NCCU's law school.

Glean said the clinical programs provide poor residents with free legal aid, another item in the state budget that has received less funding in recent years.

"There is absolutely no substitute for every person who needs to have a lawyer, to have a lawyer," she said. "What this does is allows us to use our resources and our expertise to serve more people."

Although universities have begun to integrate technology into their programs, questions remain about implementation on a system-wide scale. Rep. Glazier said schools should exercise caution before shifting all of their programs to an online format.

"Online is not a panacea," he said. "There are certain courses you can do online and certain students who are available to really benefit from online capacity, but there are limits to that."

But Raymond Pierce, dean of the NCCU law school, said universities should view the use of online technology as a potential source of revenue. NCCU's telepresence room could generate enough revenue to sustain itself and support the school's legal education program in the future, he said.

"Every university in the state should have a responsibility of identifying and executing plans to generate revenue beyond raising tuition and taxing people," he said. "That's how we're going to remain competitive and remain relevant."

Restoring state support

While universities consider several measures to cut costs and minimize tuition increases, administrators say their hands are tied unless the UNC-system's traditional source of funding — state appropriations — is restored.

State funding comprised 39 percent of UNC-CH's revenues in the 1989-90 academic year, as opposed to 7 percent for tuition and fees. But the gap between those percentages has narrowed in recent years, with state funding accounting for 23.4 percent of University revenues and tuition and fees accounting for 10.7 percent by 2009-10.

When the first Republican majorities at both chambers of the state legislature since 1898 convened in January, administrators feared that a gaping budget deficit of \$3.7 billion would result in more state funding cuts for universities. The deficit later decreased to \$2.4 billion, and legislators opted to sunset a one-penny sales tax.

The sales tax would have generated about \$1 billion in revenue for the state, which would have reduced the UNC system's budget cuts by almost half, Gage said. The deeper cuts to education might begin to "thaw" public sentiment toward tax increases, she said.

"I sense that there is a change in how people feel, primarily because those that have kids in K-12 are seeing more crowded classrooms," she said.

But there are limitations to focusing the system's lobbying strategy on raising taxes.

"Nobody's going to step out and say we want taxes," Gage said.

Sen. Stevens said legislators aimed to lessen the impact of a difficult economic period for state residents by balancing the budget and expiring taxes. The state's unemployment rate of 10.4 percent ranks among the 10 highest in the nation.

Revenue in the state's General Fund is expected to register about 3 percent growth in fiscal year 2011 — bringing revenues closer to 2007 levels — according to analysis by the Office of State Budget and Management. Tuition and fees increased by 1.1 percent at UNC-CH in 2008-09.

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

For Gill, a resident of Charlotte, tuition increases will create an element of uncertainty surrounding her daughter's future until she begins to apply for schools.

"We can start planning it now, but are we going to be completely under by the time we get there?" she said.

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JURY SELECTION

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ous knowledge of the details of the case, and whether they could serve as impartial and fair jurors during the trial.

Woodall and Bethea-Shields also questioned jurors about their relationship with the

University and their knowledge of several locations central to Carson's murder.

Betha-Shields asked potential jurors if they had seen any photographs of Lovette or Demario Atwater, who was convicted of first-degree murder in the Carson case last year.

Betha-Shields showed special interest in whether the potential jurors had seen surveillance photographs taken from an ATM where Lovette allegedly took Carson to withdraw money before she was killed.

Potential jurors were also asked if they were comfortable with felony murder rules, which allow for participants who commit or attempt to commit certain felonies to be charged with murder if a death occurs during the commission of the felony.

Woodall said he thinks jury selection will speed up as officials get further into the process.

He said they will probably select about 14 or 15 jurors, including two to three alternates, but Baddour will ultimately determine the number.

Woodall also said they won't have to question all 46 potential jurors once they select a group.

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»» American Airlines files for bankruptcy, CEO retires

FORT WORTH, Texas (MCT) — American Airlines' parent company, AMR Corp., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Tuesday, and Chief Executive Gerard Arpey has retired.

The Fort Worth-based carrier said it will continue to operate a normal flight schedule for American Airlines and its regional subsidiary, American Eagle, while it is reorganizing in bankruptcy.

The airline named its current president, Tom Horton, as the company's new chief executive.

"This was a difficult decision, but it is the necessary and right path for us to take — and take now — to become a more efficient, financially stronger, and competitive airline," Horton said.

He pointed to the cost disadvantage American has compared to other legacy carriers, such as United Continental and Delta Air Lines, both of which went through Chapter 11 reorganization in the last decade.

AMR said it has \$4.1 billion in cash, which means it does not need to obtain debtor-in-possession financing to maintain operations while under bankruptcy protection.

The company has had only two profitable years in the past decade. Its stock had slipped to an eight-year low, closing at \$1.62 on Monday.

AMR was also facing some large debt payments. The company had \$1.8 billion due by the end of 2012. The net debt at the end of the third quarter was \$16.9 billion. And when \$7.9 billion in underfunded pension benefits and \$2.5 billion in other long term liabilities are added, the company has close to \$30 billion in debt and other long-term obligations.

In a letter sent to AMR employees Tuesday morning,

Arpey said the company's board had asked him to stay on as chief executive but that he chose to retire.

"After careful consideration, I concluded that my remaining in those roles would not be best for the company," Arpey said in the letter. "In my view, executing the board's plan will require not only a reevaluation of every aspect of our business, but also the leadership of a new chairman and CEO who will bring restructuring experience and a different perspective to the process."

Over the summer, American had announced the largest plane order in aviation history, saying it would buy 460 planes from Airbus and Boeing with aircraft deliveries expected to start in 2013.

The massive order would replace most of its domestic fleet with more fuel-efficient aircraft. The first 230 planes in the order were financed through the aircraft manufacturers.

Nigeria's Senate votes to criminalize gay marriage

ABUJA, Nigeria (MCT) — Nigeria's Senate on Tuesday passed a bill criminalizing gay marriage, which it said was "against all religious morals."

The bill, which needs to be passed by the House of Representatives and signed by President Goodluck Jonathan before becoming law, also introduces a 10-year jail sentence for gay couples who break the ban.

The move is another blow for the minority group in Africa's most populous nation, where homosexuality is technically illegal.

The bill, which had been under consideration by the Senate since 2006, marks the first time that the government has made its position clear on same-sex marriage.

Despite the growing presence of gay rights groups in Abuja and Lagos, gay marriage has always been a very rare phenomenon in conservative Nigeria.

Same-sex relations are theoretically punishable by death by stoning in the country's 12 predominately Muslim states that have adopted Shariah law. Elsewhere in Nigeria, homosexuality is seen as taboo. No rights groups have publicly protested the bill.

Iranian protesters storm British compounds in Tehran

TEHRAN, Iran (MCT) — In scenes that evoked the seizing of the U.S. Embassy in 1979, hundreds of demonstrators stormed two British diplomatic compounds in Tehran on Tuesday, hurling gasoline bombs, ransacking offices and tearing down the British flag.

The hours-long attacks, which followed a move by the Iranian parliament to expel Britain's ambassador over new sanctions, marked a sharp escalation in the tension between Iran and the West over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program.

Britain promised "serious consequences" and summoned Iran's charges d'affaires in London to the Foreign Office. The incident also drew rebukes from the United States, France and the U.N. Security Council.

Iran's Foreign Ministry expressed regret for "the unacceptable behaviors" by some demonstrators and said it had requested an immediate investigation.



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»» Thomas Horton, CEO of American Airlines, speaks during a news conference at the Admirals Club in Terminal D at DFW Airport on Tuesday after American Airlines declared bankruptcy.

The protest was organized to mark the anniversary of the death of nuclear scientist Majid Shahriari in an attack Iran blamed on British and Israeli intelligence agencies.

Cain to reassess whether to stay in Republican race

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Herman Cain, rocked by another allegation of infidelity, has reportedly told senior advisors that he is considering ending

his bid for president.

According to a transcript provided by the National Review Online, which listened in on a conference call between Cain and his top aides, Cain denied "unequivocally" an Atlanta woman's claim that the two had engaged in a 13-year affair. He instead described it as a "friendship relationship," and said he was helping her financially.

"That being said, obviously, this is cause for reassessment," he said, according to the report.

"We have to do an assessment as to whether or not this is going to create too much of a cloud, in some people's minds, as to whether or not they would be able to support us going forth," Cain said.

In the near term, Cain said he would press ahead with his schedule, including a major foreign policy speech in Michigan Tuesday night. His assessment will carry on "over the next several days."

"If a decision is made, different than to plow ahead, you all will be the first to know," he said.

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Honor system considers Turnitin software

By John Rusnak
Staff Writer

The possibility of implementing plagiarism detection software across campus is figuring heavily into UNC's efforts to reform the honor system.

At a meeting of the honor system task force Tuesday, members weighed the merits of digital plagiarism detection, with some expressing hesitation about the program's flaws.

Morgan Abbott, vice chairwoman of the Honor Court, said she encountered Turnitin, the software being discussed for UNC, in high school and said it was problematic.

"It seems like almost every instance it was used in my high school it was disastrous," she said, adding that the software sometimes recognized cheating when none had taken place.

The meeting centered on Turnitin, which scans tests, essays

and other documents, and compares them with online resources and other students' papers.

The software is already used at Duke and N.C. State Universities and at Chapel Hill high schools, members said.

Kimberly Abels, director of the Writing Center, said such software could create a culture of suspicion.

"If Turnitin is widely used throughout campus, then the message we send to students is

that we think you're doing something wrong," she said.

Todd Zakrajsek, executive director of the Center for Faculty Excellence, said he has concerns about the system being used too much as a judge and jury.

But Jan Boxill, chairwoman of the faculty and head of the task force, strongly supported Turnitin. She said she has gotten positive feedback from science departments about its usage.

Zakrajsek, who said he worked

with Turnitin at Central Michigan University, said the program isn't the solution to ending plagiarism at UNC, but it could make positive change.

"It's a small step," he said.

Members did not reach consensus about adopting the program, but Zakrajsek said he has already been in talks with company representatives.

Members said they plan to meet with representatives soon to discuss specifics of implementa-

tion.

Turnitin's price varies based on the number of a school's students. The price UNC would pay is undetermined.

Despite concerns from some members, Boxill expressed urgency. "Some things I'm hoping we can have done very quickly, maybe even by the end of the term," she said.

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Nadje Al-Ali, professor of gender studies at the University of London, lectures on women's rights in Iraq.

Event explores Iraqi women's rights

By Amber Zee
Staff Writer

Women's rights in Iraq have taken a drastic turn for the worse since the United States invaded in 2003, a visiting scholar said in a lecture Tuesday.

Nadje Al-Ali, a professor at the University of London, said she shifted her academic focus to post-invasion Iraq, particularly to counter the idea that the quality of life has improved in Iraq.

Al-Ali has written several books and papers in the last two decades about women's rights and the U.S. invasion's effect on those movements.

"People think that the way women are being treated is part of the culture over there or part of the religion, but women's activists have been a part of the political

movement since 1948," she said.

Al-Ali said the restriction of women's rights in the last decade has worsened in the southern and central regions as a response to the invasion.

"The previous U.S. administration and the British government did everything wrong after the fall of Saddam Hussein," she said.

She said the best thing the U.S. Army can do is leave the country.

"Americans don't have a positive influence on corruption," she said.

"They've only contributed to corruption and, as a result, 90 percent of citizens in the southern and central regions hate American soldiers."

The event, co-hosted by the history departments of Duke University and UNC, was one in a series of "Gender, Politics and

Culture in Europe and Beyond."

The series aims to unite faculty members in educating the Triangle area about the relationship between gender and culture.

"We hope to educate people on women's rights in the Middle East and show how important it is that the United States play a role in broadening them," said UNC professor and event organizer Karen Hagemann.

Several students and a few dozen faculty and community members attended the lecture in Hyde Hall.

Adrienne Brooks, an Elon University student, came in hopes of learning about women's roles in international relations, and said she left satisfied.

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Program sees loss of interest

This year, Kenan-Biddle Partnership received 40 fewer applications.

By Wendy Lu
Staff Writer

In its second year, the Kenan-Biddle Partnership has seen a significant drop in interest.

The program, which encourages collaboration between UNC and Duke University through grants of \$5,000 each, attracted about 50 applicants this year. Last year, the project received about 90 grant proposals.

But organizers said the 10 projects chosen from this year's pool feature the same level of diversity the project seeks to attract.

Larry Moneta, vice president for student affairs at Duke, said this year's applicants suit the project's narrow purpose better than last year's.

"They were more consistent with this particular branch's purpose and appropriate to this grant," he said.

Carol Tresolini, vice provost for academic initiatives at UNC, is one of the leaders of the partnership. She said the proposals cover themes such as humanities, sciences and community service.

Recipient Allison Mathews, a co-organizer for the Triangle Race Conference, is a fifth-year doctoral student studying sociology.

Mathews said after she saw last year's announcement for Kenan-Biddle applications, she became interested in helping Duke and UNC's sociology departments work together.

The project seeks to build relationships between Duke and UNC and encourage collaborative research on ethnicity and race, Mathews said.

Triangle Race Conference will host a conference in March, where graduate students from both schools will present research findings and receive feedback.

Emilio Vicente, co-chairman of the UNC-Duke Immigrant Advocacy Network, which received a grant, said he looks forward to working with Duke students to raise awareness about immigration.

His project group plans on

2012 RECIPIENTS

- LGBTQ and Ally Leadership Retreat
- Emerging Scholars of Media and Technology
- Triangle Race Conference
- The Duke-UNC South Asian Classical Music Partnership
- Mobile Savings Innovations
- UNC-Duke Immigrant Advocacy Network
- Campus and Community in Comedic Collaboration
- UNC-Duke China Leadership Summit
- Choosing for Health
- The Scientists with Stories Project

conducting three 'know-your-rights' training sessions in areas with many immigrants, including Carrboro, he said.

The group will also host a week of advocacy for immigration awareness at both Duke and UNC.

"We will be stronger advocating together rather than separately,

especially since we're just 30 minutes away from each other," Vicente said.

Staff Writer Jamie Gnazzo contributed reporting.

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Chapel Hill embraces history of activism

By Holly West
Staff Writer

Police action against the Occupy movement only recently drew national attention to Chapel Hill, but the town's ties to protest movements can be traced back for decades.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt, who has faced criticism in recent weeks for the town's handling of protestors occupying the former Yates Motor Company, was an active protestor himself as an undergraduate at UNC.

And Kleinschmidt said he believes Chapel Hill's long history of protests is a testament to its progressive atmosphere.

He said the town works to facilitate the rights of protesters by closing streets for marches and rallies.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro are unique in that many residents, and even town officials, participate in activism, Kleinschmidt said.

"The people in Chapel Hill and the students at the University have been involved in transformative activism," he said. "We should be proud."

He said for him, some of the most memorable protests in Chapel Hill were those against the Iraq War in 2004, which drew large crowds of protesters.

Earlier this year, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Elders for Peace assembled in front of the East Franklin Street post office to protest the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan once again.

Juanita Donaldson, a member of Elders for Peace, participated in the peaceful protest.

She said the groups obtained a protesting permit from the town and asked people to sign an anti-war petition.

"It was very pleasant," she said. "We talked to people, and they either agreed or disagreed."

But not all protests in Chapel Hill have been so calm.

Greenbridge, a mixed-use development in Chapel Hill, has been controversial since it opened in October 2010.

The development has drawn criticism because of its location



DTH FILE/SARAH GLEN
More than 20 town workers and union members participate in a protest at a public hearing on Oct. 19, 2010, to support Bigelow and Clark.

next to the historically black and low-income Northside neighborhood — a factor some believe increased housing costs and drove traditional residents away.

This summer, three people were arrested at a Greenbridge protest in connection with vandalizing the building.

Chapel Hill residents also held a rally officials called disruptive at a March Town Council meeting to protest the firing of sanitation workers Kerry Bigelow and Clyde Clark. The "Sanitation 2" felt they were wrongly terminated for race-related reasons in October 2010.

Kleinschmidt said he expects Chapel Hill residents to continue protesting, especially with a ban on same-sex marriage on the table for voters in the 2012 election.

"It's such an important part of what it means to be an American."

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Juanita Donaldson, along with members of the Elders for Peace group, protest on West Franklin Street on March 17.

games

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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10 Collar or jacket

14 TNT element?

15 Ring of color

16 Powerful TV princess

17 One of the Gershwins

18 Early Mary Tyler Moore role

20 Puts in a fresh pot

22 Habeas corpus et al.

23 Name of three presidents

24 Noodle product?

26 Glacial ridge

27 Horticulturist's hangout

31 Happy co-worker?

33 Some TV screens

34 Go for, as a prize

35 Hogwarts messengers

36 See 4-Across

38 Tower city

39 Bol, for one

40 Nudge

41 "I'm outta here!"

42 Meeting of Congress

44 "Les Girls" actress Elg

46 Latin word on a cornerstone

47 Getaway

49 Ionian Sea island

52 Place for a bargain?

54 She played Carla Tortelli on "Cheers"

57 Genetic carrier

58 Arena level

59 2009 Ruben Studdard album

60 Held by us

61 Numbers for one

62 See 4-Across

63 Little thing to pick

DOWN

1 Recipe direction

2 Discount rack abbr.

3 She played Nicole Chapman on "Fame"

4 Trivia game that involves bluffing

5 Autumn color

6 Neither masculine nor feminine

7 Fashion designer Michael

8 She, in São Paulo

9 Jabber

10 Cast-of-thousands actors

11 Actress Hatcher

12 "Don't count ___!"

13 Rob Roy refusals

19 Washstand vessels

21 Gets the consolation prize

24 Creep

25 Snappy dresser

28 1996 Madonna role

29 Increase

30 Wine bottle datum

31 Colon's pair

32 Abrasion, to a tot

33 Inc. abroad

36 Golfer's selection

37 Thing to avoid

38 2011 TV show with multiple pilots

40 Calendar girl

41 Traffic cop's request

43 Jungle journey

44 Working (with)

45 Lash out at

48 World-weariness

49 PC monitors

50 River formed at Pittsburgh

51 Lively dance

52 L.A.'s Sunset, e.g.

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The JNF troubles in East Jerusalem

In just more than a month, thousands of Jewish students from across the country, including 16 from UNC, will depart on winter Birthright trips to Israel. On their 10-day visit, these young people will discover a remarkable land, a remarkable history and a remarkable people. This year, as in years past, some Birthright trips will visit the “City of David,” a major archaeological and historical site in East Jerusalem, just beyond the walls of the Old City. The City of David is likely the original site of King David’s remarkable political center. It is also one of the most politically problematic of Israel’s tourist sites. It is owned by Elad, an organization dedicated not only to managing the site but to purchasing land in the abutting Palestinian neighborhood of Silwan for the purpose of moving in Jewish residents.

It is generally understood that a workable political solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will involve dividing Jerusalem in two: between its Jewish neighborhoods and its Palestinian neighborhoods. Elad is seeking to move Jews into a Palestinian neighborhood, making it more difficult to deem it either Jewish or Palestinian. Elad’s actions undermine a two-state solution.

Most Birthright trips — including UNC’s trip this year — do not visit the City of David. But some do, and thus unknowingly fund Elad’s political agenda.

Just this week, the cost of this agenda was given a very human face.

On Monday, a Palestinian family — the Sumarins — was scheduled to be evicted from its home in Silwan. The Sumarin home is directly next to the City of David’s archaeological dig, making their land a prime target for Elad.

Several years ago, the Jerusalem municipality seized legal control of their home by invoking Israel’s Absentees’ Property Law. The eviction action against the Sumarin family has been brought to court by Himnuta, an organization that plans to pass on the land to Elad.

However, one of the most important Jewish organizations in the world, the Jewish National Fund, owns 100 percent of Himnuta’s shares. Initially, the JNF denied any responsibility for the eviction order. They have a long-standing policy of not conducting operations across the “Green Line” — the borders of Israel prior to 1967, across which the City of David is located. But their decision of the last week — under pressure from prominent Israeli human rights groups — to temporarily postpone the eviction suggests that they are indeed responsible for Himnuta’s actions.

I grew up, like many other Jewish children, placing weekly “tzedakah,” or charity, in the blue boxes of the JNF. For generations, the JNF has been a major avenue by which Jews around the world have supported the growth of Israel as a Jewish homeland. Without the JNF, Israel would not be what it is today.

But events from this week challenge this standing. Neither the JNF nor Birthright should have anything to do with these actions. Their consequences reverberate not only within the walls of one Palestinian home, but across a generation of American Jews struggling to connect to our homeland in a way in which we can be proud.

NEXT
12/1: Guest columnist Julian Wooten takes World AIDS Day as an opportunity to address the disease.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

By Connor Sullivan, cpsully@live.unc.edu



Leave us alone. We don't care who has to live where, let's just make it through finals.

EDITORIAL

Injustice at Abbey Court

The Human Rights Center should have until May to find a new space.

From a humble office in the Abbey Court Condominiums complex, the Chapel Hill & Carrboro Human Rights Center has had an outsized impact on the vibrant but struggling immigrant community. Since 2009, it has partnered with UNC students and even the local Mary Scroggs Elementary School to provide cultural and after school programs, along with ESL, computer and cooking classes to the local Latino, Burmese and Karen population.

These necessary services would go unfilled without the HRC — but, in its push to levy fines against the center to expel it from the property, the Abbey Court homeowners association doesn’t seem to mind. Rather than fine the center and impede its ability to find a new office, the association should agree at its meeting Thursday to compromise and allow the HRC to stay until May.

Given, it’s entirely within the association’s legal rights to drive the HRC away. Although a zoning variance allows the center to operate within an otherwise residential area, this variance is ultimately trumped by the homeowners association’s rules to prohibit non-residential use of the property and, more importantly, its will to enforce them.

But the homeowners association should hold itself to a higher standard. For the sake of the center’s clients, many of whom reside at Abbey Court, the association should take the moral stance of giving the HRC the grace period it deserves.

Fining the center \$100 per violation, per day, as the association plans to do after Thursday’s meeting, would only detract from the non-profit center’s resources as it looks to relocate to a house or other permanent space. The association must realize that this search takes time, just as it must take the proposed May deadline as a sign of good faith for the center’s intentions to oblige the association’s request. After two years, the levying

of these fines now is arbitrary. And, after the HRC’s recent attempts to provide a workers’ center for the day laborers on Jones Ferry Road, this move appears to represent a push to drive low-income residents away in order to make way for students. Judith Blau, the center’s founder, said a broker revealed this long-term goal in a recent meeting.

In defending the fines, the association’s legal counsel, Bart White, has liberally interpreted the association’s rules in order to define the HRC as a commercial enterprise. He reasons that Abbey Court “wouldn’t allow McDonald’s or an auto repair shop” to use its property.

But these examples are apples to the HRC orange. As a non-profit organization, the center provides a community service and asks for nothing in return.

By collaborating with several Campus Y programs, the HRC has empowered students to strive for social justice at home. Students should respond accordingly and sign a petition supporting the HRC and, therefore, the community as a whole.

EDITORIAL

Degrees of separation

UNC’s foreign language consortium needs a classroom environment.

At first glance, offering popular language courses such as French, German and Spanish online may sound like just another desperate attempt to cut back on expenses.

But executive committee chairwoman of the UNC Faculty Assembly Sandie Gravett, who works closely with the UNC Foreign Language Assembly, said the move to online courses is about “enhancing language instruction throughout the UNC system,” not finding another way to save money.

For this plan to truly enhance language courses, UNC’s Foreign Language Assembly needs to tread carefully. Without the intimate environment a classroom can provide, students can be deprived of the benefits that come with being able to practice a new language face-to-face with their professor or the classmate beside them.

Offering language classes online is by no means new —

UNC already offers introductory Spanish courses entirely online. But streamlining online courses through the UNC system is an innovative and efficient idea.

And upper-level language courses, which might not have had enough enrollment otherwise, can be offered because students can sign up across several different campuses.

This model of sharing courses between campuses has been successful in the past — schools like N.C. State University and UNC-Wilmington have applied this model to develop new majors.

In some language courses, a synchronous environment is made possible by video in each classroom, which provides some level of interaction between students and the instructor.

But moving courses online cannot wholly emulate crucial aspects of instruction needed for professors to properly teach a language. Learning a language depends heavily on verbal practice, especially in conversation with other speakers. Without the environment of a true classroom, it becomes harder to grasp integral parts of the language, like accents

and proper pronunciation.

The question of protecting intellectual property could also arise as lectures and other learning materials move online.

For the Foreign Language Assembly to be successful, there must be a classroom component. A dialogue between an instructor and students is more productive than a student staring at a screen and typing.

The hardest part now is getting professors on board and consolidating programs from different campuses. But for this consortium to succeed, there must be human interaction included in the course. UNC’s hybrid model for some of its language courses, where there is both online and classroom instruction, could be more effective.

The Foreign Language Assembly has taken strong first steps in efficiently building upon the online course offerings within the UNC system. But if the Foreign Language Assembly hopes to truly induce significant change without pitfalls, it must find a way to provide online courses without compromising the value of a UNC-system education.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We need to act very carefully before we get into the habit of rationalizing a dramatic exception to the (tuition policy) that we have in place. You can start to spiral out of control.”

Brad Wilson, former chairman of the UNC-system Board of Governors

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Nothing beats watching underclassmen running up the stairs in a stricken panic in an attempt to avoid the RA at all costs ... It’s a formative experience all freshmen should be exposed to.”

Underage Beer Smuggler, on UNC’s decision to stop reserving North Campus residence hall rooms for freshmen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don’t limit students to one housing experience

TO THE EDITOR:

Every year, a community’s dynamic changes, but it is the diversity of people that makes up the community and contributes to the unique experience that is exclusive to on-campus residents. This diversity comes not just with color, ethnic background, religion or academic interest — it is the experiences that each resident brings that adds to the dynamic of a community that sparks a diverse, engaging living experience for all residents.

To restrict younger students to one type of experience is to directly threaten a community’s dynamic and challenge the democracy of student opinion. It is unfair to restrict a younger student to one type of experience, the assumed “freshman experience” that is commonly crafted as being the first-year South Campus tendency. Every community is unique, and it is not democratic to assume that every resident is seeking the same experience. We do not live in dorms that we can deem as “freshman dorms.” We live in residence halls, so termed because on campus living is a living experience.

It is important to also understand the effects that segregating housing will have on future communities themselves. While the argument is that by separating certain areas for upperclassmen there will be an increase in attraction to staying on campus, treating residents solely as clients is not the solution. “Molding” a community dynamic is not the solution. Every single resident has a role in making a community what it is.

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Meditation room does not fix root of problem

TO THE EDITOR:

I have mixed feelings about the new “meditation room” praised by Monday’s editorial. While it refers to itself as inclusive for all religions, there is little debate that it is primarily for Muslims. Akin to calling a “Christmas tree” a “holiday tree,” it changes little. But this is about more than politics — I’ll leave the political bantering to pundits.

I question why the Union chose to take such obviously controversial action to address what should be a simple concern. The editorial said it perfectly: “(Muslim) prayer times often coincide with the times hardest to find an empty room.” Therein lies the much simpler solution: reform the room sign-up process to streamline the process of reserving a room. Not only will this benefit Muslims, but all groups on campus who have weekly meetings, or even groups who wish to meet multiple times a day or week. It actually addresses the root of the problem rather than putting a Band-Aid on a legitimate student concern.

I do not doubt the good intentions of the University in doing this. What I do suspect is that the University took a logistics problem and turned it into an identity problem. Whether this was done for politics or out of sheer laziness, I do not know. Nonetheless, there is a certain irony in promoting inclusivity by needlessly emphasizing religious division — a line we at UNC should know better than to tread.

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Students must demand a voice in tuition hikes

TO THE EDITOR:

Earlier this month, Bruce Carney, Chancellor Thorp and the Board of Trustees completely ignored student-generated tuition proposals. When students protested at official meetings, administrators turned a deaf ear.

These mostly white, male and wealthy administrators callously rejected students’ pleas for compassion and imposed an egregious 15.6 percent hike. Bruce Carney drafted the proposal, with Holden Thorp’s support, and the Trustees approved it. Students actively engaged in the process by every means the system would allow. However, none of these means provided students, especially low-income ones, a legitimate chance to reduce or eliminate hikes.

In the end, trustees unilaterally changed the face of public education in North Carolina forever, limiting access to low-income students, making UNC whiter and richer, and continuing down the path of privatization. A system in which elites balance the budget on the backs of students while they enjoy six to seven figure salaries is outrageous. A system in which a company receives \$6.5 million per year to manage a \$2.2 billion endowment is disgraceful.

Students clearly cannot advocate within this broken system. Only turning it on its head will make a difference. Students need not only oppose tuition hikes, but also radically remake the irrational process that allows for such hikes in the first place. Rise up and demand an end to the unjust system that charges you unconstitutional tuition rates. A revolution is long overdue.

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Monday’s column, “The audacity of lunch reform,” misstated that Sen. Richard Burr voted for a House budget bill that contained a provision without updated rules on school lunches. The original bill changed the rules on school lunches, but an amendment blocked these new rules on school lunches.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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