

McCrory touts 3 ‘E’s in address to legislature

He highlighted education, economy and efficiency.

By Gabriella Kostrzewa
Staff Writer

Gov. Pat McCrory stressed improving education and boosting employment to help North Carolina's beleaguered economy in his first State of the State address Monday.

"My number one priority as your governor is to do everything possible to make North Carolina an engine for job creation," he said.

Sen. Peter Brunstetter, R-Forsyth, said in an interview after the speech that McCrory's business experience will lend his job creation ideas legitimacy in Raleigh.

"Just knowing that part of the priority is to put customer service back in state government and take the hundreds of millions of dollars in waste and to analyze and fix it was very refreshing," Brunstetter said.

But Democratic critics questioned McCrory's plans to create jobs by reducing the state's personal and corporate income taxes.

N.C. Treasurer Janet Cowell, a Democrat, said in an interview that she supports changes to the state's tax code but is skeptical about McCrory's ideas.

"Obviously the devil is in the details, but I'm glad that he mentioned it in his speech today," she said.

McCrory tied job creation to a recalibration of the state's education system.

He touted Senate Bill 14, which he signed into law Monday morning, marking the first bill he signed into law as governor.

The law creates three degree tracks for high school students — vocational, college preparation and a combination of the two.

"The disconnect right now that I have seen between employers not able to find qualified talent, even with our high unemployment rate, and the citizens unable to get jobs must get resolved through education," McCrory said.

He sidestepped responding to comments he made on conservative host Bill Bennett's radio talk show at the end of January questioning the merits of funding certain liberal arts degrees with state money.

"I have already stepped on some toes on both the left and the right," he said. "I am not doing it to cause pain but to get us to stand up and recognize that we must solve our serious problems."

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DTH/KATIE BAILEY

Gov. Pat McCrory speaks with Speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives Thom Tillis, right, after McCrory delivered his first State of the State address Monday night in Raleigh.

MCCRORY'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Education

- Give high-schoolers the option of one of three paths
- Provide students skills to fill available jobs in high-growth areas

Economy

- Focus on sectors like advanced manufacturing to lower unemployment rate
- Lower corporate and personal income taxes

Efficiency

- Reduce state debt for unemployment benefits and Medicaid
- Improve operations of state agencies

Super suite selection moves to lottery

The decision was announced after students began camping out.

By Andy Willard
Staff Writer

The process of securing a coveted super suite in Morrison Residence Hall will no longer start in a tent.

The suites will now be allocated via a lottery system instead of a first-come, first-served sign-up system, which has led students to camp outside while waiting in line.

Last Wednesday, several groups of eager students braved the weather after the basketball game to set up tents outside of the Morrison Community Office to get a spot.

But when the campers woke up the next morning, they received an email from UNC Housing and Residential Education stating that the selection process had been changed to a lottery, which will be held today.

Rick Bradley, assistant director of Housing and Residential Education, said the decision was made because of the increasing number of students who wait in line for a super suite.

"Frankly, we didn't want students to have to camp out — and if they were going to do it 12 or 13 days in advance, we certainly didn't want that," he said.

The selection date is today, so the longest students would have camped this year was six days.

Super suites have three rooms each and also contain a common area. There are 38 super suites at UNC, all of which are located in the top three floors of Morrison.

The students who had set up their tents said they were not pleased with the change.

"We understand the reasoning, but we feel slighted," said freshman Claire Crawford.

Crawford, who was in the first tent in line,

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ENTER THE LOTTERY

Turn in a super suite ballot to the housing office in SASB North by noon today.

Info: bit.ly/Zc5Ah8

Safety of fracking questioned

A N.C. Senate bill would allow fracking to begin in March 2015.

By Lucinda Shen
Staff Writer

A move to fast-track the controversial drilling method known as "fracking" in the state to reap potential economic benefits has raised concerns among groups who question the safety of the practice.

An N.C. Senate bill filed last week would enable the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources to issue fracking permits to companies starting in March 2015.

The bill would alter current law, which requires regulations to be established by the end of 2015 and a vote by the N.C. General Assembly before permits can be issued.

Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, involves the injection of a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into shale rock formations underground to release trapped natural gas.

If the bill is signed into law, thousands of much needed, permanent jobs could be created, said Sen. Buck Newton, R-Johnston, co-sponsor of the bill.

But Dustin Chicurel-Bayard, director of communications for the N.C. Sierra Club, said fracking poses environmental concerns and will not

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DTH/MADDI BRANTLEY

Campaigners for Christy Lambden, left, and Will Lindsey, right, gather in the Pit on Monday. The runoff election for student body president is today.

Lindsey, Lambden face off today

The new SBP will be elected after today's runoff election.

By Jordan Bailey
Staff Writer

The last two standing in the student body president race will face off today, and students should know by tonight who their next student body president is.

Since none of the five candidates won a majority of the votes last week, Will Lindsey and Christy Lambden, who garnered the two highest percentages, are competing in a runoff election.

Lindsey collected 37 percent of the votes, and Lambden collected 22 percent.

Lindsey said he is wrapping up his campaign by maintaining a strong on-campus presence, meeting as many students as possible, creating new signs and A-frames, and being vocal on social media.

Lambden said his final campaign techniques include spending a lot of time in the Pit in order to meet as many people as possible.

"We're trying to show what the values behind the campaign are, and what we perceive the best possible Carolina to be — it's kind of an explanation of why I'm running," Lambden said.

Michael Hardison, Lambden's campaign manager, said campaigning has been exhausting but rewarding.

"You really never stop working," he said.

"It's one of those things where I've woken

VOTE IN THE RUNOFF

Voting is open until 8 p.m. on studentlife.unc.edu.

Email boe@unc.edu with any questions.

up at 4 or 5 in the morning to deal with some things I've gotten texts about, or anything like that."

Lindsey also said he is looking forward to the election.

"I'm definitely excited going in," Lindsey said. "I was very pleased with our performance in the first round, and hopefully we can get out there and get the vote again and be elected student body president."

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MASTER ART

Next to show his work in UNC's Masters of Fine Arts Exhibition Series is painter William Thomas. His work addresses race. **Page 5.**



A LAS VEGAS CLINIC JUST FOR HANGOVERS

A UNC graduate's Las Vegas clinic treats patients with hangovers. Though treatments are expensive, business keeps rolling in. His inspiration, he says, came in part from his time partying at UNC. **Page 3.**

A THINK TANK FOR EARLY GRADES

Child development experts from around N.C. begin meeting last week, looking for better ways to evaluate students' progress and readiness in early years. **Page 5.**

Today's weather



Vote online, avoid the rain.
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Wednesday's weather



Just 18 days 'til spring break.
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TODAY

Balance and Composure concert: Also featuring The Jealous Sound, Daylight and The Hissy Fits. \$15. All ages.
Time: Doors open 7 p.m., show begins 7:30 p.m.
Location: Local 506

Carolina Jazz Festival: The N.C. Jazz Repertory Orchestra and guest artist Claudio Roliti present “The Jazz Century: A Narrated Celebration of Early to Modern Jazz.” Tickets available via the Memorial Hall Box Office

at 919-843-3333. \$15 general admission. \$10 for seniors. \$5 for students with ID.
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Location: Hill Hall

Peace Corps information session: Learn about working in an overseas community and how the Peace Corps could help launch your career.
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Hanes Hall

The Tournées Festival — Le Havre: As part of a festival

celebrating new French films on campus, the Department of Romance Languages presents “Le Havre” in French with English subtitles.
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center

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‘Big Stupid Clock’

From staff and wire reports

London — you wouldn’t think it was hurting in the tourism realm, but one glaring oversight means one of its most famous landmarks is ending up on the bottom of to-see lists.

A Chinese tourist tipped off the BBC that some tourists have been bypassing Big Ben in favor of more luxurious attractions. Why? Apparently, in Mandarin, ‘ben’ means ‘stupid.’

You can see how this plays out — who wants to visit what Chinese tourists have nicknamed the ‘Big Stupid Clock?’

NOTED. At least your Valentine’s Day didn’t end up with half your tongue in your girlfriend’s mouth — after she bit it off.

A post-date spat turned bloody for an Illinois couple when one woman did just that. Horrifying.

QUOTED. “this iz not acceptable u r a grown man u have zero swag vibe stop dis.” — Black Keys drummer Patrick Carney enraged the Belieber gang after changing his Twitter name and photo to Justin Bieber’s, spurring tweets like this.

POLICE LOG

● Someone shoplifted from Food Lion at 1720 Fordham Blvd. between 3:46 p.m. and 3:56 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person concealed merchandise, reports state.

● People were fighting at 131 E. Franklin St. at 2:29 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. People involved in the fight were intoxicated, and someone sustained minor injuries, reports state.

● Someone stole from a building at 100 E. Franklin St. at 2 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole an iPhone 4, valued at \$200, from a bar, reports state.

● Someone vandalized property at 121 S. Roberson St. between 12:15 a.m. and 12:53 a.m. Sunday, according

to Chapel Hill police reports. The person threw a ceramic cup and damaged a vehicle, reports state. Damage to the rear fender of the 2006 black Audi A4 was valued at \$50, according to reports.

● Someone was driving with an open container of liquor near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Estes Drive at 2:13 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person was initially stopped by police for driving with a suspended license when the container was found, reports state.

● Someone reported a missing person at 308 N.C. Highway 54 at 3:51 p.m. Thursday, according to Carrboro police reports. A student was missing from Pace Academy but was later located, reports state.

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Town mulls lifting signage restrictions

The Town Council talked about the effect of signs on business Monday.

By Rachel Butt
Staff Writer

Aloft Chapel Hill has a modern architectural style that stands out, but hotel management is worried the hotel is being hurt by town restrictions on its signage.

“Every Aloft has their signage on the top floor except for Aloft Chapel Hill,” said Mark Sherburne, general manager of the hotel. “It has greatly diminished our visibility.”

On Monday night, the Chapel Hill

Town Council discussed amending the height limit on signage in an effort to increase visibility for local businesses.

According to the town’s land use management ordinance, wall signage for Chapel Hill businesses is limited to the second floor.

Because of this, Sherburne said Aloft Chapel Hill’s signage is on the second floor and has plain white lighting — instead of the colored lighting used at some of Aloft’s more than 100 locations worldwide.

The amendment discussed by the Town Council Monday would allow signs near the roof-line of a building.

It could also allow smaller shopping centers such as Fordham Square and Glen Lennox to install

larger commercial ground signs.

Businesses might also be able to display more ground signage.

“We need to help businesses prosper in Chapel Hill, and ensuring residents know where to find businesses is going to create a friendly business environment,” said Town Council member Lee Storrow.

Storrow said he sees Aloft’s clean and single-colored logo as an example of why the change is needed.

“It feels like there’s a corporate strategy connected to the architectural structure,” Storrow said.

Kristen Smith, director of public policy and member engagement at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, agreed.

“Many of our members and

ourselves — we find the current ordinance long, unwieldy and too restrictive,” she said in an email.

But council member Matt Czajkowski said he is concerned with the aesthetics and maintenance of signage at the top of buildings.

“The Aloft sign is as good as it is, but if the O and T has gone out of light, how might that look?” Czajkowski asked. “And does it have to be the top of the building? Why can’t it be on the third floor?”

Council member Sally Greene also questioned the need for increasing the maximum height limit for Aloft, citing the fact that Aloft hotels tend to be located near airports or urban areas surrounded by similarly tall buildings.

“I think the current logo has a distinct look and is very visible,” she said. “But I’m certainly open to more research and information.”

Erin Dale, director of sales at Courtyard by Marriott in Chapel Hill, said finding a balance between business and town interests is possible.

“Seventy percent of our business is people coming from out of town and doing business in Chapel Hill,” she said. “It’s important that our signage can help them navigate in Chapel Hill.”

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider the ordinance amendment on March 25.

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WOMEN’S TENNIS: FLORIDA 4, NORTH CAROLINA 2

GATORS OUTLAST UNC



DTH/SPENCER HERLONG
North Carolina’s Caroline Price returns the ball in her match on Monday. She was the only UNC player to win her singles match.

Florida hands UNC first loss of the season

By Haley Rhyne
Staff Writer

The No. 1 North Carolina women’s tennis team’s match against No. 2 Florida was predestined to be a hard-fought battle for both teams. And it did not disappoint.

Though Florida won 4-2, the Gators needed two of the final three singles matches to clinch the victory, and they found those two wins before the third match ended.

Coach Brian Kalbas said he was proud of his team for its competitive effort, despite a trying past several days of competition that included the program’s first ITA National Team Indoor Championships victory.

“We did not give it to them,” said Kalbas.

It was the Tar Heels’ first loss in a dual match this season.

Freshman Whitney Kay, who was named the ITA Most Outstanding Player in last week’s tournament, was in her third set when her match was stopped after the Gators clinched their match-winning singles victories.

“It’s been a long couple of weeks, but we played really well and we went out and fought,” Kay said. “I’m

still very proud of the team.”

She said she was disappointed she couldn’t finish her match but was proud of her team’s combative efforts during a hectic week of competition.

The Tar Heels worked hard for their two points, including one which took nearly two hours to claim — the doubles point, won in a tiebreak by seniors Zoe De Bruycker and Gina Suarez-Malaguti.

That match (9-8, 7-5) exemplified the determined mentality that the women demonstrated in all of their matches.

The Tar Heels lost both deciding singles matches in three sets to two Florida players ranked in the nation’s top 10.

Kalbas attributed Monday’s loss to a variety of factors.

“It’s a combination of playing a very experienced and talented Florida team,” he said. “And then us coming off a very grueling four-day stretch playing four of the best teams in the nation.”

Sophomore Caroline Price, who is ranked 31st nationally, won the only singles point for the Tar Heels.

Price won in straight sets, defeating Danielle Collins 6-4, 6-2.

DTH ONLINE: For more about Monday’s match, including a photo gallery, go to dailytarheel.com.

Kalbas said he has started to expect Price to secure a point for the team after her recent outstanding performances.

“She’s really been a strong point for us, probably our best point so far this season,” Kalbas said.

After suffering an injury in the fall, Price has returned strong, winning all of her matches in dual match play.

Kalbas said he has been impressed by her dedication to recovery and winning for the team.

“I am just really excited for her and how well she has done this season so far,” he said. “She is playing very focused tennis, very committed tennis.”

Price said she was disappointed by the overall results but was satisfied with her personal performance.

“It’s a bummer that we didn’t win, but I try to go out and help the team the best that I can,” she said. “And I feel like I did that today.”

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Carrboro works to hire community organizer

The community organizer will work with the Latino day laborer community.

By Olivia Page-Pollard
Staff Writer

For the day laborers who frequent the corner of Jones Ferry and Davie roads in Carrboro, a steady job is anything but guaranteed.

For almost two decades, a group of primarily Latino males has assembled daily at this intersection to wait for the arrival of employers with short-term manual work.

Their presence has been both a blessing to the local economy and a burden to those who live in the surrounding neighborhood.

“There have been, from time to time, issues with the situation at that intersection: litter, occasionally public consumption of alcohol,” said Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton.

Carrboro officials have heard these complaints and are now responding by providing these workers with a representative who can act as their voice in the community.

“We’re creating a staff position, making some grant funds available with one of the non-profits to hire someone to advocate for the rights of the day laborers,” Chilton said.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen is currently working with El Centro Hispano to interview and hire a community organizer.

After receiving 31 applications for the position, the selection committee interviewed 10 candidates and has narrowed it down to three semi-finalists — Jose Cardenas, Allison O’Connell and Elly Goetz.

Pilar Rocha-Goldberg, president and CEO of El Centro Hispano, has been involved in the hiring process and said she thinks this position will make a positive impact on the workers and the community.

“The idea is really to help the workers but to be able to resolve the issue as well,” Rocha-Goldberg said.

“This person needs to work with the town, with the community at large, with community organizers and with employers. This person will be a liaison between all these stakeholders, all these groups who are involved in the day labor situation.”

Alderman Randee Haven-O’Donnell said stopping the exploitation of pay should be goal of the community organizer.

“Their struggle is more complex than getting the work, it’s getting paid for it. Wage theft is a very big problem,” Haven-O’Donnell said.

“Undocumented workers now, they’re being hired for a short time thing and they fall between the cracks in terms of having their work documented for payment.”

Haven-O’Donnell said she hopes the task force will wrap up the process in the next two weeks.

“The applicant must ... advocate for (day laborers) and make sure their working conditions are safe and dignified and they have the resources they need to link up with the right kind of people,” she said.

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UNC alum works to cure hangovers

Jason Burke started Hangover Heaven in Las Vegas.

By Rachel Schmitt
Staff Writer

The morning after a night out can be miserable, but one UNC alumnus is taking a shot at curing hangovers.

Dr. Jason Burke, who attended UNC as an undergraduate and graduate student, is the founder of Hangover Heaven, a medical clinic in Las Vegas dedicated to the treatment of hangovers.

“I did my fair share of partying and definitely had my fair share of hangovers,” Burke said of his time at UNC.

Burke graduated from the UNC School of Medicine in 1996 and completed his anesthesiology residency at the Duke University School of Medicine in 2001. He realized while working as an anesthesiologist that post-surgery symptoms were similar to those after a hangover.

“I always knew that (hangovers were) a problem that needed to be solved,” he said.

Hangover Heaven treats about 40 people every weekend, he said, though

fluctuations occur during different parts of the year. For example, the clinic treated 70 people on Superbowl Sunday alone.

Burke said the average clientele is 43-year-old men and 32-year-old women who make more than \$100,000 a year who stay in upscale hotels.

“These are people who want to make the most of their vacation,” Burke said. “They don’t want to lay around in their room sick for eight hours.”

The clinic treats patients by pumping hydration fluid through an IV, supplemented with various medications, vitamins and antioxidants.

The “Redemption Package” is the least expensive and costs \$99 for one liter of hydration fluid and the patient’s choice of nausea medicine, headache medicine or vitamins and antioxidants. The most expensive package costs \$199.

Some clients go so far as to book treatments in advance in preparation for a wild night out, he said. For example, he said, a client has already scheduled an appointment for December.

The company also owns a 45-foot tour bus staffed with about three members of the Hangover Heaven staff for treating patients on-the-go.

“People would call us up, tell us that

“I always knew that (hangovers were) a problem that needed to be solved.”

Dr. Jason Burke,
founder of Hangover Heaven

they were at Caesars Palace, and we would come by and pick them up,” Burke said.

Michael Goodling, an alcohol and other drug intervention specialist at UNC’s Campus Health Services, said although he cannot speak to Burke’s treatment, the best method of treating a hangover is staying hydrated.

“To avoid a painful hangover, it’s important to set a limit for yourself and alternate between alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks,” he said.

Junior Catherine Hipps said when she goes out, she sticks to nonsugary drinks and stocks up on carbohydrates.

Hipps said she could not justify paying a large amount for a hangover cure.

“But props to (Burke) for getting people to pay,” she said.

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ARTS BRIEF

All-female a cappella group will advance to worldwide contest’s semifinals in Nashville

The Loreleis, one of UNC’s all-female a cappella groups, placed second at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella South region quarterfinals.

The group will advance to the semifinals in Nashville, Tenn., on March 23, along with the Belmont University Beltones. The Achordants and the Tar Heel Voices competed and took third and fourth place, respectively.

Visit dailytarheel.com for the full story.

CAMPUS BRIEF

Vice chancellor for development committee met to discuss recruitment strategies to use in search

The vice chancellor for development search committee met Monday to review draft copies of the job description and motioned for revisions and amendments to help better encapsulate the qualities the position will demand.

The committee talked about an ideal applicant having strong communication skills, developing and nurturing relationships with University donors and having a commitment to diversity. Committee members suggested offering more information on the student body and creating a comprehensive list of UNC’s “points of pride” that a prospective applicant would have access to.

— From staff and wire reports

ELF cars modeled on campus

By Marisa DiNovis
Staff Writer

UNC students could one day make their way around campus by driving a large motorized tricycle.

Epsilon Eta, the UNC environmental honors fraternity, partnered with the Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee to bring a model of the eco-friendly vehicle, called an ELF, to campus Monday.

ELF is a product of Organic Transit, a start up company based in Durham.

It can be powered by its rechargeable battery or by manual pedaling. Epsilon Eta is interested in bringing the vehicle to campus in the future.

Nathan Jeffay, vice president of Epsilon Eta, drove the ELF around Polk Place and said he'd like to present a proposal to the Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee to invest in ELFs for campus use.

"It's still too early to tell if it's even feasible," Jeffay said.

"This is an idea — it's just to get students involved, to gauge interest in it with the student body and faculty and staff."

The base price for the standard model of the ELF is \$4,000. There is also a model for cargo or delivery needs called the TruckIt, which costs \$5,500.

Per federal regulations on motorized bicycles, the battery-powered motor limits the speed to 20 mph. But in tandem with the use of the pedals, the vehicle can go as fast as 35 mph.

Alix Bowman, director of strategy for Organic Transit, said the company wanted to create a sustainable mode of transportation that is safer than a bike but has a smaller carbon footprint than a car.

"The idea that we have is that this gives people a way to get to work or get to class or wherever they're going without getting dirty and sweaty, and they can get their exercise in on the way home if they switch to full pedaling," she said.

The ELF also has a cell-



DTH/KEVIN HU

Nathan Jeffay drives an ELF, an eco-friendly tricycle, in Polk Place.

phone application that tells the driver the vehicle's battery life and how many calories were burned while driving.

Bowman said the battery plugs in to any outlet to charge, and solar panels on the roof of the vehicle serve as a charger when the ELF is parked.

The ELF is meant to drive in a lane with traffic, but it also compatible with standard bike lanes. It is equipped with break lights, turning signals and a horn.

Tyler Fitch, a member of

Epsilon Eta, said he thinks reliance on petrol cars is a default mode of transportation in the U.S., but vehicles like the ELF prove the potential for more sustainable methods.

"You could conceptualize Jimmy John's having a logo on the side and driving sandwiches around," Fitch said.

"This is an opportunity to look at transportation in a different way."

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FRACKING

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bring long-term jobs to the state.

He added that recent studies have shown that fracking might not generate as many jobs as advertised and has caused environmental problems in states such as Colorado.

Chicurel-Bayard said the group is also concerned that the Mining and Energy Commission would be rushed to create fracking regulations.

"Allowing permits to be issued without knowing whether the (commission) can do their job on time is pretty dangerous," he said.

He added that the state would do better by investing in wind energy, which Gov. Pat McCrory recently expressed support for developing.

"If you're looking for a sustainable source, clean energy should be your base.

Not dirty energy," Chicurel-Bayard said.

But Michael Whatley, executive vice president of the Consumer Energy Alliance, which advocates for low energy prices and increased domestic production, said fracking could lead to long-term economic growth.

He said faulty casings around the gas well can cause water contamination, but that fracking is safe with the proper regulations in place.

Pennsylvania, which has the most advanced fracking systems in the country, he said, has experienced few fracking accidents.

Newton said he is confident the bill will pass.

"Most folks are beginning to realize that with good regulations, the risks are minimal and the jobs are badly needed," he said.

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DTH FILE/KATHRYN BENNETT

Gabriela Wilberding takes down her tent after learning that super suites in Morrison Residence Hall would be allocated by lottery.

SUPER SUITES

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said all the housing department told her group was that camping was not condoned.

"The root of our frustration comes from how much effort we put into checking with housing and the fact that they changed the system halfway through the game," she said.

Bradley said students have camped out for the suites for several years, but there never was a policy for camping out. He added that last year was the first time students set up tents on the basketball court outside of Morrison.

There are 29 suites remaining that were not claimed by their current occupants — 15 will go to Morrison residents and 14 will go to non-Morrison residents, Bradley said.

Crawford and freshman

Kyle Conroy met with Bradley Monday to discuss the change.

Conroy said the housing department should have told the campers earlier.

"It should have been a definitive point that we could not camp out," he said.

Bradley said more warning could not be given because the plan was only put into place last week.

In the meeting, Crawford and Conroy gave Bradley a petition with 56 signatures of students who spent Wednesday night in front of the community office.

They asked for a compromise: Give those who waited suites and let the rest be given out through the lottery.

Bradley said a decision has not yet been made.

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Freshman Sydney Oakley said she will be voting for Lindsey Tuesday.

"Well honestly, we've kind of been persuaded to in the Greek life," Oakley said, who is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

"But I'm kind of familiar with his platform, and I support some of the things that he's interested in promoting here on campus."

Though many Greek organizations on campus have shown support for Lindsey, Lambden said former candidates Rob Jones and Kevin Claybren have endorsed him, and he hopes that their supporters will vote for him.

Former candidate Hetali Lodaya said she is focusing her efforts on encouraging people to vote, rather than endorsing a specific candidate.

Claybren wasn't able to be reached.

Jones said he thinks the outcome of the election will depend on the number of voters.

Voter turnout increased this year with 5,691 students voting — up from last year's record low of 4,507.

"I think if we see a decrease in the numbers, Will will have an advantage," Jones said.

"But I think if we see close to the same or more then it'll be a toss up."

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McCrory also urged legislators to look at further measures to change the state's education system.

"We must continue to reform our education system to stay ahead of the competition, not just in the United States but throughout the world," he said.

Despite the potential for conflict between state GOP leaders and McCrory, the governor received support from his party's legislative leadership after the speech.

"I thought the speech was a wonderful speech," said Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, R-Guilford. "It was giving us some part of his vision for North Carolina and his plan for what we are going to do in the legislature and the North Carolina government in the next several months."

McCrory concluded his speech by reiterating his priorities of education and economic growth.

"Let's unleash our unlimited resources and opportunity North Carolina has to offer," he said. "Now let's get back to work."

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Q&A with MFA student William Thomas

As part of the art department's Master of Fine Arts Exhibition Series' "Your Turn to Burn" program, William Thomas' paintings are on display this week in Hanes Art Center's John and June Allcott Gallery.

Staff writer Elizabeth Tew spoke with Thomas about his inspiration for the show and what he hopes people will take away from it.

Daily Tar Heel: What is the inspiration behind your show?

William Thomas: What draws me to art now is thinking about the impact that images have on people on a regular basis in terms of developing a sense of the world around them.

I wanted to be able to add a dimensionality of my experience — to try to tease out the relationship between the images that are fabricated and the images we call reality.

I present questions about how identity and representation relates to visual culture.

I'm really interested in the ways that we describe people — what activities, what behaviors and what language do we describe people with as it relates to race and class.

DTH: What kind of pieces can viewers expect from the show?

WT: There is an image of a mouth. And there is a gold tooth and a black tooth and most of the other teeth are whitish.

But then there's another painting of something in the foreground waving at something on the horizon — waving at something in the distance.

The two images appear in the same set, so I'm giving it to the viewer to describe what those things mean in relation to each other.

I'm asking the viewer to

make a stretch to find meaning where it seems to be arbitrary, and to not depend on classical representation.

DTH: In what ways is your show different from others?

WT: I'm showing reproductions of my paintings in the form of fleece blankets.

DTH: What made you want to make that artistic decision?

WT: I wanted them to be artworks, but I wanted them to serve a different function too. Painting has a very specific function.

We put them on the wall and enjoy them. I've been looking at all of these paintings, and I look at my studio space and I'm collecting all this stuff that has a limited function.

DTH: What do you want viewers to get from the show?

WT: Social responsibility. I hope that the installation will

ask the viewer why they like one thing and why they like another.

DTH: How have your own personal experiences helped you to create the show?

WT: The images I have been making lately have primarily been in response to my own memory and present experiences. It's this process of reflections. I struggle with making an image that isn't too personal, but not from the fear that somebody else won't be able to connect to it.

Ultimately, I'm just trying to get past the familiar way of talking about issues of race.

DTH: What makes you want to take the less traveled path when talking about race?

WT: There are a bunch of images that are what you expect to see if you are talking about race or class or gender. They are less identifiable.



DTH/LOGAN SAVAGE

William Thomas is the next student showing his work in the Master of Fine Arts exhibition series in Hanes Art Center.

SEE THE EXHIBIT

Time: Gallery open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., reception today at 6 p.m.

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Experts discuss improving early education

Representatives from UNC met at Duke University on Friday.

By Hayley Fowler
Staff Writer

North Carolina is taking its first steps to improve elementary education as part of a national push to better teach children at younger ages.

State education experts, including seven representatives from UNC-CH, met at Duke University on Friday to begin discussing more effective ways of measuring elementary students' progress.

The meeting kicked off a six-month research process that will culminate in a plan for education and testing between kindergarten and third grade, said Kenneth Dodge, director of Duke's Center for Child and Family Policy and co-chairman of the group, which calls itself a think tank.

Dodge said the N.C. General Assembly passed a law last year requiring the state to reassess children's education and establish an early learning test by 2014-15.

President Barack Obama has also recently advocated for the importance of improving early education programs to better prepare students.

Obama has set a goal for the country to have a 90 percent high school graduation rate by 2020, but the state is not yet on track to do that, Dodge said.

"Earlier intervention will help younger cohorts of children start on track to graduate," Dodge said.

The think tank is developing a test that will guide instruction, said John Pruet, co-chairman of the think tank and director of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction's Office of Early Learning.

The test will go beyond literacy and math competency and also focus on health,

physical, social and emotional development, he said.

Dodge said children come to kindergarten with vastly different skill levels, and the assessments will enable teachers to develop individualized lesson plans.

"We collectively want to assess children very early in life, develop interventions and education programs for them, and have them reading on grade level by the third grade," Dodge said.

Dodge said a task force will be formed in August to create the test and distribute it across the state.

Pruett expressed optimism about the final result.

"Earlier intervention will help younger cohorts of children start on track to graduate."

Kenneth Dodge,
director of Duke University's Center for Child and Family Policy

"Overall, we would hope that we could create an instrument that would be useful to teachers that would impact instructional practice in a positive manner and benefit children across the early grade continuum," he said.

Obama spoke about the importance of preschool programs in preparing children in a speech Thursday.

"Study after study shows that the earlier a child begins learning, the better he or she is down the road," he said.

Dodge said the president's call is consistent with brain development research.

"We are passing up wonderful opportunities to shape, develop and mold a brain if we wait until children are five or older to begin that formal education," Dodge said.

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BASEBALL: NORTH CAROLINA 7, COASTAL CAROLINA 1

Tar Heels win with busy bats

By Kelly Parsons
Senior Writer

With all three of his week-end starters returning for North Carolina's 2013 season, coach Mike Fox hasn't been shy about revealing where his confidence lies.

Games this season, he has said time and time again, will be won on the mound.

But with a 7-1 win against Coastal Carolina at Boshamer Stadium on Monday — UNC scoring its 24th run in a two-game span — the Tar Heels proved that they might be just as formidable at the plate.

North Carolina, which beat Seton Hall 17- 2 on Sunday afternoon, scored its seven runs against the Chanticleers on eight hits Monday. Center fielder Chaz Frank went two-for-four with three RBI, helping the Tar Heels grab an early lead with a bases-clearing triple in the second inning.

Despite offensive dominance, Fox is still sure pitching will continue to be the key.

"We've got the capability of scoring some runs. But it's still all about our pitching," he said.

"When we get a lead like that ... we feel like if we play good defense we're going to have a good chance to win the game."

Left-hander Hobbs Johnson missed his pitching debut due to Saturday's snowed-out game, but threw the first 4 and 1/3 innings for UNC against Coastal Carolina. Fox pulled him mid-inning as a precaution when Johnson began feeling tightness in his forearm.

Fox said he thought reliever Chris McCue, who replaced Johnson on the mound, was the most significant player defensively. The sophomore pitched 2 and 2/3 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and striking out five.

McCue was thankful for the 5-1 lead he stepped into.

"Last year we were more pitching and defense dominance, but it's nice to get the best of both worlds right now," McCue said. "It's a lot easier to pitch with a lead."

Coming into Monday's game 6-for-8 in his first two appearances as a Tar Heel, freshman right fielder Skye Bolt continued his

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offensive output against the Chanticleers, adding two more hits and an RBI.

Bolt, who hit in the seven-hole on Friday and Sunday, batted fourth Monday afternoon, a move Fox said he made to play to Bolt's switch-hitting strengths.

Following heavy-hitter Colin Moran in the lineup, Bolt's new spot comes with bigger responsibility. But it's one the confident rookie shrugs off.

"It's still the same game, still the same guy on the mound," Bolt said. "It doesn't matter if I'm fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth or even if I'm ninth."

Bolt doesn't worry much about his role on the team, or the Tar Heels' ability to put runs on the board. Bolt and his teammates have already proven they're capable of doing exactly that.

"(Defense has) always been our staple, and I think it'll continue to be our staple," he said.



DTH/MOLLY COGBURN

Freshman Skye Bolt is off to a great start at the plate and went two-for-four Monday.

"For us up there at the plate, it's nothing new. We're trying to give them run support and we know we can do it this year."

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On the wire: national and world news

Syrian rebels kill several members of Hezbollah

BEIRUT (MCT) — Several Hezbollah fighters were reported killed inside Syria this past weekend in the latest indication that combatants from the Lebanese-based group have battled Syrian rebels seeking to overthrow President Bashar Assad.

The Beirut-based English language Daily Star reported that three Hezbollah fighters and 12 Syrian rebels were killed in fierce clashes just inside Syria, close to the Lebanese-Syrian border. The confrontations occurred near the Syrian town of Qusayr, the Star reported, quoting a Lebanese security source.

The border area has long been a battlefield between the Syrian military and anti-government insurgents. The region is an important smuggling corridor for weapons and rebel fighters heading from Lebanon to Syria's neighboring Homs province.

Hezbollah did not comment on the latest reports of casualties in Syria.

Hezbollah has vehemently denied repeated allegations from the Syrian opposition that it has dispatched militiamen to fight alongside government forces in Syria.

But Hezbollah has acknowledged that some party members may be acting on their own to protect border-area villages under attack from Syrian rebels. The group is known for secrecy and tight discipline.

Hezbollah has been a staunch supporter of Assad during the almost two-year-long rebellion against his rule.

Allegations that Hezbollah has dispatched fighters to Syria underscore sectarian divisions in the Syrian conflict. Hezbollah is a Shiite Muslim group. Syrian rebels are mostly Sunni Muslims, the majority population in Syria. Assad and much of his security leadership are members of the Alawite sect, regarded as an offshoot of Shiite Islam. The Shiite-led government of Iran is a patron of Hezbollah and Assad's Syria. Iran, like Hezbollah, has denied rebel charges that its forces are on the ground in Syria assisting Assad's military.

Just last week, Iran announced that a general in its revolutionary guards corps, Hassan Shateri, was killed en route from Damascus to Beirut. Iran said the general was an engineer who worked on reconstruction efforts in south Lebanon, Hezbollah's heartland. Details of how the Iranian general was killed remained murky, but Iran blamed Israeli "agents."

Hezbollah, which fought a 2006 war with Israel, has both a paramilitary arm and a political structure and is a dominant force in Lebanese politics. Washington has designated Hezbollah a terrorist organization. Tehran lauds Hezbollah and Syria as charter members in the "axis of resistance" against Israel and the United States.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Immigration isn't a touchy subject just for many Republicans. Southern and moderate Democrats also may be a bit skittish about the idea of granting a path to citizenship for the nation's 11 million illegal immigrants.

A small group of Senate Democrats, because they represent conservative states such as North Carolina and Arkansas, could help derail ambitious plans to overhaul the nation's immigration laws.

Views on illegal immigration are very different in the conservative South, where moderate Democrats have long sought to strike a balance between a range of issues on their party's agenda

and the divergent opinions of those who elect them.

President Barack Obama won the presidency in part because of Latino support in the swing states of Colorado and Nevada. But he lost in most of the South, including North Carolina and Arkansas, where the electorate remains uneasy about legalizing millions of illegal immigrants.

His aggressive push for a path to citizenship isn't necessarily going to help Sens. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., and Mark Pryor, D-Ark., who might face tough re-election prospects in 2014.

Supporters for immigration think they can get enough Democrats to pass the bill, but Israel Ortega, the editor of Libertad.org, the Spanish-language website of the conservative research center the Heritage Foundation, said it would take only a few reluctant Democrats to wreck the bill.

Hugo Chavez returns to Venezuela during illness

CARACAS, Venezuela (MCT) — Venezuelans began gathering around the military hospital in Caracas early Monday to welcome home President Hugo Chavez, the cancer-stricken leader who has spent more than two months incommunicado in a Cuban hospital.

Chavez's pre-dawn return came as a surprise in a country that has largely been kept in the dark about his condition. In a Twitter message at 3:42 am EST, Chavez said he was back in the country and

would continue his treatment in Venezuela.

"We've returned to Venezuela," he wrote. "Thank you my God!! Thank you beloved nation!! We'll continue our treatment here."

As the news spread, fireworks went off over the capital and crowds began to gather at the hospital and public squares.

Fanny Batista, 67, was one of the people who joined the crowds at the military hospital.

"We've been sad for months, hoping for his return," she said. "Now we know his condition has improved. My heart is filled with so much joy my chest can barely contain it."

On Friday, the government released four photographs of Chavez laying in a hospital bed. They also reported that a tracheal tube, needed to assist breathing, was making it difficult for him to speak. The images were the first to surface since Chavez, 58, traveled to Cuba Dec. 10 to undergo a fourth round of cancer surgery.

Chavez has been battling cancer since at least June 2011.

He has undergone at least four surgeries, and a round of chemotherapy and radiation.

His return is likely to revive speculation about who should be leading the oil-rich nation. After winning an additional six-year term in October, Chavez missed his scheduled Jan. 10 inauguration. The administration has maintained that ceremony would take place once Chavez was back in the country. But

if he were to resign or die, it would trigger new elections within 30 days.

The administration's likely chief rival in a future election, Miranda Gov. Henrique Capriles, welcomed Chavez back and asked him to reverse the administration's raft of economic measures, which have included a 46.5 percent devaluation earlier this month.

"I hope his return brings some sense to the government," Capriles wrote on Twitter. "Let's hope his return is permanent."

As the news spread, a few hundred well-wishers also gathered in Plaza Venezuela, one of the city's iconic squares.

"I can finally breathe because now we know he's alive," said Gregorio Chettick a 45-year-old chef. "For the last two months everything has been uncertain. There have been so many rumors; we didn't know if he was already dead or if the country was going to break into a civil war."



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A surge in Chicago's homicide rate has put the city's image at risk. Police investigate the scene of a shooting in the city at 85th Street and Hoyne Avenue in Chicago on Jan. 11.

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Community organizer

Carrboro laborers will soon be represented by a community organizer. See pg. 3 for story.

Camping no more

Changes in the housing selection process mean no more camping out for super suites. See pg. 1 for story.

A baseball win

UNC's baseball team continued to showcase its offensive firepower Monday. See pg. 6 for story.

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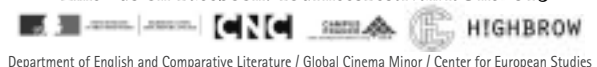
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50 "My pleasure!"
53 Squeezes (out)
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55 California ball club, in sports crawl lines
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57 Sibling who stereotypically feels left out, and a hint to the little one

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63 Singer Tennessee ___ Ford
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Annie, get your character witness

HILLSBOROUGH — In the United States, a citizen's right to bear arms is one of our most sacred and cherished possessions, right up there with the Snuggie.

And since gun control has become such a red-hot issue in America, I decided to leave the comforts of the office, hit the road and look at it in our area.

It's the first part in my new series, "Relevant topics: one student's remarkable journey to beef up his award package."

My question was, how hard is it for someone to get a gun permit in Orange County? Does it take months? Weeks? Would someone have to know how to use the gun first, or could they learn the old fashioned way: getting drunk and accidentally shooting themselves at home while watching "Buckwild."

Obviously, I had to go deep undercover for this assignment: As a DTH columnist, I literally can't go anywhere without people acting like they have no idea who I am just because they get nervous around famous people — so uncomfortable, ugh!

So, I went to the Orange County Sheriff's Department in disguise to pick up the paperwork — white, well-dressed, polite and with zero criminal record — all the red flags.

The form asks the standard questions — Have you been convicted of a felony? Are you an illegal alien? — and took about 10 minutes to fill out.

The most annoying part is getting three nonfamily friends to sign a form saying you're not crazy in front of a notary and getting a driver's license with your current address. (What sane person goes back to the DMV every time they move?)

I returned the form on a Friday afternoon with my new driver's license, social security card and five bucks.

My permit was approved on Monday. One business day! (The form asks to wait for up to 14 days.)

Now, I know what you're thinking: He has three friends? Oh, ha-ha! You're supposed to be mature and thinking, "Hey, haven't you just let crazy people know how easy it is to get a gun permit?"

Well, the crazy people pretty much all seem to know lately. It's the normal ones that have no idea. And if it takes longer to get in for a teeth cleaning than to get a gun permit, we might be a redneck.

With that permit you can walk out of a gun store with a pistol, no training necessary.

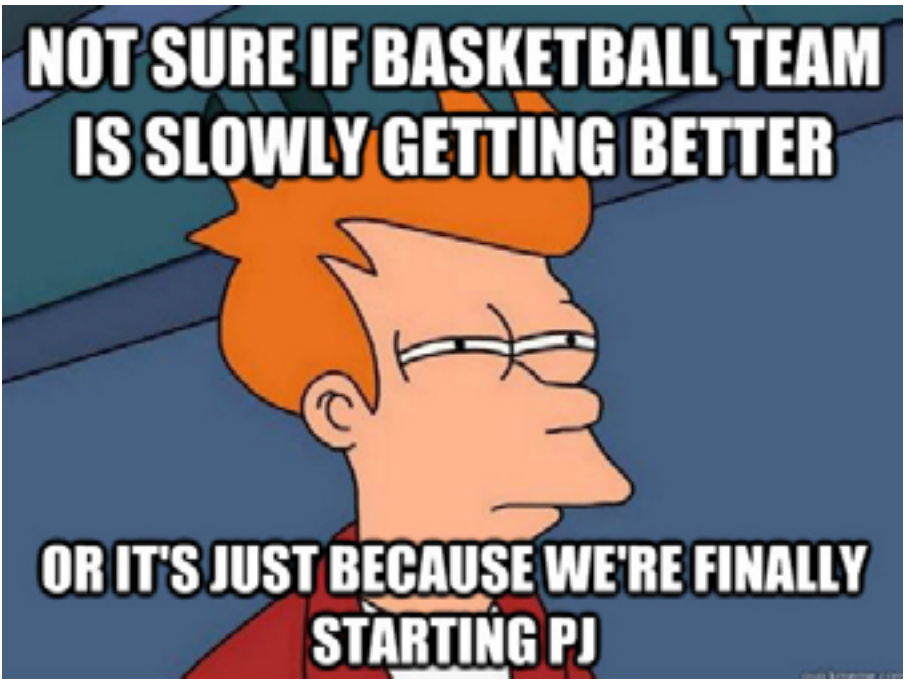
Would taking more than a day to approve it make any difference? Well, it may give a crazy person a little time to change their mind if they decide to do something crazy.

Some even suggest arming teachers would make us safer than simply making it harder to buy guns. Given that half my professors can't use PowerPoint without grasping for the red telephone in a sweaty panic — and that the only difference between my teaching assistants and Kony is, in fact, a gun — this seems like a particularly bad idea.

But making it harder to buy guns?

Yeah, let's go with that.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Michael Hardison, UNC Memes, mth21@live.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

What about education?

McCrory's Monday night remarks lacked insight.

During his State of the State address Monday night, Gov. Pat McCrory named education as one of his three areas of key focus.

But despite this proclamation, McCrory didn't seem all that interested in the subject.

Of course, he discussed the need for education to meet the demands of employers. He alluded to a gap between employer needs and worker skills that surely education plays some role in filling.

Beyond that, McCrory's perception of the role of higher education in the

state had little to do with education per se.

State colleges and universities were described in a primarily business-oriented way. McCrory spoke of bringing universities together to "maximize research funding" and bringing "university heads on (business) recruiting trips."

But references to higher education as anything other than a matchmaker of sorts between employers and employees were few and far between.

This is especially vexing considering the governor's recent critical comments on the value of a public liberal arts education, which McCrory did not address in the speech.

Thankfully, the governor appeared cognizant of the fact that higher education remains vital to the future of North Carolina.

But, yet again, he left the personal and societal value of education — beyond lowering the state's unemployment rate — out of the discussion.

There's no doubt that the UNC system has to respond to market forces to some degree, or that business leaders should be vocal about what skills they need.

However, McCrory's recent overemphasis on market-driven education don't bode well for a University founded on the liberal arts.

EDITORIAL

Anarchy alarm

War on Society group has no cause for violence.

The anarchist group that recently claimed responsibility for vandalizing the Chi Psi fraternity house is disturbing for both its misguided affiliation as a political group and its members' careless generalization of fraternities.

The group took credit for the incident, which occurred on Jan. 14, in a post published on the anarchist blog War on Society.

The group's members discredit themselves and their cause through their criminal actions. They appear to be nothing more than a violent anarchist

group.

It is a shame that a group would feel the need to resort to such tactics as vandalism of a "random" fraternity house in order to make some kind of statement.

Open dialogue and peaceful awareness campaigns are a much better option for a group aiming to rectify injustices. They could send their message without unjustly hurting innocent parties.

The group's website states the group seeks "solidarity with all those imprisoned or facing imprisonment for defending themselves against homophobic or transphobic violence."

But the group's website provides no instances backing up its claims that,

"all fraternities are sites of conscious self-organization for patriarchal power and the homophobia that supports it."

These kinds of sweeping generalizations are dangerous. And it is unconscionable for any group to make such discriminatory remarks against a community and then use those claims as justification for violence.

In essence, War on Society's members seem to be dishing out exactly what they themselves are railing against. They would benefit from re-evaluating these tactics.

There is always room for peaceful protest or rational discussion, but mindless, criminal acts cannot be tolerated.

EDITORIAL

Condom sense

Condom dispensers promote student health and safety.

The forthcoming installation of condom dispensers throughout campus shows that the University has a commitment to promoting public health.

Ten condom dispensers will soon be installed in locations across campus such as the Student Union and the Rams Head Recreation Center.

Although free sex supplies such as condoms are already provided on campus by Campus Health, placing these dispensers in locations around campus provides for more anonymity and better access-

sibility.

The new dispensers located in bathrooms will allow for students to get condoms in private, and encourage those who might not be so keen to receive a condom to do so, without bringing unwanted attention to themselves.

And considering that some students don't regularly use condoms during intercourse, a condom-provision system like this is needed in order to improve the sexual health of college students.

Sexually transmitted diseases amount to a major public health problem, with 19 million new STD infections occurring each year. Young adults are especially susceptible,

given that nearly half of these new infections are occurring among peers from the ages of 15 to 24.

In addition, STDs cost the nation about \$17 billion in health care costs per year.

Prevention is key for upkeep of one's sexual health, and placing these dispensers across campus makes it easier to practice safe sex and, therefore, helps prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

It is never too late for college students to learn a lesson in sexual health education.

The condom dispensers are set to be installed in April. In the meantime, don't forget to wrap it up.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If (students) were going to (camp out) 12 or 13 days in advance, we certainly didn't want that."

Rick Bradley, on changes to Morrison super suite selection

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sayaret2/5victory, on how those with disabilities are defined

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Housing's ideas offset by poor execution

TO THE EDITOR:

The University's housing department seems to be poorly executing its new policies.

The roommate group was a great idea.

The student who has the earliest selection time can select beds for the entire group.

However, if there are not enough beds in a single apartment for all the members, you can't assign yourself a bed or select multiple beds in multiple apartments for your roommates.

Time is running out. Delete the group. Rooms are disappearing.

Snag an apartment with strangers and hope the stars will align in your favor during the fine-tuning period.

Nevertheless, there is an easy fix to this.

The housing selection process should remain open until incoming first-year students choose places to live.

Additionally, students who signed apartment contracts that may be unsatisfied with their future living arrangement should be able to get out of the contract to select a room in a residence hall based on their class standing.

Lastly, the apartment selection process should be similar to last year's suite selection process; roommate groups should be able to wait in line to select specific apartments and suites.

Andrew Reynolds, head of the Global Studies Department.

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Projects outside of class are valuable

TO THE EDITOR:

As a recent graduate of a liberal arts college and having acquired so many skills outside of my major, I don't regret my choice at all.

However, it was unsettling to see so many of my former classmates, across majors, struggling to find employment after graduation.

What I realized has already been stressed by several others who have responded to Gov. Pat McCrory's comments about the liberal arts.

Degrees in the liberal arts impart valuable knowledge, critical thinking and interpersonal skills, but not necessarily job training.

Contrary to what the governor believes, in the current economy a degree alone, regardless of its subject, isn't enough preparation for a job.

Just like my friends in English and history graduate programs, who conducted extensive research during their undergraduate education, or the engineers who took a year-long co-op before working in industry after graduation, I had to conduct several research, internship and outreach experiences on top of my degree to garner admission into a graduate program.

Therefore, "Are these disciplines valuable?" or "Do these disciplines prepare students for a job?" are not the questions we should be asking.

Rather, we should consider engaging students in projects outside of class and help them forge the connections needed to apply the valuable knowledge and skills they've acquired during their undergraduate education to the "real world" after graduation.

Fostering in-state networking opportunities and internships, for example, would be infinitely more constructive and beneficial to the state than funding cuts.

*Ashley Ross '15
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Attend talk on the future of Myanmar

TO THE EDITOR:

Did North Korea open its border? No. But Myanmar did.

The country of Myanmar — formerly known as Burma — has recently opened its borders to foreigners, released the opposition leader from 20-year house arrest and allowed her, yes "her," to travel the world and switched from a military-ruled, junta government, to a formalized, western-friendly democratic government.

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