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### BOARD EDITORIALS OUTSIDE HANDS OFF

The UNC system does enough to support students graduating from N.C. community colleges, and it shouldn't be forced to admit them.

ccording to The Associated Press, an outside consultant's recent report recommends that the UNC system guarantee every N.C. com-munity-college student a spot at one of the 16 UNC-system schools upon completion of a two-year associate general-education degree program. State legislators should not interfere with the

UNC system's admissions autonomy by requiring it

to accept any particular group of students. The state's community college system contains more than 779,000 students this year. Does the UNC system have enough room for the students who would wish to transfer after receiving a degree? It's not difficult to see that any bill to require admission of these students would tax the entire system.

Additionally, to make admitting these students compulsory would be to suggest that a community college degree alone is enough to gain acceptance to a UNC-system school. But that's not the case.

There undoubtedly are plenty of community col-lege students about to complete associate degrees who are worthy of transferring somewhere in the

UNC system — but the choice of whether or not they do should be left to schools, not lawmakers. The burden of proof for admittance should lie with the applicant, as it always has. Why should a student with an community college associate degree be able to bypass the process to which all others are subject? UNC-system schools already have enough to deal with, numbers-wise, and any compulsory acceptance policy would seriously infringe upon the system's free-

policy would seriously infringe upon the system's free-dom to admit those students whom it sees fit.

Meanwhile, according to the AP, a task force of UNC and community colleges wants the General Assembly to appropriate \$6.5 million in 2005 for community es to hire advisers to help students learn how to transfer. That's a very large sum of money to devote entirely to additional advisers to aid students. If stuentirely to additional advisers to ad state of the should find out for themselves how their community-college credit would translate into credit at a UNC-system school.

It would be much more logical to use the money to improve the state's community college system in general. The system is in dire need of more funds.

### YOU'RE STAYING HERE

Coach John Bunting and his team showed an incredible amount of improvement this year, which is why he deserves a contract extension.

ootball coach John Bunting experienced two R personal victories Saturday. One was beating Duke in convincing fashion to reclaim the Victory Bell, which the Blue Devils snatched away from the Tar Heels last season. The second was a Saturday announcement by

UNC Chancellor James Moeser that he would recommend a two-year contract extension for Bunting to the University's Board of Trustees. Any rumors about Bunting's job going to someone else next year effectively have been quashed.

Though the last two seasons were trying, Bunting certainly earned the extension this year. UNC crossed the finish line with a 6-5 record overall and a 5-3 record in the ACC. This is the first year since 2001 that the Tar Heels have been eligible for a bowl game, which will translate into more money and publicity

for the program and the University. The amazing upset win against Miami on Oct. 30 was the first time that a UNC football team has ever beaten an opponent ranked among the top five teams in the nation – it is sure to go down in history as one of the football program's grantest achievements of the football program's greatest achievements.

After throwing in a satisfying win against N.C. State in a contest that went down to the wire, a strong per-formance in the Virginia Tech game and the crushing 23-point victory against Duke this past weekend, the season has turned out to be pretty good. UNC's five losses were to good teams, and for the most part, they were nothing to be ashamed of. Utah, which thrashed the Tar Heels, has finished the regu-lar season undefeated. Virginia. Louisville, Florida

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State and Virginia Tech are all bowl-bound. Although UNC is improving, there are still a num-ber of areas that need polishing, such as the defen-sive line. But the team has come such a long way in a relatively short amount of time that this past season has been pathing a best of minimum line. has been nothing short of miraculous

This season saw more wins for UNC than the last two combined. Even if the bar was pretty low to begin with, the team and its coaches have shown remarkable progress. Bunting has shown that he deserves more time to

try to take the team even further. The players obvi-ously have responded well to him, so it's reassuring that administrators likely will do the same.

## A NO-WIN SITUATIO

Although Ipas had every right to pull its funding from WUNC-FM, the group's decision has left both parties on the losing end of things.

The making a decision to withdraw its financial support from WUNC-FM, Ipas has made a move that harms both the Chapel Hill-based interna-tional women's heath group and the radio station. WUNC has lost the backing of one of its sponsors, and Ipas has abandoned a valuable medium through the decision by WUNC was made from a sound business standpoint. Instead of punishing WUNC, Ipas should make FCC rules the focus of its fight. Elizabeth Maguire, the organization's president, told The (Raleigh) News & Observer that Ipas

which it could advertise its services to a needy public. Ipas canceled its sponsorship of WUNC after the station eliminated the term "reproductive rights" from an underwriting announcement. But station officials did not act out of malice when

they made their choice to restrict Ipas to saying "repro-ductive health" in the announcement. The decision of the station was not about restricting free speech - rather, it was about abiding by the law. Public radio stations cannot advocate any particular side of a political, social or religious debate in on-air announce-ments, and WUNC had to act in accordance with its Federal Communication Commission license.

If the station hadn't taken action, listeners interpreting the mention of "reproductive rights" as an endorsement of abortion rights might have complained. WUNC potentially could have faced a fine

told The (Raleigh) News & Observer that Ipas believes that the station "performs an important rvice to the community." If the organization holds that WUNC performs

vital function, it would be more reasonable for the group to criticize the station's action while continuing its financial support. Even though Ipas has every right to withdraw its funding from WUNC, it should re-evaluate its decision. Can the group truly expect the station to restore the changed wording and thereby risk federal penalties that might compromise its operations? On the Ipas Web site, Maguire stated, "We highly

value WUNC listeners and want to inform them about our work." Ipas might have been concerned that, with the omission of "reproductive rights," those listeners

eren't getting a complete view of the group. But by withdrawing its sponsorship, the organization has taken itself entirely out of the picture.

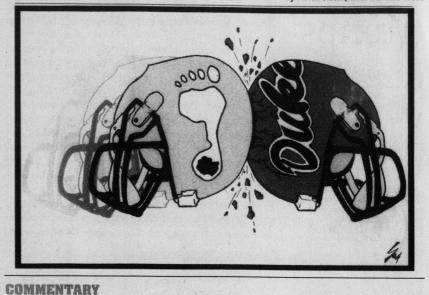
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**ON THE DAY'S NEWS** 

"I never thrust my nose into other men's porridge." CERVANTES, SPANISH WRITER, FROM "DON QUIXOTE"

**EDITORIAL CARTOON** 

By Steven Oklesh, elven@email.unc.edu



# Be thankful for many things as Thanksgiving approaches

In a few days, we will celebrate Thanksgiving, a treasured national holiday rooted in tradition. But what exactly is that tradition? What is the real origin

I did some research, and according to plenty of kid-centric Web sites, the pilgrims traveled aboard the Mayflower — some were actually suspended from the sails — and crashed into Plymouth Back on Dec 21 1620. Then the Rock on Dec. 21, 1620. Then, the kids maintain, they began to die. Eventually, an English-speaking

Native American named Squanto, from the Wampanoag nation, approached the starving pilgrims and offered to teach them how to survive in the New World. He educated them about poi-

sonous plants, taught them to build houses and showed them how to use fish as fertilizer. According to the kids, they gave him a pumpkin in return.

Americans brought deer and lob-ster meat and fish to the feast. The Pilgrims brought corn and small-pox. The feast lasted for three days

time to reflect on the many bless ings that have been bestowed on us. I would like to share with you

urinals, automatic-flush toilets and motion-activated paper towel dispensers.

don't agree with them, our offi-cials were elected by a majority of



**JONATHAN YEOMANS** 

the adults in this country. I am thankful for extra-

strength medicines, fast acting anti-itch creams and West Nile Virus-deterring bug sprays. I am thankful for gravity, for keeping the world from spinning apart like an unbolted carousel, and friction, for making objects

and friction, for making objects stationary and sex possible. I am thankful for "Laguna Beach" — the show, not the piece of land. Although, without the land, the show would not be pos-sible. So, Laguna Beach. And the character of Kristin.

I am thankful that there are people who are willing to dedicate their lives to the service of our country, whether it is in the military or a nonprofit soup kitchen. I am thankful that, if I want, I can get a hamburger at 2 a.m., pizza at 3 a.m. and beer 24 hours

a day. I am thankful for the fabulous faculty that UNC employs. They have sacrificed a portion of their own material gain to help us

advance, and we probably owe them more than we could ever give. I am thankful that I have eyes to see the change of seasons, ears to hear the subtle melodies of human

ech and hands to give an awkward fist-pound to my friends. I am thankful for the clever

comedic stylings of Demetri Martin, Mitch Hedberg and their recursor, Steven Wright. I am thankful that the R.B.

House Undergraduate Library

offers free printing, even though the printers rarely work – and if they do, they are usually clogged because biology students are printing "Detailed Diagrams of Every Cell in Your Body: Vol. 1." I am thankful for the patience and kindness of the pretty woman

who offered to help me last week when I got a flat tire, and the good humor of the man walking along the side of the road who

asked the woman to help him. I am thankful for the ease, accessibility and freedom of the Internet and the incredible response rate of Google. I am thankful that the Red Sox

finally won the World Series

I am thankful for the comfort, convenience and ease of cars. I have ridden a horse before, and holding a drink was nearly impossible. I am thankful for contact lens-

es, electric toothbrushes and postage stamps that you don't have to lick. They are, in my opinion, three of the greatest inventions ever, and I can't imagine what life was like without them.

I am thankful for books by Don DeLillo, movies by Wes Anderson and music by Guster. I am thankful for the consis-

tently sharp writing of "The Daily Show" and the all-around likability of John Stewart.

I am thankful for my brothers, who provide me with high-quality entertainment; my friends, who tolerate my anal cleanliness; and my parents, who love and support

e unconditionally. Finally, I am thankful that I have been privileged enough to be in a position where I can effect a positive change in people's lives, and that I am surrounded by talented individuals trying to do the same.

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The opinionated need apply

The next harvest was a bountiful one, full of enormous amounts of corn. Yum! The pilgrims decided to throw a feast of gratitude for their good

fortune, and they sent invitations to the Native Americans. The Native

even though the turkeys were the size of children's hands. Contemporary Thanksgiving shares a similar meaning. It is a

roughly 500 words' worth of mine I am thankful for flush-free

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Applications are available for membership on al: Laura Youngs, senio the DTH Editorial Board and for weekly columnist and cartoonist positions for the spring semester. In terms of columnists, we need someone to ep track of University issues and to praise or criticize the actions of student government officials and UNC administrators.

We also need someone to pay close attention to town affairs, to examine important developments in Chapel Hill and to analyze the constantly evolving relationship between the University and the town. And we need someone to monitor and take on issues that affect the

represented on the page?

If so, now's the time to take action.

entire state, the nation and even the whole world. In addition, we need two at-large columnists. These two writers will have more freedom than

o you read The Daily Tar Heel's opinion page and wonder what it would be like

the other three in terms of their coverage, but they still must come up with material that is rel-

evant to DTH readers, especially students. We're also accepting applications for cartoon-ist spots. We want talented people who can visually encapsulate an opinion in a single frame. They should maintain awareness of the issue that the DTH covers, and they should tackle those issues in their art.

Last, but certainly not least, we need new Editorial Board members. Unlike weekly columnists and cartoonists, board members are responsible for material that appears in practiy every issue of the DTH.

If you want to learn more about the issues that relate to you as a student - whether you know



**ELLIOT DUBE** 

it or not - and to debate and write about those sues, then the board might be for you.

Applications are now available at the DTH front desk, in Suite 2409 of the Student Union. If you think you have a lot to offer and plenty to say, then by all means, think about applying for a post on the DTH's editorial page. There are some rules of which to be aware.

DTH staff members can't serve in student gov ernment in any capacity. They can't run for student office or work for a campaign in the spring

Otherwise, the process will be wide open. All applications are due by 5 p.m. on Dec. 3.

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