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PLAYERS SEE A BLURRY FUTURE

By Kelly Parsons
Senior Writer

Bryn Renner's got a lot of things on his mind, like mastering coach Larry Fedora's new playbook, setting the system's desired fast-paced tempo and leading UNC into the end zone. Just steps away from UNC's Kenan Stadium, research is being conducted daily on concussions suffered by athletes and the long-term, life-alter-

ing health effects athletes, particularly football players, have exhibited as a result of head trauma. Despite the known risk, Renner concedes he doesn't really think about the possibility of sustaining concussions. His mind, which is thrown in the line of fire when he plays the game he loves, is too preoccupied. "You're in the heat of the moment," Renner said. "You want to score, you want to get first downs, things like that."

Kevin Guskiewicz, chairman of the UNC Department of Exercise and Sport Science, has extensively researched concussions — and found that, compared to people their age with no concussions, those with three or more diagnosed concussions are five times as likely to develop cognitive impairment and three times as likely to be diagnosed with depression. They are developing

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You've got a Commencement speaker: AOL co-founder

Steve Case will speak at Commencement on May 12, 2013.

By Liz Crampton
Assistant University Editor

Many UNC seniors entered secondary education with AOL as a part of their lives. A decade later, as they go out into the world, members of the class of 2013 will end their undergraduate careers on a familiar note.

Steve Case, co-founder of AOL, will give the spring Commencement speech May 12, UNC announced Monday.

Case, who now serves as chair-



Steve Case, co-founder of AOL, will give the commencement speech for the class of 2013's May graduation.

man and CEO of Revolution, an investment firm that has backed companies like Zipcar, co-founded AOL in 1985.

Chancellor Holden Thorp said Case's experience in the technology field and dedication to philanthropy made him an excellent choice.

"He's been a powerful advocate for the role of entrepreneurship and the furtherance of

the country and an advocate for national policy," Thorp said. "A lot of our students are going to start their own business or be a part of a business — he embodies all of those things."

Thorp picked Case from a list of more than 10 candidates recommended by the Commencement speaker selection committee, which is composed of students and faculty.

Ron Strauss, executive vice provost who led the Commencement speaker committee, said the committee's goal is to consider a variety of speakers, and this year's list consisted entirely of entrepreneurs.

"This is a campus that's leading the nation in its interest in innovation," Strauss said.

"Students who are not sure what their next steps in life are will be able to see someone who's embraced many different foci — I expect that to be inspiring."

Case and his wife started the Case Foundation, a non-profit organization that funds initiatives that aim to increase giving and promote civic action.

Thorp said Case is constantly thinking about the state of the country and the world, a dedication that qualifies him to pass on advice to students.

"For students who are about to leave and go out in that world, I can't think of a better person to hear from than Steve Case," Thorp said.

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Triangle Y to lead Chapel Hill-Carrboro Y for 1 year

An agreement between the two YMCAs will go into effect in January.

By Danielle Herman
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA and the YMCA of the Triangle have reached a one-year management agreement that will bring the two organizations closer together.

On Thursday, the boards of the two YMCAs reached an agreement that will allow the Triangle Y to assume leadership in staff development, fiscal oversight and fundraising for both YMCAs.

"There are reasons for us to think and plan together and independently," said Doug McMillan, executive director of the Triangle Y.

The agreement will go into effect in January 2013, though the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Y will keep its 501(c)3 status.

Under the new agreement, each YMCA will maintain its current policies and programs, but the two Ys will be more collaborative.

The two organizations previously discussed a merger, but the idea was dismissed in April after a year and a half of negotiations.

During those discussions, some community members were unhappy with the Triangle Y's non-discrimination policy, which does not provide protection for members of the LGBTQ community who want to volunteer or work.

Mia Burroughs, chairwoman of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education and a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Y, previously opposed the merger because of the policy.

"My priority is that employees at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA continue to have protection around sexual orientations," she said.

She said the management agreement will work

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Student-to-adviser ratio to be addressed

When the budget improves, the number of advisers could increase.

By Hailey Vest
Staff Writer

It's common knowledge among UNC students that a trip to Steele Building can come with a wait.

But not only students have noticed.

As administrators attempt to allocate scarce funds to areas that need it most, the advising department stands out as an area in need of attention.

UNC's student-to-adviser

ratio is twice that of its peer institutions. Karen Gil, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the disparity is the result of lack of funding.

"All of our academic programs have endured significant budget cuts since 2008 due to the economic recession, and this includes the academic advising program," she said.

She added that the University plans to address the ratio when the budget outlook improves.

The University of Virginia has only 25 students per adviser, while the ratio at John Hopkins University is 138-to-1.

Lee May, associate dean and

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Students queue in Steele Building, the advising building, to drop classes or switch to pass/fail on Oct. 15, the last day to do so.

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Graduate and professional school information fair: If you're hunting for the right graduate or professional school, opportunities abound at this information fair. Representatives from many schools will be present to tell you about the programs available.
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Great Hall of the Student Union

WEDNESDAY
Carolina College Advising Corps information session: Consider joining the Carolina College Advising Corps in helping students find their way to college.
Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Jackson Hall

'Imaginary Invalid': PlayMakers Repertory Company opens its world premiere adaptation of

"Imaginary Invalid" by Moliere. Tickets start at \$15, and the play runs until Nov. 11.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Paul Green Theatre

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Due to a source error, Monday's front page story, "Bill Nye to visit UNC in November," did not mention one of the co-sponsors of the speech. Honors Carolina is also a sponsor. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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Fantasy sluts

From staff and wire reports

If you don't want to read these few paragraphs, this story will probably be a Lifetime movie in a year.

At Piedmont High School in Piedmont, Calif., a 5-year-old "Fantasy Slut League" was brought to light during a date rape prevention assembly.

Like fantasy sports leagues, males receive points for good plays — male varsity athletes get scored in exchange for scoring with female students. Unlike fantasy sports leagues, these guys are getting some.

NOTED. "Animal Farm" and "Madagascar" have almost nothing in common.

But performance capture actor Andy Serkis is making the stretch in his adaptation of Orwell's novel, which will be a family-fun animal tale.

QUOTED. "Money doesn't buy everything."
— Veronica Alexandra, owner of Boston wedding planning company Blue Ivy, to Jay-Z and Beyonce after the couple tried to trademark the name, which is that of their daughter.

POLICE LOG

- Someone reported an armed robbery at the Red Roof Inn at 5623 Chapel Hill Blvd. in Durham at 9:42 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole \$200 while armed with a handgun, reports state.
- Someone was strangled at 1060 N.C. Hwy. 54 Bypass between 8 p.m. and 8:53 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person choked the victim with both hands on the throat, reports state.
- Someone assaulted a female at 310 W. Franklin St. at 9:41 pm. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
Two people would not allow the woman to leave, reports state.
- Someone heard gunshots near the intersection of South Estes Drive and Ridgefield Road at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone vandalized a vehicle at 105 Crane Meadow Place between 3:12 p.m. Thursday and 3:13 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person made a scratch in the driver's door in the shape of a heart, reports state.
- Someone stole from Harris Teeter at 310 N. Greensboro St. at 11 p.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.
The suspect took three packages of meat, hid them under a sweatshirt and ran out of the store with three women, reports state.
- Someone reported an assault on a female at 403 W. Weaver St. at 3:20 p.m. Friday, according to Carrboro police reports.

THE NEW GOP

How the Republican Party can Thrive in the 21st Century



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Campaigners get comfortable on campus

Campaign workers on campus want to inform and sway voters.

By Jacob Rosenberg
Staff Writer

Students heading to Rams Head Dining Hall — which is doubling as UNC's early voting location — can expect to be greeted by a multitude of signs, shouting campaign workers and sample ballots in an attempt to both inform and sway voters.

And the election frenzy is not likely to end before the Nov. 6 election day.

Campaign workers — and candidates themselves — view campaigning at sites for in-person early voting, which runs until Nov. 3, as one of their last chances to influence voters before they head inside the polling booth.

Dave Carter, the Republican candidate for N.C. Senate District 23, positioned himself outside Rams Head Monday to converse with students and residents.

"I've been bouncing from one place to another trying to meet everyone I can," he said. "I've knocked on thousands of doors, it seems like, and I've called a lot of people, but I haven't actually been in front of a lot of people. Getting to the voting places helps me do that."

Carter said he is employing this strategy throughout the district, traveling to meet with voters throughout Chatham and Orange Counties, both in District 23.

Campaign workers for President Barack Obama were also stationed outside of Rams Head to make a final pitch to voters.

Hakeem Baker, a Chapel Hill resident who voted early, said that though he knew going in his choices for all positions on the ballot, having candidates outside the polling place could be helpful.

"It helps out because if (early voters) don't know, then it shows them and tells them, but then they could go look it up themselves too," he said.

For students like Danny Rosenberg, local issues and races are less familiar.

"I've only been here for the three-and-a-half years I've been at UNC," he said. "I haven't kept up with local issues quite as much. I did see the voter guide in the paper today so I was going to check that out."

But he said candidates campaigning in front of polling places would not affect his vote, and for the most part, he knows whom he will vote for on the ballot.

"Certainly for president, maybe not quite as solid of an idea on the local candidates," he said. "I probably won't vote for a candidate I don't know much about."

As of Monday, 11,001 Orange County residents have voted early. About 5,700 more registered Democrats have voted than Republicans, while more than 2,500 unaffiliated voters have completed ballots.

In-person early voting will continue at Rams Head weekdays from noon to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Several campaigns say they will continue to have volunteers throughout campus. In a state considered a battleground — and with less well-known local candidates on the ballot — campaign workers say every vote will matter.

Contact the desk editor at state@dailytarheel.com.

IT'S DEBATABLE



DTH/KAKI POPE

The Young Democrats and nine other campus groups watch the last presidential debate on Monday night in the FedEx Center.

Campus political groups encourage early voting

By Grace Raynor
Staff Writer

As Election Day draws near, UNC's Young Democrats and College Republicans are gearing up for what is predicted to be a close one.

Both groups joined members of their respective parties to watch the final presidential debate Monday, in which President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney discussed foreign policy.

College Republicans Chairman Garrett Jacobs said his group watched the vice presidential debate together at Spanky's Restaurant, but Monday's congregation was more subdued and mostly an effort to accommodate students without televisions in their residence hall rooms.

The Young Democrats joined nine other campus groups to watch the debate in the FedEx Global Education Center.

Both groups plan to send representatives to volunteer with early voting. Jacobs said the College Republicans are mostly focusing on the local races, where students are not as familiar with the candidates. He said that, by now, most people have decided if

they are voting for Obama or Romney.

"We're trying to get students involved in not just the Romney campaign but all campaigns," he said.

Young Democrats plan to have members volunteering each day of early voting from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Young Democrats President Austin Gilmore said.

Lauren Hovis, one of the group's vice presidents, said amid phone banking and canvassing, the group has made early voting its focus.

"We're really trying to get students to early vote because that's where it happened in 2008," she said.

Gilmore added that members have been active in the Pit and canvassing students in dorms with campaign literature.

This time about four years ago, Orange County saw about 9,500 votes cast early, compared to more than 11,000 that have already been cast for this year's election.

Gilmore said the North Carolina youth vote has played a large role in the past.

"That's something that was very exciting and is something we want to see repeated this year," he said.

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Tweets with #DTHdebate



Jacqueline Olich @jmolich
In spirit of bipartisanship, will follow #dukechat AND #DTHdebate tonight #Duke #UNC



Everett Lozzi @everettlozzi
Wow, Romney. "We can't kill our way out of this" Did he really just say that? It's probably all downhill from here #DTHdebate #tlot



Tyler Keith Lee Tew @TylerTew
Obama has started this debate on the offensive, although the first question was one that Romney should have dominated on. #DTHdebate



Ben Swanson @CardboardGerald
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Daniel S. Wiser, Jr. @TheWiserChoice
Wait this is a foreign policy debate right? Both candidates know the economy is always the principal issue for voters. #DTHdebate

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DTH/CECE PASCUAL

Art venue closes with Jack Sprat

Student groups are looking for a new space for performances.

By Caroline Pate
Staff Writer

The closing of Jack Sprat Cafe on Oct. 8 was not only the end of a restaurant, but the closing of a popular performance space for many student groups.

Kyle Heath, former co-owner of Jack Sprat, said the cafe tried to provide at least two or three events a week with a variety of performances such as spoken word, comedy, open mic and local music.

"We just kept booking — when any kind of band would come to us, we would give them an opportunity to play," Heath said.

Richie Walter of the UNC Walk-Ons said his a cappella group was scheduled to perform in an Uhuru Child benefit Friday and a Save the Horn benefit in November.

"We're gonna miss performing because we love every opportunity to perform, so it sucks that one of the spaces is gone," he said.

Brandon Richard, who works for Uhuru Child, said finding a replacement venue has been difficult since many venues already have events or have never hosted a benefit before.

He said Uhuru Child has contacted 15 to 20 different businesses on Franklin Street and is currently talking with Kildare's Irish Pub and Linda's Bar and Grill as potential venues.

"Right now, since it's such last minute, it's really any place that will have us," Richard said.

Heath said he is not sure which Franklin Street business will replace Jack Sprat as a performance space, because many have already established their entertainment specialty.

"I'm sure someone's going to do it," Heath said.

"Where there's a demand, there's going to be a place for it to happen."

Richard said some venues he contacted wanted to charge as much as \$100 an hour.

Richard said he thinks this is an opportunity for many businesses to become more accommodating to student groups.

"It's really a win-win situation for student groups and bars to help get their name out there," he said.

Walter said he has friends in bands who performed at Jack Sprat and loved how the venue gave anyone an opportunity to play.

"It was pretty easy to do, and it was a prime location on Franklin Street," Walter said.

Richard said Jack Sprat's audio equipment, stage area and calm atmosphere made it an ideal venue.

"The management was really helpful and they enjoy doing this type of thing," Richard said.

"They just have experience doing this for student groups, and they do this to really give back."

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in BRIEF

CITY BRIEFS

Chapel Hill Transit to provide express shuttle bus to NC State football game

Chapel Hill Transit will provide the Tar Heel Express service to the football game against N.C. State on Saturday.

The shuttles will begin at 9:30 a.m. from park and ride lots throughout Chapel Hill. Round-trip tickets cost \$5. The shuttle will operate continuously throughout the game, and the shuttles will stop 45 minutes after the game.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC School of Law receives \$1 million grant in memory of late William Friday

The School of Law received a \$1 million grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust in honor of William Friday, the first UNC-system president who died Oct. 12.

— From staff and wire reports

Students wait in line for tickets to see Bill Nye the Science Guy.

By Randy Short
Staff Writer

Think back to your childhood science classes, and you might recall an episode of "Bill Nye the Science Guy" about heat transfer. Nye taught kids that cold things still have heat, but their molecules are moving more slowly.

Juniors Ricky Kong, Chris Rota and Nicolas Merritt were reminded of that lesson as they spent a cold and mostly sleepless night camping out to be first in line for tickets to see their favorite scientist.

"Bricks are not an ideal sleeping surface," said Rota, a biology major.

Their sacrifice paid off — they were able to reserve the entire front row for Nye's speech at Memorial Hall on Nov. 7.

Starting at midnight, the three braved the elements without a tent after campus police told them it was against University policy to use one.

As the box office opened at 10 a.m., the line stretched along Cameron Drive to the front of Peabody Hall.

Chairs, blankets and board games sprinkled the line as students hunkered down for the wait.

At 1 p.m., the line still was backed up all the way to the front of Phillips Hall.

The last of the 1,400 tickets was sold at 1:30 p.m., leaving more than 40 waiting students without a ticket, said Jenny Kreizman, assistant manager of the box office.

All of the \$10 student tickets had been sold, meaning no tickets will be available to the general public, Kreizman said. Tickets for the general public would have gone on sale for \$20 on Nov. 1.

Students in line said the enthusiasm for Nye is not surprising given the popularity of his quirky science demonstrations from his old show. "Bill Nye the Science Guy" aired from 1993 to 1998.

"I think I speak for a lot of people when I say that he was a big part of our childhood, so it would be a shame not to see him



DTH/JESSIE LOWE

Students line up outside Memorial Hall on Monday to buy tickets to a lecture from Bill Nye. Tickets sold out in less than a day.

when he's here," Rota said.

Several students said the fanfare surrounding Nye is due to his ability to turn what some consider a mundane subject into a fun and interesting one.

"His show and my high school (biology) teacher got me into science," said Merritt, an exercise and sport science major.

The three said they hope Nye

will conduct a science experiment at his speech to serve as a reminder to the more entertaining side to science some textbooks leave out.

"Chem and bio kill us here, so he'll remind us that science is actually fun," Rota said.

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Bank of America closes its offices, opens ATM

The bank location will be replaced by an ATM across the street.

By Cammie Bellamy
Staff Writer

As Franklin Street's Bank of America closes one door, it opens another.

After 39 years in its 137 E. Franklin St. location, the Bank of America Center closed its offices on Sept. 28.

The company also opened a new site across the street at 144 E. Franklin St. Bank of America leased its new building from the UNC Property Office.

Nicole Nastacie, who manages media relations for Bank of America in the mid-Atlantic region, said the changes came after business slowed at the old location.

"This decision is driven primarily by a decline in transactions, as customers increasingly rely on other channels including mobile and online

banking," Nastacie said in an email.

The new site, which opened earlier this month, houses only an indoor ATM.

Though the site is starting small, Jeff Kidd, the director of the UNC Property Office, said it might not stay that way.

"This is going to be an interior ATM initially and in the future they may decide to open a full service branch," Kidd said.

"They are in the process of beginning some initial uplift work to the interior of the space to get the space ready for their tenancy."

According to the Bank of America website, the ATM is one of seven in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

While the new space's future is uncertain, the fate of the bank's former home is even less clear.

Rodger Otero, the assistant to the facilities manager at the Bank of America Center, said though the space has a new tenant lined up, nothing is official. He also said the

"This decision is driven primarily by a decline in transactions."

Nicole Nastacie,
Bank of America mid-Atlantic region media relations manager

name of the building is up in the air.

"It's possible that the building could be renamed based on the new tenant, but we won't know until later," Otero said.

He added he could not yet reveal who the prospective tenant is.

The Bank of America Center has been a Franklin Street site since it was built in 1973.

While housing many businesses in its history, the building has also been a home for the iconic Franklin Street flower ladies.

After sidewalk selling was banned by the town in the mid-1970's, the flower ladies were invited to sit in the center.

Lillie Pratt, one of the last remaining flower ladies, still sits outside of the building today.

While a part of Franklin Street's history sits at the building's entrance, Rob Moll — an owner of R&R Grill in the Bank of America Center — said he hopes the new tenant will help bring the building into the future.

After Bank of America informed him in July that the branch was closing, Moll called real estate agents and tried to find out about the future of the space.

Though he does not know anything specific about the new tenant, he said he was told a big-box retailer would likely be moving in.

"Right now we're just hoping they get someone in here that brings in some traffic," Moll said.

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STUDENTS VOTE EARLY ON CAMPUS

Compiled by **Caroline Hudson**, staff writer

Orange County residents flooded the polls this weekend after Thursday marked the official start of early voting in the state.

According to Carolina Transparency, a vote-tracking website, roughly 10 percent of Orange County's registered voters have cast their votes since early voting began.

Tracy Reams, director of the Orange County Board of Elections, said she is pleased with the turnout, adding that she has seen a higher turnout in the first three days of early

voting this year than in the same time period in 2008.

Nearly 6,000 people have voted in Chapel Hill so far. In Hillsborough, 2,069 have voted, and 1,452 have done so in Carrboro.

Of Orange County's five early voting locations, Carrboro Town Hall had seen the most voters as of Saturday.

But now that UNC students are back from Fall Break, they are also getting involved in the early voting action at UNC's Rams Head Dining Hall early voting location.



Calvin Snyder,
freshman,
chemistry

"I just turned 18, but I'm planning on voting tonight. (The Rams Head location) definitely helps because I don't have a car."



Kiersten Paul,
senior,
psychology
and global
studies

"I'm planning on it because I know who I want to vote for. It's not super convenient because I never go to South Campus."



Tyler Oakley,
graduate
student,
Spanish

"I did early vote last Thursday in Carrboro Town Hall because I had the opportunity and didn't want to go out on election day."



Katie Moore,
senior,
geology

"I have not early voted, but I'm going to early vote because I'm going to be out of town (on Election Day)."



Taylor Sweet,
freshman,
undecided

"I haven't (early voted), but I'm going to to get it over with. Yes, (the Rams Head location) is nice."



Palestine Small,
undergrad,
sociology
and religious
studies

"Yes, I plan on early voting. I think it's important our voices be heard. It does matter. One person can change a life."

Faculty executive committee discusses online education

Faculty members expressed concern about keeping up.

By Ellen Black
Staff Writer

Faculty members are up in the air about UNC's future in online learning.

At a faculty executive committee meeting Monday, the discussion was primarily focused on distance learning and online education.

At the meeting, the committee expressed concern about the University's future in online learning.

"The world is changing, and we need to be driving the change as opposed to reacting to it," said Leslie Parise, a committee member.

Jan Boxill, chairwoman of the faculty, said the University is attempting to keep up with a national trend.

"We are trying to make changes with the times," she said.

Online learning is not a new concept for the University.

In the past, the School of Public Health was deeply invested in distance education, but budget cuts of up to 30 percent in recent years have halted these investments, said Jo Anne Earp, a committee member.

But Parise discussed the need for UNC to embrace distance education and online learning so that the University is not left behind.

"Discussion needs to happen so we aren't left in the dust," she said.

Several committee members disagreed.

"We are doing things that can't be done online," said Rachel Willis, a professor who attended the meeting.

Willis, as well as other committee members, emphasized the need for interaction in a classroom setting.

"Chapel Hill has been rather reluctant to embrace distance education the way other schools have," said Steven Bachenheimer, a committee member.

"We are so traditional — our state system is so traditional," he said.

Some committee members questioned whether new technology with online learning would be a threat to campus faculty jobs.

"These are not small issues," Willis said. "The biggest thing for this committee to do is to keep their eye on the big picture."

The committee also discussed how to strengthen state higher education and the Advisory Committee on Strategic Directions' plans for the UNC system.

Willis said the main goal of the Advisory Committee on Strategic Directions is to strengthen higher education in North Carolina.

Committee members also discussed how to best respond to the topic of the UNC athletic scandals.

Committee members agreed that as an academic institution, UNC has a responsibility to provide those athletes with an academic degree.

"Those (corrective) processes are clearly being strengthened as we speak," Willis said.

Members also discussed the need for willingness to reallocate faculty and pro-

"We are so traditional — our state system is so traditional."

Steven Bachenheimer,
faculty executive committee member

grams around the University.

Members also discussed changes in the University's leadership, and the obstacles they pose. Chancellor Holden Thorp announced on Sept. 17 that he will step down in June.

Committee members wor-

ried that the biggest issue now for the new chancellor will not be addressing issues like resources for faculty or research growth, but cleaning up recent scandals.

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» Russell Means, Native American advocate, dies

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Russell Means, who gained international notoriety as one of the leaders of the 71-day armed occupation of Wounded Knee in South Dakota in 1973 and continued to be an outspoken champion of American Indian rights after launching a career as an actor in films and television in the 1990s, has died. He was 72.

Means died Monday at his home in Porcupine, S.D., on the Pine Ridge Reservation, said Glenn Morris, his legal representative.

Diagnosed with esophageal cancer in July 2011 and told that it had spread too far for surgery, Means refused to undergo heavy doses of radiation and chemotherapy. Instead, he reportedly battled the disease with traditional native remedies and received treatments at an alternative cancer center in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"I'm not going to argue with the Great Mystery," he told the Rapid City Journal in August 2011. "Lakota belief is that death is a change of worlds. And I believe like my dad believed. When it's my time to go, it's my time to go."

Means had been declared cancer free in April but suffered a recurrence of the disease in his lungs and died after contracting pneumonia, Morris said.

The nation's most visible American Indian activist, Means was a passionate militant leader who helped thrust the historic and ongoing plight of Native Americans into the national spotlight.

NC man accuses church of holding him hostage

SPINDALE, N.C. (MCT) — A 22-year-old man has accused his former Rutherford County church of holding him for four months against his will while he was physically and emotionally abused because he is gay.

Michael Lowry filed a complaint in February against Word of Faith Fellowship Church, a nondenominational Christian congregation in Spindale that has made national headlines with some of its practices.

In a statement given to a sheriff's department investigator last week, Lowry said he was kept in a church building from Aug. 1 to Nov. 19, 2011. He said he was knocked unconscious during his first day of confinement.

Lowry's former pastor, Jane Whaley, said Sunday that all of his allegations are "lies."

Whaley said Lowry was not held or beaten. She said the church only learned that he was gay when his family did — after watching a news report by an Asheville television station Thursday.

Lowry said he first told his family and church leaders of his sexual orientation when he was 15 or 16. That set off years of harassment and abuse, he said, as church members tried to expel the demon that they believed caused his homosexuality.

A Hickory, N.C., advocacy group has called for a federal investigation.

Brent Childers, executive director of Faith in America, said in a statement that Lowry's case is "the most disturbing I've encountered" in the six years he's worked with the group. The nonprofit addresses what it describes as "the harm" caused gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people by "misguided religious teaching."

If Lowry's account is accurate, Childers said, "there's no question that these actions constitute a hate crime."

US election coverage dominates China media

BEIJING (MCT) — If you picked up a Chinese newspaper in the past week, here's a smattering of the details you could have learned about the U.S. presidential campaign: Mitt Romney might be tanning himself in a bid to appeal to minorities; at 7-Eleven convenience stores, Barack Obama mugs are outselling Romney mugs by a 60 percent-to-40 percent margin; and Candy Crowley

is known as a tough debate moderator.

The two candidates have turned China into a political football this fall, waging verbal war over issues such as outsourcing and currency manipulation. And to be sure, this "China-bashing" element of the contest has not gone unremarked upon in the Chinese media.

"Politicians who always look for scapegoats are either stupid or cowardly," Ding Gang wrote in an op-ed article in the Global Times. "If Barack Obama or Mitt Romney really won more votes by slandering or playing tough on China, it would be a shame for the American politics and trouble for the world."

But among ordinary Chinese, there appears to be only the mildest concern about the issues of the election. What's of much greater interest, it seems, is just how the whole contest — and the surrounding hoopla — works.

Ahead of the second U.S. presidential debate, the Chengdu Business Daily in Sichuan province devoted a full page to the event. The



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» Russell Means, a leader at the Wounded Knee occupation in 1973 and an actor speaking out for American Indian rights, died Monday at age 72.

paper outlined the seven major rules of the debate, published a brief biography of Crowley, and explained the whole notion of "cookie bake-offs" between the wives of the candidates and how accurate a predictor they are of actual election results.

Armstrong cycling legacy dismantled

GENEVA (MCT) — Lance Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and banned for life by the International Cycling Union on Monday.

Cycling world governing body UCI said it was ratifying the sanctions taken earlier this month by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

"The UCI will ban Lance Armstrong from cycling and the UCI will strip him of his seven Tour de France titles. Lance Armstrong has no place in cycling," UCI president Pat McQuaid said at a news conference in Geneva.

The UCI decision was taken after examination of a USADA report on Oct. 10 which said Armstrong and his United States Postal Service team led "the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen".

McQuaid said the UCI had accepted the findings of

the USADA investigation. The 41-year-old American has been stripped of all results since Aug. 1, 1998 and banned for life.

Armstrong "deserves to be forgotten in cycling," McQuaid said.

Welcoming the UCI decision, USADA chief executive Travis Tygart said: "Today, the UCI made the right decision in the Lance Armstrong case." The decision was "a historic day for clean sport," he said.

Asked if the UCI supported efforts to get prize money back from Armstrong for his Tour de France wins, McQuaid said: "This is one of the things that we'll be discussing at a special committee on Friday. We'll need a change of rules."

Tour de France chief Christian Prudhomme said he believed Armstrong would have to return his earnings.

"The UCI rules are clear. When a rider is deprived of a result which has earned prize money he has to pay it back,"

Prudhomme said in Paris.

According to French daily L'Equipe, Armstrong earned almost \$3,900,000 (3 million euros) from his Tour victories.

In another development, sunglasses maker Oakley, owned by Italian company Luxottica Group SpA, became the latest sponsor to drop Armstrong. Other sponsors to have dropped Armstrong include Nike, Trek Bicycles and Anheuser-Busch, 24 Hour Fitness and Honey Stinger.

Oakley said it would continue to support the Livestrong cancer support charity founded by Armstrong.

Armstrong refused to cooperate with the USADA, whose 1,000-page report included sworn testimony from 26 people including 15 riders, as well as financial payments, emails and lab tests that "prove the use, possession and distribution of performance enhancing drugs by Lance Armstrong."

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COMMENCEMENT
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The University's Commencement speaker appears for free, a tradition Strauss said is special to UNC.

"I love that tradition with Commencement speakers; it's the right way to do it," he said.

"People are not coming here for the money. They're coming here because they want to do it."

Case also has several connections to UNC. He presented with Thorp at the first forum of the National Advisory Council on Innovation and

Entrepreneurship, which he co-chairs.

Case also spoke to Thorp's Economics 125 class earlier this semester where he encouraged students to pursue their business passions.

Senior Brett Barnard said he's looking forward to hearing Case speak at graduation.

"It's important for us graduating college and going out into the real world that we hear from someone who has a business perspective," Barnard said.

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ADVISERS
FROM PAGE 1

director of academic advising, said the disparity is due to the structure of UNC's advising.

Other universities have a decentralized system, while UNC's academic advising is coordinated through one program, she said.

Peer institutions, such as Northwestern University and the University of California at Berkeley, have an academic advising department for each of their undergraduate colleges. The number of students per adviser within each school

varies because of the different sizes of each college.

Freshman Averett Mehrbakhsh, a business administration major, said he is frustrated with the lack of accessibility.

"It's kind of hard to get an appointment because you have to book it so far in advance," he said.

Bobbi Owen, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said she recognizes the need for more advisers but is happy with the performance by current advisers.

"I wish we had more advisers

so that we would be able to spend more time going over (students') academic plans," she said.

In the meantime, the advising program has been working to keep itself accessible.

Gary Miller, a new senior assistant dean in academic advising, said the University is implementing new programs this year such as "drop express" in residence halls.

Rather than meeting in Steele Building, through the service students were able to meet with advisers to drop a class in Morrison and Connor Residence Halls Oct. 9 and 10.

Academic advising is also looking to hire a senior adviser for transfer students and has updated its website to be more user-friendly, Owen said.

Senior Audra Reiter said she has benefited from multiple advisers.

"I think it's helpful to get multiple opinions and perspectives," she said.

"I can always get an appointment when I need one."

Maggie Conner and Marisa DiNovis contributed reporting.

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

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 -- Write three wishes. For the next month, get your finances in order. Don't tell everyone what you have. Build courage by supporting someone else's leadership. Delegate to perfectionists.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 -- For the next four weeks, compromise is required, and results are rewarding, especially in romance. Provide smart leadership. Work with friends to get the word out.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 -- Your workload is heavy. Break your own glass ceiling, and shatter personal limitations. Trying new things is easier now. Fix up your place.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 6 -- Figure out what you've got coming. Make sure you have plenty of provisions at home. Keep your objective in mind. Life gets lighter for a time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 -- It's easier to invest in home, family, land and/or real estate. Listen for the right opportunity. Physical exercise works wonders.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 -- You're learning quickly. Put it to good use. Your brain's more flexible than it thinks. Make an exceptionally profitable move.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Get deep into research. Changing your daily routine may be in order. Infuse your energy into a business project. Get the plumbing just right. Listen very carefully.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 -- You're entering a four-week power phase, full of unexpected results. Accept another's generosity graciously. Increase household comforts. Make decisions and take action on old issues for the next four weeks. Happiness comes from this.

Sagittarius (Jan. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 -- Self-esteem keeps increasing dramatically. Offer advice to those who appreciate it. Follow through on old promises for the next four weeks. Happiness comes from this.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 -- Group activities are more successful. Bring in the bacon; every little bit counts. Ask your friends for advice, and take inspired actions.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 9 -- For the foreseeable future, advancing your career gets easier, and the action is promising. Make that long-distance phone call. Do yoga or meditate. Assume authority.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 -- Begin purchasing the necessary materials, but no more. Find another way to save. Expand your territory. Follow a hunch. Express yourself.

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Jabari Price was frustrated with UNC's loss to Duke. He and his teammates hope to move forward.

Pressure's on for football team

By Brandon Moree
Sports Editor

Duke's celebration began immediately as the North Carolina football team's last-second efforts fell short in Durham on Saturday. That didn't sit well with UNC junior cornerback Jabari Price. "I've definitely never been a part of something like that where the students rushed the field," Price said Monday. "That stuck with me — that's going to stick with me forever." Apparently, none of the Tar Heels took the loss lightly as coach Larry Fedora described Sunday's film session as a somber event. "It was a very depressed group when they came in yesterday," Fedora said. "I didn't expect it to be any different, and we talked about that. "You should feel that way, and you should be hurt. If it means something to you, that's the way its going to be." This Saturday's game with N.C. State is going to mean something to the Tar Heels as well, but first they have to

move past the 33-30 heart-breaker at Duke. Fedora said that decision to move on is made when the players step on the practice field Tuesday because from that point forward, there is no looking back. Fedora is charged with refocusing his team on a Wolfpack squad that has won the last five meetings between the two schools. Quarterback Bryn Renner said this game has been on his mind since last year's game ended. "The focal point of every season coming into it is this game but as a player you can't really worry about the outside," Renner said. "You have to focus on our team and what we have to improve on." But keeping the focus internal can be a difficult task. Fedora says he's reminded almost daily about the Tar Heels' recent history with N.C. State. And Price said he never stops hearing about having never beaten the Wolfpack. "I've been getting scrutiny for all three years about losing to them — on Twitter,

from everybody," he said. "So I'm just sick of it. I'm ready to end it now." The Tar Heels are just 1-3 in 2012 in games that are decided by five points or less. The battle for the Victory Bell fell into that category, and North Carolina is expecting the match-up with N.C. State to be equally competitive. Three of the last five times the two have met, the margin of victory was less than five. "Rivalry games, you saw last week, it's going to come down to one or two plays that really define the game," Renner said. "One team is going to have the upper hand in making that play, and we need to have it be us more times than it's not us." With another rivalry game set to take place Saturday in Kenan Stadium, Price has a very clear vision for how he's planning on forgetting the Duke loss. "I have to get rid of that feeling," Price said, "and I only know one way and that's by winning."

Contact the desk editor at sports@dailytarheel.com.

Yackety Yack editors try to resurrect publication

By Emily Freeman
Staff Writer

The University's yearbook is getting a makeover. The Yackety Yack is undergoing a rebranding plan that includes a distinct logo and a stepped-up social media movement in hopes of reviving the yearbook's faltering sales, the publication's leaders said. "Some people associate yearbooks with high school," said senior Breanne Crumpton, the Yack's business editor. "We want to take the Yack and elevate it to be not just about the year but about the Carolina experience as a whole. We want to let the book capture what it means to be a Tar Heel and show our Carolina pride for years to come."

The Yack experienced a drop in sales during the 2010-11 calendar year when the book only sold about 400 copies. The yearbook costs \$107.75 with tax and is published through Herff Jones. "Our sales have declined in past years," Crumpton said. "Many factors played into this decline including staff turnover and switching publishers, but we are looking to sell more in the future." But those 400 sold yearbooks have not yet been delivered. Senior Waverly Lynch, the editor-in-chief, was thrown into the top role after former Editor-in-Chief Stephanie Hertz was asked to step down by the Yack's board last October when the 2010-11 edition was not published due to mismanagement. Lynch remains positive about the Yack's progress and said the 2011-12 books will be distributed as soon as all patrons receive their 2010-11 books from the publisher. Lynch said she is excited about the new style and direction of the 2012-13 yearbook, which will have the theme "Hark the Sound."

"We moved away from a photojournalistic annual by including text," Lynch said. "This is a big change. We are even working toward full captions with individual names included — a hefty feat for such a large undergraduate body." Hannah Peterson, the Yack's photography co-editor, said the staff is growing, and she remains optimistic about the publication's future. "The entire staff works very well together," said Peterson, who oversees the 18 staff photographers. "This past Monday night we did a team-building activity where each team had to

build the tallest freestanding tower out of spaghetti, tape and marshmallows." The staff meets every Monday night in the Student Union to keep updated on the progress of the book and to check in on individual staff assignments. "The growth of our staff has allowed us to do more with the book," Crumpton said. "Most of the staff is first-year students, so it is great to have their energy and excitement about being part of our Carolina family."

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Tar Heels shine in fall regional action

By Andrew Romaine
Staff Writer

Esben Hess-Olesen can book a flight to the Big Apple. With a 6-2, 7-5 victory in the USTA/ITA Carolinas Regional final on Monday, the UNC sophomore earned a spot in next month's USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships in Flushing, N.Y. The ninth-seeded Denmark native upset No. 2 seed Chris Mengel of Duke 7-6 (5), 6-2 in Sunday's semifinal to reach Monday's championship match in Cary. "I always expect to win when I go on the court, but to win the whole tournament feels really great because it means I beat a lot of good players and I put myself in a good spot for the spring season," Hess-Olesen said. "It was probably the best win of my career." Hess-Olesen will spend the next two weeks preparing for the National Indoor Championships, which will cap off the fall season. "Esben knows he can play with anyone in the country, so we look forward to the competition in New York," coach Sam Paul said. "I'm excited about his game and where he can go with his game." Hess-Olesen was not the only Tar Heel to perform well at the Carolinas Regional. Four UNC men advanced to the Round of 16 in singles, while the UNC women placed four singles players in the quarterfinals and two doubles teams in the semifinals. The Tar Heel women started the tournament with a bang, going unbeaten on the first day of play without drop-



DTH FILE PHOTO
UNC sophomore Esben Hess-Olesen advanced to the National Indoor Championships with a regional final win on Monday.

ping a set. The highlight of the day was freshman Ashley Dai's 6-4, 6-2 upset of top-seeded Joelle Kissell of N.C. State. But as the tournament unfolded, senior Zoe de Bruycker emerged as the Tar Heels' title contender. De Bruycker advanced to the championship match but fell short against third-seeded Hanna Mar of Duke, 6-1, 6-3. Coach Brian Kalbas and de Bruycker both said the match was much closer than the score indicated. The contest lasted more than two hours, with plenty of long points and hard-fought games. But de Bruycker couldn't win enough points when it mattered most. "Zoe had a lot of chances," Kalbas said. "The match looked like it could go either way at certain points. Unfortunately, Zoe ran into a player from Duke that was playing really well." In her previous match, de Bruycker faced a different type of challenge — the psy-

"I'm excited about his game and where he can go with his game."
Sam Paul, UNC tennis coach on Hess-Olesen

chological test of playing her own teammate. De Bruycker squared off against UNC freshman Whitney Kay, who won four matches in straight sets on her way to the semifinals. The senior got the upper hand, besting Kay 6-2, 6-2 to advance to the final. "It was definitely a little difficult and awkward, but I felt pretty relaxed knowing that either way one of us would be in the final," de Bruycker said. "I tried to focus more on myself and my own game rather than thinking about who I was playing." Contact the desk editor at sports@dailytarheel.com.

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Biracial identity: trying to fit in

You're Hispanic, right? No? Well, are you Middle Eastern? No? Then what are you? Oh, that's so interesting! The above is just a sample of the prodding questions that sometimes come with biracial or multiracial identity. Biracial identity has been catapulted to the forefront of American culture with the political rise of Barack Obama to president of the United States. The president was born to a Kenyan father and an American mother and considers himself African-American. He has acknowledged the difficulties of growing up biracial. He was often teased and, to make matters worse, he had a distanced relationship with his father. The issues that existed for the president pertaining to racial identity and social acceptance exist for many Americans.

There are more than 7 million people in the United States who identify as two or more races, with more than 180,000 of those are right here in North Carolina, and those numbers are on the rise. There are about 850 students at UNC who identify as more than one race.

It is important to be aware and sensitive to not only general racial difference, but also to the distinctions that exist for students of multiracial backgrounds. There are many situations that can present real challenges for biracial or multiracial college students.

As every prospective UNC student fills out his or her college application, he or she will also have to identify themselves racially. This information is used to record the demographic characteristics of students at UNC.

This can present a real quandary for biracial students. How does one make such a choice? To choose one race and not the other is to deny one half of your racial ancestry and essentially one of your parents.

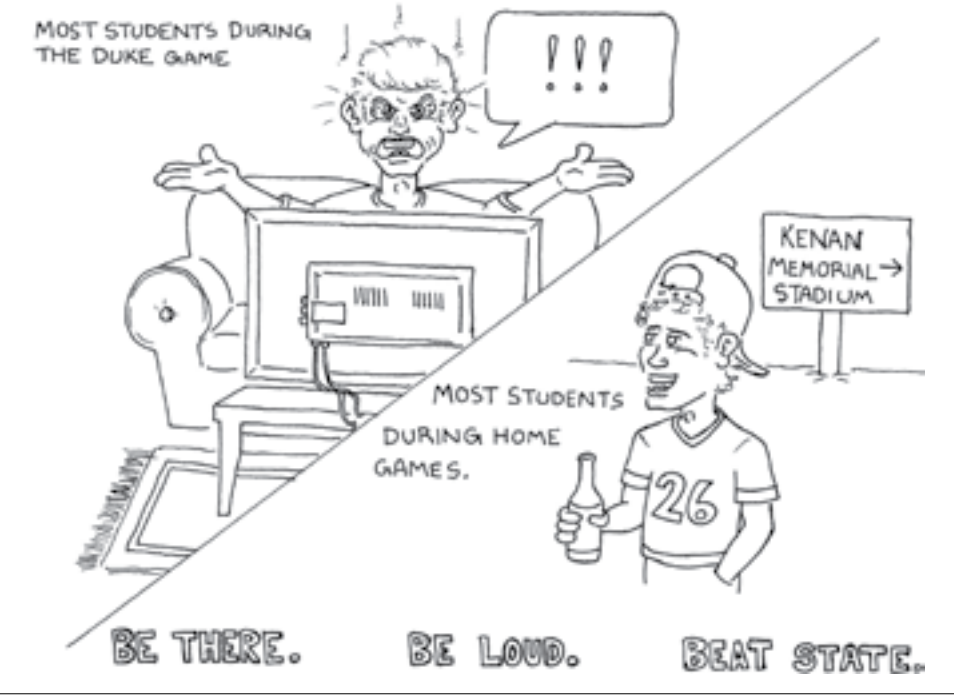
There might be historical implications, especially for those who identify as half-black. A remnant of the Jim Crow South was the "one drop" rule, which stated that if one had a drop of black blood he or she was considered black.

Choosing "two or more races" or "other" doesn't suffice as a racial identifier either. Students should be allowed to pick something more than the current generic option of the "two or more races" identifier. After all, students should have the option to be proudly Latina and African-American at the same time, or to boast both Asian and white ancestry simultaneously.

In different forms, biracial or multiracial individuals are often confronted with the age-old question, "What are you?" This might not seem like a big deal to people who visually appear to be a member of only one race. But for those whose appearance is racially ambiguous, this question can be offensive or even troubling. Multiracial individuals can feel isolated by their mixed ancestry or feel as if they do not belong to either group.

Biracial identity is a fascinating subject, but we must remember to remain sensitive to the various nuances that exist for people who identify as two or more races.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Mark Viser, mviser@email.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

Vote yes for transit

Voters should support the transit referendum.

With all the hype surrounding the presidential election, it can be easy for voters to forget about other issues on the ballot. But one referendum on this year's ballot, the half-cent sales tax increase to fund transit improvements, gives voters the chance to choose what sort of community they want to live in.

Voters should vote "yes" on the county's One-Half Percent Local Sales and Use Tax for the sake of livability and economic vibrancy in Chapel Hill, Orange County and the Triangle.

The tax would fund a plan that has its problems but is, on balance, a good idea.

It would pay for more frequent Chapel Hill Transit bus service, especially at night and on weekends, as well as enhanced Orange Public Transit and Triangle Transit service.

The plan would also allow for new bus shelters, passenger information signs and bus-only lanes on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to expedite travel. Buses will be easier and more convenient to catch.

The plan also provides for the construction of a train station in Hillsborough. This would connect Orange County residents to the Charlotte-Raleigh Amtrak route.

But the plan's biggest and most controversial project is the future construction of a light rail line between Chapel Hill and East Durham.

The light rail has high boondoggle potential and causes some trepidation about the plan as a whole.

The issue of whether Chapel Hill is dense enough to support light rail — or whether people will want to use it in the first place — isn't quite settled.

Those advocating for the plan claim the data estimates that 14,000 riders will use the system daily (nearly double the ridership of Charlotte's LYNX system).

This number passes the sniff test, but just barely. The line isn't likely to open for at least a decade. But given the rapid growth the Durham-Chapel Hill area has seen, 10 years from now that number might not be far-fetched.

Setting aside feasibility issues, the light rail line would be useful for students. Durham and Duke University would be far more accessible, a fact which might encourage students to get out of Chapel Hill. This is especially true for the substantial portion of the student population that can't afford cars.

Obviously, all of these benefits cost money. Some of this money will come from the sales tax increase.

Importantly, the increase would not apply to taxes on food, gas, utilities, medicine or housing. Poorer residents — who tend to rely more on public transit to begin with — would not find themselves wrung dry when paying for essentials.

Also, the federal government would bear the vast majority of the costs of the Hillsborough Amtrak station and is projected to pay for roughly half of the costs of the light rail.

By passing the referen-

dum, Orange County residents would get far more than their money's worth.

It's important to keep in mind what happens if the referendum doesn't pass. People will pay less in taxes. Opponents of the referendum don't think the plan is worth the tax hike.

But that is short-sighted. The fact of the matter is that Chapel Hill and the Triangle are growing. More people means more cars. Those cars have to drive on roads.

In the absence of good transit, that leaves two options. Either the Triangle builds more roads or it lets the congestion build and build.

Neither option is appealing. The first costs money and exacerbates sprawl. The second stifles commerce and leads to headaches for drivers.

Moreover, rejecting the plan leaves transit vulnerable to shocks. If the price of gasoline goes up, service gets cut precisely when it's needed most.

The Triangle has to decide what sort of future it wants for itself as it grows and develops. Should it eschew transit and rely on cars and roads, potentially risking becoming a congested mess?

Or should it plan for the future by embracing the need for improved transit options at the cost of a slightly higher tax rate?

The answer is clear. The small tax increase — which amounts to an extra nickel on a \$10 purchase — is worth it.

The plan might not be perfect, but it will help make the Triangle more livable and sustainable for students and residents alike.

EDITORIAL

Vote early, swing-staters

N.C. voters are crucial this election, so vote early.

In the race to win 270 electoral votes, President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are running neck-and-neck in what could be one of the closest presidential elections in U.S. history. Because North Carolina is a swing state, a North Carolinian's vote carries more importance than that of a voter in a state that reliably votes either Republican or Democrat.

For this reason, it's important that every eligible voter in North Carolina cast a ballot in this election.

There have been few

times in American history when two presidential candidates' parties stood in such stark contrast to one another. While both candidates have put forward different solutions to issues our country faces, their platforms often fail to include specifics, and raise questions about the feasibility of their ideas.

Obama won North Carolina in 2008 by 14,177 votes, and polling is showing that this election will be just as close as it was four years ago.

With states such as Florida, Colorado and Ohio being equally as close, North Carolina's electoral votes become that much more important for either Obama or Romney to win the 270

they need.

Election Day is two weeks from today, but UNC students don't have to wait till then to cast their ballots. One-stop early voting is available Monday through Friday, from noon to 7 p.m. on the second floor of Rams Head Dining Hall until Nov. 2. The last day to vote early at Rams Head will be Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Not yet registered to vote? No worries. At one-stop early voting, one can register and vote at the same time, something one cannot do on Election Day.

A vote in North Carolina can make a difference in this election, so vote smart and vote early.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's getting harder to ignore it with all the deaths that creep up. A lot of my peers are dying."

Ken Huff, on concussion-related injuries

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marienk, on Susan G. Komen's donations to Planned Parenthood

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Use your vote in state and local elections

TO THE EDITOR:

North Carolina is one of only three Southern states that has not passed restrictive voting laws since the 2010 election, but only thanks to Gov. Bev Perdue's veto power.

In 2011, Republican state legislators proposed one of the most restrictive voter ID laws in the nation, also attempting to shorten early voting and end voting on Sundays, both of which have increased voter participation in our state.

While in-person voter fraud is practically non-existent, voter ID laws threaten to disenfranchise an estimated 500,000 N.C. voters.

This begs the question of why, in a democracy, we would ever intentionally put forth measures to decrease voter participation. The history of voter suppression in the South might offer a clue.

Considering that those whose voting rights are most likely to be at risk include students, people of color, the elderly, low-income individuals and people with disabilities, the GOP agenda becomes a little bit clearer.

In the words of Heritage Foundation co-founder Paul Weyrich, "I don't want everyone to vote."

With all eyes on the presidential race, we should not forget the crucial importance of state and local elections.

The outcome of state legislative and gubernatorial races will determine whether restrictive voting laws could be proposed and passed in coming years. If you have a vote, please use it.

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We must remember needs of elderly adults

TO THE EDITOR:

In a previous letter to the editor, dentist Sam Lasris illustrated some of the benefits of the proposed Orange County Transit Plan.

The author focused on the benefits for residents in rural Orange County including decreasing traffic congestion on rural roads.

While this is a noble pursuit, I believe certain needs of rural residents must also be addressed.

There is a large, often overlooked population of transit-dependent elderly adults, many with disabilities, living isolated in the rural areas of Orange County.

With few transportation options, the burden of meeting their mobility needs often falls on caregivers, severely interfering with family functioning and creating economic hardship.

This issue is reflective of the national lack of attention being paid towards the needs of elderly adults.

Without transporta-

tion, these people face social isolation and barriers to accessing health care, which can contribute to depression and host of other health problems.

We as a society owe it to our seniors to provide basic services to increase their physical, social, emotional, mental and economic wellbeing. We have some services in place for these seniors, but they must be dramatically expanded.

I will echo Lasris' claim that, "We all win with an efficient, comprehensive transportation system," but I assert that we must be mindful of everyone whose wellbeing is at stake.

Improved transportation benefits not only students and commuters, but isolated seniors as well.

Many of us have been taught to honor our parents, but let's not forget to honor our parents' parents as well.

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Amplify your political voice through activism

TO THE EDITOR:

We should all vote, but if we really care about the issues in this election then we have to make sure voting isn't the only way we contribute to our democracy.

One of the best ways to influence policy outside of voting is to become a dues-paying member of a grassroots advocacy organization. The NRA has so successfully mastered this tactic with their 4 million dues-paying members that not only did President Barack Obama not add any gun regulation, but he actually signed two laws expanding the right to carry firearms.

So if you care about civil liberties and don't think Obama or Mitt Romney will stop the war on drugs or the use of drone strikes, join the ACLU.

Want to see climate change tackled? Join the Sierra Club and Greenpeace.

Even if you don't have money to join, you can be a fan on Facebook of these groups to stay current on the issues and regularly write your lawmakers.

As the NRA shows every year, politicians fear organizations with popular support and committed members. So if you are tired of politics as usual and don't expect meaningful change to come from the voting booth alone, commit yourself to some amazing advocacy groups and give politicians a reason to care about your opinion after election day.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in Wednesday's editorial "Streamline ordinance," the board incorrectly stated that the Orange County Unified Development Ordinance applies to Chapel Hill businesses. It only applies to businesses in unincorporated Orange County.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes.

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