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## HITTING THE BOOKS

Students at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School are reading at a furious pace during the annual two-week Readathon.



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## PRESIDENTIAL-LEE

Student body president candidate Ian Lee, the student body secretary, boasts a platform of simple, clear-cut goals.



## You're invited

Attend the DTH's student body president forum tonight at 8 p.m. in Student Union, Room 3413. Send your questions to [editor@dailytarheel.com](mailto:editor@dailytarheel.com).

## this day in black history

FEB. 1, 1960...

After being refused service, four N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University students begin a sit-in at a white-only Woolworth's counter in Greensboro.

## Today's weather

It's going to be winter forever  
H 50, L 44

## Wednesday's weather

Say whaaat?!  
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COURTESY OF PLAYMAKERS REPERTORY COMPANY

Matthew Carlson and Kathryn Hunter-Williams perform in "Angels in America," a controversial two-part play produced by PlayMakers that hopes to ignite conversation and awareness about AIDS among young adults.

## ‘ANGELS’ DESCENDS

Controversial play put on by PlayMakers for first time

BY KATELYN TRELA

ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

Fifteen years ago, one play tore a city in two. It was March 1996. A Charlotte man, outraged that the Charlotte Repertory Theatre would be producing Tony Kushner's "Angels in America," printed a copy of the script and read its most challenging scenes at a televised city council meeting.

At UNC, more than a decade later, PlayMakers Repertory Company is presenting the same award-winning story of disease, sexuality and change for the first time in the company's history.

"Angels in America" follows the story of two couples in AIDS-ravaged New York City in the 1980s — one straight and one gay.

Joseph Haj, producing artistic director of PlayMakers, said that "Angels in America" may be the most important show that PlayMakers ever puts on.

Though he knows many people may be upset by its controversial nature, Haj — along with the cast and crew — are hoping to ignite fresh conversation, especially among young adults, about AIDS and sexuality.

Haj and Kushner will have a public dialogue on April 10 in Memorial Hall to discuss the play.

Jeffrey Meanza, who plays Louis Ironson, a partner in the gay couple, called "Angels in America" the "most important play in the last 50 years."

"It's a deceptive play," Meanza said. "You have no

### See 'Angels in America' in two parts

**Time:** Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. from Feb. 1 to March 6. All Saturday performances are "Millennium Approaches" at 2 p.m. followed by "Perestroika" at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Paul Green Theatre

**Tickets:** \$10 to \$45

idea where it's going to take you."

Though written about the 1980s, when the AIDS epidemic was just beginning, "Angels in America" remains a timeless and relevant story to tell, Meanza said.

"During this period, if you were diagnosed, it was a death sentence," he said.

Director Brendon Fox said that the story is less about the time and more about the themes.

"It's bigger than an AIDS play, or a gay play, or a straight play," he said.

The journey the characters take in the piece is a relatable one, Meanza said.

"There's so much to discuss around these characters," he said. "There will be people who'll be uncomfortable; people will be scared by it."

"That's one of the things that makes the play still important now — it's not always easy to watch."

Cary Levine, an assistant professor of contemporary art history at UNC, said that the arts continue to be part of a larger movement of awareness and action.

"A lot of these issues are still with us," he said. "It'd

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## UNC AIDS researchers fear inadequate budget

Programs depend on national funds

BY CLAIRE MCNEILL

STAFF WRITER

University AIDS researchers, proud of programs that ranked 8th in the country last year, say they are fearful that budget cuts could slash away at funds and resources.

Dr. David Margolis, professor of medicine, said he is particularly concerned with the future of funding from the National Institutes of Health, the primary pipeline for AIDS research funding at UNC and nationwide.

As the government faces pressures to cut costs, that funding has become jeopardized, he said.

Margolis said the NIH grant acceptance rate has recently fallen to the 8th percentile, so 92 percent of projects aren't chosen to be funded.

"Good times would be the 20th percentile," he said. "Now it's the 8th, and it'll probably be less than that soon."

Ronald Swanstrom, director of the University's Center for AIDS Research, said the center is funded mainly by NIH funding, though it also receives supplemental funding from the University. The University's NIH research portfolio is in excess of \$30 million.

"The University provides some matching funding for the developmental awards," he said. "They provide some discretionary funds just to help administer the (Center for AIDS Research) and then we get an equipment allowance to keep up with equipment needs."

Researchers said the University currently has three priority areas in AIDS research: prevention, treatment and therapy, and the

quest for a functional cure.

Preventative efforts include creating effective vaccines and working with microbicides, which can take the form of pills or topical creams.

Also important are behavioral therapies, which are intended to promote contraceptives and therapy.

Advancements in preventative efforts have yielded success in places like Malawi, where Chancellor Holden Thorp recently visited to observe UNC's involvement.

Treatment work aims to bring more people with HIV infections into care and to administer lifesaving therapy, Margolis said.

Meanwhile, Margolis and Dr. Victor Garcia-Martinez are working toward eradicating the disease in the body completely, a breakthrough several colleagues said could be on the horizon.

By inducing viral replication in latently infected HIV cells with 100

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COURTESY OF THE INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL HEALTH & INFECTION DISEASE

Patti, Holden and Joe Carol Thorp traveled to Malawi during winter break to visit the Tidziwe Centre, UNC's AIDS project headquarters.

## Students in Egypt seek safe return

BY ESTES GOULD

STAFF WRITER

When junior Virginia Sparks looked out the window of her dorm in Cairo on Jan. 25, she saw fires in every direction.

She now sits in an airport, waiting to come back home, three months earlier than she planned.

UNC students Sparks and Kelsey Jost-Creegan are — or were — studying abroad in Egypt this semester, but protests against the authoritarian government have changed their plans. Both are leaving the country at the earliest opportunity.

The entire region — first Tunisia and now Egypt and Lebanon — has erupted in demonstrations by citizens demanding greater freedom and democracy from their governments. The protests in Egypt began Jan. 25 with thousands of demonstrators on the streets of Cairo and thousands of people in airports, trying to leave.

Protestors demand the resignation of Hosni Mubarak, who has been president of Egypt for 30 years. The country has been in a state of emergency for decades since Mubarak took power.

Many protestors are also angry with the United States, which has financially supported his regime.

The dorm at the American University in Cairo is outside the city, on an island blockaded from the city's unrest. But Jost-Creegan's mother, Barbara Jost-Creegan, said the effects of the protests reached as far as the students' secluded campus.

"There was a lot of activity, a lot of fighting — horrible noises," she said. "She told me there were a lot of popping sounds happening."

The Jost-Creegans have been trying to get Kelsey out of Egypt

for days. They finally found her a chartered flight on Tuesday with an emergency evacuation company, Barbara said.

Neither student participated in the protests, their parents said.

UNC freshman Amira Shehata studied in Egypt during winter break through a program led by Suzanne Mubarak, the Egyptian president's wife.

Shehata was born in Egypt, and she visits the country almost every year, but she said the unrest still surprised her.

Worth Sparks said his daughter would like to be able to go back to Egypt this semester. The program has been postponed — first to Feb. 11, then Feb. 13 — and Sparks said it will probably be canceled altogether.

"We were hopeful that we wouldn't have to get her out, but when the State Department issued their warning, that's when we started taking things a lot more seriously," he said.

The U.S. Department of State warning said evacuation flights began Monday morning, but seats were limited.

The American University in Cairo has organized buses to the airport twice daily since Monday.

"U.S. citizens seeking evacuation should be prepared for a substantial wait at the airport," the state department's release said. "We are currently working to arrange flights to Nicosia, Istanbul and Athens. Travelers will not be able to choose their destination."

Sparks was evacuated Monday, and she is waiting in Istanbul for a flight to the U.S.

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MCT/CAROLYN COLE

Egyptians demonstrate against President Hosni Mubarak in Suez, Egypt, on Monday. Organizers are calling on 1 million people to protest today.

## Town to enforce roommate limit

Students kicked out for violating

BY KELLY POE

ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Living with more than three friends might not be the party it seems — especially when town law requires one of you to move out.

Junior Winn Wright said goodbye to three roommates Monday after they moved out as a result of Chapel Hill's Land Use Management Ordinance.

The ordinance forbids homes that are classified, built and zoned as single family dwelling units from being occupied by more than four people who are not related by blood, marriage or a domestic partnership.

For every day after receiving notice that more than four people remain in the house, the town can collect a \$100 fine. Both the tenants and rental management company can be held liable.

After receiving a "huge rash of complaints," Town SeniorCode Enforcement Officer Chelsea Laws said she is going to enforce the law.

"This job is basically complaint-driven," she said. "I'm not telling anybody to be low-key, but if there's a reason to complain, I'll get a complaint. When I get a complaint, I am going to follow through."

Wright moved into his six-bedroom home in May 2010 with six other roommates, though only four tenants were listed on the lease.

In September, Wright and his roommates received a letter from the town demanding three move out. The four tenants named in the lease remain in the house while the three others moved out Monday.

Wright and his roommates didn't have to pay fines because their landlords appealed the action taken against them. And while Wright's landlords adjusted the rent so each tenant isn't paying more, not all students are so lucky.

"(Renters are) facing a contractual obligation with the landlord. You shouldn't obligate yourselves to these large rents with the hopes of saving money," said Dorothy Bernholz, director of UNC Student Legal Services.

Laws said the town is currently managing three reported cases of over-occupancy. She said the most common reasons for complaints are cars parked in the front yard or street, loud noise and tenants not following trash guidelines.

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