

Food stamp need triples in county

Orange County is adapting to a new benefits system

By Caroline Hudson
Senior Writer

Sonya “Ms. Cookie” Dixon has been on food stamps for years, but when she didn’t receive her money one month, she panicked.

“It was like, ‘Oh my God, what am I going to do now?’” the Chapel Hill resident said.

Social services didn’t have all of her information, so they couldn’t send her the money she needed.

“Luckily it didn’t take but two or three days,” she said.

One of her daughters has cerebral palsy and needs Dixon’s care, so Dixon said she can only work part time.

Dixon is not the only one who is increasingly reliant on the county’s help for food.

The food stamp caseload in Orange County has increased nearly threefold in the last decade.

Orange County Social Services handled 2,335 food stamp cases during its 2003-04 fiscal year, and the county’s numbers have since spiked to more than 6,300 cases last fiscal year and are continuing to grow.

That increase has put stress on county workers and a new electronic system designed to handle the influx.

A paperless system

Last year, the state implemented NC FAST, an elec-



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Sonya Dixon, known as Ms. Cookie, cooks and serves lunch at Learning Expressions Childcare Center on Thursday.

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System to target campus drug use

The governor is partnering with UNC officials to curb drug abuse.

By Hayley Fowler
Staff Writer

Gov. Pat McCrory is engaging with UNC-system leaders to discuss campus substance abuse concerns — but public safety officials say campus crime statistics show no reason for alarm.

Frank Grainger, vice chairman of the UNC-system Board of Governors, met Tuesday with system leaders and McCrory’s administration to begin planning initiatives designed to target drug abuse at universities.

“The bottom line is that it appears that drugs are becoming more and more prevalent on our campuses,” Grainger said at last week’s Board of Governors meeting. “The governor is not messing around with this.”

He said it appears that drug dealers are singling out college campuses in the state because they think students have more money and are easier targets.

McCrory is bringing together various state departments, including the ABC Commission and the Department of Health and Human Services, to focus on enforcing drug laws, providing counseling and treatment and increasing education and awareness about drug addiction.

But several UNC-system public safety officials said they haven’t heard anything directly from McCrory or had any meetings with officials to increase drug control on campus.

Randy Young, spokesman for UNC-CH’s Department of Public Safety, said in an email there is no available data to suggest drug dealers are targeting campus.

He said there are cases where drugs are sold on campus by both students and by people visiting the campus specifically to sell drugs.

According to a UNC-CH DPS security report, from 2009 to 2011, drug-related arrests on campus decreased by 10. There were 31 arrests in 2011. Disciplinary referrals decreased by three in that same time period

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Black studies programs on the rise

UNC-system schools aim to increase growth of the programs.

By Blair Burnett
Staff Writer

Though some research has suggested that the number of African-American studies programs at universities is declining, a new study says these programs are growing — and UNC-system schools are looking to continue that trend.

A national survey published last month by the University of Illinois found that 76 percent of the nearly 1,800 universities surveyed had some form of black studies programs or departments.

In North Carolina, only two UNC-system schools — UNC-CH and UNC-Charlotte — have an independent African-American studies department, said Akin Ogundiran, department chairman of UNC-C’s Africana studies program.

But most of the 16 system universities have some type of black studies program, and many are looking to expand.

“Understanding race is essential to under-

standing North Carolina in all parts of history in the state,” said Kenneth Janken, director of undergraduate studies and department honors at UNC-CH’s Department of African, African American and Diaspora Studies.

Despite scrutiny surrounding the department in the last few years, the number of students in UNC-CH’s Department of African and Afro-American Studies doubled from 2010 to 2011 — and enrollment increased again in 2012.

Though graduation rates from the department decreased from 102 students in spring of 2012 to 86 last spring, the number of students majoring and minoring has steadily risen since 2009, according to the UNC-CH registrar’s office.

Sheila Smith McKoy, director of the Africana studies program at N.C. State University, said she hopes to grow N.C. State’s program into a department to be able to retain more students and maintain relevance.

Tara T. Green, director and associate professor at the African-American studies program at UNC-Greensboro, said in an email UNC-G’s program is also seeing demand grow quickly.

And the expansion of UNC-system programs is vital, considering an increasingly

more diverse population in North Carolina, Ogundiran said.

He said when he started work at UNC-C in 2008 the program had only 27 students, but that number has doubled each year since.

“Our department is so important in a world so interconnected and focused on increased globalization,” Ogundiran said.

Will Hope, a fall 2012 UNC-CH graduate who took AFRI 101 and AFAM 101 as a biology major, said the classes motivated him to consider doing mission work in Africa.

“I ended up learning a lot about Africa, and the class broke down a lot of misconceptions,” Hope said.

Darryl Lester, interim assistant director of N.C. State’s African American Cultural Center, said the programs will continue to adapt to maintain relevance.

“You still have people in society that believe people of color haven’t made significant contributions to society,” Lester said. “These programs teach courses that are inclusive and allow you to learn so much more about the world around you, not just Africa.”

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UNC Health Care moves hundreds of staff

About 850 employees have been relocated to Eastowne campus.

By Farhan Lakhany
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While moving apartments might seem like a hassle, moving 850 employees and all their office supplies into a newly furnished office would be nothing short of a logistical nightmare.

UNC Health Care managed just that, when it successfully moved a large percentage of its administrative operations into its new Eastowne campus off of U.S. 15-501. Including employees, more than 1,100 people spearheaded the move.

By moving the administration’s operations to Eastowne, UNC Health Care aimed to make life easier for the hospital’s non-medical staff.

“It makes sense, it makes financial sense, it made efficiency sense and patient sense to do this,” said

Anna Story, project manager for the UNC Health Care system.

The buildings that were previously occupied by the expenses and accounting department have been either reappropriated or demolished.

“Most of the administrative stuff for the hospital that doesn’t have to be at the hospital is located here,” she said. “And so therefore the space it occupied previously is now better suited for clinical or hospital space.”

The project has been 14 months in the making but is finally nearing its completion as most employees have moved into the new offices.

Story said the move will bring increased efficiency and productivity.

“The purpose was to primarily facilitate efficiencies and to improve co-location so that people from different departments could benefit by being close to one another and maybe share processes and reduce redundancies,” she said.

Eastowne campus’ Project Coordinator Kara Lingley-Brown said the new arrangement stands

in stark contrast to the previous layout.

“A lot of people were having to travel from one building to another for meetings on a daily basis,” said Lingley-Brown. “Whereas here, they literally park their car for the day and they walk to and from the buildings for meetings and a lot of people enjoy that.”

Chapel Hill will also see positive gains from the move.

“In retaining those jobs in our boundary, we have a net positive,” said Dwight Bassett, an economic development officer for the town of Chapel Hill. “We also have a net positive aspect of them being able to create additional space for their actual patient demands.”

As with every move, it comes with its fair share of difficulties.

“When people are moving out here, some people were extremely excited about it, some people were a little hesitant about the move just because of the location,” Lingley-Brown said. “It can sometimes be difficult, for example, to get off campus and get lunch if you only have a

HEALTH CARE STAFF

850

number of UNC Health Care employees moved to the Eastowne campus

1,100

people involved in the move, including employees and move crews

14 months

to complete the project

30-minute lunch.”

Those involved in the effort have arranged for food trucks to frequently visit the campus to ease the move. In addition, the new facility will come equipped with a fitness center for the benefit of employees.

“We did our best to really provide for them to make them feel at home here,” Lingley-Brown said.

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SPORTS FRIDAY

Running back Khris Francis and wide receiver T.J. Thorpe’s friendship follows them from Durham to the same football field. **Page 5**



UNC-system happenings

Check out what’s happening at UNC-system schools this week. UNC School of the Arts, UNC-Asheville, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and N.C. State University are all featured in this systemwide roundup.

This day in history

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

The Pentagon formally ended the military’s 18-year policy of “Don’t ask, don’t tell,” allowing gay men and women to openly serve for the first time.

Today’s weather



Friday. Perfect.
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Saturday’s weather



All good things come to an end.
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“For now I ask no more than the justice of eating.”

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That’s a rap

From staff and wire reports

Some uninformed folks may call journalism a dying profession, but if every newscaster was as cool as WHAS 11 reporter Adam Lefkoe, they’d be thinking differently. During his Sept. 1 newscast, Lefkoe managed to name-drop 31 professional wrestlers into his report. The following week, he made 41 references to hit comedy “Seinfeld.”

This week, the sportscaster stepped up his game by making 43 rap references in a 5:37 segment. From Ludacris to the Beastie Boys, DMX to The Fresh Prince, he fit it all in there. Since Lefkoe just totally proved journalism isn’t dead, it has us wondering: Is Tupac still alive? Or better yet, is Lefkoe actually Tupac reincarnated? His references are on point.

NOTED. 3-year-olds with baby fat? Unacceptable. That’s like a woman who actually has hips one month postpartum. Get those toddler tushes in shape.

A Crossfit studio in Queens, N.Y. is seriously suggesting that children “as young as 3” can learn the high-intensity exercise method for \$280. Um. What?

QUOTED. “I told her, ‘Ma’am, you can either return the \$20 bill or you can leave the store because I’m not going to serve someone as disrespectful as you.’”

— Joey Prusak, a Minnesota Dairy Queen employee, to a woman who stole a blind customer’s \$20 bill. You go Joey Prusak. Four for you, Joey Prusak.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Ackland Art Museum Scholars’ Breakfast: Area scholars and students with an interest in the themes explored in The Sahmat Collective are invited to enjoy a private viewing with coffee and pastries.
Time: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

Public Service Fair: Learn about opportunities to get involved and lend a helping hand within the community at both at UNC and beyond.
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: The Pit

Art a la Carte: Join this hands-on art class to learn about plein air drawing.
Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

Sculpture in the Garden

preview reception: Get an early glimpse at the N.C. Botanical Garden’s 2013 sculpture show at its preview reception. Meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments. Tickets to the event are \$35.
Time: 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: N.C. Botanical Garden

SATURDAY

Pedal for Peds: The UNC Division of Pediatric Hematology Oncology is sponsoring its fourth annual bike ride with 50- and 28-mile routes through Orange and Alamance counties. Proceeds will be donated to the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.
Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: 900 Old Fayetteville Road, Carrboro

Mozart’s World: The Program in the Humanities and Human Values have teamed up with the N.C. Opera to bring music enthusiasts a seminar on Mozart, one of the most renowned composers. The seminar will explore Mozart’s unique approach to opera, as well as the difficult task of producing opera. Enjoy performances by professional singers. Tuition for the seminar is \$125, and an optional lunch is \$15.
Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Chapel Hill

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Nate FitzSimons, also known as Nate the Magician, performs on Franklin Street Thursday afternoon. He performs the trick “Billiard Balls” for spectators. FitzSimons has been performing professionally for the past two years.

POLICE LOG

- Someone displayed road rage at 201 S. Estes Drive at 1:35 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person tailgated and yelled at the driver of another car, reports state.
- Someone attempted to break into a house at 222 Old Fayetteville Road at 7:41 a.m. on Sept. 13, according to Carrboro police reports.
The person was outside a window pulling on the screen, reports state.
- Someone reported a bulldozer parked on property at 400 Tinkerbell Road at 6:13 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a suspicious condition at 201 S. Estes Drive at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
A juvenile was found walking on the side of the road, reports state.
- Someone reported a suspicious person at a hotel at 5623 Fordham Blvd. at midnight on Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person cursed at a clerk and knocked on room doors at the Red Roof Inn, reports state.
- Someone trespassed at 113 S. Graham St. between 1 p.m. and 10:40 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
A woman was sleeping in an alley, reports state.
- Someone trespassed at Club Nova at 103 W. Main St. at 3:49 a.m. on Sept. 13, according to Carrboro police reports.
Three people were found sleeping on the business’ property, reports state.

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Job options draw students to geology

The department has about 60 students in the major this year.

By Samantha Reid
Staff Writer

Geology used to be a major that was on the rocks — but now it's one of the most solid programs at UNC. The program has seen enrollment grow to about 60 students in the major and 20 in the minor this year. In addition, students of UNC's graduate program in geology can likely expect a six-figure salary when they start working. High-paying jobs at NASA, Chevron and the U.S. Department of Energy are among the reasons more students are pursuing geology degrees at UNC, said Lara Wagner, the director of undergraduate studies in the geology department. Wagner said the most prevalent jobs in geology are in natural resources, such as mining, oil, coal,

rare earth elements and the materials used to create batteries. Josh Rosera is a UNC geology alumnus who is currently working for Chevron Mining Inc. "I was planning on continuing on for my Ph.D. at UNC, but I was offered a job from some contacts I made while working on my thesis," Rosera said. "I decided that industry experience would be beneficial and I put my Ph.D. on the back burner." Geological sciences department chairman Jonathan Lees said the study of geology is often perceived as people digging for fossils and studying other ancient rocks. Lees said the field also focuses on a variety of other topics — such as the environment and the human relationship to the planet, the management of resources, the increase in natural disasters and the sudden change in the earth's energy. Lees said these topics are drawing more students into the field. Ryan Frazer, a graduate student pursuing a Ph.D. in geological sciences, said he has seen these chang-

es firsthand. "Last year I was the TA for Geology 301, which is a core geology class ... there were 18 students," he said. "This year, I am the instructor for the same course, and at the beginning of the semester there were 31 students in the class — so many that we had to move classrooms." Both Lees and Wagner said the field is a mix of geology and other sciences. Students can choose which branches of the science they prefer, such as geophysics or geochemistry. Daniel Portner, a senior majoring in geology and minoring in biology, said he enjoys the hands-on aspect of the geology labs. "For the most part, (the geology professors) have been the best professors I've had," Portner said. He said professors in the geology department are not just teachers — they are also researchers who take students on field trips all over the world. "UNC is built on the remnants of a large volcanic arc estimated to be 500 to 600 million years old," Lees said. Most of the geology research is on



DTH/TAYLOR SWEET
Instructor Kevin Stewart helps students during his Structural Geology lab on Tuesday. Stewart has been teaching geology classes for 26 years.

campus, but departmental field trips span as far as Canada, Guatemala, Russia and Peru. Lees said students are attracted to geology both because of the opportunity to tackle questions of the future — such as global climate

change — as well as the chance to study the earth's natural history. "There is nothing more awe-inspiring than standing in front of an active volcano," Lees said.

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ROCKING AWARENESS



DTH/JASON WOLONICK
John Soper plays the mandolin for No Evidence of Disease, a band made up of six oncologists. The band is the headliner for the Rock for Hope Music Festival.

Gynecological cancers are center stage for oncologist band

By Josephine Yurcaba
Arts Editor

Cancer is a wake-up call. It prompts action, especially from oncologists who see its effects every day. Six oncologists from around the country came together to create a rock band with the goal of increasing awareness of gynecological cancers, and they will be perpetuating that message Friday night with a documentary about the band at the Varsity Theatre and Saturday as the headliner for UNC Rex Cancer Care's Rock for Hope Music Festival. No Evidence of Disease, or N.E.D., formed in 2008 after they played at a medical conference as what was supposed to be a one-time thing. The covers they performed were so well-received that they decided to make the band real, and began writing and composing their own music. Dr. Nimesh Nagarsheth, who plays the drums, came up with the name, which is a term they use to declare that a cancer patient is either in remission or isn't showing any more signs or symptoms. "No evidence of disease" is something that we all use when we see patients on a daily basis," Nagarsheth said. "It's a really positive message." That positive message is also key in N.E.D.'s songwriting. The members said they draw inspiration not only from their careers, but also from life experiences in general. Their songs aren't about cancer, but about life, pain, loss, joy — about where they come from. Bass guitarist Dr. William "Rusty" Robinson said the band does occasionally steal lyrics from memorable experiences with patients.

One patient with ovarian cancer would come in for chemotherapy on the regular schedule — once every three weeks — and became close with some of the other patients. The group would get chemo treatments together while playing cards and singing songs. But one day when they got too rowdy, other patients complained about them and asked the boisterous ringleader to be removed. Her words were the inspiration for "Don't Start the Party." "As she was leaving that day, she walked to the door — it was like they were escorting her out as if she was getting kicked out of a sporting event or something, and she stopped at the door, wouldn't go any further and turned around and said, 'OK, don't start the party next time until I get here,'" Robinson said. Though many of the band's lyrics have this celebratory aspect, they also have some hard-hitting songs that describe tougher aspects of their jobs, such as "Third-Party Perspective," written by Nagarsheth. "It's just this concept that I experienced when you talk to patients day in and day out and diagnose them with cancer," he said. "You don't feel like you're across from the patient — you're not engaged with the patient because it's too much to burden, so you view yourself as a third person in the room. It's a concept that we need to know exists, but also that we need to get past." It's in this way that the band blends both their careers as oncologists and as musicians. Dr. John Boggess, lead vocalist and a guitarist for the band and an oncologist from UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, said playing music is a way to create much-needed awareness of gynecological cancers in a positive way.

ROCK FOR HOPE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time: Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday
Location: North Carolina Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh
See the film: <http://on.fb.me/16d1RrF>

"In our culture in particular we don't talk about uteruses and ovaries and vaginas very freely, and in general, when you look back in history with breast cancer awareness that was the same issue," Boggess said. "Our patients say, 'Oh, my friend said I know what you're going through, I had breast cancer,' and our patients will say, 'Well I don't have breast cancer, I have uterine cancer, or ovarian cancer, and I'm not a part of your group — I'm my own group.'" Though research is a huge part of addressing any health issue, Boggess said awareness has to come first, especially in the case of gynecological cancers. Through this rock festival, the band can inform people without dwelling on the unavoidable harsh facts — that this disease is just as deadly as, if not more than, other cancers. "We think the rock band thing and having a huge festival, where people play music and people are out there enjoying themselves — what's more rebellious in rock 'n' roll than a huge concert where you're not sitting around lamenting but you're having a great time," Boggess said. "All the other people that show up will say, 'What's this all about?' and they start learning about it and start clueing into what the real issues are."

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Tuition Free Day calls for giving

The Heelraisers council encourages UNC students to become donors.

By Colleen Moir
Staff Writer

As tuition continues to rise, many students don't realize that they are paying for only a fraction of their education. If UNC's budget only ran on student tuition money, the school year could not extend past Sept. 19 — a fact that the Heelraisers Student Giving Council called attention to through their Tuition Free Day event Thursday. The fundraising group is sponsored by the Office of University Development. The Heelraisers hold several events throughout the year both to encourage student giving and to show appreciation for University donors. Tuition and fees cover 12.6 percent of UNC's estimated \$2 billion budget, and private donations account for 9.4 percent.

"Donations are increasingly more important as we take on budget cuts," said Jordan Farthing, the director of UNC's Student Giving Programs. "The generosity of alumni and friends of Carolina creates the margin of excellence that we have come to know and love at Carolina." Farthing said many of UNC's scholarship programs and other resources for students in need are funded through donations. Some students at the event Thursday made donations to the 2014 Senior Campaign for Carolina, which strives to get 48 percent of seniors to give money to UNC. Last year, seniors donated \$33,000 to the University. "It's important to note how important private giving is in general," said Heelraisers President Shelby Goerne. "A lot of students don't think about this typically, but much of UNC is successful because of private funding." Heelraisers Vice President Kayla Blevins said the event, held yearly, is a good way to introduce students to the group's campaign. "I like this event because it gives new council members and others an idea of who we are, and the event is a good way to start the year," Blevins said. "It explains why private giving is so important."

The group's next event, Give Thanks to UNC Day, will be held Nov. 19 and will feature a large card for students to sign thanking donors for their contributions. "Although we pay tuition, there's a lot that this doesn't cover, and it's important to give back to the place we benefit from," Blevins said. "There's a lot Carolina gives us, and it's important to give back to Carolina."

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PRIVATE GIVING AT UNC

9.4 percent
amount of UNC budget that is private donations

12.6 percent
amount of budget that is tuition and fees

\$33,000
given to Senior Campaign by 2013 seniors

Profiles give glimpse into dogs' brains

Dognition, a Durham company, breaks down dogs' mental strategies.

By Zach Eanes
Staff Writer

Dog owners might not be crazy when they claim their favorite pet is smart. A Durham-based company is working to pinpoint dogs' unique cognitive skill sets, using science to prove dogs' mental capacity. Dognition — founded by Brian Hare, a professor at the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Duke University — is designed to put a dog through a series of tests to determine its cognitive profile to show what strategy a dog uses to solve problems, whether it's through communication or memory.

"We assume all dogs are smart, there is no right answer," Hare said. "It is trying to find out what type of dog you have. The question is: what strategy does your dog use?" It costs a dog owner \$39 to procure a cognitive profile from Dognition. Kip Frey, CEO of Dognition, said that amount is comparable to a bag of high-end dog food. In the book "The Genius of Dogs: How Dogs Are Smarter Than You Think," Hare and his wife, Duke research scientist Vanessa Woods, theorize dogs' mental capacity began to change once they became domesticated. Woods co-founded Dognition with her husband. "Friendlier dogs had an advantage over dogs that were not so friendly, and this completely changed their psychology, so that humans and dogs have formed this

incredible bond," Woods said. "Dogs are just really amazing at reading our communicative gestures in a way that our other relatives, like chimpanzees and other great apes, can't do." Dogs' ability to communicate with humans is remarkable, and they learn much like human infants do, Woods said. "That is what Dognition is all about — trying to help people understand what cognition is, so that they understand their own dog better," Hare said. The Dognition website also collects the data it gathers, so individual users can learn about their dog from the application of tests. That information is later shared with a broader audience to create a greater understanding of dogs. Hare said this data collection is helping break down persisting breed stereotypes, and is already being used to help people find and

adopt dogs. Potential dog owners can also use Dognition to determine what type of dog they want, based on qualities like empathy or communication. That fundamental sentiment — that owners want to know who their dog actually is — is paying off, as the company has already gained thousands of subscribers since it launched in February, Frey said. But Hare said the goal is to be in the range of tens of thousands of users, so Dognition can expand the scope of its scientific data. "The funny way to say it is that there is someone sleeping in your bed that you don't even know," Hare said. "I have played the games with my dogs and it was really fun because basically I didn't know the dog I was living with."

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All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses.

Compiled by staff writer Kelsey Weekman.



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Clothes Hound closes its doors

Franklin Street will have one fewer clothing store this school year.

Clothes Hound owner Bryce Batts said she decided to close her store in Chapel Hill, as well as the only other branch in Raleigh, this summer.

“Deciding to close my store was a hard personal decision,” said Batts. “I have worked on this dream for five years and just felt that closing them was the best decision for me and my family.”

Batts said the Chapel Hill location was extremely busy during the school year but very slow in December and over the summer due to a lack of student customers.

“I went to Clothes Hound a lot because one of my friends worked there, but I never bought anything,” said junior Sarah Piscitelli. “I never had the money.”

“I did not know that Clothes Hound existed,” said sophomore Sarah Love. “Franklin Street is not my first choice for clothes shopping.”

Batts is transitioning the Clothes Hound website into a fashion blog.



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Greenbridge lowers down payments

Greenbridge Condominiums on Rosemary Street will now be available with a 5-percent down payment — making it easier for students to purchase a condo there.

Greenbridge recently received Fannie Mae financing approval, which will allow banks to loan up to 95 percent of the cost of each condominium.

“It attracts a wide range of buyers,” said Vic Miller, vice president of sales for Greenbridge. “Homeownership is available to more people because there is less of a down payment.”

Greenbridge management is working to fill the building’s first floor with local businesses, such as To the Woods, an eco-friendly hair salon, and Integrify, a workflow management software.

With the new financing approval, Miller said Greenbridge will be more accessible for students.

“These are a great investment for students and grad students because of their low interest rates,” Miller said. “Payments are very compatible with the buyers.”

There are fewer than 35 condominiums remaining, and they are expected to sell out within 12 months, Miller said.



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Tire care center hits 60th birthday

Though many older Franklin Street businesses are closing, Chapel Hill Tire Car Care Center is changing with the times to stay open.

The business is celebrating 60 years of business this year.

Marc Pons, owner of Chapel Hill Tire Car Care Center, attributes the success of the business to treating people with care, in the same way that people treated each other when Chapel Hill was just a village.

The company has also learned to adapt.

Over the past 15 years, tire sales have become less of a part of the business. They used to comprise 80 percent of sales. Now tires make up only 20 percent, and car repair services make up most of the sales.

Chapel Hill Tire Car Care Center is the only certified hybrid independent repair business in the Triangle, as well as the first Green Plus-certified repair business in the country.

“We are passionate about learning and improving so that the business can continue to improve and we can be proud that we are properly honoring our past,” Pons said.

County managers speak on NCGA, budgets

A panel Thursday explored the local effects of legislation.

By Tyler Clay
Staff Writer

To look into the effects on local governments of recent legislation passed by the N.C. General Assembly, residents and public officials gathered Thursday night for a voter education panel.

The League of Women Voters of Orange-Durham-Chatham hosted “Now Who

Pays? The Impact of New North Carolina Legislation and Budget on Local Government Services,” a panel led by county manager representatives in Chapel Hill.

Marna Doucette, program chair with the League of Women Voters and organizer of the panel, said the purpose of the event was to examine how state legislation in 2013 has affected the budgeting and financing of the counties.

“Our objective is really to have a more informed electorate so that voters are informed about the issues and understand what the issues

are,” Doucette said.

The event’s panelists were Chatham County Manager Charlie Horne, Durham County Assistant Manager Deborah Craig-Ray and Orange County Assistant Manager Michael Talbert. Panelists discussed the effects on their respective budgets as a result of legislation passed in the last year by the N.C. legislature.

The panelists said the county budgets hadn’t been largely affected by the legislature yet. Instead, the biggest cuts came to the county’s education budgets.

“Orange County has picked up the slack and raised the per-pupil amount, helped pay for Northside (Elementary School)’s opening and a variety of other things,” Talbert said.

“But the direct state impact had the most impact on education.”

Northside Elementary opened its doors this fall on Caldwell Street in the Northside neighborhood, a historically low-income neighborhood between North Columbia Street and Sunset Drive.

Talbert said other reductions for Orange County would affect libraries and in-

home care for seniors.

Talbert said Orange County is prepared for any further changes caused by the General Assembly’s legislation.

“If we know the changes are coming, we deal with them, we work with them, we try to make them as painless as possible on the community,” Talbert said.

Vicki Boyer, a member of the League of Women Voters, said she believes local governments should be given more flexibility.

Boyer asked the panel what powers the county governments should have indepen-

dent from the legislature.

Craig-Ray said she believes the counties should have the ability to create their own administrative divisions and also have an option to create more revenue sources.

Doucette said the event would help the audience members focus on what was occurring on the local level.

“It helps them think about the legislators that they’ve elected at the state level, and it also helps them understand what is going on in their county.”

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FOOD STAMPS

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tronic food nutritional services program, transitioning away from a paper-based system.

As part of a multi-phase startup, North Carolina executed the system in pilot counties in May 2012. The program expanded to additional counties in March.

The system allows people to apply for food stamps as well as receive payments in their bank accounts electronically.

Only four counties in the state have completely converted to the NC FAST system — Guilford, Catawba, Buncombe and Johnston. Orange County is set to finish its transition to the system by Nov. 13.

But NC FAST has made it difficult for some counties to efficiently handle the influx of cases, said Ricky Diaz, spokesman for the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

Diaz said problems mostly come from the employees’ learning curve with the system, made worse by increased caseloads across the state.

He said the state is working

to send resources and on-site support for county workers to handle the confusion.

“This is truly a partnership,” he said. “We’ve moved resources to counties having trouble.”

‘Bugs and glitches’

Diaz said after 40 years, there was a real need to implement a new system to combine all resources into one online location.

“This is a system that they’ve been asking for,” he said. “We have seen that many areas have been extremely successful.”

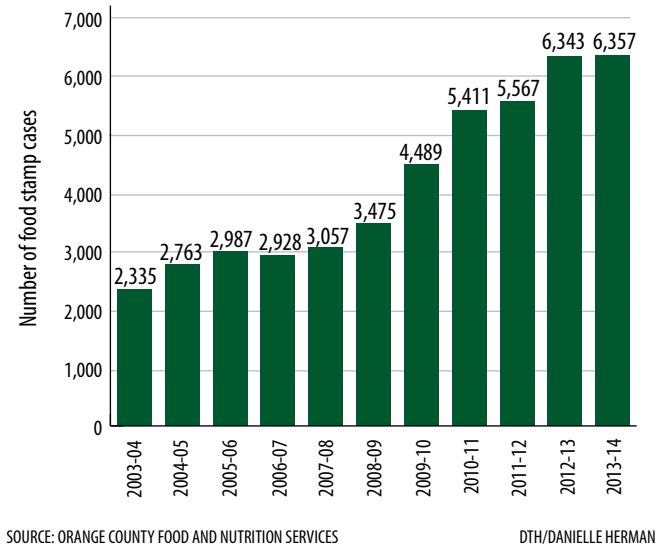
On a county level, Lindsey Shewmaker, human services manager for Orange County Social Services, said the employees were prepared to work around any problems with the NC FAST program.

“With any new system, there’ll be bugs and glitches,” Shewmaker said. “We’re obviously slower than we would’ve liked to have been.”

Shewmaker said she’s still excited to be moving toward a more efficient program, despite the county’s struggles with NC FAST.

Number of food stamp cases in Orange County

During the past 10 fiscal years (July 1-June 30), Orange County Food and Nutrition Services has seen a consistent increase in food stamp cases. Data for the 2013-14 fiscal year is incomplete, as the year is only two months in.



“When everything is all the way done we think the system is going to have huge benefits,” she said.

She said her social services staff works hard to make sure glitches or delays don’t hurt the families in need.

Dixon’s main concern is

also to ensure there is food on the table for her family. And despite her financial situation, Dixon said she keeps a positive outlook.

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SYSTEM DRUGS

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to just six referrals.

But Young said these numbers are not indicative of how many incidents are occurring.

“We don’t patrol the halls in search of a smell of marijuana unless we have a complaint or there is probable cause,” he said.

He added that after alcohol, marijuana is the most commonly seen drug on campus.

Other system schools like UNC-Greensboro and Appalachian State University have also seen a decline in drug-related incidents.

UNC-G Police Chief James Herring said the campus saw the most misdemeanor charges in 2009 — but from 2009 to

2012, the number of charges decreased by about 250.

He said the number of misdemeanor charges for 2013 will likely continue to decline.

Marijuana is also the most common drug at UNC-G.

ASU Police Chief Gunther Doerr said in an email that there has been a slight decrease in alcohol and other drug violations from 2012 to 2013.


But he said there is no data to suggest drug dealers have been singling out students.

Still, Young said DPS knows of drug usage and warns students to be self-aware.

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Field hockey faces Virginia

North Carolina is undefeated in six games this season.

By Daniel Wilco
Assistant Sports Editor

Last season it took the North Carolina field hockey team just more than 76 minutes to conquer the Virginia Cavaliers in a 3-2 overtime finish.

Today, No. 1 UNC travels to Charlottesville hoping for a shorter game.

But against the No. 4 Cavaliers on their home turf, it's not exactly a sure shot.

What is, however, is North Carolina's lethal attack.

The undefeated Tar Heels (6-0) are averaging 5.5 goals per game. But UNC hasn't had to rely on one or two star players. This season, 14 of the team's 22 field players have scored a goal and nine of those have scored two or more.

Coach Karen Shelton said that UNC's offensive onslaught not only helps her team on the field, but also complicates opponents' pre-game strategizing.

"We think we're a difficult team to scout because we have so many who can score and that can threaten the goal," Shelton said.

Shelton said UNC can trace its goal distribution to a skilled offensive corps that focuses more on patiently moving the ball around the field with precision passing rather than one-on-one play.

"I think if you watched our game you'd say, 'Wow, they're passing the ball better than most teams,'" she said. "And we like that. We like our team to share the ball, to be unselfish. To work passing combinations that set each other up."

Shelton even compared her team's attitude to that of a UNC legend.

"Much like Dean Smith, we want to be able to point to the assist person," she said.

Senior Meghan Drake attributes the impressive statistics to an adjustment in play style.

"We've really changed our approach to how we're playing this year. We have more of a rotating group," Drake said. "We have about 18 girls that are getting in every single game and then we try and get all our other subs in most games."

But other teams have adjusted in an attempt to neutralize UNC's powerhouse offense.

In the team's first game of the season against Lock Haven, Shelton noted that their opponents had started to crowd the circle against North Carolina. Lock Haven kept more players back on defense in an attempt to clog scoring lanes and force the Tar Heels to turn the ball over. This would then allow teams the chance for a quick counterattack.

The strategy almost worked for Lock Haven — UNC's 2-1 victory remains the closest game for the Tar Heels this season — and inspired others.

"I think teams saw that it worked for Lock Haven and they're trying to manipulate that," said sophomore mid-fielder Emma Bozek.

"But I think if we just keep playing our game we'll be all right."

While their opponents are working to thwart North Carolina's offense, the Tar Heels have devoted extra time in practice to running a half-field scrimmage in preparation for the defensive strategy.

"I don't know that Virginia will try it but if they will, certainly we're getting practice with it," Shelton said. "We just need to be patient."

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BULL CITY BROTHERS



DTH/CHRIS CONWAY

T.J. Thorpe (left) and Khris Francis have known each other since their prep days at rival high schools in Durham. The duo now suits up for the same team — UNC.

Khris Francis and T.J. Thorpe have a homegrown friendship

By Aaron Dodson
Assistant Sports Editor

North Carolina freshman running back Khris Francis doesn't know how long it will be, against what team, and most importantly when, he will score his first collegiate touchdown.

But there's one thing he is already sure of.

When he does cross the goal line for the first time and drops the ball to the turf, he will make two fists with each of his thumbs extended, put them side to side and raise the symbol of a bull to the sky.

The gesture is a representation of Durham — where Francis calls home and got his start on the field.

"It's funny because one day during our meetings (UNC running backs) coach (Randy) Jordan asked us what are we going to do after we score that first touchdown ever of the season," Francis said. "We have a signal called the Bull City,

so I was saying 'I'm going to throw that up. Everybody back in Durham will love that.'"

And if there's one player guaranteed to be there hoisting the Bull City with Francis, it's T.J. Thorpe.

The two players first met when Francis was in eighth grade and they had the same trainer.

The trainer would push the soon-to-be Hillside High School running back by working him out with two emerging high school players in Durham at the time — N.C. State running back Tony Creecy, then a junior at Southern, and Thorpe, a sophomore at Jordan.

And since first working out together nearly five years ago, Francis and Thorpe have turned a competitive relationship marked by a high school rivalry into a bond of friendship solidified by the team each one now plays for — the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Leading by example

Thorpe, now a redshirt sophomore wide receiver at UNC, recalls the times after he began playing at Jordan High School when he would frequently hear the name of a younger Durham football player named Khris Francis.

Though Thorpe and Francis were both products of Shepard Middle School's football team, the two players never played together due to their age difference. They also had never met.

Then, by chance, they crossed paths on the infamous day that Francis' trainer challenged him to workout with the two older players.

"We would do little workouts together and our trainer would use me as an example for Khris as far as this is what point you want to get to if you want to get recruited," Thorpe said. "Me and him had a pretty good relationship."

Francis said he cherished each time he was able to work

with the two more seasoned players.

"I was always the type of person that if I saw somebody working harder than me then I wasn't going to allow that," Francis said. "So he put me with people that were of course stronger than me, faster than me just to make me work that much harder."

It wouldn't be long before Thorpe moved on to college, leaving the young running back behind in Durham.

But there was only a matter of time before Francis followed him down U.S. 15-501.

A trip on Tobacco Road

When Thorpe began receiving scholarship letters during his junior year of high school from a long list of Division I college football programs — one that included all but two of the ACC schools at the time — the wide receiver immediately trimmed it down based upon one requirement.

"I knew I wanted to go somewhere close, first and foremost — whether it was just a state over," Thorpe said. "I wanted my friends and family to be able to watch me

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Tennessee Valley Authority CEO talks leadership

By Catherine O'Neill
Staff Writer

William Johnson, CEO of the Tennessee Valley Authority, wants UNC's future business leaders to know that success is not always monetary.

"We've gotten confused about achievement and success," he said. "We've gotten comfortable with the idea that the end of success justifies the means of the human

toll it takes."

Johnson offered students leadership and life advice Thursday in this year's first Dean's Speaker Series lecture. "Most of us mere mortals got into our positions through a combination of several things: luck, circumstances, a little bit of skill, a lot of perseverance, but most of all, through the work of others," Johnson said.

The event was hosted by

the Kenan-Flagler Business School, the UNC School of Law and UNC's Institute for the Environment.

Johnson, a UNC law graduate, focused on the responsibility that leaders have and the reputation that many business leaders disregard the impact they have on the lives of others.

"Authority is the least effective of leadership tools. How well you influence others has

a lot to do with your motives."

Though Johnson answered some questions about the TVA in the questions after his lecture, he primarily focused on topics that were applicable to students' lives.

Sophomore Christopher Donaldson, a pre-business major, said he was surprised that Johnson didn't spend more time talking about his job.

"It's nice to hear such rel-

evant and inspirational things from someone who has actually been there, from someone who is a CEO," Donaldson said.

Freshman Emma Blackwell said the event impacted her career goals.

"I'm still deciding where in business I want to end up, so this was a good opportunity to explore different aspects of the business world," she said.

Johnson also offered a final

piece of advice for success-hungry students.

"Don't worry so much about what you're going to do," he said.

"At some point, you're going to get out of school, you're going to work, you're going to have to put food on the table. Don't get too excited yet, just go with the flow a little bit. It will all work out."

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To get the advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 9 -- Mysteries get resolved when the truth is revealed. It's easier to advance, and new opportunities arise. A surprising group development inspires action. Loss to a teammate.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 -- There's more work than expected. Money you've had hidden finally starts to grow. No need to spend it. Accept a challenge. Love anew. Provide facts. Review instructions. Insights emerge from silence.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 -- Disrupt the status quo. Every little bit counts. Get the documents in order. Instigate changes. A partner's suggestion works, finally. Entertain an unusual request. Your mood improves. You should end up with plenty.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is an 8 -- Spread the word. Don't give up. Take responsibility. Travel looks good. Don't take major risks. Communication difficulties and emotional arguments could disrupt. Rely on your experience. Chat about past adventures and make plans.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Do what you have to do. It's easier to win in games and love. Purchases include items no one else will ever see. Don't buy toys. Honesty prevails. Follow your heart.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 -- Wait on a big change, and hold your temper. Re-assess the situation. Step into family leadership. A startling revelation teaches you about another's passion. Create new cash sources.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Proceed with caution and keep researching. Listen; don't argue. Studies get easier. You and a loved one inspire each other. Use what you've been saving. Modifications are required.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 -- Your financial situation transform. The impossible only took a little longer. Provide information. Cash could be delayed, but it arrives. You're full of good ideas. Act on the most profitable ones.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 -- Shake things up. You advance more quickly now. Make great discoveries. Get what you've been promised. Don't worry about an upcoming task. Despite chaos or a communications breakdown, it works out.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 -- Repay a friend. Travel another day. Your curiosity leads you into a project deeper and deeper. Make a commitment. Positive thinking adds ease. New information threatens assumptions. Don't lose your cool with a surprise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 -- Don't discuss adventures with co-workers now. Circumstances keep you active and hopping. The financial situation seems unstable. Increase your security. Stay home and handle homework. Provide motivation to the team.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 9 -- Circumstances allow more latitude and flexibility, with a breakthrough and/or breakthrough. It seems like a miracle. It's getting easier to launch new projects. Take a hike in the foothills or mountains.

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Grand Theft Column V

This week, I write that violent video games make people violent. It's gonna be easy. Just throw together a few words scolding people who play them, maybe get a professional to back me up and you'll be on your way to reading the kvetches before you can even say, "He phoned this one in."

Tuesday at midnight, stores released the newest in one of the most violent and popular video game series ever made, "Grand Theft Auto V." The GameStop on Franklin Street had a swarm of college kids lined up.

They're saying it has new levels of drugs, robberies, heinous crime ... and that's just Franklin Street. (Ba dum bum.)

I looked at the people in line with suspicion. With times becoming more and more violent, was I looking at future killers?

The answer was, of course. I know firsthand how games can negatively impact you.

I grew up playing "GoldenEye 007" in the '90s. I spent hours playing it, becoming more and more desensitized. To this day, I still go into a karate-chopping blackout anytime I see a Russian.

I spoke via telephone with James Ivory, an associate professor at Virginia Tech's department of communication who has researched the effects of violent video games. He'd tell me what I needed to hear.

"There's very little evidence to correlate video games with serious violent crime," Ivory said.

Yes, just as I had always susp- ... wait, what? Very little evidence?

I could barely contain my game-playing-induced rage. After slamming down the phone and hitting it repeatedly with a bat, I decided to play the new game for myself to prove once and for all, if I spent enough time playing PS3, I could finally intimidate someone physically.

In the new game, one of the main characters, Trevor, is like a meth head Tamagotchi, whom you can make do unspeakably violent things. You can even make him huff gas.

The truth is ... I loved it! And in real life, I'm a normal, well-adjusted gas-huffer who would never dream of acting out violently.

I guess what I'm saying is, when it comes to games, we're less like sponges, and more like ... well, giant impenetrable blobs.

So, if there's very little evidence of a correlation between video games and real-life violent behavior, why does that seem like the opposite of common knowledge?

I suspect most people don't want to get to the real causes. If young people are getting more violent, video games may be a symptom, but these new parents are definitely the disease.

I mean, the Greeks didn't worry their kids would come home from "Oedipus" and gouge each other's eyes out. They trusted them to do it because it was the honorable thing.

I guess what I'm saying is, if we all band together ... (nervous, sweating) ... um, everything in moderation ... dinners as families ...

(Takes out, fires gun in air) EVERYONE DOWN, THIS IS A ROBBERY!

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



VIEWPOINTS

THE ISSUE: A new law was enacted in July to decrease the number of teachers in charter schools that are required to hold teaching licenses. Some see the benefit of this policy as keeping teachers in North Carolina while others argue that it lowers teacher quality. Two editorial board members share their sides.

Licenses don't equate to good teaching

This legislation will potentially benefit both public and charter schools in North Carolina. It will bring in competition in the form of subject matter experts who may have been discouraged from pursuing this career path because of the time and money required to obtain a teaching license.

Much of the opposition to this law stems from the idea that a licensed teacher is a good teacher, which is not always the case.



Mahmoud Saad
Editorial board member

In fact, Teach for America demonstrates that teachers without licenses can flourish in both public and charter schools by embodying the essential characteristics that an educator should possess above any form of

state licensure.

A UNC study found that after just six weeks of training, teachers working through TFA outperform traditionally licensed teachers with four years of teaching education.

North Carolina has lost its reputation as a state that values education, and the best way to solve this problem lies in the innovative nature of charter schools.

Allowing charter schools to hire fewer teachers with formal licenses will broaden the pool of applicants, therefore increasing competition among teachers, attracting more qualified applicants and emphasizing the importance of teachers that can educate students.

Teachers should be licensed to educate

As students, we know that success in a classroom often has more to do with the way the course is taught than the subject matter itself.

This legislation is lowering the quality of education in charter schools.

Sure, charter schools are a place to try out new teaching methods, but none of these experiments should come at the cost of damaging a student's education.

We want to keep teachers in the state, but lowering our standards certainly



Alexandra Willcox
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isn't the way to do it.

The state should encourage master's degrees and reward this certification with higher pay.

I can imagine some of the types of people who will soon be in charge of half of all charter school classrooms — scientists with degrees in biochemistry

and qualified businessmen. As smart as these people may be, they probably don't know a thing about teaching.

Having knowledge to share isn't the same thing as being able to relay it to others in an engaging and productive way while also knowing how to keep control of a group of easily distracted children.

What about people who want to enter the teaching profession but are simply not passionate enough about education to bother with a license? Are these the types of educators we want in our classrooms?

Allowing so many unqualified "teachers" to educate in this state is a slap in the face to those who have dedicated years to studying education.

EDITORIAL

Friends with benefits

Rawlings panel suggestion should spread nationally.

As the University's athletic department works to create a "formal consortium of like-minded universities" to discuss athletic problems and solutions, it should push for similar groups nationwide.

This recommendation by the Rawlings panel, unlike many others, is actually realistic — if not necessary — for UNC to pursue.

Before the panel had even published its findings, the athletic department had already been working to form one of these consortiums, which is still in the process of being finalized.

The athletic department's proactivity in form-

ing this group proves that it is indeed using its status as a nationally recognized program to lead athletic reform.

Nationwide change in the culture of college athletics is in its infancy, and grouping schools by academic and athletic success in order to promote discussion about their futures is necessary.

By speaking with like-minded universities, UNC could share the experience it has gained through the recent scandals to ensure that these institutions are well-equipped to avoid a similar fate.

The Atlantic Coast Conference is composed of universities with varying academic backgrounds and athletic prominence, not all of which belong in the same consortium as UNC.

UNC can use its leader-

ship in the ACC to persuade other schools in the conference to create other such groups with their peer institutions.

This would ultimately work toward the goal of a nationwide network of diverse associations that could each bring unique insight to a national forum.

A national dialogue — with participants ranging from large public schools with massive fan followings to small liberal arts universities that may only support a few teams — would stimulate productive reforms of the scandal-plagued athletic system.

The University should continue to spearhead action on the realistic recommendations from the Rawlings panel that are possible to enact on an institutional level.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The funny way to say it is that there is someone sleeping in your bed that you don't even know."

Brian Hare, on helping dog owners understand their pet's brain

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"While to the average person it might sound like a good idea, there are real costs to putting our money into an unproven policy."

RalphUNC, on stationing armed officers in Orange County schools

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Climate activism and faith go hand in hand

TO THE EDITOR:

On Sept. 26, Rev. Rich Cizik will be visiting UNC to give a talk titled, "For God's Sake, Let's Focus On the Earth." Cizik, a minister and climate activist, will be traveling here on behalf of the Good Steward Campaign, a faith-based environmental organization that works to inform and engage students in conversations about faith, climate, stewardship and fossil fuel divestment. Yes, you read that right. Faith and climate change.

Prior to his role as senior spokesman for the Good Steward Campaign and co-founder of the New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good, Cizik was the vice president of the National Association of Evangelicals. There, he was one of the leading figures who championed this issue as something that Christians ought to think and care about more deeply.

Now, Cizik travels the country, giving speeches on creation care and fossil fuel divestment. But these are topics he didn't always embrace. In the Washington Post, Cizik says, "I was converted to both the 'challenge' of climate change as a moral and spiritual dilemma, but also to the concrete science."

Last year, there was an active fossil fuel divestment campaign operating at U.Va., but it was unsuccessful. While the campaign was ongoing, however, we didn't hear a lot of arguments from a faith perspective. Cizik and the Good Steward Campaign work hard to demonstrate that the way we think about climate change and investments need not be separate from the way we think about other moral decisions and our faith.

The good news is that the UNC chapter of the Sierra Student Coalition's Beyond Coal campaign is still very much alive and well at UNC. And this time around, I hope we hear more conversation about the issue coming from a place of faith.

Environmental issues, including climate change, are social justice issues that all Christians, as well as those of other religious backgrounds, can agree on. Faith gives us powerful reasons to look at the world around us in a meaningful way, and it can guide us to actions that positively impact the earth. I look forward to hearing Cizik's well-informed insights on these issues and using this event as an opportunity to start an important conversation.

And so, we invite the entire UNC community to join us at 7 p.m. on Sept. 26 at University United Methodist Church to explore topics of faith, climate change, stewardship and fossil fuel divestment.

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To the British Clef: I play handbells, but I would love a night with your Big Ben.

To the girl who, after letting one rip in the UL, promptly exited from her cubicle in shame, you don't gotta run from me sweetheart, it happens to the best of us.

Why buy \$4 laxatives when you can get a \$2 iced coffee from The Daily Grind?

To the guy checking me out in the Walgreens line who made a visible face of disgust when he noticed I was buying tampons: My ass and my lady business are a package deal. Get over it.

To my neighbors on McCauley Street: I have a tissue with you deciding to paint your house the color of a giant booger this time of year. Sincerely, a severely snuffle-stricken student.

A Microbiology Gettysburg Address: Forespore and seven smears ago ...

To the family of birds in my chimney that wakes me up each morning with its insufferable chirping: I highly suggest that you get the flock out of here.

To the guy offering beer and a raft for the hot fountain swimmer, you probably lost her at PBR. Take your hipster near-beer back to the co-op in Carrboro.

To the guy who mooned all of Lenoir from the escalator: I'm not gonna lie, I'm pretty impressed.

Dear frat boys, it's really funny that you think you're so funny by rating us as we walk by — because we do the same thing to you. Much love, the girls of UNC.

To the wonderful person who left a red hibiscus flower on my bicycle Wednesday afternoon: Thank you! You have a beautiful soul!

Four years later, I'm still cringing every time a professor pulls up Internet Explorer instead of Chrome or Firefox.

Fact: You can tell how many credit hours someone's language class is worth by how many Google Translate windows they have open when doing homework.

Maybe UNC should invest in more Cheerwine supplies at Rams Head and Lenoir instead of a drone. People care more about the Elixir of the Gods than a flying camera to watch the athletes.

To the girls running around on the quad Tuesday night: I'm not trying to capture your flag. I'm just trying to get to Lenoir without being mobbed.

Alert Carolina, after three emails and four texts: So you're saying ... it's just a test?

Just in case you didn't know, we are "all clear" and you may "resume normal activity."

Dear bio partners: I'm sorry that I ditched you for another group, but let's be real ... survival of the fittest.

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