

BOARD EDITORIALS

FAREWELL TO BROAD

Outgoing UNC-system President Molly Broad has done an admirable job serving our institutions of higher education and will be missed.

After eight years at the helm of the state's public university system, Molly Broad will step down as president Dec. 31. Her last UNC-system Board of Governors meeting was held Friday.

Behind her, she will leave an impressive legacy. Uprooting from California, the "unsinkable" Molly Broad came to the Tar Heel State and held her own in a tough crowd of good ol' boy politicians.

Careful to balance overall system interests with those of individual universities, Broad stood her ground in the face of intense pressure with a strong vision to guide the UNC system and to continue serving the state.

She also oversaw a great deal of change and expansion for the 16-campus entity during those eight years, including the passage of the largest bond referendum — coming in at \$3.1 billion — in U.S. higher education history.

The Pennsylvania native has watched the system as a tightening budget crunch continues to strangle funding for North Carolina's universities — funding needed as enrollment increases — and causes fights

about increasing tuition.

It was a tough eight years, one marked with battles and successes.

As BOG member emeritus and former Gov. Jim Holshouser pointed out at last week's meeting, it was a hard but positive journey.

"You leave scars and you pick up a few," he said. "It comes with the territory. History is going to show just how remarkable this term has been."

We look forward to the fine work and leadership we expect from former Clinton chief of staff, two-time U.S. Senate candidate and Charlotte investment banker Erskine Bowles. With his direction, Broad's vision can continue to help our storied university system grow to its full potential.

Board members should heed the words of Broad at her last meeting and keep an eye on global competition facing the system.

"You must keep your vision clear and your eye on the horizon," she said.

President Broad, on behalf of the University of North Carolina and the state, we thank you for your service and vision.

READY FOR WINTER

Gov. Mike Easley's plan for the state and utility companies to see to the heating needs of the poor and elderly is one that deserves high praise.

It might be difficult to tell by the weather we have had the last few weeks, but winter is coming and it will be getting cold soon.

This can be a difficult time for the elderly and lower-income members of our community.

Heating costs during the winter are not particularly good, but in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and with steady increases in the cost of fuel, the coming months could prove to be troublesome.

But thankfully the private and public sectors will be working together to help the poor families and elderly of North Carolina get through the winter.

On Wednesday, Gov. Mike Easley introduced an initiative to provide close to \$10 million to help people with their heating costs.

Money from Duke Energy, Progress Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and others as well as from private donors will go to about 70,000 families.

The hope is that both sectors will be able to work together to help ease the impact of rising costs on North Carolina's families.

Some utility companies are going further than the governor's initiative and giving to programs that provide aid to families trying to cover their energy costs.

Both Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas will be donating to one such program, Share the Warmth.

Also, utility companies are promoting educational tips on improving energy efficiency.

If you are interested in making a donation to help fellow North Carolinians who live on fixed incomes or who have fallen on hard times deal with energy costs, please go to www.piedmontng.com/itc/communityOutreach/shareTheWarmth and donate what you can.

And if you don't want to spend money, you can always chop wood for elderly folks who have a wood-burning heating system.

Gov. Easley, Duke Energy, Progress Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and all other donors deserve to be applauded for taking a whack at energy costs.

It is especially encouraging for energy utilities to step up and help. Those companies often get bad press, and putting cynicism aside, these are highly commendable acts.

It may not be snowing yet, but the cold weather is a comin' and it's good to see the public and private sectors working together to make sure that all North Carolinians can stay warm.

COOKIN' UP VICTORY

It's time to send the Dookies running back to Durham with those devil tails between their legs — because yes, the smell of victory is so sweet.

On the off chance that anyone isn't aware of why tomorrow's football game is important, there is just one word that could possibly sum up its magnitude: Duke.

Yes, kids, tomorrow is the UNC-Duke football game, and once again that glorious Victory Bell and another year of flagrant gloating are up for grabs.

As if just the mere mention of Duke's name isn't enough to get any Tar Heel's blood boiling, this football game comes with even higher stakes, which is why it is all the more important to haul yourself out of bed or off the bathroom floor and get to the game on time.

Actually, get there early — kickoff will be at 1 p.m., but pretend it's at noon. The earlier students start filing into Kenan Stadium, the less bottle-necking there will be at the student gate.

Plus, this will be a game worth seeing from a good vantage point, so if only for the sake of a decent seat, try to get down to the stadium at least an hour before the action starts.

If you weren't planning on going to tomorrow's football game at all, then besides deserving to be flogged in the street, you really should reconsider

what your priorities are.

This game is the sort of matchup that sports legend is built on — even for the apathetic spectator, this is a big game.

Besides, this is Duke we're talking about. Who wouldn't want to watch Dookies get trampled out on the football field? Even more important is once again winning the Victory Bell. We might have won back that precious lump of metal last year, but in 2003, we lost it on our own turf.

Losing to Duke is always embarrassing, but when they get to revel in painting the bell that disgusting shade of blue and ring the fool out of it in Chapel Hill, it just adds insult to injury.

This year, the stakes are still high: We still have to reclaim victory on our own field. Fill the stadium to capacity; there's sure to be a lot of dark blue in the crowd, and it would be utterly humiliating if their numbers came anywhere close to our own.

So come out, come early and cheer on the UNC football team as it once again rings the Victory Bell and strips the Blue Devils of any scraps of dignity they've managed to hold on to after going to such a sorry school.

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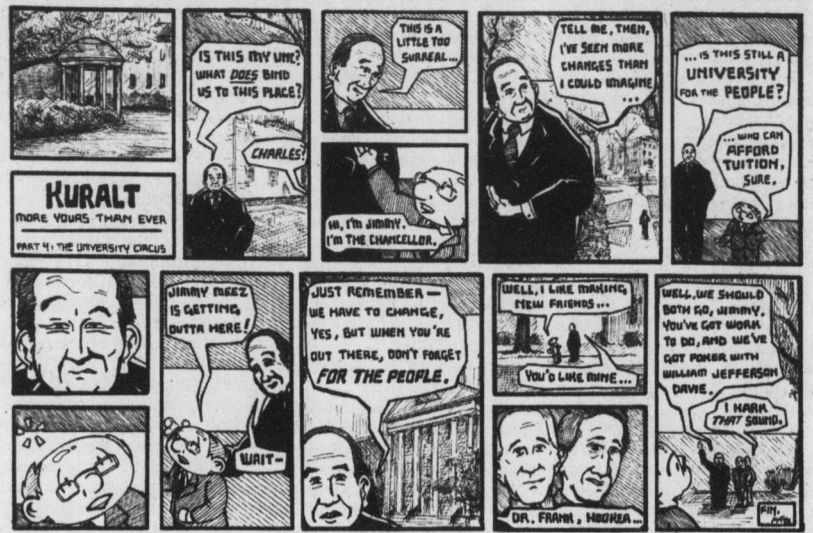
FROM THE DAY'S NEWS

"Markets work in unintended ways to help consumers."

JOHN STOSSEL, 2020 CO-ANCHORMAN, IN HIS SPEECH AT MEMORIAL HALL.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

By Philip McFee, pip@email.unc.edu



COMMENTARY

Turducken or no turducken, the holidays are good eating

It's not very long now until I'll be hurtling up Interstate 95 toward Massachusetts, inevitably hitting traffic jams in Virginia, New Jersey and New York.

My father and I are going to sound like we never left the Bay State while my mother and brother roll their eyes. We will require winter wear.

And the food ... Oh, it will be excellent.

My Grammy, like many, knows how to do a holiday, and we haven't celebrated together in years.

Say what you will about the excess the holiday season inspires, but I find it hard not to love a time of year when it is a perfectly logical course of action to bake three different pies plus a cake for the people with whom you share a common history, if not actual genes.

For it is out of these traditions and events that great culinary invention is born.

I will never forget the year we pulled up to my uncle's home in Fayetteville, only to find him looming over an odd, shiny device that was definitely not an oven with a maniacally happy gleam in his eye.

Ah, yes. Why wouldn't you deep fry a turkey?

And why would you stop there if you could inject it with hot sauce or a cider and whiskey reduction?

That's just good thinking.

The first time I saw a fried turkey I was a little frightened by it, but it appears this trend has caught on like a brush fire on a windy summer day, or a few lawns.

The Web site eatturkey.com offers an offhand warning about keeping a fire extinguisher nearby for safety reasons.

Without Thanksgiving, would turducken have expanded beyond



AMY ROSSI
LIFE OF SPICE

Cajun country and John Madden? (It's a chicken inside a duck put into a turkey each separated by a distinct layer of stuffing, if you've been living in a turducken-free zone for the past few decades.)

It's just a little bit less decadent than the ancient Roman method that involved a pig and a cow, but it still amounts to a fantastic holiday adventure nonetheless.

I was looking up turducken recipes, because I'm pretty sure I have to make one for Christmas this year, when I stumbled across a rather fascinatingly long list of required items.

One of them just happened to be a hammer.

And that is what is so great about Thanksgiving and the holiday season in general. It inspires us to make food that requires a hammer or to boil frighteningly copious amounts of oil. The heightened sense of importance brings victory to the most mundane activities.

Last year around this time, Harris Teeter was carrying mint chocolate chips. I'd been after them for at least two years because I wanted to make mint chocolate truffles as a holiday dessert. I didn't have the money that day, but I figured I could come back later and pick them up without a problem.

Wrong. Cinnamon chips, white chocolate chips, raspberry chips, peanut butter ones all lined the shelves, but not a lowly bag of mint chocolate chips was to be found in the store, not until what felt like the 10th grocery store of

the search.

You know what it looks like when a pitcher doesn't just strike out a batter to end the game, but he makes the poor guy look like an absolute fool in front of the whole crowd? Yeah, it was that kind of a victory dance. Completely inappropriate the other 10 months of the year yet entirely understandable when it comes to making the perfect holiday dinner.

There is a great deal of stress involved, whether you're cooking or you're just trying to get home in time for the holiday.

Sometimes emotions run high. Sometimes unflattering imperfections are made or someone dabbles a little too deeply in the mimosas before dinner and her little sister — yours truly — ends up having to hose her and the deck off later.

The hype around Thanksgiving and creating the perfect dinner begs for these moments of imperfection that will be passed down as handy humiliation for years to come.

And that's why I can't wait.

A few hundred miles round trip in a minivan with my recently permitted but still unlicensed brother begging to get behind the wheel is utterly worth my Grammy's cooking, the way my dad and uncle get when they're together and getting to eat with a bunch of people I never get to see in my favorite place.

Whether you have traditional Turkey Day plans or not, here's to lots of great food, big laughs, using hammers in our cooking and having an extinguisher on standby.

Have a wicked good Thanksgiving!

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Gryffindor House is back again

CHECK PLUS

For those who know the reference, you know that the new Harry Potter movie was released today.

It's rare that a good book series translates into a good movie series — and one that both adults and children like, no less.

Solicitor general post finally filled

CHECK

J. Robert Austin, formerly of Student Congress, has been appointed to the role of student government's solicitor general.

It sure would have been helpful to have one when the Student Supreme Court ruled on a case.

BOT trying to fleece graduate students

CHECK MINUS

The UNC Board of Trustees needs to take a good hard look at the tuition options that would have higher increases for graduate students than for undergraduates. We already pay low TA stipends. Don't make them pay more as well.

READERS' FORUM

Registrar explores tests of new registration methods

TO THE EDITOR:

Many students express frustrations with the current registration process.

During peak registration times, demand on the server exceeds capacity, and they must wait to gain access to the site. Most blame the system infrastructure, but the true problem lies with the practice of front-loading all registration assignments to one start time for each class.

Although the server can handle all students at once, only 170 can simultaneously "enter" their course selections. However, more than 3,000 students registered for 12-plus credit hours within the first 30 minutes.

With input from student government, the Registrar's Office is proposing to reformat the process to better accommodate students' needs and desires.

The proposal involves dividing classes into smaller units, split into 30 minute time slots; e.g. all seniors would be randomly divided into groups of 200 students corresponding to specific time slots.

In following semesters, we would invert the order to keep the process fair. Ultimately, keeping the system fair is crucial to the registration process, and we encour-

age students to vote at www.ibiblio.org/sg/poll and enter feedback.

In the long term, UNC plans to obtain a completely new database to replace all the existing administrative systems.

A task force is in the initial stages of gathering project funding and determining how it will staff and organize the process of collecting input from the broad swathe of student, faculty and staff that will be impacted by a new database.

Hopefully many of registration's future goals will appear on the "wish list" of considerations in choosing a new system.

Alice Poehls
University Registrar

GLBT-SA petitions to extend the nondiscrimination policy

TO THE EDITOR:

UNC should affirm a policy of nondiscrimination of gender identity and gender expression for both symbolic and practical reasons.

Enacting an official policy change to foster a safe environment for transgender students, faculty and staff not only benefits the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and ally community, but the entire population, as the constructed division between "men" and "women" hurts anyone not conforming to respective mascu-

Tommy Rimbach
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