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## Youth vote needs rekindling



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Junior Jan Flacke, a German student majoring in political science, volunteers as a phone operator at Organizing for America on Franklin Street.

### Enthusiasm gap appears amongst Democratic youth.

By Claire Bennett  
Staff Writer

At President Barack Obama's political rallies, supporters have been known to shout, "Fired up! Ready to go!"

But one of Obama's key demographics that supported his victory in 2008 — youth voters — might not be so fired up this time around.

Young voters' enthusiasm on college campuses helped spur Obama to victory in North Carolina, which he won by about

14,000 votes in 2008.

Yet compared to the 2008 election, the UNC campus isn't looking as patriotic as it did four years ago, said Erin Sanderson, a 2012 UNC graduate.



"There was a lot going on in 2008 — a lot of red, white and blue," she said. And the amount of campaign rallying on campus was borderline overwhelming, she recalled. "I almost felt harassed. You couldn't walk through the Pit without being stopped three times for voter registration," Sanderson said.

Gabby Whitehall, co-founder of Tar Heels for Obama, said her feelings have not changed since the 2008 election, but she has seen a dwindling in some of her peers' excitement.

While more than 80 people attended the group's Democratic National Convention watch party and the rooms are full at meetings, Whitehall said she has had difficulty rallying students to participate in voter outreach activities, like door-to-door canvassing and voter registration.

"What can be difficult is actually getting people out there and doing the hard stuff," she said.

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## Sanctions decided for 3 fraternities

The groups have been put on periods of deferred probation.

By Grace Raynor  
Staff Writer

Sanctions have been handed down to three of nine UNC fraternities reported for possible hazing violations.

UNC's Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Tau Omega chapters have all been investigated for different violations reported two weeks ago.

Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Tau Omega were both found responsible of hazing, and Kappa Alpha violated alcohol policy.

All three fraternities are on deferred probation, meaning they cannot have another social violation during a designated period of time, said Aaron Bachenheimer, director of fraternity and sorority life and community involvement.

Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Tau Omega chapter presidents declined to comment, and the president of Kappa Alpha could not be reached.

Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Theta were given a lighter punishment — two weeks of deferred probation — than Alpha Tau Omega, which will have four weeks of probation, since its violations were considered more severe. Alpha Tau Omega also received two weeks of social probation.

According to the hearing outcome reports, a complaint was filed that the Alpha Tau Omega pledges were instructed to come to the house in dress clothes for a "special dinner."

When the pledges arrived, brothers threw large amounts of spaghetti at them, and then forced them to clean up the mess.

But the Alpha Tau Omega president denied in the report that new members were tar-

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## Odum Village housing planned to close by 2015

Plans are being made for a new residence hall to take its place.

By Zach Freshwater  
Staff Writer

UNC students looking to live in Odum Village apartments might not have the chance do so after 2015.

The University is planning on closing the buildings by 2015 because they fail to meet a building code that requires all residence halls to be equipped with sprinklers.

After a UNC fraternity house fire in 1996, the state required that all UNC-system campuses install sprinkler systems in residence halls by 2012, said Rick Bradley, assistant director of assignments and communication in UNC's Department of Housing and Residential Education.

Per the N.C. General Administration requirement, residence halls must be updated by 2012 or closed.

UNC applied for an extension for Odum Village.

There are no plans to tear the Odum Village buildings down. Rather, officials hope to

use them as facilities that do not require sprinklers.

Bradley said plans are in the making to build a new style of residence hall nearby to serve as a replacement.

Administrators in UNC's housing department hope to build a new 400-500 unit residence hall complex between the Odum Village Community Center and the Kenan-Flagler Parking Deck.

"It's not an apartment, and it's not a residence hall room — it's a hybrid," Bradley said.

Bradley said the new complex

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## Human Rights Center launches worker database

The database will connect day laborers with employers.

By Rachel Butt  
Staff Writer

The sun has barely pierced through the morning sky when a handful of burly men gather at the corner of Jones Ferry and Davie roads in Carrboro.

For 18 years, day laborers have gathered at the corner each morning in search of work.

"Painting concrete, unclogging pipes, setting tiles ... They do everything," said Ana Lopez, who works at Tienda, Taqueria Y Carniceria Toledo's near the corner.

The day laborers are often paid too little or are not paid at all. Some are African-

Americans, but most are Latino immigrants.

According to the U.S. Census, Carrboro has the highest Hispanic and Latino population in Orange County. The population climbed from about 2,000 to 2,700 between 2000 and 2010.

Now, an electronic database is aiming to provide a safer environment where they can look for work.

Judith Blau, UNC sociology professor and director of the Human Rights Center of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, decided to create an electronic worker center to combat wage theft.

The Human Rights Center hopes to gather workers' strongest skills and connect them to potential employers.

Student volunteers will also help by writ-

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“ I like the noise of democracy. ”  
JAMES BUCHANAN



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**TODAY**  
**Global Connections:** Put on your Sunday best and meet with local working professionals to learn about international careers. Bilingual Communications, Ipas and VIF International Education are among the guests who will be in attendance.  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Location:** FedEx Global Education Center, Peacock Atrium

**Stephen Vitiello:** Next in the Hanes Visiting Artists lecture series from the art department comes Stephen Vitiello, an

electronic musician. He has produced soundtracks for various films for New York artists and has been hailed as a top sound artist.  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Hanes Art Center

**WEDNESDAY**  
**‘Red’: PlayMakers’ Repertory Company’s** first mainstage production of the season continues its run through Oct. 7. Watch Stephen Caffrey embody abstract painter Mark Rothko and bicker with Matt Garner, who plays Rothko’s assistant, Ken.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Paul Green Theatre

**Wind Ensemble & Symphony:** UNC’s ensemble and band plays its first concert of the year.  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Hall

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DAILY DOSE

## Pups for productivity

From staff and wire reports

We’ve highlighted a few stellar studies so far this semester but none as exciting as this. Research from Hiroshima University in Japan have found that exposing workers to pictures of cute animals increases productivity in students.

Viewing the pictures slowed down the behavior of the subjects and made their choices more accurate. The results suggest that “cute objects” should be added to the workplace.

Break out those teacup pig pictures, world.

**NOTED.** Ah, irony. It’s no secret that the journalism industry is faltering.

In an ironic but probably wise decision, The Washington Post Co. has acquired a stake in hospice services. Because the Internet can’t kill death.

**QUOTED.** “You know someone’s crazy when they leave their socks on.”

— A student from Michigan State University on Reddit speaking on the breakdown of his calc prof who ran out of the room then took off all his clothes.

## POLICE LOG

- Chapel Hill police conducted a K-9 sniff at the intersection of Hillsborough Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 12:45 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone damaged property at 214 Pinegate Circle between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person let the air out of someone’s tires, reports state.
- Someone shoplifted from Office Supplies & More at 1129 Weaver Dairy Road at 3:45 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person stole a Baggalini Bag valued at \$150, reports state.
- Police responded to an information call at 213 Crest Drive at 6:24 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- People were sleeping in the garage of a house that is for sale, reports state.
- Someone broke and entered a residence at 120 Silo Drive at 11 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person entered the home through an unlocked second floor window, reports state.
- Someone injured property at 503 W. Main St. between 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2:30 p.m. Thursday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- The person painted graffiti on the Fidelity Street side of the building, reports state.
- Someone reported a cat walking by her window at 105 Jones Ferry Road at 3:49 p.m. Friday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- The cat was causing her cat to go crazy, reports state.

UNC’s Fourth-Annual First Amendment Day

## A campus-wide, daylong event designed to both celebrate the First Amendment and explore its role in the lives of Carolina students

**Daylong Activities Include-**  
First Amendment posters can be found all over campus with notable quotes related to the First Amendment.

**9:00- 9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony @ Front Steps of Carroll Hall-** Professor David Ardia, Dean Susan King and Student Body President Will Leimenstoll will kick off the day with remarks and a reading of the First Amendment.

**11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Ethics Team Debate: Is ‘Street Art’ Vandalism or Philanthropy? @ Carroll Hall Room 33**  
The UNC Ethics Bowl Team will discuss this question of artistic freedom and then the audience will be invited to join in.

**12:15- 12:30 p.m. Musical Performances by the Loreleis and Cadence @ The Pit-** Two University a cappella groups will exercise their First Amendment rights by singing controversial music in The Pit.

**12:30- 2:00 p.m. Banned Book Reading @ The Pit**  
The Bulls Head Bookstore will display books that were once banned from libraries as some of them are read aloud by students and campus leaders, including Chancellor Holden Thorp.

**2:00- 3:15 p.m. Inspiration vs. Infringement: Brought to You by the First Amendment @ Freedom Forum Conference Center, Carroll Hall**  
The Carolina Intellectual Property Law Association will host a discussion that explores the conflicts between artistic expression and trademark law.

**2:00- 2:15 p.m. Performance by the Pauper Players @ The Pit-** The Pauper Players will give the day’s second musical performance of songs that may raise some eyebrows.

**2:00- 3:15 p.m. Why Can’t We Tweet? The First Amendment, UNC Athletes and Social Media @ Carroll Hall Room 33-** Athletes, a legal expert and others will discuss team social media policies and whether UNC policies violate the First Amendment and privacy rights of athletes.

**5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Readings from UNC’s Rare and Banned Books @ Pleasants Family Assembly Room in Wilson Library-** Celebrate First Amendment Day with readings and displays from original editions of banned and censored books held by the UNC Rare Book Collection.

**5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Who’s Looking at Your Social Media? Prospective Employers and Grad School Admissions Officers, That’s Who @ Carroll Hall Room 33-** A legal expert, UNC seniors and others will discuss the legal issues surrounding the use of social media by those making hiring and admissions decisions.

**8:30- 9:30 p.m. Story Time – With Milk and Cookies @ Freedom Forum Conference Center, Carroll Hall-** UNC’s Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) will host a reading children’s books that have been banned from libraries because they have gay and lesbian themes.

**8:30- 10:30 p.m. First Amendment Trivia Contest @ Linda’s Bar and Grill-** Test your knowledge of this most important Constitutional amendment.



# Campus politicians debate top issues

## Young Democrats and College Republicans held their annual debate.

**By Randy Short**  
Staff Writer

The annual debate between UNC's Young Democrats and College Republicans reflected recurring themes of the national presidential race — including the economy. “First and foremost, the economy is a concern to people,” said Austin Gilmore, president of the UNC Young Democrats. More than 80 people gathered Monday night in Howell Hall to watch the polarized student political groups debate some of the nation's current issues. The debate was moderated by the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies. College Republicans chairman

Garrett Jacobs, a debate participant, explained that the economy and its effects on tuition, budget cuts and the job market are relevant to all students. “For current students, the policies about how to fund universities — what the money goes to in terms of research or financial aid — have the biggest impact,” Jacobs said. Another of the debate topics was health care policy, with both sides in staunch disagreement. The Young Democrats said President Barack Obama's health care plan is a step forward, as it will provide coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans. But the College Republicans said government should have no role in mandating health care coverage. The groups also differed in their stances on who should handle student loan defaults. The College Republicans called for a return of student loan policy to private companies, while the Young

Democrats applauded the government for intervening in loan policy. According to the Young Democrats, the average student graduates with \$25,000 in loans. But the groups found a consensus on several topics. Both sides promoted lowering the federal debt by broadening the tax base through lowering tax rates and eliminating loopholes. They agreed that the Bowles-Simpson Plan, which would curtail federal spending in the next 10 years, is an effective way to reduce the federal debt. “They agreed on a lot more things than I thought they were going to,” said Charlotte Fare, a freshman who attended the debate. Junior Ralph Young also attended the debate: “It's good to come to listen to both sides give their opinions and beliefs,” he said. Gilmore said the main goal of the debate was to inform students of current national issues. He hopes the



DTH/REBECCA GOLDSTEIN  
Peter McClelland of the College Republicans speaks at the annual debate between the UNC Young Democrats and College Republicans in Howell Hall Monday.

debate offered a clear presentation of the parties' stances, allowing students to think critically about the ideas. “Education is the only way people are going to be informed and have a say in the world around them,” he said. *Contact the desk editor at university@dailytarheel.com.*

## ‘RITE’-ING HISTORY



DTH/BROOKELYN RILEY  
Cellist Yo-Yo Ma, left, and conductor Alastair Willis, right, speak at “Reflections on the Rite,” a panel discussion featuring world-renowned artists.

## Panel discusses Stravinsky’s ‘The Rite of Spring’

**By Samantha Sabin**  
Staff Writer

Lights dimmed, the crowd grew silent and a voice rang out, “Art brings people together.” The voice belonged to Emil Kang, UNC's executive director of the arts, as he opened Carolina Performing Arts' panel discussion on Igor Stravinsky's ballet “The Rite of Spring.” But Richard Taruskin, a Stravinsky scholar at the panel said he found this point amusing. Taruskin said “The Rite of Spring” initially did the exact opposite of bringing people together — the original 1913 performance culminated in a riot. CPA's panel discussion, “Reflections on the Rite,” which was Monday, featured several world-renowned artists participating in its “The Rite of Spring at 100” celebration. Kang led the discussion, and participants discussed the works they will be performing at UNC this season. Panelists included Yo-Yo Ma, artistic director and founder of The Silk Road Project; Janet Eilber, artistic director

### RITE OF SPRING at 100

of the Martha Graham Dance Company; and puppeteer Basil Twist. Kang grouped the artists in three sections — music, movement and imagery — and spoke to each group individually. The music group comprised string quartet Brooklyn Rider's Colin Jacobsen and The Silk Road Ensemble's Alastair Willis and Ma. Ma said “The Rite of Spring at 100” is not only about honoring the centennial anniversary of the controversial ballet but also about expanding the arts community in the Triangle. “You're trying not only to get people to create new artwork, but to get people to think about how those things came together,” he said. The ballet emerged from the collision of Russian and Parisian cultures in 1913 Paris, and Ma said this is because the most interesting things happen when cultures intersect. The movement group included Eilber and N.C. School of the Arts Chancellor John Mauceri and Dean of Dance Susan Jaffe. NCSA will restage the ballet in April. Jaffe, who is choreographing part of the performance, said people constantly ask if her students can handle such advanced material.

“They really like to be pushed, and the good thing with students is they don't know their limitations yet,” Jaffe said. “You can keep telling them where to go and they keep believing you.” The imagery group consisted of pianist and composer Vijay Iyer, filmmaker Prashant Bhargava and Twist. Twist has been at UNC for five weeks constructing the set for his abstract puppetry piece. He said he has been having difficulties with smoke effects in his show — the smoke travels into the orchestral pit, making it difficult for the musicians to see. But he said the issue will be resolved by April, when he will present his show. Kang said people constantly come up to him and ask how many times the “The Rite of Spring” will be performed this season. He said CPA is not looking to present the piece over and over again. “We're not looking behind, but forward — and how to think about the performing arts in a new way.”

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## Student votes targeted in NC

### State and campuswide events aim to increase the number of youth voters.

**By Graham McAlister**  
Staff Writer

As political parties in North Carolina prepare for the Nov. 6 election, student support continues to be a focal point for groups on both sides of the aisle. On campuses throughout the state, political groups and campaigns are ramping up their efforts to get college students to vote in what most analysts view as a battleground state. President Barack Obama's N.C. campaign has strove to encourage college-age students to vote this year because he received a boost from the college vote in 2008, said Rob Abraham, youth vote director for Obama's N.C. campaign. “All the young people came out for the president and helped him win in 2008, and again this time (they're) going to decide what happens on Nov. 6,” Abraham said. Despite the tough economy and Congressional gridlock, the campaign isn't worried about a lack of enthusiasm among young voters, said Kal Penn, former associate director for the Office of Public Engagement at the White House and co-star of the “Harold & Kumar” movies. “The stakes are so high,” he said, adding that especially in North Carolina, a single vote will make a difference. Obama won the state by about 14,000 votes in 2008.

Taylor McLamb, chairwoman of the N.C. State University College Republicans, said she is not concerned about voter enthusiasm either. “There is a growing concern among students on campus,” she said. “I'm not saying that apathy is totally gone, but this is one of the most crucial elections, and students are coming to terms with that.” Obama's N.C. campaign is optimistic that students have taken notice of statewide voting events. “I'm sure (students) have seen first hand — between the extensive voter registration drives and dorm-to-dorm (registration) on campus — that we have a very strong presence on many college campuses as well,” said Cameron French, press secretary for Obama's N.C. campaign. The NCSU Republicans have set up tables where students can register to vote for the first time or change their address so they can vote in the county of their school. “We've been doing a lot of tabling on campus, and we've had a table at a football game, which was kind of like a tailgate,” McLamb said. In addition to tabling, the group has worked with the Republican N.C. Victory organization to host phone banks and conduct door-to-door surveys, she said. One reason for the increased effort in the state is how close the election is, Penn said. “If you divided up the margin of what the president won by in 2008, it's three votes per precinct,” he said, “which is legitimately one college student bringing three buddies with him or one sorority on campus saying, ‘Should the three of us actually go to vote today?’”

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## in BRIEF

### CITY BRIEFS

#### Project Connect is seeking volunteers for Oct. 11 event

Volunteers are needed for two and a half hour shifts at the sixth annual Project Connect event on Oct. 11. The event will provide health services, voter registration, housing resources and job training to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hargraves Community Center at 216 N. Roberson St. in Chapel Hill.

### CAMPUS BRIEFS

#### FDA approves aortic devices tested by UNC researchers

The Food and Drug Administration approved two endovascular aortic repair devices tested in clinical trials at the UNC School of Medicine. Mark Farber, associate professor of surgery and radiology, served as the lead investigator.

— From staff and wire reports

## Residence hall burglaries rise

### DPS says students should lock their doors to avoid theft from their rooms.

**By Sam Schaefer**  
Staff Writer

A sharp increase of burglaries reported in residence halls throughout the last two years has students worried about losing their property to theft. According to a recent report by the Department of Public Safety, there were only two cases of burglary in residence halls in 2009 and seven in 2010 — but in 2011, this number jumped to 22. Department spokesman Randy Young said residence hall burglaries can be easily avoided if students lock their doors whenever they leave their rooms. Most burglaries in residence halls occur when thieves take small amounts of property from empty and unlocked rooms, Young said. “If students locked their room doors, we would have little to no larcenies at residence hall facilities,” said Rick Bradley, assistant director

of assignments and communication for Housing and Residential Education. Bradley said he believes burglary is a campus-wide problem — not specific to residence halls. Young said the increase in incidents in residence halls might be an aberration: “It could be as simple as one rash that occurred during a certain time.” And Bradley said he thinks the increase is partially a result of students reporting more incidents. Young said it is possible that increased reporting could account for part of the rise, but that it might not explain the entire increase. “We'd like to think people are more apt to report now, but whether they're more apt to report than they were eight months ago or even 18 months ago — that's hard to say.” Bradley said because the report was released recently, the housing department has not taken any actions to combat the problem. “We're not at a point where I can cite specific things that we've taken action on,” he said. Freshman Prasant Baratam, who lives in Hinton James residence

*“I'm pretty careful. Whenever I go out of my room, I always lock the door.”*

**Prasant Baratam,**  
Hinton James resident

hall, said he is concerned about having his property stolen. “I'm pretty careful,” Baratam said. “Whenever I go out of my room, I always lock the door.” Freshman Ajene Robinson-Burris, another Hinton James resident, said she also worries about theft. “I feel like people are really liable to steal in college because we're all broke,” she said. Young said students should call 911 if they witness any suspicious activity, becoming “the eyes and ears of the Department of Public Safety.” “We want to hear about it,” Young said. “If we know about it, we certainly can act.”

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# Video asks people to go vegan

By Ellen Black  
Staff Writer

UNC students can earn \$1 just by watching a video today — at the cost of their appetite.

Students are being paid to watch a four-minute video about animal slaughtering Monday and today.

The video is shown on a vehicle with multiple screens that is parked in the metered parking lot by the ATMs on Raleigh Street.

The video is part of the 10 Billion Lives tour, a national campaign to bring attention to controversial animal farming practices.

The tour is sponsored by the national non-profit Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM) and attempts to shed light on the farming practices by showing a graphic video.

“We found that the strange tactic of paying people \$1 got them more engaged in the end,” said Michael Weber, program director of FARM. “It’s actually cheaper than anything else we’ve done before.”

The video shows graphic images of the killing practices of chickens, cows and pigs.

“I felt kind of sick,” said senior Moriah Webster after watching the video.

After watching the video, people are given the option to pledge to eat a vegan diet a certain number of days per week.

“Learning about how animals are raised and killed in our food system and the miserable lives they have to endure really motivated me to be an active voice for them,” said Jeni Haines, driver and coordinator for the tour. “Exposing people to the harsh reality of animal agriculture really inspires people to make a change,” she said.

Haines said since the project launched in April, it has reached approximately 35,000 people.

Turnout was low on Monday because of the weather, but Haines said she expects more people to see the video today.

“We usually get about 300 people to see the video,” she said.

The tour is entirely funded by donors, and there is currently no scheduled end date.

“We will be visiting at least a dozen more universities



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Sophomore Max Bitar watches the Farm Animal Rights Movement video about controversial animal farming practices.

before the semester is over,” Weber said.

He said the tour has already been to many college campuses, as well as rock concerts such as Vans Warped Tour.

Eighty percent of people who watch the video pledge to eat vegan for at least few days a week, Weber said.

Approximately half of those who make the pledge follow through.

Weber said most people do not complain about the graphic nature of the video.

“Most people are really grateful to learn about it,” he said.

Junior Jacob Virgil said the video was powerful.

“It definitely made me reconsider some things — it was intense,” he said.

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# Sales tax funds laptops for students

More than 4,000 laptops were handed out in Orange County.

By Claire Smith  
Staff Writer

Orange County Schools sent its students back to school with a little more edge this year.

As part of its 1:1 Laptop Initiative, the district issued 4,100 laptops to its middle and high school students to revamp the way its students learn.

The program began last year after the school system experienced decreased funding for textbooks.

Michael Gilbert, spokesman for the district, said the system only had \$14.82 per student to purchase textbooks for the 2012-13 academic year.

The projected cost of the program is about \$2.6 million, and each of the Lenovo laptops cost the system \$636.

The school system also provided 4,100 protective backpacks at \$50 each, totalling \$205,000.

Gilbert said the laptops program was primarily funded by the county’s newly implemented quarter-cent sales tax, which provided almost \$500,000 for this school year.

The quarter-cent sales tax was passed in November 2011 after statewide budget cuts to education hurt local public schools. It is expected to raise \$2.5 million for economic development and education.

Orange County Commissioner Barry Jacobs said the district told the board it wanted to use the money for technology, but

never specified how it would be used.

But Jacobs said he is pleased with the program.

“It certainly would give an advantage to children from underprivileged families,” he said.

And principals in the system said they have already seen improvement in the classrooms.

“If you were to walk around our building right now you would see laptops being used in every classroom,” said Anne Purcell, principal of C.W. Stanford Middle School.

Gilbert also said students seem excited about the opportunity to use laptops in the classroom.

“Students can work on it at home and bring problems into class,” said Gilbert. “Students can share documents in real time with their teachers.”

Children are able to take the laptops home to work on projects and homework throughout the academic year, but the laptops have to be returned in June to be updated.

Any damage done to the laptops is covered by a \$25 insurance fee, which can be waived for students who are unable to afford it.

Providing middle and high school students with laptops is the second phase of the district’s laptop initiative, which aims to provide students from fourth through twelfth grades and faculty with a laptop.

“It’s a wonderful program, it opens up a whole new world for our kids,” Purcell said. “They’ve got lots and lots of information right there in front of them.”

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# County discusses local transit options

By Danielle Herman  
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will once again talk transit at their meeting tonight.

Commissioners will discuss the Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan, which would expand transit services in the county.

Since the board looked at the plan in June, Triangle Transit has added the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization as a party to the agreement.

The plan, which will be voted on at tonight’s meeting, would be funded in part by a half-cent sales tax on the November ballot — if the tax

is approved by voters.

The plan proposes using a portion of the funds to improve existing bus services.

The plan would increase bus services by 34,650 hours within the first five years, fund the completion of a Hillsborough Amtrak station and eventually construct 17.3 miles of light rail connecting UNC Hospitals and Durham.

Bernadette Pelissier, chairwoman of the board, said she will vote for the plan.

She said she thinks the plan benefits all Orange County residents and will have environmental and economic impacts for the county.

“Whether you use transit or not, it still benefits you in some way,” she said.

David King, CEO and

general manager of Triangle Transit, said the light rail will likely influence the area’s population and economic growth.

But rural residents have opposed the plan because they think it doesn’t benefit all areas of the county equally.

“In some cases, it may be a lack of understanding,” King said.

Chapel Hill Transit will receive 64 percent of the county funding raised for the plan.

Joy Cook, a research assistant at UNC, said she supports the transit plan.

“I don’t think the half-cent sales tax is too much, based on gas prices close to \$4 per gallon,” said Cook.

But saving money on gas is not the only reason students and employees are supportive

of the plan — many students do not have cars on campus.

“Any sort of public transportation that offers different routes I’d be totally down for,” said Jon Unger, a junior advertising major.

Pelissier said she does not know what the county will do about transit if the tax referendum doesn’t pass, since the referendum probably won’t be on the ballot next year.

“There really is no next step,” she said.

But King said he felt confident the transit tax would be approved by voters.

“Transit is the friend of open space and strong neighborhoods,” King said.

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# Special Olympics coach wins award

By Tyler Clay  
Staff Writer

A few years ago, Anna Coleman rounded the final turn of her first middle school cross country meet to see her Special Olympics coach cheering her on.

"I love the way he cheers for me every time I come around that track," Coleman said.

Thanks to the work of her coach of three years, Bernie Prabucki, Coleman was able to begin running cross country competitively — and she still does today.

On Sept. 23, Prabucki, a Carrboro resident, won the 2012 Coach of the Year award from Special Olympics North Carolina — an organization that helps more than 38,000

intellectually disabled athletes train and compete.

Prabucki has been a volunteer coach with Special Olympics for 18 years and has coached athletes of all ages in many different sports.

Prabucki greets his athletes with a joking attitude, a Mickey Mouse shirt and his bellowing laugh.

"Even though they pay me a million dollars a year to coach, if I had to I would do it for free," Prabucki said with his signature laugh.

Keith Fishburne, president of Special Olympics N.C., presented to Prabucki during one of his team's practices.

Prabucki said he wasn't expecting the recognition. "You don't do it for the awards," he said. "The reward is watching the athletes grow

and improve."

Prabucki said one of his favorite coaching moments was two years ago when one of his athletes, Gillian Fink, won a silver medal in the 2010 National Special Olympics.

He said Fink, normally a 100-meter sprinter, trained for a month to compete.

"To watch her effort, determination and intestinal fortitude brought tears to my eyes," said Prabucki.

Megan O'Donnell, spokeswoman for Special Olympics N.C., said Prabucki is the second local coach to receive the award.

She said Prabucki is a master teacher and entertainer.

"Bernie has a knack for relating to the athletes," she said. "They love coming to

practices just as much as competitions, because he makes it so much fun."

"Practice is like a big party every Tuesday night," said Sharla Coleman, Anna Coleman's mother and one of Bernie's assistant coaches.

But Prabucki does not work alone. He said Colleen Lanigan, the director of Special Olympics Orange County, plays a large part in the success of his program.

And he said the athletes put in work, too.

"To work with and coach the athletes — to not only walk a lap around the track, but to run and compete in a mile or half-mile race — is priceless," Prabucki said.



COURTESY OF BERNIE PRABUCKI

Bernie Prabucki sits with the 2012 Orange County track team named "Freezie Pops" that he coached for the Special Olympics.

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## HAZING

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geted.

Dean of Students Jonathan Sauls said when occurrences such as this happen — especially in such a public manner — it detracts from the positive things that are happening on campus.

"Hazing is no longer a part of what we do," he said. "And for those organizations or individuals ... who are not ready to get on that bus, then the bus is going to leave without them," he said.

According to the hazing outcome reports, Kappa Alpha did not violate hazing policy.

The fraternity was found to have violated the common source alcohol rule after a member of the fraternity posted a tweet that read "45

*"...We will not tolerate any type of hazing on this campus."*

**Jack Partain,**  
Interfraternity Council president

bottles of champagne. 14 pledges, #mynight," on his personal Twitter account.

Phi Delta Theta violated hazing policy after members shaved the heads of four pledges, according to the reports.

Although the pledges volunteered to the shaving, the fraternity was deemed responsible for hazing because the action might have been requested or suggested.

Six other reports of violations have yet to be decided.

"There are other cases that are still actively under investigation and review," Sauls said. He said the necessary

changes to move forward will not be made until the whole community gets involved.

Bachenheimer added that he will follow up with each of the violations.

Interfraternity Council President Jack Partain said the council is doing what is necessary to enforce policies.

"I think other chapters will see this action taken by us as a firm reminder that we will not tolerate any type of hazing on this campus," he said.

"If they do engage in this — they will be punished."

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## ODUM VILLAGE

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would be arranged similarly to the super suites in Morrison.

But unlike Odum Village, the new hall would not feature kitchens in its units.

Anna Wu, assistant vice chancellor for facilities operations, planning and design, said the project will provide more rooms than Odum Village currently offers.

Wu said if the project is approved, construction would likely begin in 2015.

"It would take us 18 months to plan — and we haven't started planning yet," Wu said.

Jerry Guerrier, architect

for UNC Facilities Planning and Construction, said residents could continue living at Odum Village during some of the construction.

Wu said the project cannot progress until the housing department assesses its financial feasibility.

The housing department hired Brailsford and Dunlavey, a program management firm, to research the project.

Bradley said the firm has conducted intensive research, including student surveys, to determine what housing style would best fit students' needs.

Bradley said the site's proximity to the business school should attract residents.

But he said the housing

department might have to compete with other departments — and potentially UNC Hospitals — to expand on the proposed land.

Junior Anisah Jabar, who lives in Odum Village, said she supports the proposed project.

"Odum is so old — when we moved, it just wasn't welcoming," Jabar said.

"It is sad that we would lose a kitchen though."

Jabar also said she liked the idea of having more roommates.

"I hardly see my neighbors, and I feel like it can be lonely here at times."

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## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE ELECTION?



**Gabrielle Johnson,**  
freshman,  
biology

"I'm not a fan of either (candidate). I'm still voting. It's time for a change. (Romney) just seems like he has a good head on his shoulders."



**Hugh Koeze,**  
senior,  
English

"I'm ready for (election season) to be over. I'm not sure if anything really excites me about Barack, but I would say he's a capable president."

## ENTHUSIASM

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Some political analysts attribute less enthusiasm on campuses to disenchantment with the political system as a whole.

Sarah Treul, a UNC political science professor who specializes in American political institutions, said there was far more excitement on campus in the months preceding the 2008 election.

She said the general lack of enthusiasm for the 2012 election has more to do with an increasing apathy toward politics in general, rather than dissatisfaction with either candidate.

Young voters might have become overly optimistic due to much of the hopeful rhetoric of 2008, she said. Obama's message resonated with students who believed that politics could be different.

"Four years later, I think a lot of students realize that even despite the 'hope and change' message, much in politics remains the same from election to election," she said in an email.

While there might be less excitement surrounding Obama's campaign on campuses this year, college Republicans say they've seen an uptick in support for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney compared to his predecessor.

"Young voters are turning out significantly more so for Romney than (John) McCain," said Kenan Drum, president of UNC for Romney.

"Voters are both unhappy



**Mattis Hennings,**  
senior,  
political science

"I'm not apathetic (but) sort of ambivalent about the choice. I don't really much care for Mitt Romney. I have to vote for (Obama)."



**Clinton Smith,**  
junior,  
business

"I guess (I'm) excited. I think that Mitt Romney will bring a lot more back to business and through that we'll simulate the economy."



**Hannah Reynolds,**  
freshman,  
biology and global studies

"Obama seems to have a lot more new ideas now. I'm interested to see who wins and if they actually do what they said."



**Logan Smeallie,**  
junior,  
physics and communication studies

"I wouldn't say I'm excited but apathetic would be far too strong. I don't see that much potential for encouraging new-ness."

but that doesn't signify a lack of enthusiasm or support among voters," she said.

"This happens to every incumbent."

Despite mixed levels of enthusiasm, both campaigns will continue to reach out to young voters and rally support on campuses across the country through events like debate watch parties for the Nov. 6 election.

The presidential debates will commence Wednesday evening, with the first one being held at the University of Denver in Colorado.

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very stigmatizing," Gallegos said.

And wage theft continues to be a problem for these workers.

Carol Brooke of the North Carolina Justice Center said the organization receives multiple calls each week about wage theft.

Workers rarely voice grievances to the courts or law enforcement officials due to fear of deportation, she said.

"Fear of retaliation is a great challenge," she said.

"The remedies available to

day laborers are limited."

The primary goal of the Human Rights Center's online database is to include day laborers in the process — and the idea is gaining support from the workers.

"People at the corner really like this idea," said Alberto Rodriguez, who helped with the creation of the database.

"It's possible that we attract all employees and it becomes a nice center."

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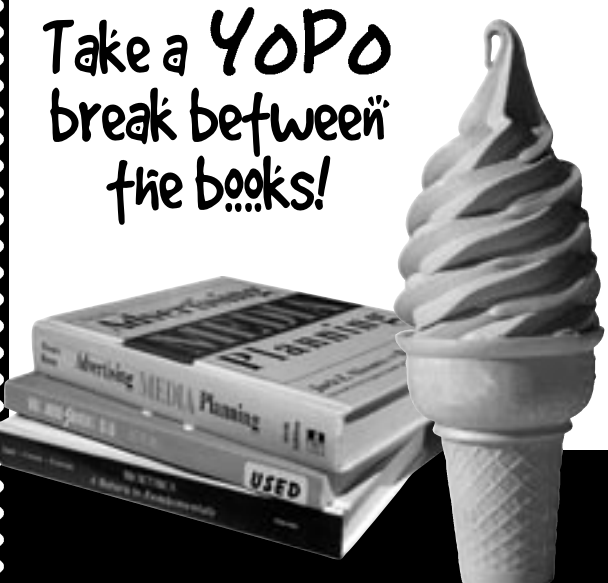
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Col. William Hauser speaks Monday night in Graham Memorial about his suggestions to reduce U.S. military spending.

# Military expert talks budget cuts

By Jordan Bailey  
Staff Writer

To U.S. military expert Col. William Hauser, the United States is no longer the world's super power.

And at a speech in Graham Memorial Monday, Hauser said the belief that the U.S. is still a military superpower is antiquated and has led to unnecessary spending.

"A lot of our politicians and a lot of our citizens are living in the past," he said.

"We've got to accept a lesser role — if we don't we're going to come to grief."

A student from UNC's chapter of the Roosevelt Institute Campus Network opened the event by outlining his suggestions for cutting the defense budget, which Hauser responded to.

The speech ended with a Q&A session between Hauser and the event's attendees.

The event was hosted by the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation and UNC's chapter of the Roosevelt Institute.

Laicie Olson, senior policy analyst for the Center for Arms Control, said its core focus is on nuclear weapons, but it also deals with U.S. Congress proceedings.

Olson said Hauser's ability to speak frankly about issues regarding the U.S. defense budget made him a great candidate to speak to UNC students, especially since the center's mission is intricately tied to those issues.

Senior Peace, War and Defense and Political Science major Ariana Rowberry, a member of the Roosevelt Institute, organized the event.

Rowberry said the Roosevelt Institute's budget priorities campaign brings retired military officials to universities.

Many speakers, including Hauser, discuss the need for defense spending to be cut while still preserving national security, Rowberry said.

"There's no part of the defense budget that I would expand — I'm sorry, I don't have any favorites," Hauser said.

Sophomore political science major Sarah Hallowell, who attended the event, said she thought Hauser's remarks on bureaucracy

in the Pentagon were most interesting.

"I absolutely agree that (the Pentagon) is way overstaffed and a lot of their workers are entering the retirement phase and not really contributing that much anymore to that workplace," Hallowell said.

"I think it would be very worthwhile to make cuts in that realm."

Senior History major Angel Johnston also attended the event and said Hauser's belief about veterans' benefits resonated most with her.

"I really do agree with the fact that he says, 'Don't touch veterans' benefits,' just because — he's right — we put these guys through the worst thing ever and then they come home and we treat them like crap," Johnston said.

Despite Hauser's suggestions to reduce military spending, he said he still recognizes that it is an issue that cannot be solved easily.

"Defense budgeting is complicated, and there are no easy answers."

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# Football defense rounds out

By Kelly Parsons  
Senior Writer

Scoring a school-record 66 points against Idaho, the North Carolina offense stole the show on a rainy Saturday afternoon at Kenan Stadium.

But in his weekly press conference Monday, coach Larry Fedora wanted to make sure his defensive unit, which posted its second shutout of the season against the Vandals, didn't go unnoticed.

In close losses against Wake Forest and Louisville, UNC (3-2, 0-1 ACC) chalked its defensive mistakes up to missed assignments. But this time around, Fedora saw very few of those errors.

"We played very well in a lot of places," Fedora said. "We had minimal mistakes, minimal missed assignments, minimal

missed tackles. We did what we should have done, and I'm proud of them for doing that."

The Tar Heels, who are 16th in the nation in total defense, allow an average of 296 yards per game. Coupled with its 62-0 season-opening victory against Elon on Sept. 1, UNC has posted two shutouts in a single season for the first time since 1996.

And when the Tar Heels aren't keeping their opponents off the scoreboard completely, they're at least keeping them out of the end zone.

UNC hasn't allowed a touchdown in 10 quarters, the last one scored Sept. 15 by Louisville in the second quarter. Even more impressive, the Tar Heels haven't allowed a single touchdown in Kenan Stadium this season, holding East Carolina to just a pair of

field goals.

Having done it during preseason scrimmages, quarterback Bryn Renner knows firsthand what it's like to face UNC's defensive unit. That's precisely why he's glad they're the ones backing him up.

"We have a good feel of how good they can be," Renner said. "It's a relief that they're helping us out. We haven't been scoring like we should've ... If we do have to punt or we turn it over, they're going to stop them and pick us up."

The Tar Heel defense was dominant on all fronts, intercepting four passes and blocking two punts.

"Their man stepped up, and right then I knew they blew something," said Pete Mangum, who had UNC's second blocked punt. "Once I saw that, I took off and got

lucky and got to the ball."

The Tar Heels will try to continue their defensive streak Saturday against Virginia Tech, as they look for their first victory against the Coastal Division opponent at Kenan Stadium since 1938. But as far as Fedora is concerned, his defenders need to do more than just keep the Hokies from scoring.

They are also charged with protecting their hallowed turf.

"We've got to defend this place," Fedora said. "We're trying to build something about playing at home and what it means. We want to continue with what we've done, and that's very important to us as we build this program to where we want it to be."

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# Southern author to give annual lecture

By Katie Marriner  
Staff Writer

Thomas Wolfe's birthday is being celebrated a day early this year.

Each year, around the time of the famed author's Oct. 3 birthday, the University honors a contemporary author with an award in his name.

Josephine Humphreys will be awarded the Thomas Wolfe prize today, and she will also deliver the annual Thomas Wolfe lecture.

The prize is awarded to contemporary authors whose writing embodies Wolfe's spirit, said Susan Irons, director of the prize and lecture.

Wolfe was also a UNC alumnus.

"The Thomas Wolfe Prize reflects the value this university places on literature," Irons said.

Since 2000, the prize has been awarded to authors



Josephine Humphreys is being honored today with the Thomas Wolfe prize for her writing.

including Fred Chappell, Robert Morgan and Lee Smith.

Humphreys will be recognized for her depth and vision as a Southern novelist, said Pam Durban, the Doris Betts distinguished professor of creative writing at UNC, who will introduce Humphreys at tonight's lecture.

"She embodies the spirit in her devotion to language and its ability to unearth and reveal the truth of her characters," Durban said.

"She has the same faith in language as Thomas Wolfe," Irons said the faculty is

thrilled to host an author of Humphreys' stature and significance.

Humphreys, a Charleston, S.C., native, said she is deeply rooted in South Carolina. Her first three novels take place in the state.

Her most recent novel, "Nowhere Else on Earth," deviates from that norm and is set in Lumberton, N.C.

Humphreys said she sees the award as honoring this novel — which makes her happy.

"I love so many people in North Carolina," Humphreys said. "I am glad to be honored among North Carolinians."

Humphreys, a graduate of Duke University, studied with the late Reynolds Price, who received the prize in 2007.

Humphreys said a former Duke professor inspired her.

"He made it look possible," she said. "He made it look, to

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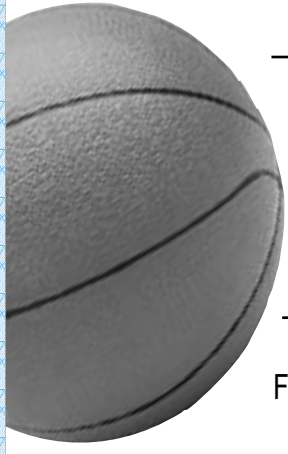
As part of her lecture, Humphreys said she hopes to focus on memories and how they impact a writer's life.

"There's a kind of magic that happens when you give a talk, and it works better if you're not reading something that you've already set in stone," Humphreys said.

"What I say often depends on a certain magic that happens between the audience and the speaker."

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1 Funnylady Rudner

5 Pack the groceries again

10 Eyes, to Juanita

14 Oodles

15 Condescend

16 Ivory soap ad word

17 Wagon boss's directive

19 Suffix with opal

20 Arnaz of "Here's Lucy"

21 "Bewitched" witch

23 PennySaver listing, usually

26 Pitches well?

27 Lacking direction

29 Home of Dolphins and Marlins

32 Bunch of bills

35 Potted herb spot

36 Deep valley

37 Winged deity

39 Replay type, briefly

41 Cabinet dept. concerned with power

42 Symbolize

44 Cup of joe

46 Singleton

47 Failed to act

48 One of the M's in MoMA

50 "The Hunger Games" actor

52 Graves in a pyramid

56 Scrambled alternative

59 Give a hoot

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60 River isles

61 "See?" follower

64 Prego rival

65 Nixon staffer G. Gordon

66 Get ready, as for surgery

67 Food for hogs

68 Close call

69 Discontinues

1 "Unmistakably Lou" Grammy winner

2 Intestinal section

3 Puccini classic

4 Head Hun

5 Dietary guideline letters

6 Always, to Pope

7 Many eBay clicks

8 Filled with horror

9 Pointy-hatted garden character

10 Talk show caller's

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11 "War on Drugs" slogan

12 Theater sect.

13 "\_\_\_ penny, pick it up \_\_\_"

18 Uses a blowtorch on

22 Soprano Gluck

24 Give up one's seat, say

25 Herb used in borscht

28 Nickname in Olympics sprinting

30 Big name in faucets

31 Memo starter

32 Marries

33 Field of study

34 "Hold on!"

36 Witches' assembly

38 Recovers from a night

on the town

40 Whipped up

43 Actress Daly

45 Pretentiously highbrow

48 "\_\_\_ River": 2003 drama directed by Clint Eastwood

49 Pessimist's phrase

51 Catches red-handed

53 Weep for

54 Cleared tables

55 Calls it quits

56 Rowboat pair

57 Perfume container

58 "Star Wars" philosopher

62 Pres., for one

63 Hide the gray, maybe

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# Compost trend grows on campus

With blue recycling bins dotting every hallway on campus, UNC has certainly earned its 'A' for the second year in a row in the Food and Recycling category of the College Sustainability Report Card.

With new composting programs springing up across campus, UNC has even started to expand options for sustainably dealing with waste.

Carolina Dining Services has composted more than 4,300 tons of food scraps since it began its back-of-house operations in Top of Lenoir and Rams Head Dining Hall since 2000 and 2005, respectively.

Even the waste from Alpine Bagel gets composted.

Now CDS is handing the reins to the students with the launch of a pilot program in Bottom of Lenoir. Compost bins have been set up next to Freshens since Sept. 17, giving students a new way to dispose of waste.

All Freshens products are compostable, including the containers and cups. The containers from 1.5.O. are also compostable. Everything collected is sent to the Brooks Compost Facility and turned back into usable material.

It's not just the dining halls that are jumping into the compost heap feet first.

The Sustainability Living and Learning Community in Morrison Residence Hall has a successful compost program, where participants are issued bins for food scraps that are collected every week. The materials are taken to HOPE Gardens, where they are used to grow food for the Chapel Hill homeless community.

Student Government's environmental affairs committee plans to expand dorm composting to new communities this year.

The Greek Sustainability Council also wants to set up composting in sorority and fraternity kitchens.

But you don't have to wait for these programs to be brought to you. A small compost bin costs less than \$5, affordable on even a tightwad's budget. Student composting could save a huge amount of food waste per year.

Some might be hesitant to start composting because they don't know what to do with waste once it's in the bin— after all, rotting banana peels and decomposing apple cores might not be appealing to guests.

The Carolina Campus Community Garden is one answer. The garden, located behind the Carolina Inn, accepts fruit and vegetable scraps for composting.

They also take composted eggshells and coffee grounds (and let's be honest, coffee is almost its own food group for UNC students). Just don't throw any animal products, such as meat or dairy, into the compost container; non-biodegradable materials like plastic, glass and metal can't be taken by the garden either.

Waste not, want not. If the goal of environmentalism is to minimize our impact on the Earth, composting is basically a perfect solution: Literally taking the leftovers from what feeds us and putting it back in the soil to create more nourishment.

NEXT

10/3: AWRY AWARENESS  
Katherine Proctor discusses breast cancer awareness month.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Matt Leming, UNC Comics, facebook.com/unccomics



## Act against burglary

### A rise in on-campus burglaries calls for a new approach.

The past few years have seen a sharp rise in burglaries on UNC's campus. In 2007, there were only two burglary-related crimes. This number rose to 36 in 2011.

The Department of Public Safety needs to create an action plan to deal with this increase as soon as possible.

But the department does not see this rise in on-campus burglaries as alarming, and it has no action plan in the works to deal with the rise, said Randy Young, DPS spokesman.

As the department is the main body on campus for protecting public safety, it should take a more proactive approach in identifying the cause of the rise in crime and respond accordingly.

Not too long ago, students worried about theft of only their laptop computers.

Now, they also need to worry about tablets and smartphones, which are much slimmer and easier to carry off without the owner noticing.

As expensive technology becomes more compact, it also becomes easier to steal.

The changing nature of theft necessitates new approaches by DPS to guard against it.

However, preventing theft also requires the vigilance of the student body.

Students should be aware of their surroundings — as well as of the available resources for protecting the safety of their belongings. Two ways to do this are locking doors and not leaving personal items unattended.

A common misconception is that 911-related calls should only be dialed for major crimes.

However, students should also report suspicious activity.

At the end of the day, it takes work from both students and those who protect the campus to ensure the safety of students — and their belongings.

## Taxi rules bring benefits

### Students should use taxis after ordinance improvements.

Come Jan. 1, Chapel Hill will see taxi drivers adhering to a new set of rules.

The new changes are a welcome addition and a much needed face-lift to the decades-old ordinance.

Students should use the taxi services available in town, especially at night when it is less safe to walk.

At the last town council meeting, Chapel Hill approved changes to the town's taxi ordinance. Former Student Body President Mary Cooper started lobbying the council for the changes in

October 2011.

The centerpiece of the policy is a flat rate cost of either \$6 or \$8.

This applies in a one and a half mile radius around downtown. When the ordinance changes comes into effect, students will know exactly what they will pay for a ride home from Franklin Street. Such a simplification should encourage students to make use of the service more.

With the rise of burglaries and the recent high profile assaults in town, the change shows a commitment to student safety from Chapel Hill Town Council.

In addition to the flat rate, mandatory drug testing will be required for drivers wishing to acquire

a permit. Testing should increase safety on the town's roads.

Only cars registered with the Chapel Hill Police Department will be authorized to pick up citizens in the town. Taxis must have their registration stickers highly visible.

Formerly, taxi services from surrounding cities could poach Chapel Hill clients. Businesses that operate in the town should benefit from the policy.

While protecting local taxi companies, the town council has done an excellent job in providing students with an affordable and safe option to travel to their houses at night.

Thus, students should choose the safer option when traveling home.

## Big-box development

### New development is necessary for the town's growth.

Commercial development of all types is a necessary step toward providing residents with affordable retailers and businesses.

Big-box and high-rise developments are two of these types of commercial development, and they should be encouraged.

While small town character is important for maintaining the down-home, Mayberry-like appeal of Chapel Hill, the benefits of potential big-box and high-rise development outweigh their downsides.

Chapel Hill has a reputation of being an expen-

sive town to live in.

By allowing big-box development of affordable retail stores, Chapel Hill could enable more middle and lower income families to live here because it would diversify the tax base away from residential property taxes.

The town's tax base depends heavily on residential property taxes.

However, a partner in a local development firm said the proposed Obey Creek development, which would house a big-box store, could generate \$4.5 million in tax revenue.

Having these retailers closer by would be more convenient for residents that would otherwise have to travel elsewhere for them.

There's no doubt that with a growing population comes greater issues dealing with environmental degradation and stresses on infrastructure; such issues are inevitable with any type of development.

But urban sprawl has become an issue in many towns and cities because of zoning regulations prohibiting high-rise development.

Building upward as opposed to outward would help stave off the need to continue clear land.

High-rise development can and should be promoted in areas of Chapel Hill where it would not compromise the historical integrity of neighborhoods and areas such as Franklin Street.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I almost felt harassed. You couldn't walk through the Pit without being stopped three times for voter registration."

Erin Sanderson, a UNC graduate on 2008 voter enthusiasm

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"How about the burglary of our bikes by the corrupt DPS? Have anything to say about that?"

DPS is a scab., on the recent increase in on-campus burglaries

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn about the origins of inequality

TO THE EDITOR:  
You've likely heard the popular saying: "The rich get richer and the poor get poorer."  
You may also be familiar with the lines from Matthew 13:12: "For whoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath."  
Indeed, modern research increasingly shows that health inequalities at birth correlated with economic background can predict adult wealth or poverty.  
Whether you first encountered these ideas at a protest rally, in the Bible, or studying for an economics exam, hopefully they provoked you. Regardless of your politics, confronting the self-perpetuating nature of poverty ought to disturb you.  
To help lead interested Carolina students in thoughtful conversation toward understanding the reasons such social forces, Phi Beta Kappa has invited Dr. Janet Currie, professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University and the director of Princeton's Center for Health and Well Being, to our campus.  
Dr. Currie's current research focuses on socioeconomic differences in child health, as well as environmental threats to children's health from sources, such as toxic pollutants.  
Dr. Currie will deliver a lecture on "Inequality at Birth: Some Causes and Consequences" on Oct. 4 in the University Room, Hyde Hall. All interested undergraduate students are welcome. Please plan to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for a catered reception.  
In addition to her lecture, she will be visiting a public policy course and speaking at the Carolina Population Center weekly colloquium during her visit.  
Save the dates Oct. 4-5, and stay tuned for further updates.  
We hope to see you at Dr. Currie's lecture!

Emmett Gilles h13  
Vice President  
Phi Beta Kappa

Christianity: a complex and diverse religion

TO THE EDITOR:  
Ignorance is not bliss; it's arrogance and disrespect, both of which were prominent in Memet Walker's column ("How to Lose a Guy in 2,000 Years").  
Although I was saddened by this cheap shot, I was more surprised with the lack of knowledge about Christianity.  
Christianity isn't one monolithic group, and the idea that Jesus may have had a wife has been debated since 150 A.D.  
However, as the article does state, why believe the Bible? Parts of the Bible have been translated into more than 2,000 languages and thus it has questionable diction.  
As an Episcopalian, I don't take the Bible for face value. We read it with the message of spreading God's love.  
So let Jesus have a wife. It doesn't change the fact that my chaplain is a married woman, and my priest growing up was openly homosexual.  
So next time you want to bash someone, maybe you should be a fisher of facts.

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Carolina Performing Arts bucks tradition

TO THE EDITOR:  
I understand that art is difficult. I understand that art can be hard.  
But calling for a Carolina Performing Arts season of "well-known works that people actually want to see," as the editorial board did on Friday, is near-sighted at best and mostly misses the point of the Carolina Performing Arts program and artistic work in general.  
The CPA, under the innovative and adventurous leadership of Emil Kang, has developed a world-class reputation in a relatively limited amount of time.  
Yes, it is nice to present "big names" like Wynton Marsalis and Yo-Yo Ma as a way to increase ticket sales and expand audiences.  
But the only reason why UNC is home to a yearlong celebration of the centenary of Igor Stravinsky's landmark work "The Rite of Spring" is because Kang and his team have created an artistic environment that challenges tradition and invites debate on the very nature of performance.  
By pushing the proverbial envelope each season with risky and sometimes unpopular works, CPA has become a major player on the American artistic scene.  
It is perhaps worth noting that the current "Rite" festival might not even exist if Paris' Theatre des Champs-Elysees had taken the editorial board's advice and stuck to "well-known" works instead of performances that "people have never heard of."  
By taking a chance on something new and unknown, Stravinsky, Sergei Diaghilev and the Ballet Russes forever changed dance, music and the world.  
The audience may have rioted after the premiere in 1913, but the work, and its demanding spirit, are still alive 100 years later.

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