

Some faculty call for more transparency

An hourlong discussion focused on UNC's reaction to the CNN report.

By Amanda Albright
University Editor

Everyone on campus seems to be looking to Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Jim Dean to guide UNC through the latest athletic debacle — even the gym attendant he says offered him a towel and some advice Monday morning.

Dean, who has served as the voice of the administration the past few weeks, faced a larger crowd during an hourlong discussion with the faculty executive committee Monday, where faculty members urged a more transparent response to the allegations than what previous administrations had done.

Since the CNN report last week called into question the literacy of UNC's student athletes, the NCAA, Dean and men's basketball coach Roy Williams have expressed their doubts about the accuracy of the study cited. Officials say they still haven't received the data from the woman at the center of it all, former athletic tutor Mary Willingham.

"My impression from what I've read is that our responses have been framed in a way that looks at the weeds, or the leaves on the trees, rather than the forest," said Steve Bachenheimer, a microbiology professor and committee member.

"A fraction of students read or write in a level that is not dissimilar to descriptions in the paper. I'm wondering why the University doesn't own that and use that as a starting position."

Gregory Copenhaver, a biology professor on the committee, said the current response was eroding the UNC brand.

"But if we take the hit, step up and own it, and do everything we can to say, 'This is Ground Zero, we're going to build from here' ... If you own it, you maintain value of the brand."

Dean said the administration is not trying to sugarcoat the media reports — they're trying to understand them.

"How can I be more open minded then saying, please come talk to me and show me the data?" he said.

"Help me understand."

Dean said he is working to access the data that Willingham has used and make them public.

"I'm working on that with the chancellor, PR team and others," he said.

"It's an open issue ... About eight or 10 of us spent 6 hours in this room on Saturday trying to address this. Our first priority is to understand

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Bringing the masses together



Christine Jones sits in the pews at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church. The church has been in Chapel Hill for 150 years.



Richard Hunter is a Sunday School teacher at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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St. Paul AME Church celebrates 150 years with new project

By Kelsey Weekman
Staff Writer

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church has come a long way in 150 years.

In the beginning, the church consisted of 10 African-American families worshipping together under a grapevine at the corner of Franklin Street and Merritt Mill Road.

This year, the church will break ground on 48,000 square foot housing development and a surrounding village.

The Rev. Thomas O. Nixon of St. Paul said the town of Chapel Hill pitched the idea to the church and has been reviewing the development through its extensive approval process ever since.

"This project is not about St. Paul," he said. "It is meant to bring the masses together for a common cause."

St. Paul has been providing money for the consultants, architects and any tests and studies that have been a part of getting the village approved.

"There are a couple more hurdles to cross before the project is fully approved," he said. "Then we will be looking for help through grants and partnerships."

3 phases of development

The construction of St. Paul Village will take about 10 years once it is fully approved.

The village will be built in three phases. The first phase will provide a 600-seat Fellowship Hall, an administration building, a day care center, a gymnasium, a sales office, memorial gardens and 36 independent living apartments.

Phase two will provide a wellness center, sanctuary and a youth and senior center. The final stage will top off the village with an assisted living housing development and a health center.

The village will allow the church to relocate, expand its congregation and extend ministry to the community.

The goal of the three phases is to bal-

ance spiritual and physical health and bring youth and senior citizens together, while preserving the social, economic and cultural stability of the neighborhood.

St. Paul Village will not only bring housing and accommodations, but also jobs for people in the area that members of the church have been serving for years.

"We are very proud of the way we have moved our faith and actions beyond the confines of our building to the community," Nixon said. "We have done a lot so far, but there is more to be done."

The church will also help build a museum at the corner of Rogers and Purefoy Roads that will commemorate the historically black neighborhood that housed the county landfill for more than 40 years.

Bringing people together

Stephanie Perry, a member of the

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Obama to visit NC State

President Obama will speak on the economy Wednesday.

By Benji Schwartz
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama will visit N.C. State University Wednesday to make a speech about the economy at the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Complex at 1:05 p.m.

The event will be closed to the general public, with some tickets offered to NCSU students. In an email sent out Monday, NCSU Student Body President Alex Parker detailed how to get tickets. Students had to stand in line to get tickets, starting on Monday morning. The number of student tickets was not available.

"People are excited," said Sam Eliades, a student at NCSU, soon after the email went out. "I've heard people talking about it already — everyone wants to see the president."

Steven Greene, a political science professor at NCSU, said Obama might also address some of Gov. Pat McCrory's unemployment insurance cuts.

"One of the issues on the national scene right now is the extent of unemployment benefits," Greene said. "He may want to talk about how in North

Carolina we've been somewhat unique in the level we've pulled back unemployment benefits."

Students at UNC-CH also expressed interest in the event.

"I think many students at Chapel Hill — and that includes me — would want to see and hear the president," said Cole Wilhelmi, a sophomore at UNC-CH.

Obama spoke at UNC-CH in the spring of 2012.

Wednesday marks the president's third visit to North Carolina since the 2012 election. Greene said these visits can be expected for the next few years due to North Carolina's status as an emerging battleground state.

"States like Ohio and Florida have had (national focus) for years, and I think you can talk about North Carolina being one of those important states in the national political scene," he said.

Greene also said it was possible that the president's speech could broach other issues.

"I think it's pretty standard for him to talk about health care when he's making his economic case," Greene said. "Our period of hearing about the horror stories, the website and people losing their insurance seems to be in the rearview mirror, so he might make the strong positive case of that being part of his economic policy."

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on more than just the economy.

"It would be nice to see where he's going with health care, the NSA and other issues," Wilhelmi said.

But Micah Beasley, a spokesman for the N.C. Democratic Party, said this speech would likely only discuss the economy.

"I think the president's speech will be strictly about jobs in North Carolina," he said.

Although Obama's speech might not explicitly mention Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., and her upcoming re-election campaign, his visit might stir up voters for the senator, Greene said.

"Presidential visits to the state help invigorate the party base and can get people excited," he said. "Obviously it's a long way from the November election, but certainly anything that will energize Democratic voters in the state will help Kay Hagan."

"I think this election will be about who comes out to vote — which side is better at getting their voters out."

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Mental health talks pick up in NC

Discussions have arisen since a schizophrenic teen was killed.

By Hayley Fowler
Staff Writer

An ongoing conversation about the treatment of mental health patients in the state has started to gain a foothold in recent years.

And last week's shooting of a teenager in Southport who was in the midst of a schizophrenic episode has been brought up as an example of how the system needs reform.

Southport Police Chief J.V. Dove said Det. Byron Vassey shot and killed 18-year-old Keith Vidal, but would not comment on the circumstances around Vidal's death.

Vassey is on administrative leave pending the result of an FBI investigation. The details of the investigation have not been released. Vassey has served with the Southport police for nine years, Dove said.

Deby Dihoff, executive director of the state chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, said she hopes Vidal's case is an outlier.



Keith Vidal was in the midst of a schizophrenic episode when he was shot and killed by police last week.

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Last day to add a course or late register: This is the last day to add a course or late register using the web registration system.
Time: All day
Location: Online

Sarah Walker (Lecture): UNC alumna Sarah Walker will present a visiting artist lecture, sponsored by the University's art department. Walker's works offer a contemporary version of Chinese scholars' rocks, which serve as meditation and creative

objects. In her paintings, Walker implies that objects are a cross-road of process, time and space. Free and open to the public.
Time: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Hanes Art Center Room 121

WEDNESDAY
Campus Y Open House: It may be spring semester, but you can still join the Campus Y. Learn ways to get involved with one of its 30 social justice committees. Refreshments will be provided.
Time: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Campus Y

International Coffee Hour: Join international members of the UNC community and students interested in global involvement for this monthly event. Refreshments will be provided.
Time: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center

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Hops halts fire

From staff and wire reports

Maybe the world can be made a better place with beer. That's what an off-duty Texas firefighter tried to do recently when he used beer to battle a blaze that started on an 18-wheeler alongside the highway.

Capt. Craig Moreau discovered the truck driver was carrying Coors Banquet in his haul and promptly dumped the beer on the tire that was the source of the fire.

The tire did explode, but Moreau was able to stave off the flame. We'll drink to that.

NOTED. Saverio Bellante, a man in Ireland, has been arrested after confessing to killing and then eating his landlord's heart after a spat regarding a yearlong chess game.

So, what do normal people after a chess battle?

QUOTED. "On a recent plane ride to L.A., I sprayed myself five times."
— Martha Stewart, TV personality and lace doily extraordinaire, comments on just one part of her ridiculously meticulous skin moisturizing routine.

POLICE LOG

- Someone broke into and entered two vehicles at 1 Chase Ave. between 8 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person entered the unlocked vehicles and stole a total of \$25 in cash, reports state.
- Someone reported loud bass music at 500 S. Heritage Loop at 11:47 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a suspicious condition at 1709 High School Road between 11:55 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
Vehicles were found to be on a field after school hours, reports state.
- Someone vandalized a vehicle at St. Thomas More Catholic Church at 940 Carmichael St. between 12:01 a.m. and 12:12 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
There was spray paint on the vehicle that caused damage estimated at \$100, reports state.
- Someone reported a suspicious person in a parking lot area at 410 W. Franklin St. at 12:27 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone stole a cell phone at a bar or nightclub at 100 E. Franklin St. between 1 a.m. and 7:48 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The Apple iPhone 4s was valued at \$250, reports state.
- Someone trespassed at 1607 Old Oxford Road at 10:39 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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Men’s Project to teach violence prevention

The program will include 20 UNC men and focus on peer education.

By Sara Salinas
Staff Writer

This semester, a group of male students will begin tackling one of the toughest questions: What does it mean to be a man?

The UNC Men’s Project will bring together about 20 male students from diverse backgrounds to discuss masculinity and interpersonal violence prevention. The project, funded by a grant from the Verizon Foundation for almost \$24,000, will begin the week of Feb. 3 and last 12 weeks.

Students have until Jan. 20 to apply to be a part of the group, which will create a peer educator curriculum and a social media campaign.

Bob Pleasants, UNC’s interpersonal violence

prevention coordinator, said they made the application available last week, and by Friday, the group had already received submissions.

“I think we’re going to get a strong pool of men,” he said.

Pleasants, who is on the project’s advisory board, said he has wanted to put together this project for five years and hopes it will continue in future years. He said the goal is to create a space where men can talk openly about masculinity and become educated on violence prevention. He said he hopes those students will then go out into the larger campus and educate those around them.

Rebecca Macy, associate dean for academic affairs at the School of Social Work, said projects that involve men have shown great promise in interpersonal violence prevention.

“There is a lot of evidence that shows changing norms in a given community can be really valuable and can reduce sexual assault

APPLY FOR THE PROJECT

Time: Applications due Jan. 20, program begins the week of Feb. 3

Application: uncmensproject.com

in a given community or on a given campus,” she said.

Macy said sexual assault programs generally focus heavily on empowering women to prevent attacks. She said programs like One Act take the bystander approach and focus on secondary prevention — placing more of the burden on women to ward off attacks.

But recently, she said, programs have begun to focus on primary prevention — changing male attitudes toward women in order to prevent potential attacks.

“More and more the researchers in this field are thinking, ‘We need to get men

involved in this,’” she said.

Ping Nguyen, a senior who said he is passionate about ending interpersonal violence, said it is incredibly important for men to get involved in violence prevention.

“It’s important to have men involved in the conversation to rethink masculinity,” he said. “It says to the nation that UNC is serious about taking on interpersonal violence.”

Macy said she hasn’t seen many programs like the UNC’s Men’s Project, and she’s happy to see the University be innovative with violence prevention. She emphasized that the reality is most men never commit acts of sexual violence and that there’s potential in collaborating with men on violence prevention.

“Most of us will never be victims and most of us will never perpetrate, but we all want to live in violence-free communities.”

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BOOKS GO FOR A WALK



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The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School’s Parent University Program has launched a new program called Reading Without Limits with several other partners.

Reading Without Limits combines literacy with activity

By Zhai Yun Tan
Staff Writer

A stroll in the park is now not merely a matter of exercise — it can also be an opportunity to improve literacy.

Through the program “Reading Without Limits” — launched by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools’s Parent University, Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate and other organizations in November — a few parks and communities in the area now have brightly illustrated children’s books adorning the sidewalks.

Pages of the books are separated and spread onto several upright posts to form a “story walk,” so parents can read with their children as they walk along the path. Each child who finishes the walk and submits his or her information at the end will receive the story book in either English or Spanish for free at the end of the month.

The story walks are present in the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association, South Estes and Hargraves Community Centers in Chapel Hill, as well as at the Henry Anderson Park in Carrboro.

Carla Smith, the parent engagement specialist at Parent University, said she was inspired to start this program after attending an international parent’s education conference.

“We thought it would be a good way to get parents to get engaged with reading if we would put them in communities,” she said.

“Our goal is to increase literacy and to get families reading and moving.”

Besides improving literacy, the program also aims to encourage activity.

“I’m really excited about this program because it’s a great way for the schools to reach out into the communities where the students and parents live. It allows us to go work with them where they are,” said Graig Meyer, the director of the Blue Ribbons Mentor-Advocate.

“It’s interactive, it includes reading, walking and being out and about in your community,” he said. “It will also increase literacy because we’re building libraries in kids’s homes.”

The books, which are changed each month, were chosen with the recommendation of the Chapel Hill Public Library and tested out with an elementary school student.

“We took around 20 books the public library

recommended. We sorted through it and gave the books to a young student, a little girl in the third grade. She read the books and told us what she liked,” Smith said. “Those books were what we decided to use for the year.”

Corrinia Goode, a junior at Chapel Hill High School, is one of the high school students involved with the program under the Blue Ribbon Youth Leadership Institute. She helped set up the story walks and read to the children as they walked.

“The parents were excited when we first introduced the program because it got their kids reading out of the classroom,” she said. “It was something that occupied the kids’s time and it was a productive way to do that.”

She said her favorite part was reading to the kids and getting to see their reactions.

“It was a great experience to get to know the kids around my community while helping them to learn and be active,” she said.

The current book on the walks is “Grandma’s Gift” by Eric Vasquez, which will be on display through Jan. 20.

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County commissioner announces retirement

After 24 years on the board, Alice Gordon will not run for re-election.

By Patrick Millett
Staff Writer

When Alice Gordon thinks about her 24 years as an Orange County commissioner, she remembers conserving thousands of acres of land across the county and approving innovative science wings at schools.

Gordon announced last week she would not be seeking re-election. She was first elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 1990, and her sixth and final term will expire this December.

“I felt it was time,” Gordon said. “I’ve accomplished most of what I wanted to do.”

During her time as commissioner, Gordon focused on protecting the environment, improving public schools and developing public transportation.

Gordon said she believes her greatest accomplishment in environmental protection is the county’s Lands Legacy Program. It has protected over 2,500 acres of forest, farmland and historic sites to date through both outright purchase and donated or purchased conservation easements.

She emphasized she will con-

tinue to work on improving educational facilities during her remaining time on the board.

And she said she takes great pride in the new Culbreth Middle School science wing.

“I really hope we can take these older schools and improve them,” Gordon said. “I’m hoping this Culbreth science wing can be a model of what we can do.”

Carrboro Alderman Randee Haven-O’Donnell, who Gordon helped mentor in her initial campaign for the Board of Aldermen, said she is sad to see her leave.

“Gordon was one of the most conscious, thoughtful leaders in not only our county, but in our state,” Haven-O’Donnell said. “She had always been so truthful and transparent.”

Gordon served as chairwoman of the Triangle Transit Board of Trustees and on the policy board of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization. She is now a member of the organization, the regional transportation planning body for the western part of the Triangle area.

Gordon was awarded the Goodmon Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership by an Elected Official in 2006 by the Leadership Triangle for her significant contributions in the areas of environmental protection and regional transportation.



COURTESY OF ALICE GORDON

Alice Gordon will not seek re-election to the Orange County Board of Commissioners. She has served as a commissioner for 24 years.

And in 2012, the Chapel Hill Historical Society honored her as a Town Treasure for her many contributions to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community.

“I’ll miss the people and interactions with the various people — the commissioners, the staff and the other jurisdictions,” Gordon said.

She said she hopes to leave a legacy of passion and drive.

“I hope they remember I was a passionate, caring commissioner, and they remember I did work hard over these years to leave a legacy of my three major focus

areas of environmental protection, improved education and accessible transportation,” Gordon said.

Commissioner Renee Price said she is sad to see her leave but believes her legacy will live on.

“When I found out she was retiring, I immediately emailed her telling her that we still need her to help with everything because she is such a great resource,” she said.

Gordon said she hasn’t considered her plans for after retirement.

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Alert Carolina reviews timeliness

Some Alert Carolina text messages were not received immediately.

By Andy Willard
Assistant University Editor

Tyler Jacon is the chairman of the Student Safety and Security Committee, but even he didn’t get the Alert Carolina safety warnings promptly during Saturday’s strong storms.

Weather conditions in Chapel Hill were so severe Saturday that a tornado warning was issued by an Alert Carolina message via text message — but a slight minority of students did not immediately receive the warning.

Jacon said the message was late on his Sprint-serviced cellphone.

Students with certain cell phone carriers might receive the Alert Carolina messages later than others, but there was no real lapse in Alert Carolina technology Saturday, Jacon said.

“It seems like it was limited to certain carriers,” he said.

Randy Young, spokesman for UNC’s Department of Public Safety, said the department does a review after each Alert Carolina is issued. So far, he said the department has received positive reviews about the response to the tornado.

Alert Carolina messages were sent out through email and text. On Saturday, the sirens on campus sounded an alarm as well.

“It acted as the system was activated and did what it was supposed to do,” he said. “I can’t confirm what the service issues were. The sirens acted as they were supposed to.”

Jacon said he thought the system has worked effectively this academic year.

He also said the responses last semester to the fire at Cobb Residence Hall and the armed robbery on Halloween were well handled.

“The system is designed to use as many modes of communication as possible, you still get the email, the sirens. The text wasn’t even that informative, it was pretty broad but the email was pretty informative,” he said.

“There wasn’t any lapse or notification issues. It may be worth looking into why some people didn’t get it.”

South Moore, co-chairman of the Executive Branch Public Safety Committee, said the committee discussed the text message issues at their meeting.

“There’s always a certain number of text messages that for some reason don’t get sent in a timely manner, and that has to do with phone service.”

He said the committee is also working on adding desktop notifications for Alert Carolina in the future.

University Editor Amanda Albright contributed reporting.

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CITY BRIEF

Chapel Hill Police to promote crosswalk safety this month

Chapel Hill Police were awarded the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety’s top award as the “North Carolina Traffic Safe Community of the Year” for 2013. To promote traffic safety, officers will conduct events at several crosswalks this month.

Officers may cite drivers for failure to yield to pedestrians within crosswalks and cite pedestrians for crossing against signals or outside the crosswalk. Fines and court costs for these violations begin at \$213.

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Sarah Walker stands in front of a piece on display at her exhibition in Hanes Art Center. Her acrylic paintings will be displayed in the John and June Alcott Gallery until Jan. 31.

Q&A with artist Sarah Walker

Artist and UNC alumna Sarah Walker is known for her unique acrylic paint-layering technique, which lends an element of accumulation to her work. As part of the Hanes Visiting Artist series, Walker will talk about her work on Tuesday. Her work is also on display in the John and June Alcott Gallery throughout January.

Staff writer Paige Hopkins spoke with Walker about her paintings and the stories behind them.

Daily Tar Heel: Some of your work was inspired by time spent with obsessive-compulsive hoarders, how did those experiences influence your work?

Sarah Walker: For a period of many years, I spent the summers with my stepmother who at first did not manifest the signs of hoarding, but then each summer I would come back and find another layer of material, and it was all stacking up; it wasn't organized in the typical way, it almost seemed like geological deposits.

I was quite fascinated by that because my biological mother, with whom I lived for the balance of the year, pretty much liked to throw everything away that was related to the past. And I liked to save everything. So being around my stepmother caused me to imagine a different reality in which everything could be saved.

DTH: Your new pieces deal with Chinese scholar's rocks. What is a scholar's rock, and how do they relate to your newest paintings?

SW: I wanted to actually have an object in my paintings, which was a shocker to me because I had basically rejected painting objects of any kind for years and years. But I knew my objects couldn't just be the standard objects from the terrestrial world. They had to combine traits of spaces, of pattern, of object, of architecture; they had to be kind of like a multiple object all in one. As a model for that, because I had been interested in them for a long long time, I took the Chinese scholar's rock.

What a Chinese scholar's rock is is quite a curious phenomenon and quite a curious object. The scholar's rocks for hundreds of years were these highly elaborate natural stones that would sit on the desks of scholars and poets as a way to give them access to maybe what we might call today their subconscious in terms of allowing a plethora in complexity in association to manifest with which they could build their scholarly, literary or poetic work.

Their form is so complex they're almost formless, and yet, they're endlessly evocative. I love that idea, and it serves me as the touchstone to think about how a painting

VISIT THE EXHIBIT:

- Time:** Until Jan. 31
- Location:** John and June Alcott Gallery
- Info:** www.art.unc.edu

could also be like that.

DTH: How has your UNC education helped you in your career?

SW: I really learned how to think visually for myself in graduate school. It had a lot of utility being not in the big city I came from, the San Francisco Bay area, and I appreciated that I could be removed from the art world at large in order to put down something very idiosyncratic that gave me a lot of pleasure in going to the studio to pursue.

It wasn't like anything else; it was my particular set of terms that I was learning how to build a creative structure around. So it was absolutely great.

And Chapel Hill is gorgeous. I just loved being there — I loved the weather, I loved the cicadas and the thunder storms, and I loved it when in the winter time, every so often it would be 75 degrees with warm winds blowing through the bare trees and light fluffy clouds skidding by. It was just spectacular. I totally enjoyed my time there.

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FACULTY RESPONSE

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what truth there may be in the allegations that have been made."

Dean said the new vice chancellor for public relations, Joel Curran, has been heavily involved in the response to the allegations. But some faculty have noticed one face missing from the response. Chancellor Carol Folt has

not made a statement about the reports, participated in any press conference or been quoted in any article.

"Folt is in the honeymoon period, and she needs to step up the substance of what she has to say," Copenhaver said.

Dean said there is work being done to find the truth about the statistics, and the efforts of the Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group make him optimistic for the future.

"I'm not just saying, blah blah blah, we're working on this," he said. "I do think we're asking the right questions. We do want to say Carolina is a national leader, but right now it's a little hard to say. But I believe ... we will. "We will have something to be proud of."

Staff writer Colleen Moir contributed reporting.

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MENTAL HEALTH

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"The biggest challenge is that the system has been churning in chaos and change for the last 10 to 12 years. When things change constantly it's remarkably destabilizing to people," she said.

Dr. David Rubinow, chairman of the UNC psychiatry department, said the state needs to do more than talk about the system's problems.

Rubinow said the state paid a consultant to evaluate the mental health system a little more than a decade ago.

The consultant reported the state spent too much per capita on hospitals, and state money should be focused on initiatives that provide mental health patients support at the community level, Rubinow said.

"The more effective care was to create capacity in the community," he said.

The state cut funding to hospitals, but the money intended for community-based care was given to other parts of the state's budget, Rubinow said.

"That's the balance. The goal is to keep people out of the hospital," he said. "You have to deliver health care and create a healthful context in their communities where they live."

But Marc Jacques, executive director of the nonprofit N.C. Mental Health Consumer's Organization, said the state is not focused on recovery for mental health care.

The state medicates and releases mental health patients without teaching them to take care of themselves, he said.

"They are released with absolutely no skills, leaving them to face the same stressor that brought them there," he said.

Jacques has paranoid schizophrenia, and has spent most of his life learning to live with his disorder.

At a young age, Jacques said there was little readily available recovery information.

"How much better would it be for a young person that gets their recovery information at a young age?" he said. "It would change the course of their life."

Still, Dihoff thinks things

are improving.

She said police officers are given Crisis Intervention Training that teaches officers to bring mental health patients to treatment rather than jail.

Gov. Pat McCrory's administration is working towards integrated patient care that combines physical and behavioral disabilities, Dihoff said.

McCrory's administration started the Crisis Solution Initiative in November.

The initiative will bring health care and government leaders together to discuss optimal care available for mental health patients.

A coalition, which was established as part of the initiative, met for the first time in December to discuss inefficiencies in the system.

Jacques said few people with mental illnesses are disabled by it, and most live and work in society without anyone realizing they have a disorder.

"You don't have to be sick forever," he said.

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DTH/CATHERINE HEMMER

The congregation of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church prays during a service at the 150 year-old church on Jan.10. The church first met in 1864, starting with ten African-American families.

CHURCH

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church's communications committee, has been attending St. Paul for about a year. "There is a great family

atmosphere here," she said. "It really brings people together."

Bringing people together has been Nixon's inspiration since he was appointed by the bishop to be pastor of St. Paul in 2004.

The church will be having community events to commemorate its 150th anniversary all year long.

In March, the church will host its second annual 5K, which will help fund St. Paul Village. U.S. Rep. James E. Clyburn of South Carolina will visit in April, and May will feature a gospel concert headlined by Luther Barnes.

Though the groundbreaking ceremony for St. Paul vil-

"It is meant to bring the masses together for a common cause."

The Rev. Thomas Nixon,
Reverend at St. Paul's

lage is slated for this October, it could be 12 months before construction begins.

"There's still a lot of work to do before we start seeing bulldozers," Nixon said. "It's going to be a long journey, but it is going to provide so much for the area."

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American studies rejects Israel boycott

The University took a stance against the boycott in December.

By Carolyn Ebeling
Staff Writer

UNC's Department of American Studies voted last week to support the University's stance against the American Studies Association's boycott of Israeli higher education institutions. Chancellor Carol Folt and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Jim Dean released a joint statement in December rejecting the national organization's resolution. The letter said they support academic freedom and international collaboration.

The American studies department's meeting to discuss the boycott was limited

to faculty of the department, but chairman Bernie Herman said there will be a forum in the future that will involve students as well as the community as a whole.

Herman said 12 out of the full 15 faculty members attended the discussion, while the rest expressed their views by other means.

"Everyone had the opportunity to express their opinion, and at the end we crafted the statement," he said.

Herman said the department would not take a stand on the substance of boycotting Israeli higher education because that remains up to each person to decide.

"We have an unwavering commitment to academic freedom in matters of freedom of expression, assembly and dissent," he said.

But Neel Ahuja, an English and comparative literature

professor, wrote an editorial questioning UNC's rejection of the boycott in the online academic journal Ethos.

In the letter, he said Folt and Dean's notion of academic freedom is largely confined to institutional access rather than complete academic freedom.

"Arab students in Israeli schools face systematic barriers to access deriving from compromised citizenship status," he said.

Ari Gauss, executive director of North Carolina Hillel, a foundation for Jewish campus life in North Carolina, said he and his organization stand with the chancellor's decision to reject the boycott.

"We stand behind the principle of academic freedom," he said. "It seems to me fundamentally confused that the ASA is singling out Israel for its lack of academic freedom and punishing it by limiting

its academic freedom."

Gauss said he does not believe that Israel is a flawless country, but he does does think that there are many other countries with far more limits than Israel.

"Certainly I understand that people look at Israel and take issue with some of its policies — it's not perfect, but I don't know a country that is," he said.

Junior Layla Quran is a member of the on-campus group Students for Justice in Palestine and emigrated from Palestine at the age of four.

Quran said it is important to note how deeply what she considers human rights violations on the part of the Israeli government affect Palestinian residents.

"If I were to go back to Palestine now as a U.S. citizen, I wouldn't even be able to go to a university in

Jerusalem because of my ethnicity," she said. "Academic freedom is not a pick-and-choose thing — it should be open to everyone."

Gauss said he does not believe that the boycott is in line with Jewish tradition by any means.

"The Jewish people value

intellectual discourse and disagreements, but we also value discussion and broadening our respective horizons by encountering the other and hearing the other and respecting the other, even though we may in the end disagree."

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REACTIONS TO THE ISRAEL BOYCOTT

The boycott of Israeli higher education institutions has been met with controversy on campus:

- Dec. 16: The American Studies Association votes to boycott Israeli higher education institutions.
- Dec. 20: The Association of American Universities releases a statement condemning the boycott. The statement

says the boycott violates academic freedom.

- Dec. 31: Chancellor Carol Folt and Executive Vice Chancellor Jim Dean release a statement announcing UNC's rejection of the boycott.
- Jan. 8: UNC's American studies department votes to support Folt and Dean's position on the boycott.

UNC looks for improvement in off week

The basketball team could end its losing streak on Saturday.

By Brooke Pryor
Senior Writer

On the other side of the loss to No. 2 Syracuse, the North Carolina men's basketball team looked at a week of empty dates.

There would be no shot at quick redemption, no immediate chance to rinse a bad taste.

But coach Roy Williams doesn't mind the break in action. For the 63-year-old coach, the week is a chance to re-evaluate and heal his bruised team.

"If I were a player, I'd hate it. I'd want to get back out there and play somebody," Williams said Saturday. "As a coach I like it because we've got to give them some time to rest their body and get some injuries to heal up a little bit.

"As a coach, it does give us some time to work on a few

things. But as a player, I'd hate it. I'd be so damn competitive that I'd want to get back out there and kill somebody every day."

Even though, as a player, forward James Michael McAdoo would like a shot at redemption, the junior agrees with his coach that the Tar Heels' best shot at improvement might come from the confines of the Smith Center.

"Of course you want to get out there and play, but we've had our opportunities, we've had our chances," he said Saturday. "You kind of just have to play to the cards dealt to you and learn from this, these three losses."

Faced with an extensive list of problems after falling to the ACC's basement, Williams isn't concentrating his efforts on correcting one area.

"This would be the equivalent of taking your car in for a tune-up where they check everything," he said in the ACC coaches teleconference.

"At the inspection, they

check everything. You're not going to just to get your teeth clean. You're going to go get some work done on every tooth. If you're taking the car in, you're going to get some work done on every part of the car and make sure that you've got it in position that it can work effectively, and that's what we've got to do."

Williams began his week of rehabilitation with a film session Sunday night where the focus wasn't solely on pointing out the negatives.

Williams praised his team for its first possession against Syracuse — one in which the Tar Heels moved fluidly after winning the tip off and finished with a jumper from McAdoo 23 seconds into the game.

Though there are many things on Williams' to-do list — improve shooting, limit turnovers, increase movement — the 11-year UNC coach lamented on his radio show Monday night there are deeper problems than the shortcomings translated in



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Coach Roy Williams crouches on the sideline during the game at Wake Forest on Jan. 5.

the box score.

"The kids have to invest more," Williams said. "I need to do a better job. But we're not folding up the tents ... I've got to figure out a way to get

them to play harder. That's my job."

The week off is a time for improvement, a time for introspection, a time for healing — all things this Tar Heels

team desperately needs to have a legitimate chance of climbing the ACC ladder from the bottom rung.

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Town Council extends Obey Creek planning

By Jonathan Moyer
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill might be one step closer to getting a big box retailer.

The planning of the Obey Creek development — which could attract a retailer like Target — was extended at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday.

The council voted to split the negotiations phase of the development — allowing a phase for gathering information and revising a plan, and one for negotiations.

The development, situ-

ated on U.S. Highway 15-501, which would add residential and commercial space, was reported on by the Obey Creek Compass Committee.

The committee was made up of residents from Chapel Hill, including Southern Village, a similar development across the road.

Jason Damweber, the assistant to the town manager, requested the council to approve the second phase of development.

Phase two, the negotiation phase, would include community input, public workshops and end with a petition to the

council for approval.

Victor Dover, one of the planners for the development, emphasized making the development as similar to Southern Village as possible, while maintaining economic viability.

“It’s tempting in sensitive development sites to try and minimize the impact, visual and otherwise, by pushing things farther apart,” he said.

Ken Broun represented the compass committee, and said he was hopeful the site would balance economic, social and environmental goals for Chapel Hill, then asked to extend the first exploratory

phase to gather more information about the development.

“The committee’s recommendation is that the exploratory phase be extended before the council enters into negotiations with the development agreement,” said Broun.

More than 20 members of the Southern Village community, supported the compass committee’s findings, though most expressed concern that the development was moving forward without their input.

Many of the committee members said they were most concerned that the traffic would become unmanageable.

Chris Mumford defended the small-town atmosphere he said he was worried the new development might damage.

“There is a ‘Chapel Hill-ness,’” he said. “It’s that sense of community and just a thinking person’s place to live.”

Council member Jim Ward assured concerned residents that phase two did not guarantee approval of the plan, and that traffic information could be collected then.

“We’ll get the technical information that we need based on a plan,” Ward said.

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IN OTHER NEWS

Time constraints prevented a resolution about a state law that permits concealed firearms in public parks, but Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt made it clear that this delay was only to strengthen the resolution.

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All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses.

Compiled by staff writer Aaron Cranford.



Pita Pit gets brand new set of pipes

The Franklin Street Pita Pit experienced renovations over winter break, but no one will notice the changes when they go inside.

Owner Josh Sanders said the store had a plumbing issue and had to install new pipes throughout their store.

“These buildings are all getting to be a hundred years old,” Sanders said.

“We started to notice water outside the store, so we called someone to do a routine check. The pipes were completely disintegrated. They literally re-layed all of the pipes in our entire store.”

Sanders said he decided to have the work done over break so the store would not have to close while school was in session.

He said the worst part about closing for a week was having to part with their entire inventory of food.

“We don’t have a single piece of food that would last nine days, so we had to reorder food,” Sanders said.

“That was probably the worst part of it. We gave away as much food as possible — to friends and employees. I hate seeing food go to waste, so that was the worst part.”



Home decor store opens in Carr Mill

Sandra Siano feels like her childhood dreams are coming true after she opened her own store, La Boutique Lane, in Carrboro’s Carr Mill Mall.

La Boutique Lane opened on Dec. 15. The store sells home decor and Siano’s artwork.

“We have all of the things to pamper your house like furniture, accessories, glassware, picture frames and more,” Siano said. “I am really passionate about the store. This is a place to combine all of my passions into one. My art is mostly modern abstract, but I do mosaic as well.”

Siano said she picked Carr Mill Mall for her store’s location because she frequented the shopping center, and she enjoyed the atmosphere.

“I love this building and the feel of this place,” she said. “Everyone that has a shop here is local. It has the feel of real people that own their own shops. When I first met the manager of the mall, he was also really nice.”

She said she has been getting positive feedback, and she is ready to meet more great people.

“We opened not being ready, but so many people have said nice things,” Siano said. “We have been meeting wonderful people, and more then more wonderful people.”



Art store transitions to 300 East Main

WomanCraft Handcrafted Gifts has moved from The Shops at Eastgate to the 300 East Main development in Carrboro after its lease was not renewed.

Brenda Scott, a member of the co-op, said they had to move because they possibly lost their lease to a bigger bid.

“We think that they are putting in a Petco, so we lost to big bucks,” she said. “We are finding the Carrboro community really welcoming, and we are throwing a grand opening event on Feb. 10.”

Scott said the business has been around for more than 40 years, and the employees know everything about their products because they make them.

“We have a large variety of gifts and art,” she said. “When we work in the store, we know the artisan and how they made it. We know the artists and the artist’s process. If a customer can wait, we can contact the artists, and they can make the right size or make the piece in a specific color.”

Sue Kopkind, the coordinator for WomanCraft Gifts, said they would have liked to stay at Eastgate, but they think the new location will be good for business.

“We had been trying to renew the contract since March, but they kept waffling,” Kopkind said. “In September they said that, ‘We are not renewing your lease.’”

UNC may avoid losing money to Belk Bowl

About 10,000 of UNC’s allotted tickets for the game were sold.

By Sarah Moseley
Staff Writer

Even after reducing student ticket prices by two-thirds for last month’s Belk Bowl in Charlotte, UNC’s athletic department likely won’t lose money on costs of the game.

The University sold about 1,000 of its allotted tickets to students at \$25 per ticket — compared to the \$75 face value. The reduction in price left UNC with about \$50,000 in student ticket expenses to pay back to the bowl, said Rick Steinbacher, senior associate athletic director for external communications.

website.

“It was a little softer compared to previous years,” Sabo said.

Jon Jackson, a spokesman for Duke University’s athletic department, said he could not disclose ticket figures for the Chick-fil-A Bowl in Atlanta, in which Duke lost to Texas A&M University, but that their sales for bowl game tickets were high this year and last.

“In the past two years, generous donors have purchased an allotment of bowl tickets so that Duke students can attend the games free of charge,” Jackson said.

Overall, the 2013 football

“(Belk Bowl attendance) was a little softer compared to previous years.”

Tim Sabo,
assistant athletic director for ticket operations

postseason bowl series was a record-breaking year for the Atlantic Coast Conference, said Jeff Elliott, the Senior Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration for the conference.

“We had 11 (teams in bowls),” Elliott said. “No conference has ever had that many before.”

These numbers also mean more overall revenue for teams in the ACC — which

will help UNC pay for its Belk Bowl expenses.

Elliott said the ACC collected payouts from the 11 participating teams and distributed the monies evenly to all 14 conference teams.

The conference is expected to receive about \$25 million from the Bowl Championship Series.

As for bowl games not part

of the BCS, Elliott said there will be some small additional monies coming from those games.

Those numbers won’t be known until the end of March, he said, leaving the possibility open that UNC will break even with its expenses.

“The tickets we receive are the individual school’s responsibility,” Elliott said. “Our goal is to have all of our schools sell their ticket allotment, but that’s getting more and more difficult.”

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BELK BOWL

12,500

bowl tickets allotted to UNC

10,000

bowl tickets sold by UNC

\$25

charged by UNC for student tickets (1,000 total)

\$75

charged for non-student tickets (around 9,000)

Council meeting recap

Chapel Hill Town Council weighs in on sidewalk dining, guns on playgrounds. See pg. 6 for story.

Pushing for top dollar

Some political leaders project North Carolina will see major job growth in 2014. See online for story.

Meditative medium

Contemporary artist Sarah Walker offers up fresh versions of Chinese scholars’ rocks. See online for Q&A.

Honor Court changes

The Faculty Executive Committee discusses Honor Court reform in meeting. See online for story.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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6 2013 World Series champs, familiarly

9 PC problem solver

13 Garlicky sauce

14 Stinky Le Pew

15 Storybook baddie

16 Recycled sheets for scribbling

18 Senior’s big dance

19 Rain heavily

20 Dry as the Gobi

21 Perfect spots

22 Org. headed by the U.S. Comptroller General

23 End-of-filming cast event

25 “Alley ____”

26 Under lock and

27 Pervasive glow

28 Used a rotary phone

30 Fried rice ingredient

31 Spider’s trap

34 Scandal-ridden Texas-based corporation

35 Pirate’s “yes”

36 Odometer button

38 Fast sports cars

39 “Great” primate

40 Skiing coats

41 Rain delay rollout

43 Pick up the tab

44 Tattoos, slangily

45 Toy gun

loaded with rolls

48 Morning hrs.

49 Plane handler

50 Stun with a police gun

51 Shopping bag

53 Admit frankly

54 Scrubbing brand with two periods in its name

56 Christmas candle scent

57 Works in un museo

58 With glee

59 Serving whiz

60 Golfer’s smallest wood?

61 Tough journeys

DOWN

1 Brewer’s oven

2 “Good job!”

3 Ripped to shreds

4 Shrine to remember

5 Dot on a domino

6 Old-timey photo hue

7 Spot with regular and guest columnists

8 Gen-____: millennial

precéder

9 First-rate

10 Long-legged wader

11 Chum

12 Tailoring borders

14 Fencing defense

17 Poked at like a cat

21 Lobed organ

24 Wrinkly little dog

25 Keats’ “____ on Melancholy”

26 Historical novelist

Follett

29 Suffered a blackout

30 Cyclone center

32 Ice cream treat

33 Jack’s access

35 Supplier of software

hidden in 16-, 23-, 45- and 54-Across

36 Bit of sunlight

37 Pooh-pooher’s sound

39 Tycoon Onassis

40 Prefix with -lithic

42 On point

43 Hustlers chasing rustlers

45 Word with duty or pride

46 Like a hermit

47 Personal shopper’s asset

48 For the bond-issue price

49 Bearded Smurf

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55 TSA employee

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Living this page in history

Like many students, I was born in 1992, a year of turning points for history. Yugoslavia began to dissolve, “The Silence of the Lambs” became the first horror film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture and a Canadian baseball team won the World Series. Most famously perhaps, it was the year that brought the formal end of the Cold War.

While I may not remember these events, reading about them today is as easy as a few strokes of my keyboard. They fill the pages of Wikipedia and of books written and yet to be written. “Events” like these are the points of familiar knowledge unfamiliar people share; they remind us what page of history we’re on and inform our sense of the world.

We gain much through this version of history, but do we lose anything in the process?

Taking a break from work for a few days this past winter break, I decided to re-explore the Pennsylvanian town my family originally hails from. My great-grandfather had traveled here from the Austrian partition of Poland at the turn of the 20th century, and after a period in the coal mines, had opened up a grocery store that pushed his family into the middle class.

As I walked through the city, however, I wondered if it would be recognizable to him today. Here, the median household income hasn’t broken \$38,000 in recent memory, and the poverty line hasn’t budged below 20 percent either. I pondered what the stories here would be if they made it into the newspapers:

“Boy joins one in three metro area children living in poverty”; “Middle-aged mother still working for minimum wage”; “Another student drops college as tuition hikes continue.”

For everyone from similar towns, these situations hold little shock value. Examples of how our growing economy is failing to deliver its benefits to the bulk of citizens are increasingly commonplace. They are representative of how the historical bargain with the American middle-class — that if you work hard, you will earn a decent living — has been broken.

For these people, there was no attention-grabbing historical event that has gripped America with their growing struggle. The middle class is not going out with a bang but a forced squeeze, and there are no clear and compelling “events” like the success of Sputnik that spurred education reform or the 9/11 attacks that yielded homeland security measures. How do we motivate ourselves to care and respond?

I believe we must listen to the other narratives of history that elude our typical news sources: the experiences of the ordinary people who live it. To begin expanding rather than restricting the American Dream, we must shed light and value beyond the events of our institutions onto the lives of those who work inside them. And here, few things in our culture, whether popular or political, can guide us. Instead, the other common points in life we share — love of family, support of friends, hope for a better life — can give us a cause to remember that we are not only living but writing this page of history together.

NEXT
1/15: MINIMUM WAGE
Alex Keith on the true effects of a higher minimum wage.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Daniel Pshock, danpsho@gmail.com



VIEWPOINTS

THE ISSUE: UNC housing and residential education officials have recently proposed plans for a second super-suite style on-campus housing option. The proposed building, located between Morrison and Rams Head Parking Deck, would replace the soon-to-be closed apartments of Odum Village.

Super suites are desired more by students

The proposed building is a great plan that is (hopefully) awaiting a just approval by UNC’s Buildings and Grounds Committee this spring.

According to polling results gathered by UNC housing officials, students prefer apartment-style housing, such as Odum Village, to the super suite design currently proposed. However, the same polling results also indicated that UNC students vastly prioritize the cost of housing over dormitory style, thus making the cheaper super suites more desirable.

Fortunately, one doesn’t need to look far, literally, to justify the choice of super suite style dorms. Morrison Residential Hall, the crown jewel of South Campus housing, is located next to the proposed dorm and sees fierce competition every year for its super suites. Due to priority being given to Morrison residents for selection of the next year’s super suites, other students begin networking as early as October in order to latch on to one of these prioritized residents. Students are turned down from Morrison’s super suites every year. Fortunately, the South Campus super suite aristocracy will expand to the newly proposed dorm.

The proposed dorm would provide remarkably nicer living conditions than other South Campus dorms without sacrificing affordability. As desirable as apartment style living is in Chapel Hill, the cost of such dorms would create an overwhelming burden on South Campus students simply wishing to upgrade from gulag-esque Hinton James Residence Hall and Ehringhaus Residence Hall living conditions.

The addition of another super suite-style dorm in the prime real estate around Rams Head Recreation Center and Dining Hall will further solidify the area as the heart of on-campus undergraduate living. The proposed plan is both economically and socially savvy.



Kern Williams
Member of the Editorial Board

Super suites cannot replace apartments

It simply doesn’t make sense for the Department of Housing and Residential Education to replace apartment-style housing with a super suite-style residence hall.

The closure of Odum Village will result in a loss of apartment-style housing for 492 graduate and undergraduate students. This would leave Ram Village Apartments, which can house about 900 students, as the only nonfamily apartment-style living available on campus.

Such a drastic cut to a popular housing style for upperclassmen will undoubtedly cause many juniors and seniors to seek off-campus housing rather than live in suite-style residence halls.

The planned residence hall will be located in the wooded area near Morrison Residence Hall. This location is much closer to the main part of campus than is Odum Village, a fact that may be appealing to upperclassmen who want to live in apartment-style housing but don’t want to feel isolated from a majority of students their age.

The housing department’s decision to propose a super suite-style residence hall stems partially from the knowledge that students prefer a low-cost option. But there are already many students willing to pay the higher price to live in Odum or Ram Village, and the new residence hall — regardless of its style — will not provide nearly enough housing units to replace the capacity of Odum Village.

Therefore, the new units will certainly be in high demand, and I don’t believe the price tag associated with apartment-style housing will deter students. Off-campus apartments are generally less expensive, but they attract a different demographic of students than those who want to live on campus because of the significant difference in proximity, availability and environment.



Alex Wilcox
Member of the Editorial Board

EDITORIAL

What’s the rush?

Board of Education should wait to adopt new tests.

The State Board of Education would do well to hold off on adopting a new standardized testing system until the future and effectiveness of the relatively new Common Core system is clearer.

The board has decided to push back a decision on the start date of this new national test, called SMARTER Balanced, until March. Members are leaning towards keeping the current state-written tests for at least two years, but that might not be enough.

The current testing system, which is state-written

but mirrors the Common Core standards, was put in place last spring, expected to merely serve as a transition into the SMARTER Balanced system.

Common Core has been adapted by 45 states so far, but has fallen under significant national scrutiny of late, leading numerous states to reevaluate their allegiance to the new standards and even pass legislation to put further implementation on hold.

Waiting to decide on the new testing system would give board members time to see the relatively new assessments tested in other states, which would give them more insight as to which path to choose for North Carolina.

The current tests have

led to a significant drop in proficiency levels across the state, which is largely suspected to be a result of teachers and students adjusting to the new, loftier standards. Shifting to another new system so soon could lead to continued significant upheaval in schools, which would put teachers and students at a disadvantage.

While being on the cutting edge of education and standardized testing is essential to the success of North Carolina’s students, the benefits of leading the charge in new tests pale in comparison to those of extensive research and time to sit back and measure the effectiveness of prospective new tests.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I’d be so damn competitive that I’d want to get back out there and kill somebody every day.”

Roy Williams, on the men’s basketball team’s recent performances

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“When the students voted on the fee increase ... it was sold to everyone as a 24-hour venue. Can I get a third of my money back?”

Tarhole, on the on-campus Wendy’s cutting its hours by a third

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Out-of-state students are essential to UNC

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, a board of students and other legislators agreed to raise out-of-state tuition by 12.5 percent next year and to keep in-state tuition the same. With 19 percent nonresident students and 81 percent resident, some quick math shows that an across the board raise on all students of about 2.4 percent would generate the same amount of added revenue.

While there are a multitude of spectacular in-state students, many of UNC’s top students come from outside of North Carolina, and raising tuition (with simple supply-demand reasoning) will make Carolina less attractive to these outstanding students. Shouldn’t the University (and the state) want to continue to attract the best students? These students have a high likelihood of being employed in the state and helping to create economic growth in a state that needs it. Yes, in-state residents pay tax dollars toward public education, but government funding is less than 20 percent of UNC’s budget, not enough to warrant such a wide gap in tuition.

When selecting a college, I obviously weighed many factors. Of course, I loved UNC, but its price for out-of-state students was a large factor in my decision. With a tuition of nearly \$8,000 cheaper than other colleges I was considering, such as the University of Michigan, UNC easily trumped them. Additionally, current out-of-state students face added pressure as rates continue to rise, possibly forced to consider transferring or graduating early.

With out-of-state students such a small minority, our voice is lost among the 81 percent happy with a tuition freeze on in-state rates, but in the long run, increases to non-resident tuition can be damaging to the entire University and state.

Adam Golden ’17
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Keep up the support for our Tar Heels

TO THE EDITOR:

I couldn’t believe the social media outrage after last Wednesday’s basketball loss to the University of Miami. Like most, I also feel incredibly frustrated watching a team I love with so much potential lose in that manner. However, the reaction of many so-called “fans” after the disheartening game left me more outraged than any of our losses this season.

I saw people demand Roy get fired, claim that the team is a “disgrace to Tar Heel Nation” and slam our players for being lazy or not

talented enough.

Stop it. I know it’s frustrating, but don’t you think the team knows that? Don’t you think their hall of fame coach, two-time national champion, isn’t taking the necessary steps to correct that? Do you think the media and fans of other teams aren’t chastising and criticizing them enough?

Those 18- to 22-year-olds are part of our Carolina family. When a member of your family is struggling to find their identity and going through a rough patch, do you tear them down when they mess up? Or are you there to pick them up and help motivate them so they have the confidence to try again?

What we need to work on — like the team — is having some faith and bringing intensity to every game, not just the important ones. The team needs to feed off our energy now more than ever. They need to know their fans are 100 percent behind them and that we’re not going to turn on them.

The team may not always be consistent, but we as fans need to be. The message we send when we only cheer for wins and declare “we suck” if we lose is that we only care about the score or the banners, no matter the cost. That’s not what Carolina basketball is about. Leave that to the one-and-done programs that don’t care about integrity or doing things the right way. We do.

We are Carolina, and we support each other no matter what. We stick through tough losses together so that we can celebrate those sweet wins together. It’s the Carolina Way.

Frances Carrera ’14
Business administration

U.S. didn’t begin with universal suffrage

TO THE EDITOR:

While I agreed with the spirit of the Jan. 10 editorial, “All provisions of voter ID law need to be addressed,” it was rather disconcerting to read this line in a paragraph of a newspaper published at an American university:

“The United States was founded on the idea that everyone should have the right to vote.”

It most certainly was not. I would refer the writer of this piece, and the editors of your Opinion section, to the 14th, 15th, 17th and 19th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

They may also wish to refresh themselves on the U.S. Civil War, the Women’s Suffrage Movement and the Civil Rights movement. All of these events, and many others in between and since, are exactly why voter registration and exercising one’s right to vote is so important.

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