

# Day laborers may get center

**Advocates are looking to provide education to Hispanic workers.**

By Sarah Glen  
City Editor

Randee Haven-O'Donnell remembers advocating for the worker movement in college as one of her most rewarding endeavors.

"You knew that you were supporting emerging populations that would make a difference to the families and the future of our nation," she said.

As a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Haven-O'Donnell and other local advocates are joining together to support the area's growing Hispanic day laborer population.

Eager for work and clad in paint-flecked boots indicative of the construction industry, anywhere from

30 to 60 men stand at the corner of Jones Ferry Road and Davie Road each morning.

Come rain, sleet or snow, they wait outside for the glimpse of a potential employer driving around the corner.

Now, many believe it is time for them to move inside.

Molly De Marco, leader of the fair jobs and wages team at Orange County Justice United, said while labor center discussions are still in their early stages, the recent establishment of a relationship with the National Day Laborer Organizing Network is a step in the right direction.

"With at least 30 centers nationwide, they can help us a lot with funding options and making sure we engage workers in every step of the process," she said.

In addition to providing workers with a safe place to wait for employers and access to restrooms, De Marco said a laborer center could ease ten-

sions with neighborhoods surrounding the current informal pick-up location and even open up new opportunities to female workers.

While no concrete plans have been agreed upon, advocates are currently considering El Centro Hispano in Carrboro Plaza as a potential location for a laborer center.

Mauricio Castro, an organizer with the N.C. Latino Coalition and founder of El Centro Hispano's predecessor El Centro Latino, said El Centro Hispano presents a promising opportunity because it could offer workers health or education services and access to a bilingual staff.

"Based on the conversations we've had with the workers, they are very excited about the possibility not only to look for work but also to be able to develop other skills," he said. "Many were excited about the possibility of using a computer lab to check their mail, to send messages to their fami-

lies or to learn how to use the computers."

Castro also said the discussion of how to staff a center is important because opening a laborer center could allow for the compilation of a database of reliable workers and employers.

"There is less chance for having any mishaps in terms of trust that way, and that's one of the reasons we think proper education on this issue is important," he said.

For now, Haven-O'Donnell said discussions between parties will continue throughout July and all interested are welcome.

"I think that getting behind workers and advocating for workers elevating their status is something students at the University can really sink their teeth into," she said.

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# NC creates new class for history in schools

**A new law will require US history to focus on 'founding principles.'**

By Daniel Wiser  
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High school students across the state can look forward to spending more quality time with America's Founding Fathers. In fact, they won't be able to graduate without doing so.

A bill signed into law by Gov. Bev Perdue last week, known as "The Founding Principles Act," requires local school boards to develop a semester course focused on the founding philosophy of the U.S. government by the 2014-2015 school year.

The act states that students must understand Founders' writings in order to preserve the country's republican form of government.

The course will emphasize founding documents, such as the Declaration of Independence, in addition to concepts within the documents, including inalienable rights and the separation of powers. Students must pass the course to graduate.

Rebecca Garland, chief academic officer for the state's Department of Public Instruction, said the course will not deviate from the department's standards.

"Basically what is outlined is already in our standard course of study," she said. "It's not a departure from what we already do."

Garland said U.S. history will be split into two courses, granting teachers more instruction time for the country's founding during the first course. Civics courses will also be refocused to ensure the requirements are met, she said.

But the department retains a limited ability to oversee the courses. Local school boards will provide the curriculum, and funding for state-administered social studies exams was eliminated in the state budget.

Garland said teachers will have the most bearing on what students learn about the nuances of founding documents.

"How a teacher actually teaches it in his or her classroom is always going to be influenced by the ideology of the teacher," she said. "We would hope that there wouldn't be any radical interpretations of either extreme."

Mitch Kokai, director of communications for the John Locke Foundation, a conservative research institute in the state, said the course will enable students to have a constructive dialogue about the nation's founding.

"The fact that students are going to be exposed to each of these concepts in and of itself is a good thing, even if the instruction is skewed one way or the other," he said.

Kokai said students in the past would have learned about America's founding documents from their families and religious leaders in addition to schools, but that's no longer the case.

In a poll conducted by the Daily Beast earlier this year, only 12 percent of Americans could name one of the authors of the Federalist Papers. Sixty-five percent incorrectly stated the purpose of the Constitutional Convention.

The act also permits schools to post documents that influenced the development of the U.S. legal system, including the Ten Commandments. Displays of religious documents must be accompanied by a sign quoting the First Amendment, according to the bill.

William Marshall, a UNC law professor with expertise on church and state issues, said the display's context would be considered if it was challenged in court.

"The Establishment Clause is very imprecise," he said. "I think that the court would look at how it's implemented."

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# (RE)BUILDING WITH KINDNESS



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Deloris Bynum stands in front of her freshly renovated home on Saturday, when Habitat for Humanity of Orange County kicked off its A Brush With Kindness program.

## Orange County Habitat focuses on renovating local homes

By Caitlin Ball  
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For four consecutive Saturdays Deloris Bynum watched from her 25-year-old porch as volunteers cleaned, hammered and painted her home.

"I've searched high and low for somebody to do the work, but I knew I couldn't afford it," she said.

To help those in situations similar to Bynum's, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County kicked off its A Brush With Kindness program Saturday to ensure that low-income, elderly and disabled residents can maintain their homes.

Alex Bidot, community organizer for the organization, said the purpose of the program is to help repair the exterior of a home, whether it needs a paint job or more complex work.

"It's a holistic approach to affordable housing," Bidot said. "We're really hoping that this is a consistent program that stays with Habitat because we

feel that home preservation is just as important as new home construction."

The volunteer group from three local churches that worked on Bynum's house made small fixes on her home including fixing broken door jams, replacing rotting wood and applying a fresh coat of paint.

While it takes about 16 work sessions to complete traditional Habitat projects, A Brush With Kindness projects requires about a fourth of that time. Bidot said the program is also less expensive and has helped involve outside organizations that would otherwise be unable to commit the 50 to 60 volunteers needed to construct an entire home.

Sharron Reid, the organization's family services director, said the program emerged locally when Habitat expanded its focus from solely families to the communities they live in as well.

"Habitat for Humanity has always had the mission of building affordable homes for families in need," she said. "But as we built into different communities what we recognized was that there were

homes within those communities that also needed some attention."

Reid and Bidot helped compose the small group of family, friends and volunteers who celebrated Bynum's home dedication ceremony Saturday.

There were many thanks and even more congratulations on all the hard work that was accomplished in such a short time.

"The whole group came together in love to help you with this project because we knew that it was a need," Reid said.

As tears came to her eyes, Bynum stood in front of her freshly painted house and thanked those who had helped her.

"Each and every one of the people that came out every Saturday in the heat to work diligently on this house... I just truly thank you from the bottom of my heart."

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## in BRIEF

### CAMPUS BRIEFS

#### Dulcie Straughan to be the interim dean of J-School

Dulcie Straughan, senior associate dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, was named interim dean for the school last week. She begins tomorrow and will continue until a new dean is found or June 30, 2012, whichever comes first.

Jean Folkerts, current dean, announced last October that she would step down to a faculty position.

The search for her replacement was drawn down three weeks ago when the search committee presented four finalists to Bruce Carney, executive vice chancellor and provost.

### CITY BRIEFS

#### Economic director post now open as Shope steps down

After five months of working as interim economic development director, Gary Shope has decided to leave his position with Orange County.

County Manager Frank Clifton said Shope has accepted a position in the private sector. "Gary Shope is a true profes-

sional," Clifton said in a press release. "He has been a great asset to Orange County. His leadership will be missed, but he deserves this new opportunity."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Angell will replace Durham as UNC play-by-play caller

Athletic director Dick Baddour and Learfield Sports General Manager Gary Sobba announced Monday that Jones Angell will replace Woody Durham as the play-by-play caller for UNC football and men's basketball broadcasts starting this season.

Angell has worked for the Tar Heel Sports Network for 11 years and is currently a color analyst.

"He beat out a talented group of candidates from across the nation," Baddour said in a press release. "What stood out to us was his preparation, attention to detail, easy listening style and knowledge of the history of Carolina athletics."

He understands that he is following in the footsteps of someone our fans love dearly, but I believe strongly that Jones will make his own mark on Tar Heel athletics."

-From staff and wire reports

# Tar Heels fall in College World Series

**UNC's season ends, but the Heels look forward to a bright future.**

By Kelly Parsons  
Sports Editor

Playing in the College World Series has become a familiar experience for North Carolina. But unfortunately for the Tar Heels, so has leaving without a national championship in hand.

In its fifth appearance in six years, UNC was eliminated from the College World Series with a 5-1 loss to Vanderbilt on June 22 at TD Ameritrade Park.

Although UNC (51-16) once again fell short of the ultimate prize, coach Mike Fox said he was nothing but grateful for a team that worked so hard to defy the odds.

"I don't think anybody expected us to be here, to end our season here or to even be here at the start of the season," Fox said. "So (it's) such a great credit to our players and how committed they were just to make it this far. It's obviously very difficult to win the national championship."

Missed opportunities plagued the Tar Heels during their College World Series stint, as UNC left a total of 34 men on

base in its three games.

"You're thinking to yourself, one swing of the bat, ball in the gap and we're right back in the game and we get the momentum in our dugout," Fox said. "They were in that situation several times while we were out here, and it just didn't happen for us."

The Tar Heels struggled offensively against Vanderbilt and were fueled by defense all season long. UNC ended the season with a .979 fielding percentage — the highest mark in school history.

The Tar Heels will lose five to graduation, and possibly junior Levi Michael, who was selected No. 30 overall in the Major League Baseball draft.

UNC will miss several key players, including senior pitcher Patrick Johnson, but the Tar Heels are set to gain new talent to replace them in 2011.

North Carolina's newest class includes pitcher Dillon Maples, who was selected in the 14th round by the Chicago Cubs.

Maples, who might also play football for UNC, has yet to make a decision about his athletic future.

But whoever is on North Carolina's roster next season, Fox and the Tar Heels are determined to pick up right where they left off.

Though the sting of disappointment weighed heavy on the Tar Heels after their season-end-



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Mike Fox shakes the hand of Vanderbilt's head coach Tim Corbin. Vanderbilt would go on to knock UNC out of the College World Series.

ing game, Fox didn't have to look very far for a silver lining.

Fox wasn't going back to Chapel Hill with a national championship. But he wasn't leaving Omaha empty-handed, he said.

"As a young coach... you know, you wallow in self pity that you didn't win, you know, and every-

body talks about you didn't win it again.

"The heck with that. I take these memories of these kids... But we're going to keep trying to come back and win this thing, all that aside."

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