

Thorp, Obama talk costs

College administrators met with the President to discuss student debt.

By Andy Thomason
University Editor

Chancellor Holden Thorp met with President Barack Obama on Monday for a discussion that signals a coming national effort

by the White House to make college more affordable.

Thorp was one of a dozen leaders in higher education invited to participate in the meeting, which centered on the issue of decreasing the cost of attendance at universities across the country.

Thorp said in an interview that Obama met with the attendees for about an hour, and focused not on rising tuition but

student debt.

“His focus was not so much on the tuition process that has played out in this particular cycle but on the fact that he’s concerned about a lot of students not being able to pay back their loans or not going to college because they don’t want to have that debt,” Thorp said.

The Board of Trustees recently approved a 15.6 percent tuition increase for in-state students. But

the average inflation-adjusted, post-graduation debt for UNC students has decreased since 2000, Thorp said.

“I think there’s a lot to be proud of there,” he said.

Thorp said Obama went around the room and asked the guests about their ideas for decreasing universities’ cost of attendance.

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Ticket sales down in 2011 season

Football program sees an average drop of 2,250 fans per game.

By Mark Thompson
Senior Writer

If anything, former North Carolina football coach Butch Davis looked relaxed and confident when he spoke at ACC Football Kickoff media day on July 24.

Three days later, Chancellor Holden Thorp announced Davis was fired. One day after that, former UNC athletic director Dick Baddour resigned.

Davis’ firing and impending sanctions from the NCAA left the prospects of UNC’s season both on and off the field hinging on almost nothing but uncertainty.

Everett Withers took the interim position and experienced varying success on the field. The Tar Heels (7-5, 3-5 ACC) maintained a winning record for the fourth consecutive year, but UNC ticket sales and attendance declined.

On the whole, average attendance was down by 2,250 fans

per game this season, and pre-game ticket sales dropped by an average of 2,510 per game compared to the 2010 season.

New athletic director Bubba Cunningham, who began his duties Nov. 14, knows it’s crucial to stop that slide, because mediocrity in football is something the Tar Heels might not be able to afford.

“It’s good to be successful in everything that you have, but economically we need to be successful in football as well, because it can support a lot of other things within the department,” he said.

Getting cheeks in the seats

Soon after Davis’ firing, the website www.fireholdenthorp.com was erected and planes were even hired to fly “Fire Holden Thorp” banners over Chapel Hill.

“It certainly wasn’t anything that we wanted to happen right before the season started, but for the most part everybody hung in there,” said Karlton Creech, Rams Club director of capital projects.

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HARK HIS SOUNDS



DTH/KARLA TOWLE

Michael Crosa is the Bell Tower ringer for the 2011-12 school year. There has been a bell ringer every year since 1931.

Senior Michael Crosa takes pride in controlling the Bell Tower’s traditional tunes.

By Claire McNeill
Assistant University Editor

Every day, UNC students hear the exhaust of buses, the hubbub of the Pit and the scuff of shoes on bricks.

But there exists one sound more familiar than any other.

UNC’s Morehead-Patterson Bell Tower chimes every 15 minutes and plays songs every few hours.

And every year, one student is honored with the position of master bell ringer — the person in charge of the tower, and one of the only students with a key to its door.

This year’s bell ringer is Michael Crosa, a senior double majoring in psychology and music.

Crosa joined the marching band and Phi Mu Alpha, the men’s music fraternity, his freshman year.

“The guy who was the master bell ringer — actually, the master bell ringer for about the past five or six years — has been in Phi Mu Alpha, so I knew the position, got to know the guy and got to learn the ropes,” he said.

Built in 1931, the tower stretches 172 feet into the sky. Through narrow windows at the top, visitors can see the football field peeking out of Kenan Stadium and the quad stretching out to the North. On a clear day, visibility

is 20 miles.

But the perks to Crosa’s job aren’t just the views.

“The best part is having keys to the Bell Tower,” he said. “Especially when the weather was nice, I’d come up here do some reading, something like that, sit out on the balcony.”

It even serves as his personal movie theater. “The Bell Tower actually gets pretty decent Internet signal, so I can bring a computer up here,” he said.

“It gets kind of lonely, but every once in a while it’s a good thing.”

The bells run on an automated system except for special events, when Crosa can use prerecorded songs or play manually.

“I come up on special events such as football games, certain memorials and for crazy midnight initiations for some societies,” he said.

Dozens of spiral stairs wind up the Bell Tower’s hollow and dusty center. It’s filled with just a few scattered chairs, music books and equipment from when bell-ringing was done manually.

The tower’s inside walls are scrawled with signatures. Seniors climb the steps at the end of the year to leave their literal mark on the University.

Crosa was appointed master bell ringer by band director Jeffrey Fuchs.

“Ultimately, all I’m doing is delegating my responsibility to make sure that the tower rings at the appropriate time, gets turned off at the appropriate time and gets played for any special occasions,” he said.

“But I do look for a student who’s



DTH/KARLA TOWLE

Crosa’s primary responsibility is to ring the bells on special days, such as game days.

going to take ownership of it and take pride in doing it and who I can trust.”

Though the bell ringer must have a musical background, he or she doesn’t need to have too much keyboard talent, Fuchs said.

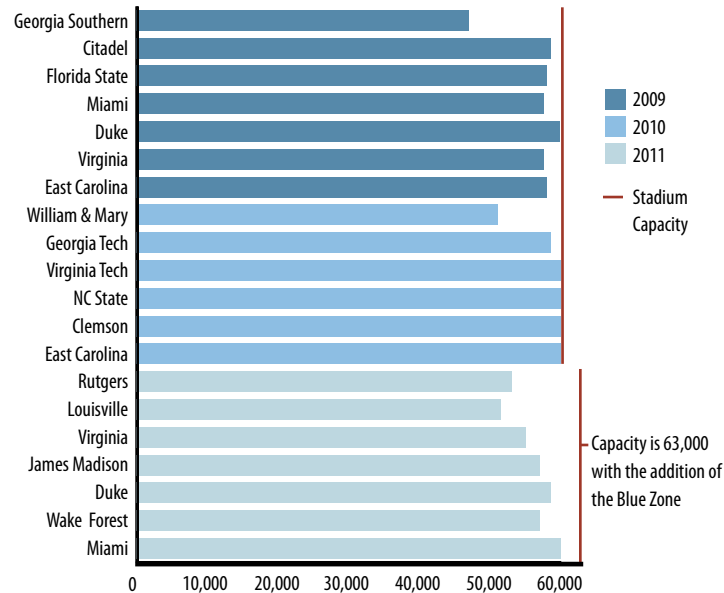
“There’s only 11 or 12 bells so it’s not like they have to have massive keyboard chops,” he said.

But Crosa likes to use his musical

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Football sees drop in attendance

Kenan Stadium may have gained 3,000 seats, but UNC saw a drop in attendance this season compared to its two prior years. The stadium sold out four times in 2010, but not once in 2011.



UNC to play Missouri in bowl

The Tar Heels will face the Tigers in Shreveport, La., on Dec. 26.

By Michael Lananna
Assistant Sports Editor

A native of West Springfield, Va., Bryn Renner said he was hoping to play a bowl game in front of his home-town fans.

But now it looks like the North Carolina quarterback won’t be going home for Christmas.

On Sunday, the Tar Heels accepted an invite to the AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl, where they will face the Big 12’s Missouri Tigers on Dec. 26.

The bowl, slated to take place in Shreveport, La., is about 1,200 miles away from the one they expected to play — the Military Bowl in Washington, D.C.

“I definitely wanted to go back home. One of my dreams

is to play a bowl game in D.C.,” Renner said. “But definitely for this team, we’re looking forward to playing Missouri.”

When all is said and done, the Tar Heels will have had a month of off time, dating back to their regular-season ending victory against Duke on Nov. 26.

But interim head coach Everett Withers said the team has its practice schedule all mapped out.

“We’re going to go back to fundamentals early in our practices ... protecting the ball, creating turnovers, tackling — just the stuff that you lose a little bit when you have some down time,” Withers said. “We’ll do that early and then we’ll get right into the game plan for Missouri.”

Under head coach Gary Pinkel, the Tigers (7-5, 5-4 Big 12) have been to bowl games in each of the past six seasons, including two appearances in the Independence

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Three Chapel Hill Town Council incumbents, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and newcomer Lee Storrow were sworn in Tuesday. **Page 3.**



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HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

No. 4 North Carolina will host Evansville for the first contest of the Tar Heels’ nine-game home-stand Tuesday. See how the Tar Heels will stack up against the Aces. **Page 11.**

This day in history

Dec. 6, 2009
The women’s soccer team won its 20th national championship, defeating Stanford University 1-0 at Aggie Soccer Stadium in College Station, Texas.

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It’s not exam time yet...
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Gloomy weather needs to wait until after LDOC
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Hippies should probably read this

From staff and wire reports

Today’s Dose goes out to all the tortured intellectuals who like to gather around the flag pole on Polk Place and act angsty and elitist: Smoking can make your nipples fall off.

CNN Health recently reported the stories of Dr. Anthony Youn, a plastic surgeon who has seen his fair share of boob jobs. Youn explained that, due to the traumatic effect of surgery on blood vessels, blood flow to body parts being worked on is often restricted. Because smoking greatly increases the restriction of blood vessels, trauma from surgery can cause old blood to pool, and the body part to turn black and eventually fall off. This is far more common with smaller body parts that use fewer and smaller blood vessels... like nipples.

Now you know. Save the nipples.

NOTED. The next time you feel like slapping someone’s butt with a belt in Florida, be aware: You may get stabbed with a screwdriver.

That’s what almost happened to one man after he slapped the rear end of Mary Ingram after she bent over while “joking around.” Ingram’s husband saw the slap and tried to stab the man. He was almost really screwed there.

QUOTED. “It’s amazing how far the left will go just to stoop to manipulate your kids to convince them give them the anti-corporate message.”

— Dan Gainor, of the Media Research Center. Gainor was speaking on Fox News about how the Muppets are communist. Watch out Republicans, Ms. Piggy is coming for your kids. And grammar, apparently.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Holiday bazaar: Get your Christmas shopping done in between classes while supporting artisans from around the world.

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: The Pit

How the Grinch Stole Christmas: Listen to two readings of Dr. Seuss’ popular book, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” English professor Tom Stumpf will read the book in English, and George Morgan of the UNC Student Stores will read it in Latin. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Time: 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Bull’s Head Bookshop

Men’s basketball vs. Evansville: Cheer on the UNC men’s basketball team as the play against the Evansville Aces in a non-conference matchup.

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Smith Center

WEDNESDAY

Art over lunch: Bring a bag lunch and listen to Coordinator of Academic Programs Chris Currie discuss the relations between casual dress, effortless manners and a nonchalant handling of painting in 17th and 18th century portraits from the museum’s collection. The event is free to UNC students and Ackland members.

Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

Afternoon tea at the Carolina Inn: Sip tea and sample sandwiches and sweets while enjoying the beautiful Christmas decor of the Carolina Inn. Guests are required to call 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. Tea prices start at \$20 for adults.

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Carolina Inn

Dinner with faculty: Have a three-course meal and join in a discussion with history professor Louis A. Perez. His current research project explores the sources of Cuban nationality and national character. The event costs \$35 for GAA members and \$40 for non-members.

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Alumni Center

Triangle Jazz Orchestra night: Listen to the Triangle Jazz Orchestra rehearse this Wednesday. Admission is free, and there is more than enough room to dance.

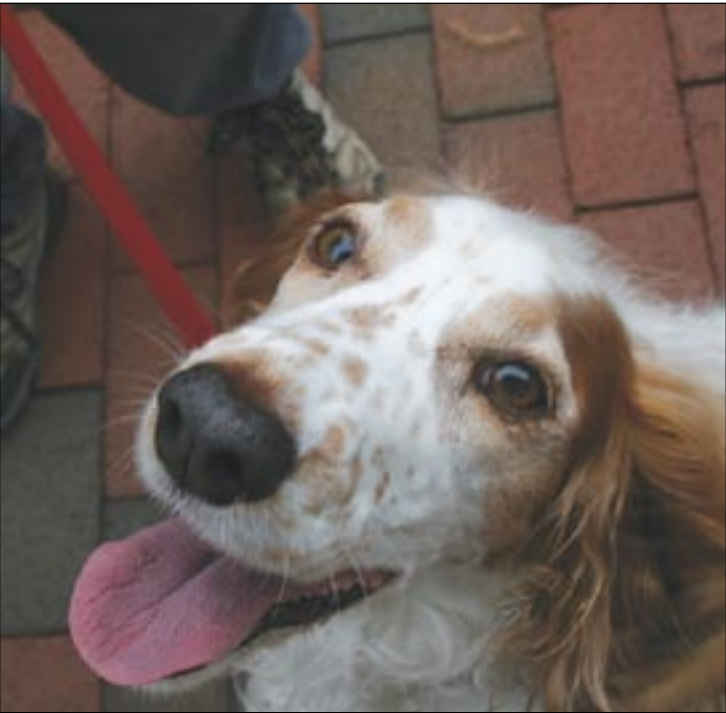
Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Location: Carborro ArtsCenter

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CHASING HAPPINESS



DTH/KARLA TOWLE

Emily and Phil Keel of Robersonville love to take walks around UNC’s campus with their dog, Chase. The couple loves to travel. They own a second home in Chapel Hill and consider the campus to be their dog’s playground.

POLICE LOG

● Someone communicated threats at 4:34 p.m. Friday at Phoenix Academy on Merritt Mill Road, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person made a hit list while at school, reports state.

● A suspicious person left “gifts” at the Chapel Hill Fire Department at 403 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. between 6:40 and 6:50 Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Someone vandalized property between 1:05 a.m. and 11:46 a.m. Friday at 706 Greenwood Road, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person had spray painted all sides of a vehicle, reports state. Damage to the 2004 Black Ford Excursion was valued at about \$600, according to reports.

● Property was willfully vandalized between midnight and 8:35 a.m. Saturday at 1711 Curtis Road,

according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone placed leaves in a mail box and set them on fire, according to police reports.

Mail valued at \$1 was damaged, reports state.

● Someone communicated non-physical threats at 7:21 p.m. Friday by threatening to burn down a house at 293 Summerwalk Circle, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Police responded to a suspicious condition at 11:51 p.m. Saturday at Cleland Drive and Hamilton Road, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state that fraternity brothers called in after being in the area of shots fired.

● Someone broke and entered by sleeping in a crawl space under a residence between midnight and 2:26 p.m. Saturday at 114 McGregor Drive, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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10:00am to 7:00pm
Fri, Dec. 16
10:00am to 2:00pm

Granville Towers (The Agora)

Thur-Sat, Dec. 8-10
10:00am to 7:00pm
Mon-Thur, Dec. 12-15
10:00am to 7:00pm
Fri, Dec. 16
10:00am to 3:00pm

TOWN COUNCIL SWORN IN



DTH/BROOKLYN RILEY

Matt Czajkowski, left, is sworn in to Chapel Hill Town Council as his wife, Jill, and two sons, Harrison and Zack, watch on Monday night.

Lee Storrow, 22, joins council as youngest member

By Brian Fanney
Staff Writer

Three Chapel Hill Town Council incumbents, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and newcomer Lee Storrow were sworn in yesterday during an emotional town council meeting. The ceremony highlights a changing dynamic within the council as Sally Greene retires and Storrow takes her spot. “I’m going to miss her like crazy although I’m looking forward to what Lee Storrow is going to bring to the council,” Kleinschmidt said. “Just one new person on the council can change it completely.” Storrow, a 22-year-old 2011 graduate of UNC, said he is ready for the position and plans to champion students in the council as the youngest elected official in the state. “I think my election is really part of a broader excitement that students and young people are feeling in our community about engaging really fully in the Town of Chapel Hill,” Storrow said. He was given the oath of office by Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton and stood beside Gerry Cohen — who both won office in their early 20s. Council member Ed Harrison was cho-

sen by the council as the new Mayor Pro Tem. During the ceremony, council members Matt Czajkowski and Jim Ward also took oaths of office. Lauren Hovis, a junior who knows Storrow from UNC Young Democrats and supported him for the election, said involving young people is important to town and University relations. “I think it makes for an easier connection between the town and the University,” Hovis said. “At times there is a separation.” Storrow said he will look into ways to grow the town’s Good Neighbor Initiative, which encourages off-campus students to meet their neighbors. He said working with student leaders is a good place to start. “I think Mary Cooper, the student body president, has invested more in town gown relations than former student body presidents,” Storrow said. During the ceremony Kleinschmidt said he was amazed that Chapel Hill is the tenth largest city in the world to have an openly gay mayor and even more impressed that the town elected Storrow to join him as an openly gay council member.

“It wasn’t a subject that was brought up during the campaign, but wow, that is amazing,” Kleinschmidt said. Donna Bell, an incumbent appointed two years ago and elected this year, said while she looks forward to Storrow’s fresh input, the re-election of three incumbents affirms the council’s recent agenda. “There’s a certain way that people are pleased or happy in the direction we’re currently going in,” Bell said. “We also now have Lee who’s going to help us think with a new and different perspective.” Bell is the council’s only black member, but she said her election shows she appeals to many groups. “To get the acknowledgment of such a diverse group of folks was pretty affirming,” she said. The council passed a resolution of appreciation for the retiring Greene, who members said found her niche by being well researched and thorough. “The level of engagement when you work with Sally on something is incomparable,” Kleinschmidt said.

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State forms eugenics task force

North Carolina is looking into financially compensating victims.

By Amanda Albright
Staff Writer

Although debates about how to allocate state funding have divided state Democrats and Republicans, one cause has garnered bipartisan support — compensation for victims of eugenics practices. A five-member task force created by Gov. Bev Perdue is meeting today to discuss how much to compensate each victim. Eugenics programs across the nation forcibly sterilized weaker members of society, often without telling the victims. Between 1929 and 1974, an estimated 7,600 people were sterilized in North Carolina as a part of the program. Many of the victims did not give consent. The task force is planning to recommend between \$20,000

and \$50,000 per victim — which could total almost \$150 million, said Dr. Laura Gerald, chairwoman of the task force. In February, the task force will recommend a final amount that will be given to each of the state’s estimated 2,944 living victims. “(The state) used the excuse ‘promiscuous, feeble-minded or not valuable members of society,’” said Rep. Larry Womble, D-Forsyth, adding that the program targeted the poor. In February, Womble co-sponsored a bill calling for compensation for eugenics victims. According to the State Center for Health Statistics, 85 percent of the victims were women. “These people were not criminals, and they did not break any laws,” Womble said. “Yet they were treated as less than human beings.” Thirty other states also had eugenics programs. After World War II, most other states ended their programs, but North Carolina increased the number of people

sterilized, he said. Womble said he is proud of what the state has done so far for eugenics victims but believes compensation is the final step that must be taken. The first step came in 2002, when former Gov. Mike Easley formally apologized to victims and made eugenics illegal, Womble said. Now Perdue seeks to do what no other state has done: financially compensate victims. Gerald said compensation is a way for the state to go beyond Easley’s symbolic apology. “Anyone who has heard victims’ stories would determine they were wronged by the state and deserve compensation,” Gerald said. Both Republicans and Democrats agree that compensating victims is worth the cost. “It’s the difference between doing what’s right and what’s wrong,” said Rep. Dale Folwell, R-Forsyth. Rep. Joe Hackney,

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Director Spike Lee to speak tonight

The renowned modern filmmaker is famous for controversial films.

By John Sherman
Staff Writer



Spike Lee is speaking at Memorial Hall tonight. Lee directed the Oscar nominated film “Do the Right Thing.” Lee’s edgy treatment of the subject of race in his films has made him a controversial presence in the film community. Richard Cante, a communications professor and the founding director of UNC’s Interdisciplinary Program of Cinema, said he is excited for Lee’s talk. “Spike Lee is a genius,” he said. “There’s a good case to be made that Lee is the single most important person in American cinema since the 1970s.” Cante said that Lee bridges a gap between two schools of directors. “Lee is the last major figure amongst the first generation of independent ‘film school’ direc-

tors and the first major figure amongst the second generation film-schoolers,” he said. Tom Low, chairman of the CUAB forum committee, said the committee tries to contract speakers who fit two requirements. “First we wanted speakers with recognizable names. Second, we wanted speakers who have interesting topics to discuss,” he said. Low also said that though the event is not sold out, most of the tickets in the lower level of Memorial Hall have been sold. The venue seats 1,434 total. Rylan Miller, a senior journalism major, was one of 30 students selected to participate in a question and answer session a few hours before the forum opens to the public. “I think it is really cool that UNC is putting students directly in touch with someone like Spike Lee,” she said. “It is a great opportunity to learn from someone who has become really successful and just

to find out more about him as a person.” Rachel Coleman, also a senior journalism major selected to participate in the question and answer session, said the chance to question such a well-known figure is a unique opportunity. “I interview people a lot as a journalism student, but being able to talk to someone of this magnitude is new for me,” Coleman said. “I want to know where he gets inspiration for his films, if he ever feels pressure from the film industry, and how he deals with people who negatively criticize his work.” Contact the Arts Editor at arts@dailytarheel.com.

States use peer schools to compare

The criteria and usage for peer lists differs across states.

By Vinayak Balasubramanian
Staff Writer

Funding cuts to higher education have prompted many universities to compare themselves to their peers in order to ensure they aren’t losing their competitive edge. Peer institutions, or universities deemed similar in various respects, have been instrumental in helping UNC-system administrators set costs. Each school in the system is mandated, by recently implemented tuition guidelines, to keep the cost of tuition within the bottom quarter of its peers. Other schools that consider UNC-CH a peer use the University as a tool for setting tuition and faculty salaries. A survey of several of UNC-CH’s peer institutions shows that some of these schools used different methods to determine whether the University was considered a peer institution. The University of Virginia and UNC-CH recognize each other as peer institutions. UVA. considers factors such as retention rates and whether a school is public or private to determine its peer list. Like UVA., UNC-system institutions include both public and private universities in their peer lists. While the criteria for picking peer institutions is similar for UVA. and UNC-system schools, the procedure is different. Jim Alessio, director of higher education restructuring for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, said the council prepares a ranked list of 75 possible peers for public institutions in the state. Administrators from each Virginia school can reorder their school’s list. The top 25 are deemed peer institutions. Alessio said schools primarily use their peers to compare faculty salaries, unlike the UNC system which uses its peers for multiple cost saving purposes. “Prior to doing this in 1987, it was always very difficult to say, ‘What should a faculty salary be?’ This has given some basis on which to make policy decisions,” Alessio said.

University of California

The University of California system also considers UNC-CH a peer for faculty compensation purposes because it is a public research institution. Dianne Klein, spokeswoman for the UC system, said the state of California has faced substantial budget cuts in recent years. The decline in state support during the last 20 years has prompted the system to decrease the overall amount spent on each student by 19 percent, according to a 2011 UC budget report. In 1990, UC students paid 13 percent of their educational cost. Today students pay 49 percent, according to the report. Klein said peer institutions are also used for a variety of comparisons, such as academics, levels of funding and faculty salaries.

University of Washington

Carol Diem, director of institutional research at the University of Washington, said that state’s school system’s peer institutions are chosen from a list of states created by a governor-appointed task force. Three different lists of peer institutions have been created, she said. The most recent list includes prominent research universities with medical schools from seven states with a similar economy to Washington. Diem said UNC-CH was considered a peer institution in two previously created lists, but North Carolina was not included in the 2006 list of states. “Our goal is to make sure we have a similar level of funding compared to peers,” Diem said.

inBRIEF

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Four students selected for enrichment fund grants

The executive branch of student government announced Monday that four students will receive grants from the Student Enrichment Fund. The students received a total of \$1,225 for various off-campus enrichment programs. Burcu Bozkurt, Apurva Oza, Jessica Smith and Ganesh Raj made up the second group of students to be granted funds. Grants ranged from \$200 to \$400 depending on the event. To be considered for the program, students must prove how they’ll incorporate what they learn on campus. The next deadline for Student Enrichment Fund applications is Feb. 1, 2012.

Study encourages doctors to talk about child obesity

A recent study released by a UNC pediatrician reports that less than one-fourth of parents with overweight children have ever been told that their

CITY BRIEFS

Lovette trial to begin today after jury selection

The trial for Laurence Allen Lovette, Jr., who is accused of killing former student body president Eve Carson, is expected to begin today. Lovette has been charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and other charges associated with Carson’s 2008 killing. The jury box is complete with 12 jurors. But two of three alternate jurors need to be selected before testimonies begin. The jury is mostly white, with one black male. The only confirmed alternate juror is a white female, further tilting the racial makeup away from the defendant, a black male. District Attorney Jim Woodall and Karen Bethea-Shields, Lovette’s defense attorney, both declined to comment on their opinion of the jury. The trial should last about three weeks once it begins, said Judge Allen Baddour.

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Conservative blogger against ‘social justice’

By Hailey Vest
Staff Writer

Andrew Breitbart did not wake up one day and decide to buy a bunch of elephant pins, he told an audience of students, faculty and community members Monday night.

The conservative blogger spoke to a crowd of more than a hundred, voicing his disagreement with the social justice movement.

Breitbart emphasized the pressure for conservatives in Hollywood and the academic sphere to conform to liberal ideas.

He said there is a 90 to 10 ratio of liberals to conservatives in academic settings.

“You are spending \$200,000 in order to get an education in the humanities department that purposely deprives you of even understanding or knowing what conservatism is, all in the name of social justice,” he said.

Breitbart cited instances in which people approached him, saying they were “on the same team” but were afraid to voice their political opinions because of Hollywood’s influence.

“They know that if they do not blindly accept this social justice movement, they’ll be kicked out,” he said.

Breitbart cited instances in which people lost jobs or were pressured to quit because they supported conservative ideas.

He mentioned that he knew of a restaurant worker in California who was pressured to quit because he had once donated money to Proposition 8.

His influences include Rush Limbaugh and Dennis Prager, two people he was originally taught to believe were “evil,” he said.

The event was sponsored by the Tar Heel Rifle and Pistol Club, the Young America’s Foundation and the Carolina Liberty Foundation.

Co-president of the Tar Heel Rifle and Pistol Club Marc Seelinger chose Breitbart as the speaker.

“I have heard him speak in the past,” Seelinger said. “I thought



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Andrew Breitbart, a conservative blogger and an occasional contributor to The Washington Times, speaks to a crowd on Monday night.

his opinions would be relevant and highlight our club.”

Seelinger said it cost \$5,000 to bring Breitbart to UNC.

Student Congress contributed half of the cost of the speaker while the Carolina Liberty Foundation paid for the rest, Seelinger said.

As a secular Jew born and raised in west Los Angeles, Breitbart grew up with the mentality that people from the South were unintelligent, he said.

However, upon arriving at Tulane University in Louisiana, he said he met diverse and interesting people and began to question his political outlook.

“My friends from home wouldn’t listen to me when I told

them the people from fly-over country were actually normal,” Breitbart said.

He drew pie charts on a whiteboard to show the divide between conservatives and liberals.

Though the audience was mostly adults, many students showed up to hear Breitbart speak.

“I have a political science class in the same room, and that was the best use of the whiteboard all year,” sophomore economics major Kelsey Rupp said.

Rupp said she agreed with the decision to bring Breitbart to UNC because of his diverse perspective.

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UNC printers could be installed in Greek houses

By Katharine McAnarney
Staff Writer

Fraternity and sorority houses might still get printers despite a failed initiative to integrate them into the University printing system.

Auxiliary Services, which manages University resources and campus services, proposed a plan to install printers that would connect to the Greek houses’ existing wireless networks.

Fraternities and sororities are still debating whether to install the printers. Houses that choose to install a printer will be charged an undetermined monthly fee.

Auxiliary Services provided this option after it was discovered that Carolina Computing Initiative printers could not be installed in Greek houses due to bandwidth issues.

Jim Clinton, director of card operations in the One Card office, said the houses would receive multifunctional printers that could copy, fax and scan documents.

He said Greek leaders seemed interested in the proposal, but nothing is in progress yet.

“If a house came up to us today, we could start the process and

have it running in a few weeks,” Clinton said.

“However, the houses have already paid their fees and set their budgets for this year and may be waiting to include it in next year’s budget.”

Clinton said the individual printers would be cheaper than installing CCI printers in the houses and each page would cost less than 10 cents to print.

Students pay 10 cents per page to print on campus.

“This is what we have available for now and there is nothing for us to do at this point until they (the Greek houses) decide,” Clinton said.

Student Body Vice President Zealan Hoover said this printing system would not overextend the bandwidth and would be cheaper than improving the network connection to install CCI printers.

“To boost bandwidth in the houses would cost \$3,000, which is outside the price point a Greek house would want to pay and the price range we (student government) wanted,” he said.

Hoover said the houses would pay a fixed price each month for a fixed number of pages.

The printing would not affect the individual’s on-campus printing and does not draw from their One Cards.

Extending printing to Greek houses was an additional part of Student Body President Mary Cooper’s platform, and she said it’s now up to the houses to decide whether to install the printers.

She said about 16 representatives from various Greek houses attended a meeting in November and worked with Auxiliary Services to find a desirable solution.

“This option is great given the technological barriers to CCI printing in Greek houses and shows how willing Auxiliary Services is to help the students and make the campus experience better,” she said.

Eugenia Navarro, president of the Phi Mu sorority, said in an email that her house is evaluating the costs and benefits of installing a printer.

“Phi Mu is glad to be provided an opportunity for on-site printing through Auxiliary Services in lieu of a CCI option,” she said.

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U.S. Postal Service proposes slowing down delivery rate

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — The U.S. Postal Service is seeking to slow down its delivery rate, the agency announced Monday, in an effort to help save \$2.1 billion a year and fend off possible bankruptcy.

The proposed plan, which would go into effect next spring, would relax delivery standards for first-class mail, so that it would arrive within two to three business days, largely doing away with overnight delivery for stamped mail.

The delivery delay would be a byproduct of the closure of 252

mail processing plants — more than half of the total, a change the postal service announced in September.

Approximately 28,000 employees would lose their jobs as a result of the closures.

The changes must be approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission.

Egyptians reject Mubarak allies in first-round elections

CAIRO (MCT) — In a symbolic victory for Egypt’s revolutionaries, results from the first round of parliamentary elections show a popular rejection of any ves-

tiges of deposed President Hosni Mubarak’s regime, with his old political allies trailing far behind Islamist and liberal blocs.

Only weeks ago, analysts had predicted that Monday’s runoff would be between the Muslim Brotherhood’s Islamist candidates and remnants from Mubarak’s now-disbanded National Democratic Party, which once boasted 2 million members and claimed to win 86 percent of the vote in the 2010 polls.

So far, only a couple of parties anchored by former Mubarak allies won parliamentary seats in the first round of voting, according to partial results.

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Salvation Army relies on its volunteers

By Victoria Esguerra
Staff Writer

Since Nov. 18, Nathan Yarborough has stood outside Bank of America on Franklin Street every day except Sundays.

He is one of many Salvation Army bell ringers who stand beside the organization's signature red kettles during the holiday season.

The Salvation Army, active in North Carolina since 1887, recruits these volunteers each year to help raise money for their programs, which provide a broad range of services for people in need.

Eighty-three cents of every dollar donated to the organization goes to its efforts, according to the Salvation Army website.

Those efforts include programs like Christmas groceries and toy

assistance.

The North and South Carolina division of the Salvation Army has 30 locations for Christmas kettles in the Durham, Orange and Person counties, according to Tracey Bragg, volunteer coordinator for those counties.

Yarborough said his Christmas volunteering started after the Salvation Army first helped him.

"They helped me out years ago, so I decided to give back," he said.

Each day he rings the bell from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"It's hard, but as long as it's for a worthy cause, it's not hard," Yarborough said.

Barbara Day, a UNC professor, and her husband Doug Day have volunteered as bell ringers for eight years and said they agree with the organization's message.

"We believe in the cause," Doug Day said.

The couple volunteers with other members from the local Kiwanis Club, a branch of a global philanthropic organization aimed to help children worldwide.

Doug Day, who is governor for the Kiwanis Carolinas District, said the organization sends volunteers one weekend each year.

Bragg said the Salvation Army also has a general recruitment process that attracts volunteers for programs like the red kettles through letters and appearances at University service days.

She said red kettle volunteers are given bells to attract potential donors' attention.

"People may say it's annoying, but it's a silent call to come together as a community and help one another," she said.

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Nathan Yarborough, a first-time volunteer, rings the bell on Franklin Street in front of Wells Fargo.

New newspaper to focus on Chapel Hill residents

By Chessa DeCain
Staff Writer

Dan Shannon is hoping to squeeze one more publication in to the local media market.

Chapel Hill Magazine's The Weekly is a new newspaper that will focus solely on local news in Chapel Hill.

Shannon, publisher of Chapel Hill Magazine, Durham Magazine and now The Weekly, is spearheading the project.

Shannon said he feels newer media sources like the internet leave a hole in the market when it comes to local news.

"The internet hasn't figured out local yet," Shannon said.

The Weekly will capture the interests of Chapel Hill residents through stories on local events, entertainment and middle and high school sports, Shannon said.

"I think a successful model for a newspaper is local, local, local," he said.

As early as Valentine's Day week 2,000 free copies will be

sent out to different homes. Another 5,000 copies will go to newsstands and to other locations, Shannon said.

Jock Lauterer, a senior lecturer at the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said he wasn't sure how The Weekly would compete in a town already saturated with news outlets.

"This is a bold but risky venture in a media-rich environment," Lauterer said. "He's coming into a crowded playing field."

Lauterer said the various news outlets in Chapel Hill make it difficult for new startups to enter the market.

"Local news is the only game in town," he said.

Ruby Sinreich, founder of liberal blog OrangePolitics, said she was not convinced an incoming publication would bring anything new to the table.

"I haven't really heard what he thinks they're going to be doing that others don't already do," Sinreich said. "What this one will offer that's new remains to be seen."

Lauterer said that when a new media outlet enters a market, it gets the attention of the audience and raises competition.

"The question is: Five years from now, who's going to be left standing?" he said.

But Shannon said he doesn't think The Weekly will have any problem finding its place in the community.

"When you give someone a publication that's associated with the town they live in, and it's done really well and successfully and smartly, people embrace it," Shannon said.

Ultimately, Lauterer said The Weekly could only improve the quality of news coverage in Chapel Hill.

"In 2011, an ink-on-paper startup with a community focus cannot be a bad thing," Lauterer added. "I wish him all the luck in the world — he's going to need it."

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UNC debates meatless meals

By Katie Quine
Staff Writer

UNC students are trying to save some of the 83 to 100 animals most people consume each year.

Eleni Vlachos, a local advocate for veganism who has been using that statistic to educate people nationwide, is helping students expand vegan and vegetarian menu items at campus dining halls.

If Carolina Dining Services approves a proposal drafted by students, all Mondays would be designated as "Meatless Mondays."

Biology major Brandon Hays presented the student proposal to dining services Monday.

The proposal follows a recent national trend to promote veganism and vegetarianism on college campuses, including East Carolina University and Davidson College, said Vlachos, who is also a community relations contractor for Duke Medicine.

Vlachos recently traveled to universities around the country to promote her documentary on the benefits of veganism.

She said some schools went as far as to eliminate meat entirely from Monday menus.

UNC's proposal would not

eliminate meat and animal products from the menu on Mondays, Vlachos said. Instead, it would provide a greater variety of vegan-friendly food, such as imitation chicken.

Proponents said providing processed vegan items instead of traditional meat could save the dining halls money.

The initiative was brought forward by a team of five UNC student groups and Durham Health Innovations.

"A lot of students don't really know where their food comes from or the impact of the choices they make everyday when they go to eat," Hays said.

By eliminating meat from the diet once a week for a year, it is as beneficial to the environment as not driving 1,160 miles, she said.

Currently, Rams Head and Lenoir offer vegan and vegetarian options — but not as many as some students would like, said Scott Myers, director of Food and Vending Services.

"There is always the ability to put together a vegan meal, but sometimes you have to forge your way around the dining hall," Myers said.

"What we try to work on vegan

"UNC can really take this to another level and hopefully be a model for other schools."

Eleni Vlachos,
Veganism advocate

diets with is (telling them) to get something from the salad bar and then get some vegetables from the entree and vegetarian lines to put a full meal together," he said.

Meatless Mondays would make veganism and vegetarianism the focus of meals — instead of just an option.

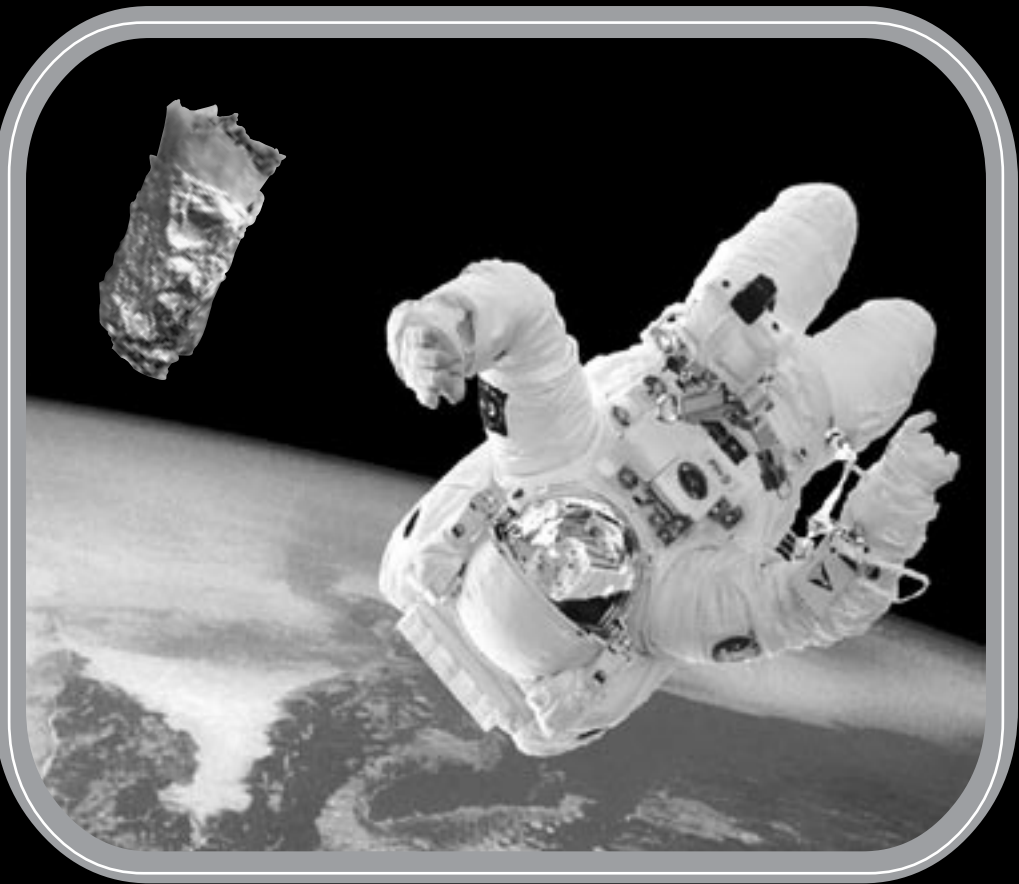
Recently, dining services has started labeling vegan and vegetarian food items on the various entree station display screens.

Vlachos believes Meatless Mondays, if approved, would provide UNC students with an opportunity to be creative in showing the benefits of veganism.

"UNC can really take this to another level and hopefully be a model for other schools," Vlachos said.

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Duke plans master’s program in China

By Matt Steyl
Staff Writer

A partnership between Duke University and the city of Kunshan, China might provide more educational opportunities for Chinese students, but some faculty have questioned the feasibility of the proposal.

The Duke Board of Trustees approved a master of management studies program last week, which will be offered by Duke’s Fuqua School of Business on the university’s campus in Kunshan.

Laura Brinn, director of global communications at Duke, said Kunshan is a rapidly growing city that wants to transition from a manufacturing to a more knowledge-based economy.

“They want to create a world-class university,” she said. “Establishing a base in Kunshan gives us the opportunity to extend opportunities for faculty and students in China.”

Kevin Anselmo, associate director of public relations for

the business school, said students in the program will split time between Duke’s main campus and the one in China.

The university is still working with the Chinese government to obtain approval for the program, and Anselmo said it is unknown when the program will begin.

Brinn said Duke hopes about half of the program’s students will be Chinese, with the other half from the U.S. and other parts of the world. The program will be taught by Duke faculty in its initial stages.

The Duke Global Health Institute has also proposed a masters of science and global health program for Kunshan, which is currently being reviewed by faculty, she said.

The university is projecting that it will invest \$37 million in six years to fund the campus in Kunshan. Tuition rates for the program haven’t been set.

Some faculty at Duke have expressed opposition to the project.

“The most decisive problem

has been that the administration essentially committed to the construction of physical facilities before developing in a substantial way what actually should be going on there,” said Thomas Pfau, professor of English and German languages and literatures at Duke.

“It’s cost a great deal of money and sapped administrative focus.”

He said normally universities develop programs first and then decide what facilities are needed.

“No plan that they have thus far presented suggests that they will ever use more than one-third of the campus’s capacity,” he said.

Pfau said it remains unclear whether the Chinese government will approve the program and its tuition costs, potentially jeopardizing the return on the university’s investment.

Every dollar raised for the campus in Kunshan costs time and effort that could have gone toward making Duke stronger, he said.

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BOWL GAME

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Bowl in 2003 and 2005.

While the Tar Heels (7-5, 3-5 ACC) have never played in the Independence Bowl, they made trips to the Meineke Car Care Bowl in 2008 and 2009, and they took home a 30-27 win against Tennessee in the Music City Bowl last season.

For UNC’s seniors, the selection means they’ve gone to a bowl game every season they’ve been at North Carolina.

“I think when you go to school, and you play college athletics, you want to be playing in the postseason every opportunity you get,” Withers said.

“And for these seniors to have the opportunity to play in four straight bowls is phenomenal, and I’m excited for them.”

The Tar Heels are excited, too, even if it means they’ll be spending the holidays away from home.

“I think it’s going to be kind of cool,” Renner said. “This is the first year we’re going to be having Christmas together.”

“But I definitely think we’re so close as a unit that it’ll be a lot of fun.”

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ONE FOR THE BIRDS



DTH/JESSICA GAYLORD

Karen Dillard sells one-of-a-kind birdhouses made out of recycled materials at the annual Holiday Craft and Gift Market, which was held Sunday afternoon at Southern Village.

TICKETS

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What the University and football program’s staff were most concerned with was that people continued to support the team.

“Most of the season ticket sales campaign is completed at that time, so you’re just more working off the individual games and a lot of that is going to be dictated just based on wins and losses,” said Clint Gwaltney, associate athletic director of ticket operations.

But wins and losses didn’t necessarily match attendance.

The Tar Heels sped to a 5-1 start this season for just the second time since 1997, but those first six contests included the four lowest attended home games in 2011.

“Unfortunately, Rutgers, Louisville and James Madison didn’t draw out that many folks,” Gwaltney said.

How bad it hurts

UNC finished the season 2-4 after that, but attendance was up in its final three home games, as would be expected against Miami, Wake Forest and Duke.

On the whole, average attendance was down 3.9 percent while pre-game ticket sales fell 6.3 percent from the 2010 season.

That may not seem like a drastic drop, but it adds up.

If each of those unsold tickets cost \$50 — the cheapest seat in Kenan Stadium — that’s still \$878,500 in missed revenue, and that’s only if those empties were nosebleed seats.

That much alone could fund the budget of UNC’s baseball program twice — its fourth most expensive program to operate — and still leave \$71,050 to spare.

It stands to show how crucial football money is in the life of a large athletic program like UNC’s.

The reality of that is being felt at the University of Maryland, where its athletics department will cut eight of its 27 varsity sports. There are many other factors in that decision, but it certainly didn’t help Maryland that it averaged 76.7 percent capacity for each home football game during its 2-10 season.

UNC doesn’t want to find itself with a similar problem while trying to support its 28 varsity programs.

“Football and basketball are the most public (programs) we have and the ones that generate the most revenue,” Cunningham said. “You want to have a broad-based program, but you need to be successful in the ones that generate revenue.”

Still on a hinge

North Carolina did make an effort to keep attendance numbers up, and Withers, by all accounts, did a fine job building excitement and handling the unusual circumstances he was thrust into.

“I think Coach Withers has done a really good job of trying to keep all the focus on the student athletes,” Cunningham said. “But the reality is there is some turmoil, and there is some ambiguity about the future.”

That ambiguity could refer to a number of things — future NCAA sanctions for UNC’s infractions prior to the 2010 season, or the vacant head football coach position.

Withers officially interviewed for the position last week and hopes to receive it, but if the UNC position is as good a job as Cunningham believes it is, Withers may have some stiff competition.

“I think it’s the best job out there,” Cunningham said. “I think the location, the academic reputation of the school and the confer-

ence. I think it’s an outstanding job and I think people view it that way.”

It’s Cunningham’s job to strive for success in each of UNC’s programs, and he believes UNC can be nationally competitive in not just basketball, but also in football.

He said that starts with the people running the program, making his football hire seem all the more important.

Cunningham knows there’s a difference in winning and losing in football.

It’s the same way that \$878,500 makes a difference.

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RINGER

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background to play songs not every one has heard of, but can appreciate.

“I like playing some of the more obscure school songs,” he said. “Hark the Sound, stuff like that, you hear that a lot, but when there’s Carolina Victory or Here Comes Carolina or something like that, that’s when people are like, ‘What’s that song?’”

Despite some early mornings, Crosa embraces his job.

“Every once in a while, coming early for football games is rough, and honestly no one’s told me that

I have to be here for that.”

But he likes to be there to tell visitors about the tower’s history.

“It’s fun, and it’s rewarding because you’re the only person who can do that,” he said.

For more than 80 years, the Bell Tower’s chimes have been an intrinsic part of student life.

But most students still have no idea who controls those constant chimes. Sophomore Bobby Mook said he has never thought about who rings the bells.

“Hopefully it’s the hunchback,” he said.

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OBAMA

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Thorp emphasized the University’s efforts to streamline its administration, primarily through the Carolina Counts project, an effort to cut costs by increasing efficiency that has saved UNC almost \$50 million.

But he also told Obama that national attention to the issue of affordability would aid college presidents and chancellors.

“If he is really interested in college costs and starts talking about it then that will make it easier for the rest of us to focus on these things,” Thorp said.

The University will continue to work on streamlining its administration in the future but will also explore new ways to cut costs discussed at Monday’s meeting, Thorp said.

These include a stronger focus on online education and improving “gateway courses” in science and math, Thorp said.

Thorp said the group was told that the administration will look for ways to implement some of the ideas discussed.

“I think you’re going to see more talk from them about this.”

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What’s behind the name game?

We’ve all seen the effect “Twilight” has had on America’s teenage girls. But did the popular book and film series influence America’s parents too?

That’s what the media would have you believe. Recently, several news outlets have credited “Twilight” for popularizing the names Isabella and Jacob, which were both among BabyCenter’s top five most popular baby names this year.

I was skeptical of this claim, mainly because I’m hesitant to credit “Twilight” with anything. But a deeper look at the data reveals a common misconception people have with baby naming.

In general, people view cultural change, such as a name becoming popular, as the meaningful result of an external cause. So when Mason jumped from the 12th most popular boys’ name last year to 3rd this year, MSNBC quickly attributed it to a Kardashian sister who chose the name for her baby.

Celebrities have less of an influence on baby naming than you might imagine, however. Take one of the most iconic monikers: Marilyn. Most people credit Marilyn Monroe for the name’s popularity in the 1950s.

But Marilyn had started to shoot up the charts a couple of decades earlier, and was in fact already a popular name when Monroe, formerly Norma Jeane Baker, adopted it in 1946. In fact, the name had reached its peak popularity in the 1930s, and continued to fall out of popularity after Monroe became famous.

“People recall an instance or two in which a name is made famous by a celebrity and the same name is given to a lot of babies, and assume that the first phenomenon caused the second,” psychologist Steven Pinker writes in his book “The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature.”

Only in rare cases do public figures have a direct influence on baby naming, like in the 1930s when — for obvious reasons — Herbert’s popularity dropped while Franklin’s rose. Usually, the opposite is true: a name shoots up in popularity, and someone with that name becomes famous.

As Pinker explains, when parents are selecting a name for their baby, they generally aim to pick one that is distinctive, but not too distinctive. This results in thousands of parents choosing the same moderately unusual name, causing the name to become incredibly popular. New parents react by avoiding the now-popular name, and the cycle repeats.

According to Pinker’s book, the most important factor when it comes to baby naming may actually be sound patterns. Sounds come in and out of fashion just like anything else, so popular names could simply be riding the wave of a popular sound.

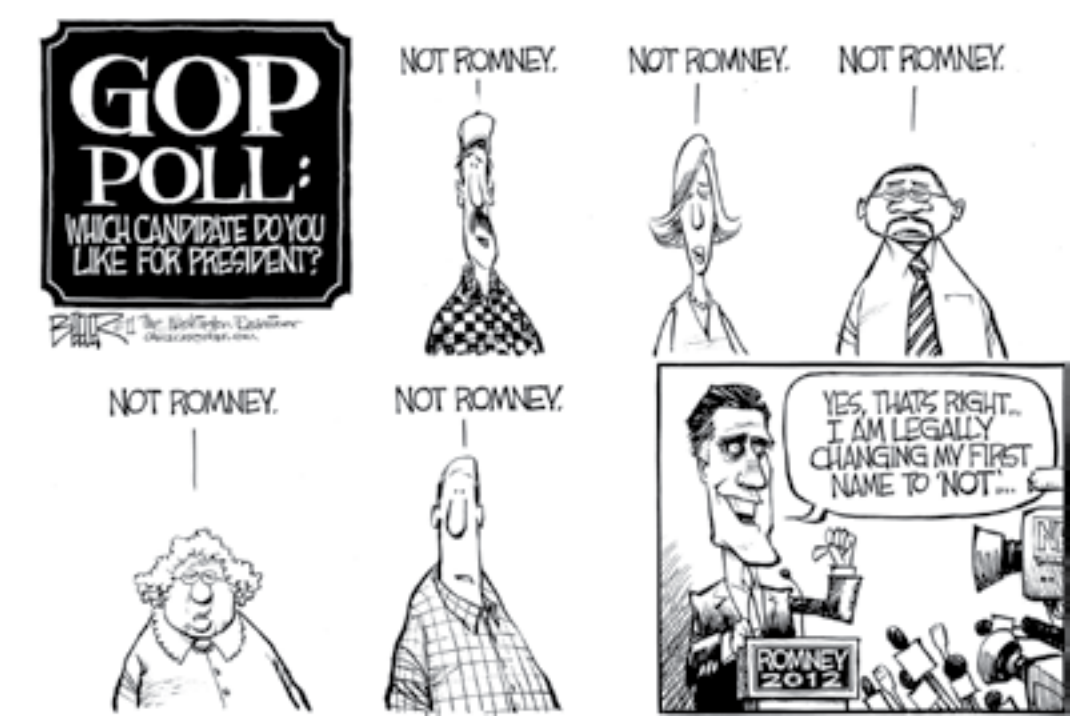
The surge of Mason wasn’t the result of a Kardashian sister — it was the natural by-product of the rise of other boys’ names that end in *n*. (Aiden, Brayden, Caden, Jayden, Benjamin, Jackson, Logan, Ryan and Ethan all cracked the top-20 as well.)

S-final names tend to be indicative of older women, which is why you don’t see many people named Gladys, Lois, Doris, Frances or Agnes outside of a nursing home.

So contrary to popular belief, celebrities aren’t the ones setting these trends. As it turns out, society influences the celebrities.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

By Nate Beeler, The Washington Examiner



EDITORIAL

Alert East Carolina

In an upcoming review of its emergency response, ECU can learn from UNC.

Just months after UNC was forced to review its emergency response protocol, East Carolina University now finds itself in a similar predicament — albeit for a different reason. Whereas UNC drew criticism for failing to notify students of an armed robbery on campus in April, ECU must now review its emergency response because of an overreaction to a black umbrella, which was mistaken for a rifle and led to a campus-wide lockdown last month.

As ECU begins to review its system after this misstep, it would be wise to use UNC’s review from earlier this year as a guide, always keeping in mind the need to avoid “crying wolf” again.

On college campuses, safety is a prerequisite for a community conducive to learning. Thus, the issue of safety is one that’s taken rather seriously, though emergency response is a tricky matter. It’s almost impossible to devise an air-tight response system that will leave everyone satisfied, as some will always want to be in-the-know while others

won’t want to be bothered.

When students cried afoul for the notification, or lack thereof, in April, the University noted its wariness of a system that “cries wolf,” inundating students with so much irrelevant information that they ignore what’s important. Indeed, if too many minor incidents or false alarms are reported, students will not take notifications seriously and may not respond to a real crisis in a safe manner.

After responding to April’s armed robbery and deciding that it posed no threat to the broader campus community, the University reviewed its Alert Carolina emergency response system and found the middle ground with a new, three-tiered system that answered students’ demands for more information, without going too far.

ECU should heed this example and walk the thin line between being over-informative and under-effective.

During the lockdown, rumors swirled about a supposed gunman’s activity through Twitter and Facebook, creating anxiety and confusion for students and law enforcement alike. The role of social media in this false call brought into high relief ECU’s need to

have a social media presence to provide accurate, reliable information. It should act as UNC did in its review and take care to develop Twitter, Facebook and other accounts to reach students in a timely and effective manner.

This effort should come in addition to including a “send all” option for sending texts. Without this option, ECU students were deprived of a text message alert after the system’s operator forgot to select the “students” category from the list of recipients.

Brent Herron, associate vice president of campus safety and emergency operations for the UNC system, said he believes that campuses have done a good job identifying problems and moving to solve them so far. This should continue at both ECU and UNC, as well as at all schools in the UNC system.

There is no quick fix for this problem — keeping a campus safe is too much of a complex and ever-changing process for that. Administrators should continue their analysis of past incidents while adapting to make response procedures more effective. This will make both the campus and the students safer and happier at each institution.

EDITORIAL

Sitting down on the job

Quality should be key, but housekeeping issues merit a faster response.

The University has lent an ear to housekeepers’ complaints for nearly a year and a half. Now it needs to take the necessary steps to ensure problems in the department are addressed quickly, lest they worsen or just revert to the status quo.

Though administrators have set a number of goals, most steps of the process are just beginning and administrators have said it is moving slower than expected.

Members of an advisory committee to help housekeepers interact with management were supposed to be voted on at the end of November, but the human resources department said questions about committee members couldn’t be answered until next week, and that neither meeting dates nor the

agenda had been finalized.

That committee will hopefully help housekeepers who take issue with their managers. Poor communication between the two groups came to light last year after eight workers were punished for resting on the job.

In March, just as the PRM Consulting Firm arrived to investigate allegations of sexual assault, unresponsive managers and other issues, the guidelines for submitting a complaint were broadened to include bullying and intimidation. Human resources saw a noticeable uptick in complaints following this change. Administrators, to their credit, have also acknowledged larger racial and cultural tensions instead of sweeping them under the rug.

Brenda Malone, vice chancellor for human resources, said those issues might never completely end — and that language barriers and a lack of translators have only been additional stum-

bling blocks. But while translators would be an adequate short-term solution, the department should do more to help its employees learn English.

Such a move could facilitate interaction and communication across ethnic groups. It could also let workers better voice their complaints, and management could better communicate what’s expected of staff.

Quality should be the priority — but not at the expense of an adequate timetable for implementing change. Housekeepers have waited long enough for this overdue review.

The search for a new housekeeping director is on, and that person should come into a job where the rules and expectations for both management and workers are clearly laid out.

Housekeepers deserve faster action. The original complaints stemmed from resting on the job, and that’s exactly what administrators have been doing in dragging their feet so far.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It’s good to be successful in everything that you have, but economically we need to be successful in football as well, because it can support a lot of other things within the department.”

Bubba Cunningham, UNC athletics director

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Hugo, on a 19th century draining system and cellar UNC archaeologists uncovered on McCorkle Place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debt shouldn’t destroy system’s nursing schools

TO THE EDITOR:

As a RN from a family full of nurses, we were abhorred when my niece, a student nurse, showed us comments made by Dr. Spangler in The Daily Tar Heel on Nov. 20. Dr. Spangler said, “... transferring universities’ registered nursing programs to community colleges would cut operational costs in half.”

Why does Dr. Spangler think the burden for the university’s debt crisis should be solved on the back of the nursing schools? Why was nursing the only major chosen?

I have found that nurses have been targeted like teachers, firefighters and police officers because in other parts of the country, these groups tend to be unionized. Nurses in the South don’t tend to be unionized, but they are still targeted.

Dr. Spangler’s talking points appear to derive directly from marching orders developed by certain right-wing political think tanks writing legislation and policies for state legislatures. Seriously hurting public education and especially nursing education is on the list of talking points for this particular group of politicians and their cronies.

Wake up, Dr. Spangler. There is still a nursing shortage in North Carolina. Nurses with their BS degree are prepared for supervisory and leadership positions. Nurses with advanced practice degrees provide essential medical treatment, write prescriptions and teach. Nurses prepared at the doctoral level engage in much-needed research and practice.

Dr. Spangler’s pretense that destroying university nursing schools will lower student tuition is thinly veiled propaganda. Maybe the UNC system taught us too well to think critically and deconstruct propaganda.

Anne Teller, RN

After exams, donate your textbooks to CFA

TO THE EDITOR:

World AIDS day was this past Thursday, and I was excited to see so many students aware and involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS. This December, students have a great opportunity to be even more involved by donating their textbooks this semester in the Union lobby. Students who donate at least three books receive a free T-shirt. All money from the book donations support a non-profit organization called CARE for AIDS, which operates in Kenya.

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This is the first book drive for CFA held at UNC. Students, please consider donating your text books at the CFA table in the Union lobby from Dec. 8 to 9 and Dec. 12 to 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and change an HIV/AIDS-infected Kenyan’s life for eternity.

For more information on CFA, visit careforaids.org.

Meredith Corn
Intern
CARE for AIDS

Eat healthy for good grades during exams

TO THE EDITOR:

With winter break mere days away, only one thing stands between us and our holiday cheer — exams. One can almost feel the collective stress level of this campus rise as we near the last day of class.

However, as exams loom overhead, there’s something each of us can do to make this season a bit more jolly. We can eat our way to exam success.

Stressful eating throughout exam season is a common problem among college students, but also one that we can easily overcome. Food need not be the enemy. Put down those late night Pokey Stix, Easy Macs and energy drinks, and trade them in for food that nourishes your brain and body, giving you the upper hand for productive studying. Load up your snack bag with plenty of fruits and vegetables to keep your mind on track. Fruit’s natural sugars are full of clean energy that doesn’t lead to the crash-and-burn effect of many processed foods.

It is also important to eat at regular intervals to keep your body’s energy levels stable. Big meals can slow you down mentally and physically. Start your day off right with some oatmeal, yogurt, eggs or fruit, and toss in a sprinkle of nuts for some added protein. Sustain your inner Socrates with a banana and peanut butter, raw carrots, nuts and plenty of water.

Keeping yourself hydrated is as important in the library as it is on the court in the Dean Dome. And don’t be afraid to exercise more than just your brain. Twenty to 30 minutes of exercise can reinvigorate your body and refocus your mind for successful studying.

Although it’s been said many times, many ways, healthfully eat your way to an A.

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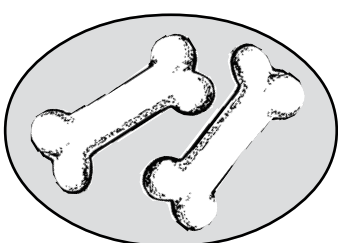
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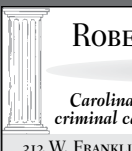
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