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FINAL COUNTDOWN

Candidates hope that the referendum on ASG will attract voters.

By Liz Crampton
Staff Writer

In a low-stress election season defined by the lowest voter turnout in recent history, the two remaining student body president candidates will face off one more time today.

And though there has been little bad blood between the candidates, Will Leimenstoll and Calvin Lewis are quick to point to their strengths.

Leimenstoll said he is the most qualified candidate because he has been following the tuition debate longer than Lewis.

"I don't think that it shows very good leadership that he's not been involved with it prior to this," he said.



INSIDE: Read about how the senior class president candidates have been campaigning before the runoff. Page 3.

Leimenstoll said he met with administrators as early as last summer to discuss the issue. But Lewis said his leadership skills and effective speaking style make him the better candidate. "I know how to create networks that will give students a better voice," he said. Despite their differences, Leimenstoll and Lewis both face the same challenge — mobilizing voters.

Only 4,507 students voted in the Feb. 14 general election, a significantly smaller total than last year's 7, 105 voters. Leimenstoll collected 47 percent of the vote, while Lewis edged out candidate Tim Longest for second place, with 23.1 percent of the vote.

The candidates said they expect voter turnout to remain low for the runoff election.

"Students are pretty disinterested in the process from what I've heard," Lewis said.

HOW TO VOTE

VOTE AT STUDENTLIFE.UNC.EDU

- Go to studentlife.unc.edu and click "Log in" in the upper right corner of the screen. Students who have previously logged on to the website can skip the next bullet point.
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- In the upper middle part of the home page, you'll see a link for voting. Click on it.
- Proceed through all of the steps. When you're finished selecting candidates to vote for, click on "Submit."

Leimenstoll said he plans to publicize the new voting process throughout election day. "We've kind of had a push to get people registered today," he said.

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No glitches expected in SBP runoff

Officials raised the email's inbox capacity to avoid any issues.

By Liz Crampton
Staff Writer

The technological problems that kept some students from voting in last week's student elections have been fixed, UNC officials said.

Or, at least most of them. "There are always going to be problems, especially when you

consider that this was the first school-wide election that we used this system for," said Shruthi Sundaram, chairwoman of the Board of Elections, in an email. This is the first year student voting is being operated by studentlife.unc.edu. In the Feb. 14 general election, some students complained they were kept from voting because of glitches in the system.

But Jon Curtis, associate director of student activities and organizations, said studen-

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Vote will dictate UNC's role in ASG

Student leaders said UNC's absence would make efficiency harder.

By Madeline Will
Assistant State & National Editor

Today could mark another milestone in the UNC Association of Student Governments' rocky history.

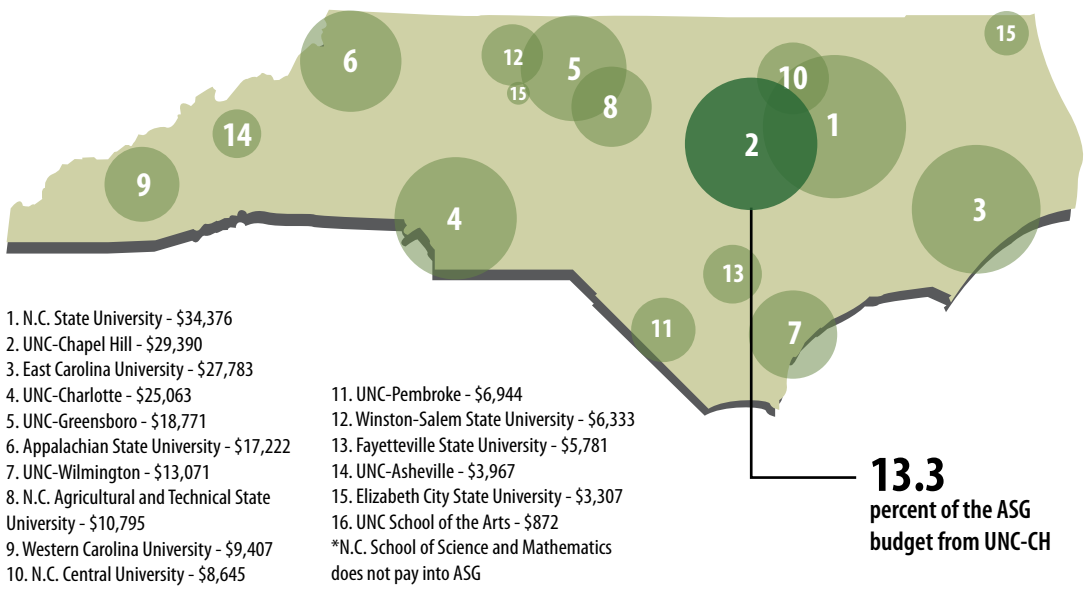
The body meant to represent students across the state has been criticized for ineffectiveness, despite its repeated attempts to reform, and today's vote will determine student opinion on UNC-CH's place in the association.

Other schools have left the association before, but have always returned. Now, depending on the outcome of a referendum placed on the runoff ballot, UNC-CH could permanently leave ASG.

"Something like this has never

Source of ASG funding

The Association of Student Governments is funded by an annual \$1 fee from each student at 16 of the 17 UNC-system schools. Here is how much each school contributes to ASG's budget.



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SOURCE: WWW.UNCASG.ORG

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NC State to host Tar Heels tonight

With just four regular season games left, UNC prepares for NCSU.

By Kelly Parsons
Sports Editor

As if the eventual ACC regular season champion wasn't enough of a mystery, N.C. State almost shook up the conference standings even more Thursday when it was minutes away from knocking off No. 5 Duke.

After the Wolfpack led Duke by as many as 20 points in the second half, the Blue Devils edged N.C. State, 78-73.

N.C. State narrowly missed its first win against a ranked opponent this season, but the Wolfpack's performance did catch the eye of North Carolina point guard Kendall Marshall. "They played with a lot of

confidence early on and in my opinion, the hardest thing to do in basketball is to play with a lead," Marshall said. "When they played with confidence like they did in the first 25 or 30 minutes, they're a tough team to beat."

That confident team is just the thing Marshall said he expects to see tonight, when the No. 7 Tar Heels (23-4, 10-2 ACC) travel to Raleigh to take on N.C. State (18-9, 7-5 ACC) at the RBC Center.

Coming off back-to-back conference losses, the Wolfpack is in the process of trying to state its case for a spot in the NCAA tournament. A win against North Carolina could do wonders for N.C. State's postseason resume.

Having lost the last 11 matchups with rival UNC, though,

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YOUNG ANGST

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STEIGER SPEECH

Former managing editor of The Wall Street Journal and now founder and CEO of ProPublica discussed the evolving field of journalism and ProPublica's model. **Online.**

This day in history

FEB. 21, 2007
With a \$50 million gift to the School of Public Health from Dennis and Joan Gillings, the University's fundraising campaign surged past \$2 billion.

Today's weather

Too soon for a SB countdown?
H 58, L 41

Wednesday's weather

Nahh. We'll start counting tomorrow.
H 68, L 48

“Win or lose, we go shopping after the election.”
IMELDA MARCOS

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What da eff?

From staff and wire reports

You know those white stickers with different places' initials on them (example: LKN to represent Lake Norman) that you always see on people's laptops and cars?

This town wants to take those things to the next level.

Fruita, Colo., produced about 500 of the stickers with the phrase "Welcome to Fruita" in tiny writing, and "WTF" in large block letters. One city council member, who called the slogan "edgy," even wants to make hats with the design.

For the record, Fruita wants people to look at their slogan and go "What the Fuck?" Your move, Chapel Hill.

NOTED. Sleeping with your TA for a better grade? Acceptable. Sleeping with an attorney who regularly argues cases in your courtroom? Not so much.

Joy Oldfield, an Ohio judge, was found in a parking lot Feb. 5 with a public defender. Their clothes were less than on.

QUOTED. "Given the clear link between the growing and maintenance of mustaches and incremental income, (it's clear) that mustache maintenance costs qualify for and should be considered as a deductible expense."
— John Yeutter, tax policy professor at Northeastern State.

POLICE LOG

● Someone communicated threats at 9:35 a.m. Sunday at 137 Johnson St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.
Reports state that someone threatened his or her neighbor due to a complaint about a barking dog.

● Someone vandalized property between midnight and noon Sunday at 110 E. Longview St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone cracked a windshield with the legs of a broken stool, reports state.

According to reports, damage to the windshield of the 2006 gray Lexus was valued at \$800.

● Chapel Hill police responded to complaints of a loud noise at 12:45 a.m. Sunday at 130 S. Estes Drive, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state that the person was playing the television too loudly.

● Someone lost property between midnight and 2 p.m. Sunday at 157 E. Rosemary St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state that someone lost or had his or her wallet stolen after they used it at a bar. Their bank account was subsequently fraudulently accessed.

The person's wallet included two debit cards, a Capital One credit card, a Citibank credit card, a Macy's credit card, a New York driver's license and bank account paperwork, police reports state.

The lost wallet was a brown Bottega Veneta valued at \$100, reports state.

● Someone requested information from Chapel Hill police at 12:48 a.m. Monday at 4303 Pope Road, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person continually contacted 911 to request to speak with a police officer, reports state.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

'Poverty Through a New Lens': Come to a talk held by UNC alum David Johnson, humanitarian photographer and author of two books on Africa, who will be sharing stories from his work around the world and inviting dialogue about the definition of and potential solutions to global poverty.
Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Student Union, room 3209

The T at Lantern: Attend this weekly Tuesday event that brings together an eclectic group of people and adds a new level of vibrancy to the area's nightlife. The T is free. It is open to those who are 21 years old and up.
Time: 10 p.m. to midnight
Location: Lantern Restaurant

WEDNESDAY

Somalia's impact: UNC professor Bereket Selassie, a leading scholar on African law and government, talks about Somalia at this lunch and learn meeting. To attend this lecture, you

should make a reservation first.
Time: noon to 2 p.m.
Location: Carolina Meadows

'Riddle of the Feathered Dragons': Alan Feduccia, distinguished professor emeritus of biology at UNC, will read from his new book "Riddle of the Feathered Dragons: Hidden Birds of China."
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Bull's Head Bookshop

Elm Talent Group: Come to this information session to know more about four career opportunities at Bridgewater and AlphaSights: business analyst, data associate, technology associate and research analyst. Elm Talent Group is a boutique recruiting firm based in New Haven, Conn. If you're interested, submit your application materials in Careerolina by Feb. 29.
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Hanes Hall, room 239B

Global health networking night: Join the Student Global Health Com-

mittee and the Infectious Disease Interest Group at "Carolina Innovates in Global Health" networking night. Meet with professors from the UNC School of Medicine and UNC School of Public Health regarding interdisciplinary opportunities, careers and research.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: UNC School of Global Public Health, BCBS Auditorium

'Negotiating Freedom': Dr. Gershon Baskin, founder and chairman of the Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information, will talk about Israeli-Palestinian peace. Dr. Baskin helped bring abducted Israeli-soldier Gilad Shalit home after five years and four months in Hamas captivity.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Global Education Center

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Due to editing errors, Friday's "UNC to launch fundraising campaign" incorrectly stated that UNC has brought in at least \$2.6 million in fundraising each year during the past five years. The correct number is \$260 million. The article also stated that the University of Virginia plans to bring in about \$2.8 million in gifts for the fiscal year 2012. The correct number is \$280 million. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Two seniors receive grants to study in Southeast Asia

Amber Koonce and Cody Poplin have been awarded the 2012-2013 scholarships from the Henry Luce Foundation in New York City to study abroad in Asia.

The scholarship funds a year of living and learning in East and Southeast Asia for recent college graduates.

The goal of the foundation is to connect future American leaders with Asian colleagues who work in their fields.

Only 18 scholars were chosen this year out of 143 candidates from across 62 colleges and universities nationwide.

Koonce and Poplin will learn their assignments in June and will spend part of the summer in language study. They will start their 10-month internships in September. Both students have been previously recognized by several other organizations and foundations for their contributions to UNC and the world.

Intervention could stop autism, UNC study finds

Autism develops over time during infancy rather than appearing suddenly in small children, a study led by UNC researchers suggests.

Researchers found differences in brain development in high-risk infants who later developed autism compared to high-risk infants who did not develop autism, starting at age 6 months.

The findings hint at the possibility that targeted intervention could halt autism's development.

Dr. Joseph Piven of the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities is senior author of the study. It was published Feb. 17 on the American Journal of Psychiatry's website.

CITY BRIEFS

Chapel Hill transit routes detoured for road closure

Due to a street closure on Airport Drive, Chapel Hill Transit will detour HS and NU bus routes beginning Feb. 17.

The routes will be detoured along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Estes Drive to continue the regular route. Passengers may board the buses at alternate bus stops on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at Airport Drive and at Barclay Street.

STATE BRIEFS

Obama campaign to host HBCU event at NC Central

Campaign officials for President Barack Obama will host a summit tonight at N.C. Central University, part of a nationwide effort to rally support among students at historically black colleges and universities.

Obama's Campaign Manager Jim Messina and Valerie Jarrett, a senior adviser for Obama, will attend the event, which begins at 6 p.m. in the B.N. Duke Auditorium. Reggie McCrimmon, NCCU's student body president, said actress Gabrielle Union will serve as a moderator for the discussion.

Participants at the event will discuss policy topics such as a proposed voter ID law.

James Stimson, a UNC-CH political science professor, said Obama's 2008 presidential campaign was a two-legged operation that aimed to mobilize the black community and college voters, but the turnout for college students was lower than anticipated.

He said young voters seem to have less enthusiasm about this election, making it an uphill battle for Obama to convince them to head to the polls.

- From staff and wire reports

Candidates face off today

Today's senior class president runoff is the first since 2007.

By Hailey Vest
Staff Writer

Approaching a rare runoff election, the two pairs of senior class president candidates have honed their messages to present to voters.

Nora Chan and Tim Palmer, who received the most votes in the general election Feb. 14, said they are going to emphasize inclusivity among the senior class.

"We have a diverse range of events for the senior class so that we can all come together," Chan said. "These are things that people can enjoy regardless of their interests."

Some of these events are an 80s-themed "Dean Dome Dance" benefiting Dance Marathon, a spring beach volleyball tournament and cookout and a senior stand-up comedy night.

Adam Jutha said he and Sarah Kaminer did not have

a specific platform point they wanted to emphasize to voters.

"Every student has different priorities for their senior year," Jutha said.

He said service work is a large component of the platform, as are social events and networking dinners.

"We have a holistic and well-rounded platform that meets the needs of the entire class," he said.

Runoff elections for senior class presidents haven't been common because usually only two pairs of candidates run, said Shruthi Sundaram, chairwoman of the Board of Elections.

She said the last senior class runoff election was in 2007.

Candidates said they have not changed their campaign approaches since the general election, in which Chan and Palmer got 621 votes and Jutha and Kaminer got 466.

The candidates said they worked hard to reach out to as many people as possible.

"We went out and gathered the highest number of signatures of all the (senior class president) candidates without

NORA CHAN AND
TIM PALMER



ADAM JUTHA AND
SARAH KAMINER



using an electronic petition, so we are hoping that going out and meeting so many new people will help us gain an edge," Palmer said in an email.

Jutha said he and Kaminer got to know their classmates by campaigning in the Pit.

The two also said they will bring something different to the election.

"We have unique backgrounds," Jutha said. "We can come together with the goal of making our senior year the best it can be for everyone in our class."

Chan said she and Palmer have a good chemistry that lets them work well together.

The Feb. 14 election saw

some students complaining that their senior status kept them from voting while allowing some sophomores to vote.

But Sundaram said that problem has been taken care of with students now voting based on the number of completed semesters — five or six — instead of credit hours.

And candidates said they are confident that today's election will not see the same glitches.

"I have every bit of confidence in the Board of Elections to make sure the elections run smoothly," Jutha said.

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STORY THROUGH SONG



DTH/NIVI UMASANKAR

Bernice Johnson Reagon, a professor emeritus at American University, was the keynote speaker for the Black History Month lecture.

Reagon presents 'songtalk' on civil rights history

By Kelly Williamson
Staff Writer

Audience members at this year's Black History Month lecture expected to listen to civil rights activist Bernice Johnson Reagon speak. Instead they got to listen to her sing — and join in too.

On Monday, Reagon presented a "songtalk" to about 90 people for UNC's eighth annual keynote.

A "songtalk" is a lecture interspersed with black spirituals and freedom songs that highlight the struggles of blacks in order to survive," she said.

"When black people came to America, they had to create a way to live within the system. You have to create a culture in order to survive," she said.

Reagon emphasized the importance of going beyond survival, which she said was one of the most important reasons for the civil rights movement.

"At some point in your life, you have to ask, why am I here? Am I here to go along, or am I here to create a world that

will make more sense to me?" Reagon said.

As Reagon told her story and the story of others involved in the movement, she sang freedom songs and African spirituals. Many songs focused on civil rights leaders and on not giving up the fight for freedom.

Reagon encouraged the audience to sing the songs with her and harmonize with her voice.

"You may feel like you're here, you're present, if you're sitting there watching me sing, but if you're not singing along, you're not truly part of the community," she said.

As the audience joined her, Reagon sang the songs of imprisoned Freedom Riders who she said had an energy that wasn't just about surviving.

Lloyd Kramer, chairman of the history department who helped introduce her, said Reagon's career has shown how historical knowledge can be conveyed through many outlets.

"People like to sing about their history more than they like to read or write about

it," Kramer said.

"This is an important opportunity to promote the understanding of the African-American community both at the university and within the wider community."

Genna Rae McNeil, a history professor at UNC who also helped introduce Reagon, said she is not only responsible for preserving civil rights, but also black culture.

"She is responsible for the resurrection and preservation of African-American sacred songs about struggle," McNeil said. "This is a culture that's trying to keep a people alive in an impossible situation."

Reagon urged the audience to not only look back, but to continue to move forward with the civil rights movement.

"There are always things going on in the world you live in that need to be addressed," she said. "Don't leave stuff the way you find it."

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Phones, driving don't mix

Using a cellphone while driving may become a secondary offense.

By Caroline Hudson
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council moved forward with plans Monday night for a cellphone ban that the N.C. attorney general has said the local government might not have authority to enforce.

At the public hearing, the council discussed the proposed ban, which would make using a cellphone while driving a secondary offense — meaning a driver would have to be pulled over for a traffic violation before being fined for cellphone use.

The council discussed increasing the proposed fine for cellphone usage from \$25 to \$100 and applying the proposed ordinance to only handheld devices.

But some council members questioned if Chapel Hill would have the authority to implement the ban — which was first proposed in January 2010 — on state-owned roads.

"I still believe it's a state issue," said Councilman Gene Pease.

Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos contacted the attorney general's office in November about whether Chapel Hill has the authority to enact the regulation.

In his reply, Assistant Attorney General Jess Mekeel said state law preempts the measure, so in his opinion the town could not enforce the measure.

According to state law, it is illegal for drivers under 18 to use technology while driving and school bus drivers to use cellphones while driving children.

Town Councilwoman Penny Rich said the council has been waiting for a reaction from the N.C. General Assembly about a statewide cellphone ban.

Town spokeswoman Catherine Lazorko said if Chapel Hill takes action, it would be the only town in the state to enact a ban that goes beyond state law.

But Town Councilman Matt Czajkowski said if Chapel Hill leads with this ban and the state concludes they don't have authority, they would have done more harm than good.

The council proposed the ordinance to combat growing concerns associated with driving while using a cellphone.

Arthur Goodwin, senior research associate with UNC Highway Safety Research Center, said when drivers use cellphones, they are four times more likely to be involved in a crash.

Goodwin said accidents involving distracted driving are more common in younger drivers because they are the strongest users of technology.

Even if the town can implement it, some UNC students doubt the effectiveness of the proposed ban.

"I think cellphone use is a problem, but I don't think a ban will help," said freshman Felicia Zbarcea.

Rich said she thinks some students aren't willing to change.

"I will still text and drive," said junior Anna Wong.

In a 7-2 vote, the council decided to continue the discussion March 12.

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Scholarship and fund honor UNC student's memory

Lillian Chason's passion for the dramatic arts lives on in workshops and a new award.

By Vanessa Voight
Staff Writer

A new scholarship and fund will seek to honor the memory of a UNC student and carry on her love of the dramatic arts.

Lillian Chason, a freshman from Barrington, R.I., died in 2009 of complications from the H1N1 virus.

Now, the Lillian Chason Scholarship and Undergraduate Excellence Fund will support her passion: the dramatic arts. Zealan Hoover, a friend of Chason's

and UNC's student body vice president, met Chason the first semester of her freshman year.

"Everyone was attracted to her because she was just such a wonderful person," he said.

He remembered her passion for theater, especially her role in the play "A New Dress For Mona."

"She tried out for the lead and when she got it, she was just so thrilled," he said. "She was through the roof excited."

The Lillian Chason Scholarship will be an annual award of about \$5,000 given to a student with an interest in dramatic arts, said McKay Coble, chairwoman of the dramatic arts department.

Coble said she hopes the scholarship will be awarded for the first time this spring for the 2012-13 school year.

A board of dramatic arts faculty and other members of the Chason family's choosing will select a recipient from a pool of faculty nominations, Coble said.

Selection will be based on the nominee's contributions to the classroom, studio and productions within the Department of Dramatic Art.

The Lillian Chason Undergraduate Excellence Fund pays for the Lillian Chason Theatre Arts Weekend, which brings a theater artist to campus for a workshop weekend with students.

The first Theatre Arts Weekend took place this past fall. Thom Jones of Trinity Repertory and Brown University conducted a three-day voice and dialect workshop, Coble said.

"The scholarship and Arts Weekend are very fitting tributes to Lillian in

that they express the vitality that was so characteristic of Lillian," Coble said in an email. "Both aspects respond to the active artist engaged in the dynamic world of theater."

Cate Chason, Lillian Chason's mother, said the original money for the excellence fund came from the proceeds of "A Dress For Mona," donated by the cast. Later, the University gave money to both the scholarship and the undergraduate excellence funds after legal mediation, she said.

Coble said the University contributed \$200,000 to the scholarship and \$50,000 to the excellence fund.

Cate Chason said the undergraduate excellence fund has the money to continue providing Theatre Arts Weekends for at least the next 10 years, and they



Lillian Chason was a UNC freshman who died in 2009 of complications from the H1N1 virus. A scholarship in her name will honor her memory and passion for dramatic arts.

are seeking more donations.

The scholarship and fund are a fitting continuation of Chason's legacy, Hoover said.

"It's great that she's going to continue to inspire generations of students here at UNC."

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Divisions in Arab League hamper Syria negotiations

CAIRO (MCT) — The Arab League's sharp internal divisions over how hard to push for regime change in Syria are hampering its ability to lead negotiations toward resolving the crisis, analysts said Monday.

The United Nations is looking to the Arab League to lead talks on the next international step to address the bloody, nearly year-old uprising against Syrian President Bashar Assad.

So far, however, the Arab envoys hardly make a united front, and those internal rifts make it unlikely that the group can press forward on demands for tougher sanctions on Syria before the U.N. Security Council, where Russia and China

earlier this month vetoed a resolution condemning Assad's violent crackdown.

"There are now three classifications of Arab states: those that are pro-democracy (revolutionaries), those that support democratic reforms and the rest who aren't happy with any changes," said Ziad Akl, a political analyst and professor at the American University in Cairo.

Romney criticizes Santorum for raising the debt ceiling

CINCINNATI (MCT) — Mitt Romney, campaigning in a state where he hasn't led the polls in more than a month, criticized rival Rick Santorum as a creature of Washington who betrayed conservative principles and acted like

a Democrat while in office.

"Sen. Santorum goes to Washington and calls himself a budget hawk. Then after he's been there a while he says he's no longer a budget hawk," Romney told scores of employees of a medical device company in Newtown, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati.

Romney asserted that Santorum, during two terms as a Pennsylvania senator, voted to raise the debt ceiling five times and the size of the federal government grew by 80 percent.

Mexican gang uses prison riot as cover for jail break

MEXICO CITY (MCT) — A prison riot that left 44 inmates beaten or knifed to death served as cover for a massive jail break

by members of Mexico's deadliest criminal gang, the Zetas, authorities said Monday.

Thirty Zeta members escaped from the maximum-security Apodaca prison in northern Mexico during Sunday's brawl — with apparent complicity of guards and possibly other top prison officials, the authorities said.

The deadly violence and the escape underscored the abysmal condition of Mexican prisons, woefully overcrowded, rife with corruption and riddled by violence.

While such troubles plague penal systems throughout Latin America, the problems are especially acute in Mexico, where a military crackdown on drug cartels has helped fill cells often to more than double capacity.



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Graffiti images of the southern Yemeni flag mark buildings in Aden, Yemen. Many southerners are boycotting today's Yemeni elections.

STEIGER SPEAKS



DTH/SILVANA GOBERDHAN-VIGLE

Paul Steiger, CEO, president and editor-in-chief of ProPublica, spoke as part of the Reed Sarratt Distinguished Lecture series. Steiger, who said he supports "reporter-driven journalism," said of the world today, "the only constant is change."

Bond's end hurts renovations

By Charles Patton
Staff Writer

In addition to overall budget cuts, the bond that has been sustaining construction and renovation projects at UNC for a decade has expired, causing delays in projects across the UNC system.

The Higher Education Bond was established by the N.C. General Assembly in 2000 to fund construction and renovation projects across the UNC system. At the time, it was the largest capital education bond issued in the nation's history and granted \$2.5 billion to schools with backlogs of maintenance and construction needs.

The fund was in use from 2000 to 2010, during which time each school system was able to complete tens of millions of dollars in both construction and renovation projects.

But the \$2.5 billion has been depleted and the need for new space and renovations is piling up, leaving system schools with the challenge of completing construction projects with little state financial support.

Greg Lovins, vice chancellor of

business affairs at Appalachian State University, said the absence of the bond money has made it difficult for some schools in the western part of the state to survive the winter.

"There is no funding available to help us meet the needs of our students," he said.

Lovins said the state does present funding options for both new buildings and repair and renovation of older ones.

But, in the years since the bond ran out, ASU has received no funding for capital projects and very little for repair and renovation.

UNC-Charlotte has been facing similar problems throughout the past few years, with its limited facilities strained by large increases in enrollment.

According to the UNC-C Office of Financial Services, enrollment has increased by more than 9,000 students between 2000 and 2011, creating a dire need for additional housing and classroom space.

This need is generally filled by an enrollment fund, which is money granted by the state to schools that need financial support for increasing enrollment.

Throughout the past few years, however, the state's enrollment funding has been exceeded by state budget cuts. The UNC-system's budget was cut by \$414 million this past year.

The cuts prompted schools, like UNC-C, to reduce the number of students they accept each year. And many campuses placed construction projects on the back burner.

N.C. State University has also felt a fiscal crunch recently, said Kevin MacNaughton, associate vice chancellor for facilities for the university.

The transformation, enabled by the bond, was dramatic, said

MacNaughton in an email.

"However, there was hope that the remaining needs for renovation would be addressed in a subsequent bond program which has not materialized," he said.

MacNaughton described the need for repair and renovation funds as "mounting."

Lovins said the lack of funding and the insecurity about when it might come has left many schools in a tough position.

"We now have to just cobble together funds to meet as many basic needs as possible."

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Writing society returns at Bull's Head

By Walker Minot
Staff Writer

After years of activity, the Youth Angst Society disappeared.

So this year, UNC sophomore Alex Karsten decided to bring it back.

The group was originally founded in 1997 by Dan Kois as a forum for student writers to share their work aloud with their peers.

Karsten's revitalized Youth Angst Society will hold its first public reading tonight in Bull's Head Bookshop.

Karsten, a creative writing minor on the poetry track, said he decided to restore the organization when he saw a poster on poetry professor Michael McFee's door.

He reached out to friends and fellow creative writing students to organize the event.

"As soon as I approached people to get this together, they were all in right away," Karsten said.

He said he hopes the society will provide an opportunity for writers to share their writing and contribute to the University's literary community.

"We really want to give people a

motivation and a vehicle to write and share their writing with others," Karsten said.

Karsten approached Kyle McKay, marketing director of Bull's Head, about using the store for the group's readings.

McKay said he was supportive of the idea and coordinated with Stacie Smith, the manager of the Bull's Head, to get everything organized and running.

"Part of the mission of the Bull's Head Bookshop is to provide literary support to the UNC and Chapel Hill community," McKay said.

"We aspire to be more than just a place for people to buy books — we want to help foster a thriving literary community on campus and (the society) is a perfect example of something where we can help do that."

McKay said that Bull's Head hosts an average of two to three events per week in a semester, and each draws anywhere from 25 to 70 students.

Most of the events are local and faculty authors reading recently released books, but the shop also seeks to support students and their work.

YOUTH ANGST SOCIETY

Time: 6 p.m. tonight

Location: Bull's Head Bookshop at Student Stores

Info: Free admission

"The Society is a great way to encourage undergrads to write, share and inspire one another in their writing," McKay said.

Tom Macarte will share a poem at tonight's reading that is part of a project he's doing on the cultural geography of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

"It's a great thing to be a part of and to bring attention to the writing we have here," he said.

Karsten said though he's uncertain what the turnout will be like, it has been a rewarding process.

"Even if it's just the readers there reading, I've met some new writers, I've met and spoken further with some professors," he said.

"I've read a lot of work that's been great to experience."

Contact the Arts Editor at arts@dailytarheel.com.



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UNC sophomore Alex Karsten is reviving the Youth Angst Society. "There's a lot of talent here," Karsten said.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 - A spiritual advisor keeps you on the right path. Share your experience with somebody to whom it would make a difference. Your friends are really there for you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 9 - Consider new opportunities in your career, perhaps by completely reinventing your goals. Make time to help others. What goes around comes around.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 - Travel and romance both look good for the next two days. Expand your options. There's no shortage of information. Learn quickly from a loved one.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 - There's action and change going on at work. List options, review considerations and choose. Use top quality materials. Have someone else write your bio.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 - Brainstorm brilliant ideas with your team of hotshot experts. Unleash imagination. Write a love letter to your future self. Let friends teach you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 - Add some passion and spice to your workplace. The place is bustling with busy innovation. The impossible looks easy. Explore streets you seldom visit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8 - Make something beautiful with plenty of love. Your intuition is getting recognized. Love is a growing possibility over the next couple of days.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 - Getting in touch with your spiritual side clears your mind. It's easier to clear up family issues. Play with long-range plans. Maintain optimism.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 - Fun is in the air. Now's a great time to let go of old upsets and create new possibilities with loved ones. They help you achieve the next level.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 - A to-do list helps with tasks. Start by checking off projects closest to your heart. At the end of the day, delegate or erase those you're never going to do.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 - You're in a time crunch, as you race around getting things done. Luckily, you're good at this. It gets easier as the day goes by. Have fun with it.

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ELECTION

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Among Leimenstoll's platform points are holding a forum about increasing the transparency of UNC's endowment and establishing a babysitting service by students for professors to improve faculty retention.

Lewis' platform pledges to establish personal relationships with members of the Board of Trustees to raise awareness about tuition hikes, as well as plan for a fair that will inform students of volunteer opportunities in the

Chapel Hill area.

Students will also vote today on a referendum to decide whether UNC will remain a member of the Association of Student Governments.

Lewis said he thinks having the referendum on the ballot will affect turnout.

"Students who are disinterested in the student body president will come out to vote for or against ASG," he said.

But Board of Elections Chairwoman Shruthi Sundaram said she doesn't think the referendum will increase turnout.

"Students who know about the referenda on ballots are the same students who would normally vote in elections anyway," she said.

Sundaram said most elections include a referendum, which makes it hard to distinguish the effect a referendum has on voting patterns.

Leimenstoll said the referendum has drawn a lot of attention.

"Any controversial issue you bring to the ballot will bring more people to vote," he said.

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TECHNOLOGY

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tlife.unc.edu was not the problem.

Rather, the student data collected from the registrar was not accurate, which kept some students from voting, he said.

In the general election, some juniors with more than 90 credit hours were not prompted to vote for senior class president.

Curtis said he addressed this by changing qualifications from credit hours to semesters completed, based on recommendations from Information

Technology Services.

Students who have completed five or six semesters now qualify to vote in the senior class president race, he said.

"We're trying to address that, but it isn't likely we will have it fixed by tomorrow's voting," Curtis said in an email.

Sundaram said students can email their ballots if they experience problems.

For about 10 minutes on last week's election day, students trying to email votes to the board got a message saying the inbox was full.

Sundaram said capacity won't

be a problem tomorrow as it has been raised to 1,000 emails within a 24-hour period.

Curtis also said he worked with the registrar's office to update off-campus student information, including Greek houses, to make them more accurate.

Senior class officer candidate Tim Palmer said he faced difficulties voting last week, too.

"I actually couldn't vote for myself because of my hours, so I submitted an email," he said.

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ASG

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been done before," said Zach De La Rosa, speaker of UNC-CH Student Congress.

If students vote to remain in the association, UNC-CH Student Congress will form a committee to present its recommendations to ASG President Atul Bhula, he said.

If not, the vote will kick-start a petitioning process to withdraw the University from the association and eliminate the \$1 fee that students pay every year, he said.

"At no time will UNC pay the fee and not be a member," he said.

De La Rosa said members of UNC-CH Student Congress would present the resolution to the UNC-system Board of Governors in April. If the board approves the resolution, students would not have to pay the fee next year, he said.

But De La Rosa said it is more likely that the board would defer approval to the University's administration, and the fee would go through a series of committee votes in the fall until it reached the board again. Pending board approval, the fee could then be eliminated for the 2013-14 year.

He said UNC-CH's delegation will attend the association's monthly meetings during the process.

But student leaders have expressed concern about what would happen if the University officially withdrew from ASG.

UNC-CH Student Body President Mary Cooper has asked students to vote to stay in ASG.

"Chapel Hill as a flagship has a unique relationship with the other universities," she said. "We benefit from hearing what's happening at their campuses, and they benefit from having us involved."

She said the association has given her an outlet to lobby the state legislature and speak at the Board of Governors meeting.

The candidates for student body presidents are divided in their stance about the association.

Candidate Will Leimenstoll said he thinks the University should stay in ASG.

"There is a need for a lot of reform in ASG, but I don't think we can afford to lose any allies we have in the budget discussions," he said that if elected student body president, he wants a leadership role in the association.

"If you want to reform an organization, you need to stay in it."

But candidate Calvin Lewis Jr. said he endorses a vote to pull out.

"I'm voting no because it's ineffective and attempts to make it more effective haven't worked."

He said if elected, he will create a new organization that will be more efficient and streamlined.

"The belief that we can only get connected in one way is limiting ourselves."

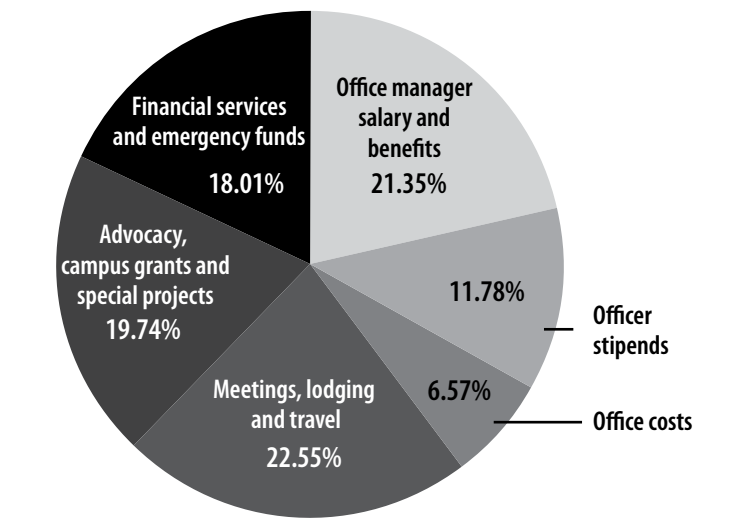
Bhula said the association's representation has improved in the past few years due to the attendance of all 17 campuses.

He said all monthly meetings are open, but few critics attend.

"I would like for the critics of ASG not just to criticize it, but give constructive criticism because that's how you further an organization," he said.

How ASG spends its money

The Association of Student Governments puts most of its \$221,727 budget toward an office manager's salary, meeting and travel costs, and campus innovation grants.



SOURCE: WWW.UNCASG.ORG

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"But if one school pulls out, that just means we all have to step up and work harder."

Reggie McCrimmon,
Student body president at N.C. Central University

But Marc Seelinger, the main sponsor of the resolution, said the criticisms of the association are valid.

"Going to a meeting is useful for understanding an organization," he said. "I don't think it's necessary."

UNC-CH's vote could spur similar resolutions across the state.

Patrick Devore, a member of N.C. State University's Student Congress, said the resolution inspired his school's push to remove NCSU's \$1 fee to ASG.

But Brian McCormick, student body president of UNC-

Pembroke, said small schools rely on ASG for resources and look to bigger schools for guidance.

"If (UNC-CH) pulled out, it would make it harder for us to collaborate."

Reggie McCrimmon, student body president of N.C. Central University, said UNC-CH has played an active role in ASG.

"But if one school pulls out, that just means we all have to step up and work harder," he said.

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NC STATE

FROM PAGE 1

the Wolfpack could be facing an uphill battle.

In N.C. State's loss to Florida State on Saturday, it was largely a one-man show. Forward C.J. Leslie finished with 21 points, while everyone else for N.C. State combined for 9-of-44 shooting.

The Tar Heels are no strangers to shooting woes. Before Saturday's win against Clemson, UNC had shot less than 40 percent from the field in three of its last four victories.

But against the Tigers, UNC seemed to have snapped out of it.

UNC shot 49.2 percent from the floor in its win Saturday, including six 3-pointers. Forward Harrison Barnes could also present a challenge to the Wolfpack, as the sophomore is coming off his third 20-plus point performance in four games.

North Carolina beat N.C. State 74-55 when the teams met less than a month ago at the Smith Center. And on paper, the Tar Heels are the favorites to win.

But Marshall isn't expecting an easy victory.


Before the game starts tonight, the 1989 N.C. State men's basketball team will be honored, and Marshall is expecting the environment at the RBC Center to be a tough one.

"The juices are going to be flowing for them," Marshall said. "We just want to take the air out of the building as quick as possible."

As it stands now, UNC, Florida State and Duke are all 10-2 in the conference, but because the Seminoles beat both the Tar Heels and the Blue Devils, FSU would take home the regular season crown if the season ended today.

But both Marshall and coach Roy Williams know there's still a lot more ACC basketball left to play. And tonight's game against

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HEAD-TO-HEAD


Backcourt

Kendall Marshall spreads the ball around with an ACC-best 9.7 assists per game. But Lorenzo Brown and C.J. Williams score a bit more, averaging 12.1 and 11.7 points. **Edge: Push**




Frontcourt

The N.C. State frontcourt is formidable, but UNC's is deadly. Harrison Barnes has scored more than 20 points in three of his last four games, and both Tyler Zeller and John Henson are averaging double-doubles in ACC play. **Edge: UNC**




Bench

DeShawn Painter and Alex Johnson are the only two non-starters who have seen minutes in every game for N.C. State. But lately, UNC's depth has suffered from injuries. **Edge: N.C. State**



Intangibles

The Tar Heels beat N.C. State for the 11th straight time in Chapel Hill on Jan. 26 by a margin of 19 points. UNC has defeated the Wolfpack in 17 of the last 18 meetings. **Edge: UNC**



The Bottom Line — North Carolina 78, N.C. State 64

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the Wolfpack is just one more step on the road to the postseason.

"We gotta focus on North Carolina State," Williams said. "I told our guys, 'Let's just take care of our own business and not be concerned about what everyone

else is doing.'

"I don't want our guys looking ahead and then all of a sudden you skip somebody, and it comes back to bite you."


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EDITORIAL

Stop complaining. Go vote.

Civic engagement is critical to any proudly public university.

Today, UNC students once again head to the polls to elect next year's student leaders. While most of you probably won't care, you should.

And here's why: During the past four years, voter turnout has gone down about 50 percent while in-state tuition has increased more than \$2,800. As

students at the nation's oldest public university, we should care deeply about having our votes counted.

Moreover, our elected leader sits on the Board of Trustees, a privilege afforded to few other students — elected leaders or not — at comparable universities. UNC students have a bigger, better soap box to stand on than we might realize.

One of the beauties of public education is that it doesn't just inspire great thinkers; it inspires great citizens.

But despite a storied history of civic engagement, UNC students today are some of the most apathetic and underrepresented in the state.

Our student leaders are the only representatives we have. We need them in order for our voices to be heard at the administrative level.

But how can we expect the chancellor, members of the Board of Governors or state legislators to respect our student leaders if less than 15 percent of students bother to vote?

Student government isn't sexy, but the impact of our student leaders' decisions extend farther than many of us like to believe and can hit us where it really hurts — our pocketbooks.

The person in charge of advocating for students should be someone the UNC has confidence in, someone we elect.

Yet only 8.4 percent of the student body voted for UNC's current student body president. Today we can change this narrative of apathy and begin telling our own story.

EDITORIAL

Our endorsements for today's election

Vote Will Leimenstoll for SBP

As we wrote last week, this board believes Will Leimenstoll is a solid candidate and would do a good job as student body president.

Leimenstoll has assembled a very capable team of advisers and managers, and he delegates well. He is exceptionally likable and strikes us as a genuinely kind person. It is clear that he has a strong base of student support, which is the first step toward effective advocacy.

We still have concerns about Leimenstoll's ability to be forceful enough in this advocacy,

especially in the student body president's role as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Nevertheless, Leimenstoll is the most capable candidate on the ballot today; he is light-years ahead of his opponent, Calvin Lewis Jr., in his ability to connect with his peers.

Leimenstoll has already shown he is an excellent manager and a charismatic leader. If elected, we are confident he could overcome his less-than-commanding presence with a little practice. The important stuff is all there.

Vote 'Yes' on ASG referendum

Regardless of how you feel about UNC's role in the Association of Student Governments, today's referendum should not be passed.

If you think UNC should pull out of ASG, the referendum won't get you any closer to this goal; it would deprive UNC of participation in ASG meetings, but it wouldn't guarantee that UNC students don't have to pay the ASG fee.

Instead, UNC's student government should work within the organization to reform it and improve its effectiveness,

rather than abandoning it altogether. As yet, those in favor of the referendum have not proposed a better alternative.

To be sure, there is a discussion to be had about ASG, its role in the tuition talks and how relevant it really is to UNC.

But passing a referendum for UNC to withdraw from the organization right now will be a slap in the face to ASG's other members and will make it difficult to proceed with current efforts to reform the association from within. Such a vote would be illogical at best.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT RUNOFF ELECTION

I'll eat my ham sandwich, and I'll vote for it, too

TO THE EDITOR:
As leader of the Large Ham Sandwich movement, I must respectfully disagree with Ms. DeMaria.

My vote for a Large Ham Sandwich does not illustrate my lack of pride for my school, but it does reflect my lack of faith in the role of student body president.

My vote and those of the other write-ins may have made a difference in one person's campaign, but in the grand scheme of things my vote is still worthless.

On the issues that truly matter to me, namely that of tuition, the student body president's vote on the Board of Governors makes no difference.

The fact of the matter is that a Large Ham Sandwich could serve as student body president and make the same impact as a human being at a fraction of the cost and at the added benefit of also being delicious. While I concede that my candidate is not kosher, I don't believe Mr. Longest is either.

I'm a second semester senior and who I vote for won't impact me in the slightest.

Frankly, that is what the Large Ham Sandwich movement is

about: a restless group of seniors, tired of being asked to sign petitions for an election that truly has no value to us.

Emma Pham '12
Economics

Leimenstoll has the skills to be SBP, Lewis doesn't

TO THE EDITOR:
When I envision a student body president, I see someone with an uncanny leadership ability who takes pride and responsibility in everything they do.

Having served as a fellow Orientation Leader this past summer, I had the chance to work with Calvin Lewis First-hand and interact with Will Leimenstoll numerous times.

Based on my experiences with both of them, the decision is very clear. Today when you sit down, open your laptop and vote, I would advise you to vote for Leimenstoll.

His character alone demonstrates that he truly cares about the future and well-being of students throughout campus. He has an innate ability to lead a team and understands the steps needed to get a job done correctly.

Lewis is a surprisingly strong candidate with an appealing

resume, but despite that, he does not have the appropriate skill set to serve as student body president.

In team settings he struggles to listen to others' opinions and has trouble communicating in a variety of formats. I don't believe he will find the level of success that he envisions for himself if elected.

I hope that whoever does win understands the responsibility that comes with such a position as well as the opportunity they have to make a real difference at this university.

Brendan Nally '14
Business Administration

Peer Consulting Program already exists for clubs

TO THE EDITOR:
On Feb. 14, Daily Tar Heel editors called student body president candidate Tim Longest's idea for a student consulting organization "feasible". Not only is it feasible — it already exists.

The Peer Consulting Program, a part of the Undergraduate Consulting Club, serves to increase the quality of student clubs through semester-long projects. The program is currently in its trial period, but hopes to expand to help multiple clubs by fall 2012.

Student consultants can approach a club's problems from a fresh perspective. During the semester, teams of student consultants will work with a club, do thorough research and regularly present their findings and recommendations to club leaders.

Additionally, Peer Consulting gives students interested in consulting a way to get real, hands-on experience with problem solving.

Clubs interested in participating in the Peer Consulting Program in the fall should e-mail Chris Gray at Chris_Gray@unc.edu.

Students interested in working as student consultants are encouraged to attend the Consulting Club interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in McColl 3600.

Chris Gray '13
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Director
Peer Consulting Program

Joe Hodges '13
Business
Vice President
Undergraduate Consulting Club

Vote 'No' to get out of ASG in today's student elections

TO THE EDITOR:
Today we have the potential to make a real change as a University,

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are always going to be problems, especially when you consider that this was the first school-wide election that we used this system for."

Shruthi Sundaram, Board of Elections chairwoman, on technological problems during student elections

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"I didn't know the bible said anything about lesbians. But since you didn't say that in your post, are you really upset over this because a woman is a minister?"

Nick Hamden, in response to a post regarding a story about the nation's first openly lesbian minister approved for ordination

COLUMN

The youth exodus from rural NC

Too often, it seems to me, negativity carries the day. Our existence is filled with exposure to dire messages, usually designed to incite us to take action against something — a candidate, a policy, a status quo. The many people devoting themselves to positive change are often lost in this negativity.

Fortunately, many entities in North Carolina are taking a forward-looking approach to the state's rural problems.

A notable one, called the New Generation Initiative, was launched this year by the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center.

The initiative was designed to address one of the largest threats to North Carolina's rural counties: the area's ongoing depopulation of young adults (defined as people between the ages of 18 and 30).

In the last 20 years, 54 of the state's 85 rural counties have seen their young adult population decrease, 16 of these by more than 20 percent. It's worth noting that as this trend was taking shape, the state's urban young adult population grew by 20 percent.

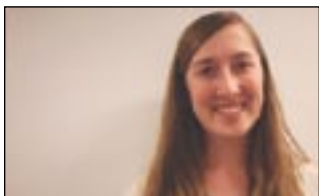
One can hardly blame young adults for leaving rural areas. Young people want to be surrounded by a dynamic group of peers, to be in a central location and to live in a place with amenities — or at the very least restaurants that stay open past 9 p.m. Many rural areas simply don't provide these basic conveniences.

And there's nothing inherently wrong with young adults choosing urban over rural.

What is wrong is when these young adults feel like they have no choice.

In rural North Carolina, this exodus isn't entirely voluntary. Many young adults who would prefer to stay in their hometowns are leaving because of a lack of opportunity.

Not only does this hurt the young people who would prefer to stay near home, it also hurts the rural areas themselves.



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It is impossible to overestimate the significance of the energy, power and optimism of youth — look around, this is how amazing things happen at UNC every day. A community simply cannot flourish without engaged young people, and rural areas have suffered immensely from the outflows of their young population.

This is where the New Generation Initiative comes in. A four-pronged program, it will provide counseling and scholarships to young entrepreneurs who commit to starting businesses in rural North Carolina and workforce training specific to rural localities.

The initiative will award challenge grants to teams of young people who come up with a project to improve their communities, and it will put on workshops for local leaders on how to engage youth in their municipalities.

Its goals are ambitious: By 2014 it wants to have engaged nearly 4,000 young people in local rural community development, and they hope to have trained a similar number of local rural officials in strategies for youth engagement.

The initiative has also made it a goal to be directly involved in hundreds of new rural business creations, with the potential for thousands of jobs.

North Carolina's hardest-hit rural areas are in desperate need of an innovative, forward-thinking program like this.

But — and I know I say this a lot — it is also desperately needed by everyone in our state. North Carolina cannot thrive unless all areas thrive, urban and rural.

located financial resources.

This was never just about the \$1 fee. It's about creating a system that works. Our coalition believes that the more you know, the more likely you'll be to join us in voting no.

Zach De La Rosa '12
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Speaker, UNC Student Congress

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