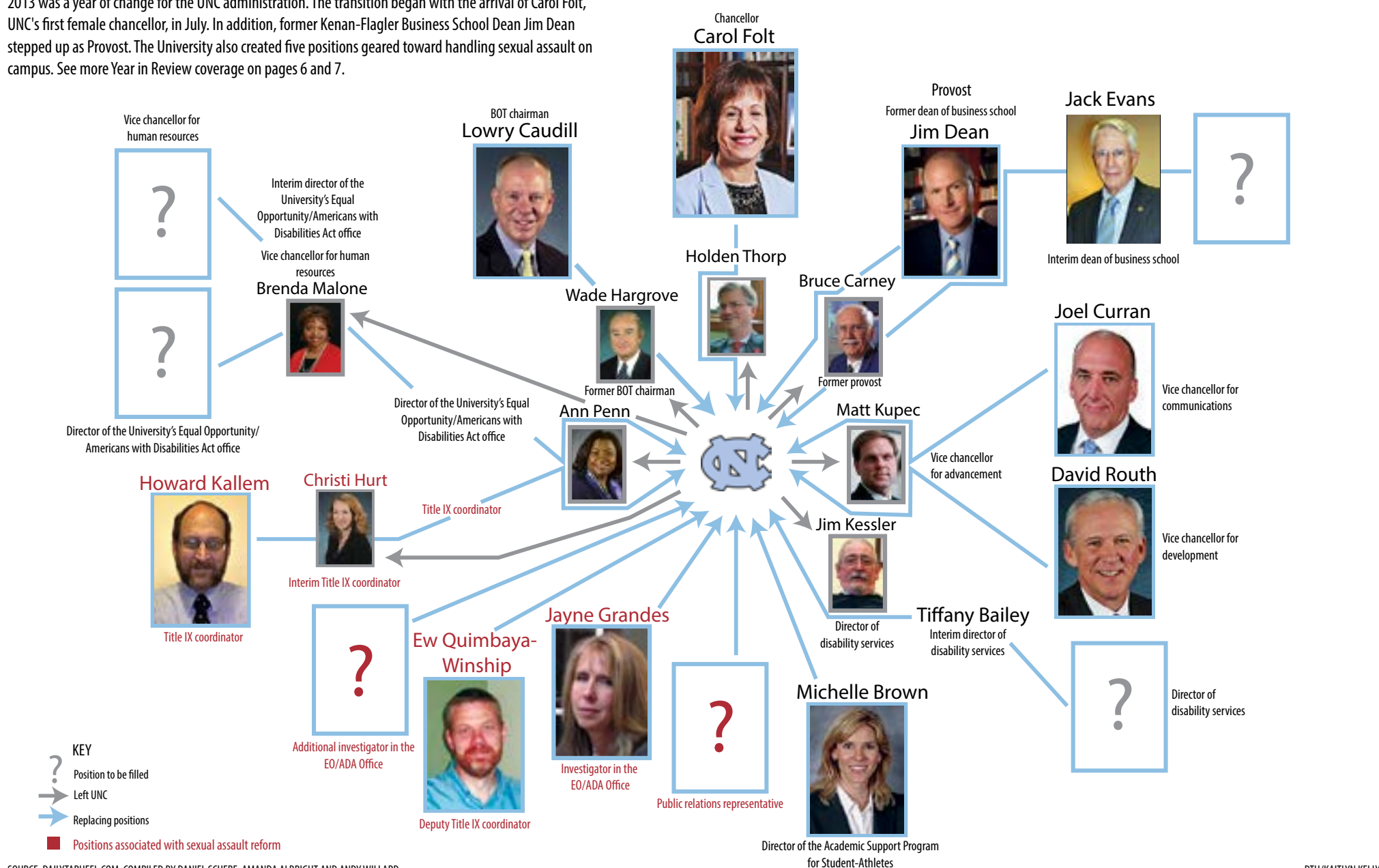


The Daily Tar Heel

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2013 was a year of change for the UNC administration. The transition began with the arrival of Carol Folt, UNC's first female chancellor, in July. In addition, former Kenan-Flagler Business School Dean Jim Dean stepped up as Provost. The University also created five positions geared toward handling sexual assault on campus. See more Year in Review coverage on pages 6 and 7.



'Tis the season to close up shop from Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 6. The Daily Tar Heel hopes you have a joyful winter break, and stay tuned to dailytarheel.com for breaking news.

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Poll: Drug-testing US Congress

From staff and wire reports

With all this political kerfuffle regarding drug testing of welfare recipients, a new poll shows many United States residents would actually like to see members of Congress tested too.

According to a joint poll by The Huffington Post and YouGov, 64 percent of Americans are in favor of random drug testing of welfare recipients, but an even greater majority would like to see the same done to congressional members — 78 percent. Hmm. Seems to make sense.

Maybe if this were real law, we'd have an explanation for their strange behavior. Though it begs the question: Would the cups these politicians pee into be public record? They work for us, after all. Right?

NOTED. Some Pinellas Park, Fla., parents had a lot of explaining to do with their children after a local theater showed a trailer for nudity-laden “Nymphomaniac” instead of Disney’s “Frozen.”

“I didn’t have enough hands to cover his ears too, and he got the sound down real good,” mom Lynn Greene said.

QUOTED. “He found some meth in some ice cream. But he didn’t have no search warrant or nothing. I didn’t give him permission to search the vehicle.”

— Steven Fitch, a Spokane Valley, Wash., man, recounts deputies questioning him about meth found in ice cream he had in his truck at a traffic stop. OK.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

**“Nationalism and Commu-
nalism in Popular Culture”
(lecture):** Art is what’s for lunch at this Ackland Art Museum discussion of Sahmat and how it employs various mediums of popular culture in a way that challenges communalism and celebrates the secular vision of India. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy an hour of inspiration. Admission is free, but RSVP is requested. To register for the event, visit <http://bit.ly/1cT7NEK>.
Time: Noon - 1 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

Gingerbread house making: Celebrate the last day of classes by building a gingerbread house with a colorful assortment of candies. Prizes will be awarded for the most spirited, most fes-

tive and biggest disaster houses.
Time: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Student Union Great Hall

UNC women’s basketball vs. Nebraska: Before hunkering down with the books for finals week, cheer on the Tar Heels as they take on the Cornhuskers. Students gain free entry with a valid OneCard. Faculty, staff and immediate family members get in free with a valid OneCard while tickets are available.
Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Carmichael Arena

THURSDAY

Therapy dogs at UNC libraries: De-stress from your studies with the helping paws of a few therapy dogs. Seamus, Teddy, George and Whiskey are all trained and

certified therapy dogs ready to meet you. They will also be making appearances Dec. 11.
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Location: Park Library, 268 Car-roll Hall

21st annual Winter Stories: Storytellers and musicians will entertain children of all ages. Library staff members and students will lead in singalongs. Refreshments will be served.
Time: 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Wilson Library, Pleas-ants Family Assembly Room

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.

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SPREADING CHEER



DTH/ANI GARRIGO

Freshman Cornerstone Team members Nicole Powell and Lauren Carmichael hand out free candy canes Tuesday afternoon at Polk Place to spread holiday cheer on campus. “Some people just really want candy canes,” Powell said.

POLICE LOG

- Someone committed credit card fraud at 1129 Weaver Dairy Road between 7:38 a.m. and 9 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole \$380 in cash, reports state.
- Someone reported loud music at 116 Fidelity St. at 3:05 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone trespassed in the area of CVS at 200 N. Greensboro St. at 7:32 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone stole items from CVS Pharmacy at 200 N. Greensboro St. between 12:22 p.m. and 12:25 p.m. Friday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone reported a suspicious person at 1129 Weaver Dairy Road at 9:51 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone broke and entered at a residence at 220 Elizabeth St. at 10:27 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The door of the residence was kicked in, reports state.
- Someone broke and entered at a residence at 306 Estes Drive at 3:09 p.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone broke and entered at a residence at 200 Barnes St. at 6:37 p.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.

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NC fine-tunes student lawyer policy

The new law allows students an attorney in student conduct cases.

By Lucinda Shen
Assistant State & National Editor

Although the law allowing students to hire attorneys in student conduct cases passed more than four months ago, its implications on fairness in student-versus-student cases are still not clear.

The Students and Administration Equality Act was signed into law this summer, and allows students in student conduct cases to hire an attorney or non-attorney advocate, except in situations involving academic dishonesty or the Honor Court.

“The whole intent of the legislation is to put a student or a student organization on the same playing field as the university,” said Rep. John Bell, R-Craven, one of the bill’s primary sponsors, adding that the goal was to let the students keep their rights and due process.

The UNC-system General Administration immediately adopted guidelines for campuses, saying that students can hire attorneys at their own expense.

But in cases where both defendant and complainant are students, there is a possibility that only one side could procure legal representation.

“It is a potential issue where one student has representation but the other does not,” said Thomas Shanahan, vice president and general counsel for the system.

UNC-system campuses adjusted their policies to match the legislation, with most, if not all, administrations using primary evaluations throughout the summer to ease the transition.

Christi Hurt, interim Title IX coordinator at UNC-CH, said in an email that the University is looking at the law and system’s recommendations.

“We will also be taking into consideration how we can best provide a fair and impartial process that protects the rights of all parties,” she said in an email.

UNC-Charlotte has no plans to provide an attorney or non-attorney representative for students in a student-versus-student case.

Vicki McNeil, associate vice chancellor for student affairs at UNC-C, said she’s not concerned about the fairness of such cases where one can’t afford an attorney because the panel is trained to weigh the parties’ stances equally.

“(The panel’s job is) making sure the attorney doesn’t control the panel and case,” she said.

The panel chair will also be in full control of the proceeding and will pose the questions.

UNC-C had two student conduct hearings this semester, and in cases where the respondent faced suspension, the student declined to use their right to an attorney, McNeil said. And Shanahan said student-versus-student cases are rare.

If a campus decides to allow attorney appointments, it will have to raise the funds, he said.

“The campuses don’t have money budgeted to allow lawyers to be appointed to students,” he said.

System campuses might still readjust their policies — McNeil said UNC-C is continuing to evaluate its rules.

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GRAM-O-RAMA



DTH/MIRIAM BAHRAMI

Senior Lauren McGuire and her creative writing class rehearse a skit for Gram-O-Rama on Tuesday. See online for story.

PALS FOR A LIFETIME



DTH/ZACH FRESHWATER

Molly Laux and Valerie King show their painted hands after contributing their handprints to a banner that says, “Together we are brave.”

Program provides cancer patients student support

By Josephine Yurcaba
Arts Editor

Senior Molly Laux was sitting in a UNC hospital room with her most recent CPAL, a young person with cancer who she was partnered with to support and befriend throughout his treatment, when “Wagon Wheel” came on the music TV channel. He danced around while lying in bed and sang along to the song, and she sang with him.

Two days later, in September, he died, and Laux has just finished heading a video project in his memory about the Carolina Pediatric Attention, Love, and Support program, which pairs UNC students with young people undergoing treatment for cancer and blood disorders.

Laux said the group has about 90 CPAL-patient pairs and performs 1,300 hours of service each semester.

Laux, the publicity chairwoman for CPALS, said the video project was originally a way for her to get closer to her first pal, who loved music. The video goes live Wednesday on the N.C. Children’s Hospital’s YouTube channel, and she said she hopes that it showcases what the children and their families go through every day while also paying tribute to her pal.

“It was something I personally wanted to do to honor him and keep that promise that I had made him that we would do this

project,” she said.

Most of the video was shot at the bian-
nual family retreat that CPALS hosts. The theme of the retreat was superheroes, and the theme of the video is “Together We Are Brave.” The video shows patients and families running around in masks and capes, some holding photos to show how far they’ve come in their recoveries, while others as young as 2 lip-dub K’naan’s “Wavin’ Flag.”

“It’s not just how one person may be physically fighting (cancer); it is so much more than that — the entire family takes it on and the entire family is fighting it,” Laux said. “We wanted to show that we are a team here and no one is just doing it on their own.”

Laux said the point of it all was to give patients a chance to have fun, as kids should.

“There is this one little boy and he is just dancing away, and he is the cutest little thing, and that’s one of my favorite parts because I know this boy personally, and their family has been through so much already,” she said. “He just looked so happy, and I love that.”

One of Laux’s current pals, 18-year-old Valerie King, has been paired with her since January 2012. King was diagnosed Nov. 11, 2011 with Ewing’s sarcoma, but has been cancer-free since August 2012.

“Emotionally, she has been one of my biggest supporters,” King said. “Molly was there every day and that was just a special thing because I didn’t have any friends that

made that time for me anymore.”

And Jessica Irven, the pediatric psychosocial support program coordinator at UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and liaison between the hospital and CPALS, said the ability of UNC’s pals to stick with patients no matter what is what makes the program great.

“The theme of the retreat and the overarching theme of family-centered care is that ... when a parent, a grandparent or a child is battling whatever disease, that it’s only together and through being together that we can really be brave and battle whatever everyone is facing,” she said.

Sharon Lambert is one of the parents who was present at the retreat. Her daughter, Macy Lambert, was diagnosed in August 2006 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia when she was just 2. Lambert describes the day her daughter was diagnosed as unexplainable, but with the support at UNC, Macy is now in remission.

“Children are just amazing because when (Macy) had to go through all that she didn’t know anything different other than, ‘I’ve got to do it,’” she said. “I think a lot of times adults, when they go through things like this, they just kind of want to give up. But a child doesn’t know any different than just, keep going.”

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UNC-SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN

Final goal eyes future fundraising

The fifth goal aims to ensure long-term affordability.

By Mary Tyler March
Staff Writer

As the UNC system continues to balance state budget cuts and affordability for students, system leaders are looking to build a stable financial model while maintaining the state’s constitutional obligation to keep public higher education costs low.

The last goal laid out in the system’s five-year strategic plan, the fifth goal hopes to maintain its commitment to providing N.C. students with a “world-class education.”

“Essentially we wanted to ensure an accessible and financially stable university system for the long term, as well as one that meets our historic record for financial stability and affordability,” said Charlie Perusse, the UNC system’s chief operating officer.

With the state still recovering from the financial strain of the recession, the UNC system has seen nearly half a billion dollars erased from its funding since 2011, including about \$65 million from its 2013-14 budget.

Consistent cuts have led public universities to rely more on tuition for funding, which contributed to an out-of-state tuition hike for 2014-15 at most system schools — including a 12.3-percent bump at UNC-CH.

In a study of out-of-state tuition rates presented at last month’s UNC-CH Board of Trustees meeting, 58 percent of applicants who were admitted to the University but enrolled at other schools reported that UNC was too expensive.

The strategic plan encourages schools to tap into other revenue sources to reduce the reliance on tuition.

System President Tom Ross said at the Board of Governors’ November meeting that increased private fundraising is one way schools can avoid raising tuition.

Perusse said improving fundraising would help boost the performance and financial stability of the system’s small campuses.

“We’re putting a lot of effort in at our small campuses and minority institutions that did not have as much of a fundraising ability as our larger campuses,” he said.

Perusse said eight of the system schools are in the 50th percentile or better than their peer campuses in fundraising, and the plan

aims to raise the level to the 75th percentile.

One specific aim of the plan is the College Foundation of North Carolina, a program designed to simplify college applications in the state. Public and private universities and state education groups have signed on as partners in the foundation.

The portal enables prospective students to apply to community colleges and four-year institutions and learn about financial aid, providing online tools to guide them through the process.

The foundation receives half of its funding from the state and half from federal sources — and the system eventually hopes to allocate \$5 million annually in state money to sustain the program as part of the plan.

Steve Brooks, executive director of the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority, one of CFNC’s partner organizations, said the foundation has received national acclaim and has put the UNC system ahead of other states.

“We proved that these groups would work together for a common goal,” he said. “It doesn’t sound like it’s unusual, but it is — and it’s really gratifying for me to be a part of it.”

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Study finds introductory STEM courses may deter students

Math and science professors work to help students adjust.

By Hailey Vest
Senior Writer

Senior Lauren Schmidt originally entered college with the intention of becoming a pharmacist or physician assistant. Those plans changed after her experience in Chemistry 101 during her first semester at UNC.

“I spent hours working on Mastering Chemistry,” she said. “I’m not good at chemistry, and I’m OK with admitting that.”

Schmidt decided to drop the class after the first exam, and even though she complet-

ed Biology 101 the following semester, she started looking for a different major.

And Schmidt is not alone. Jennifer Krumper, a lecturer in the chemistry department, said a number of other aspiring pre-health students switch majors because of the difficulty in introductory science courses such as Biology 101, Chemistry 101 and Chemistry 102.

“Many students who are interested in science and have the abilities end up not majoring in science because they have a discouraging experience after their first year,” she said.

A recent study by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics found that about half of the students in science,

technology, engineering and mathematics fields leave their majors before they complete a bachelor’s degree.

Of the students who left these programs, about half switched to a non-STEM major, while the other half left school altogether.

Kelly Hogan, a lecturer in biology, said she has seen the trend on a national level where there is increased interest but also decreased retention in STEM fields.

“Students come out of high school extremely excited about science, especially biology, but we lose a lot of them,” she said. “As an adviser I’ve had students switch their majors, but that’s not enough data or evidence to know what’s happening at UNC.”

Hogan said there are many reasons students in these majors might decide to switch.

“A lot of students come in pre-med but are really quite naive about what it would take to fulfill that requirement, and as soon as they realize it’s going to take some hard work ... their opinion changes,” she said.

Given the size of the University, many of the introductory science courses are large lecture classes, but Hogan said she doesn’t want that to affect her students’ experience.

“The way we’re reforming our teaching is to say class size doesn’t matter, we’re going to engage everybody,” she said. “I don’t tend to think of large class sizes as an incredible barrier.”

Senior George Barrett,

who also changed his major after taking some chemistry and biology classes, said he thought he would have performed better in a smaller class, which he said creates a better environment for students to ask questions.

After compiling data on different teaching styles and attending faculty workshops, Hogan has changed the format of her courses to make them more interactive.

“I consider the student attention span to be five minutes,” Hogan said. “I like to figure out ways to only be talking to students in the context of explaining a question I’ve already posed.”

A faculty search committee is currently looking for a lecturer who will be charged

with redesigning the curriculum. Jeff Sekelsky, former chairman of the committee, said in an email that the University is trying to incorporate modern evidence-based teaching methods.

“It’s about making sure that we reach as many students as possible so they can continue in science,” he said.

Though she no longer plans to pursue a health profession, Schmidt said she does not regret her decision because she was able to find her passion.

“While I did not make it through (Chemistry) 101, it shows the dedication of the people who make it through chemistry and biology majors,” she said.

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Eve Carson Scholars serve in memory

Two juniors received up to \$5,000 to pursue passions.

By Keaton Green
Staff Writer

Two UNC juniors now have the responsibility of carrying on Eve Carson's legacy.

Sarah MacLean and Kyle Villemain were named the 2014-15 recipients of the Eve Carson Scholarship on Nov. 25.

The scholarship was created to commemorate the life of former Student Body President Eve Carson, who was murdered in March 2008, and to celebrate two UNC juniors each year who have exhibited passion and transformative growth during their first two years of college.

Caroline White, director of scholar programs, said the applicants were judged on multiple criteria, including leadership and community involvement.

MacLean works with Embody Carolina, an organization that trains students to serve as allies for people who struggle with eating dis-

orders.

She also participates in UNC's APPLES Service-Learning program and serves as the Reflection and Facilitated Learning co-chairwoman.

"I work with the committees of APPLES to better implement reflection in their programs," MacLean said.

The scholarship gives the recipients up to \$5,000 to explore their passions over the summer.

MacLean hopes to visit Peru this summer to look at resources available for children with autism and other developmental disorders. She said she wants to work with early intervention programs in Lima.

The other recipient, Villemain, has a passion for water conservation and sanitation.

"I applied for the scholarship because Eve Carson represented the ideals I want to emulate," Villemain said. "To me, the scholarship demonstrates growth during college."

Villemain is the co-president of A Drink for Tomorrow, which hosts campus awareness events

on water conservation and has worked internationally to update water systems in Peru.

He also does research on water sanitation and helps plan the annual Nexus Conference, which brings practitioners and policymakers together to look at climate, food, energy and water.

Villemain is planning to work with the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, over the summer, but said he still has some hurdles to clear before he can get there.

"Regardless, the scholarship is going to allow me to do more than I could have done, and hopefully I can connect that back to UNC," Villemain said.

White said MacLean and Villemain will represent Carson's legacy well and will continue to influence campus and the surrounding community.

"I think the Eve Carson legacy is celebrating students and supporting those who attend the University," White said. "The scholarship is an outlet to celebrate students."

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Kyle Villemain and Sarah MacLean are the recipients of the 2013 Eve Carson Scholarship.

Degree programs prioritized in face of system cuts

An Appalachian State University report weighs possible cuts.

By Benji Schwartz
Staff Writer

Some degree programs across the system are on the chopping block after hits to the system's budget.

System schools must decide how to absorb the cuts from the state, which totaled \$65 million this year.

To do so, campus administrators are evaluating a fresh round of possible program

cuts and consolidations.

Appalachian State University recently released a prioritization report based on criteria including majors' enrollment and degrees awarded. The report ranked women's studies second to last, ahead of Appalachian studies.

"All the interdisciplinary programs are the least core, which in my view is rather silly because across the world and this country, interdisciplinary programs are quite big," said Maggie McFadden, interim director of women's studies at ASU.

The women's studies program at ASU is the oldest in

"The short-sighted prioritization of administrators ... is hard to understand."

Maggie McFadden,
interim director of women's studies at Appalachian State University

the state, and offers three different B.A. degrees, she said.

The prioritization report was submitted to ASU's chancellor, who must make the final decision on halting programs.

Women's studies has been assured continuation, but McFadden said she is unsure what form it will take.

Western Carolina University nearly cut its

entire Spanish language program this year after a task force deemed the program low-productivity.

The number of students enrolled in Spanish classes had been low for years, said Mark Couture, a Spanish professor at WCU.

"The attraction of the major was sold as an ancillary major — Spanish doesn't have to be the primary major," he

said.

Couture said as more people of Hispanic origin come to North Carolina, it doesn't make sense for universities to move in the opposite direction.

Even if a program is cut, students in the major would be able to complete their degree, said Joni Worthington, spokeswoman for the UNC system.

"If ... there was either a decision to eliminate an academic degree program or consolidate it into another (department), there's a requirement that the campuses develop a teach-out plan," she said.

Elizabeth City State

University sparked controversy in October when administrators listed history as one of the programs designated as low-productivity.

McFadden said ASU's prioritization results marginalized interdisciplinary majors. Global studies and several education degrees were listed as low priorities.

"The short-sighted prioritization of administrators at this university is hard to understand."

Staff Writer Olivia Lanier
contributed reporting.

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*With carols and candlelight services,
let us welcome the child of God together this season.*

Sunday, December 8

A Carolina Christmas, 7 pm

The UNC Women's Glee Club, Tarpeggios, Vision and the praise bands from the UNC Wesley Campus Ministry and Presbyterian Campus Ministry will lead the music for this service of Lessons and Carols to prepare the campus community for the Christmas season. Hot chocolate will be served after the worship service. Sponsored by UNC Wesley Campus Ministry, Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Newman Center and University United Methodist Church.

Sunday, December 15

Christmas Carols and Candlelight, 7 pm

Sing Christmas carols, sip sweet coffee and enjoy Moravian buns as we celebrate the season with a festive candlelit Love Feast in the Moravian tradition.

Thursday, December 19

Longest Night Worship Service, 7 pm

For those who are grieving this holiday season, we will hold a Longest Night worship service in conjunction with Amity United Methodist Church at their location (the corner of Estes and MLK).

Tuesday, December 24

*Children's Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 pm
Candlelight Communion Service, 8 and 10:30 pm*

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He came, he saw, he stole Christmas

The Latin reading of “The Grinch” was held Tuesday.

By Kristen Chung
Staff Writer

Hearts grew three sizes too large at the Bull’s Head Bookshop Tuesday. Donning a Grinch tie, English Professor Emeritus Tom Stumpf spiritedly read pages of the English version of Dr. Seuss’ “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” while a Student Stores employee, George Morgan, clad in a Santa hat and laurel, followed with the Latin translation. The bilingual reading of Dr. Seuss’ “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” is an annual event held by the Bull’s Head Bookshop since 2001 as a way to kick off the holiday season. Dozens attended the reading Tuesday, which has become a tradition with hot chocolate, various types of homemade cookies and “Deck the Halls” translated into Latin. “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” is a classic short

children’s book that was published in 1957, and has been the subject of films, plays and other adaptations. Morgan, who is part of a group that holds weekly dinners to speak Latin, is an advocate for the use of the dead language. He was inspired to start the reading after the Latin translation of the book was released in 1998. He said the English and Latin versions of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” differ as a result of the translation. “They don’t use rhyme scheme or the rhythm of English,” Morgan said. “It’s basically the same, but with expanded expression.” Some of Seuss’ words had to be improvised in “Quomodo Invidiosulus Nomine Grinchus Christi Natalem Abrogaverit.” The Who, the Christmas-loving folk that the Grinch detests, is translated as “Laetulis,” which essentially means “the little happy people.” Kyle McKay, marketing manager for Student Stores, said the bilingual reading fits into the Bull’s Head’s quirky

vibe. Although the store sells copies of the famous Christmas tale in English, Latin, French and Spanish, the goal of the event isn’t to make money, he said. “We hope that we can be a store that not only sells products, but also a positive member of the campus community,” McKay said. “It’s just a real fun event that a lot of people enjoy because it puts them in the holiday spirit mood.” The crowd, nestled in the corner of the bookstore’s children’s section, consisted mostly of students and families. “It’s good to see children coming — that’s what it’s intended for,” Morgan said. Anna Cobb, a seventh-grader at McDouggle Middle School, and her family have come to the reading three years in a row. Neither she nor her sister understands any Latin, but she said they always have a good time. “It’s really cool. It really gets you in the mood for Christmas.”



DTH/CLAIRE COLLINS
Professor Tom Stumpf reads the Dr. Seuss classic “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” in English at the Bull’s Head Bookshop’s annual bilingual reading. Student Stores employee George Morgan read in Latin.

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North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory, a Republican, and his wife celebrate his inauguration in 2013.

GOP puts

ideology

into action

Republicans' majority status set the stage for sweeping policy change.

By Sarah Brown
Assistant State & National Editor

Democrats in North Carolina found themselves in an unusual position at the start of 2013: in the state government's political minority.

This year saw the emergence of a conservative political landscape not seen in the state for decades — Republicans' dominance in the 2010 and 2012 elections gave them control of both chambers in the N.C. General Assembly and the governor's mansion.

As recently as two decades ago, Democrats held the majorities in all 22 legislative chambers in the Southern states, said John Dinan, a Wake Forest University political science professor, in an email.

Now, Dinan said, the party no longer controls any Southern state's House or Senate, and only two of the states have Democratic governors.

Emboldened by a smaller possibility of vetoes standing in the way, the N.C. GOP took off running once the session began in January, enacting sweeping changes affecting public education, taxes and abortion, and rejecting Medicaid expansion.

"The legislature is driving the bus, and McCrory is along for the ride," said Steven Greene, an N.C. State University political science professor.

Their actions sparked an outcry from many Democrats, who in April began gathering in Raleigh for weekly Moral Monday protests in which nearly 1,000 people were arrested for civil disobedience. The movement has continued throughout the fall.

"We hope that the people in the state legislature will listen to what we're saying and think, 'Well, gosh, if this many people are willing to take these risks, maybe we should rethink,'" said UNC history professor Jacquelyn Hall after her arrest in May.

Legislators called for even greater efficiency in higher education, as they cut \$65 million from the UNC system's state funding in 2013-14 and brought reductions since 2011 to nearly half a billion dollars — a drop that has hurt faculty retention at UNC-CH and forced smaller system schools to consider cutting degree programs.

The General Assembly continued phasing out the N.C. Teaching Fellows scholarship, ended K-12 teacher tenure and cut salary bonuses for teachers with master's degrees. Public school teachers and university professors didn't receive pay raises for the fourth time in five years.

The General Assembly also took a stand on social issues, namely abortion. A pair of bills impacting abortion caused a stir statewide in July, with national media outlets turning toward Raleigh as legislative sparks flew.

Legislators aimed to impose new regulations on abortion clinics and limit abortion coverage under town and county health plans, among other changes. McCrory signed one of the bills, which attached abortion language to a motorcycle safety measure, into law.

The districts drawn by Republicans in 2010 make it unlikely for any shift of power to occur in next year's elections, Greene said. But he said many legislators' far-right stances could eventually cause the party political harm.

"The truth is, we're a purple state," he said. "If you push it too far one way, voters are going to get mad."

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Folt takes the helm amid South Building shifts

Chancellor Carol Folt is the University's first female leader.

By Andy Willard
Assistant University Editor

On the day that marks the University's founding, officials administered the oath of office to Carol Folt, installing her as chancellor and giving her the reins to UNC during one of the largest administrative turnovers in years.

"I believe in the capacity of a great public university," she said at the ceremony. "Our future depends on keeping them strong."

Years of scandal wore down on former Chancellor Holden Thorp up until the point he decided to announce his resignation in September 2012, kicking off the search for his replacement.

UNC-system President Tom Ross said he was confident in Folt's ability to lead the University as soon as he met and spoke with her, which he conveyed to the Board of Governors as they officially tapped her to be the next leader on April 12.

"I asked her what she had enjoyed most in her role as interim president at Dartmouth," Ross said. "And without a hesitation, and with a clear passion, and commitment — and love — her response was, 'The students.'"

Folt, the first woman to hold the highest position at UNC, came from Dartmouth College where she worked for more than 30 years and ultimately served as the interim president.

Her first five months as chancellor have been marked by several top administrators coming and leaving, including a provost and several vice chancellor positions.

Folt was aware of the problems the University faced when she took the job — a flawed system for reporting sexual assault, a

struggle to balance the academic and athletic cultures and a shrinking higher-education budget.

"You don't take jobs like this thinking this wonderful honeymoon is how it is — partly you're there to help the institution deal with it," Folt said.

Folt said in August that she wanted to take her time during the transition and understand the community she would come to lead.

"Already, Provost (Jim) Dean and I have a great plan to go around to all of the schools and see what individual schools see as their opportunities and challenges," she said.

While she is learning the nuances of UNC, Folt came into office with prior experience dealing with many of the issues that she will have to deal with.

Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham said at the beginning of the semester that the ongoing decisions on how to change UNC's athletic policies will be difficult for everyone involved. He said Folt's experience dealing with athletics at Dartmouth will help her lead effectively.

"There's a lot of dialogue about the governing structure, but she's familiar with that and that discussion," he said.

Peter Hans, chairman of the UNC Board of Governors, said the board elected Folt in the hopes of starting a new era at UNC.

"This is a demanding role, and North Carolinians are counting on her," he said.

Despite the challenges ahead, Folt has kept her optimism about leading the University.

"How fortunate am I to be in this special place, working and learning with some of the world's brightest and most passionate people, on far-reaching questions with people who have a drive to create, to teach, to learn and to heal," she said.

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Chancellor Folt smiles while onstage on University Day in October after being installed as chancellor, being the first woman to hold the office at UNC.

Hairston and McDonald still in limbo

The NCAA hasn't finished its investigation of the pair.

By Brooke Pryor
Sports Editor

Since North Carolina junior guard P.J. Hairston's indefinite suspension was announced on July 28, everything about his absence has been just that — indefinite.

There have been no timetables, no official concrete conjectures, no nothing — both Hairston and senior guard Leslie McDonald, who was never formally suspended but awaits his own NCAA ruling, remain on the bench six games into the season.

And on the eve of the matchup at No. 1 Michigan State, Hairston and McDonald will remain in Chapel Hill, still waiting for their fate to be determined.

Coach Roy Williams initially proclaimed that Hairston's punishment for a summer of run-ins with the law and connection to felon Haydn "Fats" Thomas would be up to him.

And while Hairston's troubles occupied the spotlight this summer, McDonald was wrapped up in legal trouble of his own that culminated with a cease-and-desist letter sent from UNC to a designer mouthguard company, Iceberg Guards, for using McDonald to promote their product.

Williams publicly took charge in both cases, telling the media that he would determine each player's punishment.

Hairston told The Daily Tar Heel in late August that he expected to take the court at some point in the season.

"Yeah, I'll be on the court," he said. "I'm not sure how long I'll have to sit out. I haven't found out yet, but whatever it is I'm ready for it."

In the months since Williams' assessment of Hairston and McDonald's situations, his confident assurance of their return has waned.

At the team's media day in Chapel Hill Sept. 26, Williams told reporters that he was in charge of determining Hairston's return.

Williams told reporters he couldn't "speak to what the NCAA is doing, but I know Roy Williams has a tremendous voice in what else is going to be done."

Hairston earned the right to practice when it opened on Sept. 26. McDonald was also allowed to practice but each of the players was stripped of leadership responsibilities.

By the ACC's annual media day in Charlotte on Oct. 16, Williams admitted that the NCAA had a hand in the decision of the punishments, responding with "Oh yeah," when asked if the organization was involved.

But he again reassured the group of reporters surrounding him that the question marks regarding Hairston and McDonald would be resolved before the season.

Williams' certainty of the situation dissipated more as the season neared, and by the opener against Oakland on Nov. 8, Williams announced both McDonald and Hairston would not dress.

"It's frustrating but it's a long process," Williams said before the game. "We're trying to do what we can do and the NCAA is trying to do what they can do."

Each week in Williams' press conference, the update on the pair's status has been the same — no update.

At the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament Williams said he believes he'll coach Hairston again this season, but without an answer from the NCAA, he can't be sure of anything.

"I think I will," he said on Nov. 23. "There's no doubt in my mind that I think I will. But I don't know."

The process of the investigation has been ongoing for months, but the NCAA's exact process has been convoluted and secretive.

The NCAA didn't respond for comment.



DTH FILE/HALLE SINNOTT
P.J. Hairston, suspended July 28 following a summer of drama stemming from a June 15 traffic stop, hasn't suited up for UNC this season.

Like Williams, the rest of the UNC players don't know what's going on with the duo's situation. But in the interim, they're forced to play on with the players available.

"We can't be concerned and spend all our time worrying about somebody who isn't here," Williams said on Nov. 23. "We just have to sit and wait, and at some point we'll find out what happens, and we'll go from there."

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Dozens of downtown businesses come and go

- Downtown businesses
- National pizza chain Toppers Pizza will be moving into the spot left vacant by Gumby's Pizza.
 - Hot Dogs & Brew closed its doors this year to make way for Hummus Cafe, a Mediterranean-style restaurant.
 - There are two new late-night options on Franklin — Waffle House, which is open 24 hours a day, and Insomnia Cookies, which delivers until 3 a.m.
 - A new student-owned clothing outlet, Thrill City, opened in October.
 - CVS Pharmacy opened in Bank of America's previous location in November.
 - Sup Dogs, a hot dog restaurant popular among East Carolina University students, will open a Chapel Hill location in early 2014.
- 140 West
- Construction finished on the eight-story 140 West Franklin development earlier this year.
 - Two new eateries have opened — Lime Mexican Grill and Gigi's Cupcakes.
 - Spicy 9 Sushi Bar and Asian Restaurant and Old Chicago Pizza & Taproom plan to join the development in 2014.
 - Eyecarecenter will move from University
- Square to the 140 West in December.
- Gentlemen's Corner, a high-end clothing boutique, plans to open in February.
 - About 120 out of 140 of the condominiums above the retail space have been sold.
- University Square
- Demolition of University Square is slated to begin late next year. It will be rebuilt into three buildings with 580,000 square feet of mixed-use space and 300 residential units.
 - Current tenants Kidzu Children's Museum, Fine Feathers and Peacock Alley Gifts will move to new locations at University Mall.
- New apartment buildings
- Shortbread Lofts, a seven-story apartment complex on Rosemary Street that will have 85 residential units, completed vertical construction in October. Residents will move in next year.
 - LUX at Central Park, previously the Bicycle Apartments, is a new student-focused complex on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard that will open next year.
 - McAdams Company, the same company that owns the Franklin Hotel, proposed a controversial high-density apartment complex to the Town Council in November.

Balance between athletics, academics at the forefront of discussions

Since the Martin report, officials have pushed for culture change.

By Daniel Schere
Assistant University Editor

The three-year saga of a scandal involving athletics and academics continues to permeate UNC's administration and has spurred leaders to take action.

In that time, at least eight reports have been conducted on a scandal that has resulted in the departure of a chancellor and an athletic director, as well as the firing of a head football coach.

In December 2012, former Gov. Jim Martin

released a report which found that all academic irregularities were confined to the Department of African American Studies, although the listing of no-show classes dated back to 1997.

Martin emphasized that not only professors from the department were "unwittingly and indirectly compromised" in the academic fraud, but the report did not implicate any student athletes, coaches or athletic counselors. It laid blame primarily on two individuals, the former department chairman and a department administrator.

"We were asked to get to the bottom of this academic misconduct, and we have done everything in our power to do so," Martin said at a January Board of Trustees meeting.

At the heart of the controversy is the former

chairman Julius Nyang'oro, who was forced to resign in 2011 after a University report initially found he was involved in irregular courses.

Nyang'oro was indicted Monday on a charge of accepting \$12,000 for teaching a no-show course that summer. The indictment comes as part of a probe conducted by the State Bureau of Investigation that started in May 2012.

Administrators have taken additional steps to balance athletics and academics by creating the Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group, led by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Jim Dean and Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham. In September, Association of American Universities President Hunter Rawlings released a report that lists 28

recommendations for the University's athletic-academic relationship. The panel which developed the report was commissioned by former Chancellor Holden Thorp in the spring.

Among the report's recommendations are a spending cap and a ban on freshman eligibility as a way to help athletes struggling with academics. This has been one of the most contentious recommendations — Cunningham said doing so could put UNC at a competitive disadvantage.

Many administrators, including Faculty Athletics Committee Chairwoman Joy Renner, say they agree with the report but want to make sure only practical suggestions are implemented. A year off from playing should not be applied as a one-size-fits-all solution, administrators said.

"For some athletes this would be devastating — their sport is their motivation for pursuing higher education," Renner said when the Rawlings report came out. "You have to be sure when you make decisions that you don't decide for every student."

Faculty Chairwoman Jan Boxill said the Rawlings report is the beginning of a conversation she hopes will come out of a dark cloud that has hovered over the University for three years.

"It would be difficult for any school to do these things unilaterally, and while we would like to do them, we want to include other schools and have public conversations on a national level," she said.

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Hedgepeth and Shannon cases still unsolved, open after a year

UNC lost five of its students in 2013 due to various causes.

By Jenny Surane
City Editor

More than a year has passed since two UNC students died at off-campus locations, and police from across the county still haven't figured out the circumstances surrounding their deaths.

David Shannon was a UNC freshman when he was found dead at the Ready Mixed Concrete Plant in Carrboro in the early hours of Oct. 27, 2012.

Carrboro police believe someone on the UNC campus knows what happened

the night Shannon died, said Carrboro police spokesman Capt. Chris Attack.

Shannon, a pledge in the Chi Phi fraternity, was last seen at a pregame party on McCauley Street.

An autopsy report for Shannon was released in October and shows he had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.22 at the time of his death. Shannon died after falling 30 feet from a piece of machinery at the concrete plant.

In his latest update to town staff in October, Carrboro Police Chief Walter Horton said his investigators haven't ruled out hazing in Shannon's death.

"Depending on what information is developed, we may be able to charge N.C. General Statute 14-35 Hazing, which is a Class 2 misdemeanor," Horton said in an email to town staff. "Dependent on other

developments, we may have additional charges if appropriate."

Anyone with information about Shannon should call Carrboro police.

Faith Hedgepeth was a UNC junior when she was found dead in her apartment in the early hours of Sept. 7, 2012.

Police are investigating Hedgepeth's case as a homicide. No one has been charged with her death.

Police collected and analyzed DNA left at the scene by a male.

In January, Chapel Hill police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Behavioral Analysis Unit released a profile of the suspect.

The statement said he might have been familiar with Hedgepeth and lived near her in the past. The suspect also might have commented about Hedgepeth in the past, and his behavior might have changed after the murder.

Police haven't released any new information about a suspect since January.

Three days after her death, a Durham County Superior Court judge sealed multiple search warrants and the 911 call. Those records were sealed again Nov. 15 for 60 days.

Durham County District Attorney

Faith Hedgepeth was a UNC junior from Warrenton when she was found dead in her apartment last year. Police are investigating her death as a homicide.

Leon Stanback said the records must remain sealed while police investigate to protect the integrity of the case.

Anyone with information about the case should call the Chapel Hill Police Department's tip line. The total reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction is \$39,000.

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- REMEMBERING STUDENTS WHO DIED THIS YEAR
- In 2013, UNC lost five of its students.
- Stedman Gage, a junior, died Feb. 22 after inhaling aerosol computer duster.
 - Laura Roza, a junior, died April 11 after a two-year battle with cancer.
 - Julia Nan, a sophomore, died June 13 after being struck by a falling tree during a storm.
 - Andrew Crabtree, a sophomore, died June 15 after a two-and-a-half-year battle with synovial sarcoma — a rare form of cancer.
 - Wanda McClamb, a junior, died Aug. 4 following complications from a kidney transplant.

Board of Governors faces protests

Sixteen new members joined its ranks this year.

By Hayley Fowler
Staff Writer

The UNC-system Board of Governors has seen a dynamic change with the addition of 16 new members this year, but students across the system have become increasingly impatient with some of the board's recent decisions.

Some critics view the new members as an extension of the Republican-dominated N.C. General Assembly, which elected them. Students have protested several board meetings this fall.

"Our board deliberations would be strengthened by the presence of more women and minority members," said Peter Hans, board chairman, in an email. "At the same time, I wish other stakeholders on some campuses were more diverse as well, particularly in terms of intellectual thought."

Prior to the new members' election, the board passed a policy in April shortening the systemwide drop/add policy from eight weeks to 10 days — a move meant to make classrooms more efficient.

In October, more than 5,000 UNC-CH students, faculty and alumni signed a petition against the decision.

Student Body President Christy Lambden said in November that the controversial drop/add period might not hit current students, who could be grandfathered in.

As the year progressed, students have also been dissatisfied with the lack of accessibility to the board.

Stephanie Nieves-Rios, co-president of the UNC-CH Sexuality and Gender Alliance, was among those who marched in protest to the board's September meeting after the decision to ban gender-neutral housing for the system in early August.

"Their decision to strike that down shows the disconnect between the Board of Governors and the student community," she said before the protest.

But Hans said it's impossible for the 32 board members to meet the needs of all 220,000 students in the UNC system.

"We have to work through elected student leaders and rely on them to share their perspectives," he said, referencing the board's non-voting member Robert Nunery, president of the system's Association of Student Governments.

Before a November meeting, students protested against member David Powers' place on the board.

Chris Stella, a UNC-

"I wish other stakeholders on some campuses were more diverse."

Peter Hans, UNC Board of Governors chairman

Greensboro senior, said then that Powers' place on the board of tobacco company Reynolds American and involvement with the American Legislative Exchange Council should disqualify him from his position. He said Reynolds American had human rights violations in its supply chain.

But Powers said he resigned from ALEC's advisory panel in April to spend more time on the Board of Governors and disagreed that his other involvements influence his thought process.

"I truly believe that I have an obligation to keep my board responsibilities and my corporate responsibilities at arm's length," he said in an email.

Hans said higher education is in a significant period of transition.

"Resistance to change is natural, but a willingness to embrace creative responses is necessary if we're going to survive and thrive in a world of disruptive innovation," he said.

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DTH FILE/KATIE SWEENEY
Landen Gambill and Andrea Pino are two UNC students that publicly accused UNC of improperly processing their assault cases, causing the University to take steps toward repairing its policies.

Sexual assault questions remain unresolved

Three federal investigations loom on UNC's horizon.

By Caroline Leland
Assistant University Editor

In the year since multiple federal complaints have thrown UNC into the national spotlight for its handling of sexual assault cases, the University has taken tangible steps toward repairing its policies.

Yet the sexual assault scandal is far from resolved, as a task force is still working on months-overdue policy recommendations for the University, which is forced to wait as the federal complaints slowly unfold.

In December 2012, two students publicly accused UNC of improperly processing their assault cases by ineffective interim procedures handled through the Honor Court.

One of the students, Landen Gambill, has been involved in three federal complaints against UNC, including one related to Honor Court charges, which were eventually dropped, that claimed she intimidated the man whom she accused of raping her.

"Feelings of shock have been followed by realizing that this isn't just about me at all, it's about how the University is willing to treat survivors unjustly in order to protect rapists," Gambill said in February.

In early January, three students, one former student and former Assistant Dean of Students Melinda Manning co-filed a federal complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, alleging Title IX violations. The complaints accused the University of creating a hostile environment for students reporting sexual assault, and Manning claimed the University pressured her to underreport sexual assault.

The University denied Manning's accusations, but a Daily Tar Heel analysis published in April found discrepancies in the University's 2010 sexual assault data. These accusations have been followed by a slew of similar complaints nationwide as students from California to Massachusetts filed Title IX-related complaints against their own universities.

UNC senior Andrea Pino, one of the complainants who co-filed against UNC, has said that her federal complaint inspired sexual assault victims to speak out publicly.

"I did this for the bigger good of my fellow Tar Heels," she said in November.

Former Chancellor Holden Thorp responded to the growing scandal in part by creating a Title IX coordinator position to manage UNC's compliance with federal guidelines and to oversee campus training, education and outreach on Title IX issues — including sexual assault.

Public criticism for failing to seek public input in the March appointment of Ew Quimbaya-Winship as deputy Title IX officer spurred the University to host a series of public forums for the Title IX coordinator candidates. In April, Thorp appointed Carolina Women's Center Director Christi Hurt as interim Title IX coordinator.

At the start of summer, Hurt oversaw the launching of a sexual assault task force formed to review the University's policies. The task force, which originally planned to present policy recommendations to Chancellor Carol Folt at the start of the fall semester, now expects to work into the spring.

On Nov. 1, the University announced that Howard Kallem, the District of Columbia Enforcement Office's chief regional attorney for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, will begin as the new Title IX coordinator starting Jan. 2.

The University still faces three federal investigations into its handling of sexual assault. Folt has yet to fill an additional Title IX investigator position.

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Harris Teeter Carrboro's top employer

By Anna Long
Staff Writer

For a town that prides itself on its local businesses, residents might be surprised to learn that Harris Teeter is Carrboro's largest private employer.

While Carrboro is home to a highly educated workforce, employment opportunities in the town span a diverse range of skill levels.

Many residents work in the surrounding area — Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill —

but 30 percent of Carrboro workers also commute outside Orange County, according to a report from the Planning and Transportation Advisory boards from October 2012.

Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell said these numbers are not indicative of the state of the economy.

"If you take a look at the numbers, you're probably going to have people working more service-level jobs than professional jobs in a municipality because you've got retail- and service-oriented work," she

said. "Those kinds of support jobs are in the majority. Does that mean that the economy isn't good? Not necessarily."

Entrepreneurs and people who work from home also contribute heavily to the town's economy, but Annette Stone, Carrboro's community and economic development director, said those workers aren't included in employment data.

"There's a lot of what we call a hidden economy around here of entrepreneurs — people who work for themselves," Stone said. "So there's not

large scale manufacturing but there are self-starter types (of businesses) around."

Haven-O'Donnell said these entrepreneurs buoy the town's economy and its character because they consider themselves to be very loyal to the Carrboro brand.

Affordable workforce housing is a huge barrier to attracting more employers to the town, Haven-O'Donnell said.

The mean renter wage in Carrboro is \$9.67 per hour — much lower than the statewide renter wage of \$12.11, the report said. At this wage, a head of household would have to work 62 hours per week to afford a two-bedroom apartment at the fair market rent price in Carrboro.

Haven-O'Donnell said Carrboro's rising creative class will help it increase its

"The board has worked hard to develop Carrboro's niche economy."

Randee Haven-O'Donnell,
Carrboro alderman

employment opportunities during the next five years.

"Carrboro is creative class-centric," she said. "The board has worked hard to develop Carrboro's niche economy — one steeped in the arts, inclusive of design, web business and professional arts."

Haven-O'Donnell said while she hopes Carrboro will see a wider array of employment opportunities, she is pleased with the direction the town is heading with a new initiative for arts and innovation development in addition to its existing downtown wireless internet network.

"We are on the threshold of a more diverse local living economy," she said.

She said the change is possible, in part, due to the town's independence from UNC.

"Unlike Chapel Hill — I hate to tell you — the advantage we have is that we are connected to UNC on some things like our transportation, but we don't have the elephant in the room the rest of the time and Chapel Hill does," she said. "That's the reason Carrboro — I hope forever — will stay a little, independent town."

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Aldermen meeting marks transitions

By Morgan Swift
Staff Writer

For outgoing Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton, being mayor often felt like being the host of a weekly television show.

Chilton reminisced on his time as Carrboro's mayor at the Board of Aldermen meeting on Tuesday.

"I am extremely grateful to the voters of Carrboro for giving me the opportunity to serve on the board," Chilton said. "It has been a really great experience."

Chilton passed the baton to Mayor-elect Lydia Lavelle by means of bestowing on her a baseball cap reading "mayor" in huge letters.

"I put this on to think about difficult problems," Chilton said. "This isn't the end for me in involvement in the government in our community."

Re-elected Aldermen Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Sammy Slade and Jacquelyn

Gist were sworn in with much enthusiasm.

"We are so lucky to have the challenges that we have," Gist said. "We have cultural arts in this town that other communities are trying to get."

Lavelle was sworn in by Beverly Scarlett, a judge and a former classmate in law school at N.C. Central University.

"I know Lydia is a hard worker, committed and someone who believes in everything she does," Scarlett said.

Lavelle read a resolution honoring Chilton and his service to Carrboro for the past 10 years. She applauded his knowledge of local history and passion for community issues.

When elected to his first town government position on the Chapel Hill Town Council at age 21, Chilton was the youngest elected official in the state, Lavelle said.

Lavelle recited bits of

trivia about past mayors of Carrboro who range from attorneys to lumber mill managers, and postmasters to doctors.

"The mayors have certainly been a varied bunch, much like the town we represent," Lavelle said.

Lavelle, who is North Carolina's first openly lesbian mayor, said the town is a laboratory in regard to gay and lesbian rights.

Her partner, Alicia Stemper, said she was proud of Lavelle and happy for Carrboro.

"If you're lucky enough to live in Carrboro, well you're lucky enough," Stemper said.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Slade was appointed mayor pro tempore. The position is filled by the senior alderman who has not yet served that role.

"I'm very grateful to this town for being different, so thank you," Slade said.

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Hagan approval rating sees slump

The U.S. senator faces a tough road ahead, analysts say.

By Blair Burnett
Staff Writer

With an 8-percentage point increase in the disapproval rating of U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., experts say she'll need to prepare for a tough campaign in the coming election season.

A recent Elon University

poll found that Hagan has seen a steady decline in her public approval rating in the last couple of months.

"The poll does not suggest she is entering the campaign season with a definite hold of her seat," said Jason Husser, assistant director of the poll.

Hagan's approval rating began to drop with the public failures associated with the rollout of the Affordable Care Act and the online insurance marketplace earlier this fall, said Mitch Kokai, political analyst at the conservative

John Locke Foundation.

Husser said Hagan's support of the health care legislation might not be the only reason for her decline in public approval — the N.C. GOP has created a negative ad campaign against Hagan, and her team has yet to respond.

"There is strong video evidence of Kay Hagan out on the campaign trail saying the same thing the president said to the rest of the American public: that if they like their insurance policies, they will be able to keep them," he said.

"The Republican Party has strung together multiple scenarios where this happened, and it has taken a hard hit in Hagan's camp."

Five GOP candidates have officially declared that they'll run for Hagan's seat, and Husser said the current favorite for the May primary election is N.C. Speaker of the House Thom Tillis.

"But the silver lining is that the Republican opposition in the Senate primary race isn't too evolved as of yet," he said. Micah Beasley, spokesman

for the N.C. Democratic Party, said this poll will be one of many public opinion measures focusing on the Senate race, and it's not indicative of a final outcome.

But Daniel Keylin, N.C. Republican Party spokesman, said the results show trouble ahead for Hagan's campaign.

"It's no surprise that Kay Hagan's polling numbers continue to plunge as more North Carolinians discover that she repeatedly misled the public to justify casting the deciding vote for Obamacare," he said.

Website contractors for the Affordable Care Act said Tuesday on Twitter that health-care.gov now has a much improved response time and a steady decrease in error rate.

And Kokai said people should not assume Hagan will lose re-election since it's almost a year out from Election Day.

"The only thing it definitely shows is that she is feeling the effects of the problems with the Affordable Care Act."

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RESOLUTION

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committee and I encouraged them to talk to the chair to act ethically, legally, and if they needed, to raise those concerns," said Speaker of Student Congress Connor Brady in an interview.

"They have raised those concerns to those of us who can change the code and make it illegal for those emailed votes to take place."

The concerns include failing to post the location and time of meetings as well as those meetings' minutes.

The bill passed without discussion Tuesday. It was on the consent calendar, meaning that it received unanimous favorable consent after being debated in the rules and judiciary committee. The bill must be signed by Student Body President Christy Lambden.

Brady served as the chairman of the Student Safety & Security Committee in fall of 2012, but was removed from the position by former Student Body President Will Leimenstoll because he "did not trust Connor to represent him positively," according to a petition Brady started to attempt to be reinstated.

"Under my term as chair, we did not vote by email and we did not hold meetings that are under North Carolina law considered illegal," he said.

But current Safety & Security Committee Chairman Tyler Jacon said in a previous interview he acted in the same manner as past chairmen. Jacon served under Brady. Brady said there was the possibility that these actions were happening under his replacement.

Brady said he and Student Body Vice President Jacob Morse will work together to ensure that meeting laws under the clarified bill are upheld and access to agenda and minutes will be readily available.

"If we want to conduct ourselves in a transparent and open manner, and that includes the committee ... if there's something we could be doing better, we're open to that," Morse said in an interview Monday.

Plans have also been made to send committee minutes to the student body secretary to publish online, Brady said.

"That's a step in the right direction to be able to get that information out to anybody who wants to access it," he said.

Two bills were also passed Tuesday regarding campaign lengths and spending limits for student body elections. The previous campaign period included one week to collect signatures, two weeks of public campaigning and one additional week of campaigning in the event of a runoff.

The bill would shorten the overall time from four weeks to three, with one week instead of two for public campaigning.

"Shortening it will enable candidates to get their voice out more and reduce both voter and candidate fatigue," said Rules & Judiciary Committee Chairman Will Stelpflug.

Another bill aimed to reduce maximum spending limits for candidates running for major positions, including student body president and Carolina Athletic Association president. The former maximum spending limit was \$335 for a campaign for student body president that enters a runoff period — the bill will reduce this to \$225.

Stelpflug said most candidates usually spend far below the former limits.

He said it is meant to encourage other ways of campaigning, including social media and volunteers, instead of spending high amounts of money on campaign items such as T-shirts and signs.

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people in the room can be distracting.

It's not clear when this proposal will be discussed.

The December meeting was called off by UNC-system officials after receiving the approval of association President Robert Nunnery, said Dylan Russell, student body president of

Appalachian State University.

Nunnery could not be reached for comment after multiple calls.

Russell said the meeting was canceled because it would have been held during exam week.

"On a daily basis, we have to juggle school, academics, social life and other extracurriculars," Russell said. "To say that we couldn't handle a meeting during this time was

just demeaning."

Russell said this is the first time all 17 student body presidents have been simultaneously interested in reforming.

Student Body President Jalynn Jones of Fayetteville State University was less worried about the cancellation. She said the meeting wasn't announced in the original schedule and the details weren't clear.

"I'd rather the meeting be



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James Michael McAdoo (left) was limited to six points on a 3-for-13 shooting effort against UAB.

BASKETBALL

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Louisville.

The Spartans, led by the formidable trio of Big Ten preseason Player of the Year guard Gary Harris, senior big man Adreian Payne and senior point guard Keith Appling, lead the country in assists.

Michigan State picked off then-No. 1 Kentucky in the Champions Classic and averages 85.9 points in an uptempo and physical style of play.

Against UAB, sophomore guard Marcus Paige scored only 13 points on a 6-for-16, 0-for-6 from 3-point range shooting effort. By shutting down Paige, the Blazers eliminated UNC's go-to offensive threats — something that can't happen against the Spartans.

"The biggest thing is we can't just be one-dimensional," Williams said. "Against Louisville we scored 93 and I guess he had 30-something. We had some other guys who scored for us. That's what we

lacked against UAB."

UNC has spoiled one perfect season in its defeat of Louisville, and Johnson knows his team needs to elevate its intensity before the 9 p.m. tipoff at the Breslin Center to have a shot at another.

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Duke-UNC grant creates harmony

Two music ensembles received a \$5,000 grant.

By Robert McNeely
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Contemporary Music Ensemble is joining forces with the Duke New Music Ensemble thanks to the prestigious Kenan-Biddle Partnership Grant.

The grant awards \$5,000 to student-initiated projects that stimulate collaborative arts programs between Duke University and UNC.

"This grant's a really cool thing because it allows us to work with the Duke New Music Ensemble," said Edmond Harrison, philanthropy director of the CHCME, who also is a staff writer for The Daily Tar Heel. "It's really rare to even find one ensemble who plays contemporary music, and we hope to bring that music to audiences at Chapel Hill and Durham."

Harrison, who also wrote

"This grant means we now have resources allowing us to plan concerts together."

Jamie Keesecker,
director of the Duke New Music Ensemble

the grant proposal, outlined a series of three concerts for fall 2014 in which the two ensemble groups will perform original student-composed music together.

"I approached (CHCME Executive Director) Richard Drehoff with the idea of finding someone from Duke and collaborating," Harrison said. "It was a hurdle, but once we worked it all out, everything else went pretty smoothly."

Drehoff, a UNC alumnus who graduated in 2012, created CHCME in December of his last year. Since then, he's acted as the ensemble's head and maintained an active role in facilitating events.

"We don't get a chance to interact with Duke composers very often, so this gives us the opportunity to collaborate in a way we haven't before," Drehoff said. "It'll be neat to bring in audiences from both groups and see how they

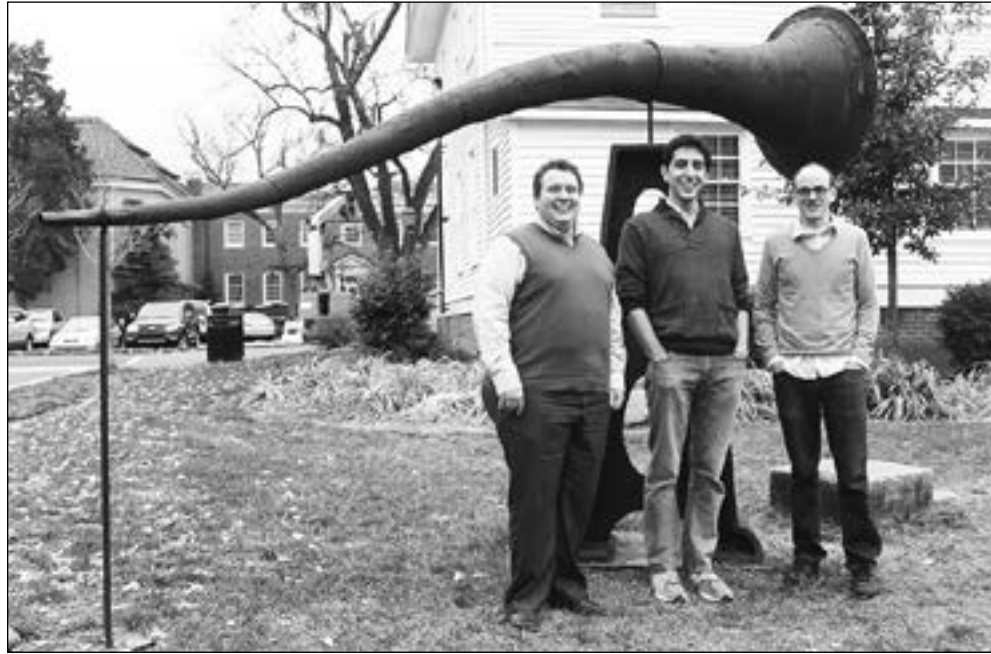
interpret it."

The CHCME focuses on performing pieces written within roughly the last decade in the hopes of exposing what's going on in the world of music today. The Duke New Music Ensemble has similar goals in mind, and its members seem to share the same enthusiasm about the prospect of collaboration.

"This grant means we now have resources allowing us to plan concerts together and ideally perform for both Durham and Chapel Hill," said Jamie Keesecker, a Duke graduate student and head of the Duke ensemble.

"We'll have the ability to bring new music to a wider audience in a way neither ensemble could do individually."

Keesecker has been a member of the Duke ensemble for five years, and said he is excited for the exposure



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From left to right, Richard Drehoff and Edmond Harrison, from the Chapel Hill Contemporary Music Ensemble, and Jamie Keesecker, from the Duke New Music Ensemble, were awarded a joint grant.

this concert series will bring to both groups.

The dates and locations of the concert series are not yet solidified, but they will most likely be performed near the UNC and Duke campuses during the fall of 2014. Until

then, both ensembles plan to keep spreading their passion for contemporary music.

"I think it's the role of musicians or artists of any kind to constantly challenge their audience," Harrison said.

"Introducing audiences to new kinds of music and art can impact them on an emotional level that classical pieces of art or music just might not."

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Hearing voices from death row

In September, The Daily Tar Heel announced a new project: to send a letter to each of the 151 inmates on North Carolina's death row.

Our goal is to get the other side of the story on the controversial decision to overturn the state's Racial Justice Act. We want to hear from the more than a hundred people on death row who might soon face lethal injection as a result of this decision.

The Racial Justice Act of 2009 was overturned by the N.C. General Assembly in June. It had allowed capital defendants to challenge their



Madeline Will
State & National Editor

sentences if they could successfully prove that race was a significant factor during their trial in the jurors' decision to seek or impose the death penalty.

If proven, the defendants could have had their sentences reduced to life in prison

without parole.

Most of the 151 inmates currently on death row had filed for appeal under the Racial Justice Act — regardless of their race or the race of their victims. Now, their cases are still tied up in litigation.

The last North Carolina execution took place in 2006, and experts said it could be months or even years before executions resume.

Still, North Carolina has continued moving forward with the intent on speeding up executions.

In October, Secretary of Public Safety Frank Perry approved a new execution

protocol that would use a single drug, pentobarbital, to stop the inmate's heart. Previously, the state had used a three-part cocktail.

Richard Dieter, executive director of the national Death Penalty Information Center, said this decision follows in the footsteps of many states, including Texas and Ohio.

But there are some complications with the method — the European manufacturer of pentobarbital has said it doesn't want its drugs used for executions, Dieter said.

U.S. states might have existing supplies of pentobarbital that could be used for lethal injection, Dieter said, but they could be close to expiration.

And North Carolina still must settle the lingering complications from the Racial Justice Act.

"North Carolina has a number of hurdles before they get back to executions," Dieter said.

During this time of flux and uncertainty, The Daily Tar Heel wants to add the voices of those most affected to the discussion — the voices that have so far been left out.

So far, we have received many letters from death row inmates sharing their thoughts and unique perspective on the Racial Justice Act and justice in the state.

We plan to publish these letters, along with a story encompassing the state of the death penalty in North Carolina, next semester.

If you, readers, have anything to add or contribute to the discussion, please email state@dailytarheel.com.

NC ranked on LGBT inclusivity

Several cities in the state were rated on an "equality index."

By Nick Niedzwiedek
Staff Writer

Ashley Broadway is a stay-at-home mom living in Sanford and is married to an Army lieutenant colonel at Fort Bragg — until she steps off of the military base.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court case that effectively struck down the Defense of Marriage Act gives her and spouse Heather Mack federal recognition of their marriage, but N.C.'s constitution still bans state recognition for same-sex couples.

"We wanted to live in a progressive state, and we thought that North Carolina fit that," Broadway said. "It doesn't seem like that now."

The state's ban on same-sex marriage and law against adoption by gay couples contribute to the state ranking below average in terms of LGBT equality, according to the Municipal Equality Index.

The index, compiled by LGBT advocacy group the Human Rights Campaign and published last month, determines how equally cities treat their LGBT communities, rewarding cities for nondiscrimination laws, relationship recognition and health benefits for same-sex spouses, among other criteria.

Raleigh, Durham, Charlotte and Fayetteville were among the N.C. cities included, and the statewide

average was 42 out of 100. Durham earned the highest score in the state, a 56.

Durham's score was a reflection of its employee non-discrimination protections — a policy the state as a whole has not implemented, said Jen Jones, spokeswoman for Equality N.C., an LGBT advocacy group. It represents one instance where contrasting federal, state and local laws have created a complex legal network that same-sex couples must navigate.

Broadway said she had to go to great lengths to secure parental rights for the children she raises with her wife.

When her wife had a baby last January, Broadway said she had to go out of state to legally adopt the child.

Broadway said she does not believe that progress is moving quickly enough through the South and believes it might take federal intervention to achieve equality.

North Carolina's changing demographics will help achieve greater recognition of LGBT people, Jones said.

"North Carolina is home to many recent transplants from places outside of the South that have no doubt helped move the state's collective conversation forward on LGBT equality," she said.

Broadway said she and her spouse just want to feel like equals wherever they go.

"We would love to stay in North Carolina, but we want to live in a state where we are recognized and able to live as a family."

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 7 -- Dreams contain tricky messages worth deciphering; write them down and consider the puzzle. Attend to career goals today and tomorrow. Don't spend impulsively, even with good reason. Stay put a while longer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 -- You find what you seek out. Dive into work without delay. Transform priorities and dress the part; a new haircut or style would be nice. Get something you've always wanted. Own your new direction.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a 7 -- Put your heart into your activities. Make big changes for the next two days, but without spending yet. Emotional tension demands release; it's a good thing, so let it flow. Take the time to listen. Test your results.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is an 8 -- It's a good time to get your message across. Check your intuition by reviewing data. Don't try to impress others, despite your brilliant idea. Keep it private for now and prepare. Exercise outside and think it over.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 9 -- Don't overspend or gamble today. There's more work coming. A rude awakening calls you to re-affirm a commitment. Remain patient. Work and make money today and tomorrow. Give and take. Inform the team privately. Offer insights.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 -- Work interferes with travel now, so make plans for later. Postpone a shopping trip. Get an expert for the job (if you're not one). Your love holds you to your highest ideals. Pay attention to that. Have inexpensive fun.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 6 -- Shop carefully. The next two days are good for making changes at home. Be careful, though. Think things through before acting. Get everyone else on board to make a breakthrough. Sift for bargains; there are plenty of options.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 -- The team buys into your plan. There are irregularities in cash flow, but it's manageable. You're extra brilliant today. Believe you can prosper. Emotions add motivation. Dress eclectic. Create a romantic venue & invite someone.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 9 -- A controversy gets sparked. Great abundance can be yours over the next few days. Edit your lists and stay in motion. Choose your activities well. You don't have to tell everybody. Things could get tense. Try something new.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 -- The action today and tomorrow depends on your will power. Don't make assumptions or spend frivolously. Relax. Work messes with travel plans. Establish boundaries. Lighten your load. Your power's increasing. Help partners work out a disagreement.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 6 -- A difference of opinion causes conflict at home. Meditate in seclusion. Note financial shortages and instability. Learn from others. Calm someone who's upset. Reflect and look back. Identify new resources. All ends well.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 7 -- Dive into a passionate effort. Associates need support now. It takes creativity to reach a breakthrough (but it's available). Confer with allies today and tomorrow and try something new or unusual. Despite disagreement about priorities, you perform brilliantly.

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Program targets veteran medics

By John Howell, Jr.
Senior Writer

A year after being announced, a UNC physician assistant master's program designed to help special forces medics transition to civilian health care is on track to welcome its first class.

The program was unveiled last December by former Chancellor Holden Thorp. Since then, newly appointed program director Prema Menezes, along with an advisory committee, has been working within the UNC School of Medicine to develop the program.

The program is scheduled to accept its first class of 15 to 20 students in August 2015. Although originally designed with veterans from special forces in mind, the program will be open to all applicants.

"We have interest not just from people who are in special operations, but from veterans who are coming out of the military with medical backgrounds, and we encourage all of them (to apply)," Menezes said.

Menezes, appointed director in August, said the application of intent filed with the UNC system was favorably received in November.

The next milestone will come in March, when the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant begins to review the program. The commission is responsible for upholding the standards for physician assistant programs throughout the country.

BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina pledged \$1.2 million to support the program when it was announced.

Dr. Bruce Cairns, director of the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center and advisory committee member for the program, said health care reform is allowing for the creation of primary care networks in underserved areas, and veterans can fill those gaps.

"Dr. (Tim) Daaleman was one of the first to say to me many years ago that military medics provide a rich opportunity to address primary care provider shortages, particularly in rural areas of North Carolina," he said.

Cairns said the special forces medics who have spent much of their careers at Fort Bragg are ideal candidates for rural and underserved areas of the state.

"They've trained here; they want to stay here because this is their identity," he said. "They want to go back and be leaders in their community."

Daaleman, medical director of the P.A. program, said the program's graduates will be placed in these shortage areas.

Cairns said the training military medics receive is different from what they might learn in the civilian sector, making it difficult to transition into civilian jobs.

"The problem is veterans who have medical backgrounds cannot take their training and experience, which is vast, and immediately apply it into the civilian workforce," he said.

Dr. Nicholas True, former special forces medic and current first-year resident at UNC Hospitals, said the transition can be frustrating.

"When you try to look for a job, the best you can get is maybe an EMT basic, which

is typically below the level you've been trained to in the military," he said.

Catering the P.A. program to veterans will attract a strong group of candidates with diverse experiences, True said.

"Globally, it benefits the medical community to retain all these people with military medicine backgrounds."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Tar Heels named to All-ACC team

Ten members of the North Carolina football team received All-ACC honors Monday.

Tight end Eric Ebron, offensive tackle James Hurst, defensive end Kareem Martin and punt returner Ryan Switzer were named to the first team, and safety Tre Boston earned second-team honors.

Quinshad Davis, Russell Bodine, Norkeithus Otis, Jabari Price and Tommy Hibbard received honorable

mentions. Switzer became UNC's first true freshman to earn first team honors since Amos Lawrence in 1977.

Wold, Craddock earn All-America honors

For the second year in a row, sophomore Emily Wold and junior Charlotte Craddock earned field hockey All-America honors.

Wold was named to the first team and Craddock to the second.

Wold was previously named the South Region Player of the Year as well as All-ACC, All-ACC Tournament and All-NCAA

Tournament honors. She led the county in assists with 23.

Craddock scored 13 goals in the 18 games she played this season.

DeShields named ACC Rookie of the Week

Freshman guard Diamond DeShields was named the ACC Rookie of the Week, becoming member of the UNC women's basketball team to earn the honor this season.

DeShields leads the Tar Heels in scoring on the year with 16.8 points per game.

—From staff and wire reports

MEN'S HOOPS ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

S	North Carolina at No. 1 Michigan State 9 p.m. Breslin Center Broadcast: ESPN	MSU
7-0, 0-0 Big Ten		4-2, 0-0 ACC

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Backcourt	Guards Keith Appling and Gary Harris combine to average 34.6 points per game. The tandem will present problems to a one-dimensional UNC backcourt led by the team's leading scorer Marcus Paige, who scores 20.8 points a contest. Edge: MSU	S
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Frontcourt	Both UNC and Michigan State average just more than 39 rebounds per game. After getting dominated on the boards at UAB, UNC will look to bounce back but will face 6-foot-10 center Adreian Payne and forward Branden Dawson. Edge: PUSH	MSU
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Bench	Michigan State relies heavily upon its starting five in just a seven-man rotation. Brice Johnson and Kennedy Meeks have given the Tar Heels life off the bench this season, as both shoot more than 55 percent from the field a game. Edge: UNC	MSU
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Intangibles	Michigan State is a close-knit, veteran team heading into the home game as the top team in the nation and NCAA leader in assists. The challenge and the Tar Heels also have not mixed as UNC was blown out by No. 1 Indiana on the road in 2012. Edge: MSU	S
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The Bottom Line — Michigan State 82, UNC 68

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WOMEN'S HOOPS WEDNESDAY MATCHUP

N	No. 16 North Carolina vs. No. 13 Nebraska 6 p.m. Carmichael Arena Broadcast: ESPN3	MSU
6-1, 0-0 Big Ten		6-2, 0-0 ACC

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Backcourt	UNC boasts a backcourt that features its top two scorers — freshman guards Diamond DeShields and Allisha Gray, who score 16.8 and 15.4 points per game respectively. DeShields averaged 23.8 points in the last three games. Edge: UNC	MSU
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Frontcourt	Nebraska has a veteran presence in the paint, fronted by 6-foot-2 junior and senior forwards Jordan Hooper and Emily Cady. They lead the Cornhuskers in points and rebounds, posing a challenge for UNC's young front court. Edge: Nebraska	N
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Bench	Allisha Gray and Jessica Washington have sparked UNC off the bench this season. The two are tied for a team-high in 3-pointers with 10. Nebraska only gets 16 points a game from its bench, less than a point shy of Gray's season average. Edge: UNC	MSU
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Intangibles	Nebraska is coming off of a loss that snapped its six-game winning streak. The Cornhuskers lost on the road to Maryland in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge last year while UNC beat Ohio State. UNC is 3-0 all-time at home in the challenge. Edge: UNC	MSU
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The Bottom Line — North Carolina 86, Nebraska 78

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Tuesday's puzzle

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Staying strong

N.C. Children's Hospital patients and their "pals" create video about life in a hospital. See pg. 3 for story.

Carson scholars named

Eve Carson Scholarship recipients are named, plan their international summers. See pg. 4 for story.

Stealing gifts, hearts

A bilingual reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" took place Tuesday. See pg. 5 for story.

World AIDS Day

Campus Health Services provided free HIV testing to students for World AIDS Day. See online for story.

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- World Court site, with "The"
- Shepard in space
- Plate ump's purview
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- Unit of work
- Soda for dieters
- French season
- Thin pancake
- Violinist's gift
- Move very slowly
- 36 Suffers from
- In recent times
- Mechanic, at times
- "That works!"
- 42 4-Down collector
- Boy king
- Made a hue turn?
- Suffix for records
- Oater group bent on justice
- Nile biter
- Blush wine, for short
- Short market lines?
- Piedmont wine region
- Erie Canal mule
- __ Pipeline, Oahu

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- Surfing attraction
- "She's Not There" rock group
- "Ripostes" poet Pound
- Overnight refuge
- Theater part
- Choir part
- Blow some dough
- __ collar
- Stonewall's soldiers
- Shock
- Large grinder
- Citrus shavings
- Payment to 42-Across
- "Thick and Rich" chocolate syrup
- Rescue pro
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Heels bond over meals

By Eden Ye Tianyue
Staff Writer

Inviting professors for a meal outside the classroom can build relationships and lead to academic success — but it's expensive.

The student-created program Meals with Heels helps to solve this problem and get students together with those professors for a free meal at a campus dining location of their choice. It is trying to expand this year.

"Students don't usually meet their professor, and we want them to take advantage of the project," said Irene Neequaye, a UNC graduate who founded the project last year.

She said students who want to use the service need to schedule a meal with their professors first and fill out a form on the website. Students receive a meal card to have a free meal with their professors at campus dining locations.

Neequaye said the program started as a research project

for a class, Education 318.

"We brainstormed the things that were lacking in our Carolina experience and came out with the faculty-student relationship," she said.

Neequaye said students often line up for office hours — but they don't really know their professors.

Hallie Kloots, a graduate assistant for the Department of Housing and Residential Education, which oversees the Meals with Heels program, said students have enjoyed the opportunity since the program started in the 2012-13 school year.

The program has been used by 93 students and 53 professors since its creation.

The housing department currently funds the program, but Kloots said they are working to expand by partnering with other campus departments, such as Carolina Dining Services.

Scott Myers, director of food and vending for Carolina Dining Services, said he was told that six meal cards have

been funded each semester with \$50 on each.

The meals cards have been reduced from six to four this semester, but the total budget remains the same and each card is worth more.

"Our dining team has met with these ladies to see how we can help them, but they really are the driving force," Myers said about the founders.

Kloots said students who live on campus are eligible for the meal cards, which can be used at any campus dining location.

"Most students tend to use Alpine and Lenoir," she said.

UNC freshman Wei Zhou goes to office hours of all her professors every week but said she still feels like it is not enough.

Sharing a meal could help, she said.

"We only talked about academic issues in office hours, but I really want to talk more about personal stuff."

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ECU ends tenure hiring for librarians

Just five UNC-system campuses offer a librarian tenure track.

By Samantha Reid
Staff Writer

As of November, there are only five UNC-system schools hiring librarians on tenure — and administrators at East Carolina University, the latest to stop doing so, say they will use UNC-CH's hiring system as a model.

Only Appalachian State University, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Pembroke and Western Carolina University offer a

tenure track for librarians comparable to what is offered to professors.

Matt Reynolds, digital collections librarian at ECU, said the decision to end tenure tracks for newly hired librarians was announced in early October.

Reynolds said the new system had not yet been decided upon, but that it would probably resemble the non-tenure system at UNC-CH.

Tiffany Allen, director of library human resources at UNC-CH, said she could not remember the last time librarians had tenure — and she has been at the University for about 15 years.

Allen said UNC-CH hires librarians on fixed-term con-

tracts that are renewed based on performance.

She said the current structure has been in existence since the 1980s, and that a new mentoring program has been implemented to assist new hires in understanding the contractual process.

Allen said approximately 125 librarians are employed by the University, Health Science and Law libraries.

Reynolds said ECU's provost and vice chancellor for health sciences were the administrators primarily in charge of the decision.

"The administration feels like librarians are not traditional members of the faculty. They don't teach classes, and they have a different pay

type," Reynolds said.

Katy Kavanagh, interim head of research and instructional services at ECU's Joyner Library, said she had concerns that the loss of tenure would reduce the type and number of opportunities available to librarians. Those on the tenure track are allowed a small travel budget to serve on committees and speak at conventions.

"Because I am required to publish to gain tenure, I have not only learned how to do something new and complex, but I have also made many contacts with other librarians and people on campus," Kavanagh said in an email.

The majority of the UNC-system schools that offer tenure for librarians said they

did so because the librarians' workload seemed equivalent to professors, as they were required to complete a research publishing component in the same way professors would.

Barbara Wildemuth, associate dean of UNC's School of Information and Library Science, said the lack of tenure reduces the pressure for librarians to publish their work, and without that requirement they have more time to carry out their day-to-day jobs in the library.

She said the downside was that non-tenured librarians do not have the protection of speech.

"For academic librarianship, librarians should strive

for a master's degree in library science and consider a second advanced degree in a specific area to help respond to students' and faculty members' questions," Wildemuth said.

The ECU decision will not immediately impact any schools. The five colleges with tenure tracks for librarians stated that there were no plans for change anytime soon.

"Although a lot of us are disappointed in the decision, this isn't going to affect the work we do," Reynolds said.

"Our prime directive is connecting people with the materials they need. Without students, we'd all be working at Starbucks."

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Free AIDS testing raises awareness

By Daniel Schere
Assistant University Editor

One of the world's most infectious diseases is still not fully understood by people.

On Tuesday, an event was held both nationwide and at UNC to increase understanding.

The campus community celebrated World AIDS Day by setting up a free HIV test in the Great Hall of the Student Union. It was sponsored by UNC Student Wellness, the Student Health Action Coalition and the UNC Center for AIDS Research.

Event co-coordinator Diana Sanchez said UNC has been conducting the free tests since the 1990s and typically draws a crowd that includes students, faculty and other community members.

"We like to think that it removes some of the barriers to testing by testing in a convenient spot and making it free, and encouraging people to bring friends, roommates,

partners," she said.

Sanchez, a sexual wellness specialist and Ph.D. student in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, has been hosting the event for three years, and it typically attracts about 100 or 200 people.

Co-coordinator Jesse Goldberg said 77 people came this year.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are more than one million people in the United States living with HIV.

Goldberg has worked at UNC's Center for AIDS Research and said awareness on campus of HIV and AIDS has increased due to more people signing up for Public Health 420, which is titled "AIDS: Policies and Practices."

"Students are always asking for more testing opportunities around campus and somewhere they can get free testing," he said.

Sanchez said the event has helped clear up misunderstandings about HIV.

"I think some of the other

facts about symptoms, testing, resources on campus are a little bit less known by students on campus so that's something that we're hoping to increase," Sanchez said.

Senior Tyler Johnson, who volunteered at the event, said he learned much of what he knows about diseases and safe sex from Public Health 420.

"Growing up they just kind of used scare tactics like, 'don't get AIDS,' and it was mostly like, 'don't have sex,'" he said.

Johnson said the course and his volunteer work with the wellness center has given him a completely different perspective on HIV and AIDS.

"I didn't even know the difference between HIV and AIDS," he said. "I thought if you got AIDS it was a death sentence like how it was when it first started ... When I got to UNC I got to learn about what it means to have HIV today, all the ways it can be treated, how to get tested."

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Making a list and checking it twice

It is the season to be a Republican. With healthcare.gov about as popular as ConnectCarolina at registration, the shutdown long gone from the average voter's mind and higher incomes than Democrats, the GOP should be enjoying the holiday season. This Christmas, I'm asking for some things money can't buy — unless we're talking a couple million in campaign donations.

1. Real N.C. tax reform: While I think any move toward tax reform is good, this year's N.C. tax reform could've been so much better. Tying future tax rate reductions to revenue goals was a brilliant move, but actual tax reform means lower rates, a broader tax base and no loopholes or deductions. Instead, we got a sales tax that misses most of the 79 percent of our economy that is service-based and penalizes us even more for eating at Lenoir.

2. A Reagan-Bush '84 T-shirt: Yes, that probably makes me a complete douche, but Reagan's 525-electoral-vote victory represents the last time a lot of people were actually proud to be Republicans. Bonus points if the shirt comes with a pocket on the front.

3. Comprehensive immigration reform: I'm not talking straight amnesty here, but the GOP's answer to the president's de facto DREAM Act can't be that the 12 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S. will simply deport themselves. Just hoping they'll leave is about as useful as the current tactic of telling us why the Senate's comprehensive reform is going to ruin our country.

4. Parrot AR.Drone 2.0: Despite my reservations about using drones to bomb Afghanistan back to the Bronze Age, the Parrot's utility as a personal amusement/creeping device makes it more than worth its \$300 price tag. Did I mention the built-in HD video camera?

5. An N.C. charter school boom: The fact that Democrats are fighting tooth and nail to pour money into a public education system that was built as an Industrial Revolution day-care should make you uneasy. With its post-Katrina charter school makeover, New Orleans' experiment with school choice should be an interesting barometer for the future of public education.

6. An internship with Goldman Sachs: Just because I'm soft on social issues and the environment doesn't mean I'm anything other than a cold-hearted Wall Street Republican.

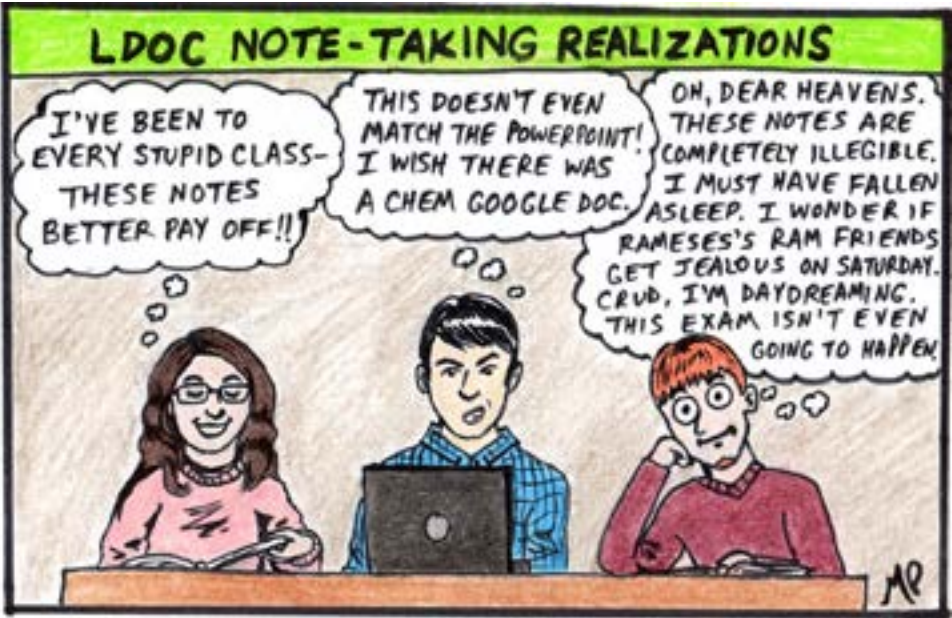
7. Cap-and-Trade: Of all the schemes to reduce carbon emissions, cap-and-trade makes the most sense. Heavy polluters will absorb the externalized costs by paying for more emissions permits, and those working to reduce emissions can benefit by selling their own.

While I'm not entirely sold on the idea that humans are carbon-emitting themselves into an untimely extinction, I'd rather hedge my bets with cap-and-trade and not take that chance.

8. A Nativity scene on the Peace & Justice Plaza with a historically inaccurate all-white cast: Just to see heads explode.

Merry Christmas, and may the odds be ever in your favor — or something like that.

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EDITORIAL

At what cost?

Private donations should not mar academics.

Since 2008, nearly every sector of the economy has been forced to undergo budget cuts, and universities are no exception. In fact, UNC-system schools have seen a reduction in state funding of nearly \$500 million since 2011, with a \$65 million cut for the 2013-14 academic year alone.

To relieve the impact of these budget cuts, universities are starting to rely more heavily on private donations. However, some of these donations come with stipulations that could potentially compromise UNC's academic integrity.

When considering what terms must be set in order for donations to be accepted, it is important that the University does not implement courses or utilize materials that may support an ulterior agenda. It must develop a strict set of guidelines in order to protect its academic integrity.

In the past, UNC has done well to avoid donations that have contentious or overly demanding conditions attached to them. In 2004, UNC declined a \$10 million donation from the John William Pope Foundation that stipulated a "Western Cultures" program be made available to students. The standard set by this example should be continued.

It is in the University's

best interest that donor conditions be made as transparent as possible in order for UNC to uphold its prestigious academic integrity. Accepting donations with conditions attached to them could lead schools down a slippery slope that could degrade the freedom awarded by education.

Public universities do not serve to influence students' opinions on topics; rather, they serve to develop students into critical thinkers so they can make informed decisions on their own. Therefore, it is essential for UNC to develop a strict set of guidelines for what types of donations to accept in order to function in a way that best serves the interest of students.

EDITORIAL

Just a little more time

New freshman registration process will reduce stress.

After other options were considered during discussions about changing registration for new students, the University's final decision to move it to after orientation should be applauded.

Any student can attest that course registration is a stressful process.

With the old system, freshmen were given only 30 minutes to race their new classmates for the best classes while navigating the ConnectCarolina system for the first time.

Next summer, freshmen will still be asked to com-

plete an online module and receive the same one-on-one academic advising at orientation.

But this time, their registration window will be open for several days and accessible from their homes.

This change will make the process less stressful while providing students with the same amount of support and preparation.

In addition, it will be helpful for freshmen to have time after orientation to process everything they learned and make more informed decisions when registering.

The only downside of this new system will be the lack of in-person advising available for students as they register.

However, implement-

ing an online chat system can help make sure students get the support they need.

In fact, an online system could potentially provide more assistance by offering more available advisers at one time.

Also if a student is unable to register easily from his or her home, accommodations should be made for that person to register on campus during orientation.

UNC should ensure students are not at a disadvantage if they don't have computer access.

This recent change should help ease the stress of the registration process while simulating the process freshmen will use in future semesters.

EDITORIAL

Breaking the record

Transparency should be enforced at the state level.

In our government, at all levels, transparency is key.

An open flow of recorded public information is always in the best interest of the people.

When tax money is at stake, North Carolina residents should expect that funds are used and recorded to the letter of the law.

Despite this, within the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, written records that detail the hiring of individuals have not been located.

They are called justification memorandums, and in at least six cases,

they cannot be found.

This is unacceptable. If the laws are not followed, then the door is open for misuse of public funds.

If the government doesn't have to justify why it is hiring an individual, then the government is free to hire anyone it wants, regardless of qualification.

When contracts that pay thousands of dollars are being handed out, the public reserves the right to see the justification.

If a hired individual deserves to be paid handsomely by the government, then the public deserves to have access to the forms that explain why.

When simple forms are not filled out, it leads the public to wonder what is being hidden.

Regardless of what the memorandums would have shown, it is damning to be called out for not writing them.

Whatever explains why these memorandums are missing, be it sinister or a simple accident of oversight, the memorandums need to be found or created and shown to the public as quickly as possible.

If this is not possible with the current staff, the state should find those who are capable of this needed transparency.

If no action is taken, it will send the message that transparency is not a priority of the state.

State laws say that these memorandums are public record. So make the records public.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our prime directive is connecting people with the materials they need. Without students, we'd all be working at Starbucks."

Matt Reynolds, on working as a librarian in the UNC system

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"I wonder how effective it is to try and teach a 17-year-old who does not want to be in class."

NClaw441, on raising the dropout age for high school students

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor did not represent Muslims

TO THE EDITOR:

It has come to our attention that there has been criticism about an event held by the UNC Muslim Students Association on Nov. 20 called "Taboo Topics." One of the points discussed during the event was homosexuality in Islam. A letter was written to the editor on Dec. 2 titled "No place to go for gay Muslim students" that implied that UNC MSA does not accept gay Muslims. First, we would like to state that any type of discrimination, has absolutely no place in Islam and is unacceptable within UNC MSA. The letter also stated that the event was one-sided and that no discussion was held about the topic. If the individual were present, they would have known that the topics presented were discussed at great length the following day, and that MSA members hold a wide range of opinions. We would also like to mention that any speaker that we invite does not necessarily represent the opinions of every MSA member.

We understand that there are gay Muslims, and they are welcome to MSA along with all other Muslims. Again, their sexual orientation does not and should not have any effect on their right to be respected and treated with kindness. As the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said, "None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself."

UNC MSA Executive Board

Residents should stand against fracking

TO THE EDITOR:

Fracking pollutes groundwater. It is that simple. As a native of a coastal town I've spent all my summers at the beach or lake. Now as a student at UNC I enjoy kayaking and hiking around Jordan Lake. Water is a precious resource that must be protected. GOV. McCrory and the N.C. General Assembly continually push to allow fracking in our state. This would be disastrous. Would we passively stand by and watch toxic chemicals being dumped in our lakes and rivers that supply our drinking water for more than 2.4 million people? No, we would not. Fracking has the same result as it enables harmful pollutants to invade our water supply. It is a huge public health risk for us now and future generations to come. I urge my fellow North Carolinians across the state to stand with me and keep fracking out of our state.

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I left my last microbiology class convinced I'm doomed to die of either botulism or rabies. Happy LDOC?

To my Computer Science 101 professor for NEXT SEMESTER: I'm pretty sure emailing students before they even start exams (for the previous semester) violates the Geneva Conventions.

To my fiance who starts finals this week: Save the D for when you get home.

Annoyance with elementary school field trips on campus during finals: A reminder of why college women NEED birth control.

To the girl who swiped me into Rams without even eating: You are a saint.

It's barely Tuesday and I've already received a reminder about the reminders to remember to fill out my course evaluations. How about you just shoot me instead?

To the second-floor Connor singer, ruining people's afternoon peace since August 2013: Staph. Mumford is nice, but finals. Seriously.

#FreePJ? How about #YaBle-wtPJ for doing something he knew was wrong and putting himself in front of the team.

I want to cry. I miss Reggie.

If watching "How the Grinch Stole Christmas twice in one day is wrong, then I don't want to be right." #CindyLouWHOAREYOU TO JUDGE

To my professor who gave me a C+ for being "too wordy": Here is my revision: U. R. Shit.

To the girl wearing the Lululemon yoga pants: There was a reason those were recalled. Also, you need a wax.

To the past kvetcher / Leggings are comfortable / Control your penis

Does anyone find it disconcerting for frat court to be bumping Vince Guaraldi?

To the bro who brought a can of spit tobacco and a dip cup to the UL: I've never been so repulsed by a dude's mouth since, well, ever.

UNC women: Stay away from Marcus Paige. We don't need any more basketball players going to the NBA to support babies.

Sung to the tune of "A Thousand Miles" by Vanessa Carlton: "Faking my way through work, typing fast, classes pass, almost home bound."

To my AlwaysInTheRoommate: Even if you have no interest in sex, I do. GTFO once in a while.

To the kid sporting a holiday wreath on your bike handlebars, too soon. It's finals week. #bahhumbug

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