

WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

UNC is working to help veterans transfer military skills into credits.

By Jessica New
Staff Writer

Robertson Greenbacker served two tours in Iraq as a Reconnaissance Marine, but when he transferred to UNC, none of his experience in the armed forces was guaranteed to count as class credit.

“For some credits, I didn’t even bother because there were so many different places to go and people to sift through,” he said. “There was no point in figuring it all out and going through the process.”

Veterans say the problem at UNC is two-fold: it’s difficult to gain academic credit for skills gained in the armed forces, and the process to get these credits can be confusing and subjective.

Ryan Beck, UNC’s advisor for military affairs, said the University is working to help student veterans cut through the red tape.

“The best way of doing that is not through parade or ceremony, but with robust services intended to support their transition into civilian life,” he said.

In April, UNC began waiving the lifetime fitness requirement for veterans, the only credit it automatically grants.

Zach Johnson, a UNC student veteran who died in a motorcycle accident Dec. 30, pushed for this inclusion, Beck said.

But if a veteran wants to get credit for any other class, he or she must submit a form to the class’ department and wait up to 30 days before finding out if the credit will count, said Ashley Memory, assistant director of admissions.

Beck said the system needs to be streamlined. “The process could end up being subjective from individual to individual. A common answer is you have to go to the department to argue for it, but two people might go and get different results,” he said.

Beck said the University is lagging behind some other UNC-system schools, which let veterans know which classes will be waived before they even apply, such as UNC-Wilmington.

“(UNC-W) kept them all in one single process so that it’s the same for everyone who comes in,” he said.

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DTH/ELIZABETH MENDOZA
Robertson Greenbacker, a junior from Virginia, stands in the UNC ROTC Building. Greenbacker served in the Marine Corps before enrolling at UNC, where he had trouble transferring credits.

Cooper behind Ross on tuition

Some student protesters still believe a 10 percent cap is too large.

By Edward Pickup
Staff Writer

Despite ongoing opposition from some student protesters, Student Body President Mary Cooper said she will support the criteria for tuition increases laid out by UNC-system President Thomas Ross last week.

Cooper said Ross’ plan — which caps increases in tuition and fees at 10 percent for system schools — is a more secure approach than the plan put forward by UNC-CH administrators.

“Ross makes a great point that the economic situation two years ago was different to the one today,” she said. “Considering that, this two-year plan does provide a bit more stability than a five-year plan.”

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bruce Carney’s five-year proposal, approved by the Board of Trustees in November, would see tuition and fees increase by 11.4 percent.

Although the specifics of Ross’ recommendations to the UNC-system Board of Governors won’t be known until the end of the month, Cooper said the philosophy behind the proposal resonates with student government’s view that tuition is not the only resource UNC has to counter budget cuts.

“One thing I felt very strongly about in President Ross’ presentation was his view that tuition cannot be seen as the only solution,” she said. “He is the only person to speak to how the University has other sources of funding and how this is a time for everyone to step up.”

Carney said it is too early to predict the financial impact of the smaller tuition hike proposed by Ross on UNC-CH.

Sophomore Sean Langberg, a member of Students for a Democratic Society, said it might be premature for students to pin their hopes on Ross’ plan.

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Chapel Hill considers action on Yates raid

Town Council will vote to hire an independent investigator.

By Caroline Watkins
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council could vote to pay for an investigation into the November police raid of an encampment at the abandoned Yates Motor Company building as early as next week.

At a Tuesday night meeting, the Community Policing Advisory Committee finalized a request that asks the council to fund a private investigation into the controversial raid.

On Nov. 13, police wielding assault weapons removed “Occupy Everything” protesters from an abandoned, privately-owned building on Franklin Street in a maneuver that many labeled a brutal overreaction.

Chapel Hill launched an internal review into the incident in November, and early this month Town Manager Roger Stancil released conclusions supporting the police action.

But many say the report — based on police records and other official statements — didn’t go far enough, and some dispute Stancil’s conclusion that threats to public safety justified police actions.

Town Council asked the advisory committee to investigate the report in response to the complaints.

The committee determined that an additional

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Carrboro wants to increase solar energy

Photovoltaic solar panels may be built near the Carrboro Farmers’ Market.

By Chessa DeCain
Staff Writer

Solar energy could soon be the latest feature at the Carrboro Farmers’ Market.

The Board of Aldermen passed a resolution Tuesday to look into building a photovoltaic array, or PV, near the market at Carrboro’s Town Commons.

The system would ideally be funded by private investors, and though it would not produce much electricity, officials say it would demonstrate the town’s commitment to green energy.

Randy Dodd, environmental planning director for the town of Carrboro, said the town began looking into the project last summer after Vanessa Fixmer-Oraiz, a fellow with the alternative-energy focused DELTA program, proposed and began researching the project.

After Fixmer-Oraiz left the program, Chris Lazinski, another fellow, stepped in to work out details.

Lazinski said the capacity of the proposed system is five kilowatts, a relatively small amount of electricity.

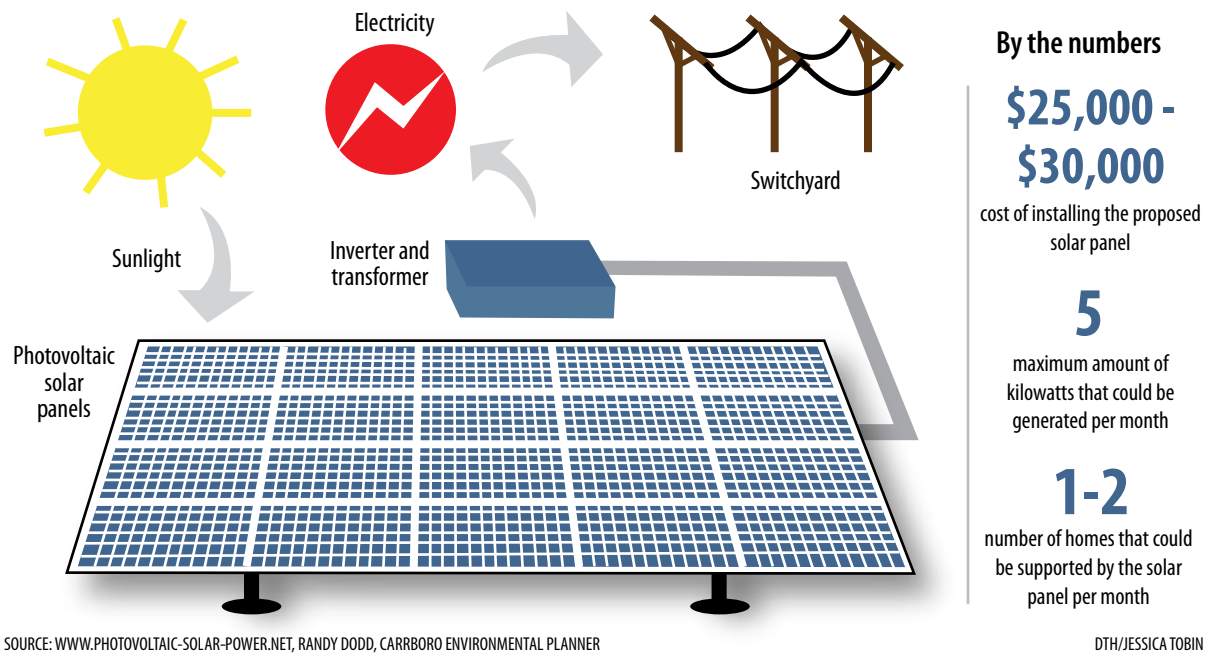
“A panel like that over the course of a month would produce enough energy to support one to two average-sized homes,” Lazinski said.

Dodd said he guesses the town could save a little more than \$1,000 per year with the panel.

The town spends about \$15,000 to \$18,000 a month in electricity on

Proposed photovoltaic solar panels to provide energy to Carrboro

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen has passed a resolution to install a photovoltaic solar panel at the Carrboro Commons. The proposed solar panel would generate electricity that could serve as a template for future solar energy initiatives. The diagram below illustrates the process of conversion from sunlight to electricity.



SOURCE: WWW.PHOTOVOLTAIC-SOLAR-POWER.NET, RANDY DODD, CARRBORO ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

town facilities, Lazinski said.

Dodd said the research the students conducted gave Carrboro the capacity to look into the project.

“It’s something we’ve been interested in, but having the time to look into it has been one of the constraints,” Dodd said.

Research in hand, the town approached the Appalachian Institute for Renewable Energy to do a feasibility study and to help work with potential investors, he said.

Investment structure

The institute will do a cost-benefit

analysis to ensure that those who fund the panel’s construction qualify for tax breaks that nearly equal their investment, said Rio Tazewell, a Carrboro native and the group’s outreach and education director.

Investors will collectively own the rights to the system for a set period of time, ideally five to six years. During that period, they can sell the energy the system generates to Duke Energy in order to recoup on their investment and make a small profit, Dodd said.

After that, they can either donate or sell the system back to the town at a low price. The town will not

have to fund the start-up costs of the venture, but it will benefit from the panel, Tazewell said.

“The big push in doing a tax equity project is that these systems can ultimately be owned by non-profits and those non-profits don’t actually have to pay any money themselves,” Tazewell said.

Dodd said the town hopes to finish building the system in one tax cycle, so investors are able to receive the tax credit on their 2012 filing.

Alderman Sammy Slade said the system could be a good starting point

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Inside E-READERS

The Chapel Hill Public Library is testing out an e-reader pilot program that lets patrons borrow Kindles. **Page 3.**



WEATHER BALLOON

At the 11:50 a.m. class change today, a group of students will launch a GPS-equipped weather balloon in front of Wilson Library. **Page 11.**

JOIN THE DTH

The Daily Tar Heel will hold an interest meeting today at 5:30 p.m. at the DTH office at 151 E. Rosemary St. for anyone who wishes to join the staff.

This day in history

JAN. 18, 1886

The number one-ranked UNC men’s basketball team played its first game in the Dean E. Smith Center, defeating third-ranked Duke University 95-92.

Today’s weather



Sometimes even a short week...
H 50, L 30

Thursday’s weather



feels way too long.
H 57, L 41

“ I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear. ”

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Hit-and-make it rain on 'em

From staff and wire reports

If you happen to find yourself throwing money at somebody, chances are good there's a pole involved and you're probably breaking some Louisiana law. Or you're in church and the collection plate is out of reach. Either one, really.

What you're probably not doing is apologizing to said person for hitting them with your BMW. But that's just what Gereltsaikhan Bumdorj, 35, of Chicago, did Dec. 22 when he threw \$150 at a man while begging him not to call police. Bumdorj was having a confrontation with a bar owner when he got into his BMW and hit the man, who held on to the hood of the car for about half a block. The owner did in fact call police, and Bumdorj is being held on \$100,000 bail.

We don't blame the owner. We would have expected at least \$175.

NOTED. Ready for some fascination baby-daddy-drama today, dear readers? Here we go.

Trent Arsenault, 36, is under fire from the FDA, which is asking him to stop his one-man sperm donation service. Arsenault posts videos on the adult website XTube, and women then pay for his, um, donations.

The kicker? Homeboy is a virgin.

QUOTED. "Even though u r mad at me will u still marrier me? ... I love you!"

— Unidentified 52-year-old man, of Okaloosa County, Fla.

The chivalrous man was texting his boo because, legally, he couldn't talk to her in person. The unidentified female recipient had a restraining order against the man.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

PlayMakers vision series: Meet the director, cast and crew of the PlayMaker's production "The Making of a King" and get a behind-the-scenes look at the vision and design for the play, which is based on William Shakespeare's plays "Henry IV" and "Henry V." Refreshments will be served.
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Center for Dramatic Arts

Annual MLK oratorical contest: Listen to students give original speeches on how they will continue Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s fight for equality in the modern world. A guest lecturer will speak and serve as a guest judge to help determine the winners. Monologues will be judged on originality, presentation and impact of the message.
Time: 6:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Stone Center Auditorium

THURSDAY

The humanities as a discipline: Attend a free lecture by President and Director of the National Humanities Center Geoffrey Harpham who will discuss what the diverse areas of the the humanities have in common and defend their importance in university curriculums.
Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Hyde Hall

Auckland film forum: Watch a screening of director Chantal Akerman's 1993 film "D'Est," which follows Akerman's journey through East Germany, Poland and Russia during a precarious period in time. Admission is free with a University ID and \$4 for the general public.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Varsity Theatre

International coffee hour: Join American and international students

and faculty at the Global Cup Cafe for a social hour to discuss resources, opportunities and challenges on campus.

Time: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center

Cooking class: Learn how to cook a sophisticated menu with local and seasonal ingredients. Executive Chef Dave Alworth from Guglhupf Cafe in Durham will teach a diverse full-course menu, from a sweet potato soup to a pear brown butter almond tart. The cost is \$40.

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: A Southern Season

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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LONG LIVE THE KING



DTH/BROOKELYN RILEY

Bryant Best, a psychology and African American studies double major, performs a self-written poem entitled "Slave" to a group of UNC students at the Campus Y for a Martin Luther King Jr. vigil on Tuesday. Best was one of three poets who performed at the vigil.

POLICE LOG

● Someone left a burning bag of feces in front of a residence at 103 Newell St. between 6 p.m. Sunday and 10:36 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Someone vandalized property and stole copper from trailers at a construction site located on Erwin Road between 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state that five copper pipes valued at \$3,200 were stolen.

Two locks valued at \$30 were damaged and vehicle parts and accessories valued at \$120 were damaged, according to reports.

● Someone reported a suspicious vehicle at 1660 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at 1:50 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. People were sleeping in a 1997 Gold Toyota Camry, according to police reports.

● Someone received a suspi-

cious text message from an unknown sender at 8:29 p.m. Monday in an apartment at 400 W. Rosemary St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The victim was a juvenile, according to reports.

● Someone uprooted bushes and threw a cinder block through a window between 1:59 a.m. and 6 a.m. Monday at 109 Fraternity Court, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state that Sigma Nu Fraternity suffered \$2,200 in damage.

Reports state that \$200 of that damage occurred to a window and \$2,000 in damage occurred to unspecified plants.

● Chapel Hill Police responded to reports of a suspicious condition at 12:34 a.m. Monday at 304 Nottingham Drive, according to police reports.

Someone rang a doorbell and then left the area, according to reports.

MAN ON THE STREET: WIKIPEDIA BLACKOUT

Lizzie Kim,
Senior
Romance
Languages

"Giving the government the power to censor the Internet to the extent that SOPA will let them is a threat to democracy because it allows elites to decide what ideas people will be exposed to."

Kristin
Harmon,
Freshman
Biology

"It's good that they're raising awareness, but awful for people who need to look stuff up. We're so prone to technology that most people don't even know how to use the library anymore."

Scott
Lewis,
Sophomore
Biology

"I think it's a big deal. It would seem like it would be important if the CEO of Wikipedia says something about it enough to bring down his website, which millions of users use everyday."

Kelsey Ellis,
Junior
Environmental
Science

"I feel like these people – the congressmen – don't understand what they're actually voting on. And I feel like they're not listening to people who actually know what the effects of this would be."

On the wire: national and world news

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Wikipedia, others plan 1-day blackout over anti-piracy bills

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Most people probably haven't paid much attention to the huge corporations waging war in Washington over legislation designed to crack down on online theft of movies, music and other content. But the conflict will hit consumers in the face Wednesday, when Wikipedia and several other websites intend to go dark to protest the proposed changes.

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales announced Monday that the hugely popular online encyclopedia would be unavailable for 24 hours to protest the Stop Online Piracy Act and related legislation, which opponents say could lead to censorship or the complete shutdown of some websites.

Wikipedia plans to join Reddit, Boing Boing and hundreds of other sites in the so-called SOPA Strike, an attempt to publicize

their complaints about proposals supported by the movie and music industries and other media companies.

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed, MLK. On Wednesday, Wikipedia demands," Wales said via Twitter on Monday, Martin Luther King Day.

In a statement announcing the shutdown of the English-language version of the site, Wales said the legislation would "harm the free and open Internet and bring about new tools for censorship of international websites inside the United States."

The Motion Picture Association of America and others driving the legislation said real progress had been made toward creating a law that would protect intellectual property. The advocates said misinformation is inflaming passions on the Web while doing nothing to solve the problem of piracy.



MCT/PETE MAROVICH

Hundreds of members of the "Occupy" movement participate in the Occupy Congress rally on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday.

"It's part and parcel of a campaign to distract from the real issue here and to draw people away from trying to resolve what is a real problem, which is that foreigners continue to steal the hard work of Americans," said

Michael O'Leary, the executive leading the MPAA's campaign for the bills. He called Wednesday's plan an example of the "gimmicks and distortion" that have been used in an attempt to block the legislation.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Honor system may get \$16,500 in funding

Student Congress is debating a bill that would award the honor system \$16,500 per year.

The undergraduate student attorney general said that the honor system needs a minimum of \$18,000 per year for operating costs.

Members of Student Congress said the money will come from Student Congress' budget, instead of creating a new student fee.

The bill will also guarantee yearly funding, so that the honor system won't have to reapply for funding each year.

To read the full story, visit www.dailytarheel.com.

CITY BRIEFS

Residents asked to fill out survey about library

Chapel Hill Public Library is asking residents to take a survey concerning its digital services.

The library subscribes to an online language learning website, ConsumerReports.org and a streaming music service, among other sites.

In December, the library also launched a new service where it loans out e-readers pre-loaded with books.

The e-reader program will be evaluated in July to analyze cost-effectiveness and user satisfaction.

Library staff are seeking resident input on which services are most useful.

The survey is available at <http://svy.mk/worjic>.

Child Services offices will move to a new location

Orange County's Child Support Services offices will move to a new location in Hillsborough as part of an effort to consolidate services into county-owned facilities.

The transition will begin starting 5 p.m. on Jan. 27. The offices will reopen at the new location Feb. 1 at 8 a.m.

The new office is in the lower level of 131 W. Margaret Lane between the library and the parking deck in Hillsborough. Free parking will be available.

The agency primarily locates non-custodial parents, establishes paternity for children born outside of marriage and enforces child support orders.

ARTS BRIEFS

Global photography by UNC students on display

From Mount Everest to India, the photographs of global adventures of UNC students, faculty, staff and alumni capture the vivid images of foreign cultures and landmarks.

These photographs will be on display in the Carolina Global Photography Exhibition 2012 through April 14 at the FedEx Global Education Center.

The photographs in the exhibit were submitted as part of the Carolina Global Photography Competition Fall 2011. Winners of the competition will be announced at tonight's opening reception at 5 p.m. in the center.

By Katharine McAnarney
Staff Writer

Coming off a student body president race defined by bad blood, Shruthi Sundaram is looking to make sure this year will be different.

Sundaram, chairwoman of the Board of Elections, will be in charge of implementing the revisions to campus election law crafted by Student Congress since last spring.

The revisions to the Student Code's Title VI, which governs election law, include the creation of a points system for candidates' violations and the approval of online signatures as a method for candidates to appear on the ballot, among other things.

DTH: How are you preparing for the upcoming elections?

Shruthi Sundaram: I've been doing a lot of reading up on (election law), making sure I understand the different sections, how they changed from last year, and how they are the same.

I know some of the problems we had last year came from the fact that as the

King remembered at UNC

Andrew Young, a friend of King, spoke at Memorial Hall.

By Olivia Frere
Staff Writer

Andrew Young didn't expect to be part of a movement that would change history.

But while working with his longtime friend, Martin Luther King Jr., Young was thrust into the heart of the Civil Rights Movement.

Young reflected on his relationship with King and the political career he continued after King's assassination, during the 31st annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture Tuesday night in Memorial Hall.

"Martin said he could have been born in any time, any place, but he was glad he had born in the wonderful 1960s, and he wouldn't have it any other way," Young told a crowd

of about 500.

Young said King shared his goals with the world, no matter the cost.

"The area that is most difficult is the area for which he gave his life. It wasn't politically expedient, certainly not popular and it had to do with how he wanted to spend his life," Young said.

King often spoke about death, Young said.

"He said, 'You gonna' die, I'm gonna' die, you don't have any say in when or how, only what you die for.'"

Young said pursuing passions might come with a price, but in the end it defines a person.

"I never went looking to change the world," he said. "Love life, love your enemies, be a free spirit knowing that freedom is going to put you in confrontation."

After King died, Young helped to establish the Panama Canal while he was ambassador to the United Nations for President Jimmy Carter.

He also served in the U.S.

Congress and as mayor of Atlanta.

Young said his family, especially his father, instilled values in him that help him to fight racism throughout the Civil Rights Era.

"My daddy explained white supremacy is a sickness," he said. "You don't get mad at people who have a sickness, you get smart."

A few students who attended the lecture said they were affected by Young's personal portrayal of King, and the advice he gave.

"I like how he said everyone has a purpose, eventually we'll come to our purpose," said freshman Olivia Byrd.

And freshman Sarah Rutherford said she had heard of Young growing up in Georgia and went to the lecture to hear him speak.

"He didn't just talk about civil rights, he made it come alive," she said.

What stuck with some of the students was Young's belief in



DTH/KARLA TOWLE

Andrew Young, a key player in the Civil Rights Movement, speaks in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

fate, they said.

"The line to progress is not a straight line. Sometimes you're up in the peaks and other times you're in the valleys," Young said.

Contact the University Editor at university@dailytarheel.com.

TURNING TO TABLETS



DTH/BROOKELYN RILEY

Librarian Maggie Hite pulls a Kindle off of the bookshelf at the Chapel Hill Public Library, which is adding Kindles and e-books to its shelves.

Chapel Hill library lets readers check out Kindles

By Daniel Schere
Staff Writer

When it comes to technological resources, the Chapel Hill Public Library is working to stay one page ahead.

In December, the library — which is currently housed in University Mall while its Library Drive location is renovated — implemented an e-reader pilot program to allow patrons to check out Kindle e-readers for three weeks at a time.

The library currently has five Kindles available, but Meeghan Rosen, head of technical services for the library, said that number could increase if an evaluation in July shows that demand is not being met.

Kindles allow users to buy and read books, newspapers and magazines on their electronic tablet.

Rosen said the Kindles, which come pre-loaded with popular e-books, are already popular among patrons, and many patrons have the devices on hold.

Library Board of Trustees Chairwoman Martha Diefendorf said the program offers advantages to the community.

"You can try it and see if you like it," she said. "People can download books or have

access to information without leaving their house."

Diefendorf said support for the program came primarily from a Chapel Hill Library Foundation fund meant to equip the library with 21st century features.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Matt Czajkowski said he also made a donation to the program in honor of his mother, who passed away in December 2010 and enjoyed reading on Kindles.

Czajkowski said he originally opposed funding for the project because he thought e-readers were not an economic priority, but he now appreciates their light weight and environmentally friendly features.

"The way I looked at it, there were almost no drawbacks," he said. "We learned over time that we were developing quite a family archive."

The library already offers e-books that anyone who owns a Kindle or compatible device can download and read.

Rosen said the Kindle borrowing program could expose those who don't already own a tablet to a new way to read.

"We are hoping people will use them to become more familiar with the technology."

As Chapel Hill invests in e-readers,

WANT A KINDLE?

For more information on the e-book pilot program visit: <http://bit.ly/zZdQJy>

UNC is also looking into the technology.

Davis Library is currently testing Kindles, Chad Haele, emerging technologies librarian, said, but has not made them available for loan yet.

He said that the University will soon release a survey for faculty and students to gauge demand for the new technologies.

Gary Marchionini, dean of the School of Information and Library Science, said while e-books are gaining popularity, it's unlikely that they will replace traditional books.

"I believe that books and e-books on many platforms will co-exist for the foreseeable future," he said.

But Stephanie Brown said she thinks e-readers will be widely used among future generations of college students.

"When sixth graders get here, they will be using Kindles," she said.

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Changes made to DNC format

Barack Obama's final speech will be in Bank of America Stadium.

By Claire Williams
Staff Writer

Members of the Democratic Party announced Tuesday that they are altering the format of Democratic National Convention, which will take place in Charlotte later this year.

The event, which will begin on Sept. 4, is being shortened from four to three days, and the final day of the convention will be moved to a larger venue.

The last day of the convention will be moved to Bank of America Stadium from Time Warner Cable Arena. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, chairwoman of the DNC committee, said the move allows 50,000 more people to attend.

The stadium — the location where President Barack Obama's will give his acceptance speech for the Democratic Party's nomination — holds 70,000 people and is more accessible to the public, Wasserman said.

"We wanted to find a way to truly make this convention different than any other in history," Schultz said.

"We want this convention to be about more than just the pageantry and speeches you see on television. This is about engaging Americans in a meaningful way."

Joanne Peters, press secretary for the DNC committee, said fundraising is on track for hosting the event. A budget of about \$36.7 million has been set for the convention.

But UNC College Republicans Chairman Greg Steele said the change in venue for Obama's acceptance speech is a more useful tactic for drawing attention to his campaign efforts and might require more campaign funds than originally planned.

"I'm also very curious about the cost," he said. "How much money is this going to cost?"

Obama plans to use the convention as a springboard for securing victory in the state, which he narrowly won by about 14,000 votes in 2008.

A recent poll conducted by Public Policy Polling, a Democratic-leaning polling firm based in Raleigh, found Obama tied with Republican nominee Rick Santorum among N.C. voters at 46 percent, closely followed by Mitt Romney at 45 percent.

"We can expect Obama and the Republican nominee to compete aggressively in North Carolina," said Tom Carsey, a UNC political science professor.

Eliza Hernandez, president of College Democrats at UNC-Charlotte, who attended the opening of a new campaign office for Obama in Charlotte earlier this month, said they are expecting the president to focus on North Carolina.

The opening of the campaign office was attended by more than 300 people, said Cameron French, press secretary for Obama's campaign in North Carolina.

The office will assign volunteers to make phone calls and hold voter registration drives, French said.

Contact the State & National Editor at state@dailytarheel.com.

Sitting Down with BOE's Shruthi Sundaram

By Katharine McAnarney
Staff Writer



Board of Elections, part of our job is to interpret some of the rules in Title VI, and some of the issues that arose last year were because we interpreted them differently than Student Congress intended for us to.

When we make decisions this year, it is going to be with more input from Student Congress, as far as "we wrote this to mean this."

DTH: Do you think the election season will be as contentious this year as it was last year?

SS: I sure hope not, but I don't think it will be because last year there were just a lot of factors that met that kind of gave way for the situation to occur. A lot of those factors aren't here as far as some of the people. It's a different mix of people and different characteristics are coming into play.

And Title VI has been re-written to take out a lot of the ambiguity of things, so hopefully some combination of those

two and just being more prepared and knowing not to let things get out of hand to start with.

DTH: What lessons did you learn from last year's elections?

SS: I think one of the biggest lessons... is that getting off on the right foot is the best thing we can do.

Last year, it seemed that as soon as we got to the mandatory candidates meeting, it was just one instance after another of things that people had done wrong. So I think going into the meeting and making sure that everyone is very well aware of what they can and cannot do is going to help a lot.

Not that we were necessarily ambiguous last year, but maybe just not stressing the importance of how much everyone really needed to stick to the laws. I think first and foremost, going into it and making sure all the candidates understand what's going on and what we expect of them is probably the biggest lesson.

DTH: What's going to be different about this election cycle?

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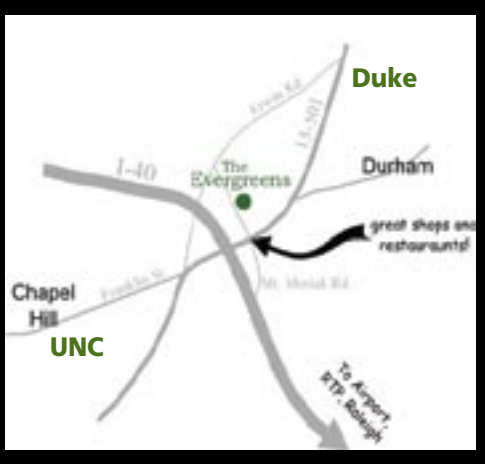
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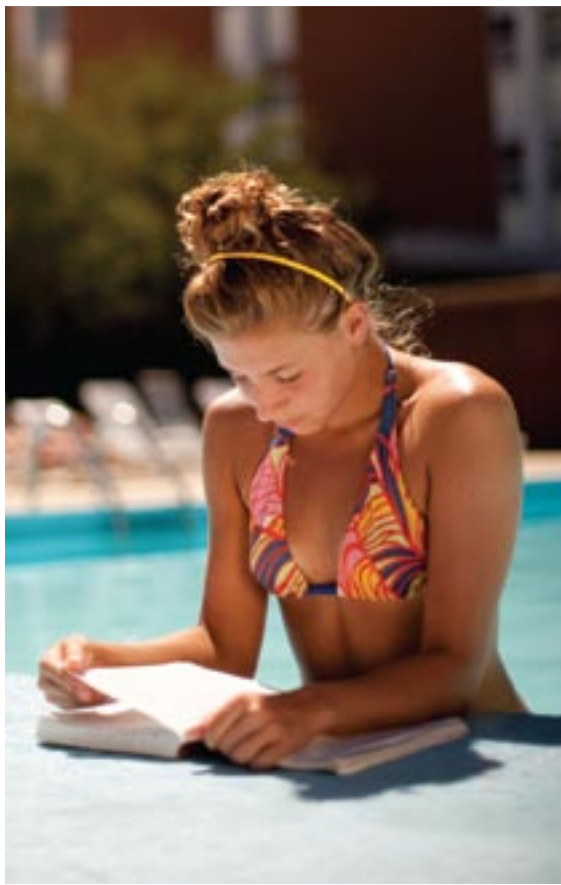


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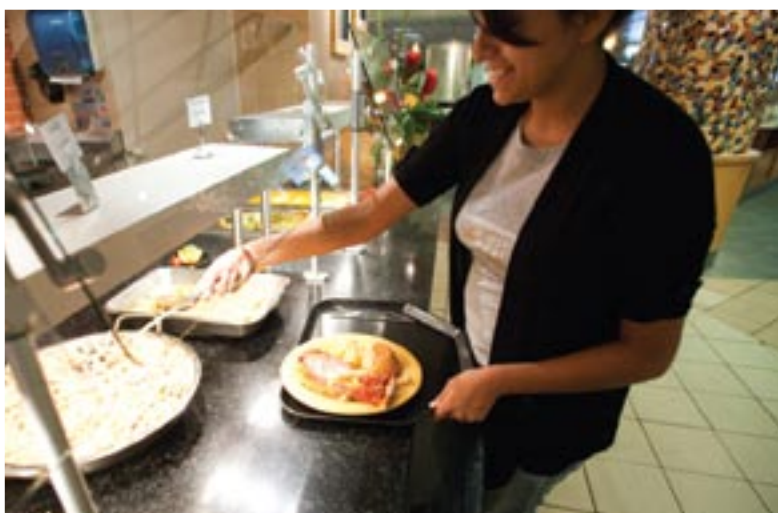
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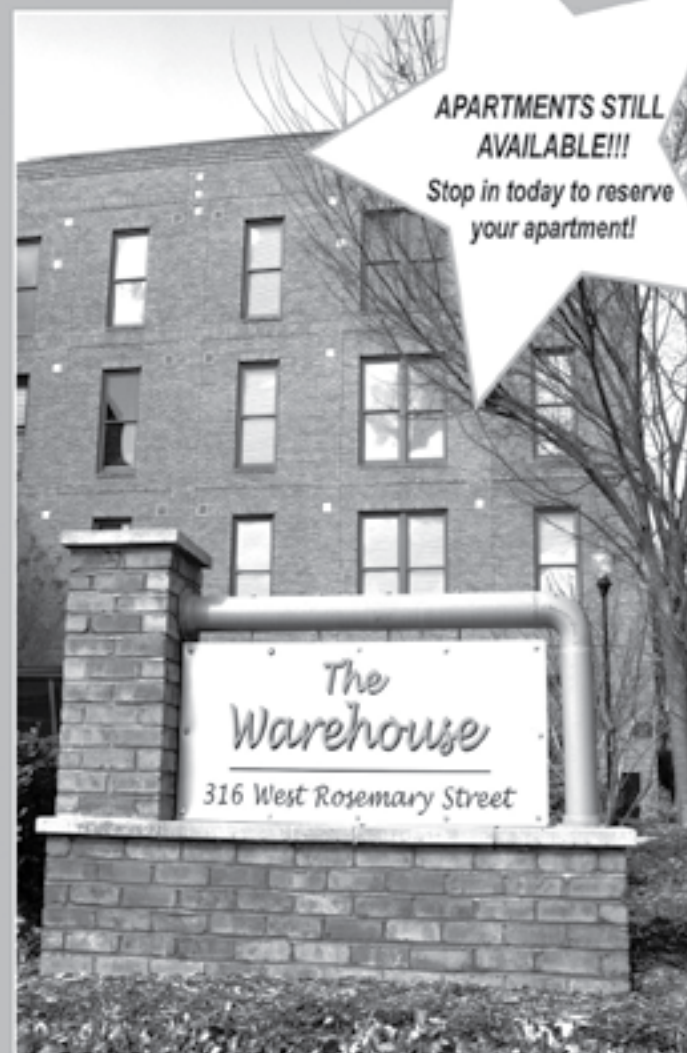
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UNC offers new, expanded dance spaces

By Maggie Conner
and Lucie Ronfaut
Staff Writers

The dance program at UNC has made great strides recently, but there is still a long way to go.

Two new dance studios were installed in Woollen Gym and made available to campus at the beginning of this semester.

But the demand for the new space is so high that dance teams have to enter a lottery system just to get practice time, said Lauren Mangili, associate director of Campus Recreation.

Marty Pomerantz, director of Campus Recreation, said the additions came as part of renovations to the lower level of the gym,

which cost about \$5.2 million.

Campus Recreation provided \$1.15 million of the funding, the University gave \$400,000, and the athletics department provided \$3.65 million, Pomerantz said.

The space is shared by Campus Recreation and the Department of Exercise and Sport Science for school-sponsored dance classes. In the evening, dance teams from across campus can use the studios.

Members of UNC's dance community, which consists of more than 20 teams, said the facilities are much needed.

"We have really struggled to meet the demand for reserving dance space," Mangili said.

Before the new studios, a lack of space forced instructors to hold dance classes at The Ballet School of Chapel Hill, said dance instructor Laurie Yeames.

Several UNC dance teams are planning on using the new space for their own practice, including Carolina Vibe, said Sarah Stutts, the president of the team.

Sophomore dance instructor Katie Hudson said the new studios represent an improvement because they were designed specifically for dancing. Other areas on campus used for dance are actually multi-purpose rooms that lack proper dance equipment, she said.

"One of the most important things that sets these studios

apart are the barres," she said. "They allow for ballet technique to be taught more thoroughly, and these studios are the only place on campus with them."

The old spaces also lacked other essential features, such as mirrors and adequate flooring, said Lauren Petersburg, president of the Carolina Dance Initiative.

"I am excited that UNC is taking such tangible steps, however slowly, toward an official dance program," she said.

"Dance space on campus is the first small step in the process, and I am looking forward with much anticipation to the next."

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Today is an 8 - Dig into a big job, and get lost in creative effort. Put together the budget, and your skills with penny-pinching are appreciated. Innovation saves time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 - Are there any jobs that need to be done first? Mop up messes before you play. A loved one encourages you to take on a challenge that inspires. It could cost extra.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 - Get into a homebody phase for the next few days. Start a project, clean closets or just laze around. Follow another's suggestion for a pleasant surprise.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 - All of a sudden, things start making sense. There's plenty of work, and more coming. Extra effort makes a difference. A surprise boosts self-esteem.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 - There's more money to be made, if you're willing to work. Stick to the budget, and it'll be easier to make household changes soon. A loved one has a brilliant idea.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 9 - Enjoy the next two days in the limelight. Use your extra self-confidence to accomplish things that stopped you before. The outcome's fantastic.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 - Service to others brings your personal growth to the next level. Avoid distractions that keep you from completing your tasks. It's satisfying. Embrace change.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 - Others are paying attention to your moves. Don't be afraid to serve as an inspiration. There's much to learn, but also much to teach. Build on solid ground.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is an 8 - Service to others brings your personal growth to the next level. Avoid distractions that keep you from completing your tasks. It's satisfying. Embrace change.

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In face of cuts, why are we here?

Why am I in college? The answer seems obvious: to get an education, of course.

The hard questions come next. What, exactly, does it mean to be educated? Why should taxpayers continue to help UNC students get there? Will a college degree help us navigate the real world, whatever that is?

Every Wednesday this semester, this space will be devoted to guest columnists answering these questions, or at least making an attempt.

Cuts from the state legislature have crippled UNC's budget, and steeper tuition increases are on the horizon. The fallout from the 2008 financial crisis will continue to reverberate through public education for years, perhaps decades.

But there is an opportunity here. Budget cuts force us to make choices, to make decisions about what is crucial and what can be let go.

Taken together, these choices amount to a statement of the University's identity. Before we decide what to cut and what to keep, we must first answer the question of why we are here.

On a campus as large and diverse as ours, no single person holds all the answers. But there are experts everywhere, tucked away in a dorm room on South Campus, in the Campus Y, on the soccer field — passionate people who are exceptionally knowledgeable about their corner of UNC, about which most of us know nothing.

Some say innovation will lead us out of the dark ages of budget cuts, that we'll emerge leaner, stronger, more efficient and more effective only if we give sufficient support to the sciences.

Others are focused on the immediate future. Are our graduates prepared to enter the workplace? Are they getting jobs?

And others fear for the fate of the humanities. Language departments have been trimmed, and philosophy majors joke that they're going to live in boxes when they grow up.

Meanwhile, quasi-vocational degrees like business are increasingly popular, if for no other reason than their ability to get graduates jobs.

What I've sketched above is a brief and incomplete picture of the issues leaders in higher education grapple with. Students face a similar set of concerns as they choose their academic path.

My guess, however, is that you'd be hard-pressed to find a student at UNC who'd say academics are the only reason he or she loves this school.

So why do people come here, and what should the goal of our education be? I invite you to give your best guess.

If you're on the basketball team, your answer might be very different than mine (I have no plans to go to the NBA). And yet, in 20 years, our diplomas will look exactly the same. And we will all still hate Duke.

The always-astonishing diversity of our students and faculty, the devotion of our fans, the magic of Chapel Hill in the springtime — these are but a few of the things that make UNC great.

The vastness of the opportunities here is both exhilarating and daunting: the flipside of diversity is disjointedness. In order for UNC to thrive, we need these pieces of the puzzle to come together and speak up. We can't afford to be fragmented these days.

NEXT
1/19: Columnist Will Doran continues his exploration of University issues.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Drew Sheneman, The Newark Star-Ledger



EDITORIAL

Un-Occupied

Charlotte is right to regulate occupiers for the upcoming DNC.

In a direct response to Charlotte's Occupy movement, the city's council has proposed an ordinance to outlaw camping on city property to prepare for this summer's Democratic National Convention.

Predictably, members of Occupy Charlotte have begun speaking out against the regulation, claiming it violates their First Amendment rights.

But this is a question of pragmatism and safety. Charlotte is well within its rights to take the preventative steps it deem necessary to ensure a successful convention.

The argument that camping is a form of protest and, by extension, a form of speech is

a tenuous one. The aim of this ordinance is not to eliminate demonstration altogether. Picketing, holding signs, chanting — these are the sorts of activities that are protected by the First Amendment, and protesters will remain free to engage in them.

The stakes are too high for Charlotte officials to take any chances with security. Because camping is a long-term form of protest, it often poses a much more difficult security risk.

Protesting for a short time outside the convention is one thing, but having a permanent camp of protesters is entirely different. This problem is magnified by the heavy concentration of high profile and controversial political figures who usually attend party conventions.

Political concerns aside, Charlotte has much to gain from a successful convention.

In the short term, it will be a boon to the city's economy, with the massive influx of people attending the event as well as the media spotlight that will be focused on the city's bustling downtown. In the long term, hosting the DNC will help put Charlotte on the map as a potential host for future tournaments, conventions and other revenue-generating events.

Charlotte is a newcomer to the scene, and it should capitalize on this opportunity to prove itself. Bungling the DNC would be a major setback in Charlotte's rise in national prestige.

Prohibiting camping is a precaution that needs to be taken for Charlotte.

The headlines after the convention should tell of the notable people it attracted and celebrate the democratic process the event stands for, not of snafus and squabbling.

EDITORIAL

Cleaning house

Management vacancies in housekeeping allow for a fresh start.

With the recent departure of both its director and assistant director, UNC's housekeeping department faces a troubling lack of permanent leadership.

Especially in a department as fraught with conflict as this one, there should be closer oversight. Better communication between housekeeping's directors and their superiors is necessary to head off a similar situation in the future.

Such communication would enable University administrators to begin searching for a

replacement well before the office in question is vacated.

In this case, more lead time could have given the outgoing director a better opportunity to share his knowledge with his replacement, ensuring a smooth transition for those working under the changing administration.

It's hard to imagine all of the upper-level management leaving a corporation at the same time, or all the partners in a law firm retiring within a month of one another.

The housekeeping department shouldn't be treated any differently. Its employees, too, deserve consistency in their work environment and reliability in their management.

Though the current situa-

tion isn't ideal, there may be a silver lining: The housekeeping department finally has the blank slate it needs to make substantial changes to its problematic practices.

The new director will have an opportunity to start from scratch and address the longstanding conflicts between the department's workers and their bosses.

This dynamic deserves careful consideration, and the University must find a director of housekeeping who is understanding of the employees' complaints. At the same time, like any manager, he must be capable of enforcing policies.

It is a difficult middle ground to find, but there's nowhere to go but up.

EDITORIAL

Killing zombies for a cause

UNC should model its Humans vs. Zombies game on N.C. State's.

Each semester, a familiar but nevertheless disconcerting frenzy seizes our campus: Humans vs. Zombies. Its devotees are ardent, and its detractors unrelenting. Worst of all, these opinions are expressed ad nauseum in this page's kvetches and letters to the editor.

Confusion about just what exactly the game entails has done little to diminish the zombies' zeal. Year after year, the undead return with a vengeance. For better or worse, Humans vs. Zombies has become something of an institution at UNC.

At the very least, our rendition of the game should be as good as N.C. State University's. The organizers of UNC's game should take a leaf out of N.C. State's book and direct their participants' passion toward a charitable cause.

When N.C. State's zombies begin to roam their campus in Raleigh, they do so in support of Stop Child Trafficking Now, an international organization devoted to reducing demand for child prostitutes by targeting buyers and traffickers.

The Zombie organization's model is simple, but apparently effective: In order to procure an official zombie bandana, students pay \$5 to the Humans vs. Zombie organizers, who then donate the proceeds to the charity.

By supporting a cause, UNC's Humans vs. Zombies could gain the legitimacy it now sorely lacks. Not only would this mitigate the scorn of nonparticipants, but the prospect of helping a worthy cause could also help the game draw new players.

To its credit, this group's participants show a level of enthusiasm seldom matched by other student organizations at UNC. And if University policy effectively requires club sports to participate in philanthropy, it seems reasonable to expect the zombies to do something similar.

If nothing else, our zombies would do well to conform to the time-honored UNC tradition of being better than N.C. State.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"That's the main thing of what we want — a view of campus getting smaller and smaller, and then of it crashing back down."

Patrick Gray, president and founder of UNC's chapter of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"I'm not saying that criticism isn't allowed, but let's not be the kind of fans who sing their team's praises when they are doing well only to throw them under the bus if they slip up."

Z, on UNC basketball's 90-57 loss to Florida State University on Saturday

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Host a viewing party for TEDxUNC conference

TO THE EDITOR:

This Saturday, Carolina Creates will host the first annual TEDxUNC conference from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Due to high student demand, we are organizing a series of viewing parties across campus for students wishing to watch, discuss and enjoy the event with their peers. TEDxUNC will provide student hosts with discussion materials, speaker biographies and additional resources to help enhance the viewing experience.

The theme of the conference is "creation through connection." In this spirit, the event will feature accomplished speakers Dennis Whittle, founder of Global Giving; Dan Ariely, behavioral economist and New York Times best-selling author; Alan Murray, executive editor online of The Wall Street Journal; Shamila Kohestani, ESPY award winner and captain of the first Afghanistan women's national soccer team; and Victoria Hale, founder of The Institute for OneWorld Health, among many others.

If you are interested in hosting a viewing party, please email tedxunc@gmail.com by Thursday. For more information on TEDxUNC, including a complete schedule of events, please visit our website at www.tedxunc.com.

Rachel Myrick
Mackenzie Thomas
TEDxUNC Organizing Committee

Respect difference of opinion at UNC events

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, while attending basketball games at the UNC Smith Center, we have heard boos emanating from the people showing their displeasure with Holden Thorp and Gov. Bev Perdue. Although they have not been too loud, with Gov. Perdue more so than Chancellor Thorp, my wife and I find it discourteous for this to occur. It is rude and should not be condoned. We all have differences of opinion in this state, and they should be respected and encouraged.

Jim and Jane Smith
Chapel Hill residents

Apply to NC Fellows' 'tight-knit community'

TO THE EDITOR:

If you're a freshman looking for a place on campus to seriously discuss the meaning and importance of leadership, service, diversity, ethics, morality and everything in between, applying to be a member of the North Carolina Fellows Program might be the next step for you.

We're a tight-knit community engaged in all different aspects of University and local life, and we'd love for you to join us.

The N.C. Fellows Program

is a process of individual and collaborative growth through inquiry and reflection. Fellows take a three-credit seminar on leadership philosophies and styles in the fall semester of their sophomore year and go on weekend retreats in their freshman, junior and senior years. Fellows can also apply for partial funding for summer internships and they attend monthly meetings led by community members, professors, and fellow program members during the academic year.

We strongly encourage anyone that is interested in any of the aforementioned facets of the program to apply. There are no GPA requirements, no right or wrong answers, and certainly no concrete descriptions of what exactly it is that this program has to offer you. However, it is undeniable that the program has value.

Please visit <http://leadership.unc.edu/index.php/programs/nc-fellows> for more information about the program. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday in the Carolina Leadership Development office (Student Union, Room 3505).

Ovik Banerjee
Chairman
N.C. Fellows Selection Committee 2012

Zumba Dance Benefit to take place on Jan. 27

TO THE EDITOR:

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA will hold a Zumba Dance Benefit on Friday, Jan. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a fantastic opportunity for folks in the community to experience the YMCA while supporting a grand cause with two hours of Zumba workout.

Not sure what it means to Zumba? Well, consider it an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party that's moving millions of people toward health.

At the YMCA's Zumba Party, we'll have a disc jockey and dance instructors on hand, as well as free refreshments and give-away prizes. For a \$10 donation, you'll be supporting your neighbors as all dance proceeds benefit the YMCA's "We Build People" campaign. The campaign awards scholarships for YMCA membership and programs available to families in Orange and Chatham County.

At the YMCA, we trust lasting social change can only come about when we all work together. That's why strengthening community is our cause. So, come on by at 6 p.m. on Jan. 27 to Zumba for an amazing cause. People of all ages are welcome so bring your neighbor, parent, teen, friend or foe. No advance registration is required.

Dale Pratt-Wilson
Chapel Hill resident

SPEAK OUT

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