

UNC dining halls seek food without the factory



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James West, a hog farmer who works just outside Kinston, N.C., is one of several local farmers who supplies food to UNC dining through Firsthand Foods.

University considers more local, sustainable food suppliers

By Tyler Fleming
Staff Writer

James West stands in the dark on a cold January morning. He has an old heater going as he smokes a cigarette. It is 7 a.m., and it's time to feed the pigs that will one day feed thousands of students.

West, who owns a farm just outside of Kinston, N.C., is one of many pig farmers who provide pork for Carolina Dining Services.

"I am the guy. I am the breeder, I am the midwife, I am the nurse, part-vet, part-farmer, part-everything. I do it all," he said.

All of his pigs are pasture-raised, animal-welfare approved and fed a diet free of genetically modified organisms.

"The way I raise hogs is almost as you would raise children," he said. "Just because we eat them doesn't mean we don't treat them well."

West is a part of the ongoing movement toward more local, sustainable food, which is a recent priority for CDS as it tries to meet

the standards of the Real Food Challenge.

The challenge aims to get universities to serve less food from industrial farms. It was brought to UNC by Fair, Local, Organic Food, a UNC student organization asking that CDS be more sustainable in its food purchases.

But for CDS, more sustainable also means more expensive.

Mike Freeman, director of auxiliary services at CDS, said despite FLO's campaigns, most students do not want to pay more for their meals.

"We ask students, 'Do you want local-sustainable,' and they say, 'Yes,' and then we say, 'Do you want to pay more,' and they go, 'No,'" he said.

Freeman said the challenge is FLO's consistently changing standards of what does and does not count as local, sustainable sources.

"(FLO) gave us this (report), and we did it and we noticed some things, and things counted, but all of a sudden, it flipped and next year it didn't count," he said.

But FLO representatives say that kind of mentality is necessary.



DTH ONLINE: Visit dailytarheel.com to see a video featuring a visit to the Kinston, N.C. hog farm of James West, whose pigs supply food in UNC dining halls.

"Any kind of third-party system that is going to check what is right or wrong or what is ethical needs to be dynamic," said Claire Hannapel, director of communications for FLO.

Freeman said he did not want to commit to something that is constantly changing.

Cindy Shea, director of UNC's Sustainability Office, said because students are not required to purchase a meal plan, prices must be competitive.

"Students here are not compelled to purchase meal plans, so there is always the opportunity for students to buy elsewhere, and the risk that if costs go up too much that students may choose not to participate," she said.

Aramark now handles most of UNC's dining operations.

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NCAA approves athlete support

UNC was among the schools that voted affirmatively on the new legislation.

By David Doochin
Staff Writer

UNC was one of 65 schools that voted to pass legislation on Saturday to better financially support student-athletes across the country with an increased value of athletic scholarships.

At an NCAA conference in Washington, D.C., UNC joined other ACC and Power 5 conference schools, their delegates and student-athletes to discuss the newly proposed legislation. UNC did not have any of its student-ath-

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Obama touts tax plan in SOTU

On Tuesday, the president discussed a need to ease the burden on the middle class.

By Sharon Nunn
Assistant State & National Editor

President Obama made his second-to-last State of the Union address on Tuesday night — touting an improved economy and proposing policies, including free community college, which will face a tough road ahead in a Republican-controlled Congress.

Obama suggested a number of workplace reforms, such as equal pay, paid sick leave, free community college and tax reforms that seek to close corporate tax loopholes, raise taxes on the country's top earners and tax inheritances.

UNC economics professor Patrick Conway said the idea of free community college, which sparked debate when Obama first announced it on Jan. 9, is a good move for the country economically because it leads to a more productive workforce and higher wages for the middle class.

"But politically, he's throwing down a gauntlet," he said. "And I don't think it's going to fly."

Mitch Kokai, a policy analyst for the right-leaning John Locke Foundation, said the policy probably won't make it through Congress as proposed.

"The president's 'free' community college proposal is basically a gimmick," Kokai said. "The president is saying that taxpayers should subsidize these community college students."

Conway said the free community college proposal — which Obama said would come from revenue raised from taxes on richer Americans and taxing inheritances — was a way to make a point that the wealthy should bear more of the burden.

He also said putting a tax on inheritances is "double-taxation," and is more of a political goal than an economic one.

"You're taxing the (parents') money when it's first made, and then taxing it again when they give it to their kids,"

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Contextualized grading debate an old one

The ongoing discussion relies on research and discussion from the past.

By Sara Salinas
Senior Writer

As faculty and students gear up for a semester-long discussion of contextualized grading at UNC, a decades-long conversation will likely see a resolution.

"Student government and Faculty Council have been interested in and worried about patterns of grading at Carolina since at least the 1970s," said Andrew Perrin, sociology professor and former chairman of the Educational Policy Committee. "The current proposal is the result, essentially, of a whole lot of discussions."

The University was set to implement contextualized grading in December but delayed the change to allow for technical fixes and additional student input.

The change would add contextualizing pieces of data to a student's

transcript, including the median grade of each class section and an individual's schedule point average, which would assess the rigor of a student's course schedule.

Perrin chaired the Educational Policy Committee when the resolution for contextualized grading was passed in 2010, but he said the call for a change came much earlier.

Reporting the problem

The University began its long tradition of evaluating grade inflation in 1976 with a first in a series of reports on grade patterns at UNC. The first report outlined a trend that was later identified as the first of two major occurrences of grade inflation.

"We used to have median grades of 2.4 and 2.7 (in the 1970s)," said Student Body Vice President Kyle Villemain. "And they steadily rose over time."

Around the same time, student government introduced the Carolina Course Review, a system for students to evaluate teachers.

"Faculty began being concerned

NEW TRANSCRIPT WITH CONTEXTUALIZED GRADES

COURSE	GRADE		MEDIAN	HRS	QUAL PTS	PERCENTILE RANGE	SIZE
2009 SPRING TERM							
BIOL 542	A		*	3	12	*	9
EXSS 273	A		[B+]	3	12	[0% - 6%]	48
EXSS 275L	A		[A]	1	4	[0% - 67%]	13
EXSS 385	A-		[B]	3	11.1	[19% - 31%]	27
PHYS 105	B+		[B]	4	13.2	[28% - 40%]	114
RELI 217	A		[A-]	3	12	[0% - 37%]	94
					CLASS MEDIAN		
2	AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	QPTS	GPA	SPA 3	ABOVE AT BELOW
CURRENT CUMULATIVE STATUS	17	17	17	64.30	3.782	[3.35]	4
STATUS	132	132	101	382.5	3.787	[3.047]	27
Dean's List							6
GOOD STANDING							1
1		2		3		4	
Percentile range in which the student earned grade falls.		Attempted hours, earned hours and quality hours.		Schedule point average (the GPA of the average student taking the course).		Number of sections in which the student achieved below, at and above the section median.	
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that the mechanism for student feedback on classes was driving up grades and leading to grade inflation," Villemain said.

The decades that followed brought increased attention to grade inflation, annual reports on grade patterns and differing interpretations of the causes and severity of grade inflation at UNC.

More than 30 years after the initial questions of grade patterns, Perrin's 2009 final report reasserted that grade inflation, compression and inequality existed at UNC, and that they needed to be addressed.

The solution that came out of the 2009 report was the contextualized

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Inside

TRAVELING LIKE A TURTLE

New research by a UNC biology professor explains how loggerhead sea turtles always find their way back home. **Page 4.**



UNC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREPS TO TAKE ON WAKE

The No. 15 North Carolina men's basketball team travels to Winston-Salem to play Wake Forest tonight in UNC's sixth conference game of the season. Here's what to expect from the team after a loss in Winston-Salem in 2014. **Page 7.**



Today's weather



The sun will come out tomorrow.
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Thursday's weather



Or not. But "Annie" is still great.
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“I’m not at all sure what speech is in the teleprompter tonight.”

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A little backwards thinking

From staff and wire reports

Because sometimes we just like to be the United States of Weird. Louisiana — the state that is home to the thrilling New Orleans — has upheld its law banning sodomy, despite the fact that it was ruled unconstitutional. The weird part is that necrophilia, commonly known as having sex with dead people, is still technically legal in the state. Somehow, that doesn’t seem to add up to us. The ban can’t exactly be enforced — we hope we don’t need to explain that one to you — and is not grounds for arresting anyone. There are four states that still have anti-sodomy laws but do not outlaw necrophilia and guess which state is included in that list? Ding, ding, ding, you guessed it. Good ol’ North Carolina. Have fun thinking about the logic behind that one.

NOTED. Who needs to steal jewels and cash when you can steal sewer grates? Two brothers were arrested in Pennsylvania for stealing as much as \$500,000 worth of sewer grates from cities in the state. Authorities say the men stole more than 1,000 grates. No word yet on what they were planning on doing with them.

QUOTED. “Some think, excuse me if I use the word, that in order to be good Catholics, we have to be like rabbits — but no.” — None other than Pope Francis discussing the Roman Catholic Church’s ban on contraception in the Catholic faith. He said the church promotes responsible parenthood and natural family planning.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

The Innovative Women Who Paved the Way: This event explores influential women who were activists during the Civil Rights Movement. The event will include the opportunity to engage in discussion about Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy in Chapel Hill. The event is free and open to the public.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Stone Center Hitchcock Room

Career Bytes: Resume Writing for Technical Majors: Univer-

sity Career Services is offering a session on how to formulate a resume when applying for a technical job. The event is free and open to all UNC students.
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Brooks Building, Room 009

THURSDAY

“50 Years After the Dream” Race and Justice System Panel: The panel discussion will focus on the role of race in the justice system. EROT and Harmonyx will perform at the event. Refresh-

ments will be offered, and art will be on display. The event is hosted by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the Campus Y.
Time: 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Location: Panel: Gerrard Hall, Performances: Campus Y Anne Queen Lounge

To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Thursday’s page 6 story “Q&A with Taylor Jo Isenberg” incorrectly stated Isenberg’s career path. After graduation, she worked for the Partnership for Secure America in Washington D.C., and realized she still believed in the long-term potential of the Roosevelt Institute. The story also misquoted Isenberg regarding her goals for the Institute. Their approach is aimed at encouraging a younger generation to directly influence policy outcomes in their communities. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

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ALL ABOUT THAT BASS



DTH/EVAN SEMONES

Acoustic and electric bassist Kenny Phelps-McKeown plays with The Doug Largent Trio at Looking Glass Cafe in Carrboro on Tuesday. The band performs at events in and around the Triangle with a revolving cast of musicians.

POLICE LOG

• Someone broke and entered through a back window of a residence and committed larceny on the 100 block of Caldwell Street between 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole Yves Saint Laurent cologne, a Seagate external hard drive, a cell-phone, a Timex watch and \$15 in loose change, reports state.

sign that was later returned, reports state.

• Someone broke and entered and vandalized a residence on the 600 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between 4:30 p.m. Sunday and 1:22 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person threw a rock and broke a window, reports state.

• Someone committed fraud on the 300 block of South Estes Drive between 3 p.m. and 3:29 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person called the resident and told them they owed money, reports state.

• Someone committed burglary on the 400 block of Cotton Street at 9:35 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone committed larceny at a parking deck at 150 E. Rosemary St. at 12:26 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole a parking

• Someone was charged with simple possession of drug paraphernalia on the 300 block of Telluride Trail at 6:02 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person trespassed onto private property to use narcotics, reports state.

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Experts debate minimum wage laws across country



T. William Lester (left) and Adam Smith (right) debate raising the federally mandated minimum wage at Van Hecke-Wettach Hall on Tuesday.

Academics couldn't agree on a specific reform for wages

By Corey Risinger
Staff Writer

Though introduced along party lines, two economic academics eventually found common political ground in their praise of community-set wages in a debate at UNC School of Law on Tuesday.

The debate, hosted by the Carolina Law Democrats and Republicans and the UNC Federalist Society, featured Adam Smith, director of the Center for Free Market Studies at Johnson & Wales University, and T. William Lester, a UNC professor of city & regional planning.

Smith and Lester began with a discussion of government involvement in finance, a topic of frequent contention among liberals and conservatives.

Lester said he believed in the promise of the federal government for raising the minimum wage — which is currently \$7.25 nationally and in North Carolina, though other states have set higher levels.

“Just because you're skeptical of gov-

ernment intervening to protect or outlaw something that you think is harmful doesn't mean that everything government does is bad,” Lester said.

But Smith joked that living in the South might have caused him to see government intervention as a red flag instantly. He said the government's earlier restrictions on same-sex marriage, pro-abortion rights positions and other minority rights are an indication that alternatives are more promising.

“We get fixated on the minimum wage because it's cute,” Smith said. “If we at least acknowledge that the trade-offs are possible in minimum wage, I would consider us to think of alternatives.”

Lester said it's necessary to address wage gaps and the topic shouldn't be written off by the public or legislators, referencing President Barack Obama's State of the Union address.

In the 2015 State of the Union, Obama did address the minimum wage — he challenged those who oppose increasing minimum wage to try living on it.

“If not, vote to give millions of the hard-

est working people in America a raise,” Obama said.

Neither Lester nor Smith agreed on any specific reform for the minimum wage.

“There's no clearcut line to say above \$10.50 you're morally righteous and below \$10.50 an hour you're horrible,” Lester said.

Smith said a minimum wage is not ideal, but its elimination is not realistic.

Both Smith and Lester said they recognized the potential for cities designating their own minimum wages if conditions were ideal, as in San Francisco, among others.

“It's not like we have choices between democracy and fascism,” Smith said. “We have choices between democracies and community organizations.”

But Mia Ragent, a first-year UNC law student and Bay Area native, said federal action is still necessary.

“I think the federal government needs to create the baseline that \$10.10 or some living wage should be the floor,” Ragent said.

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ATHLETIC-ACADEMIC SCANDAL Accreditation response made public

The University released its 223-page response to its accrediting agency.

By Victoria Mirian
Staff Writer

The University defended its integrity and made plans for future improvement in the 223-page response to questions raised by its accrediting body, released to the public Tuesday afternoon.

In November, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges informed the University it may be out of compliance with 18 standards. The University replied on Jan. 12.

“We've tried to provide as much transparency as we can, and we've worked very hard to make sure that it's as accessible as possible. And that process is still ongoing,” said Rick White, associate vice chancellor for communications and public affairs.

According to the response, the University is monitoring faculty behavior and has taken steps to ensure that all faculty members act with integrity.

The University assured the accrediting agency that the curriculum of the Department of African, African American and Diaspora Studies has been reformed since 2011.

The agency asked the University to “define and provide current policies and practices related to academic freedom.” In response, the University linked to the UNC system's definition of academic freedom.

The SACSCOC visited the University in early April 2013 in response to reports of the athletic-academic scandal. The Wainstein report was sent to the agency when its findings were released in Oct. 2014.

“When information comes to us in an unsolicited fashion, like in a newspaper article, we always check it against our principles to see if there's anything to suggest that the institution may be actually out of compliance with our principles,” said Belle Wheelan, president of SACSCOC.

“That's what happened.”

White said it's common for the agency to ask very detailed questions. He said people from across campus contributed to the response, which was coordinated by Lynn Williford, assistant provost for institutional research and assessment.

“We've given them answers that we believe fully and completely answer their questions,” White said.

The SACSCOC will review the University's response in June and decide if it is compliant. If the University is out of compliance, it could be given a warning and asked for a follow-up report, put on probation and receive another visit or be dropped from membership.

Though the response was published as a 223-page PDF document Tuesday, a web version and more than 400 supporting documents will be released today.

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Carrboro considers two designs for park

Residents disagree about the features Martin Luther King Jr. Park should include.

By Mary Taylor Renfro
Staff Writer

A plan for a new park in Carrboro is getting closer to finalization, though it still faces setbacks as community members disagree about its design and the amenities it could include.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Park is set to utilize 10 acres of land at 1120 Hillsborough Road.

Derek Williams, president of Site Solutions, the developer of the park, presented two concept designs to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen during its Jan. 13 meeting after reviewing the results from community planning sessions held throughout 2014.

Both designs include a natural playscape, walking trails, expansion of the community garden, a sculpture garden, constructed wetlands, a shelter, a pump track and a camping area. One design involves extending Tripp Farm Road to connect with Hillsborough Road.

After listening to Williams' presentation of both plans, the aldermen unanimously favored the plan that does not include extending the road.

But they also said more public conversation should be allowed to help determine the final layout of the park.

Williams said that the concept designs presented at the meeting were largely informed by input from community members during open planning sessions.

“They wanted low-impact development, the importance of the community garden was stressed, and the need to expand the garden was mentioned several times,” Williams said during the meeting.

Williams also said there was a

group of people who expressed interest in a pump track, which could be used for casual biking as well as for mountain biking.

Chapel Hill resident Dale Rhodes said he participated in each community planning session because he lives adjacent to the park and wants to see it become a pleasant feature of the neighborhood.

Rhodes and several other residents submitted a letter to Randee Haven-O'Donnell, a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, in November. In the letter, they voiced concerns about the extension of Tripp Farm Road and the inclusion of a pump track in the park's design.

“The park is only 10 acres big, and the proposal for a pump track would consume two or three acres of the 10, and that's caused some concern among the neighbors,” Rhodes said.

“We don't think that's an appropriate use of the land, frankly.”

Haven-O'Donnell said she is concerned that including a pump track will mix two incompatible concepts in the park.

“Unlike with Anderson Park, this is a park that is surrounded with immediate neighbors, so I think it begs the question of what is most suitable to be in a suburban neighborhood rather than downtown,” she said.

Rhodes said he hopes the town will consider the needs of the neighborhood as it continues to develop the design for the park.

“If you live in this part of town, you know there's not much open space, that MLK Park is pretty much it,” Rhodes said.

“But for people who just want to take their kids for a walk, or throw a frisbee, or take their dogs out or any of those kinds of things, there really was no space before, so that's really the most important thing for them.”

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Hanes welcomes latest lecture

David Reinfurt lectured on his career in graphic design Tuesday night.

By Robert McNeely
Senior Writer

Over 100 excited students and faculty members gathered at the Hanes Art Center on Tuesday to hear from the organization's first Visiting Artist Lecture of the semester — who also happens to be a UNC alumnus.

Graphic designer and Princeton University professor David Reinfurt discussed his large body of work over the past two decades, citing specifically his pieces now on display at the Hanes Art Center's John and June Alcott Gallery.

Graduating from UNC after pursuing interests in graphic design, architecture, computer science and journalism, Reinfurt says his eclectic background has dramatically influenced his work.

“I've spent time dipping my fingers into many different pots,” he said during the lecture.

Reinfurt began the presentation by recounting major moments of his career, telling the audience that his first piece of graphic design work was the logo for the UNC Staff Recreation Association, also known as The Farm. The logo features basic shapes and colors representing recreational activities like swimming.

“I designed the logo for The Farm in 1992, the year before I graduated,” he said. “I grew up there and my family were members, so it's cool to look back and see my original design.”

Since beginning his career, Reinfurt has worked on numerous projects in the New York City and New Jersey area.

Whether developing the



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UNC alumnus David Reinfurt speaks at Hanes Art Center on Tuesday.

touch interface design of New York City metro card machines, or helping repurpose Long Island City signs to give the area a new artistic identity, Reinfurt's exhibited work focuses on underscoring already existing pieces of art and technology — often in ways meant to be ignored entirely by those seeing it.

“It's an idea I love. You can really take very seriously something that's by nature meant to disappear,” Reinfurt said. “It can seem kind of derogatory to say something looks like a screen-saver, so I thought that'd be an interesting thing to work with.”

Reinfurt said his work centers heavily on exploring the ambient, or passive elements of design as a way of creating something uniquely below the surface.

“He explores so many small things you wouldn't normally think about,” said senior history major Andrew Dinwiddie.

“Most people would never think about who designed these things, but when you're working that small, every detail seems

super important.”

Before beginning teaching at Princeton in 2010, Reinfurt held teaching positions at both Yale and Columbia University.

To date, he has several graphic design pieces on permanent display at museums such as the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

“I was just struck by so much of (the lecture),” said Maggie Sparling, who graduated from UNC in 2014.

“There's just graphic design everywhere. Like even an exit sign, someone designed that. That's incredible.”

Reinfurt said his work also greatly utilizes obsolete technology and design as a way of questioning whether it is always better to move on as a culture.

“When you get into the specifics, at some point it's really a kind of engineering,” Dinwiddie said.

“It's not traditional graphic design. It's like the program he's created is the performer.”

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Mystery of turtles' voyage uncovered

By Sarah Kaylan Butler
Staff Writer

Research published by UNC biologists Thursday revealed sea turtles' secrets to navigating the ocean and returning home.

The endangered loggerhead sea turtle travels completely around the Atlantic Ocean during its lifetime, beginning along the eastern coast of Florida and passing by Spain, Portugal and the northern coast of Africa, biology professor Kenneth Lohmann said.

The loggerhead is only able to make this five to 10 year journey once in its lifetime, but it returns to its original home using imprinting and magnetic fields as a sort of global positioning system.

Imprinting is crucial to turtles being able to find their birthplaces, J. Roger Brothers, a Ph.D. student in the biology department, said.

"Imprinting is really just a special form of learning," Brothers said. "So we usually

think of imprinting in terms of geese imprinting on their mother figure."

Brothers said the earth's magnetic field is useful for two reasons.

"The first is that it's different everywhere in the world. And the second is it exists everywhere in the world," he said.

"So even out in the middle of the ocean, where turtles migrate, where it seems very featureless — if you've ever been out on a boat, there's nothing to tell you where you are — turtles can sense the earth's magnetic field and they've developed this way to use the earth's magnetic field almost like an internal GPS."

The biology department's research has solved the mystery of sea turtle navigation, but with magnetic fields at risk from beach development, the turtles are at risk, too.

"People don't usually think much about magnetic field distortions when hotels are built on beaches," Lohmann

"To me, it is just one of the great wonders of the natural world..."

Kenneth Lohmann,
professor of biology

said. "Between that and the wire cages that are sometimes put over the turtle nests to protect them from predators, it's likely that we've been disrupting the magnetic environment ... that may actually impair their ability to return to their home beaches."

Bald Head Island Conservancy Executive Director Suzanne Dorsey said they currently protect the nesting grounds with a wire cage.

The UNC study included a large portion of data conducted by the state of Florida, but in the more recent studies behavioral experiments have been conducted on turtles housed in a lab in Wilson Hall.

To monitor the turtles' directional instincts, UNC biologists strap the turtles



Video helps UNC family in need

By Marisa Bakker
Staff Writer

A UNC employee said she's been overwhelmed by the generosity that has followed since a Pennsylvania family took to social media to raise money for her sister who is battling cancer.

In late August, Patti Coyne Powell was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Coyne Powell is a mother of four children, aged 2, 15, 18 and 19. She is employed as a teacher's assistant at a Pennsylvania elementary school.

"She's one of those people who's just the greatest mother in the world — she lives for her children, does everything for her children, she's just extraordinary," said Tina CoyneSmith, Coyne Powell's sister and the director of development and prospect management for the Arts and Sciences Foundation at UNC.

Coyne Powell's cancer has progressed far enough that she is unable to return to work, leaving her without a source of income and struggling to cover basic living expenses, particularly rent, CoyneSmith said.

Enter Derek DeShane — friend of Tim CoyneSmith, Coyne Powell's brother-in-law.

DeShane, who works for Lenovo, and his family entered a video into a contest sponsored by Lenovo for the company's employees. The first video to get 500,000 views will be awarded a grand prize of \$50,000. But instead of pocketing the money, if DeShane's video wins, he plans to give all of the proceeds to Coyne Powell and her family.

While the video was not initially created to benefit Coyne Powell, Tim CoyneSmith approached DeShane with an idea: Use her story to promote the video, and if it won, her family would get a portion of



the proceeds. DeShane and his wife decided to go all in.

"It would really be no skin off our noses if we just gave it all to her," DeShane said. "It's a good cause, and her family needs the money."

The outpouring of kindness from those such as DeShane has overwhelmed Coyne Powell and her family,

she said.

"People still help people — there are still good people in the world that help others with no strings attached," she said.

Even if the video doesn't win, the DeShane family's generosity won't go unappreciated, Coyne Powell said.

"Whether or not they win the contest, that incredible, generous act has brought them such a sense of hope," Tina CoyneSmith said. "The importance of that sense of hope can't be overstated."

At the very least, DeShane has driven traffic to the GiveForward page, which has now raised \$6,000 for Coyne Powell and her family.

For Coyne Powell, the kindness of friends, family and strangers alike has lifted her spirits.

"I am overwhelmed with the generosity of people, some of whom I do not even know, just dropping things off at my house, donating to a 'give it forward' fund my sister has going, bringing me food, everything," she said.

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Council will debate unused properties

By Sarah Crump
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council has not yet made a decision about the sale of several unused town properties.

The Council is discussing the future of the former town hall property at 100 W. Rosemary St., and the Fire Station No. 4 property at 101 Weaver Diary Road. The Council decided the properties could be used more effectively.

Councilwoman Donna Bell said the former town hall housed the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services men's shelter. Now that the council is building a new men's shelter on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the space is available for the first time in about 20 years.

"The entire council has voiced a desire to maintain that property," Bell said. "But that's not to say that there isn't an amount of money that would make selling it worthwhile. It would have to be a fairly high amount, however."

Bell said the council discussed placing a preservation marker on the property to ensure that the exterior of the old town hall is preserved, regardless of its future use.

Councilman Lee Storrow said the council is also considering partnering with local organizations to redevelop the town hall site in a way that complements the area.

"I think that property has a real historical significance for the town," Storrow said. "I think what we really want to do is to find a way to make syn-

ergy possible between that area of town and the town hall site."

There have been informal proposals to turn the property into a Chapel Hill visitor's bureau, a town museum and an expanded business incubator.

Jason Damweber, assistant to the town manager, said the fire station was valued at \$2.13 million in a 2012 appraisal. The Council will not know what the property is currently worth until it has made a formal decision to sell the site.

Though the Fire Station No. 4 property is outdated, Storrow said the Council was thinking about building a new fire station. He said it would be great if the town could make money off the sale of the property.

Damweber said if the town decides to sell the fire station property to a developer for money, it will have to build another station nearby.

The proceeds would be used to meet this need and pay for other town projects. The Council also has the option of trading the land with another and using the other land for town use.

"The town is in need of a new public safety facility and so the timing is right to consider the best way to meet the town's needs," Damweber said.

Damweber said no formal offers have been made to purchase the properties and the Council's discussions are based on loose initial ideas offered by the town manager.

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GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FRANK artists celebrate their county

The exhibit features works inspired by Orange County.

By Morgan Vickers
Staff Writer

Catharine Carter grew up in Chapel Hill, graduated from UNC in 1974 and has lived here for her entire adult life.

As an artist, she likes producing art inspired by memories of growing up in Orange County.

“I grew up in Chapel Hill. My dad was on the faculty in the music department,” Carter said. “When I was building these images, I was trying to bring back all of those memories of the different time periods.”

Carter’s photographs brought Chapel Hill to life in what she calls “The Collective Memory Series,” which will be featured in FRANK Gallery’s latest exhibition, “Local: Inside and Out,” which will run through April 5.

Local artist Sudie Rakusin is part of the collective that organizes all of FRANK’s

exhibitions. She said the organization of “Local: Inside and Out” was a process of several months and was inspired by the beauty and nostalgia that Orange County holds.

Rakusin also said that “Local: Inside and Out” will be FRANK’s last themed show before the gallery shifts to featuring specific artists. She believes this is why it is special to highlight local talent in the gallery’s last themed exhibition. Steve Hessler, Henry Link and other FRANK artists have all contributed to the exhibit.

“We want to be connected to the community and one of the ways of being connected is having images on our walls that are local, that people can recognize and feel comfortable with,” Rakusin said.

Alongside local artwork, FRANK Gallery will also present interactive opportunities for the community, including a performance by a Hillsborough band, The Piedmont Regulators, and immersive “Travel Journal” workshops led by local artists.

Matt Singer, banjoist and singer for The Piedmont Regulators, said FRANK gave

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Time: Daytime, through April 5

Location: FRANK Gallery, Franklin Street

Info: www.frankisart.com

the band the freedom to play with the idea of what it means to be immersed in home through all of the senses.

“I think we will add a certain excitement to the atmosphere (of the gallery),” Singer said. “We don’t really have a polished feel, but that’s what gives us that sort of down-home feel.”

Rakusin agrees that home is an immersive environment, and that’s what she attempted to create through the “Travel Journal” workshops, in which community members go on excursions with local artists and learn techniques, such as painting or photography.

“It’s nostalgic and it’s memories and it’s home,” Rakusin said. “There’s something special in this art.”

Rakusin and Carter both believe the beauty of Orange County is something to be



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FRANK Gallery, located on East Franklin Street, has a new exhibit called, “Local: Inside and Out,” which features works of North Carolina artists that reflect their views of the state and their homes.

highlighted and appreciated, both through art and in everyday life.

“It’s a beautiful county when you get out even further and I think there’s a lot of

room for magical experience within your memories,” Carter agreed.

“I hope it makes people sort of look again and feel the emotion that you feel in not

just the visual, but the emotional pull that our area can have on us. That’s sort of the beginning of a story.”

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Anti-poverty program zeroes in on downtown

By Aren Besson
Staff Writer

More than 20 Orange County officials and residents came together Thursday to brainstorm strategies for reducing poverty.

The kickoff meeting was the first of many needs-assessment sessions for the Family Success Alliance anti-poverty program created last year.

The Family Success Alliance Advisory Council, a group of 22 representatives from local governments and non-profit organizations across the county, hopes to lower the rates of child poverty in Orange County through grassroots outreach and action.

In December, the council decided to target its efforts in Zone 4 and Zone 6 of Orange County. That progress continued with the kickoff meeting, which focused on the needs of Zone 6.

Zone 4 is located between Interstate 40 and Interstate

85, while Zone 6 covers the area from downtown Chapel Hill southwest to N.C. 54.

Stacy Shelp, spokeswoman for the Orange County Health Department, said the meetings will identify where the cracks are in the system and determine the best strategies for fixing those cracks.

“The common goal will obviously meet the needs for specific zones, but then reach out to other zones to provide different support so we don’t see kids falling through the cracks,” she said.

Carrboro Alderman Damon Seils said the program will more effectively coordinate social services to increase access to education, food and health care for lower-income residents of Orange County.

“We are in the phase where we are figuring out what the needs are so we can decide what to do next,” Seils said.

Meredith McMonigle, Family Success Alliance

project coordinator, said the data collection is a participatory process.

“We don’t want to come in as outsiders — we are inviting the community to participate in this process,” she said.

Shelp said the needs assessment phase is expected to take two to three months.

“It’s going to be fast, and we want to get it moving quickly in an impactful way,” she said.

Members of the community can give input by coming to needs-assessment sessions, including the Zone 4 session tonight from 5 to 6:15 p.m. at A. L. Stanback Middle School in Hillsborough.

Earl McKee, chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, said the county is at a good starting point.

“Any effort that Orange County can make towards ensuring the success of our residents is something we are all obligated to look at,” he said.

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Muslim Student Association, others get Congress funding

By Kristen Chung
Senior Writer

After Duke canceled its scheduled call to prayer Friday, discussions of University resources for UNC Muslims students were brought to the surface.

UNC’s Muslim Student Association appeared before Student Congress Tuesday, along with four other student groups, to request funding for the spring semester.

The Muslim Student Association asked for \$7,026 to be retroactively funded for their largest fundraiser, Sportsfest, which benefited the secondary education of Muslim girls in Tanzania. The group’s representative said the group is requesting the funds, despite having the money saved to cover the Sportsfest expense, because they are hoping to save enough for their own chaplain.

Khadiga Konsouh, a sophomore and MSA community service chair, said in a previous interview with The Daily Tar Heel that MSA shares a chaplain with Duke University and North Carolina State University.

The other groups requesting funds were the UNC Dance Team, Hispanic/Latino Law Students’ Association, Carolina Association for Future Magazine Editors and anarchist group the UNControllables.

Each of the groups had to send representatives to full congress after failing to receiving unanimous approval in the finance committee and all groups were granted their requests Tuesday.

The 30-year-old UNC Dance Team, which is not funded by the athletic depart-

ment, requested funding for the first time this year.

“We commit around 15 hours to our rehearsals and work outs, and this doesn’t include games and fundraisers,” said team member Hailey Salito. “The biggest thing we are here for is funding for our national competition.”

Salito said the 22 members have to each pay about \$600 each for costumes and other dance-related expenses. The group’s request of \$12,838 was approved to send the team to a national dance competition.

The 18-member student anarchist group, the UNControllables, asked for \$8,340 to bring radical speakers to campus.

“We are the only anarchist group at UNC, and as far as I know we are the only anar-

chist group at a university in the South,” UNControllable member James Murphey said.


The group wants to bring speakers like Harry Halpin, a team member of the World Wide Web Consortium to speak about topics like hacking and digital resistance. Murphey said Halpin would cost \$2,500 to bring to campus. The group was eventually approved for funding, but was originally brought up for a second discussion because of the amount of money being spent on events.

“Last semester we gave out a lot of money to people with good budgets, and we ran out of money very quickly,” said Cole Simons, a Student Congress representative.

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UNC-system happenings

Light rail coming to UNC-C

Construction is under-way on a 9.3-mile light rail system linking UNC-Charlotte to uptown, to be completed in 2017. Caroline Fourier, a UNC-C junior, said she goes uptown about once a month but might go more if there were a light rail system.

“It’s a neat idea to connect it all the way to campus,” she said. “I’m sure it will make things safer for all of the people who decide to go clubbing on the weekends.”

The \$1.16 billion project, named the Blue Line Extension, is being paid for by a grant from the Federal Transit Authority, state funding and the Charlotte Area Transit System.

The project is the most expensive Charlotte light rail section to date because of its length and the bridges and roads it will traverse.

Even so, developers hope the light rail system will facilitate economic growth and decrease traffic in the area.

UNC-P studies school’s impact

Bishwa Koirala, a UNC-Pembroke economics professor, published a study Jan. 7 revealing the economic impact UNC-P has on nearby Robeson, Cumberland, Scotland, Bladen, Columbus and Moore counties.

The impact was immense — his model revealed the university was responsible for 2,477 jobs and an annual payroll of \$70 million. The results come as state lawmakers continue to demand that universities demonstrate a return on investment and get students jobs.

Ken Kitts, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, commissioned the study and said it was more affirming than surprising.

“We have a good idea of the difference UNC-P makes in the lives of the people of southeastern North Carolina,” he said. “With a total economic impact of over \$130 million, it is clear that we are an economic driver for this entire region.”

UNC-W touts marine diversity

Now is the best time of year for UNC-Wilmington students to spot whales swimming past their campus.

Research indicates that the coast of North Carolina has more marine mammal biodiversity than other regions along the Atlantic seaboard. North Carolina researchers, including several professors from UNC-W, attribute the biodiversity to the state’s varied marine ecosystems and proximity to the Gulf Stream.

According to the N.C. Aquarium, eight of the world’s 10 “great” species of whales — whales that reach 30 feet in length or more — have been spotted off the state’s coast.

“Humpback whales tend to be in our North Carolina waters from late fall through winter and head out by early spring. Generally, the largest number of sightings is in the winter,” said Ann Pabst, a UNC-W marine biology professor.

ECU rewards class innovation

For more than 30 years, an East Carolina University grant program has awarded money to professors with creative ideas for teaching courses.

The program, which is managed by the ECU Faculty Senate, began in 1983 and is chaired by nursing professor Donna Roberson.

“Many courses have benefited from new technologies, creative teaching strategies, or application of new ideas from industry or the professions to the classroom setting,” she said.

Last year, 10 grants totaling \$114,565 were given for proposals on topics ranging from 19th century photography techniques to the lineage of jazz dance.

“There has been (a) great impact on teaching,” Roberson said. “Most of the projects I have reviewed in my time on the committee have been sustainable over time and impacted students over the course of many semesters.”

Triangle ArtWorks moves to Durham’s Research Triangle Park

By Zhai Yun Tan
Senior Writer

Research Triangle Park is eager to shed its corporate stereotype by filling some of its space with the arts.

Triangle ArtWorks, a nonprofit that promotes collaboration in the Triangle’s creative community, moved into the park’s new building — The Frontier — to push the effort.

The nonprofit will host an open house tonight inviting artists into the space.

“We know that the typical stereotype of the RTP is a bit corporate and old fashioned,”

said Jacob Newbauer, community coordinator at RTP.

“We’re trying to address this head-on by trying to create opportunities for people to do something very forward-thinking rather than typical work in a big corporate building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and then go home.”

RTP is home to more than 190 research companies and big corporations, including IBM and Credit Suisse. But the scientists and engineers have double lives too — Newbauer said many of them are creative people who practice art.

“They feel like to be creative and practice their art they have to go outside of RTP,” he said. “They shouldn’t need to leave the RTP to channel their creativity.”

Beth Yerxa, executive director of Triangle ArtWorks, approached RTP about merging fields to foster innovation.

“There is a global movement to bring science, technology and arts together,” she said. “If this is happening around the country and the world, then it should be happening in RTP.”

The organization will have its first office in The Frontier,

along with a community space where it can bring together artists across disciplines in the Triangle.

The group aims to connect artists with resources and opportunities in the Triangle and to experiment with collaboration between the arts and science communities.

“We also hope to work with arts entrepreneurship education,” Yerxa said.

The new hub for artists could also bring economic benefits, said Aaron Shackelford, postdoctoral fellow for Carolina Performing Arts.

“It’s going to make

Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Cary and Apex even more exciting places to live,” he said. “If you have all these creative artists and opportunities in the area, it’s going to make starting a business and recruiting people to come all the more appealing.”

Artists would also have an opportunity to communicate with each other, Shackelford said.

“I don’t run into my peers from Raleigh all that often,” he said. “I actually ran into one of them in New York two weeks ago — we had to go to New York City to talk and see

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each other.”

But Newbauer’s plans for RTP aren’t limited to professional artists.

“We don’t only want to work with adults,” Newbauer said. “We also want to work with innovative students.”

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 – Teamwork powers your project, so spend extra attention on clear communications with Mercury retrograde for the next few weeks. Things can get lost in translation. Review your work over habitually. Speak what's in your heart, straight and unvarnished.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 – Review old material for new ideas over the next few weeks with Mercury retrograde. Revise your resume. Old promises could come back to haunt you. Double-count the numbers. Advance your career by finding ways to make it more joyful.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 – The travel bug has bitten. Breakdowns and delays provoked by Mercury's retrograde don't scare you. It doesn't need to be expensive. Allow extra time for interesting deviations. Get advice from someone who's been there. Study and explore.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 – There is no shortage of benefits, if you apply for them. Ask for what you want. Do the paperwork early to avoid breakdowns. An opportunity window is open now that could benefit your family's fortune. Do the numbers.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 – Teamwork and partnership thrive with nurturing, and provide great results this month. Breakdowns occur when misunderstandings go unaddressed and fester. Keep communication channels open. Schedule carefully. Avoid stirring up jealousies. Thank your crew for their unique contributions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 – You're on fire at work this month, and there may be some fires to put out over the next few weeks with Mercury retrograde. Misunderstandings stop the action. Clear them immediately. Share written objectives in a visible place.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 – For the next three weeks with Sun, New Moon and Mercury (retrograde) in Aquarius, practice, practice, practice. Work out breakdowns and mistakes. Cut costs by simplifying. Improve your playing by putting in the time. Use persuasion and creativity.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 – Home is where you heart is, especially over the next few weeks. Breakdowns in domestic projects (especially regarding electronics and appliances) could require attention. Fix things before they break. Keep your infrastructure and systems functioning. Use your creative talents.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 – Establish new channels of communication this month, and keep them clear and operational with vigilance. Resolve misunderstandings as they occur. Check in frequently with social accounts and conversations. You've got the gift of words, but they can still get garbled.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 9 – There's plenty of money to be made, and opportunities abound. Keep good records. Review financial statements to catch errors that could arise with Mercury's retrograde. Track your time and materials. Keep communications clear. Respond to all inquiries.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 9 – Mercury retrograde breakdowns in confidence could throw you your stride. Don't pay attention to self-doubt. Remind yourself of your own accomplishments and talents. Create a new theme song. Step into power and leadership this month.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 – For about three weeks with Mercury retrograde, revisit your old meditation or yoga program. Enjoy nostalgia and retrospection. Dance to old songs you used to love. You're gaining wisdom. Think, plan and review your objectives. Prepare for uncharted territory.

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UNC-Wake Forest storylines to note

By Daniel Wilco and Pat James
Senior Writers

The No. 15 North Carolina men's basketball team heads to Winston-Salem tonight to take on Wake Forest in UNC's sixth conference game of the season. The Tar Heels are 14-4 and 4-1 in ACC play, while the Demon Deacons are 9-9 and 1-4 in conference play. Here are a couple of storylines The Daily Tar Heel has highlighted for tonight's game:

Wade Moody is back

North Carolina's point guard rotation is deprived. Joel Berry pulled his groin, Luke Davis reaggravated his foot, Stilman White has a stress reaction in his foot and Marcus Paige is banged up on the entire right side of his body, but he's powering through. Not only does this complicate UNC's strategy at game time, but it throws practice for a loop as well. Coach Roy Williams has admitted that he's turned down the intensity somewhat to compensate for his players' propensity for injury and some players have said change has affected their gameplay.

How did he solve this conundrum? By bringing in Wade Moody. The former walk-on guard joined UNC for practice last week, said Brice Johnson. The result? The team's next game, against Virginia Tech, was UNC's sec-



Kennedy Meeks (3) blocks a shot in UNC's win against Wake Forest at the Smith Center in 2014. DTH FILE PHOTO

ond-largest margin of victory in ACC play.

Payback time

UNC opened ACC play during the 2013-14 season with a 73-67 loss in Winston-Salem before a redeeming 105-72 win in Chapel Hill on Feb. 22. The loss in Winston-Salem marked the second consecutive season in which UNC fell in its ACC opener and put the team in an early hole in conference play.

But this season, the Tar Heels head to Wake Forest riding a sizzling start to ACC

play. With a 4-1 record thus far, UNC is off to its best conference start since the 2011-12 season.

With road wins over Clemson and N.C. State, the team is pursuing a 3-0 start away from the Smith Center in conference play. A win over the Demon Deacons will give the Tar Heels their best start on the road in ACC play since the 2007-08 season.

Rebounding

The Tar Heels enter Wednesday night's contest averaging 44.3 rebounds per

game. While this mark is one of the highest in the country, the Demon Deacons aren't too far behind — averaging 40.1 rebounds per game.

In order to maintain this advantage on the glass, UNC must box out junior forward Devin Thomas, who is second in the ACC with 9.72 rebounds per game.

This responsibility will likely belong to Kennedy Meeks, who has nine double-digit rebounding performances this season and leads the Tar Heels with 8.4 boards per game.

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NCAA

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letes present at the conference. The most important resolution was a cost of attendance policy, which will allow universities to fund more than just tuition, said UNC Director of Athletics Bubba Cunningham.

"The first (resolution) was moving the scholarship from what had been previously defined as a full scholarship — room, board, books, tuition, fees — to (one that) includes miscellaneous expenses, or what is commonly referred to as cost of attendance," he said. "Beginning in the fall of 2015, we'll be able to offer full cost of attendance for student-athletes."

One of the more controversial resolutions voted on and rejected was the proposal that an athlete's poor performance should result in an elimination or reduction of a scholarship, Cunningham said.

Lissa Broome, the director of UNC's Center for Banking and Finance and a representative of the University's Faculty Athletics Committee, said the connection between poor athletic performance and the cutting of scholarship funding was a highly controversial topic among the representative student-athletes.

"Some athletes were against the resolution, saying that they only wanted to play with the best on their teams," she said. "(Now), if you have a player who doesn't run as fast as you thought they did, you can't cut them for that reason."

Jackie Copeland, senior assistant director of client services and the NCAA in UNC's

"We do have students who don't have their full costs met..."

Jackie Copeland,
Office of Scholarships and Student Aid

Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, said the resolution doesn't require massive restructuring of how student-athletes receive scholarships.

"For me and our office, it's really just going to mean that athletics will pay a different dollar amount," she said. "The funding for athletic scholarships comes from the Department of Athletics, so it won't have a budgetary change for our office."

Broome said she expects the new legislation to have an impact across the country, because UNC student-athletes aren't the only ones grappling with paying for their college experience.

"It affects UNC just like it affects any other school," she said.

Copeland said the financial benefits will stop many UNC student-athletes from worrying about finding money from elsewhere to cover expenses that aren't tuition-based.

"Currently we do have students who don't have their full costs met with grant or scholarship funding; they can borrow loans," she said. "But I also see what the appeal would be for someone in athletics to not want those students to have to borrow if they're supposed to be here on a full scholarship."

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STATE OF UNION

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Conway said.

Obama also said in the speech he wanted to close corporate tax loopholes and raise taxes on America's top earners.

UNC Young Democrats President Tony Liu said he and the Young Democrats are excited to hear about Obama's tax proposals.

"Income inequality is a destabilizing factor for long-standing prosperity and a healthy middle class," he said.

But Frank Pray, the UNC College Republicans chairman, said the policies Obama advocated for would be detrimental to the economy.

"The College Republicans believe in equality under the law," Pray said. "That includes the tax code."

Kokai said Congress will undoubtedly pursue some sort of tax reform package, and that our current tax code is complicated, which retards economic growth.

Obama also implored Congress to authorize military action against ISIL and touched on recent protests in Ferguson, Mo. and New York, climate change, closing the jail in Guantanamo Bay and

gay marriage.

Obama ended the address the way most presidents do — with an attempt to unite both sides of the political spectrum.

"A better politics is one where we debate without demonizing each other; where we talk issues, and values, and principles and facts," Obama said.

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SUSTAINABLE

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"That is actually what has been a part of the success story of recent years is working with students and Aramark and Carolina Dining Services," Shea said.

One local provider is Firsthand Foods, which supplies pork to UNC.

"The executive chefs three years ago contacted us directly saying they were interested in sourcing local, sustainable meat products, and the conversation went from there," said Jennifer Curtis, co-CEO of Firsthand Foods.

In order to provide pork for the dining halls, many farmers work in cooperation with Firsthand to fulfill the order.

Curtis said Firsthand has about 60 farmers who supply either pork or beef.

West, who provides pork to Firsthand, said his relationship with the company has been very useful in keeping

his farm profitable.

"Firsthand is a reliable, dependable buyer of premium products and quite honestly, the only way I could afford to raise hogs like this is if I get a premium price," he said.

The pork that is sent to campus dining halls is animal-welfare approved.

"That's the gold standard for humane production in the country," Curtis said.

Some meats served in the dining hall, however, are not treated as ethically as others.

The University has moved away from using caged chickens, but Freeman wonders if cage-free is really better.

"Caged is kind of tough because they clip the wings and they put maybe two hens to a cage, but if you go to a farm that is cage-free, the hens are all in (a) pen," he said.

Despite efforts to improve, a 2014 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System report gave UNC a .56 out of 4.00 in food and beverage purchasing.

"You need to take it in con-

text. While we did not achieve the full points available in the credits, it is also the goals within the STARS criteria are also really emphasized on aspirational things like zero waste and climate," Shea said. "While those are great things to shoot for, we are not going to get to those levels overnight."

According to a report by FLO, UNC's local and sustainable food purchases have increased to more than 21 percent, Freeman said.

"I think CDS continues to show their interest in expanding the amount of real food served," said FLO member Alexandria Huber.

Curtis believes the University is making great strides to use its unique position to promote locally sourced food both in Chapel Hill and at other universities.

"I think universities have tremendous purchasing power, and I think UNC is a model for how it can be done well," she said.

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GRADING

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grading proposal that faces student government and the faculty council today, but it won't be the first time UNC has discussed the proposal.

Not behind the scenes

Holly Edgington, 2010-11 student body vice president, said she inherited contextualized grading from her predecessor, David Bevevino, and continued the discussion.

"It wasn't something we were doing in the dark, behind the scenes," Edgington said. "We spent a lot of time talking with faculty."

Edgington said her administration vetted the idea with student focus groups and reviewed mock-ups of the future transcripts.

"At that time, there was a good amount of student and faculty support," Edgington said. "But we knew that there needed to be time to get everyone used to the idea."

So implementation was intentionally delayed, she said.

Perrin said that in fact, the resolution was originally intended to take effect in the fall of 2012, but the introduction of ConnectCarolina and then the Wainstein Report caused delays.

By the time the University

was ready to roll out the new transcripts, there was a completely new student body, many of whom hadn't ever heard of the proposal.

"There was this other new set of concerns from some members of student government that they sort of didn't understand it, or felt they hadn't been consulted enough on it," Perrin said.

A new page

Karthik Sundaram, the undergraduate representative on the Educational Policy Committee, said the group will spend this semester reviewing the now 5-year-old policy.

In looking forward, Sundaram said, the committee will take into account conversations of the past.

"We don't want to turn over the same stones," he said. "One of the biggest components that was missing from before actually is feedback from employers and grad schools."

Edgington and Bevevino said students' biggest concern was the potential impacts contextualized grades will have on post-graduate opportunities.

"As you talk about contextualized grading ... you get students worried about, will my good work be recognized the way it should?" Bevevino said.

A lack of feedback from professionals continues to be one

of the biggest concerns among students, Villemain said.

"We hadn't put this transcript in front of anyone who reads transcripts for a living," Villemain said. "As soon as students were hearing that, they were pretty freaked."

While Perrin said mock-ups of the new contextualized transcripts were not shown to employers in 2010, they were in fact shown to admissions officers at graduate schools.

"That was the piece that we were most attentive to," Perrin said. "Any of the professional schools really understand this because they already do it."

A changing University

"We are in a different place than we were in 2010," Villemain said. "Making sure that grading is fair and that our classes have academic integrity, especially right now, that's hugely important."


The post-Wainstein era tells professors that there's danger in high grades, Villemain said, and contextualized grading is reinforcing that message.

"It's coming at an interesting time, because we are now associating clustered grades as extremely dangerous," he said.

"The other question is, is this still the right policy for a new University?"

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17 Well-worn, as comfy shoes

19 "Finito!"

20 Stretches on the road

21 Inventor Nikola

23 Director who sued Spike TV for using his name

24 British prep school

25 University of North Carolina city

27 Fives and tens

29 Clueless

30 Lennon's love

32 Door fasteners

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44 Shellac ingredient

45 Insect egg

46 Not a pretty fruit

49 Surprise for the taste buds

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60 "Chasing Pavements" singer

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Carolina squirrels: Best in the world

Upon returning from his voyage to the Galapagos Islands, Charles Darwin made what to modern academics might seem like a peculiar career move. Rather than devoting his energy to publishing what would become “On the Origin of the Species” — that would have to wait over 20 years — he returned to the respectable work of a student of nature at the time: writing extensive monographs of plants and animals. In Darwin’s case, it was barnacles of all things that captivated his attention.

In homage to this seemingly obscure undertaking, I have decided to try my hand as a naturalist by cataloging the squirrel population of UNC, or *Sciurus tarheelius*. For maximum effect, please read the following remarks in the voice of Sir David Attenborough.

Sciurus tarheelius is a sub-population of the Eastern Gray Squirrel with unique properties adapted to life on a college campus. Its home spans from Franklin Street to U.S. 15-501, north to south, and Ridge Road to South Columbia Street from east to west. Population density is high in McCorkle and Polk Places. Akin to Oscar from “Sesame Street,” these rodents make their homes in the numerous trash cans distributed throughout campus.

The diet of *Sciurus tarheelius* consists of equal parts acorns and pizza from Lenoir, with the addition of cookies from Ram’s Head as one travels farther south. This has resulted in chronic obesity throughout the population that is only kept in check by the necessity of dashing to a trash can to avoid falling prey to the campus’ well-fed hawks and owls. I speculate that the squirrels suffer from hypertension due to their poor diet and stressful lifestyle, and I intend to test this hypothesis once my squirrel-sized blood pressure cuff arrives from Amazon.

The behavior of *Sciurus tarheelius* ranges from extreme paranoia to brazen fearlessness, likely due to constant consumption of discarded caffeinated beverages. Though likely an outlier, at least one squirrel has demonstrated a propensity for social media usage as evidenced by the Gossip Squirrel UNC Facebook page.

Attempts at domesticating these energetic creatures have been made, as in the case of the famous Squirrel Girl of 2012. This attempt at animal husbandry, however, was promptly thwarted by residence hall staff. One is left to ponder the possibility of traversing campus via sled-squirrels during the cold winter months.

Lastly, *Sciurus tarheelius* are known to meet in gatherings of up to 100 individuals in McCorkle Place during periods of prolonged student absence. Though translation of their language is still ongoing, I suspect the purpose of these assemblies is to plot their impending takeover of South Building and the installment of their leader, Chancellor Bolt.

I, for one, welcome our new squirrel overlords. After a comprehensive review, I have reached the inescapable conclusion that Carolina Squirrels are, in fact, the best in the world.

NEXT

COURT OF CULTURE
Meredith Shutt muses on the place of women in Rock.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Daniel Pinelli, pinelli@email.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

Duke’s Islam problem

Cancellation was the wrong response to extremist threats.

When Duke University decided to reverse course on its decision to allow the recitation of the adhan, the traditional Muslim call to prayer, from its chapel bell tower, a university spokesman said in an official statement that this “effort to create unity was not having the intended effect.”

This narrative simplifies the manufactured controversy that caused the cancellation.

Duke’s attempt to “create unity” within the confines

of a traditionally Methodist campus was quickly chosen as a target of criticism for conservative commentators, most notably evangelical Franklin Graham, who falsely associated the peaceful effort to worship with violent extremism.

Graham’s statements and their popularity are a prime example of the domination of Islamophobia within our culture and the ease with which a gross stereotype of Islam as equivalent to terrorism is wielded by those with no interest in pluralism. The narrative of Graham and his supporters is one of Judeo-Christian supremacy that rejects difference as a threat.

While there have been

reports that angry callers made numerous threats against the adhan, Duke was misguided in its decision to cancel.

Instead of distancing themselves from the effort to accommodate Muslim community members, Duke administrators should have acted to ensure that the bell tower plan would have proceeded safely without capitulating to the threats of right-wing extremists.

Moving forward, we should stand with the Muslim community against the defamation of their faith and act instead with the compassion necessary to dispel anti-Muslim sentiments.

EDITORIAL

A concrete crisis

A higher gas tax would bring us into the new century.

While drivers celebrate their cheaply filled tanks, highway infrastructure is deteriorating at an unprecedented rate.

A November expose by “60 Minutes” showed the embarrassing state of highway and rail infrastructure in the U.S. About 70,000 bridges are structurally deficient. Congress last passed a comprehensive transportation bill 18 years ago.

A funding mechanism for our roadways, the Highway Trust Fund, will encounter a budget short-

fall before the end of the fiscal year unless action is taken to increase revenues.

The federal gas tax, which has not increased since 1993, is lower than similar ones levied in countries that do a far better job of facing up to the externalities of car-centric society. By raising that tax now, while gas prices are lower than they’ve been since the depths of the Great Recession, the government could make large investments in sustainable transportation while preventing a budget shortfall.

The gas tax tends to place the heaviest burden upon the poorest consumers, who often live farther away from their workplac-

es. But if these revenues are not simply diverted to construct more highways, but are also funneled to finance public transportation systems in the Triangle, the entire community would stand to benefit.

Chapel Hill Transit, which according to The Atlantic receives 28 percent of its \$19.5 million budget from the state and federal governments, could benefit from gas tax funds.

By increasing the gas tax, the government can work toward a transportation system worthy of the 21st century and focus infrastructure investment to serve poor communities better than momentarily cheap gasoline ever could.

The Burn Book

On Wednesdays, we wear the truth



TRUE

Diligent readers might recall a certain column from early last semester, written by the potentially clairvoyant Seth Rose. In this column, Rose discussed rumors that system president Tom Ross might soon be removed from office.

The next day, Ross himself responded with a letter to this page, categorically denying any rumor that his departure was imminent.

Well, Mr. Ross, unfortunately for the rest of us, you were wrong. Let’s hope that the second part of Rose’s prediction — that Art Pope is up next for the system presidency — is as misguided as you insisted it was back in September.



HALF-TRUTH

Sorry, Board of Governors, we’re not going to let this one rest. Readers, you shouldn’t either. It is completely unacceptable to fire the president of an entire university system without providing a single concrete reason.

This particular burn goes out to our justifiable suspicion that politics are not, as the BOG likes to say, “left at the door.” How can they be when the board’s members are directly elected by the North Carolina General Assembly? The BOG will always be an inherently political body, and its pretense to the contrary in this case is insulting.



WHOPPER

Franklin Graham, an evangelical preacher very much in the mold of his father Billy Graham, praised Duke’s decision not to allow a Muslim call to prayer last week. His logic was that a similar display of Christian faith would not be tolerated and that Duke’s planned prayer was another example of Islam’s increasingly privileged status.

Of course, Graham chose to ignore the fact that this prayer was to be broadcast from atop an incredibly ornate Christian chapel on the campus of a Methodist university that was known as Trinity (as in Holy) College in its early days.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The way I raise hogs is almost as you would raise children. Just because we eat them doesn’t mean we don’t treat them well.”

James West, a pig farmer and a supplier to Carolina Dining Services

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Bad actors have been fired but not . . . the guy who benefited from the cheating scheme the most — one Roy Williams.”

Go Heels, on professor Tim McMillan’s departure for his role in the scandal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOG’s antics require a spirited opposition

TO THE EDITOR:

Has Vladimir Putin, cunningly disguised, suddenly crossed the seas to give backroom guidance to the UNC Board of Governors?

Perhaps not, though the sneaky removal of President Ross smacks of authoritarian influences.

Will the University’s constituency sit still for this unexplained coup, perhaps the most threatening since Jesse Helms foisted the Speaker Ban Law on our submissive General Assembly decades ago? A similar move some months ago to depose the president of the University of Virginia failed when students, faculty and alumni rebelled. Why is there, so far, no such reaction here?

Gov. McCrory and his creatures make no attempt to disguise purposes antithetical to academic independence, including the recent move to politicize the governance of UNC study centers.

The governor seems to believe that a university historically dedicated to the arts and sciences should be reshaped into a trade school and that independence of thought and inquiry is dangerous.

This is familiar stuff. The Norfolk real estate agent, then chairman of the UVA. regents, who led the effort to depose a fellow university president seems also to have had commercial purposes.

Public higher education is in danger of a reign of false values and of superfluous aims already amply cared for by business schools and community colleges. This trend is consistent with the American tendency to commodify just about everything, from historic sports arenas to academic buildings to televised timeouts.

So, is Mr. Davie’s university now slated to become Pope High?

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So B-school seniors, we are throwing down the gauntlet. Will you accept the challenge?

Lincoln Pennington
Vice President
J-school Ambassadors

Speech should have protected status

TO THE EDITOR:

In recent weeks, it was reported that the UNC wrestling coach, C.D. Mock, had made controversial remarks on his personal blog on the nature of sexual assault and how it is litigated within the University system.

In response to these statements, some have called for the termination of his position within the University.

As a society, there have been laws set up to prevent employers from discriminating against their employees on the basis of race, religion, sex or national origin. This was included in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Other laws have been put in place in order to extend these protections to different categories, such as age and disability.

Firing someone based on his or her political or social beliefs sets a very dangerous precedent. One could easily see how this could end up turning into an abuse of power.

For example, an employer could coerce his or her employees into supporting a particular candidate under threat of termination of their position. While this practice is generally unheard of, it would be a legal maneuver in many states.

The current system gives people who are in positions of power and authority the capability of engineering their social or political beliefs into the fabric of society.

Whether you agree with the beliefs or not, free speech is only free if it includes the ability to share an unpopular opinion, no matter how upsetting.

Canada has tackled this issue first hand. The Canadians have passed laws that prohibit employment discrimination based on “political belief” in many of their territories.

It would be a wise, progressive move for states in the U.S. to follow their lead.

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Senior classes should give competitively

TO THE EDITOR:

Each year the senior class marshals encourage their classmates to give back to UNC. This year the J-school Ambassadors wanted to take it a step further.

We therefore challenge business school seniors to gain a higher percentage of participation than journalism school seniors. Our challenge will focus on the number of seniors that donate back to the school rather than amount donated.

We are calling for all J-school seniors to participate so we can reach our goal of 100 percent participation.

While the recommended gift is \$20.15, all donations

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- Please type. Handwritten letters will not be accepted.
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- Faculty/staff: Include your department and phone number.
- Edit: The DTH edits for space, clarity, accuracy and vulgarity. Limit letters to 250 words.

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