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Just in case the world ends

From staff and wire reports

On this LDOC — maybe really an LDOC if those Mayans knew what was up — a few words to carry with you through the holiday season and — if those Mayans just got lazy and stopped making calendars — the rest of your lives.

First and foremost, don't listen to Nickelback. It's not worth it.

To the drunken Saturday night ladies, when it's 40 degrees outside, there's no need to wear half a dress. Guys will grind on you no matter what you're wearing. To the salmon shorts-wearing frat boys, hairy thighs will never be attractive, nor will the color salmon. To everyone pulling all-nighters, school is not as important as you're trying to make it. Neither is your whiny story about how tired you are for staying up all night.

NOTED. A couple more general notes: Don't spend money you don't have on drugs. Wait until you have a full life to trip through and retirement savings to get the good stuff.

And, really, stop listening to Nickelback before they release an album featuring Avril Lavigne-Kroeger.

QUOTED. "Life is what you make of it." — Someone wise. College is, too.

If you want to make it about risking hypothermia to get down with Rihanna and that frat guy's hairy thighs, do it. If you'd rather watch all of "Mad Men" in a weekend, do it. We must only all agree to hate Dook, proudly, loudly and always.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY
'It's A Wonderful Life': PlayMakers Repertory Company presents this classic holiday story as a live Christmas Eve radio play, featuring Todd Lawson in his company debut as George.
Time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays and Dec. 8
Location: Paul Green Theatre

Gingerbread houses: CUAB hosts this evening of holiday festivities, including a tacky sweater contest, awkward family photos and gingerbread house creation.
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Frank Porter Graham Student Union, Great Hall

Common: Hip-hop artist and poetic activist Common will speak on empowerment and greatness. Student tickets are \$10 and general public tickets are \$20 at the Memorial Hall Box Office.
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall

Southern Season holiday Gift event: UNC staff are invited to Southern Season's gift event.
Time: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: UNC Children's Hospital

THURSDAY
Foreign language and area studies fellowship info meeting: Come learn about the fellowship, which funds students studies of languages less commonly taught in schools. It assists graduate assistants and high level foreign language undergraduates. Program officer Beth-Ann Kutchma will be at the meeting to answer questions.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center

FRIDAY
Jingle Bell Jog: Faculty and staff are invited to join Campus Rec in the annual jog. The run is 3 miles and the walk is 1.5 miles, and can be a singular or team event. Register by Wednesday online at campusrec.unc.edu and donate canned food for the Glenwood Elementary Family Assistance Program.
Time: 12:15 p.m.
Location: Student Rec Center

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RESEARCH WITH RICE



DTH/NIVI UMASANKAR

Yu-Chang Tsai, a postdoctoral research associate, harvests rice granules for his research in the Kieber Lab on Tuesday. The lab, which is on the roof of the Genome Sciences Building, is energy efficient because it uses natural heat and light.

POLICE LOG

- Someone reported a suspicious condition at 1609 Ephesus Church Road between 10 a.m. and 11:43 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. Someone possibly tampered with a victim's car, reports state.
- Someone attempted to break and enter a residence and damaged property at 103 Dickerson Court between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The door frame was knocked off, reports state.
- Someone reported gun shots at 207 Pritchard Ave. at 11:10 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone set off fireworks at 216 N. Roberson St. at 12:43 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported hearing gunshots at 5639 Old Chapel Hill Road at 10:10 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone stole a registration plate at 303 Smith Level Road between 7 p.m. Sunday and 10:45 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone injured property at 104 E. Main St. at 7:41 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports. Someone painted graffiti on the wall, reports state.
- Someone damaged a vehicle at 401 N.C. Highway 54 at 10:30 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone possessed marijuana at 900 Old Fayetteville Road between 9:08 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.

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Vice president’s stipend upheld

Student Congress also passed a resolution on Alert Carolina.

By Mary Frances Buoyer
Staff Writer

The UNC student body vice president's position will remain open to all students — regardless of financial means. Student Congress tried to sustain Student Body President Will Leimenstoll's veto of a bill that would have eliminated the vice president's \$2400 annual stipend at a meeting Tuesday. The vote was 17-14 with three abstaining, meaning that members failed to gather the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto. Leimenstoll spearheaded the veto's opposition movement by contacting members of Student Congress to discuss the bill. He said he was grateful for the two-week period before the

vote, which allowed him time to get to know members on a more personal level. “We were able to make our case in a friendlier and more informal way,” Leimenstoll said. Leimenstoll, who receives financial aid, has said that he would not have run for student body president if he did not receive a stipend. “Now that the stipend will be preserved, the next UNC student body vice president can take the best care of the campus, regardless of their financial background,” he said. Leimenstoll officially issued the veto on Nov. 18 — five days after the bill passed. The veto marked the first time he had used his veto power in the 94th session of congress, in which 160 bills and resolutions had been introduced. Travis Crayton, co-sponsor of the bill, said he was disappointed in the vote because it gives leaders of student government an advantage over leaders

of other student organizations. Crayton said that during the two weeks before the vote, he did not hear any feedback from fellow students in opposition of the bill. “This is just one battle in a much longer fight to make students more accountable of their money and be more fair to student organizations,” he said. Student Congress also passed a resolution Tuesday recommending that UNC's Alert Carolina emergency notification system always classify any alleged armed and dangerous person on campus as an emergency. The bill specifies that an emergency warning should be issued when gunmen are within one mile of campus. The legislation stems from Student Congress' frustration with the delayed Alert Carolina notification after a shooting Nov. 14 at 108 E. Franklin St., outside Walgreens. Jessica Best, a congress member and co-sponsor of the bill,

STIPEND BILL
The Student Congress bill that would eliminate the student body vice president's annual \$2,400 stipend has had a contentious history:
● The bill passed Student Congress with a two-thirds majority vote on Nov. 13. Student Body President Will Leimenstoll vetoed the bill five days later.
● An attempt to override Leimenstoll's veto narrowly failed Tuesday.

said she hopes Alert Carolina will take notice of congress' stance. “If I were at the library, I would want to know that someone with a gun was on campus,” she said.
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RINGING FOR CHARITY



DTH/JASON WOLONICK
Retiree John Sehon (left) and Duke chemist Philip Hughes volunteer as Salvation Army bell ringers on Franklin Street on Tuesday.

Salvation Army sets up shop on Franklin Street

By Tyler Clay
Staff Writer
As the holiday season approaches, a familiar sight and sound have returned to Franklin Street. With the well-known red kettle, red apron and jingling hand-bell in tow, Salvation Army volunteers have started asking for donations for the organization's Christmas charity fund. Money placed in the kettle, which is located outside the Bank of America building at 144 E. Franklin St., goes toward providing toys, clothes and food to those in need during the holiday season, said Bruce Smith, a major of the Salvation Army's Durham Corps, which serves Durham, Orange and Person Counties. Smith said the money also goes toward helping families pay utility bills and rent. The bell ringing accompanying the

kettle began more than 100 years ago, Smith said. “It is a tradition that was started to draw attention to the kettle,” he said. “It has also become a reminder to the public that the Salvation Army is on the job.” Bell ringers from many different walks of life sign up each year to collect donations at the Franklin Street location. In Chapel Hill, volunteers also work outside the Harris Teeter locations at Chapel Hill North, University Mall and Meadowmont Village. Robin Bruckschen, the Durham Corps' volunteer coordinator, said volunteers get involved through student groups, churches, civic groups and rotary clubs. Pattie Canupp has volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army for five years in a row through her church. Canupp said she usually brings her whole family along. “It doesn't cost anything but time, and it is good for the kids to realize that just

because you have toys under the tree doesn't mean all children do,” she said. Canupp said she also donates to the kettle when she can. “We take so much for granted, and it is good to know the money will be sent to somebody in need,” she said. Smith said the Durham Corps has about eight to 10 volunteers a week, though the organization could use more help manning the bell and bucket. “The need for donations feels more acute during a special time like the Christmas season,” Smith said. “Volunteering provides a chance to contribute and be a help to people.” Those wishing to donate can also make a contribution online through the Online Red Kettle, at www.onlineredkettle.org. “It's Christmastime everyday at the Salvation Army,” Smith said.
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Time Warner charges for modem use

Customers must pay \$3.95 a month to rent their router.

By Corinne Journey
Staff Writer

A new Time Warner Cable cable modem fee is sparking outrage among some of its customers. The company's internet customers are now paying \$3.95 a month to rent their router from the company. Until November, the router was provided for free. “That's almost \$48 a year, which is essentially two bar tabs,” said UNC junior David Wilkinson, who is a Time Warner Cable customer. Time Warner Cable already charges a fee to rent set top boxes for cable TV. Keith Poston, Time Warner Cable's Eastern North Carolina director of communications, said the fee applies to most

Internet customers, and 500,000 customers in the Triangle area have been affected by it. He said there are a few exempted customers who either have a price-lock guarantee or are SignatureHome customers, who buy premium TV, phone and Internet packages. He said the increasing costs of servicing and upgrading modems caused the company to decide to charge a fee. “We want to be able to provide the best services to our customers,” Poston said. “This fee will allow us to continue to provide the best service to our customers.” Poston said other providers already charge fees for cable modems. “We mailed out postcards in advance so they knew it was coming and sent a website link giving customers options to purchase a modem on their own,” Poston said. But UNC junior Bradley Kirby, a Time Warner Cable

customer, said he received no postcard or other form of notification about the fee. Kirby lives on Old Pittsboro Street in Chapel Hill and bought his own modem to avoid paying the fee. But he said the company installed its modem anyway and charged him the fee. Poston said if customers use the Time Warner Cable modem, it will be replaced and upgraded if there is ever a problem. The company will not do the same for customers who buy their own modem. Several class action lawsuits have been filed in New Jersey and New York against the company for implementing the fee. Kirby said he will not attempt to fight the fee because he is frustrated by Time Warner Cable's customer service. He said dealing with Time Warner Cable has been the worst experience he has ever had with any company.

INFO ON THE NEW FEE
To learn more about the fee: <http://bit.ly/11RcQ3F>
“I don't even feel like fighting it at this point,” Kirby said. He said when he first became a customer, the company charged him more than three times as much as was advertised for cable and internet. “I spent 10 hours on the phone with Time Warner customer service just to get the price down to any reasonable level,” Kirby said. He said he would switch providers, but Time Warner Cable has a monopoly on high speed internet in the area. “It's unfair any time you're charging someone without notifying them and offering explicit alternatives but that's how they make their money,” Kirby said.
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Assembly to address landfill closure

The Assembly of Governments will discuss changes to Rogers Road.

By Daniel Schere
Staff Writer

When Orange County leaders meet Thursday night for their annual Assembly of Governments meeting, the county's landfill will be at the top of the agenda. The meeting will gather representatives from the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough. The leaders will not take any action at the meeting, but will discuss the items in order to bring all perspectives into the mix. For the past several months, a task force has been discussing the future of Rogers Road neighborhood — which has housed the county's landfill since 1972. After a series of extensions, the landfill is now set to close in June 2013. Funding a new community center for the neighborhood and providing residents access to sewer and water hookups will be on the table at Thursday night's meeting. Orange County, Carrboro and Chapel Hill have all pledged money to fund the remediations. Carrboro Alderman Sammy Slade, who sits on the Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood Task Force, said he will urge the other boards to implement organic composting programs. “We need to advance our collaboration to make sure we can maximize our collection of organic matter,” he said. Slade said he also wants to introduce “pay-as-you-throw” trash collection, where residents are charged based on how much they throw out. In addition to an update on the progress of the Rogers Road area, leaders will also discuss the future of Chapel Hill's Greene Tract — a 164-acre site near the landfill acquired in 1984, originally for solid waste purposes. Only 60 acres are being used for solid waste, and a number of proposals have been made about what to do with the remaining space. Possible uses include building affordable housing, building a new elementary school and preserving it as open space. The leaders will also discuss ways to implement the recently passed half-cent sales transit tax increase and vehicle tag fees — both of which will help fund expanded transit options for the county. County Commissioner Bernadette Pelissier said all the items will be equally important. “They're all important and intertwined,” she said.
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ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING

Time: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill

inBRIEF

CAMPUS BRIEFS

9 UNC scientists elected as fellows in a prestigious national science association
Nine UNC scientists have been named as 2012 fellows in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The group's members are elected to the title of fellow by their peers for advancing science applications deemed scientifically or socially distinguished. The new fellows come from the College of Arts and Sciences, the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and the School of Medicine. They are Howard E. Aldrich, Charles W. Carter Jr., Robert J. Duronio, Michel R. Gagne, Alan M. Jones, Ann G. Matthyse, Lishan Su, Kevin M. Weeks and Yi Zhang. They will be presented with an official certificate and a pin for their accomplishments at the association's annual meeting in February. With the addition of these fellows, UNC now has 67 among its faculty.

CITY BRIEFS

Chapel Hill Fire Department launches a campaign to Keep the Wreath Green
The Chapel Hill Fire Department has launched its annual initiative to “keep the wreath green” and prevent home fires during the holiday season. On Dec. 1, the department began displaying a wreath illuminated with green lights on the front of Fire Station No. 1 at 403 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For each residential fire that occurs in Chapel Hill through Jan. 1, the department will replace a green bulb with a red bulb. The department advises residents to be careful this month due to the increased risk of home fires during the holiday season.
Chapel Hill Town Council is accepting applications for a vacant council seat
The Chapel Hill Town Council is accepting applications to fill the vacant seat left by former councilwoman Penny Rich. Applicants must be Chapel Hill residents who are registered voters. Applications must be submitted to the town clerk by 5 p.m. on Jan. 7.

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‘Papa, please don’t preach!’

Last week, while we were sitting outside The Daily Grind, my friend Alex said something intelligent (as he does frequently). It was late morning, and Gary Birdsong had finished eating his sandwich on the wall outside Lenoir, had set up his folding chair in the Pit and was commencing the day’s marathon sermon. A couple of students were already watching, grinning with predatory anticipation.

“I’m not necessarily talking about Gary,” Alex said to me, “but do you think anyone from our generation would just sit and sincerely listen to someone who came out and preached like that? About anything?”

I thought about it and told him I didn’t think so. He said he didn’t either.

A pair of men walked past Gary and stopped to point and guffaw.

This is not a column defending the Pit Preacher and his thoughts on how things should be, because I’m rather partial to alcohol and feminism.

But I’m troubled by the glee with which my peers (myself included) descend upon him and his ilk.

By his ilk, I mean those who sincerely, verbally share what they believe. We live in a print culture (which, don’t misunderstand me, is wonderful), so itinerant preacher-types and the oral dissemination of ideas have been on their way out since Gutenberg built the printing press.

Once written thoughts became widely distributed, people became much less likely to sit, listen and submit themselves to someone else’s thoughts. And now that the Internet has happened, it’s easier than ever before for one to fancy that one has nothing further to learn.

A university environment encourages us to interrogate everything around us. And I want to be clear — that is so important.

But the cost of being a perpetual critic is that the act of simply listening to someone is cast as passivity. Colloquially: we’re “turning our brains off.”

But that’s not true.

When we listen, we’re turning another part of our brains on, the parts that can empathize and be influenced and think about an existence besides our own.

There’s a difference between preaching and professing. We who performatively comment and share and build Tumblrs are professors. People like Gary Birdsong, who just stand up and yell something because they have to and because they believe it, are preachers.

We professors have an arsenal for dealing with preachers, irony and sarcasm (not the same thing) being some of the most useful tools.

We’re allergic to sincerity. If we sit and listen to someone, he or she might change our minds about something — and allowing Someone Else to change our minds would betray the fact that we didn’t emerge omniscient from the womb.

As a college student with Internet access, I’m fully aware that sitting and listening without smirking or tweeting is a challenge.

But I think it’s a challenge worth our time.

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EDITORIAL

Victims deserve better

University should reform sexual assault response.

Students who have been sexually assaulted deserve a process from the University that is fair, affirming and safe. But according to the stories of Landen Gambill and another female student, the UNC administrators’ handling of sexual assault cases has directly and negatively affected their lives. Their stories of unequal treatment, victim-blaming and violation of privacy show the need for a complete, public reevaluation

of how cases of sexual assault should be handled at this University. Gambill and the other student filed complaints of sexual assault under the interim procedure for sexual assault. The interim policy was put together in January to comply with an update in federal law until the University could craft a new sexual assault policy. But the new policy, implemented Aug. 1, was written by a small group of UNC administrators, with too little input from students or administrators involved in interpersonal violence prevention. The policy should be completely rewritten by

a committee including students and administrators who have experience dealing with these issues. Their expertise, along with public input, would help ensure the new policies will prevent future incidents of mistreatment. The University is still in the process of hiring a Deputy Title IX Officer who will oversee all response to sexual violence on campus. The person hired for this position should have expertise in sexual assault policies, interpersonal violence prevention and working with victims of sexual assault. The University owes students justice and fairness.

EDITORIAL

Bus bridges campuses

The Robertson bus should remain free for all students.

UNC students will no longer be able to travel to Durham for free. The Robertson bus, which runs between this University’s campus and Duke’s campus, will now cost \$2.50 starting next semester. University officials should work with the Robertson Scholars Program and Triangle Transit to ensure the bus remains free for students. The program had said the purpose of the bus was

to facilitate the relationship between the two campuses and that it was free “for all university affiliates, encouraging them take full advantage of the educational, cultural and social offerings of both campus communities.” It appears the program has had a change of heart. Riders will be able to ride for free if they have a GoPass. Robertson Scholars and all Duke students are eligible for one. UNC students are being unfairly affected. Robertson Scholars are not the only students who take classes at both campuses. The University’s Inter-

Institutional Program allows all students the opportunity to take one class at Duke each semester. This is not to mention the programs the campuses share, such as the philosophy, politics and economics minor. While UNC appears to promote collaboration between the campuses, by not ensuring an affordable and accessible transportation option it is prohibiting most students from being able to utilize the programs. Many campus groups share resources and meet together. UNC needs to act to keep the bus available.

COLUMN

Dumping on taboos

We shouldn’t shy from discussing the brown elephant in the room.

It is intimate, raw and raunchy. It makes you moan and groan. It takes your breath away and has your toes stretch to the farthest corners of space and time. After its climax, relief settles into your body as a sense of relaxation spreads throughout your muscles. What wonderfully dynamic effects pooping has on us, yet we push poop and defecation discourse into the stigmatized space of taboo. This, I argue, can be detrimental, in that poop stigma can reinforce some harmful norms and prevent some beneficial activism. An example of this phenomenon: My friend recently said her long-term boyfriend gets awkward when she alludes to the fact that she poops. He gets upset, she says, when she talks about her bowel movements. She still doesn’t feel comfortable farting around him, even though he frequently farts around her, and his friends



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often joke about poops and toots within their bro gang. It is not hard to discern why certain gender norms stem from pooping. Women and poop are supposed to be strangers to maintain an ideal of feminine perfection. We even segregate our bathrooms so men and women can avoid discovering how different bodies actually work. Now I am not calling for public poop shows in order to understand the various genders, but I am proposing that within poop exists not only what you ate earlier,

but also certain assumptions about genders. The environment is also hurt by the feces taboo. The POOP (People’s Own Organic Power) Project, an organization that advocates using poop as an environmental resource, emphasizes that our culture in the United States fosters praise for consumption and, in turn, ignores human waste. The project questions if we really need so much water in toilets and whether using human biosolids as fertilizer could be effective. The latter idea makes me squeamish, but I do get the importance of questioning how we can be proactive about human waste. Thus, I propose this action step: The next time you are on the toilet (which should be in the next 48 hours and if that is not the case, I advise you to see a doctor), take some time to reflect on your own relationship with poop. It may not end up being so ... crappy.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“They implied that I was emotionally unstable and couldn’t be telling the truth because I had attempted suicide.”

Landen Gambill, on Honor Court treatment of her sexual assault case

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Early-risers aren’t seeking processed, oil-laden foods or sugary drinks first thing in the morning?”

Ralphie Nader, on the lack of morning business at Wendy’s

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNC sexual assault policy needs revision

TO THE EDITOR:
On March 10, Andrea Pino was sexually assaulted at UNC by a fellow student. She was left partially conscious, and could not declare identifying factors of her assailant, but she was able to utilize UNC’s system of anonymous reporting, created in 2009 by another survivor, Annie Clark of the class of 2011. While at UNC, Annie witnessed the hostility and stigma surrounding reported interpersonal violence and decided that survivors needed another reporting option. In addition to creating the “Box Project,” she advocated for the interpersonal violence prevention coordinator position and for broad policy change. Annie approached Dean Melinda Manning in 2010, who was seemingly the only ally wanting to work with her for change. Now, Andrea has since discovered that the environment and treatment of survivors is not better, but has instead worsened. Annie and Andrea have met survivors who were directly abused by the University case process. In hearing these stories and others, Annie and Andrea have been made aware that administrators have been silencing survivors, limiting their support, criticizing their accounts and keeping the greater community unaware of the reality of sexual violence at UNC. These administrators were the principal contributors in the writing of the new sexual misconduct policy. Exclusive to certain administrators, the policy was written with a lack of input from the informed student body and the administrators who work directly with violence prevention. Isolating allies, the administration has proven it is not willing to realize the damage it is inflicting on our students with current policies on sexual assault. This culture of silence and deliberate indifference is not isolated to students. Manning, formerly the only woman in her office and the principal support system for countless survivors, is resigning after enduring a toxic environment within the Office of the Dean of Students. After years of witnessing these violations, we demand change. Therefore, on behalf of the faculty, student and staff impacted by sexual assault, harassment and discrimination at UNC, Andrea Pino and Annie Clark are submitting a full complaint with the Office for Civil Rights. UNC administration has violated the equal opportunity mandates under Title IX, including but not limited to: facilitating a hostile environment around students reporting sexual violence, tolerating employment discrimination and retaliation when University employees

addressed the above discrimination (violating Title VII) and dismissing medically diagnosed and documented mental disabilities during court procedures, violating Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is our duty to come together to demand equality, transparency and justice of our University. We must fight for UNC, and hold our administrators accountable.

Andrea Pino '14
Project Dinah co-chair

Annie Clark '11
Former Project Dinah co-chair

Kvetching board™

kvetch:
v.1 (Yiddish) to complain
To the lovely ladies of UNC: Think you can let go of the boots and heels in Davis during finals? Sincerely, all of us who hate hearing you from a couple hundred yards away.
To the person in mittens I passed while riding my bike in shorts: One of us was indeed wrong. It was cold.
To the girl in a tree: The view from the treetops was probably better than the one I had of your crack.
If the world is ending on Dec. 21, is this the last kvetch board?
How many interesting looking things do I have to do in highly visible locations to get Oh Hey’d at?
To my resident who refilled the safer-sex supplies with packets of Welch’s Grape Jelly: I really hope that’s not your idea of flavored lube.
It doesn’t matter how quickly you darken your computer screen, it won’t change that everyone sitting behind you in the lecture hall saw naked ass on your Tumblr.

To the guy who got on the Davis elevator with me, looked me in the eye, pressed the button for the eighth floor and winked: No.
How many reminders can the University send me to complete my course evaluations before it qualifies as harassment?
To the guy who proposed a disaster plan for the University after the world ends: Do you really think I’m going to continue going to class if the world ends?
To the football player who declared my friend a “generous six”: I told her to take it as a compliment because that’s probably the highest number you have learned to count to.
Even funnier than “A Weiner” is “S Tripper.” I have no respect for buses like that. Everyone’s been on them.
Freshman friend: I’m sorry I laughed at you that time you pronounced LDOC, L-D-O-C. And I’m sorry for repeating it now.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

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her trial, Gambill said she was forced to answer irrelevant and inappropriate questions.

“The woman student said to me, ‘Landen, as a woman, I know that if that had happened to me, I would’ve broken up with him the first time it happened. Will you explain to me why you didn’t?’” she said.

Gambill said the court used her history of clinical depression and her suicide attempt — which she said was a result of her abusive relationship — against her.

“They implied that I was emotionally unstable and couldn’t be telling the truth because I had attempted suicide,” she said.

Gambill said the court’s ignorance reflected a complete lack of training.

But Judicial Programs Officer Erik Hunter said the Honor Court members and the student attorney general’s staff received a full day of training after the interim procedures were implemented.

“We spent a lot of time trying to help them understand some of the things they were going to be seeing, in terms of the emotional toll these kinds of hearings would take on folks,” Hunter said.

But Assistant Dean of Students Melinda Manning said training was limited.

“The training the Honor Court received then was an hour at the most,” she said.

Manning said she believes the faculty and staff on the hearings board received no formal training — which she said had the ability to affect cases.

But Sauls offered a third explanation. Although faculty received no formal training, he said, they each received individual training.

Henry Ross, a senior who served as an honor system counsel during the interim procedures, said he felt adequately trained to handle cases during that period.

“At no point did the court allow or did anyone try to introduce a question that was meant to embarrass, demean or blame anyone in that room in any way,” Ross said.

Gambill said her inappropriate experience with

the honor system extended beyond questioning.

She said she was asked by her counsel to recount — in graphic detail — the story of her assault. She complied, with the understanding that the document would only be seen by those involved with the court process.

“He ended up giving both of my parents the document without my permission,” Gambill said. “He said he thought they were details they should know.

“To this day, my parents and my relationship is really struggling because of the guilt they feel and because of the graphic details that they heard that no parent should ever hear.”

Though Sauls said he could not discuss specifics of particular cases, he said generally, documents that are not public record should not be shared outside a trial.

As a result of the injustices she said she received, Gambill said she plans to file a full complaint with the Office for Civil Rights under the U.S. Department of Education.

In hopes that the federal government will investigate UNC’s handling of sexual assault cases, Gambill will submit the complaint with UNC junior Andrea Pino and Annie Clark, who graduated from UNC in 2011.

The female UNC student who asked that her name not be used said her experience with the honor system largely paralleled Gambill’s — fraught with questions that she said forced her to continually relive her attack.

But she said the insensitivity she experienced extended beyond the honor system, seeping into the administration.

At the conclusion of her hearing, in which the defen-

dant was found not guilty, the female student said she felt abandoned.

She said she was never given key information, such as her option to appeal. As her case advanced, she said she was left uninformed of changes and new decisions.

She once approached Hunter about what she said was a lack of communication and a slow-moving process.

“Erik Hunter said that my actions and my student counsel’s actions and reactions in the past — which he means us complaining about being left out of decisions — frustrated him and caused him to withhold information to us that he would otherwise inform students of,” she said.

Hunter said he has never felt frustrated by students.

“There are times when I’ve met with students who have gone through our process who

don’t understand why it’s the way it is,” Hunter said. “A lot of what we do is rooted in trying to make sure that we provide enough information and give students enough time to prepare to go through the process.”

The female student said that as UNC moves toward ironing out its new sexual assault policy, she is worried that administrative indifference demonstrated during her case will also plague future

assault cases — particularly with the absence of Manning.

Manning will step down at the semester’s end.

“If it wasn’t for Dean Manning, I wouldn’t still be here,” the female student said. “It makes me scared for future survivors, who won’t even have this one solace that I had in Dean Manning.”

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B-atCH ultimate team wins home tourney

The B-atCH club ultimate team won its own tournament, the B-atCH B-ash, played this past weekend in Chapel Hill. The tournament featured eight B-level teams from across the state and region.

B-atCH went 3-0 in pool play on Saturday, beating Sandhills Community College, N.C. State and Appalachian State to win its pool and earn the #1 overall seed in elimination play.

On Sunday, B-atCH won a semi-final game against Georgia Gwinnett and advanced to the championship game, beating out Georgia Tech 15-9 in a hard-fought victory.

This is B-atCH’s first year as an independent club team, and the B-ash was its first tournament win of the year.

UNC club gymnastics starts strong at Va. Tech

UNC’s Club Gymnastics women’s squad took 5th place overall, and the men finished 8th in the season’s first meet at the Hokie Classic last month in Blacksburg, Va.

Desiree LaFountain, Ashley Ross, Heather Frederick, Kaitlyn Townsend, Anna Cook, Ashley Roddy,

Ashley Coleman, Sonya Kowalczyk, Erin Cobb, Shelley Warner and Ellis Wall lead the women.

Frederick placed 2nd in vault and LaFountain tied for 3rd on floor exercise with a score of 9.65. Ross took home the silver on the uneven bars.

The men’s team competitors included co-president Ian Everitt, Ryan Lynch, Will James, Brad Cockrell, Ben Dreyzen, Zan Lowe-Skillern, Eric Luu and Hunter Brake.

Water Polo takes third consecutive ACC crown

The The Carolina Water Polo team finished its season last month with a 15-1 record and its third conference championship in a row, reaching as high as an 8th-place national ranking. The team dominated league play with 71 goals.

In the conference showdown, UNC beat UVA 15-4, Va. Tech 12-7 and Georgetown 9-7 in overtime before beating Navy 11-6 in the final.

Navy and Georgetown are considered conference opponents.

The team is preparing for its spring schedule, and congratulates graduating seniors Rob Boland, Will Hope and Stefan McCarver.

Men’s volleyball defends Fetzer, women excel

The men’s club team bested arch-nemesis N.C. State last month 25-16 and 25-17 to win the Carolina Classic on its home court.

The #1 seeded Tar Heels defeated Campbell, South Carolina, Georgetown, VCU and Duke-B in pool play before the final match against the Wolfpack.

The UNC Dinos squad also had a strong showing behind the high-flying athleticism of Amit Katayan. The team played very well through pool play and earned the #4 seed in playoffs.

The Dinos were defeated by an experienced VCU team, but can be satisfied with their display of skill and hustle.

The Women’s Club Volleyball traveled to Duke earlier in the month with the A team taking 1st place in a tournament, making it their third tourney win this season.

Club baseball sweeps Elon with potent offense

The Club Baseball team brought their brooms to Elon and swept the Phoenix 8-0, 4-1 and 13-8 in a recent exhibition series.

In game one Seth Beane extended the Tar Heel streak of shutout innings to 12, allowing just three hits while walking one and striking out 11 in a stellar complete game appearance. Designated hitter Austin Machicote returned from IR in a big way, going 3-4 at the plate with 2 RBIs.

The rest of the Tar Heel offense was clicking as well, with eight players posting hits on the day.

Sal Savarese and Garrett Morgan combined for a one-run, two-hit performance, with Morgan throwing three perfect innings to close the game.

Taylor Meier hit the go-ahead double in the



3rd inning, and the Tar Heels never looked back. Dillon Cockrell and Justin Pryor also had multi-hit games.

Game three featured an offensive explosion that compensated for struggles on the mound with five Tar Heels (Dave Dwight, Taylor Meier, Max Wasser, Jonah Keyserling, and Seth Beane) having multi-hit days supporting the efforts of Andrew Romaine, Garrett Verrilli and Dave Dwight on the mound.



2012: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

A year of goodbyes

Still no answers in Hedgepeth killing



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By Chelsey Dulaney
City Editor

Faith Danielle Hedgepeth was a UNC junior, a daughter, a friend and an aspiring pediatrician.

On the morning of Sept. 7, Hedgepeth — a student from a small Indian tribe in Warrenton — was found dead in her off-campus apartment at Hawthorne at the View, the victim of a homicide.

Three months later, her death remains unsolved.

Hedgepeth came to UNC on a Gates Millennium Scholarship and quickly became involved in the tight-knit group of American Indian students, participating in organizations including Carolina Indian Circle, Unheard Voices and Alpha Pi Omega Sorority.

A candlelight vigil held for Hedgepeth in the Pit on Sept. 10 drew a crowd of hundreds.

“Our hearts are heavy because we can’t make sense of any of it,” said Consuela Richardson, Hedgepeth’s older cousin, at the vigil.

“I looked up to her because she was so good ... I said, ‘You are the kind of woman I want

to be someday.”

Hedgepeth’s death certificate says she was beaten to death, said her mother, though the Chapel Hill Police Department has yet to release a cause of death.

Chapel Hill police have said they do not believe the homicide was random or that it poses a threat to the community.

But police have released little else about her violent death, and Superior Court judges have sealed the 911 call and several search warrants in the case.

The night before her death, Hedgepeth studied at the library before going to The Thrill with her roommate, who was also a UNC junior.

Up until about 3:30 a.m. on Sept. 7, Hedgepeth sent out text messages.

What happened after that remains unclear.

The UNC Board of Trustees, the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, the office of Gov. Bev Perdue, Hawthorne at the View Apartments and UNC-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Crime Stoppers have all pledged rewards for information leading to an

arrest in the case — bringing the total reward to \$39,000.

But no arrests have been made, and police have not named suspects.

On Nov. 16, The Daily Tar Heel asked Superior Court Judge Robert Hobgood to release a search warrant that became unsealed on Sept. 11. Hobgood moved to res seal the warrant for another 45 days.

All other search warrants were sealed indefinitely in the days following Hedgepeth’s death.

Hedgepeth’s family and friends have continued to appeal to the public for information, unable to move forward without some sort of resolution.

“We’re begging anyone who has any information whatsoever that they think is pertinent to Faith’s killer please come forward,” said Roland Hedgepeth, her father.

“Please help the family, please help Chapel Hill police, her community, her friends ... All are still suffering.”

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Few answers for Shannon

By Katie Reilly
Assistant City Editor

Community members are still waiting for answers about the death of UNC freshman David Shannon, who fell from concrete machinery in Carrboro in the early hours of Oct. 27.

Shannon was found dead by friends at the Ready Mixed Concrete Plant on Guthrie Avenue after they had not heard from him all day.

Police say he fell 40 feet after climbing machinery at the plant and died where he fell.

The Carrboro Police Department has not released an update on developments in the ongoing investigation since its report on Oct. 30.

Lt. Chris Atack, spokesman for Carrboro police, said police have not ruled out any possible causes.

But, as of early November, Shannon’s family was hopeful that a search of his cellphone and computer would reveal more details about his death.

David Shannon’s older brother,

Stephen Shannon, said the police department obtained a court order on Nov. 7 to search his laptop and phone.

Questions about how he ended up at the plant remain unanswered.

“The biggest hole in the night is how he ended up there,” Stephen Shannon said in early November.

He said his brother was last seen at a pregame party on McCauley Street before the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority Mallard Ball on Oct. 26.

“The other missing piece is what happened from the time he left the party at McCauley to the time he got to the concrete plant,” Stephen Shannon said.

David Shannon never made it to the event at La Residence Restaurant and Bar. He also never showed up to a tailgate at the Chi Phi fraternity house before the UNC-N.C. State football game on Oct. 27.

Shannon was a pledge in the Chi Phi fraternity.

“I texted him Saturday after the UNC game about Giovanni Bernard’s

punt return at the end of the game and didn’t get a response, but I thought he was just enjoying the victory with his friends and forgot to text me back,” Stephen Shannon said.

After David Shannon didn’t respond to text messages or phone calls, a group of his friends tracked the location of his cellphone and found his body at 10:34 p.m. on Oct. 27.

At a vigil held on Oct. 29, friends and family gathered to mourn and remember Shannon.

And He’s Not Here held a benefit night on Halloween to raise money for the David Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Stuart Castillo, who was in Shannon’s Chi Phi pledge class, said David Shannon had a special knack for making friends.

“David was a good guy with a big heart,” he said. “David was the heart and soul in our Chi Phi pledge class.”

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System father Bill Friday dies at 92

By Daniel Wiser
State & National Editor



Visit dailytarheel.com to read the full version of this article, published in October after Friday’s death.

On the day UNC-CH celebrated the 219th anniversary of the laying of the foundation for the nation’s first state university building, the University and the state mourned the loss of the UNC system’s most foundational figure, its cornerstone — William Friday.

Friday, whose pivotal role in the expansion and evolution of North Carolina’s public university system entered his name firmly on the list of the state’s most revered public figures, died in his sleep in October. He was 92.

Friday began serving as the UNC system’s first president in 1956. He oversaw the system’s maturation from three to 16 campuses during a tumultuous period of social change until he retired in 1986.

The state’s top higher education and political leaders recall Friday as a mentor and hero — and in his later years, a sage willing to offer advice and a model for what was right about higher education.

Thomas Ross, current UNC-system president and former Davidson College president, said in an interview that he frequently met with Friday, especially after moving to Chapel Hill.

“He was such a wise person and always had such great advice,” Ross said. “And then when I came into higher education, first at Davidson and then here, he’s always been there as a friend and as someone who had such a set of core principles and values and such a strength of commitment to higher edu-

cation that it was an inspiration for the rest of us. All the time. Everyday.”

Administrators used the anniversary of the University’s founding to pay tribute to Friday. A moment of silence was held during the University Day ceremony in Memorial Hall.

After the ceremony concluded, University Chancellor Holden Thorp led a procession to lay flowers on the Old Well in honor of Friday.

Afterward, Thorp said the thing he’ll remember most about Friday is his gracious guidance of students over many years.

“It’s the thoughtfulness that he had and the careful way that he conducted himself and the great advice that he gave to so many young people that he brought along in the University,” he said.

Throughout his 30-year tenure at the helm of the UNC system and into his retirement, Friday came to be associated with a set of guiding beliefs and principles that made a great impression on those who knew him.

He was a staunch advocate for academic freedom, desegregation and the state’s constitutional mandate to provide a free university education to state residents “as far as practicable.”

He also became one of the first higher education leaders to raise concerns about the potentially corrupting influence of big-time athletic programs.



COURTESY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION
William Friday passed away on Oct. 12, at age 92. He served as UNC-system president from 1956 to 1986.

C.D. Spangler Jr., who succeeded Friday as system president, said Friday’s commitment to these values, coupled with his knack for leadership, helped the UNC system rise to prominence in the state.

“He had the confidence of alumni, the (N.C.) General Assembly, and he did not cause people to feel like he was a competitor — he was just a true leader. It automatically came to him.”

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Thorp announces resignation amidst scandal

Faculty and student calls for him to stay in were unsuccessful.

By Liz Crampton
Assistant University Editor

When Chancellor Holden Thorp announced on Sept. 17 that he was stepping down at the end of the year, the University wasn’t ready for him to give up.

The Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students encouraged him to stay — but their pleas were not granted.

Thorp, a Fayetteville native and UNC alumnus, was expected to remain in the position for at least 20 years.

Thorp has faced a series of ath-

letic, academic and administrative scandals that have plagued his tenure.

Not even hundreds of students, faculty and staff holding a rally supporting Thorp could dissuade him from leaving.

“It means so much to me that so many of you want me to stay on as chancellor beyond this year,” Thorp said in a speech at the rally, when he showed up unannounced.

“But I am confident that it’s in the best interests of the University, and me and my family, for me to go back to the faculty next fall.”

Wade Hargrove, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the same day that the problems Thorp grappled with were not created during his administration.

“The chancellor has inherited a set of problems not of his making

and has done an exemplary job in trying to address those problems in a thoughtful and deliberate manner,” he said.

Thorp will return to teaching and research, which has been an inviting option for him, he said in an interview after his decision.

“It’s been a tough two years. So there have been days where I thought that being in the lab looked pretty good,” he said.

“Sept. 16” was the day when it looked really good.

“So I’m going to spend more time with students — and less time wearing a suit.”

Faculty members thought Thorp’s resignation signaled an uncertain time for the University, and they called an emergency meeting following his announcement in an effort to convince him to stay.

Thorp was met by a standing ovation of more than 300 faculty members, who voted overwhelmingly in support of a resolution that called on UNC-system President Thomas Ross to decline Thorp’s resignation.

“In the difficulties of the present moment, Holden Thorp still remains the best person to the lead the faculty through these challenging times,” chairwoman of the faculty Jan Boxill said at the meeting.

But Thorp had already made up his mind despite faculty efforts.

A 21-member search committee was formed immediately following his announcement, tasked with finding his replacement.

The search process for the new chancellor is picking up steam, as the chancellor search selection committee met in closed session Monday



Holden Thorp has been University chancellor since 2008. He announced in September that he will step down at the end of the year to return to teaching.

to discuss candidates.

The candidates were presented by Bill Funk, leading consultant for R. William Funk & Associates, which was the firm used to select Thorp.

Hargrove said Monday that the group is strong.

“The pool of candidates that have expressed interest and we’re looking at is very impressive.”

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Review of fraudulent courses still ongoing

Former N.C. Gov. Jim Martin was asked to conduct a review.

By Nicole Comparato
University Editor

In May, University administrators dropped a bombshell that shook the academic core of the University — and the UNC community is still feeling the aftershocks.

When a University report released in May revealed a slew of academic irregularities in the University’s Department of African and Afro-American Studies, one of the largest academic scandals in UNC’s history began to unfold.

UNC began its investigation into the department in September 2011, following the discovery that a paper by former defensive end Michael McAdoo had been plagiarized, and the location of his cellphone and found his body at 10:34 p.m. on Oct. 27.

The report showed evidence of fraudulent classes that were taught irregularly, evidence of forgery and unauthorized grade changes.

The improper teaching practices occurred primarily between the summers of 2007 and 2009. UNC laid blame on then-department chairman Julius Nyang’oro and administrator Deborah Crowder.

A few weeks after the report’s release, the State Bureau of Investigation was asked to conduct

its own probe by Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall.

Suspicion about when the fraud began and who was responsible has been swirling around UNC community members ever since.

Jay Smith, a history professor at the forefront of the faculty effort to reform athletics, said in August that it was dividing the faculty.

“How in the world did such a system fly under the radar?” he said.

Months after the report circulated, the University announced a comprehensive effort to answer the questions in August, announcing an outside review led by former Gov. Jim Martin and consulting firm Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLC.

At the time, the firm’s contract stated it would cost between \$70,000 and \$90,000 to dig into records and conduct the interviews.

About a month later, Chancellor Holden Thorp announced he would step down after five years as chancellor, citing the stress of the scandal as a reason.

When the review was launched, UNC-system President Thomas Ross said Thorp had done all he could so far to hash out the scandal.

“(Thorp) has taken many, many steps to get to the bottom of what happened, find out who the culprits are and get them away from the University,” Ross said in September.

Now, after two months of delays to the original Oct. 11 deadline to release findings, the results of the review are still pending.

STORY SO FAR

- **May 2012:** University report revealed fraud in Department of African and Afro-American Studies
- **May 2012:** SBI launched probe
- **June 2012:** UNC-system Board of Governors formed a review panel
- **Aug. 16, 2012:** Campuswide outside review announced
- **Sept. 18, 2012:** Chancellor Holden Thorp announced he will resign at the end of the year
- **Oct. 11, 2012:** Goal for review results is not met and delayed

But Thorp said in a faculty athletics committee meeting Tuesday that Martin might be presenting his results at a possible Dec. 20 Board of Trustees meeting.

Although Martin has given no indication of what the review will reveal, he said in an interview in September that it was essential to find the origin of the scandal, no matter how painful it might be.

“If there’s a tumor there, you gotta do a resection, as the doctors would say,” Martin said.

“You’ve got to remove it and make it clear that’s not going to be tolerated.”

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Tuition and fee hikes show no signs of stopping

By Daniel Wiser
State & National Editor

The UNC-system Board of Governors approved another round of tuition and fee hikes this year as students and families continue to grapple with rising college costs.

The board finalized in February an 8.8 percent average systemwide increase for the current academic year, including a \$695 — 13.5 percent — tuition increase for in-state undergraduates at UNC-CH.

About 200 student protesters and Chapel Hill occupiers shouted and beat on drums outside the board meeting earlier this year, making the final vote inaudible.

The protesters stormed into the board room after the meeting’s conclusion, sat in members’ seats and threw their name tags on the floor. Chant topics ranged from opposition to tuition hikes to concerns raised by the Occupy movement.

“They were angry with me about the bank bailout, about Wall Street,” said Hannah Gage, board chairwoman at the time, in a press conference after the meeting. “This was not just a student protest on tuition. They were angry about the world.”

But students who protested the vote said the board provided few opportunities for students to voice their dissent. The board only has one student representative, the system Association of Student

Governments president, who is a nonvoting member.

“People inside the room may have felt that what students did today was obnoxious or over the top,” said Gregory Randolph, a director at UNC-CH’s Campus Y, after the meeting. “But I think they left us no other option.”

Despite the vociferous display by students, system administrators say state funding cuts necessitated the tuition hikes to bolster state revenue.

The UNC system absorbed a cut of \$414 million, or 15.6 percent, in funding last year as a decline in revenues — due to the tough economy — affected all state priorities.

Universities responded to the cuts by eliminating about 3,000 filled positions and hundreds of course sections.

And if universities are to maintain their academic quality, administrators say more hikes will be required.

UNC-CH’s Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition again in November, pending final approval from the system board next year.

Tuition for in-state graduate students would increase by about 6.5 percent, or \$509, in 2013-14. Tuition for all out-of-state students would increase by \$1,630.

An \$600, or 8.8 percent, increase for in-state undergraduates was approved by the board in February.

Bruce Carney, the University’s executive vice chancellor and provost, said the tuition increases will

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help restore some of the school’s academic functions.

“As we did this past year, the tuition was largely dedicated to course sections, smaller classes, course redesign,” he said.

But Carney said he understands students might not be able to stomach substantial increases in the future.

“We’re getting up near the edge where we probably need to consider whether we’re going to do any more of this,” he said.

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RITE OF SPRING IN REVIEW



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The Silk Road Ensemble featuring renowned artist Yo-Yo Ma (left) performed as part of The Rite of Spring series at Memorial Hall. Read more about the series online at dailytarheel.com.

NC emerges from elections GOP-led

By Amanda Albright
Staff Writer

As Pat McCrory prepares to enter the governor’s mansion and the N.C. General Assembly convenes in January, North Carolina will usher in a new era of Republican leadership.

The GOP will control the state legislature and the governor’s office for the first time in 140 years.

The GOP also secured nine out of 13 U.S. House of Representatives seats, and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney narrowly won the state despite losing the national election to President Barack Obama.

On the Nov. 6 election night, the state’s Republicans were assured that they would maintain control of the N.C. legislature.

And next year they will have an ally in the governor’s mansion — Pat McCrory.

Gary Pearce, a Democratic strategist, said he anticipates further spending cuts with McCrory as governor.

“When (Gov. Bev) Perdue was in, she did have veto power and power to check on the legislature — that won’t be there now,” he said.

But Rep. Thom Tillis, R-Mecklenburg and N.C. Speaker of the House, said having McCrory in the governor’s office will help the legislature to operate more efficiently.

There were many clashes in Raleigh during Democratic Gov. Perdue’s term. She vetoed 19 bills in the past two years, including

some state budget cuts to higher education.

Tillis said funding for the UNC system might increase next year depending on the economy.

The GOP enacted a \$414 million budget cut to the UNC system last year.

In order to partially offset the cuts, the Board of Governors approved an 8.8 percent tuition and fee increase systemwide.

“Republicans see their election as a mandate to cut spending — that’s going to include the university,” Pearce said.

Chris Fitzsimon, executive director of the liberal-leaning think tank N.C. Policy Watch, said the state legislature’s history of budget cuts and tuition increases is troubling.

“I’m concerned that there won’t be a check on a Republican legislature working closely with McCrory,” he said.

Fitzsimon added that it is unclear whether the future governor will be an advocate for education issues.

“A lot of that will depend on whether McCrory will be the moderate mayor of Charlotte or the Tea Party candidate for governor he was the last five years,” he said.

Some student groups in the system are also concerned about potential funding decreases with the new leadership.

Matt Hickson, a member of the UNC-CH chapter of the N.C. Student Power Union, said many conservative legislators are not committed to higher education affordability.

“It would be a shame if one of the things that distinguished us from other universities — affordability — was lost in the era of conservative control,” he said.

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5 students among those mourned in 2012

The UNC community mourned the deaths of students Faith Hedgepeth, David Shannon, Eric Metcalf, Trevor Dolan and Stephanie Ahlbom in 2012.

While the deaths of

Hedgepeth and Shannon launched police investigations in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, respectively, the losses of Metcalf, Dolan and Ahlbom also left deep voids in the lives of those left behind.

Faith Hedgepeth



Hedgepeth was found dead in her off-campus apartment on Sept. 7. The homicide investigation into her death is still open.

Eric Metcalf



Metcalf, a sophomore and Cary resident, died July 8 in a rock climbing accident at Hanging Rock State Park. He was 19 years old.

Stephanie Ahlbom

Ahlbom, of Apex, a master’s candidate in the occupational therapy program, died unexpectedly on Feb. 10. She entered the program in the fall of 2011, and was enrolled in one course in the spring semester.

David Shannon



Shannon was found dead in Carrboro on Oct. 27. Police say he fell 40 feet from concrete machinery. The probe is still open.

Trevor Dolan



Dolan, a senior, died on Oct. 7. Friends said he died by suicide. Majoring in history and psychology, he was interested in cooking.

Greek community may grow

By Caroline Leland
Staff Writer

Prompted by a desire to expand, UNC's Panhellenic Council might accept a new sorority chapter as early as fall 2014.

UNC's current chapters will vote on the possible

addition next month.

"We decided it was an appropriate time to move forward with expansion on campus," said Jermisha Dodson, coordinator of fraternity and sorority life.

If the addition is approved, a committee of chapter delegates and advisers will

choose the new chapter, according to National Panhellenic Conference policy.

This fall, the Panhellenic Council formed an exploratory committee to research and discuss the option of inviting a new sorority to campus, said Aaron Bachenheimer, director of fraternity and sorority life and community involvement.

This committee, which is composed of sorority members, chapter advisers and campus representatives, will present to delegates from sororities in January, Dodson said.

If the delegates approve the expansion, Dodson said she will invite national Panhellenic organizations to apply for inclusion in the UNC Panhellenic Council. Then a new committee would choose which chapter to accept.

The most recent addition to UNC's Panhellenic Council was Phi Mu Sorority in 2008.

Dodson said the Council voted to form the exploratory committee after this year's recruitment period, which ended in early September, because the Greek community is growing.

Dodson said the committee

meets monthly to compile information such as the level of interest in a new chapter and the viability of a new chapter house near campus.

She said although current sorority members will decide whether to invite a new chapter, interest from non-affiliated students is a factor.

The committee considers the number of people who contact Panhellenic Council representatives or the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement, expressing interest in a new sorority chapter.

Sophomore Ayumi Watanabe, who registered for sorority recruitment this year but didn't pledge, said she wouldn't have joined a Panhellenic sorority even if there were more chapters to choose from.

"For me, it was just more of a time dedication," she said.

Watanabe said she thinks other women usually drop out of recruitment because they find they don't fit in with the system as a whole, not because of any particular chapter.

"It's because they don't like the concept," she said.

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Demand for grief counseling services spikes

Three student deaths this fall led students to seek help.

By Randy Short
Staff Writer

In the wake of recent student deaths, UNC's Counseling and Wellness Services is helping an increasing number of students cope with the shock of loss.

Campus Health Services has seen an increase in students seeking grief counseling as a result of the deaths of Faith Hedgepeth, Trevor Dolan and David Shannon this fall.

"There was a general sense of not understanding all of the aspects behind death," Allen O'Barr, director of counseling and wellness, about reactions to the recent tragedies.

"Grief is part of life," O'Barr said. "Each student presents individual challenges, so counselors work to figure out how to best help them."

Counseling sought after the deaths is one spike in a larger trend of growing demand for counseling on campus in the past few years.

"Six years ago, we were seeing 9.8 percent of the population," O'Barr said. "Now we're seeing 12.2 percent of the population, which is above the national average."

He said the walk-in system allows students to meet with one of 15 counselors as soon as an issue arises.

"If you have to wait 10 days to get an appointment, the issue could worsen or could get better, so there's no need to come in," he said.

But the increased demand has put a strain on counselors' schedules.

"We are adequately meeting demand, but there is no flexibility," O'Barr said. "We

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are completely full, but we see anybody who walks in."

O'Barr said the average wait time is 26 minutes.

After the deaths, many students said they turned to their friends first.

But junior Aaron Thacker said grief counselors can offer a perspective that friends can't offer.

"With friends, they can be so bound up in your life that their perspectives have some bias that an outside perspective wouldn't necessarily have," he said.

Counseling also offers a place to feel connected when no one can understand students' grief, said Kevin Shepard, a psychologist for counseling and wellness.

"Many students who are grieving believe they may be alone in their grieving," Shepard said.

"They feel isolated from the campus and students."

Apart from one-on-one counseling, Campus Health also offers the chance for eight students to meet on a weekly basis for the semester.

Shepard, who co-leads the group, said it has been consistently filled each semester for the past five and a half years.

Using on-campus counseling services can offer a more confidential option, said junior Grace Anthony.

"You're not going to be judged," Anthony said.

"There's not a stigma of seeking outside help."

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Zoe Ackerman battles Alex Karsten as a bear in a verbal wordplay skit titled "Barely Bearing Boaring the Bering" during "Gram-O-Rama."

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Santa gets dirty at DSI Comedy Theater

The holiday sketches run every Saturday through Christmas.

By James Smith
Staff Writer

Laughter erupted throughout Carrboro's local comedy club as a parody commercial — advocating for Christmas tree rights to the tune of Sarah McLachlan's "Angel" — appeared on the stage screen.

Dirty South Comedy Theater is known to pioneer alternative forms of comedy, and "Love in the Time of Santa Claus" innovatively follows suit.

The show, which runs every Saturday night until Christmas, is a collection of short comedy sketches that alternate in form between live acting and multimedia production.

The sketches, which are intended for mature audiences, explore oddities of the holiday season, ranging from white elephant gift exchanges to mall Santas and church nativity plays.

Multiple episodes of "Santa's Yule Vlog," along with other short video clips, are interspersed between sketches, keeping the audience engaged for the entirety of the show.

"The recurring theme is different kinds of relationships during the holiday season, and of course Santa Claus," said Rick Skarbez, director and co-writer of the show.

Skarbez, a UNC graduate student, said he has done improv at DSI for four years and jumped at the opportunity to take charge of a sketch comedy show.

"When I get interested in something, I tend to overdo it, so this was appealing in that respect," Skarbez said.

Skarbez said the show originated as a five-person writer's group and developed through a process of auditions and rehearsals throughout November.

"Once we started getting some things on stage, it was really validation," Skarbez said.



DTH/ELIZABETH MENDOZA

Kate Harlow tells Santa, played by Brad Taylor, what she wants for Christmas during one of DSI Comedy Theater's performances.

The show's sketches, reminiscent of "Saturday Night Live," are broken up by the multimedia vlogs and commercials, creating a variety of media.

Skarbez said he has never worked on a show that incorporates multimedia like "Love in the Time of Santa Claus" does.

"To get really into that part of the process was both intimidating and really exciting," Skarbez said.

"It's an entirely different level of involvement and creativity," Andy Lavender, a co-writer and UNC graduate student, said the inspiration for the sketches stemmed from odd traditions and the writers' personal questions about why society observes certain things during the holiday season.

"People bring in their own ideas and it's very open — there's a lot of give and take," Lavender said.

Aubrey Delaney, an actress and UNC graduate student, said she didn't know her fellow actors beforehand but has grown closer with the cast during the process of putting on this show.

"It's a comedy theater, so there's laughter all the time," Delaney said.

Lavender said the show was a collaborative work over the span of a few months.

"Comedy theater in a relatively small town is kind of an unusual thing," Lavender said.

SEE THE DIRTY SANTA

Time: 9 p.m. Saturdays until Christmas

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"It's really community driven."

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Flu season arrives early

Three flu-related deaths have been reported in N.C.

By Meredith Burns
Staff Writer

Flu season has arrived early this year — and health experts say campuses can be especially prone to the spread of the potentially lethal virus.

Three flu-associated deaths have already been reported in North Carolina since Oct. 6.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have classified N.C. as one of seven states with "regional influenza activity," which is the second most severe rating, according to the CDC website.

Last season, flu-associated deaths were first reported in late January. This year's early deaths have some scientists worried.

Zack Moore, a respiratory disease epidemiologist with the N.C. Division of Public Health, said the three reported deaths could mean a more intense flu season.

"It's tough to predict the future," he said. "But that's an indicator that it's likely to be a severe flu season."

Moore added that some doctors do not report their findings to the state when they discover the illness, making it difficult to determine

the actual number of flu-associated deaths.

"We don't even hear about most people who die from complications with the flu," he said. "We know we're just getting the tip of the iceberg with these reports."

The 2009 H1N1 pandemic is one of the only flu seasons in recent history to have deaths as early as the current one.

Mary Covington, executive director of Campus Health Services, said this year's flu strain was anticipated by doctors and drug developers.

She added that it should be adequately handled by the newest vaccine.

"This seems to be the normal influenza virus. But that does not mean it won't kill you," she said.

Moore said populations that are susceptible to contracting the flu include the elderly, young children, pregnant women and those with chronic diseases.

Moore said college campuses can be a hotbed for the flu virus.

"You guys are our canaries in the coal mine. If we want a vision of what's coming we can look at the colleges," he said.

Covington said Campus Health Services recently confirmed its first flu diagnosis after weeks of cases involving influenza-type symptoms.

Students are especially prone to contracting the flu

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respiratory disease epidemiologist

when their immune systems are suppressed from stress, lack of sleep and poor eating habits, she said.

Heather Paich, a graduate student involved in research at the UNC Gillings School of Public Health, said obesity has also recently been linked to increased susceptibility.

Sophomore Alexandra Farakish said she has not looked into receiving a flu vaccination yet this season.

"I should probably do that," she said. "It's just something you don't really think about."

Moore said nasal spray and vaccines injected into the skin are alternatives to the typical flu shot.

"Most people that get the flu are not going to die from it, but it can take you out of school, out of work and just be a miserable experience," he said.

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UNC enters new era under Fedora

UNC had the best record in the ACC Coastal Division.

By Henry Gargan
Assistant Sports Editor

Too much of 2012's news happened off the field for the North Carolina football team.

Just three months after Larry Fedora was hired away from Southern Mississippi, in December of last year, the NCAA Committee on Infractions ruled on March

12 that his first team would be ineligible to play in a bowl game.

With this reality looming over the program from the beginning of his tenure, Fedora faced the twin challenges of implementing his up-tempo offense and inspiring players struggling to find something to work toward.

Off the field, it was clear that Fedora's long-term commitment would be to return support to a program whose fans were becoming increasingly weary of scandal and mediocre performance.

For the most part, he was successful.

The season saw the emergence of Giovani Bernard as a Tar Heel hero and UNC's first win against N.C. State in six years.

"Our goal is just to go out there and win 12 games," Kevin Reddick, a senior linebacker, said before the season. "My mindset is to stop somebody else from going to the ACC championship or going to a bowl game."

The Tar Heels didn't win 12 games, but they went 8-4, winning five games in the ACC.

UNC finished the season Nov. 24 with a victory against Maryland and the best record in the Coastal Division.

"We never looked back," Fedora said after the Maryland game. "Then it was like, 'OK, here's the plan, here's what we're going to do,' and we really haven't talked about it since."

But the season's end was a cruel reminder of the problems the Fedora era had inherited.

Questions lingered about the team's dedication until the season opener. Fedora

said he wasn't pleased with his team's effort in practice before the game against Elon.

"It wasn't good enough — I can tell you that," Fedora said before the game. "It's not anything the way we practiced like during camp."

Despite posting impressive results throughout the non-conference schedule, the Tar Heels fell to Duke for the first time in eight years on Oct. 20.

After UNC's defense gave up 68 points against Georgia Tech, some asked if UNC had simply stopped caring. Senior defensive tackle



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Sylvester Williams had a definitive answer to those questions.

"We had many chances to lay down," Williams said after the game against Maryland. "We had many chances to give our season up and say, 'Oh, we lost to Duke. It's over for us.' No. We came back and kept fighting."

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Basketball teams aim for stronger finishes

By Brandon Moree
Sports Editor

The 2011-12 North Carolina men's basketball season came to a close as its leader and point guard was sidelined with an injury.

The 2012-13 squad is nearing the year's end with a similar story, though this point guard's injury isn't threatening to end a season.

UNC entered March as one of the NCAA Tournament favorites, but Kendall Marshall injured his wrist in the Tar Heels' second-round game against Creighton.

The injury left him unable to play against Ohio and Kansas.

"We were damn ugly. That's what we were," coach Roy Williams said after beating Ohio. "We were ugly because we didn't have Kendall. And hopefully one game under our belt will help us not be as ugly tomorrow."

Though Stilman White performed admirably in his stead, the Marshall-less Tar Heels couldn't keep pace with the Jayhawks and fell 80-67.

Marshall, along with

Harrison Barnes, John Henson and Tyler Zeller, left UNC for the NBA after the season. Each of them went in the first 17 picks in of the draft.

Before the start of the new season, Williams had surgery to remove a tumor on one of his kidneys. A biopsy proved the tumor was benign and no further surgery was required, despite the presence of a second tumor on his other kidney.

A new crop of Tar Heels are off to a 6-2 start in the 2012-13 season. Five newcomers are joined by Dexter Strickland and Leslie McDonald, who returned from ACL injuries suffered last season.

"They've been adapting very well," James Michael McAdoo said about his new teammates before the season started. "It's a process that started this summer, with the new NCAA rules. They got all that freshman garbage out of their system, so now they're really working hard in practice now and coming into their own."

Freshman point guard Marcus Paige sat out

Saturday's game with Alabama-Birmingham with a shoulder injury, but X-rays are negative.

The women's team ended its 2011-12 season with disappointment as well, but one that was arguably more bitter. Though slated to host first-round NCAA Tournament games, the Tar Heels (20-11) did not make the field of 64.

After hearing that news, UNC then declined an invitation to the WNIT.

But this year, UNC opened the season playing in the preseason WNIT, and UNC charged all the way to the final game where it beat Iowa 77-64.

The only blemish on its 7-1 record is a loss to Tennessee.

"They're competing really, really hard," coach Sylvia Hatchell said after beating Iowa. "They really get after people. We're going to play harder than anyone else for 40 minutes ... and that's what's going to make this team hard to beat."

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If December 5th is Your Birthday...

Home is your magnet this year. Investments, wellness and socializing are themes. Romance heats up the first half of 2013, and sparks shift to career and finances after June. Stay organized, and get a second opinion on big decisions.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 -- The pace is picking up. Accept your greater good. Your workload's getting more intense, as the excellence attracts attention. Release something or someone who's leading you astray.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 5 -- Stay out of someone else's argument, and get into relaxation mode for the next two days. You're gaining support. Somebody nearby sure looks good. Seduction suffuses the ambience.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 9 -- Stick w/ the facts at work. Don't go too far too fast. Fix up your home today and tomorrow. Use water imagery. Have the party at your house.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 -- A voracious learning phase begins. Practicing something you love to do goes well now. Save enough to get a special treat, after paying bills. Resolve confusion.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 -- Work now; play in a few days. Avoid distractions. You can earn extra cash now. Glamorize your appearance. Ground a vision in reality, and resist temptation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Assertiveness works well now, so avoid distractions. You're more powerful than usual for the next few days, which is useful with a difficult job. Take first things first.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Slow down & contemplate potential outcomes. Postpone a private meeting. Wrap up details today and tomorrow. Listen at keyholes. There may be a conflict of interests. Revise later.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 -- It's getting fun now (and public). Ponder party possibilities, & enjoy planning music, food and diversion. Give up a fantasy, especially under pressure. Pass along what you've learned.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 -- The upcoming days require patience, as there may be a disagreement about priorities or delayed correspondence. Research the best deal. Wait for new orders. Consider assuming more authority.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 9 -- Consider attending a business seminar. Plan your agenda. Build a picture of wealth in your mind. Doubts rise. Imagine doing what you love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 -- Keep it practical. Figure out finances today & tomorrow, but wait until overnight to sign. Pay bills. Changes necessitate budget revisions. Bide your time. Your assumptions get challenged.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 -- Review instructions again. Share the load today and tomorrow, but hold on to the responsibility. Avoid backtracking. What you get isn't what you expected. Stay pragmatic.

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COMMON

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“A month ago the forum committee got an email informing them that Common’s contract fee was going to be lowered for the month of December,” she said. “That provided an extra impetus to make it happen.” Grace Peter, chairwoman of CUAB’s forum committee, said both CUAB and the UNC planning committee for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week were looking into getting Common — and Peter said they were lucky to book him. “We did not search for a



Common is a hip-hop artist slated to give a lecture entitled “Greatness!” at Memorial Hall tonight.

(last day of classes) performer,” Peter said in an email. “It just so happened that CUAB had Memorial Hall reserved for Dec. 5 and Common was also available.” Sacks said students can expect Common to do a freestyle rap prior to the lecture and then talk for

about 45 minutes. Common’s lecture will be followed by a 20- to 30-minute question and answer session. While Common’s visit will consist mostly of a lecture, UNC senior Jameer Logan said he is still excited to see the rapper. He said he’s fascinated by Common’s poetry and his attentiveness to social issues. “I love Common as a rap artist and as a speaker,” Logan said. “He’s very conscious and aware of what’s going on in the world.”

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PERDUE

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Committee. Perdue focused on education during her time in the Senate, a passion that lasted throughout her career. In 2000, Perdue was elected to the first of two terms as lieutenant governor, during which she cast the deciding vote to establish the North Carolina Education Lottery. In 2008, Perdue defeated McCrory in a close election for the gubernatorial seat. She became North Carolina’s first female governor. It was a time when N.C. was in the throes of the Great Recession. The state unemployment rate was at 9 percent when Perdue assumed office, and it rose to 11.4 percent in a year. “I think the first thing you have to say is this period of economic distress hovered over the governorship. She became governor at a very difficult time,” Guillory said. “She got elected at a time when the state was polarized.”

‘The veto governor’

Perdue quickly started losing voter support as her term progressed. A campaign finance scandal in 2010 raised ethical questions about her administration. And in the midterm election, Republicans took control of both chambers of the N.C. General Assembly for the first time in 112 years. “She had a hostile legislature that wanted to take the state in a different direction,” said Gary Pearce, a Democratic state political consultant. “That was more of a reflection on the national political climate, not a referendum on her. But she had to pay the price.” With the N.C. economy still struggling, the legislature and Perdue grew increasingly distant on issues. “Instead of trying to find areas of common ground, she instead picked fights on issues that didn’t seem politically advantageous to her,” Kokai said. “She vetoed bills that were popular with the North Carolina public.”

Perdue has vetoed at least 20 bills as governor. Eleven were overridden by the Republican legislature. “The second half of her term, she became the veto governor,” Guillory said. “She didn’t run to be the veto governor, but that’s what she became.”

Kokai said Perdue stuck with her “hardcore” voter base instead of trying to work together with Republicans. “There were opportunities for her to do that, for her to work more closely with the legislature,” he said. Perdue, who ran on a pro-education platform, worked closely with the N.C. Association of Educators throughout her term, said the group’s president, Rodney Ellis. “I think she did the best that she could, given the challenges she had with the legislature,” Ellis said. “There’s always an intent to do better and a wish to do better, but I think at the end of the day, she did the best she could.” He said Perdue was instrumental in expanding the state’s pre-K program for at-risk children. Perdue also advocated for increased funding for the UNC system. “We were also very pleased to see her stand up — cou-

rageously, in my opinion — against a budget that would have harmed education,” he said.

Perdue vetoed the 2011 and 2012 state budgets, which Republicans quickly overrode. Kokai cited these as instances when Perdue could have made a difference by working with the legislature. “An overarching theme, especially in the last two years, was missed opportunities,” Kokai said. “Beverly Perdue never found the right balance of working with Republicans and fighting with them.”

In June, left-leaning polling firm Public Policy Polling found that Perdue had a 59 percent disapproval rating. “Some of that was unfair,” Guillory said. “She was trying to prevent what she saw as damage being inflicted by the Republican Party. You’ve got to give her credit for ... crafting a state government that sought to sustain the continuation of policies that have led to North Carolina’s progress.”

The end of an era

Perdue shocked the state when she announced she would not run for re-election. “She’s going to stand out as a single-term,” Pearce said. Although analysts say that Perdue had a chance in this election with her incumbency advantage, it would have been a long, bitter fight. Kokai said the race would have been closer with Perdue contesting McCrory, rather than Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton. “She had her experience running against McCrory,” he said. “But the poll numbers were trending toward McCrory when Perdue was the potential nominee.” Now, as the final days of Perdue’s term tick away, speculation turns to her next move. Once picked by The New York Times as a future potential presidential candidate, most political analysts agree that Perdue’s career as an elected official has ended. But there is talk of Perdue,

PERDUE AS GOVERNOR

Gov. Bev Perdue will leave office after four contentious years as governor:

- **January 2008:** Perdue defeated Pat McCrory by a 3 percent margin.
- **November 2010:** Republicans gained control of both chambers of the legislature.
- **January 2012:** Perdue announced she would not run for re-election.

age 65, being picked for an administration post by President Barack Obama, who Perdue got to know during the 2008 campaign season.

But Pearce said he thinks Perdue would prefer to remain in North Carolina. “I could see her as a teacher,” he said. “She’d be a fascinating person to learn from, and I think a lot of people in Chapel Hill or elsewhere would like that.”

Perdue already hosts dinners with students from colleges around the area.

Carol Perry, a third-year UNC-CH journalism graduate student, attended a dinner before the election. She said the discussion focused on the undecided voter profile.

“(Perdue) asked a lot of questions,” Perry said. “She was really seeking to learn more from the people who were there. It seemed like a meeting of scholars rather than something that was very partisan or political.”

Kokai said he could see Perdue holding a systemwide professorship or spearheading an education initiative at a think-tank or within the UNC system.

Whatever her next move, Guillory said he thinks Perdue will stay engaged.

“She could certainly serve as a role model for leadership,” he said. “We need people like Beverly Perdue.”

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EMS RESPONSE

FROM PAGE 1

as 30 or 45 minutes,” said Commissioner Earl McKee, who chairs the workgroup to reduce EMS response times. “When you have a broken finger, it’s not a big deal, but anything over 12 minutes is a serious matter when it comes to heart attacks or strokes.” Lodge said Emergency Services has been working to improve times since February, when the workgroup was established.

“In May, we put GPS devices in all five of our ambulances, so we’re always dispatching the closest unit,” he said. “And sometime in July, we switched from 24-hour shifts to 12-hour shifts for paramedics, so no one is allowed to sleep.”

The county has also purchased a new ambulance, hired more staff and restationed ambulances — including putting one on UNC’s campus.

The plan the Board of Commissioners passed on Nov. 20 will build upon these reforms in an effort to further reduce response times.

McKee, who was a volunteer fireman for more than 20 years, said he has a long-standing interest in improving emergency services in Orange County.

Reforms his workgroup have implemented include making more hires and using new software to improve 911 communications.

But the commissioners did not approve recommendations to build new ambulance substations — a large portion of the plan.

McKee said they decided to table this proposal, which would cost approximately \$7 million, and see instead whether ambulances could be stationed at fire departments around the county.

“If we collaborate with the towns to co-locate ambulances and fire departments, we would save millions of dollars,” he said.

McKee said the more rural areas of the county have traditionally had the longest response times, and the southwest quadrant that includes the Bingham township currently has the longest average time — 11 minutes and 1 second.

But he said there are still times of the day when the entire county is underserved.

Capt. Kim Woodward, operations manager for Orange County Emergency Services and a former Orange County paramedic, said she has received surprisingly few complaints about lags in response times — only three or four in the past five years.

“It’s probably because in most cases, more pressing circumstances outweigh a patient’s need to call and complain,” Woodward said. “It’s a sad state of affairs because improvements often come from complaints.”

She said there are many reasons why Orange County

“If you look at the history ... the system didn’t grow with call volume.”

Capt. Kim Woodward, county EMS operations manager

has been slow at emergency responses.

“If you look at the history of the county, the system didn’t grow with call volume,” Woodward said.

Between 2000 and 2010, calls for emergency services increased by 68 percent, though Emergency Services gained only one new 24-hour ambulance.

And Orange County has fewer major roads than neighboring counties such as Wake and Durham, making efficient travel more difficult.

“As a paramedic I remember sometimes feeling kind of helpless,” Woodward said. “It’s not often easy to get to every call that we run in a timely manner.”

McKee said he thinks it will be impossible to reduce times to the county’s goal of between 8 and 12 minutes across the county due to financial constraints.

“But I think over time, if our reforms continue to be effective, we will be able to eliminate as many of the long wait times as possible,” he said.

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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Woman down
Tierra Ruffin-Pratt will sit out tonight's game against Radford with a concussion. See pg. 10 for story.

Uncommon LDOC
Hip-hop artist Common speaks tonight at Memorial Hall on empowerment. See pg. 1 for story.

Time Warner rental
The area cable provider is now making customers pay for Internet routers. See pg. 3 for story.

Dirty Santa
DSI Comedy Theater is presenting a comedy about Santa until Christmas. See pg. 9 for story.

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18 GPS display
19 Scottish refusal
20 Melodic passages
21 Cabbage head?
23 E. __ bacteria
24 Mug
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29 Blunt blade
32 Main idea
33 Defensive story
35 "I hate when you do that!"
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Ruffin-Pratt to sit out tonight's game

Latifah Coleman will start in place of the senior point guard.

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It was clear after Tierra Ruffin-Pratt left the game against Tennessee on Sunday with a concussion that her absence was as responsible for the ensuing loss as her presence had been for the victory five days before. “She went in for a layup, and she got undercut,” North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. “When she came down, thank goodness her back hit first, but then her head hit. It was bang, bang. She came out and said she was OK, so we put her back in. “But then she took three really bad shots, and I’m

thinking, ‘Oh, man.’” Against then-No. 15 Ohio State on Nov. 28, Ruffin-Pratt scored her team’s final four points to give the Tar Heels the lead and ultimately the win. When she exited the game on Sunday in the first half, her team was down 16. UNC would go on to lose by 45 points. “We’d actually started to settle down,” Hatchell said. “And if that hadn’t happened, we might not have won, but it would have been a very respectable game for us.” Instead, what followed was a 102-57 drubbing in front of a Knoxville crowd of more than 11,000. Hatchell said her team was intimidated by the setting, which featured about 10,000 more fans than have attended the average game in Carmichael Arena this

season. Cold shooting, poor rebounding and Ruffin-Pratt’s injury compounded that effect. Now, the No. 21 Tar Heels (7-1) are scrambling to re-energize their play before tonight’s contest against Radford at home. “Tennessee, it just hurt,” senior Krista Gross said. “A lot of things went wrong, a lot of things went right for them. We couldn’t buy anything, they were hitting everything. It was just one of those games when we didn’t come out like we should have.” Gross said Radford’s smaller lineup and skilled guards promise a fast game — one the Tar Heels won’t be taking lightly after the defeat in Knoxville. With Ruffin-Pratt out of the lineup, sophomore Latifah Coleman will start at point guard for North Carolina, with freshman

N’Dea Bryant relieving her. Coleman came in to replace the senior against Tennessee, but Hatchell said her lack of experience playing for extended stretches kept the Tar Heels from going about business as usual. Gross said playing at point from start to finish with the senior guard helping from the bench will help Coleman ease into the role. The team expects Ruffin-Pratt to return for the next game against North Carolina Central on Dec. 12. “She’s out for tomorrow, but her symptoms are going away,” Gross said. “You have to be 24-hours symptom free before they can test you, so she should be back (against N.C. Central) — hopefully before Thursday and her finals.”

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Tierra Ruffin-Pratt drives to the basket against Ohio State. She won't play against Radford tonight after suffering a concussion Sunday.

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