

**STATE & NATION**  
**Former adviser to Hunt nabs VP post in UNC system**

The UNC system named Wayne McDevitt as its new vice president for university affairs Friday. It also named Cynthia Lawson, who will report to McDevitt, the new vice president for communication and strategy development.

Both appointments met with quick approval from the Board of Governors and will take effect March 1.

McDevitt, a native North Carolinian, has served for the last three years as associate vice chancellor for administration, finance and external affairs at UNC-Asheville, his alma mater.

He also has served as chief of staff and a senior adviser to former Gov. Jim Hunt, as well as secretary of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Joni Worthington, associate vice president for communications, said a combination of experience within the university system and state government makes McDevitt an excellent choice for the top university affairs post.

The department is responsible for the system's lobbying efforts, public relations and economic development.

Lawson has served as executive director of communications at Texas A&M University and held similar positions at the University of Arkansas and Eastern Michigan University.

Addressing the BOG on Friday, UNC-system President Molly Broad said the two new hires are a perfect fit for the university affairs department.

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Window at Science Center broken in by thrown rock**

A window in the door of the Science Center at Morehead Planetarium was broken Thursday by a thrown rock, and the value of the property damages is \$100, according to University police reports. There are no suspects in the case.

**\$2,500 goes missing after vending machine break-ins**

Money was stolen from four vending machines in the Student Union that were forced open Thursday, University police reports state.

Police estimate that the total value in damages is \$2,500, according to reports. There now are no suspects, but the case is under further investigation.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Citizens can apply to help at county rape crisis center**

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is accepting applications for its spring training class.

The center is seeking volunteers to offer their time to answer its 24-hour crisis/response line and to present educational programs.

Spanish speakers and individuals with daytime and weekend availability are strongly encouraged to apply.

Training begins in mid-February. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31. Applications can be obtained from the center's Web site at <http://www.ocrcr.org>.

**Battle Park, James Taylor star in museum's exhibits**

The Chapel Hill Museum has new and featured exhibitions now on display.

"Battle Park: A Natural Space in Four Seasons" began Nov. 18 and will run until Feb. 27.

Through photographic and collage imagery, Chapel Hill photographer Tama Hochbaum documents the landscape found in the University's Battle Park.

The museum also now features "Carolina in My Mind: The James Taylor Story." The exhibit includes the Chapel Hill artist's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame award, his Grammy award for *Hourglass*, photographs and materials from his early life.

**CALENDAR**

**Wednesday** — The orientation meeting for Student Congress' annual budget process will be held at 7 p.m. in 100 Hamilton Hall.

Any student organization requesting funding during the annual budget is required to have a representative attend the meeting to review the budget process.

**Thursday** — The Daily Tar Heel will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. for those interested in joining the newspaper's staff. Anyone enrolled as a student at UNC is welcome to attend.

The location of the meeting is still pending; check this space tomorrow for more information, or e-mail [ccoletta@email.unc.edu](mailto:ccoletta@email.unc.edu).

*From staff reports.*

# UNC responds to health care survey

## Meetings are meant to elicit feedback

BY CATHERINE ROBBIS  
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In response to widespread dissatisfaction, a UNC-system task force is developing an alternative health care plan to alleviate cost burdens for employees.

Although the amount of funding for the new plan will not increase, the task force is looking at new

ways to use the money in order to better serve employees.

To this end, the group is considering offering multiple plans with different trade-offs, allowing employees to choose whichever plan fits them best.

Because employees are offered only one insurance-plan option, lack of choice is a prevalent con-

cern, said Kitty McCollum, the UNC system's associate vice president for human resources and university benefits officer.

The task force is conducting community meetings at all system schools to allow employees the chance to weigh in on the issue. Focus groups also have been planned throughout the system to receive feedback on different options for the pilot plan.

"The purpose (of these meetings)

is to explain to employees what we are doing and why and to make sure that we understand what they want," said Leslie Winner, general counsel for the UNC system.

University employees receive the same health insurance plan that covers all state employees. A pilot plan would be an alternative to this program, which covers more than 500,000 North Carolinians.

"We are working with a consultant to look at health insurance plan

designs that might provide a better level of coverage for university faculty and staff," said Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor of human resources at UNC-Chapel Hill and a member of UNC-CH's committee.

Committee members also said they wanted to develop a plan that encourages preventative health care rather than simply reacting to health issues when they occur.

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*"Everything from the beans to the process of making the drink is important. If you cut corners, it severely affects the quality."* REUBEN AYRES, BARISTA



Barista Reuben Ayres serves Cassie Gavin, a second-year law student at the University, a hot drink at Caffé Driade on Monday afternoon. The shop recently won a national award from the Specialty Coffee Association of America for the fourth time and has been open for nine years.

# LOCAL CAFES STIR UP SUCCESS

## Driade, Open Eye win national awards

BY LIZ STANLEY  
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Something interesting must be brewing in the mind of Scott Conary.

The co-owner of Caffé Driade and Open Eye Café recently won accolades when his shops' relaxed atmosphere, one-on-one customer service and specialty coffee helped them garner two of only 30 TOPS awards given nationally for coffee excellence.

The Specialty Coffee Association of America, described by Conary as "the governing body of coffee in the U.S.," created the TOPS award to recognize those who are the best at brewing specialty coffee.

It was the fourth time that both Caffé Driade, located near Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen Inc. at 1215 E. Franklin St., and Open Eye

Café, located near The Speakeasy at Tyler's at 100 E. Main St. in Carrboro, have won the distinction.

"For us, quality comes first whether it is the product, the environment or the service," Conary said. "We are passionate about what we do."

Although both cafes focus on providing the same quality to customers, each has its own distinct environment.

A laid-back and comfortable space that has been a part of the town for six years, Open Eye Café is sometimes referred to by locals as "the living room of Carrboro."

Conary, a Carrboro resident, said the cafe reflects his desire to create a coffee shop that reflects the quaintness of the town and the community's closeness.

In comparison, customers at Caffé Driade say its European style and architecture, outdoor seating, gardens and eclectic collection of art immediately set it apart from other coffee shops.

At Caffé Driade on Monday, "quality" was

given by multiple customers as a reason for why they choose Driade over other coffee shops.

Reuben Ayres, a barista, said people seem to come because they love the coffee.

"With coffee, everything from the beans to the process of making the drink is important," he said. "If you cut corners, it severely affects the quality."

Some attribute Caffé Driade's staying power to its ability to distinguish itself from other coffee shops that have come and gone along Franklin Street. The shop is more than nine years old.

"The coffee drinks here are easily the best in town," customer Hillary Little said. "And there is a great vibe that you can't get at Starbucks or Caribou."

Customer service at the independently owned Driade is more personal. The barista greets regular customers by their names and knows their orders.

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# Eateries to donate to tsunami relief

BY TED STRONG  
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In the wake of the tsunami that rocked parts of southeast Asia and Africa last month, local businesses are launching efforts to send aid.

Fourteen Triangle restaurants are donating 20 percent of their proceeds Wednesday to Direct Relief International's tsunami relief effort.

Four establishments in Chapel Hill — Elaine's on Franklin at 454 W. Franklin St., Pazzo at 700 Market St., Lantern Restaurant at 423 W. Franklin St. and Foster's Market at 750 Airport Road — are participating in the effort.

"It's such a huge tragedy that not just donations from nations is enough, but it's important that every individual within those nations donates to the cause as well," said Aubrey Zinaich, manager of Elaine's on Franklin.

The event was largely organized by Matthew Beason, general manager and part owner of Pop's in Durham, after a suggestion from co-owner John Vandergrift.

"What we've seen in Asia and Africa has been so overwhelming that I think all of the restaurants that are involved decided they really wanted to get involved," Beason said.

He said he selected Direct Relief as the recipient of the group's money because of its relatively low overhead.

"Direct Relief was a smaller group, and their administrative fees et cetera, et cetera are basically nothing," Beason said. "It's exactly what they call it — a direct relief."

Annie Maxwell, chief of staff of Direct Relief, explained that the organization uses its annual cash budget — about \$3 million — to get about \$100 million in supplies to places where they are needed.

Another group contributing to the cause consists of 30 local veterinary hospitals and animal boarding facilities.

The group includes the Carrboro Plaza Veterinary Clinic, the Cat Hospital of Durham and Chapel Hill and The Animal Hospital of Carrboro Inc., and was organized by Philip McHugh, hospital director at Park Veterinary Hospital in Durham.

Each firm will contribute 5 percent of its gross proceeds to charity Friday. Rather than centralizing the donations, each hospital will give to the charity of its choice.

"It was just so wonderful that Park put this all together, and we

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# Student relishes return from Iraq

BY SARAH SCHWARZ  
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Emran Huda is still in what he calls the "salvation" stage of coming home; up next is readjustment.

Huda returned to the United States on Dec. 29 after nine months in Iraq with the N.C. National Guard and is ready to rebuild his life as a civilian and a UNC student.

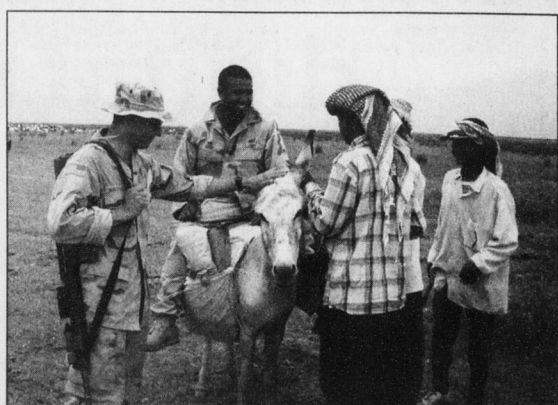
"It's both a blessing and a challenge," he said about coming home. It's been dramatic and tearful to see his father and friends once again.

Home for Huda is southeastern Pennsylvania, where he grew up with the hope of attending West Point Military Academy. Huda's time in the military and in Iraq proved to be rife with both positive and negative experiences, all of which he's eager to share with UNC students.

"Mostly, students don't have a sense of ownership of the war," Huda said.

He is among the few UNC students who took time off from school to serve in the military, and he said that often, students only see one side of the situation. Although Huda did survive difficult experiences in Iraq, he said the more humanitarian missions he participated in are not often covered by the media.

A first-generation American, Huda was raised Muslim, and it was not until after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, that Huda realized anyone might take issue with his beliefs.



Emran Huda, a UNC student who returned to the United States after spending nine months in Iraq, rides a donkey while talking to local Iraqis.

"I had always thought that my religion didn't matter — it's just what I believe," he said. In the Army world, however, where political correctness is a foreign concept, Huda said he faced prejudice often.

"Luckily, I had tons of friends that were always keeping an eye on me. I just had to take the threats seriously."

His family encouraged him to follow orders and be a soldier first and foremost.

In fact, Huda said, the transition to Iraq was nothing in comparison to the Southern culture shock he experienced.

"While all the other soldiers were fascinated with the Iraqi culture, I was interested in the Southern culture."

While in Iraq, Huda met fellow UNC student Jason Barber. Originally from Australia, Barber previously served in the Australian army and joined in North Carolina to reclaim the same sense of camaraderie he first found in Australia — a feeling locals call "mateship."

"It's been great. It's good to be home and back with family and friends and know that our part is

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