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I have a four-year college degree. It's important to me, but that doesn't mean there aren't a lot of successful people who work with their hands or do other things.

I think we need to take the cap off charter schools. Charter schools are public schools, and they meet the needs of some of our students.

We need to continue to work with our home schools ... and let them participate in extracurricular activities at their schools. We need to do all of that, and by doing that we can start reducing the dropout rate.

DTH: In North Carolina there's solid health care in the metropolitan areas, but it's lacking in rural areas, and everywhere it's expensive. What should be done?

Smith: No. 1, we need to move from an unhealthy culture to a healthy culture ... We move to the second part of the plan: Health care needs to be consumer-driven.

We've got to be good consumers ... because we know we have something at risk, so that instead of going to the emergency room, we wait a day to go to a primary care doctor,

which costs one-fourth. And then you move to the third thing ... which is to effectively and efficiently use our health care assets. They're not unlimited; they're just not ... we have to use them in an effective and efficient way, like making sure we don't have unnecessary regulations.

Where people can't pay, that's where the government steps in.

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FUNK

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thorized expenses in his first year.

During his interview for the UNC post, Funk said that the background check was as thorough as legally possible and that it was just an unfortunate incident.

Now after five months on the job, Schwab said Funk has been invaluable to the search. But Funk emphasized the committee is in charge of all major decisions.

"We don't have a vote, and we don't want one," Funk said. "The committee makes all of the decisions relative to distilling the pool, but our job is to make sure the committee has as many qualified people possible."

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BLACK

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Saturday show, the smaller events have evolved in popularity, too.

Part of that growth this year is the addition of a performance of Black's play "One Slight Hitch," which the Department of Dramatic Art's Professional Actor Training Program will perform at 8:15 p.m. today.

The story of a family juggling their daughter's wedding preparations gone awry, Black's play is a self-proclaimed work-in-progress that he is workshoping around the country. After Friday's show, Black will host a discussion about the piece.

"I'm mainly using the feedback to continue to hate myself," Black said. "The play evolves from one structure to another, and it'll help me to see what else I need to do."

Depending on the size and participation of the crowd today, Cash said plays could become permanent fixtures. But one element she said the festival could never live without is Black himself.

"It would be hard to imagine it without his presence and support," Cash said. "He wants to give so much back to the school and the community, and that's really encouraging for me."

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National and World News

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Romney endorses his one-time rival

BOSTON (AP) — Republican campaign dropout Mitt Romney endorsed John McCain for the party's presidential nomination and asked his national convention delegates to swing behind the likely nominee.

"Even when the contest was close and our disagreements were debated, the caliber of the man was apparent," Romney said, standing alongside his one-time rival at his now-defunct campaign's headquarters. "This is a man capable of leading our country at a dangerous hour."

"Primaries are tough," said McCain, referring to their earlier rancor. "We know it was a hard campaign, and now we move forward, we move forward together for the good of our party and the nation." The two met privately before appearing together at a news conference.

Gunman kills four and himself at N. Illinois University; 18 wounded

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) — A man dressed in black opened fire with a shotgun and two handguns from the stage of a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University on Thursday, killing four people and injuring 18 others before committing suicide.

University Police Chief Donald Grady confirmed the deaths following a news conference.

The gunman shot himself on the stage after a brief rampage that sent terrified students screaming, crying and running for the doors around 3 p.m.

"At this point I'm being told it

was less than two minutes," Grady said. "This thing started and ended in a matter of seconds."

Grady said the gunman was not a student at the school. "It appears he may have been a student somewhere else," he said, adding that police had no apparent motive.

All classes were canceled Thursday night and the 25,000-student campus was closed on Friday. The school was closed for one day during final exam week in December after campus police found threats, including references to shootings at Virginia Tech, scrawled on a bathroom wall.

Broken satellite will be shot down

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Bush has ordered the Pentagon to use a Navy missile to attempt to destroy a broken U.S. spy satellite — and thereby minimize the risk to humans from its toxic fuel — by intercepting it just before it re-enters the atmosphere.

The effort, the first of its kind, will be undertaken because of the potential that people in the area where the satellite would otherwise crash could be harmed.

The "window of opportunity" for such a shootdown will open in the next three or four days.

games

Sudoku

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Sudoku grid with numbers and empty cells.

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Friday's puzzle

Sudoku solution grid.

No smoking

A survey shows that parents support smoking bans such as UNC's. Go online for story.

Don't drink and drive

Youth organization Palante and El Pueblo are teaming up for a new initiative. Go online for story.

Valentine adoptions

Orange County Animal Shelter holds a Valentine's Day event for prospective owners. See pg. 3 for story.

Decadent origins

A lecture at the Global Education Center details the history and origins of chocolate. Go online for story.

Bringing the blues

The Blues Brothers take center court dancing at home basketball games. See pg. 1 for story.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

DTH CLASSIFIEDS

Religious Directory with various church listings including First Pentecostal Church, Newman Catholic Student Center Parish, HillSong Church, Wesley Foundation United Methodist, etc.