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Thorp nixes gender-neutral housing

Before a decision can be made, more education is needed, Thorp said.

By Emily Overcarsh
Staff Writer

DTH ONLINE: Visit dailytarheel.com to read memos from Thorp, and Claybren and Terri Phoenix.

Chancellor Holden Thorp rejected an initiative on Monday that would have allowed students of the opposite gender the option to live together in UNC's residence halls, starting next semester.

Thorp said his decision, which gained support from hundreds of students and a wide variety of campus groups in the fall, does not mean that he is opposed to the proposal.

In a memo Monday to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp, Thorp said the reason for the rejection was that UNC's "stakeholders off campus" had not been adequately educated about the proposal.

"This is an important thing, and it deserves my effort for people outside the University to understand that it's about student safety," Thorp said in an interview.

Terri Phoenix, director of UNC's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Center, said those supporting the plan were "tremendously disappointed."

"The people who currently feel unsafe will be disappointed as well," Phoenix said.

Thorp acknowledged that the Board of Trustees was among the

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HISTORY OF THE GENDER-NEUTRAL HOUSING PLAN

The gender-neutral housing initiative gained substantive student support in the fall.

Sept. 27 Student Congress approved a symbolic measure of support for the plan.

Oct. 7 The proposal was presented to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp, along with a petition signed by more than 2,500 students.

Nov. 17 The option wasn't brought before the Board of Trustees as originally planned, but proponents said they were still hopeful for implementation in the fall.

First endorsements split

DTH/CRISTINA BARLETTA

Student body president candidates Will Leimenstoll, Tim Longest and Calvin Lewis Jr. participated in a College Republicans debate and Young Democrats forum.

College Republicans endorse Calvin Lewis

By Jamie Gnazzo
Staff Writer

The UNC College Republicans hosted the first debate of the year in the race for student body president and ultimately endorsed Calvin Lewis Jr.

"We liked his involvement with other groups," said Greg Steele, the group's chairman. "He would do a fine job of representing the school."

Association of Student Governments

The association represents all 17 UNC-system schools to the Board of Governors and is funded by $1 in student fees. It has been criticized in the past for being ineffective.

TIM LONGEST: The decision of whether to remain in ASG

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Young Democrats tap Tim Longest

By Jamie Gnazzo
Staff Writer

Following a forum attended by more than 50 people, the UNC Young Democrats voted to endorse Tim Longest for student body president.

"We were impressed with his intimate knowledge of student government and local politics, and his knowledge of who to talk to when something needs to be done," said Austin Gilmore, the group's president.

Tuition advocacy

With unprecedented tuition increases proposed by UNC, advocating for lower hikes has become one of the main responsibilities for the student body president.

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This day in last year's election

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On the eve of election day, the Board of Elections held a disqualification hearing for student body president candidate and eventual third-place-finisher Rick Ingram. Among the accusations against Ingram were that his campaign manager Billy Kluttz called now-Student Body President Mary Cooper a "cooter" and that Kluttz solicited petition signatures in a classroom building, violating election law. The latter accusation prompted the Board of Elections to fine Ingram $25, but the board opted to keep him on the ballot.

Meanwhile, Speaker of Student Congress Deanna Santoro resigned her position to file a lawsuit against the Board of Elections challenging the candidacy of then-Student Body Secretary and student body president candidate Ian Lee. The suit prompted the Student Supreme Court to order the board to withhold the results on election day. The court approved their release nine days later.

Campaign managers exert influence

SBP candidates say their 9 campaign managers are indispensable.

By Jessica Kennedy
Staff Writer

Three student body president candidates got their names on the ballot, but without their campaign managers, they doubt they would have.

On Feb. 14, students will cast their votes for Will Leimenstoll, Calvin Lewis Jr. or Tim Longest. But nine other students serving as campaign managers are working just as hard for those votes.

"It would be impossible for the candidate to get everything done on his own," said Longest, who has three campaign managers.

Leimenstoll has five campaign managers and Lewis has one.

Longest said being his campaign manager is at least a part-time job.

"I'm in contact with Tim every day, every hour," said Paige Comparato, Longest's external campaign manager.

From helping with platform writing to arranging lunch for the candidates, the campaign managers are indispensable, candidates said.

"It takes up a pretty big portion of the day, but it's a lot of fun," said

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Trucks say fees are too high

Food truck owners say Chapel Hill's fees will be cost-prohibitive.

By Jeanna Smialek
City Editor

Like other area food truck owners, Klausie's Pizza owner Mike Stenke said he is frustrated.

Stenke says he would love to share his deep-dish pies, baked golden-brown in 40-year-old pans straight out of a Detroit auto factory, with Chapel Hill.

But when Chapel Hill Town Council passed an ordinance last week to allow food trucks in town regularly, they also passed what Stenke says is a cost-prohibitive fee schedule.

Town officials say the fees are fair and protect local businesses and taxpayers from the cost associated with food trucks, but Stenke and other owners said they are excessive.

"This might as well be another law saying, 'No food trucks,'" Stenke said. "It's disappointing."

New policy for Chapel Hill

After 18 months of debate, Chapel Hill Town Council voted to allow food trucks in town starting March 1 — but the leniency comes with strings attached.

In the past, a few food trucks were allowed to operate in town if they met certain, stringent conditions or operated for a special event.

Now, trucks can set up shop downtown and in some nearby areas regularly as long as they have a permit and adhere to set requirements.

But to vend regularly in Chapel Hill, trucks will have to obtain and display a $50 privilege license and pay a $600 annual regulatory fee.

Food truck owners must also pay a $118 zoning compliance fee, as must any business that owns a parking lot where trucks operate.

"I would have to find a property that wants a food truck, and wants one enough to pay to have a food truck," Stenke said.

Jody Argote, owner of Parlez-Vouz Crepe and a former French professor at Wake Tech

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Brian Min is starting a write-in campaign for student body president. **Page 4**

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Adam Versenyi taught actors how to make "Henry" authentic. **Page 5.**

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SexualityStudies.unc.edu

Nancy L. Cott: "The Trials of (Same-sex) Marriage: Why History Matters"

Today, 5:30 to 7:30 P.M., University Room, Hyde Hall ◆ Reception after the talk

This event is part of the UNC Program in Sexuality Studies series, "Equality Matters," an examination of the legal, economic, and social implications of same-sex unions. Co-sponsored by the Department of History and the Department of Women's Studies.

"He was a wise man who invented beer."
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Post-graduate opportunities: Attend this University Career Services workshop to find out more about available 1-2 year post-graduate opportunities in the United States and abroad.
Time: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 239B Hanes Hall

Carolina Sports Business Club: If you are interested in sports marketing, check out this workshop by Helen Buchanan, marketing director for Tar Heel Monthly, on how to succeed in the field of sports marketing.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: Fetzer 109

WEDNESDAY

'Duke Sucks': Come to this event hosted by Bull's Head Bookshop that will present UNC alumnus Andy Bagwell's book, "Duke Sucks: A Completely Evenhanded, Unbiased Investigation into the Most Evil Team on Planet Earth."
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Student Stores

Men's basketball vs. Duke: Don't miss the most highly anticipated game of the basketball season between the nation's most bitter rivals, as the Duke Blue Devils roll into Chapel Hill to face the Tar Heels.
Time: 9 p.m.
Location: Dean Smith Center

'The Perpetual Peace Project': Listen to Gregg Lambert, dean's professor of humanities at Syracuse University and founding director of its Humanities Center. Lambert has partnered with diplomatic, cultural and academic organizations internationally to engage in a dialogue around contemporary issues of human rights and international law.
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Hyde Hall

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DAILY DOSE

There's no wrong way...

From staff and wire reports

To eat a Reese's. Right?

Well, maybe this dude could have taken a different approach to getting his chocolate and peanut butter fix.

Andrew Toothman, 22, was found naked and covered in chocolate and peanut butter Jan. 31 in a supermarket in Neon, Kan. Authorities also found several discharged fire extinguishers, as well as the word "sorry" spelled out on the floor in NyQuil. No money or goods were stolen.

I mean, what else are you going to do for fun in Kansas, go cow tipping? At least he said sorry.

NOTED. When we hear that an American university is hosting another annual Sex Week, our first guess is not Yale.

But all that studying must be getting boring, as Yale is set to kick off Sex Week, complete with seminars on porn. Get that Ivy League education.

QUOTED. "We always get drunk together."

— An unidentified mother to a crowd of onlookers, while her 11-year-old son did shots from a bottle.

Homegirl, that kind of thing is only acceptable in Tijuana and the HoJo balconies.

POLICE LOG

● Someone stole an iPhone between midnight and 4:05 p.m. Saturday at 828 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The phone was valued at $300, reports state.

● Someone hid consumable foodstuffs in his pants and baby's diaper bag at 4:10 p.m. Saturday at the Harris Teeter at 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The foodstuffs were valued at $53.97, reports state.

● Someone yelled at people trying to park at 6:58 p.m. Saturday at 179 E. Franklin St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Someone stole a golf cart between 6:10 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m. Saturday at 1100 N.C. Highway 54, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The golf cart was valued at $4,500, reports state.

● Someone took a computer from a nightclub at 120 E. Franklin St. at 2:00 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

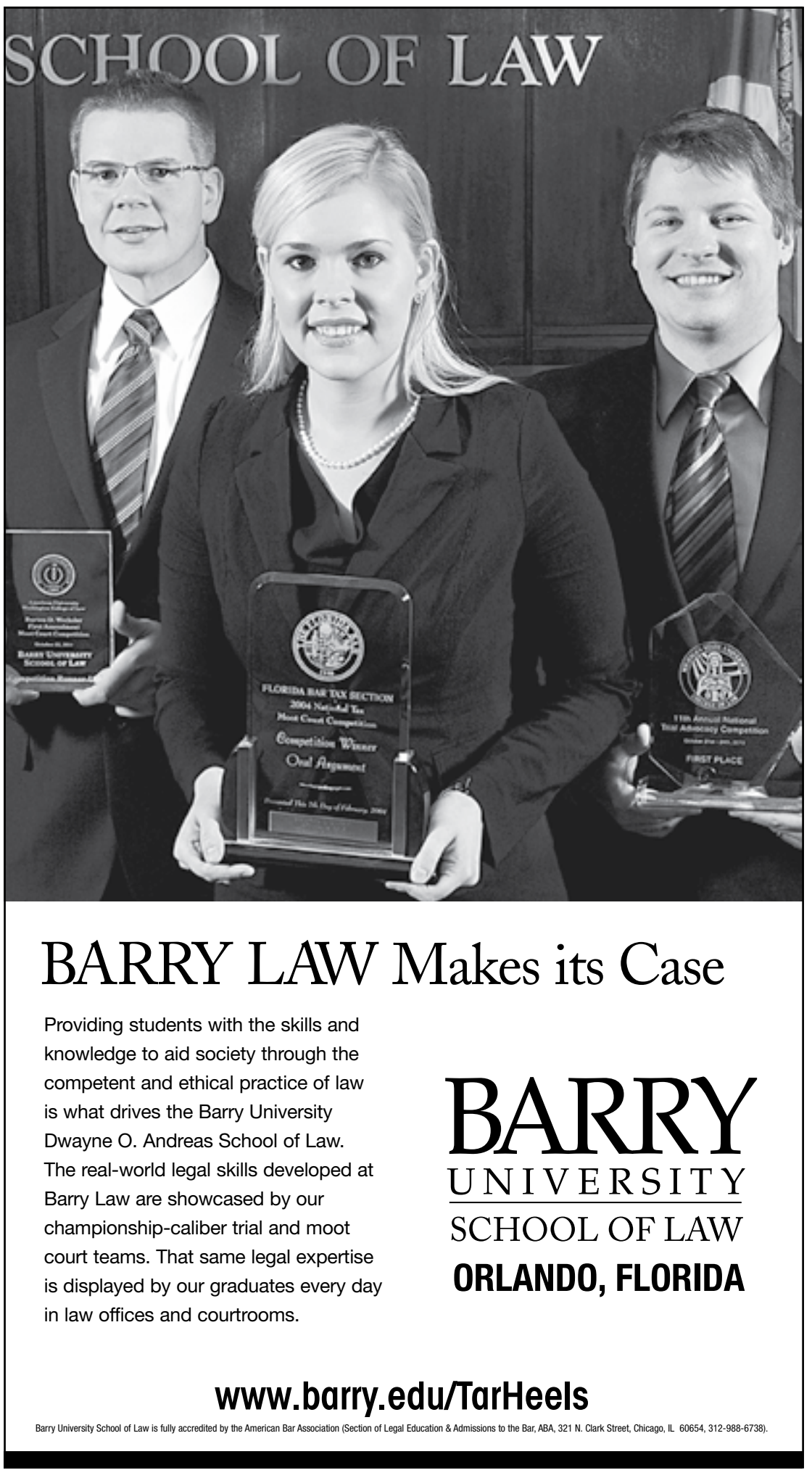
The computer was valued at $400, reports state.

● Someone drove while impaired, endangering their son at 10:20 p.m. Saturday at 719 E. Rosemary St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

● Someone found graffiti on a wall on the Libba Cotten Bikeway near Brewer Lane at 9:30 a.m. Friday, according to Carrboro police reports.

● Someone found and turned in two credit cards and some type of identification apparently issued by the Mexican government at 5:15 p.m. Friday, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person said the cards were found in a potted plant somewhere in the area of 200 N. Greensboro St., reports state.



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Longest hones in on campus inclusivity

The SBP candidate strives to unite students in the tuition debate.

By Edward Pickup
Staff Writer

For Tim Longest, no issue is more important than inclusivity.

If elected student body president, Longest said he will work to "reclaim the community" — which amounts to a push toward unity on campus and creating a forum for dialogue between campus groups.

"I see UNC as being a great campus with a lot of wonderful people, but as a community at large we very often split off into segments," he said.

"I really want to make this campaign about reuniting those passions behind a common purpose and a common good."

Foremost among the issues Longest plans to apply this sentiment to is tuition.

"I think we are at a crisis of identity at UNC now, something centered around the tuition issue," he said. "Maintaining affordability and accessibility harkens back to the idea that UNC is a University of the people — an idea that I feel is seriously in question."

Longest has been involved in the tuition debate since the beginning and was part of current Student Body President Mary Cooper's tuition task force.

"I think a tuition hike will see Carolina become a more privatized, more exclusive institution that will lose its soul in the process," he said. "We need to do everything we can to prevent that."

Longest said he will continue fighting to ensure that UNC remains accessible and affordable by approaching the state legislature.

He said Cooper's lobbying efforts weren't taken far enough.

Longest said transparency and broader campus involvement in student government are key to this process.

"I want to make student government less about advocating for students and more about empowering students to advocate for themselves," he said.

In an early step toward this goal, Longest has set up the Hark the Sound initiative — a feature on his website that allows students to petition for issues to be included in his platform.

Paige Comparato, Longest's campaign manager, said the initiative reflects his vision of a student government that works with students for their betterment.

"He is really trying to give people an outlet for their ideas," she said. "He will be a very approachable student body president who will really work with the students."

She said his campaign features realistic and goal-oriented initiatives.

"He will persevere no matter what," she said.

Longest said his administration would step outside the student government office and onto campus in an effort to be more visible and accessible to students.

The ultimate motivation to run for student body president, he said, is a love for UNC and its history.

Longest's housemate Jeff DeLuca said Longest is actively committed to fighting tuition hikes.

"I don't think there is a single person on campus who knows more about the tuition debate than him, and that's probably the single most important issue facing students today," he said.

"He is a leader who listens, he takes the initiative and is not afraid to step up."

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SBP CANDIDATE PROFILES

This is the second in a series of SBP candidate profiles.

- Monday: Will Leimenstoll
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DTH/KAITLYN KELLY
Student body president candidate Tim Longest says he is "running to restore values and inclusivity to student government."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: DUKE 96, UNC 56

BLISTERED BY SPEED

Duke beat UNC by the second-largest margin in the history of the rivalry.

By Michael Lananna
Assistant Sports Editor

DURHAM — Speed. It's long been at the heart of Sylvia Hatchell's women's basketball teams.

Talk to any North Carolina player, and they'll likely speak glowingly of the "Carolina Fast" label that has become so intertwined with the program.

Early on in Monday's game, though, No. 5 Duke matched No. 22 UNC's breakneck agility step for step as it defended its home court.

And as the 96-56 final score would indicate, the Tar Heels could only keep running with the Blue Devils for so long.

"We weren't scoring, and we lost a lot of energy," Hatchell said. "Because a lot of times we get our energy for our defense off of our offense."

Both teams started the night with an aggressive, almost frantic, energy — one that fueled more turnovers than points.

Duke and the Tar Heels combined for 11 possessions before UNC's Tierra Ruffin-Pratt could crack the scoring column with a jumper.

As UNC (17-6, 7-3 ACC) continued to tack on points in an 8-4 run, it seemed as though the Tar Heels might be able to keep pace with Duke.

But a couple of key adjustments allowed Duke (19-3, 10-0 ACC) to charge ahead.

In a move that would pay almost immediate dividends, Duke coach Joanne McCallie subbed guard Tricia Liston into the game at the 13:31 mark.

Liston drained a 3-pointer two minutes later to give Duke a 12-10 advantage, and the sophomore's 16 first-half points helped ensure that the Blue Devils would never trail again.

"I think it was just one of those games when it does help coming off the bench," Liston said, "seeing what they're doing on the court … and what I could do better and what I can bring to the game that will help us."

Despite the offensive jolt Liston offered, the bigger change may have come on the defensive side of the ball.

After the Blue Devils struggled out of the gates, McCallie said she wanted to calm her team down by switching to a zone defense.

The result was both profitable for Duke and stifling for the Tar Heels.

" I think they changed defenses, and they really threw a lot of different things at us," said Tar Heel center Chay Shegog, who led the team with 19 points.

Duke freshman Elizabeth Williams, Shegog's counterpart on the court, was a major cog of the team's defensive efforts, tallying six blocks. Her 85 blocks on the season is an ACC single-season freshman record.

Combined with an unsightly 28 percent shooting mark, 12 Tar Heel turnovers in the first half gave the Blue Devils the added ammunition they needed to kill any chance at a UNC victory.

"We just didn't execute well," Shegog said.

"I think that's the main thing. Then they just took off. I mean, great teams do that."

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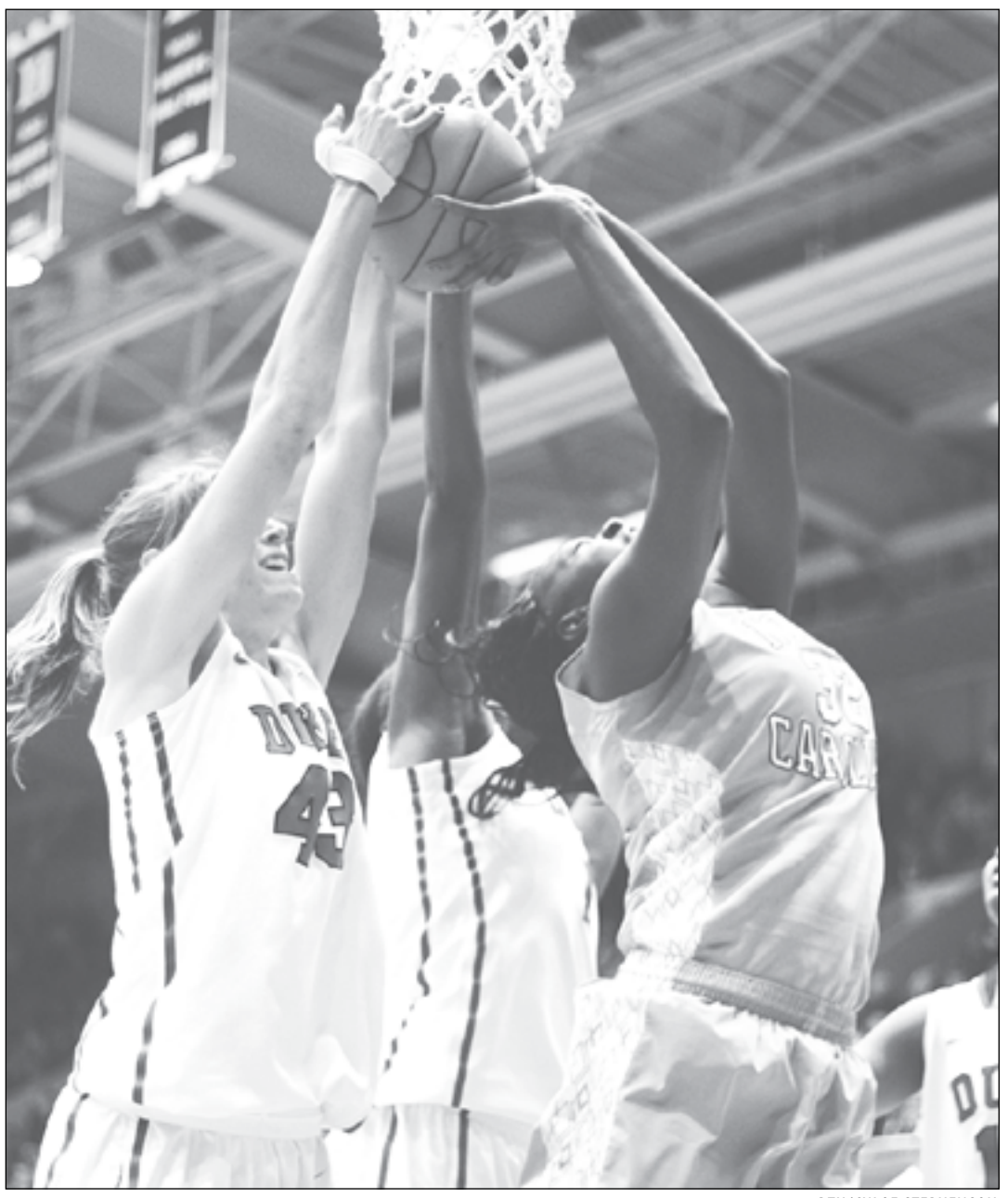

DTH/CHLOE STEPHENSON
Duke center Allison Vernerey and UNC center Waltiea Rolle battle for a rebound in Monday's 96-56 Duke win.

INSIDE: See page 8 to read about how Duke dominated from behind the arc during Monday night's game.

Carrboro officials learned from Yates

Carrboro police made no arrests and used less force in their disbandment of the Carrboro Commune protest.

By Jenny Surane
Staff Writer

On Saturday afternoon, a group of about 50 protesters known as Carrboro Commune set out to make the proposed site of a controversial CVS drugstore in Carrboro a community space.

Though the three-hour occupation ended without arrests or violence from police or occupiers, the protest — and the way the encampment was disbanded — has sparked comparisons to a similar scene that took place at Yates Motor Company building on Franklin Street in November.

During the November event, Chapel Hill police entered the vacant building armed with assault weapons and arrested eight people, drawing wide criticism for their use of force against protesters.

And Carrboro has taken note of these criticisms in the last several months, which officials said taught them to use less forceful tactics to disband their protest.

"We had the advantage of seeing what happened at Chapel Hill pan out, so some of what happened there helped us deal with this similar situation, so the result was much happier," said Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton, who was present on Saturday.

Carrboro Police Lt. Chris Atack said he also considers the Yates incident a learning tool.

"Any law enforcement incident is an opportunity for us to try and learn a lesson," Atack said. "We had time to consider our options, and seeing what happened at Yates helped us."

Atack said Carrboro police also made it a priority not to use too much force.

"Our mission was not to use force if it wasn't needed. We gave them the opportunity to leave without arrest, and they took it," Atack said.

Some residents applauded Carrboro police and officials for their efforts in dispersing protesters.

"In Chapel Hill they treated it like a police action, but in Carrboro, they treated it like a political action," said Orange County resident Terri Buckner.

Chilton said he made it a goal to engage with protesters about what they wanted and make sure that protesters were given the ability to vacate the building — a factor that has been widely debated in the Yates raid.

"In the case of the other one, the protesters claimed they would have vacated given the opportunity, so I wanted to make sure the people at this protest had been given that opportunity," he said.

Chilton, who was sworn at and criticized by protesters at the Carrboro encampment, said he also made it a priority to be present at the occupation.

"I wanted to be there because I didn't want to rely on secondhand accounts of what went on," he said. "I wanted to witness it firsthand."

But many of the protesters were not happy with Carrboro official's actions, citing the town's removal of their encampment as their main issue.

"People keep saying it was great that the Carrboro mayor and some members of the Board of Aldermen were there, but the mayor still sided with the police in having us removed," said protester and UNC junior Alanna Davis.

Davis also said she was not convinced that the problems that started at Yates, such as police use of weapons, have ended.

She said that when she arrived at the protest at 4 p.m., there were already police at the scene. She said police had guns, and a K-9 unit was present.

"On the surface, the CVS protest was more pleasant, more peaceful," she said. "Even though they made the decision not to use these tactics, it does not mean that it was outside the realm of possibility."

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will meet today, and protesters from Carrboro Commune say they hope to attend and discuss the possibility of using the building as a community site.

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Proposed gun control amendment sees opposition

It would solidify a ban on concealed weapons on any county-owned property.

By Gayatri Surendranathan
Staff Writer

A proposed gun control amendment that would solidify existing concealed-carry laws in Orange County has raised opposition — even though it wouldn't actually change anything in practice.

On Tuesday night, Orange County officials will vote on a proposed amendment that would prohibit concealed weapons on any county-owned property, including many public parks.

Orange County has prohibited carrying concealed weapons in county parks and buildings since 1995. The amendment would simply identify the facilities at which a person cannot carry a weapon to add clarity to the rule.

"In essence, we are not changing the rules about firearms from what they currently are," said Bernadette Pelissier, chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

The amendment was proposed after the N.C. General Assembly voted in July 2011 to expand the ability of concealed-carry permittees to possess concealed weapons statewide.

The General Assembly simultaneously allowed local governments to regulate concealed weapons on local government-owned recreational facilities. They defined "recreational facilities" in the bill as "a playground, an athletic field, a swimming pool (or) an athletic facility."

Between Aug. 1 and Dec. 31, 254 concealed-carry permits were issued in Orange County, according to Maj. Charles Blackwood of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

And many North Carolina residents — including some who don't live in the county — have voiced opposition to the proposed amendment.

Jacobs said he and other commissioners have received more than 50 emails, many of which are titled: "Comply with state law, do not end guns in parks." The emails say the amendment violates the General Assembly's provision.

Chris Weaver, a precinct captain for the Orange County GOP, said the weapons ban goes deeper than it sounds.

"This law is targeted at lawful citizens and protects criminals," Weaver said. "Criminals have a greater selection of places to go target people."

He said a group called Grass Roots North Carolina, a nonprofit gun-rights organization, has fought similar recent policy revisions in Guilford County and Winston-Salem.

Paul Valone, the president of Grass Roots North Carolina, said his group would take the issue to the courts if necessary.

"Recreational facilities are defined as certain things in the House bill, and parks aren't on the list," he said.

But Orange County Attorney John Roberts said all of Orange County's parks contain playgrounds, swimming pools or athletic facilities.

And Commissioner Barry Jacobs said he thinks the amendment is a good idea.

"Recreational areas are owned by the people just like government buildings," he said.

He said Orange County experienced an issue with gun control in 2001 when a bail bondsman who had a weapon in his possession chased a suspect who had failed to make a court appearance through Efland Cheeks Elementary School, cutting through a playground filled with children.

"I don't think guns and children mix," he said.

Commissioner Earl McKee said he had some concerns about the amendment.

"I have extreme reservations when we include parks, such as Little River Park, where there are miles of isolated trails," he said. "I am very concerned about safety.

"Most criminals don't adhere to concealed-carry laws anyway."

There is no public hearing scheduled for the gun rules agenda item.

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CONCEALED-CARRY BANS

If commissioners pass an amendment tonight, residents won't be allowed to carry concealed in these places:

- Cedar Grove Park
- Central Recreation Center
- Efland-Cheeks Park & Community Center
- Eurosport Soccer Center
- Fairview Park
- Little River Regional Park & Natural Area
- Orange County SportsPlex
- River Park & Public Market House

Fall revamp planned for 2 dorms

By Melvin Backman
Senior Writer

Urinals are going to be shelved as part of a larger South Campus renovation to two residence halls this summer.

Ehringhaus and Craige Residence Halls will receive $2 million in new features for rooms and bathrooms just in time for the fall semester as a push to keep students on campus.

Students can expect faux-wood floors and blinds alongside updated furniture, said Rick Bradley, assistant director of Housing and Residential Education.

In the bathrooms, the department plans to reglaze tiles and replace urinals with shelving. Bradley said changes will not include bringing central air conditioning to the residence halls, which now have window units.

"As soon as you say central air, you're talking a $20 million project," he said, adding that the residence halls would also have to be shut down for a year during construction.

A model suite featuring the anticipated updates is available on the first floor of Ehringhaus.

Some Craige residents said they are excited by the plan.

"I think it definitely could use some renovations," said freshman Kerry Walsh.

None of the male students interviewed said he would be too upset by the loss of urinals in his bathrooms.

"As a guy, I'd like a urinal," said freshman Dylan Cunningham, but he added he would be happy to have somewhere to keep his towels and toiletries.

Few students said the updates would have changed their minds about moving to North campus or off campus after their freshman years. They did say they would have enjoyed the features as freshmen.

"It's kind of rough in there," said freshman Gary Cela.

Bradley said the updates are part of a push to help keep more students on campus.

He said the 400 room vacancies in fall 2011 deprived the department of $1.2 million in revenue. The department is funded by student room fees.

Previously, the department attempted to stop reserving space on North Campus for freshman in an attempt to keep upperclassmen from moving off campus.

The decision was reversed after confusion from students.

Updating dorms was among the suggestions students gave to the department, Bradley said.

"We're marketing just like anyone with a business does," he said.

"We're trying to offer a product that students are interested in."

Walsh said updates would make her more likely to stay on South Campus.

"If they did some remodeling, I would consider living here again," she said.

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DTH/BROOKELYN RILEY

Ehringhaus and Craige residence halls will receive $2 million worth of flooring and bathroom renovations in time for the fall semester.

SBP candidate: 'Write in Brian Min'

By Hailey Vest
Staff Writer

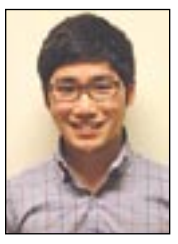
Despite his failure to acquire enough signatures to appear on the ballot, Brian Min has not given up in the race for Student Body President.

"I still believe I am the strongest candidate out there and that I can make a difference on campus in this election," Min said. "Yes, I didn't make the ballot, but I'm still in this race."

The decision to create a write-in campaign was not one that Min took lightly, he said. He hopes students won't write him off just because they don't think he can win.

"Just because I'm a write-in candidate, people will think I'm a joke because in the past people haven't been serious," he said.

Min said he plans to campaign alongside the three candidates on the ballot and will talk to students about his platform in order to promote his candidacy. He's even created a catchphrase: "Write in Brian Min."



Brian Min is running for student body president as a write-in candidate. He says he can bring something different to the position.

Min said he was invited to some of the upcoming debates before all of the candidates were confirmed and will use the events, along with social media sites, to get students' attention.

"I will still be active just like the other candidates, online and offline," he said.

He said he thinks he has a fair chance in the election because of his unique background. As an international student, Min said he brings something different.

"If there's at least one person that believes in my platform and ideas, then I won't give up," Min said.

Leigh Fairley and Warche Downing, who also failed to receive enough signatures to appear on the ballot, said they have no plans for a write-in campaign, but commend Min on his efforts.

"I have talked to Brian about this, and he feels very strongly about it. So if he has the opportunity to do it, he should go for it," Fairley said.

Glynnis Ritter, a write-in candidate who received 58 votes during last year's election, said write-in votes have traditionally been a way to make fun of the political process, but she thinks Min does stand a chance.

"If he's running with a serious campaign, he has the ability of getting a lot of attention," she said.

Min will still be required to follow the same regulations as the other two candidates, but might face some obstacles, said Shruthi Sundaram, chairwoman of the Board of Elections.

She said he will have the same spending limit on his campaign but will not receive reimbursement like the other candidates. Yet, Min remains positive.

"It's going to be difficult, but whether I win or not, I'm pretty sure I'm going to make a statement," Min said.

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Student Union's next president chosen

By Sarah Niss
Staff Writer

The Student Union will soon see even more changes than its outward renovations, starting with a new president and online ticketing at the box office.

Junior Tom Low will take over as president in April and said he hopes to make the Union a more social place for students. He also wants to get more students involved in planning events through the Carolina Union Activities Board.

"The first thing I want to do is open up the meeting rooms to students during the day," said Low, who will replace current president Cierra Hinton.

Lauren Sacks, assistant director for student learning and activities at the Union, said this would involve changing the process of registering for meeting rooms. Most of these rooms are locked during the day unless reserved by a specific group.

Low said he hopes to convert common areas of the Union currently used for quiet study, like the Aquarium Lounge, to places where students can hang out.

He also wants to spread awareness about how CUAB plans events, and encourages students to get involved in deciding how their student fees are spent.

"We have received a lot of criticism this year, and let me be the first to invite all students to participate in our event-planning process," he said.

Low was chosen from four candidates following two interviews with the Union Board of Directors. As president, Low will preside over the board, which oversees the Union's policies and budget, Sacks said. The group is composed of leaders from student organizations directly involved with the Union and faculty members.

He also will preside over the activities board, which plans events.

Low was selected a month earlier than usual to give him time to select the CUAB chair positions earlier, Sacks said.

"We're really excited about the selection of the president a month early, so that there can be more planning for the fall and have more programs for the start of the year," she said.

Students will soon be able to buy tickets from the Union's box office online, as well as over the phone and in person.

> *"The first thing I want to do is open up the meeting rooms to students during the day."*
>
> **Tom Low,**
> Next president of the Student Union

Austin Gold, manager of the box office and information services, said he submitted a proposal to the board of directors to get the software needed for ordering tickets online by debit or credit card.

He hopes to implement online purchasing in the fall, and he expects a decision within the next month. He said he is confident that the Union supports the proposal.

"The Union has been working hard to be more accessible to students, and online ticketing is more accessible than a walk-up box office," he said.

Gold said the physical ticket office will still sell tickets and perform other functions through the events management department.

"We're just trying to catch up to the digital age of students."

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Center cuts reduce coverage

By Janie Sircey
Staff Writer

The Orange County Family Resource Centers has provided after-school programs to local children for 18 years, but now budget cuts have decreased the services the group can offer.

The organization — which has four locations in Chapel Hill that offer parent education classes, parent-to-parent support groups and educational programs for children — has had to cut programs and staff members.

At the same time, budget cuts at UNC have made it harder for student volunteers to man the classrooms.

The center's after-school program for elementary age students is held in three locations Monday through Thursday — one day less than last year. Alesia Sanyika, program coordinator for Orange County Family Resource Centers, said that's because budget cuts forced organizers to cut a day.

She said the centers are also understaffed after six part-time workers were cut.

"We serve about 51 kids at three locations—at South Estes, Dobbins Hill and Trinity/Pritchard Park," said Sanyika. "The problem is we only have two full-time staff."

The Family Resource Centers have also cut their middle school after-school care program because of funding issues.

"We've been around all these years, and last spring we were notified that the middle school program was being cut statewide," Long said.

The center's budget comes from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Resources' division of Social Services — which has handed down the cuts. They receive funding from other local sources as well.

The APPLES program, a University service-learning group, provided volunteers for the centers' middle school programs, but with the program cut, APPLES has had to find different volunteering opportunities.

The Helping Youth by Providing Enrichment program at the University provides tutors for low-income children and has worked with the center for 10 years.

But in the face of University budget cuts, the organization is now providing tutors to two locations instead of all three.

"It's really unfortunate because (Family Resource Centers) provide a lot of services to the kids and the community, and they really make a difference," said Rochelle Maignan, a junior at UNC and co-chair of HYPE.

"HYPE usually provides transportation to the volunteers, but with budget cuts from the University, we don't receive payment or reimbursement for the driver anymore."

Though the group has a van, most volunteers are not 21, the minimum age to drive it.

Last school year, UNC contributed more than 1,000 hours and 91 volunteers to the after-school programs, Sanyika said.

Karen Long, director of Orange County Family Resource Centers, said the groups hope to maintain last year's numbers, but she understands if they decrease because the number of programs has decreased.

"We get about five UNC volunteers a day and about one or two high school kids a day," Sanyika said.

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Tom Saintsing helps Shane Perkins with his homework. "I enjoy the experience because they are really sweet kids," Saintsing said.

Police prep for possible Wednesday win

More than 3,000 are expected on Franklin Street if UNC beats Duke.

By Jenny Drabble
Staff Writer

While UNC students prepare for the mile-and-a-half run to Franklin Street after Wednesday night's Duke basketball game, the Chapel Hill Police Department is also gearing up for the night's festivities.

During the rush on Franklin Street — which could draw thousands if UNC wins — police officers block off streets and monitor the crowd for bonfires, alcohol and vandalism to ensure overall public safety.

The department determines how many additional officers to keep on Franklin based on the size of crowds in past years, said Phil Smith, officer and special events coordinator.

Normally the crowd size of students storming Franklin is between 3,000 and 5,000 for the UNC vs. Duke games, he said.

Crowds can be even larger when UNC wins a championship — reaching more than 30,000 after the 2009 national championship basketball game.

"For these games, approximately thirty officers come back to work and they adjust their hours accordingly," Smith said.

Officers are usually paid one and a half times their normal hourly wage for special events.

Isabel Kenny, a freshman biology major, said she thinks the department often has too many police officers at special events.

"It's a waste to employ all these officers if they're not doing anything productive," she said. "Also, I think they would be more efficient and they wouldn't need as many if they were dispersed more along the street."

The town's Halloween celebration is also known for drawing a crowd — and police officers.

Halloween crowds on Franklin Street peaked at 80,000 in 2004 and 2007.

> *"People can get kind of crazy, and it's a good idea for the police to control the celebrations in case anyone gets too rowdy."*
>
> **Isabel Kenny,** freshman biology major

Event management costs for the police department reached a high of $230,000 in 2006, but have decreased alongside falling crowd sizes in recent years — a result of the town's Homegrown Halloween initiative, which aims to keep the event small and local.

Smith attributes the fluctuation in costs to how long officers are at the event and the amount of clean-up needed.

Despite the costs associated with games and Halloween, Kenny said she thinks some extra officers are necessary.

"People can get kind of crazy, and it's a good idea for the police to control the celebrations in case anyone gets too rowdy."

Local businesses also increase their staff to handle the crowds after games and events.

Oscar Morales, manager of Pepper's Pizza, said the restaurant is already planning ahead for Wednesday's Duke game.

He said they will have three more people working than usual and will stay open for an extra hour or two, expecting to be busiest between 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

"We need more workers to make more bread, chop tomatoes and work in the kitchen with all the extra customers," he said.

Morales said his business has declined in recent years, but game days are the exception.

"Business is not good like before, not like it was 3 years ago," Morales said.

"Business is much better during UNC's basketball and football seasons."

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Some PhD students upset over lottery

By Emily Overcarsh
Staff Writer

Seniors weren't the only ones angry this year with the UNC-Duke basketball ticket lottery.

Graduating chemistry Ph.D. students were among the many who were disappointed when they didn't win the ticket lottery.

But when they discovered that they hadn't even been given priority as graduating students, they said they were outraged.

Brian Matthew, one of the students, said he first realized something was wrong when the ticket distribution emails were sent out and not a single student in his department won the lottery.

"We were confused why everybody kept losing the lottery, especially since we know people who don't have priority that got (tickets)," he said.

Matthew said that for undergraduate and master's students, priority for the ticket lottery is based on credit hours.

But since Ph.D. students don't have a credit-hour system, they have to inform the ticket office when it's their last basketball season before graduating, said Clint Gwaltney, associate athletic director in the ticket office.

Andrew Stuart, a graduating student in the chemistry Ph.D. program, said their student services specialist, Donnyell Batts, handled sending the names of graduating students to the ticket office.

"He asked who was graduating and said he was going to put us on the list and send the list to the ticket office," Stuart said.

Batts said he was contacted on Jan. 19 to send in a list of his department's graduating students, and that he sent the list on Jan. 27.

Batts and Gwaltney both confirmed there was no deadline specified in the original email.

"I actually read (the email) three times to make sure there was no date in it," Batts said.

But on Jan. 24, the chemistry students received an email saying that they were not listed as graduating and therefore would not receive priority status.

The email said they would need to give the ticket office a printout of their graduation status from ConnectCarolina.

"Which is not possible to do because registration for graduation is not available yet for August graduation," Matthew said.

The chemistry students assumed that the list Batts sent to the ticket office would fix the mistake. Batts said when he sent the list in, he wasn't told that it was past the deadline.

Gwaltney said the students should have just come to the office to fix the problem.

"We rectify these situations on a case-by-case basis," he said.

"Those students got an email that said that they are not graduating and they did not come down and change that."

> *"The fact that I wasn't put on the list even though I am graduating makes me feel like money has been stolen from me."*
>
> **Andrew Stuart,** graduating student in the chemistry PhD program

Stuart said he is upset that he has paid athletic fees for five years and has never gotten a Duke ticket.

"The fact that I wasn't put on the list even though I am graduating makes me feel like money has been stolen from me."

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Council looks at efficiency

By Elizabeth Straub
Staff Writer

Recent Chapel Hill Town Council meetings have kept officials and attendees up past their bedtimes — but officials hope a regulation on public petitions could improve time management.

Council members have discussed regulating public petitions at their meetings to promote efficiency, and town staff are reviewing their recommendations.

At the start of each council meeting, residents can present and comment on petitions regarding town issues, whether they are on the agenda.

Recent issues, including the Nov. 13 police raid of the former Yates Motor Company building and the relocation of the Chapel Hill Public Library, have brought many petitioners to council meetings.

"It turns into a couple hours of hearing people speak about a single petition," said council member Jim Ward.

Some meetings have even lasted more than five hours.

Council members' suggestions include limiting the number of petitioners allowed to speak on behalf of each topic and enforcing a rule that limits speeches to three minutes.

"The three-minute limit is not rigorously enforced, and people often take more than that," Ward said.

Council member Matt Czajkowski said speeches should be limited when a petition is submitted because the council rarely votes on the petition that same night.

"If you look at what the purpose is at the time a petition is submitted, it's literally to submit it," he said. "It's not to make lengthy arguments in favor of it."

He said most issues come back up for discussion at later meetings.

"The whole point is that they will come back," he said. "They'll be on the agenda, and there will be effectively unlimited time to discuss them."

Ward said while reducing the number of petitioners could increase efficiency, he doesn't think they should be eliminated completely.

"It's very important that we continue to have petitions at every business meeting and that they occur first thing," he said.

Will Raymond, a Chapel Hill resident who has run for council and has been involved with council petitions for more than a decade, said he thinks time management problems shouldn't be fixed at the cost of public debate.

"The meetings go very long sometimes, but it's better to err on the side of getting it all out there," he said.

Raymond said he is concerned that some council members could be limiting the petitions because they don't like to hear negative comments on Chapel Hill.

"They ran for office, and part of their job is to listen to the citizens even when the citizens are telling them something they don't want to hear," he said.

Ward said at earliest, the change could go into effect within the month, but it will likely occur later.

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REPUBLICANS

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should be up to a referendum.

CALVIN LEWIS: UNC should remain in ASG. "We're much more powerful as a system of students than as a single school."

WILL LEIMENSTOLL: UNC should not pull out of ASG just yet.

Executive branch stipends

LONGEST: Stipends need to be kept to preserve socioeconomic diversity.

LEIMENSTOLL: Removing stipends from top-level student government offices would keep students who need part-time jobs out of leadership positions.

LEWIS: Stipends should be kept because projects like the Student Enrichment Fund are a positive byproduct of stipends.

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DEMOCRATS

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WILL LEIMENSTOLL: A statewide tuition coalition to advocate against hikes should be created.

TIM LONGEST: Students should be their own tuition advocates.

CALVIN LEWIS: Holding tuition forums would foster a dialogue.

University-town relations

LEIMENSTOLL: An online initiative would connect off-campus students with the town contacts.

LONGEST: Developing the Good Neighbor Initiative would encourage students to improve relationships with their neighbors.

LEWIS: Working with the division of student affairs and the town could make UNC's role in town decisions more prominent.

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RE-CREATION ON CAMERON

DTH/KARLA TOWLE

Patrick Terrell photographs an ad for Joseph Terrell and Laura McCready, who are running to be Campus Y co-presidents. The ad is a remake of the Abbey Road Beatles picture. Mackenzie Thomas and Jagir Patel are also in the running for Campus Y co-presidents.

FOOD TRUCKS

FROM PAGE 1

Community College, usually parks her truck in Carrboro and Durham. She said she went to meetings to support a new ordinance in Chapel Hill, but isn't pleased with the result.

"I'm very disappointed," she said, noting that she already pays fixed costs like rent on a permanent-location kitchen and vehicle maintenance.

"I think that the fees are pretty steep."

Argote said Chapel Hill isn't her only market — Carrboro and Durham have long welcomed food trucks, and Raleigh and Hillsborough passed ordinances to allow them this year. She said other towns are less expensive to operate in.

The other side

But Town Council and staff say they aimed to protect taxpayers when creating the ordinance — and the fee schedule hasn't stopped some from applying.

Kendal Brown, principal planner for the town, said in an email that the town estimates that about 15 trucks will come in total.

Six trucks already had permits to sell in Chapel Hill on a regular basis, and of those one — Baguettaboutit, which specializes in sausages in baguettes — has already applied for and received a license under the new ordinance.

Town Manager Roger Stancil said the town might need to hire a second, part-time enforcement officer to make sure food trucks follow rules. Because food trucks operate outside of normal business hours, he said they could bring significant enforcement costs.

"Our philosophy would be that food truck owners should pay for enforcement," Stancil explained. "Those costs shouldn't fall on taxpayers."

Stancil said though nearby towns charge less, Chapel Hill has determined its fees based on estimates of its own needs.

Town Council member Ed Harrison also said it is unreasonable to compare Chapel Hill's ordinance with Durham's more lenient rules, because Durham has less restaurant density and less room for problems arising from competition.

"We had a chamber of commerce and a large group of restaurants that wanted to restrict food trucks," he said.

Harrison said the fee schedule could be revisited in the future and changed, if need be.

And some believe the fees are far too low.

Katrina Ryan, who owns Sugarland Bakery, said she doesn't think trucks will pose competition to her own shop, but she worries trucks with less of a stake in Chapel Hill's well-being could out-price permanent businesses.

Ryan said she hopes Town Council will reassess the fee schedule to make it higher.

She said she also thinks costs trucks create will total more than the fees the council has levied.

"Food trucks are fine, but you need to do a cost analysis and make them revenue neutral."

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MANAGERS

FROM PAGE 1

Cody Poplin, Leimenstoll's chief campaign manager.

Campaign managers coordinate volunteer involvement, scheduling, communication and social media. They also help candidates form and focus in on ideas.

Lewis said the candidate and the campaign manager play different roles, but sometimes the line that separates them blurs.

"As a candidate, my primary objective is to get out, meet people, educate people, inform people, let people know who I am and what I stand for," Lewis said.

"As a campaign manager, your objective is to organize the campaign."

Managers believe their candidate will best lead the student body, but often are chosen because candidates know they will be honest with them, Leimenstoll said.

"I luckily chose friends who are not afraid to be critical and tell me the truth," he said.

Leimenstoll chose his campaign managers primarily from his close friends, while Longest and Lewis said they took a different route.

Leimenstoll said junior Chelsea Phipps holds the title "life organizer/professional best friend" on his campaign staff.

Longest chose his campaign managers from student groups he has been involved in, he said.

"We were friends but we were never close friends before this experience," Longest said. "I knew their personalities and work ethic, so I knew they would complement each other really well."

Lewis said he and his campaign manager, Erin Mincey, met as orientation leaders and he admired her honest feedback and organization.

Dividing the roles among multiple managers can make the workload more manageable, but can also have negative consequences, said Patricia Flood, vice chairwoman of the Board of Elections.

"The larger the campaign, the less personal the campaign can become," Flood said.

Student Body President Mary Cooper said she had five campaign managers when she ran.

"I could not have gotten elected without them," Cooper said. "It helped spread the workload."

Cooper said campaign managers help on a personal level too.

"Campaign managers are there when you need a laugh or a wake-up call," Cooper added. "I never felt that I was alone."

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HOUSING

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"outside stakeholders" he referred to in his memo.

Board chairman Wade Hargrove did not respond to calls for comment.

Thorp took weeks to deliberate on the proposal.

"Obviously, he's been wrestling with it for some time, so I thought it could go either way," Crisp said.

"I respect the fact that he has to weigh a lot of things," he said.

The plan's advocates have stressed that a gender-neutral option would make LGBTQ students feel safer in residence halls.

Sophomore Kevin Claybren, who has led the initiative, said that although he is disappointed, he doesn't think gender-neutral housing has been permanently tabled.

"This just means that Terri Phoenix and I will work even more diligently," he said. "I don't want people to think that this is the end-all be-all decision — it's not."

Claybren said the coalition is now planning to have the initiative approved for the 2013-2014 year.

In his memo, Thorp cited the fact that no other UNC-system school has adopted a gender-neutral housing option yet.

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>
> **Holden Thorp,**
> Chancellor

But Jagir Patel, director of publicity for the Campus Y, which expressed support for the plan, said this isn't sound reasoning.

"Since no other UNC school has implemented one, I don't think that should be a reason for us to not take the steps to do so," Patel said. "We should be leading our peers in the UNC system."

Thorp said he hopes supporters see that his decision reflects his desire to see it succeed.

"I think they'll see with the serious way we're taking this that this is something important to us," Thorp said.

Crisp said the end goal is still implementation.

"We're going to try to educate folks to a point where (Thorp) feels like he can move forward."

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Dramaturg brings authenticity to 'King'

By Deborah Strange
Staff Writer

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As the dramaturg for "The Making of a King," Adam Versenyi researched the time period so artists could create an accurate production.

After years of experimenting in every aspect in theatre, Adam Versenyi decided to focus on informing rather than performing.

In PlayMakers Repertory Company's "The Making of a King" — featuring Shakespeare's "Henry IV" and "Henry V" in rotating repertory — Versenyi acts as the production's dramaturg, teaching the actors and directors how to make Shakespeare's words authentic in the 21st century.

"Each person's path to becoming a dramaturg is different," said Versenyi, who started acting at the age of 9. "I thought I was going to be a performer."

But meager earnings and strong recommendations from peers pushed him toward dramaturgy.

"What I'm trying to do is help other people do their best work," he said.

Versenyi researches the settings in which the plays were written and in which the plays take place. He gathers material to inspire the performance passionately and accurately.

"He is able to bring so much research into the room," said Joseph Haj, co-director of the plays. "He would bring me book after book and article after article of material he thought I should know."

Haj said Versenyi found information that highlighted the political and social structures of 15th-century England, when a civil war plagued the country.

"All that research is useful exactly to the degree that it ignites imagination," Haj said.

Jeffrey Cornell, who plays Henry IV, said Versenyi's guidance helped him grasp the war's pressure on his character.

"There was a lot of guilt there that he helped me understand," Cornell said.

Versenyi said he posted pictures of the story's physical environment to give the actors context.

"What I'll bring into the rehearsal hall is as much material to feed the creative juices of the actors," he said.

Versenyi also helped the two directors — Haj and Mike Donahue — to ensure they were on the correct path.

Before rehearsals, he worked closely with the directors to determine the best ways to execute the plays.

Haj and Donahue then worked with the cast separately during the day and brought their work together in the evening. Versenyi would watch and give feedback.

"He was able to be another set of eyes on the work, guiding us to do the strongest work we could," Haj said.

And for the adapted story line of "The Making of a King" — which shows Prince Hal's trajectory to becoming King Henry V — the team had to veer away from the original text of "Henry IV" to focus on the king's life.

"I'm looking for material that's both scholarly, but at the same time speaks to the particular theme that we want to treat," Versenyi said.

Cornell said Versenyi's guidance is a valuable resource.

"It does help you constantly dig in the right direction so you won't stray away from the story that we want to tell."

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University presents awards for advancement of women

By Vanessa Voight
Staff Writer

Two faculty and staff members received $5,000 and one student received $2,500, all for their efforts toward the advancement of women at the University.

Monday, Chancellor Holden Thorp presented the three winners with their awards at the Campus Y as part of the Carolina Women's Center's Gender Week.

The award recognizes one faculty member, one staff member and a student who have worked to benefit women at UNC.

This year's ceremony honored professor of sociology Sherryl Kleinman, Campus Health Services nurse practitioner Beverly Yuhasz and senior Alison Grady, a peace, war and defense major.

Thorp praised the contributions of all three award recipients.

"It is an honor to be here today and celebrate the work that you all do," he said.

The award to support the advancement of women has been given annually since 2006, said Christi Hurt, interim director of the Carolina Women's Center.

Nominations are accepted in the fall, and three winners are chosen in the spring by a selection committee.

Grady was honored for her work with the campus group One Act, which is dedicated to teaching students about sexual violence and its prevention. She also was recognized for her work as the executive director of Students for Students International.

Grady said her work with both groups shares a common mission.

"With both of them, it's about helping people who are oppressed," she said. "Not just helping them, but giving them strength, helping them to be the best that they can."

Kleinman was honored for her contributions in helping to create a gender-inclusive language policy for the University.

"What is most rewarding is working with others — the relationships one develops, the solidarity built through the ups and the downs," Kleinman said in an email.

"And to see that people I've mentored or worked with move on or move away and continue working for justice. That is gratifying."

Yuhasz was honored for her 25-year career as a forensic nurse examiner at CHS. Yuhasz helped establish the Victims' Assistance Fund, which helps pay for the medical expenses of victims of sexual assault.

Yuhasz said receiving the award motivated her to do further work toward improving women's health and safety on campus.

"This has been a platform to jumping off to a new adventure, as my grandson would say."

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Yackety Yack ahead of schedule after last year's unfinished edition

By Hunter Powell
Staff Writer

Unlike last year, the 2011-12 edition of the campus yearbook, the Yackety Yack, is ahead of schedule.

The Yack's staff has implemented safeguards to ensure this year's edition will be shipped on time, following a year in which an edition has not yet been distributed.

Former Editor-in-Chief Stephanie Hertz, who directed the unpublished 2011 yearbook, was asked to step down following a decision by the Yack's board in October.

"Hertz neglected to fulfill her duties as editor-in-chief," said new Editor-in-Chief Waverly Lynch. Those include making sure the publication is complete and ready to distribute each August.

After last year's delays, Hertz offered to complete the issue herself over the summer.

But when the books did not arrive in the fall, Ben Leyden, the Yack's photo editor, became concerned. He, along with Lynch, then contacted the publishers, Leyden said in an email.

But the publishers hadn't received any proofs for the yearbook, he said.

"That's when Stephanie Hertz was let go, and we took over creating the previous year's book," Leyden said.

Lynch said that last year's book has since been sent to the publishers and will be printed once portraits are received.

The Yack's staff is optimistic that this year's book will be released on time.

Lynch said both the staff and board have been restructured, and that the Yack has worked with a lawyer who helped the staff improve its accountability.

"Waverly is much more hands-on and accessible than Stephanie," Leyden wrote, who served as photo editor under both.

"She has a good sense of where we're at in terms of producing this year's book and makes sure everything is going according to plan.

"I appreciate Waverly's style of management in contrast to Stephanie's because I'm always in the loop as far as how the book is going," he said.

Hertz could not be reached for comment for this article.

The first half of this year's Yackety Yack will be sent to publishers before the first deadline in March, Lynch said.

Dustin Burleson, the Yack's design editor, said this year's edition will be ready by August.

Lynch said, to her knowledge, last year's edition was the first not completed on time since the Yack's launch in 1900.

"It's under much better control," she said.

Both Lynch and Leyden said they are excited about the edition.

"This will definitely be a book students will be happy to own for years to come," Leyden said.

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Duke drains 3-pointers to top Tar Heels

Duke shot 80 percent from behind the arc in the first half.

By Brooke Pryor
Staff Writer

"I just kept thinking, they've got to miss some shots once in a while."
Sylvia Hatchell,
UNC women's basketball coach

With one minute left in the first half in the rivalry matchup between No.22 North Carolina and No. 5 Duke, the validity of the age-old basketball adage "live by the three, die by the three," had been tested and confirmed.

The Blue Devils closed out the first half of their 96-56 win with a 41-14 run, 21 of those points coming from beyond the arc.

"Three-point shooting was unbelievable. They got 30 points from the three and we got six," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said.

"We did some good things, but when they started popping shots and making threes, we weren't scoring and we started losing a lot of our energy."

Though Duke cooled off from 3-pointers after halftime — finishing the game shooting 50 percent from long range — it used the first half 3-point surge to build and maintain an insurmountable lead.

The Blue Devils' 50 first-half points were the most scored before halftime in their undefeated conference play this season.

"I just kept thinking, they've got to miss some shots once in a while, but they hardly missed any," Hatchell said.

Coming off the bench, Duke guard Tricia Liston led the charge, making four of six 3-point attempts and finishing the game with 23 points, tying her career high.

Guards Chelsea Gray and Shay Selby combined for four more of Duke's 3-pointers.

"We were just feeding off each other at the right spots, at the right times," Gray said.

With three and a half minutes remaining in the half, Duke made six baskets, four of which came from 3-point range.

Duke's triples were the nail on the coffin for the Tar Heels as they couldn't find an answer to the sharp shooting. Only Brittany Rountree could sink a shot from long range.

"We came out pretty strong and, then those threes, they just didn't miss in the first half and that kind of just let them take off," forward Krista Gross said. "Those kind of plays are just huge momentum plays and it really hurt us."

Not only could the Tar Heels not hit 3-pointers, but in some cases, they had trouble finding the rim.

North Carolina recorded several air balls on shot attempts Monday.

Normally a 3-point specialist, every shot for guard Candace Wood was off the mark. She finished the game scoreless.

Fellow guard She'la White also had an off night, missing all three of her 3-point attempts.

Like Wood, White also did not contribute to the low Tar Heel point total. North Carolina finished a dismal 2-for-14 from beyond the arc.

Gross attributed the poor shooting to shaken confidence.

"I think it's tough to play defense, solid defense, and they're hitting crazy shots," Gross said. "So it does hurt a little bit. I feel like it hurt our confidence a little bit ... took the wind out of our sail."

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Junior forward Krista Gross fights for the ball in UNC's loss to Duke on Monday. Gross finished the game with eight points and seven rebounds.

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Freshman guard Brittany Rountree was the only Tar Heel to score from behind the arc Monday. Rountree finished with a pair of 3-pointers.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 6 - Things could seem glued shut. Take extra time with hot, soapy water. Let things sit, and then the next time you try, there's progress. Use a gentle touch.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 - Slow morning relaxation that glides into a comfortable afternoon would be delightful. Things could seem rough, so go with an easy flow. It all works out.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 7 - A brilliant scheme could lead to more coins in your pocket. Assess your wins and losses, and get organized. Schedule for success, and plot your moves.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 9 - Think of ways to make money with new technology. If you don't try, you won't know if it works. Finish up a big project. The rewards of diligence are sweet.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 9 - There are plenty of opportunities to prove yourself today. Change your perspective and try again. Put down roots with a commitment. Work smarter, not harder.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 6 - Your ability to make others think is attractive now, but you may not want to overdo it. Don't overlook a loved one's needs. Keep up the good work.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 7 - If you don't fight off demons, you'll never know if you're capable of courage. You don't have to look far to find them. They're cruel to you. Succeed anyway.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8 - Distractions are coming at you left and right. Focus on what's really important for you. Trust your intuition and a good friend. Listen consciously.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 - Think things over, just not too much. Be patient with your instruction. Odds are you're forgetting something, so write it down. It's okay if it goes slowly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 - You'll find out what's needed. Trust in your ability to overcome obstacles, just like you've done before. A partner helps you communicate feelings. Relax.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 7 - Fine-tune your routine, and consider a someone's suggestion. You can't always get what you want, but don't let that stop you from trying. Review the instructions.

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US suspends operations in Syria for security reasons

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — The State Department said Monday it was suspending operations at the U.S. Embassy in Syria's capital because of growing safety risks and had removed the ambassador and all other American personnel.

The department said in a statement that bombings in Damascus on Dec. 23 and Jan. 6 had raised "serious concerns" about the safety of the embassy and that Syrian authorities had "failed to respond adequately" to requests for more security help.

Ambassador Robert Ford would continue trying to serve as U.S. representative to Syria from Washington and would seek to maintain contacts with Syrians, the statement said.

The U.S. government remains deeply concerned by the rising violence in Syria, the statement said. It blamed the violence on "the dangerous path" Syrian President Bashar Assad has chosen in stepping up the regime's attacks on anti-government demonstrators.

The United Nations estimates that nearly 6,000 people have been killed during protests that have racked Syria since last March.

The State Department again urged world powers to support a diplomatic plan laid out by the Arab League, which calls for Assad to turn over his powers to a deputy to open the way to a democratic government. Russia and China vetoed a U.N. Security Council measure backing that plan over the weekend.

The State Department announcement was not a surprise. U.S. officials said two weeks ago that they would be forced to close the embassy if the Syrians did not provide more security assistance, as the U.S. had requested.

Appeals court to decide fate of California's Prop 8 today

SAN FRANCISCO (MCT) — A federal appeals court is expected to rule Tuesday on the constitutionality of Proposition 8, the 2008 ballot measure that banned gay marriage in California.

Regardless of how a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decides the case, its ruling is very likely to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which could decide next year whether gays and lesbians nationwide have the right to marry.

Former Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn R. Walker, 67, a Republican appointee, ruled in August 2010 that Proposition 8 violated the federal constitution. ProtectMarriage, the sponsors of Proposition 8, appealed his ruling to the 9th Circuit.

The appeals panel's decision is scheduled to be released by 10 a.m. PST. During arguments, the panel appeared to be leaning toward striking down the marriage ban.

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LAPD officers stand in front of Miramonte Elementary School after allegations that two teachers engaged in lewd conduct with students.

Explosion kills husband, sons of missing Utah woman

SEATTLE (MCT) — A case whose sad twists and turns perplexed authorities for more than two years took a last, tragic turn Sunday when what was left of missing Utah stockbroker Susan Powell's family died in a powerful and apparently murderous fire.

Her two young sons had just arrived for a supervised visit with her husband, Josh Powell, when an explosive fire ripped through his home near Graham, Wash., killing him, 5-year-old Braden and 7-year-old Charles.

Authorities said Josh Powell, who has been a person of interest in his wife's 2009 disappearance from their Utah home during a snowstorm, is believed to have set the fast-moving blaze.

"This is pure evil. This was not a tragedy. This is the murder of two young children," Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor told reporters.

A state Child Protective Services worker had dropped off the boys for what was to have been a supervised court-ordered visit. She was about to follow the children into the house when Powell blocked her entrance and locked the door, said Sherry Hill, spokeswoman for the Washington Department of Social and Health Services.

The worker called her supervisor from her car, reported that she had smelled gas in the house, and was ordered to call 911. She did.

"And then the house blew up," Hill said in an interview.

Gary Franz of Graham Fire and Rescue said the house was "fully involved" in a scorching blaze by the time firefighters arrived. There were no other victims, he said.

Powell's lawyer, Jeffrey Bassett, had received an email from his client only moments before, although he didn't find it until two hours later. It read: "I'm sorry, goodbye."

The story of the Powell family has unfolded in increasingly improbable details since the night Josh Powell, then living with his wife in West Valley City, Utah, packed his two boys into the car in the middle of the night — in the midst of a heavy snowstorm — purportedly to take them camping.

Susan Powell, 28 at the time, has not been seen since.

Josh Powell told authorities his wife may have decided to disappear, or perhaps committed suicide.

Now, it appears that the two boys, who have been living since September with Susan's parents, Charles and Judith Cox of Puyallup, Wash., were starting to share recollections of the night their mother disappeared.

System advising services stretched thin by cuts

By Corinne White
Staff Writer

In a tough economic climate that has prompted UNC-system campuses to pare down administrative staffs, schools are adapting — or drastically reducing — their academic advising services.

UNC-Pembroke's faculty has been increasingly burdened with the responsibility of serving as stand-in advisers, in addition to teaching, said Ken Kitts, UNC-P's provost and vice chancellor of the Office of Academic Affairs. The school only employs two professional full-time academic advisers.

"Where we really felt the pinch was with professional advisers," he said. "We've been severely understaffed there."

UNC-P has about 5,500 undergraduates enrolled.

The school has proposed a 4.3 percent increase in tuition and fees, part of which would be designated for student support.

The university's plans include creating a one-stop advising center for students housed in existing student services buildings, Kitts said.

"At the minimum, the office would be able to play traffic cop and get the student to the right resource on campus," Kitts said.

Steve Roberson, the dean of undergraduate studies at UNC-Greensboro, said the school's advising is decentralized, with each school and college having its own advising unit.

"Some of these units have experienced some budget cuts," Roberson said.

"In the last two budget-cutting cycles, some have lost staff they haven't been able to replace."

UNC-G has created the Students First Office to combat reduced funding. The office has a small staff that supports students with any kind of academic issue, he said.

"It is an academic triage service as well as for basic academic questions," he said.

At UNC-CH, only one full-time professional academic adviser and one full-time staff member have been cut, said Lee May, associate dean and director of academic advising.

The department supports 27 full-time advisers, eight lecture advisers that represent the college's eight largest departments and about 15 part-time faculty advisers, May said.

The University's adviser-to-student ratio currently stands at about 1 to 600, which is more than double the National Academic Advising Association standards, she said.

To improve student access to advising, the department expanded walk-in appointment times about a year ago, May said. The department has also provided informational podcasts on its website.

"With budget cuts and less money available, we had to think outside the box about getting better information to students in a way that they like to receive it," May said.

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Davidson recognized for aid

By Noam Argov
Staff Writer

For Kyle Snipes, the Davidson Trust financial aid package was a deciding factor in his ability to attend a private university.

Snipes, a junior at Davidson College, said his financial aid covers $49,000 out of the $52,000 tuition price tag.

"Without the trust, there was no way my family would've been able to afford for me to go to school here," he said.

The Davidson Trust initiative was recently recognized by the U.S. Senate for its innovative approach to college affordability.

Carol Quillen, president of Davidson, presented the school's financial aid program Thursday to the U.S. Senate education committee.

In 2007, the college began the Davidson Trust initiative, which offers all eligible students a financial aid package that meets all of the student's individual needs and is devoid of any packaged loans.

"Students didn't apply to colleges and universities that they did not believe they could afford," said Chris Gruber, vice president and dean of admission and financial aid for Davidson, in an email. "The trustees of Davidson College were convinced that a bold statement needed to be made."

The Davidson Trust is funded through grants and work-study programs, Gruber said.

While Davidson's graduation rate stayed at a steady 88 to 89 percent for four years, there is a correlation between financial aid incentives and the number of applicants, he said.

Gruber said applications grew from 3,992 for the class of 2011 — the year the fund started — to 4,755 for the class of 2015. Davidson enrolls about 1,900 students.

Shirley Ort, UNC's associate provost and director of scholarships and student aid, said an initiative like the Davidson Trust is unrealistic given UNC-CH's size.

"We don't have enough money to give every student grant aid," Ort said.

And pending tuition hikes would not affect the financial aid UNC awards, she said.

As long as tuition revenue can continue to go toward financial aid, the university will be able to accommodate its students, she said.

The UNC-system Board of Governors will vote on tuition increases for each system campus Friday.

UNC-system administrators are looking at grants and alumni donations as possible alternatives to tuition increases.

Snipe said alumni contributions played a large role in forming the Davidson Trust.

"When you're given this opportunity, you want to give back," he said.

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No gender-neutral

Chancellor Thorp rejected a proposal to established gender-neutral housing. See pg. 1 for story.

Defeated by Duke

The women's basketball team fell to Duke Monday night. See pg. 3 for story.

Dorm makeovers

Urinals are going to be shelved as part of a renovation to two residence halls. See pg.4 for story.

Write-in candidate

Brian Min is leading a write-in campaign for student body president. See pg. 4 for story.

Yearbook woes

The Yackety Yack is ahead of schedule after some personnel adjustments. See pg. 7 for story.

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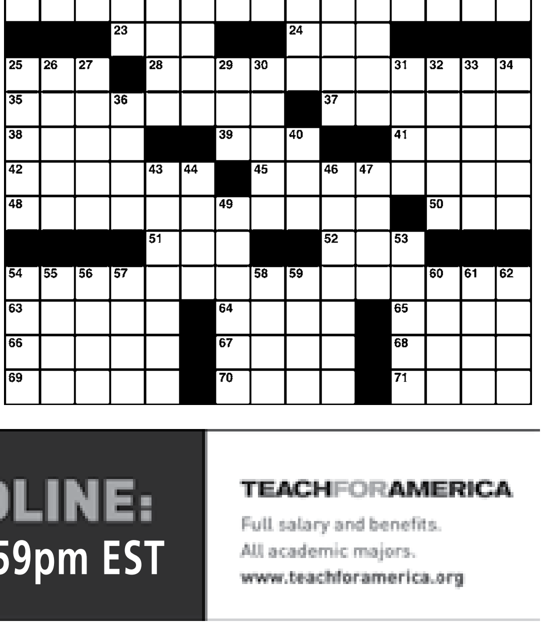

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Risks and rewards of disease research

If Vegas took bets on the next worldwide pandemic, the safe money might be on H5N1, better known as the bird flu. Since 2003, the H5N1 virus has killed 340 of the 578 people with confirmed infections. The 1 percent mortality from seasonal flu pales in comparison to H5N1's deadliness.

Thankfully, humans only catch H5N1 from birds. Since it's not spread from person to person, a worldwide outbreak has never occurred. Some questioned whether an airborne bird flu virus was even possible.

In a highly controversial move, researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Erasmus Medical Center in the Netherlands have answered that question by genetically engineering a contagious version of H5N1.

Many feared that the results of this work would be used by terrorists to unleash an epidemic or that an infected lab worker could do the same accidentally.

But before the results could be published, the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity recommended that researchers withhold the full results of the study. The researchers responded by placing a 60-day moratorium on their research.

Even though biosecurity concerns inspired the recommendations, fears of terrorism are probably overblown; experts say the sophistication required to make a virus from scratch makes a terrorist-borne epidemic unlikely.

Furthermore, a virus knows no borders, meaning a terrorist group could not specifically target enemies. The bigger concern is that an infected lab worker could start an accidental outbreak.

This is not as far-fetched as it might seem. In 2004, two graduate students were infected with severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in their Beijing lab. They spread the infection to seven other people, one of whom died.

In a separate incident, a single physician sparked a global SARS outbreak by passing it to others staying on his floor at a Hong Kong hotel.

Given that flu research is housed at large universities, not in remote locations, the ease with which the disease can spread is pretty terrifying. These risks outweigh the very real potential benefits of this research.

Some scientists disagree, citing similar research performed on the 1918 flu virus, which allowed researchers to show that the virus was susceptible to existing vaccines and medications. This essentially nixed the risk of a terrorist attack using the 1918 flu.

Scientists on both sides could probably agree that the handling of this situation has been poor. It didn't make sense to stop the publication of research after the findings have already been presented at an academic conference, as was the case with the Wisconsin researchers' study. The response was too little, too late.

Large research universities like UNC should work to establish a better system for weighing the risks and rewards of a given project before research begins. Reforms should come from large funding organizations like the National Institutes of Health.

Most would argue that infectious disease research is invaluable and has the potential to save millions of lives. But it would be disastrous if it ever did the opposite.

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2/8: EDUCATION WEDNESDAY
Anthony Dent on the value of a traditional liberal arts education.

EDITORIAL

Cutting the red tape

Yale scandal highlights the complexities of sexual assault policies.

To be sure, UNC has very little in common with Yale University. But a recent scandal there has hit upon a set of issues that bears resemblance to UNC's own troubles — navigating the intersection of college athletics, university discipline systems and changing sexual harassment policies.

Disjointed though these concerns may seem, the scandal currently unfolding at Yale has proven they are intimately connected.

The story centers on former Yale quarterback Patrick Witt, who had his candidacy for a Rhodes Scholarship suspended after the Rhodes Trust learned he had been accused of sexual assault, according to a story first reported in The New York Times.

According to Witt's spokesman, however, Witt decided to withdraw his application because he wanted to play in the annual Harvard-Yale football game, which was scheduled for the same day as his Rhodes interview.

The sensational specifics of the story at Yale aren't particularly relevant to anyone here at UNC. But the policies and laws at work in his case are — especially the avenues the two universities provide for reporting sexual assault.

The case highlights the complexities of Yale's system for filing sexual assault and harassment complaints.

The complaint against Witt was "informal," which means it was reported and resolved through a non-disciplinary mediation process, and no criminal charges were pressed.

Theoretically, providing an informal avenue for filing sexual assault complaints is conducive to reporting crimes that might otherwise go unreported.

For victims unwilling to testify against their assailant, an informal process can provide a good alternative to pressing criminal charges. Ostensibly, the aim is to empower victims.

If managed improperly, however, the results can be just the opposite: By encouraging victims to pursue the least punitive course of action, rapists get off easy, or so the argument goes.

As yet, it is unclear how exactly the informal option translates into real life, real victims and real punishment.

Yale's system has come under review in light of a recent investigation by the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights following a complaint filed by Yale alumni and students alleging the university's failure to adequately address sexual harassment complaints.

The Office for Civil Rights subsequently issued a "Dear Colleague" letter which specified guidelines for universities to improve their responses to sexual assault.

UNC, of course, is also subject to this mandate and is undertaking a similar review of its sexual assault policies.

The primary question is whether providing multiple avenues encourages reporting or merely confuses victims. Too many choices can be overwhelming, and red tape is the last thing a rape victim should have to deal with.

These questions are difficult, if not impossible, to answer. And it might be an oversimplification to say that our university should learn lessons from Yale's conundrum.

Nevertheless, the basic questions raised by Yale's story resonate both at UNC and other college campuses, and each one needs to find better solutions.

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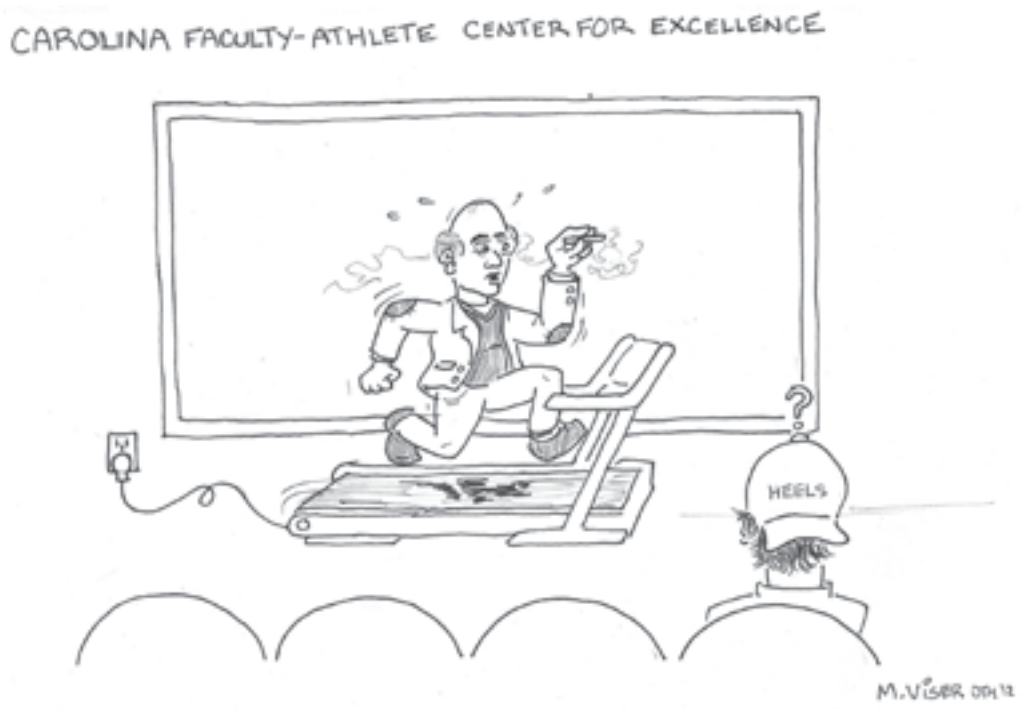

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"Putting in a first-rate performance in the classroom requires that our faculty stay in peak physical condition," observed Ritchie Reich, director of the Faculty-Athlete Strength and Conditioning Center.

"You've no idea how tough it is on the shoulders and the lower back to grade fifty essays at a clip or to sit at the computer for hours on end," Reich said.

"We need to do everything possible to make sure that faculty remain in tip-top shape, or else they simply won't be able to compete in today's demanding academic environment."

The future success of UNC's academics is dependent upon meeting the needs of Tar Heel faculty-athletes both in and out of the classroom.

Felicia Hernandez, assistant professor of history, agreed. "Without regular access to yoga classes and a steam room, I would be so stressed out," she explained.

"It's hard to get through the week when you have to read 70 midterms, copy edit an article, make progress on your book and still be all smiles with colleagues who will be voting on your tenure in a few years' time."

The Carolina Faculty-Athlete Center for Excellence will prepare our faculty-athletes to compete for championships while at UNC and will provide them the training and experience to lead championship lives beyond Chapel Hill.

"This will be so great when I go to conferences," said Beth Logan, professor of biology. "So many of my old friends from graduate school are seriously out of shape. They look lousy, frankly, and they just don't have the stamina to give papers with energy and passion."

At the center, Carolina faculty-athletes will also have the opportunity to compete against one another in various team sports, building collegiality as they improve their physical fitness.

"There's virtually no place on campus where faculty can just hang out and let loose," said Don Henderson, associate professor of anthropology, "and the few times that I do manage to catch up with friends in my department, it's usually over a burger and a couple of beers at Linda's — not very healthy."

The idea of a space just for faculty-athletes is also appealing to Henderson. "Playing some pick-up basketball or a few innings of softball in a space devoted exclusively to faculty-athletes would be great," he explained.

Faculty-athletes are also excited about the opportunity to showcase their athletic talents to students, alumni and the general public.

"I'm really pleased that UNC is finally recognizing our accomplishments outside the classroom," says Natalie Zodova, assistant professor of chemistry.

"I was really good at gymnastics in high school, and I know my course evaluations will get a huge bump if my students get a chance to see what I can do on the uneven parallel bars."

The creation of a public venue for athletic competition among the faculty will improve morale, foster a sense of intellectual community and, of course, improve the physical fitness of all.

Genevieve Fox, a lecturer in the French department, agreed.

"I may be tiny, but I can deadlift 240 pounds. Once our scheduling coordinator sees me in action, he'll think twice about giving me another 8 a.m. class."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"People keep saying it was great that the Carrboro mayor and some members of the Board of Aldermen were there, but the mayor still sided with the police in having us removed."

Alanna Davis, UNC junior and protester, on the CVS building occupation

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Translation: It's not gonna fly with our old, conservative donors who, thanks to regressive shifts in education funding allocations … are now a primary source of funding for the University."

EB & Rakim, on the decision to reject gender-neutral housing at UNC

STATEMENTS ON GENDER-NEUTRAL HOUSING

MEMORANDUM
TO: Winston Crisp
FROM: Holden Thorp
RE: Gender Non-Specific Housing Proposal

Thank you for the thoughtful proposal for gender non-specific housing. I have given it careful consideration and have concluded that I cannot recommend its implementation at this time.

I acknowledge that much work has already gone into this proposal, and I hope you will convey my appreciation for that. While there has been a great deal of discussion about the proposal on campus, my concern is that we haven't adequately explained it to our many stakeholders off campus. We owe it to this issue to ensure that people understand what we are proposing.

Relatively few universities (only three in North Carolina and none in the UNC system) have adopted this approach, so I think we need to take the time to explain the proposal for mixed-gender housing and to have a broader conversation about it.

This university prides itself on a strong commitment to inclusion, equity and diversity. Part of that is providing a comfortable, safe living environment. It is absolutely critical that we accommodate our students' needs. Therefore, I recommend that Student Affairs and the Department of Housing continue our current practices of working closely with students to assign them housing based on their particular needs.

I want to be clear that we will not tolerate harassment or threats to our students. Therefore, I also would like you to review and strengthen the education we provide our students about sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, as it relates to student housing. I welcome additional discussion about this with you, your Student Affairs colleagues, students and their parents.

MEMORANDUM
FROM: The University of North Carolina LGBTQ Center
RE: Gender Non-Specific Housing Proposal

The Gender Non-Specific Housing Coalition and the LGBTQ Center are very disappointed that Chancellor Thorp decided not to approve a pilot program for gender non-specific housing for 2012–2013.

We thank Vice Chancellor Crisp, Larry Hicks, Rick Bradley, the 53 student organizations, committees, departments and the 2,807 students that provided support for the gender non-specific housing proposal. Without the support of all of these individuals, this initiative would not have been as successful as it was.

Chancellor Thorp expressed concern that we haven't adequately explained gender non-specific housing to our many stakeholders off campus and that no other UNC system school currently offers gender non-specific housing.

Although Chancellor Thorp did not approve the proposal, we are confident of his commitment to inclusion, equity and diversity.

We look forward to partnering with him to address these concerns and to educate the remaining off-campus stakeholders.

To that end, the coalition will regroup and continue our efforts to create a fully inclusive, accessible and welcoming residential housing experience at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Kevin Claybren
Sophomore
Initiative organizer

Terri Phoenix
Director, LGBTQ Center

EDITOR'S NOTE: The first memo was sent to The Daily Tar Heel on behalf of University spokesman Mike McFarland. The second memo comes from Kevin Claybren, who organized the gender-neutral initiative, and LGBTQ Center Director Terri Phoenix.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's not too late to get tickets to Duke game

TO THE EDITOR:

Still need a ticket to the Duke game? CAA has three opportunities for you! Today, come to the Pit at 6 p.m. with a team of two and a camera for a scavenger hunt around campus. The first eight teams to arrive get to participate, and it will last about an hour.

On Wednesday, the CAA has two opportunities. At noon, the first six to sign up in the Pit will have an opportunity to stand on paint cans. The last one standing will win a ticket to the game. Or come to the DTH Housing Fair in the Great Hall of the Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where there will be an arcade basketball game. Whoever makes the most baskets in a round will win a ticket.

These events are sponsored by the CAA and the DTH. Please contact jwflynn@live.unc.edu with any questions.

Johnathan Flynn '13
Beat Duke Week coordinator
Carolina Athletic Association

More charging stations needed for electric cars

TO THE EDITOR:

It has come to my attention that electric cars are becoming popular due to cheaper costs and a stronger focus on the environment. The local towns around me have very few charging stations for electric cars.

My family recently purchased a Nissan Leaf. More charging stations should be added to the Chapel Hill's commercial district to relieve car owners' fears of running out of battery charge. As electric cars become common, these stations will allow visitors from a larger area to come to our fine town.

More citizens would stay in town longer while their vehicle charged, potentially boosting revenues for local businesses. If the stations were installed, Chapel Hill would be seen as both welcoming to all types of shoppers and a place that cares about the environment.

Julie Watterson
10th grader
Woods Charter School

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