

PARKING PROBLEMS



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Vehicle towing practices, including video surveillance, are on the rise in Chapel Hill, prompting complaints from Chapel Hill residents and drivers.



UNC will look into Christian group

Psalm 100 voted to remove a gay member on Sunday night, prompting criticism.

By Paula Seligson
Staff Writer

The University will investigate whether or not the Christian a cappella group Psalm 100 violated UNC's non-discrimination policy in dismissing senior Will Thomason, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp said.

On Sunday, members of Psalm 100 unanimously voted to remove Thomason, who is gay, for his views on homosexuality. He had been a member of the group since his freshman year.

"We are on notice that there is a question as to whether or not a student organization has acted in compliance with the policy or not," Crisp said. "We take that very seriously and that will be investigated."

Blake Templeton, general director of the group, said Thomason was not removed for his sexual orientation but for his opinions about homosexuality. He said the views clash with the ideology of the Bible, which the organization's constitution mandates members must uphold.

Psalm 100 is a student organization that receives student fees and is bound by the University's non-discrimination policy. Between Feb. 17 and June 30, Psalm 100 received \$152.20 in student fees.

The policy states that groups may limit membership to those who share the beliefs of that group but cannot exclude members based on personal characteristics, including sexual orientation.

"Our commitment to non-discrimination is bed-rock strong but so is our commitment to the First Amendment rights of freedom of association," Crisp said. "The non-discrimination policy for student

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Northside area responds to more break-ins

Police reports show a 42 percent increase in incidents.

By Tyson Leonhardt
Staff Writer

When junior Kaylon Kirk couldn't find her backpack in her room, she thought she may have left it in her car.

But when she saw books scattered across the floor and noticed a camera and Xbox were missing, she knew the possessions had been stolen.

Chapel Hill police say Kirk, who lives in the Northside neighborhood, isn't alone.

Chapel Hill police records show a 42 percent increase in Northside-area break-ins from last year during the same January-to-August period.

Residents have reported 12 break-ins in the neighborhood during the past month, compared to one in August 2010.

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NORTHSIDE BREAK-INS

26 reported burglaries/breaking and entering from January to August 2010

42% increase in reported burglaries/breaking and entering from last year

37 reported burglaries/breaking and entering from January to August 2011

12 reported burglaries/breaking and entering in August 2011 alone

Towing practices questioned

Officials try to balance local business needs with resident interests in parking.

By Florence Bryan
Assistant City Editor

Complaints about vehicle towing practices are on the rise in Chapel Hill, and town officials are trying to balance business and resident interests to combat the problem.

The use of video surveillance by private towing companies to monitor illegal parking has caused growing frustration among residents, Chapel Hill Town Council member Penny Rich said.

"I think it's wrong," she said. "I just don't know what other way to do it besides having an off-duty police officer or security guard standing there, but that would be very costly for the businesses."

Jim Norton, executive director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, said towing protects downtown businesses, some of which

"We're not the bad guy. We're doing the job for the businesses."

George King,
George's Towing and Recovery

hire private towing companies to monitor their lots.

"Those businesses pay a premium to have parking there," Norton said. "And somebody that doesn't patronize them takes away from their business and takes up a spot, so this is actually helping existing businesses."

Downtown businesses with designated lots that restrict parking to customers include those next to Panera Bread, Noodles and Company, Vespa Ristorante and the Franklin Hotel.

George's Towing and Recovery, which has been hired by some local businesses to enforce parking rules, uses video cameras to ensure those who park at a business are actually patrons, said owner George King.

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PARKING FINES IN CHAPEL HILL

\$15 for an expired meter or for parking over marked lines

\$50 for other parking violations

\$100 for parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or within a fire lane

\$200 for parking in a handicap zone

Discrepancy in views on parking

Though officials say there are plenty of spots, visitors and locals alike have trouble.

By Gayatri Surendranathan
Staff Writer

Finding parking in downtown Chapel Hill is not always an easy task. University Florist and Gift Shop owner Charles House said that just about every customer has difficulty finding a parking spot close to the store.

"Thirty or 40 years ago, you could pull up and park right in front of any store," he said.

But town officials have repeatedly said Chapel Hill has plenty of parking.

"We have pretty sufficient inventory," Chapel Hill Parking Superintendent Brenda Jones said.

"In general, unless there is a special University event, we have not experienced lots filling up."

Jones said the town has acquired many new parking areas since Lot 5, on the corner of Franklin and Church Streets, closed in January to begin construction on 140 West, a mixed-use development.

Since Lot 5 closed, new public lots have been made available, including a lot between the Courtyard Marriott and Lantern restaurant with 48 spaces, and another on Basnight Lane with 57 spaces.

The town also purchased a new lot on S. Graham Street but has not decided when those spots will be open to the

public, Jones said.

Chapel Hill Town Council candidate Jason Baker said he believes the town has been continually improving its parking situation.

He cited 181 new hourly spaces in the past four years, parking meters that accept credit cards and signs that make it easy to locate public parking as evidence of progress.

"The biggest challenge may not be Chapel Hill residents but visitors, who bring with them expectations based on their familiarities from places around the country," he said.

Oftentimes visitors expect to find available free parking and are not happy with paying hourly fees, Baker said.

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SAFETY FIRST

UNC Hospitals staff were taught about chemical, biological, nuclear and explosive threats. **Page 3.**



NANOTECH CONFERENCE

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ADMISSIONS ABROAD

A new program would allow UNC students studying abroad to help recruit international students. **Page 6.**

Announcement

Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001? Come out to South Building today at 6 p.m. to help the DTH commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a group photo.

This day in history

AUG. 31, 1992
Sports Illustrated named Chapel Hill the best college town in the nation, writing that it was the purest example of a town defined by a university.

Today's weather

Back, feeling better
H 88, L 63

Thursday's weather

Just had really bad hiccups
H 88, L 66

“Don't stay in bed unless you can make money in bed.”
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I got 99 problems, and prison's one

From staff and wire reports

If at first you don't go to prison, try, try again... 99 times. A Chicago man arrested for the 99th time when he was caught using his 3-year-old child as a ruse to beg for money pleaded guilty at his indictment hearing Monday and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Alberto Luis Alvarez, 37, was going door-to-door Aug. 10 begging for money when police were called. When confronted, Alvarez threw several clear plastic bags on the ground and fled the scene. The bags were filled with heroin.

After identifying Alvarez through fingerprints, it was discovered that he had 98 prior arrests and 23 convictions, ranging from burglary, robbery and larceny to assault, drugs and smuggling. He was also found to have 10 dates of birth, nine names and five Social Security numbers used as aliases.

NOTED. A woman was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport Tuesday after she was caught trying to smuggle rare birds that were attached to her body.

A pat-down revealed two birds stuffed in socks and taped to the arm of the woman, who was traveling to China.

The birds were alive and unharmed.

QUOTED. "Having the whole world look at you and wonder if you've truly forgotten what it's like to be young and horny is my version of the nightmare where you're speaking in public and you look down and realize you've peed yourself in front of everyone."

— Amanda Marcotte, Slate.com columnist, on her desire to stay sexy for life.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Performance: Enjoy Deep Dish Theater Company's showing of "After the Revolution," which depicts three generations of activists as they wrestle with their legacies. It's an off-Broadway hit by a first-time playwright.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: 201 S. Estes Dr.

Meeting: Carolina for Amani, a non-profit organization that helps care for orphaned and HIV-positive children in Kenya.

, is holding its first meeting of the school year.

Time: 9 p.m.
Location: Campus Y

THURSDAY

Cackalacky cookout: Bring your friends to enjoy free samples of Cackalacky barbecue and locally produced hot sauce. Samples will include a beef brisket from Valley View Farm and a pork butt roast from Eco Farm.
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Southern Village Farmers' Market

Making connections: Learn how to make the connections you need to find jobs and internships. RSVP through Careerolina is preferred.
Time: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Hanes Hall, 239B

Carolina innovations: Listen as Judith Cone, special assistant to the chancellor for innovation and entrepreneurship, gives an overview of the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Cone will discuss what the office has accomplished thus far and what it is planning for the future.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Hanes Hall, 239B

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Correction: Due to a reporting error, Tuesday's page 3 story "UNC looks to save energy" incorrectly attributed a statement that the University had postponed maintenance for about 20 buildings to Stewart Boss. The statement came from a PowerPoint presentation provided to the reporter.

Clarification: Monday's front page story "A Halt to Panhandling" pictured Kameron Leigh holding a sign on Franklin Street. Leigh says the photo incorrectly portrays him as a panhandler. He said he was holding the sign which read, "Homeless! Please help," for a friend.

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SUPERMEN



DTH/ELIZA WILLIAMS

Junior Daniel Heyward, Achord-o-Man, sophomore Taylor Miles and junior Nick Aisthorpe advertise the all-male a cappella group, the Achordants, in the Pit on Tuesday. The Achordants are looking for new members and auditions will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

POLICE LOG

● Someone stole a rocking chair and a foot rest off a porch between noon Aug. 22 and 5 p.m. Monday at 619 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The rocking chair was valued at \$150 and the foot rest was valued at \$50, reports state.

● Someone stayed inside the Krispy Kreme bathroom for 30 minutes at 7:42 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. No reasoning was given for the suspect's behavior, reports state.

● Someone was stopped for speeding at Estes Drive and Caswell Road at 6:33 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The suspect was then arrested for delaying a public officer, reports state.

● Police investigated alleged credit card fraud at 8:35 a.m. Monday at 1804 Old Oxford Road. The victim reported he

lost \$533.60, according to reports.

● Someone broke into a private residence at 1:30 p.m. Monday at 503 Pritchard Ave., according to Chapel Hill police reports. Nothing was reported stolen and the entry was not forceful. The suspect was chased away by the victim, reports state.

● Someone failed to pay for services at a service station at 2:54 p.m. Monday at 502 W. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Vehicle parts and accessories valued at \$75.13 were taken from Chapel Hill Tire, police reports state.

● Carrboro police responded to a complaint about a dog running at large at 9:35 a.m. Monday, according to reports.

The complainant said the owner released the dog of its leash and the animal relieved itself off of the owner's property.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC Hospitals employee files pay discrimination suit

UNC Hospitals employee Natalie Demers filed a complaint in Orange County Superior Court on Tuesday against UNC Hospitals for pay discrimination. The complaint states that Demers is being paid about \$8,000 less than a male employee in the same position with a similar level of experience. Demers serves as a neurodiagnostic technologist in the sleep-related respiratory department.

UNC graduate selected to be 2011 State Policy Fellow

UNC graduate Francinia McKeithan has been selected to serve as a 2011 State Policy Fellow along with four other top graduates from around the country. The five fellows will work as research and policy analysts at independent think tanks across the country in the program's second year. The highly competitive State Policy Fellowship Program aims to analyze the impact of budget and policy choices on low-income people. The program has received more than 600 applicants in its first two years. McKeithan graduated from UNC with master's degrees in public administration and social work in spring 2011. She also completed her undergraduate education at UNC.

UNC Water Institute photo submissions due Sept. 18

The Water Institute at UNC is currently hosting an international photography contest. Entries are asked to illustrate the power of water and its connections to public health, development and its life-giving properties. The winners will be announced at the Annual Water and Health Conference that the UNC Water Institute will be hosting on Oct. 4. The awards include a \$500 grand prize, \$250 first prize and \$50 honorable mentions. All winners will also be featured on the Water Institute's website. Submissions are due by Sept. 18. Rules and entry forms are available at <http://waterinstitute.unc.edu>.

CITY BRIEFS

County to host workshop on transportation plan

Orange County and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the Triangle Rural Planning Organization and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization will host a public workshop to discuss a draft of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The plan proposes transportation improvements for the next 30 years and beyond. The workshop will be held on Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the John Link Government Services building in Hillsborough. For more information contact Tom Altieri at 919-245-2579.

Information meeting held for Glen Lennox rezoning

The Town of Chapel Hill will hold a public information meeting to discuss the rezoning proposals for the single-family areas of the Glen Lennox Neighborhood Conservation district. Staff will make a presentation and answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Town Council from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 31.

Orange County library to start e-Newsletter for teens

The Orange County Public Library's main library now has a monthly e-Newsletter for Adult and Teen Services. Each month's issue will feature upcoming library news, online resources and book suggestions. Those interested can subscribe at www.co.orange.nc.us/library.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Interest meeting scheduled for junior varsity basketball

UNC students interested in trying out for the junior varsity men's basketball team this season must attend an informational meeting Monday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. at the Smith Center. Students who come to the meeting should enter the building at Gate A.

- From staff and wire reports

UNC system considers credit ratings

By Miranda Murray
Staff Writer

Following changes to two UNC-system schools' credit ratings, administrators are looking into the criteria behind the ratings to avoid future downgrades. Moody's Investors Services recently downgraded N.C. Central University's credit rating and shifted Western Carolina University's outlook from "stable" to "negative" within its current rating. Though finance administrators have said it won't have much of an impact on students, they will be presenting the issue at the upcoming UNC-system Board of Governors meeting. They will also meet with Moody's in New York in the coming weeks in hopes of coming away with a better understanding of the criteria used to grade the system's schools, said Charles Perusse, vice president for finance for the UNC system. The division will also meet with financial administrators across the system in a more detailed session after the board meeting. Perusse said the meeting will encourage schools to be more cognizant of the closer scrutiny of credit rating agencies. "Their evaluations are more comprehensive in that they're looking at more financial data," he said. "They're also being stricter due to the financial situation." Moody's downgraded NCCU's credit rating from A2 to A3 last week. Wendell Davis, vice chancellor for finance and administration at NCCU, said the downgrade could make the cost of

capital more expensive. NCCU's current capital projects, including a new residence hall and a nursing facility, are all in good financial standing, he said. "An A3 rating means that the cost for capital may increase — it does not mean that an institution cannot borrow money," Davis said. Perusse said NCCU's credit downgrade was not influenced by its debt structure. "There's been no debt issued at Central since 2009," Perusse said. "All the existing debt is at the bond level they're at now, so on the operational standpoint, this has no effect." Robert Edwards, vice chancellor for administration and finance at WCU, wrote in an email it would be pure speculation to suggest why WCU avoided a credit downgrade. But WCU could face a potential downgrade in the next 12 to 18 months, Perusse said. Moody's report listed continued state funding cuts and inability to meet debt payments as factors that could contribute to a potential downgrade. "As we have in the past, we will continue to be extremely diligent in deciding when — and if — to take on additional debt," Edwards said. "We cannot control budget cuts, but we can control our debt." According to a rating methodology published from Moody's this month, several broad factors are used in assessments of public universities, including market position, operating performance, legal security and debt structure. Perusse said the meeting with

MOODY'S RATINGS

Moody's Investors Services uses a rating system to evaluate credit risk. The AAA rating denotes the lowest risk and the C rating denotes the highest risk. Less than 10 public universities have achieved the AAA credit rating.

a Moody's representative will help administrators better understand those assessments. "At this point, we're in the information-gathering process, and we don't know of anyone else who's being evaluated among system schools," he said. "We wish we did."

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MASS INSTRUCTION



T.J. DeLuca, head UNC fire inspector, gives a presentation to UNC Hospital staff about the dangers of attacks on a University campus.

UNC Hospitals officials discuss grave safety risks

By Chelsea Bailey
Staff Writer

There is a perceived sense of safety in hospitals that has little to do with security guards. Much as in airports, dangerous situations — including bombs, shooters, abandoned bags and radiation — can be masked by the bustle characteristic of hospitals, said UNC Hospitals officials who led a routine information session on safety issues Tuesday. The training served as an overview of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats that can be avoided through awareness and security diligence. UNC Fire Safety Inspector T.J. DeLuca said shooters and terrorists can capitalize on the sense of security felt on college campuses. "If you'd asked students at Virginia Tech whether there was a possibility of a shooter before that day, they'd probably tell you, 'No, I don't think so,'" DeLuca said. The public pays attention to popular spaces — such as Kenan Stadium and the Smith Center, which have increased security — but might not think of the hospital

as vulnerable, he added. "The point is, (chemicals) are available. And if it's available to use in a work sense, it's available for people to use as a weapon," DeLuca said. "We have to understand the threats in order to protect ourselves and once we understand that, we can protect others," he added. Jonathan Moore, associate radiation safety officer in the Office of Environment, Health and Safety, stressed that the biggest threat in a situation involving radiation is fear. "People hear the word radiation and they think of the worst case scenario," Moore said. He added that there is a difference between radiation exposure and contamination. If someone is exposed to radiation and immediately washes his or her skin afterward, he or she can reduce the chance of contamination. If someone is contaminated with radiation, it could take days for symptoms to show and weeks for it to be recognized, Moore said. Dalton Sawyer, director for emergency preparedness for UNC Hospitals, said

radiation often tops lists of the threats that scare people the most. "Radiation is up there because you can't see it, you can't smell it and you can't feel it," Sawyer said. He added that it is the job of administrators to project calm and collective personas when informing the public of threats because it helps to curb panic. "Our staff takes its cues from administration — if the staff is nervous, then patients are nervous," he said. Sawyer said the hospital has numerous protocols in place for any emergency situation. All include contacting a team specifically trained to handle the crisis. DeLuca stressed that security officers must be trained to follow the R.A.I.N. procedure, which instructs them to recognize, avoid and isolate a hazard before notifying the relevant parties. "If you see something, say something," DeLuca said. "If you see something that's odd, don't make a decision yourself about what's suspicious. If you think it's out of place, let us know."

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Police: Man tried to sell stolen bike in Pit

Garry Raines, 27, was arrested on the charge of larceny of a bicycle.

By Becky Bush
Staff Writer

Rachel Garrett didn't know her bicycle had been stolen until she got a call from her roommate, who told her police officers were in her room. Garrett's bicycle was safely locked up at Kenan Residence Hall on Monday morning, she said. But that afternoon, a man was trying to sell it to students in the Pit, police said. "I got a call from my roommate saying that a policeman was in my room to talk to me," Garrett said. "He told me that someone had stolen my bike." Campus police officers asked Garrett to go to the Pit to identify the bicycle, which she did. "The guy said, 'That's impos-

sible. I've had this bike for four months,'" Garrett said. "I said, 'That's impossible because this is definitely my bike.'" Police then arrested Garry Raines, 27, of Durham, on a charge of larceny of a bicycle, according to a press release provided by Department of Public Safety spokesman Randy Young. After investigating a report of suspicious activity, campus police discovered Raines attempting to sell Garrett's bicycle, which was registered with the University, the press release stated. The registration sticker was visible on the body of the black and silver Cannondale, which

"I'm grateful that I registered my bike with the school."

Rachel Garrett,
UNC student whose bike was stolen Tuesday

led police to quickly suspect the bike was Garrett's. Raines is not affiliated with the University, the press release stated. After he was arrested, he was placed on \$2,000 secured bond at the District Criminal Court in Hillsborough. The investigation is ongoing, and further charges could be filed, Young said. Raines has also been trespassed from the UNC campus. Historically, there is not one bicycle rack on campus targeted by thieves, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police Jeff McCracken said. Instead, bikes are stolen from a wide variety of locations on campus, he said. Virtually all thefts involve bicycles that have not been locked properly with a U-shaped lock, Young said. "We hardly ever see bikes

using U-locks victimized," he added. Young said others might provide evidence that could link the suspect to similar thefts. "Hopefully, the efficacy of the use of registration and any media attention will lead more to register their bikes, thus preventing thefts in the first place," Young said. Garrett's bicycle was a graduation gift from her parents and is her primary mode of transportation, she said. "I am very grateful that I registered my bike with the school," Garrett said. "I highly encourage everyone with a bike to do the same because I definitely would not have a bike otherwise."

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NC to benefit from new tech

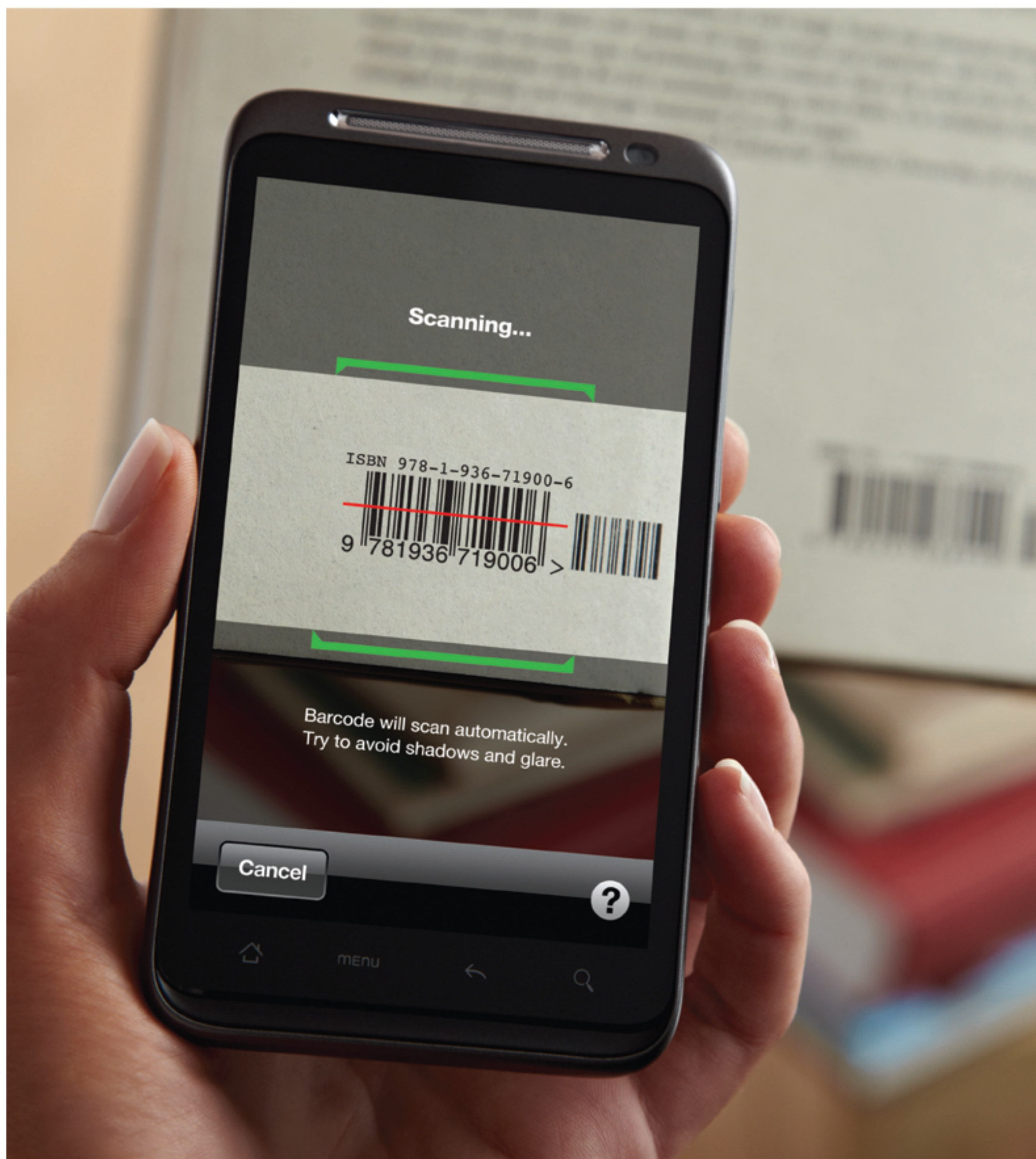
Greensboro hosted a 4-day conference on nanotechnology.

By Vinayak Balasubramanian
Staff Writer

North Carolina's economy could receive a welcome boost in coming years from an unexpected source — nanotechnology. The 16th annual Commercialization of Micro-Nano Systems Conference, hosted by an international nanotechnology foundation, was held this week at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro. The four-day convention ends today. Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., gave a keynote speech at the event and emphasized the importance of the budding nanotechnology field to the state's economy. "While North Carolina may be better known for the three 'b's — barbecue, beaches and basketball — this conference solidifies North Carolina's position as a state ahead of the curve," she said. Hagan also said in prepared remarks that the biotechnology industry supports nearly a quarter of a million jobs in the state and contributes more than \$64 billion to the state's economy. Laura Faulconer, director of innovation projects at the Durham-based Center of Innovation for Nanobiotechnology, said the newly founded Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering in Greensboro is one of only 39 programs worldwide that offers a doctorate in nanotechnology. The school, which opened last fall, is a joint program between UNC-Greensboro and N.C. A&T State University. "This is going to attract new companies to the area that want the joint school graduates to become their employees," said Jim Roberts, director of membership and fundraising at the center. Joseph DeSimone, a chemistry professor at UNC-CH who attended the conference, said nanotechnology involves working with matter at the nanometer scale, which is one billionth of a meter. Working at this scale reveals properties of matter not seen at a larger scale, he said. For example, it's possible to produce vaccines based on nanoparticles that mimic pathogens. DeSimone, who co-founded the biotechnology company Liquidia Technologies in 2004 in Durham, primarily works in developing vaccines and therapeutics. With a total of 80 nanotechnology companies statewide, Roberts said North Carolina ranks 8th among other state in the field, and Raleigh ranks 4th among all cities nationwide. Hagan said North Carolina could rival Silicon Valley and Boston in the biotechnology field in the future. "I hear from business owners all the time that they want to bring their company to our state, that this is where they want to live and to retire," she said.

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NORTHSIDE

FROM PAGE 1

Lt. Kevin Gunter, spokesman for the police department, said end-of-summer spikes in break-ins aren't uncommon.

"During the summer months, leading up to the fall semester, we typically notice break-ins to rental property homes that students are leaving and coming back to," he said. "We've made a couple of arrests related to property thefts in that area and our investigative unit is working on others."

Lt. Jabe Hunter of the Chapel Hill Police Department said students aren't the only ones targeted.

"Certainly it happens in areas of the community where people are out, (thieves) are looking for anything from electronics to spare change,"

Hunter said it's important for residents to be on the lookout for suspicious activity not only around their own homes, but also their neighbors'.

"These guys are looking to get in and get out quickly, they're looking to go unseen. We stress that people need to call the authorities if they see something suspicious so we can get these guys off the street."

Kirk, who lives on N. Columbia Street, said she only left the house for about 10 minutes to run an errand, but when she returned she discovered she was missing nearly \$5,000 worth of items. A front window was left unlocked, she said.

"I personally don't feel that safe. I'm on the lookout now for suspicious characters ..."

Kaylon Kirk,
UNC junior who lives in Northside

"They emptied out my backpack, stuffed all the stuff they wanted in it and got away," she said.

Kirk said she reported the incident to Chapel Hill police, but that there hasn't been an arrest in the case yet. She said the incident has heightened her awareness of the area.

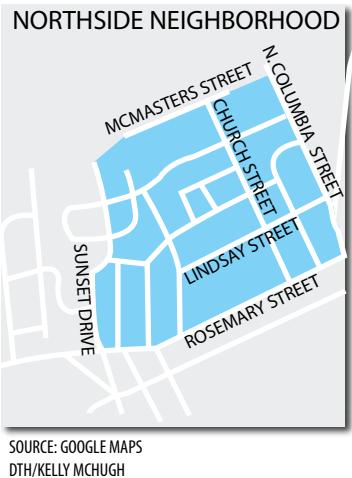
"I personally don't really feel that safe. I'm on the lookout now for suspicious characters and people walking slowly by the house," she said. "I even had the police come and check the house another time when I was alone."

Northside resident Martrina Morrow, who hasn't experienced any recent break-ins, said she thinks that watchful neighbors are what keeps a community safe.

"If you live in a community, you need to act like you're part of that community and help each other out," she said.

To address the increased robberies, the Northside community has partnered with Chapel Hill-Carrboro-UNC Crime Stoppers to encourage residents to call in with tips that could help identify suspects and lead to arrests, Hunter said.

Hunter, who serves as the law enforcement liaison to the local Crime Stoppers branch, said call-



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ers can remain anonymous and will receive a \$1,000 reward for a tip that leads to an arrest related to break-ins in the area.

Gunter said the department is increasing its communication with Northside renters and homeowners to better inform community members.

"We're trying to stay on top of these as best we can, and getting information out to the public is a big piece of that puzzle," he said.

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TOWING

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"We're not the bad guy," he said. "We're doing the job for the businesses."

To address other towing concerns, the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership created a parking task force, Norton said.

"We're just trying to come up with innovative solutions for parking in downtown Chapel Hill," he said.

The task force has recommended mandating towing companies to accept credit cards as payment for towing fees instead of restricting payments to cash only, Rich said.

"It's unsafe, especially for women, to go anywhere with \$100 in their pocket to pay the towing company," she said.

The council will discuss the issue in September.

Some towing companies worry residents might cancel their credit card payment once they have picked up towed cars, King said.

"Credit cards are just a convenience to everybody else," he said.

The Town Council has dealt with towing before — in 2008, it established an ordinance that limited towing fees to \$100 and set a 30-minute time limit for companies to notify police of a towed car.

Danny Lloyd of the Chapel Hill Police Department said it has been difficult to enforce the time limit, which helps police ensure they don't record a towed car as stolen.

"If the towing companies don't call us and the (car) owners don't call us, sometimes we just don't know," he said.

Under the 2008 ordinance, towing companies that are caught

violating the time limit pay a fine ranging from \$50 to \$250.

The Chapel Hill Police Department will meet with towing owners Sept. 9, King said. He said he doesn't know precisely what will be discussed.

For now, the Town Council's main goal is to encourage residents and visitors to read and follow parking signs. The town towing ordinance mandates that property owners display notices if their lot is a tow-away zone.

Rich said the town might develop a smartphone application to inform residents and visitors about available public parking — an idea still in its early stages.

"The solution is that people who come downtown are really smart about where they park."

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THOMASON

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organizations tries very hard to balance those issues."

He said if an organization does not comply with the policy, it must change or face losing University recognition.

"We're going to take the time that is necessary to thoroughly investigate the issues before we draw any conclusions," Crisp added.

Zealan Hoover, student body vice president, said he has asked the student solicitor general to prepare a legal brief and the student body treasurer to prepare a list of the funds allocated to the group. The two will report to the executive branch tonight.

"We'll be discussing how we want to respond," Hoover said.

Jon Curtis, associate director of student activities and organizations, said the unusual nature of the situation makes crafting a plan of action difficult. He added that he has not received a formal complaint against Psalm 100.

Templeton said he acknowledged that the University has the right to investigate any group on campus.

He said he was worried that the decision has been perceived incorrectly.

"This isn't a salvation issue, and it's not Psalm 100 saying whether or not Will Thomason is a Christian and whether or not he's going to go to heaven," he said.

"I've gotten approached about that and that's not the case at all.

"The decision was really about honoring the (group's) constitution that the University approved of," he said.

Terri Phoenix, director of the UNC Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Center, said there was not enough information to know if it was a case of discrimination.

"I feel confident that the University is going to do its due diligence in making sure that the policy was adhered to, and if they find that it was not adhered to they will take the appropriate action," Phoenix said.

Thomason said he still enjoys a strong friendship with members of the group.

"I'm especially appreciative of the willingness of the larger UNC community to openly engage in the dialogue and I trust there will be continued respect for all parties involved," he said.

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Student Congress talks funding for groups

By Kaitlyn Knepp
Staff Writer

The first meeting of the 93rd session of Student Congress Tuesday night was defined by one of the body's main responsibilities — allocating funds to student organizations.

Five bills were passed to appropriate funds to various student groups, including a request for more than \$20,000 from the UNC College Republicans.

Finance committee Chairman Jared Simmons and College Republicans Chairman Greg Steele presented the groups' request for funds to bring Republican writer and pundit Ann Coulter to campus next month.

After much debate, the request was amended to give the group only about \$5,000 for Coulter's speaker fees. The other \$15,000 was allotted but expected to be paid back to the University after fundraising.

Steele said the group has already raised some money for the event.

He also said the group requested \$25,000 to bring Karl Rove to campus last year. The group spent

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Adam Horowitz,
Chairman of the oversight committee

\$15,000 in student fees to bring Rove to campus.

Adam Horowitz, chairman of the oversight committee, raised concerns about the amount of money requested.

"It just bothers me that we're paying this much for one event," he said.

Other appropriations passed included \$717 to the Special Libraries Association, \$858 to Building Bonds, Breaking B.A.R.S. and \$245 to UNC M.A.N.O., which teaches English as a second language.

A new student group, A Drink for Tomorrow, was allotted \$2,668. The group, which was certified by the University last spring, is a non-profit group that seeks to raise awareness about the global water crisis. It will be the nation's first college chapter.

The group representatives said at the meeting that the organiza-

tion plans to raise \$5,000 for a project at the University.

The group originally requested \$4,953 in funding, including \$450 to send 10 students to an on-campus conference and \$250 for publicity.

"This request took some significant cutting," Simmons said.

Student Congress also unanimously passed a resolution to appoint Shruthi Sundaram as Board of Elections chairwoman. Sundaram will be in charge of enforcing election laws during the next student body president campaign.

She served as the vice chairwoman of the Board of Elections last school year. She was appointed during the summer session of Student Congress. Her interim appointment ended Aug. 22.

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PARKING

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But many people who are used to having to pay hourly fees to park often find Chapel Hill's parking situation reasonable, Jones said.

Assistant Parking Superintendent Chris McClay said parking complaints arise when the school year begins.

"It's not that the town doesn't have enough parking, it's the University and the town together," he said.

McClay said the town and the University have been discussing constructing a parking deck, that would be owned by UNC and operated by Chapel Hill, to meet the need for more on-campus parking. No plans for the project have been made.

Darren Abrecht, a webmaster on campus, said his parking spot at Cobb Parking Deck is too expensive and he hopes any new

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Chris McClay,
Assistant parking superintendent

parking option would be more reasonably priced.

"I used to do park and ride, but that was too time consuming," he said. "I think the solution would have to be building a new parking deck."

Despite town efforts, House, whose business has been at the same location since 1946, said

he and other businesses still await more accessible parking options.

"I understand the town wants to be walking-friendly, but walking is not suitable in every situation."

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New program to attract international students

By Maria Gontaruk
Staff Writer

Students studying abroad will soon have the chance to serve as admissions ambassadors for the University around the world.

In an effort to make UNC a more diverse campus, student government's Global University Committee is working with the Study Abroad Office and the Office of International Student and Scholar Services to create an international ambassadors pro-

gram, the committee's co-chairwoman Shannon Steel said.

"The new organization's goal is to increase the number of international applicants, allowing for a more diverse pool of students," Steel said.

But UNC's two percent cap on international students does not allow for a significant gain in diversity, said Jean Hughes, interim director of the international office.

In fall 2009, 114 undergraduates international students came to UNC, she said. That number

increased to 158 in 2010. Hughes estimated that more than 200 students will enroll this year, though about 300 were accepted.

"The number of international students admitted to the University will most likely remain steady at two percent," Hughes said.

"But we hope that the numbers will increase in later years."

To begin the project, Steel said study abroad students will bring a "skill kit" to high schools abroad. It will include a presentation

with information about the UNC system, higher education in the United States, college credit, and campus and social life.

Steel said she hopes the program will be up and running by next summer. She added that the amount of money it will cost is uncertain.

Students interested in the program can apply later this year.

"It's a way to help UNC, too," Steel said.

"UNC students will have a chance to give back and increase

"UNC's level of education is excellent, and the University should reach out to more students."

Jaime Pinies,
an exchange student from Madrid

the reputation internationally."

Jaime Pinies, an exchange student from Madrid, said a program targeted to high school students abroad would open the eyes of foreign students to other options.

"A lot of my friends don't consider studying abroad because the

only universities we hear about are the Ivy Leagues," Pinies said.

"But UNC's level of education is excellent, and the University should reach out to more students."

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» Supplies to be airlifted to areas cut off by flooding

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — With thousands of East Coast residents still cut off by severe flooding in the wake of Hurricane Irene, National Guard members and firefighters were set to begin airlifting food, water and other supplies to some of the stranded. Meanwhile, more than 3 million utility customers remain without power, and it could be Labor Day weekend before they get the lights turned back on. On Tuesday, while the rest of the country was moving on from Irene and turning its attention to the upcoming three-day weekend, large swaths of the Northeast remained mired in mud and misery in the wake of the deadly storm. In New Jersey, search-and-rescue teams helped nearly 600 people stranded by the Passaic

River, which was measuring 13 feet above flood stage, according to Reuters. In Vermont, emergency workers were planning to bring in food and supplies via helicopter; rains and flooding have washed out many roads and bridges, leaving some towns cut off. And to the south, at least 2,500 residents were stranded on remote Hatteras Island in North Carolina.

Acting ATF chief steps down in wake of weapon debate

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Kenneth E. Melson, who has faced heavy criticism in connection with the controversial Fast and Furious gun-trafficking investigation, announced Tuesday that he is stepping down as acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Also resigning is Dennis Burke, the U.S. attorney in Phoenix whose office oversaw the Fast and Furious program, in which ATF agents purposely allowed weapons to be illegally purchased in the hope of catching Mexican drug cartel leaders. Melson shared the news in a conference call at 11:30 a.m. EDT with supervisors at the bureau's field offices, telling them that he will be moving back to the Department of Justice to serve as a senior adviser with the Office of Legal Programs. His resignation will take effect at 5 p.m. EDT.

Litany of failures cited in California pipeline explosion

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — A utility's "litany of failures" combined with weak government oversight probably caused a gas pipeline explosion that killed eight people and destroyed 38

homes in San Bruno, Calif., last year, federal accident investigators said Tuesday. National Transportation Safety Board officials, meeting in Washington to determine the cause of the September 2010 explosion, said the problems uncovered during their investigation included poor pipeline welds, inadequate inspection by regulatory agencies and a lack of an emergency response plan that might have prevented the tragedy. The San Bruno explosion is "the story of flawed pipe, flawed inspection and flawed emergency response," said Deborah A.P. Hersman, who chairs the NTSB. "It was not a question of if the pipe would fail, but when." Hersman also said Pacific Gas&Electric Co., which operated the pipeline, exploited the lack of oversight by state and federal regulators.



» U.S. Senator Kay Hagan takes photos of Hurricane Irene's devastation this Tuesday during a federal officials' aerial tour of damaged areas.

PHOTONIGHT FUN



Daniel Turner, president of National Press Photographers Association, presents at Photo Night. Sponsored by Carolina Photo-ournalism, PhotoNight features the photography, videography and journalistic work of students and professionals.

BOG denies retreat allegations

By Madeline Will
Staff Writer

Allegations that the UNC-system Board of Governors violated the state's open meetings law have been denied by administrators who say their private retreat was within the bounds of the law. On Aug. 10 and 11, the board held a workshop to welcome the 16 new members who were appointed by the Republican-dominated legislature last year. The workshop was closed to the public and media, and concerns grew over its legality under the open meetings law. But system administrators claim the new members of the board were sworn in immediately following the retreat, which would make their closed workshop legal. Amanda Martin, an attorney for the N.C. Press Association, said the retreat would have to have a majority of members present for the law to be applicable. "If the fact that the new mem-

bers were not sworn in until the following day means that there was not a majority of then-sitting members present, then it was not an official meeting subject to the open meetings law," Martin said in an email. Board members insist the meeting was simply educational and social with no policy discussions. Joni Worthington, vice president for communications for the system, said nothing was discussed at the retreat that would come before a vote and legal counsel was present to make sure the law wasn't violated. Documents from the workshop include booklets from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, a national organization that advises higher education boards. The first day included a luncheon followed by a four-and-a-half hour workshop and an informal dinner. The second day consisted of a continental breakfast and a second workshop that lasted for three hours.

N.C. OPEN MEETING LAW

(a) Except as provided in G.S. 143-318.11, 143-318.14A, 143-318.15, and 143-318.18, each official meeting of a public body shall be open to the public, and any person is entitled to attend such a meeting. (d) "Official meeting" means a meeting, assembly, or gathering together at any time or place or

the simultaneous communication by conference telephone or other electronic means of a majority of the members of a public body for the purpose of conducting hearings, participating in deliberations, or voting upon or otherwise transacting the public business within the jurisdiction, real or apparent, of the public body.

comment on Tuesday. But a second email sent to UNC-system President Thomas Ross on Aug. 22 spoke of his concern for the system. "What also amazes me is that no one leading our great university stopped and asked, 'they say what we are about to do is legal, but is it ethical?'" Payne said.

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Graduate student runs for school board to prove point

By Sofia Morales
Staff Writer

Brian Bower is running for a seat in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Board—but he doesn't want to win. Bower, a Ph.D. student at the University, is trying to use his candidacy as evidence of his North Carolina residency to qualify for lower, in-state tuition. "I am running for school board as a stunt because the University is making getting residency a little bit of a pain in the neck," he said. The Office of Scholarships and Student Aid estimates in-state tuition and fees at the graduate level to be \$8,646. Graduate out-of-state tuition costs \$24,332. Students who enter the University must submit documents proving that they have been a North Carolina resident for at least a year to qualify for the lower tuition — but students coming from elsewhere are often denied residence and requirements are ambiguous, Bower said. Bower was raised in Medina, Ohio and received his undergraduate degree from Ohio University before he moved to Chapel Hill in 2009. He is now pursuing a Ph.D. in genetics and molecular biology. Bower said he first applied for residency status after a year at UNC, but that application and a second attempt were rejected. After that, he said, he became disenchanted — and decided to run for school board. Only residents can run for office, and Bower said if Chapel Hill and Carrboro consider him a resident, the state and University should, too. Bower said he realizes running for the school board is an unreasonable step to prove his point. "But at least it draws some attention to the irritation of this issue," he said. He added that he doesn't believe he can win and considers other candidates better qualified. Those other candidates are not happy with his decision to run. "I would hope that he proves his point and that he removes his name in time for it not to be in the printed ballot," said Mia Day Burroughs, school board incumbent. But she said Bower's run will not change the election's outcome. Incumbent Mike Kelley said Bower has a right to run even if



Brian Bower, a graduate student, is running for a seat in the Chapel Hill School Board in an attempt to qualify for lower, in-state tuition fees.

his reasons are inappropriate. "The results will be whatever the voters want," he said. "If they decide to vote for someone who is not that interested in the school district, that's their choice." Beyond filing documents like voter registration and tax information, an applicant must prove that he or she intends to live in North Carolina permanently for an indefinite period of time to qualify for residency. Students cannot obtain residency solely to attend college. Bower said it is common for students to be denied resident status after only one year in the state — but he said he was not given a definite reason for why his application was turned down. "Ultimately the decision about whether a student meets the residency requirements is kind of arbitrary and capricious," he said. Bower said he intends to stay in the state until he finishes his Ph.D. But while he might stay in the state for post-doctoral studies, his future plans remain uncertain. Michael Bertucci, chief of staff for UNC's Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said he supports Bower's move. He said out-of-state graduate students are often denied in-state tuition because the school can only grant residency to a certain percentage of students each year. "If his true motivation was to bring up the issue and to make it easier for other students to get residency, I think that is outstanding," he said.

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 - Mike Kelley, incumbent
 - Annetta Streater, incumbent
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15 Noble gas

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17 MLK birthday month

18 Method of looking for keys?

20 Relay race closer

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23 Wide shoe size

24 Love god

26 Working parts

28 Finishing by the deadline, sometimes

32 Computer pioneer Lovelace

33 Young newt

34 Many Semites

38 Reveal

40 Knight's ride

43 Harald V's capital

44 Capital on the Willamette

46 Future fish

47 World games org.

48 Bad-mouthing someone

53 Food packaging unit

56 German river

57 Soccer star Freddy

58 In ____: moody

60 Like Chris and Pat, genderwise

64 Call waiting diversion

67 Big name in kitchen gadgets

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69 Steve of country

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71 Eyelid annoyances

72 In small pieces, as potatoes

73 Punk rock offshoot

1 Whom Goya painted both nude and clothed

2 OPEC co-founder

3 Penultimate element, alphabetically

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5 Couch disorders

6 Raggedy gal

7 Speck of dust

8 How perjurers may be caught

9 Concerto highlight

10 Sixth sense, briefly

11 Brisket source

12 Curved

13 Works in the garden

19 Lofted iron

21 Villainous laugh syllable

25 Acre's 43,560: Abbr.

27 Prefix with space

28 Fashion statements in the 'hood

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30 Sass

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35 2-Down's location

36 Political group

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41 Ages and ages

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Look beyond the island of college

Chapel Hill can sometimes feel like an island. Untouched by real world problems — even ones like hurricanes — it is a bubble. But fewer class sections and crowded auditoriums have come to show that the bubble might have finally burst — and that budget cuts are, in fact, real.

Thanks to Washington’s 11th hour debt deal, graduate students will no longer be able to receive federally subsidized loans, beginning July of next year.

This means that before the first cap drops on graduation day, graduate students will be charged interest on their loans.

Before, students had a six-month grace period before they had to pay any interest. Kind of a party pooper, isn’t it?

This single move will increase costs for graduate students by about \$18.1 billion during the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

So those of you who were considering graduate school as a place to hide from your debt and the bleak job market can think again.

The outlook is especially grim for students who spend years getting their degrees, like law and medical students. Those in MBA programs, which usually last no more than two years, won’t have it as hard.

Paying your loans back on time won’t help you, either. Students who paid loans on time for 12-months straight used to be up for a rebate. But the debt deal took that, too.

Undergraduates can rest easy, though. Squandering our TA’s dreams helped our government save funding for the Pell Grant program, which provides low-income students enrolled in college need-based grants up to \$5,500.

At least for the next two years, that is.

In 2009, more than 3,000 UNC students received the grant. As the Durham Herald-Sun reported earlier this year, Pell Grant recipients make up more than 18 percent of UNC’s student body.

In our congressional district, which includes Durham, Orange, and parts of Wake and Chatham counties, more than 27,000 students take advantage of the grant. While graduate students suffer, this grant should save undergraduates about \$21 billion in the next decade.

I guess it’s all about give and take.

Though they’ve skirted much of the damage, undergraduates still have little reason to celebrate. While the grants help many afford four years of college, it would be silly to ignore what we’re all walking into: a lackluster job market and an unaffordable graduate education.

That market has placed only half of recent college graduates in jobs that require a degree.

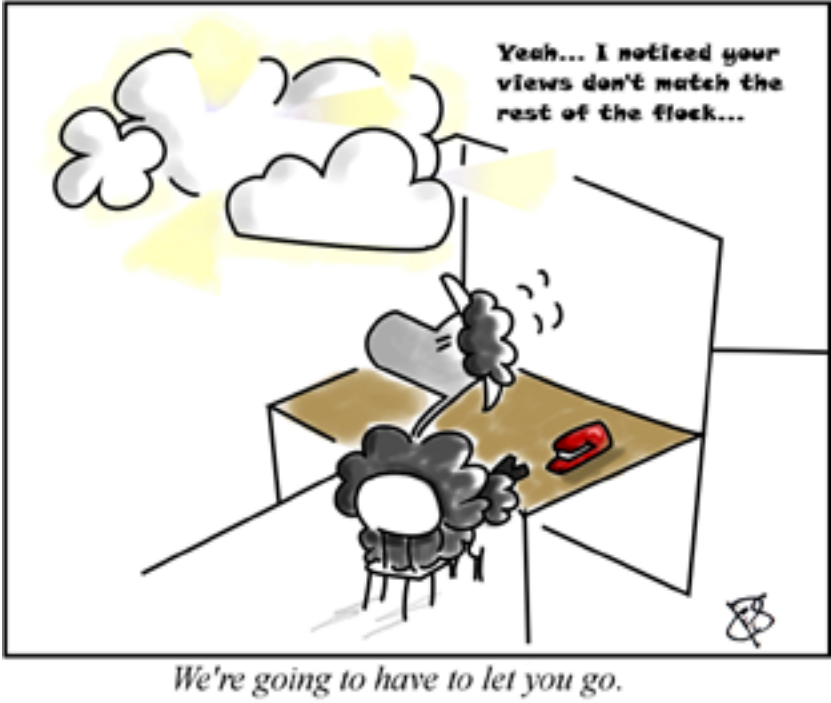
Meanwhile, only 56 percent of 2010 graduates could say they held a job one year after graduating, according to a recent Rutgers University study.

As we enjoy however much time we have left lounging in the quad, let’s not forget that there’s a real world stretching far beyond Franklin Street.

The decisions made for us in Washington affect all of us, from the freshmen on South Campus to the seniors like me, who have 10 months until graduation boots us off the island.

NEXT Editor-in-Chief Steven Norton discusses The Daily Tar Heel’s reporting of Will Thomason’s ouster.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Connor Sullivan, cpsully@live.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

In the name of God

Psalm 100’s ousting of Will Thomason took questionable liberties.

The Christian a capella group Psalm 100’s unanimous decision to expel senior Will Thomason for his beliefs on sexuality stands in opposition to the values of this University, its students and the broader community. This action was reprehensible in principle and questionable, at best, in its adherence to UNC’s non-discrimination policy.

Despite years of progress, this event is a stark reminder that there is much more work to be done before UNC is truly worthy of the term “accepting.” Whether homosexuality is acceptable in the Christian community is a topic best left to religious scholars. Whether a student of this University can be excluded because of their identity is a broader question answered daily by the actions allowed within the community.

The community owes it to Thomason and the rest of campus to answer a resounding “No.” This behavior will not, and should not, be tolerated. Psalm 100 was wrong to believe otherwise.

It is one thing to remove a

member incapable of working closely with the group. But Thomason, a veteran member, was highlighted by the group in a solo at Sunset Serenade and has stated his intent to remain friendly with the group. It seems unlikely that Thomason was unable to continue working with the members of Psalm.

Psalm 100 has justified its actions with rationale that hinges on the language in the constitution of the group. It’s this language that allows the group to determine membership based on beliefs, but also creates a gray area with the non-discrimination policy.

A closer look at the group’s constitution reveals these claims to be a sloppy attempt at legal footwork. Psalm 100’s constitution states a member may be removed when he “continuously fails to follow ... the guidelines of the Bible.” This standard may work in theory, but implementation is a stickier matter.

Should the Bible’s guidelines be in original Greek, or are Latin and English translations acceptable? Do the remaining members of Psalm 100 wear mixed fabrics or eat shellfish? Should football players be allowed to sing if they throw and catch a pigskin on Saturdays? And so the classic argument goes.

To say, as the group’s director Blake Templeton does, that homosexuality is something “clearly written in Scripture” is an argument that holds neither wine nor water. Hundreds, if not thousands, of scholarly essays have been written in attempts to interpret the Bible’s stance on homosexuality, yet the Christian community continues to struggle with the issue.

So while Templeton might see the issue as clear, millions of Christians across the world still struggle to achieve his clarity on the matter.

Psalm 100 was wrong to act as it did, but students and administrators should not rush to judgement. Students have a right to assemble around whatever values they wish, but when UNC recognizes and funds groups, the issue becomes considerably murkier.

At a minimum, UNC must use this opportunity to clarify its non-discrimination policies, and cannot let this incident devolve into a battle between the Christian and LGBTQ communities. Any ensuing conversation needs to center on how the UNC community can better facilitate a comfortable, safe environment for individuals of all identities — even if those identities don’t always agree.

EDITORIAL

Protect Latinos’ gains

Future enrollment gains will require help from community colleges.

College enrollment has long been lacking among Latinos, an ethnic group whose presence on campuses nationwide has stubbornly lagged behind its rapid population growth. Last week, however, the Pew Hispanic Research center found that Latinos were finally closing the gap, topping all other ethnic and racial groups with a 24 percent hike in matriculation between 2009 and 2010.

The census-based finding sent an encouraging signal to a group whose status as the most populous minority has finally translated into the classroom. But it did not come without a dark cloud of caveats hanging in the distance.

Chief among them are cuts to community colleges, which have accounted for much of Latinos’ progress. Like so many institutions of higher education, these colleges have been forced to swallow stomach-churning cuts to class sizes, course offerings and the like. For community colleges, that means cutting enrollments at a time of high demand. And, for Latinos especially, that means trouble.

The census numbers brought into high relief Latinos’ reliance on the community college system. Latino college students enrolled last October were almost evenly split between two- and four-year colleges. Meanwhile, about three quarters of white and Asian students attended four-year colleges, as did 63 percent of young blacks.

Though the 24 percent increase was the highest of all groups, Latinos remain at the bottom in another measure: the share of the group enrolled in college. Even after a relatively diminutive population increase, only 32 percent of Latinos between ages 18 and 24 were enrolled in 2010, compared to 38 percent of black youths, 43 percent of whites and 62 percent of Asians.

Together, these findings point to the necessity of community colleges, which have seen steep cuts of late. These cuts, though a sad reality given the economic climate, should be minimized in the short term and made up for in the long term.

In North Carolina, a 10.7 percent cut to community colleges could not have come at a worse time. Many of the thousands to flood campuses have been waitlisted or unable to register due to a lack of space and resources. Part-time

lecturers and staff have been laid off.

At Robeson Community College, that meant turning away 178 prospective students in a year when an enrollment of 2,750 nearly set a record. “It has been the toughest year in my over 30 years of community college business,” said Charles Chrestman, the college’s president.

Raleigh’s Wake Technical Community College actually received additional state funding to account for 10 percent enrollment growth since last year, but that fell short of what was needed. This year, 6,400 students have been waitlisted for at least one class. About 1,000 have been unable to register at all.

Now more than ever, the American dream is sought after, yet just out of reach. Education is what gets us there, and a proportionate representation of ethnic and racial groups on campus provides a reliable indicator for how well schools are preparing not just some but all of the nation’s youth for better days.

The N.C. General Assembly can learn something from the center’s and census’s findings. Considering the outlook — both bright and dark — for Latinos, it can make the easy case when the time comes for investing in community college.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The guy said, ‘That’s impossible. I’ve had this bike for four months.’ I said, ‘That’s impossible, because this is definitely my bike.’”

Rachel Garrett, whose bicycle was stolen, then recovered when police discovered a man attempting to sell it in the Pit

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Dear Will Thomason: These are not the kind of Christians you should be hanging out with. You can come and sit with me.”

SGG, On a capella group Psalm 100’s ousting of gay member

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Psalm 100 is obligated to justify its actions

TO THE EDITOR:

As a gay man and Christian, the news of Psalm 100’s actions deeply disturbed me. No matter how far removed from your own coming out story, the pain and memory of that process never fully leaves. Reading news of Psalm 100’s actions brought back the pain of my own coming out and subsequent exorcism and excommunication by my church.

For many in the LGBT community, this story is another reminder that safe spaces are always temporal. I don’t feel compelled to waste space here arguing, yet again, the points of Biblical interpretation or why my hermeneutical understanding leads me to believe that the Bible says nothing about modern day practices of LGBT relationships. Thomason is not the one who needs to justify his actions here, and engaging in that “debate,” would only force the attention on him.

Instead, Psalm 100 is the one who must justify its actions, its antiquated Biblical interpretation and discriminatory exegetical approach. Finally, it must justify why a discriminatory group deserves University funding. The question cannot be, “How can you be gay and call yourself Christian?” The question must be, “How can you call yourself Christian and exclude part of God’s creation?” I’m sure that won’t happen. I’m sure this will “blow over” and they will be held unaccountable for their actions. Until then, I pray that the UNC community, and the broader community of faith, steps up and embraces our friend and neighbor during his time of need.

Billy Kluttz
Senior, Political Science and Women’s Studies

Psalm 100 was right to uphold its beliefs

TO THE EDITOR:

As a UNC student with strong personal ties to Psalm 100, I stand alongside the group and support its decision. I know Will Thomason personally — I value his friendship and consider him a joy to be around. At the same time, Psalm 100 had the right to uphold their beliefs and student government should protect the group’s ability to adhere to and advocate for those beliefs.

If UNC students truly want a diverse and vibrant student culture, students and student government should refrain from censoring particular, non-violent beliefs that may be deemed “intolerant” by some standards but not by others. Student government should be careful that their “anti-discrimination policy” does not reveal itself to be a “forced-acceptance policy” that violates students’ freedom of conscience.

After all, just as some may

call Psalm 100’s decision intolerant, it would also be intolerant to Psalm 100’s beliefs to revoke student group status based on their belief that homosexuality is wrong. Otherwise, the anti-discrimination policy only protects the views that student government is willing to tolerate.

Andrew Brown
UNC Law Student

A brief note to the members of Psalm 100

TO THE EDITOR:

For Psalm 100: Since you claim to love and follow the Bible, try this passage on for size:

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that all who believe in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

Note that it says “the world,” not “straight people.”

Hannah Davis
Senior, Public Relations

Retreat didn’t violate open meetings law

TO THE EDITOR:

Your Aug. 24 editorial “No minutes, no sense,” states that a recent orientation workshop for incoming and returning members of the UNC Board of Governors violated the state’s open meetings law. It did not. This informal session, facilitated by a fellow from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, offered the 16 members who had yet to be sworn in and the 16 continuing board members an opportunity to get to know one another better, to learn general principles of good governance and to consider how they can work together most effectively in support of our University system.

At the outset, the UNC General Counsel distributed and reviewed clear guidance on the University’s duties and obligations under the open meetings law and took great care to ensure that the workshop discussions didn’t stray into University business. All associated costs are being paid from private funds donated to the University.

As executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, I was an early supporter of the creation of the North Carolina Coalition for Open Government and remain committed to transparency and openness when doing the work of the public. As an attorney who spent 17 years on the bench, I believe deeply in the rule of law and am committed to doing my absolute best to ensure that it is followed in every respect. I am confident the University and the Board of Governors fully complied with the law during both the pre-meeting workshop and the official board meetings that followed.

Thomas W. Ross
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