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TAKE IT TO THE BANK

Business school graduate Howard Lee will have to balance his future banking job with his career in electronic hip-hop. Lee raps in Korean and English.



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SHAKING UP SUDAN

People living in southern Sudan are eager to secede, said professor Andrew Reynolds, chairman of the global studies department.



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COOPER THINKS BIG

Student body president candidate Mary Cooper wants to initiate a flat-rate taxi service for the town and expand Carolina Computing Initiative printing.

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HOOPS ON FIRE

Harrison Barnes scored 26 points, leading the men's basketball team to an easy win against Boston College.

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, Monday's front page article, "P.T.'s closes after violent fight," incorrectly labeled the penalties Ryan Scarano could face. They are arrest penalties. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

this day in black history

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Eric Holder is confirmed as attorney general, becoming the first black attorney general in U.S. history.

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UNC system considers buyouts

Incentives to retire also a possibility

BY JESSICA SEAMAN
STAFF WRITER

Tenured faculty — usually considered to be protected from layoffs — might be pushed out of universities to offset the severe budget cuts looming ahead.

Many UNC-system administrators are discussing offering tenured faculty members buyouts, or monetary incentives to retire early, because the process to fire them would be too long and complicated. The system is expecting cuts

of about 15 percent, which would translate to more than 2,000 positions being eliminated — some of which could be tenured faculty.

A necessary consideration

The UNC system has cut a total of \$575 million in the last three years, 23 percent in expenses and nearly 900 administrative positions.

The cuts this year are expected to come from the academic side. Entire departments could be

cut at UNC-system schools to cope with the lack of state funding, forcing administrators to consider buyouts.

"You can fire someone or offer a buyout," said John Davis, a member of the UNC-system Board of Governors, said. "We are not going to fire tenured faculty."

"Until we know what the governor and legislature is going to do, we have no way of knowing what we are going to do," Davis said. "The president, the Board of Governors and chancellors, none of them want this to happen, but it may become moot depending on what the cuts are."

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JOHN DAVIS, UNC-SYSTEM BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEMBER

Bruce Carney, UNC-CH executive vice chancellor and provost, said UNC-CH is one of the schools considering offering optional retirement plans to tenured faculty.

"It is going to be hard to cut too deeply in non-instructional units," Carney said. "Instructional units are more vulnerable than ever to budget cuts."

Funding buyouts

Even if universities decide to use buyouts, administrators are unsure about how they would pay for them.

"We don't have the budget to put the cash on the table ourselves,"

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JOINING IN OPPOSITION



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Members of the UNC community joined other Egyptian-Americans on Tuesday to wave their native flag and show their support for the protests in Egypt. About 60 demonstrators marched outside the state legislature in Raleigh, chanting slogans, such as "Hillary Clinton don't you

know, Hosni Mubarak has to go." Tensions in Egypt reached a breaking point last week, and since then, millions of protestors have taken to the streets of Cairo and other major cities to call for the end of President Hosni Mubarak's 30-year rule and his regime's civil injustice. See page 7 for the full story.

Recruit process getting intense

Yearlong work comes to a head on Signing Day

BY LOUIE HORVATH
SENIOR WRITER

College football recruiting has reached information overload.

Between Internet websites, fanatical fan bases and exploding recruiting budgets, it is little wonder that interest in getting "the next gridiron star" to go to a given school has also skyrocketed.

There is more to it than meets the eye. Avid football fans and alumni look for the scouting reports on the latest recruits on websites such as Scout.com and Rivals.com. There is an intricate dance step between players, colleges and recruiting websites to determine where the players go.

And today the seniors of 2011's recruiting cycle can send binding national letters of intent to anxious universities.

That message ends what could be a four-year recruiting process for the individual players and the coaches.



Allen Mogridge is the recruiting coordinator for UNC football.

Identifying recruits

The way coaches initially identify players is largely through grassroots means — they hear about them from high school coaches, who then send video.

Tape is the lifeblood of recruiting. A player's best high school plays are squeezed into just a few minutes of gametape that is sent to the college coaches.

"A highlight tape is real important because of what coaches like to see," Antonio King, head coach at Durham's Hillside High, said. "They like a quick view of the individual himself."

Each North Carolina assistant coach is assigned a region of the country for which they have to recruit players and talk to high school coaches.

In the Butch Davis era, the Tar Heels are known for being among the most dogged recruiters in the country, with every class hovering around the top 30 in the nation according to Scout.com. They think they are improving.

"As you look at our classes that we've brought in here, coach Davis has kept the bulk of the staff together for four years," said Allen Mogridge, who became North Carolina's recruiting coordinator earlier this year after John Blake's resignation.

"What you are seeing is the relationships getting stronger every year with the assistant coaches and the high school coaches in their geographic areas."

Mogridge is the face of UNC to hundreds of recruits, as he is tasked with wooing high school juniors and seniors to come play football at UNC.

Once the coaches decide which players they believe can compete on the college level, it becomes Mogridge's job to coordinate visits and help recruits see the campus.

Getting a name out

From there, the Internet recruiting websites take a backseat of sorts, where instead of engaging the action, they record what each recruit said about his visit and the recruiting pitches that each school used.

"(Internet websites) have some role," Miller Safrit, a Scout.com writer for North and South Carolina, said. "Really, I think it's a very preliminary role, as far as the coaches at the universities. But the bigger thing is, there's a lot more honesty in the recruiting game."

"It's more for recruits to see what the coaches

CAMPAIGN ISSUES: SAFETY

On safety, candidates pledge improvement

Planks include flat-rate taxi, blue light system

BY DANIEL WISER
STAFF WRITER

From creating a flat-rate taxi service to adding more blue light phones to campus, student body president candidates' safety goals are ambitious.

But feasibility is another matter, especially since most of the work lies ahead.

Both Mary Cooper and Ian Lee's campaigns have pledged to pursue a flat-rate taxi service, a program that is still in its early stages.

The service would be modeled after an existing program used by the Panhellenic Council, which raises funds to provide transportation for members through an agreement with Chapel Hill Taxi.

Lindsey Stephens, president of the council, said the program started last semester and has received a positive response despite a couple of complaints.

Sorority members must carry an identification card with them for the service and can only ride home from bars and fraternity houses, she said.

Stephens added that the group is still negotiating the rate with the taxi company.

Expanding the program for all students might be possible, she said, if multiple taxi companies are contracted for the service.

"It's definitely feasible," she said. "There would need to be a lot of taxi companies on board. If there's only one taxi company, there could be complaints."

Cooper, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, said the program could be expanded into a "UNC SafeRide" system for all students in one of two ways.

Students would either finance the taxi service up front or pay a flat rate for each ride based on the distance to their destination.

Both scenarios would be optional for students and would not require an increase in student fees, she said.

"Yes it's a cost, but it's really a safety issue," Cooper said. "If students are able to get from one place to another in a safe way, then it is absolutely worth it."

Private taxi companies must be contacted once a proposal is in place. Lee said companies have expressed a willingness to listen to proposals.

The optimal rate would be less than \$5 for transportation within a three-mile radius, he said.

The flat-rate taxi service would augment the transportation network already in place with the P2P Express shuttle system.

Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, said he thinks the current system is adequate, but he would welcome new proposals to improve campus safety.

"It's hard to say over and above what it would do for the current system," he said. "The Point-2-Point service is really going to do that including transportation to various areas off-campus."

Candidates have also included points in their platforms aimed at improving education concerning campus safety.

Brooklyn Stephens said she wants to promote awareness for existing programs such as HAVEN and Safe Zone that form a community of students to prevent abuse.

Rick Ingram said he hopes to divert excess funds from student government to expand and repair the campus' blue light system in conjunction with safety education for students.

"It's not more lighting that will inevitably make the campus safer — it's education," Ingram said.

Cooper said incorporating first aid training into the LFIT curriculum would make a required course more applicable to campus life.

SBP hopefuls on safety

Candidates for student body president have proposed a variety of platform points to improve UNC's campus safety.



Mary Cooper, junior from Nashville, Tenn., wants to start a flat-rate taxi system for all students.



Rick Ingram, junior from Asheville, is proposing improving the blue light safety system.



Ian Lee, junior from Cary, is proposing a flat-rate taxi and expansion of the blue light system.



Brooklyn Stephens, junior from Wake Forest, wants students to join safety groups.

"It would be great if in four years UNC has 19,000 students with some basic level of first aid training," she said.

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