

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the Feb. 11 pg. 12 article "Tar Heels take five to kickoff new season" misidentified the score against N.C. Central. UNC won 24-0.

Due to an editing error, Thursday's pg. 4 spread, "In their words," incorrectly identifies Brenda Denzler. She is secretary of the Employee Forum.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Preliminary electrical work to begin on McCauley Street

Construction will begin on an electrical duct to connect the electric substation on Cameron Avenue to main campus.

Crews are scheduled to begin trimming low-hanging tree limbs Tuesday, after which excavation will start for the work.

Both McCauley and Pittsboro streets will remain open during the entire project. Work should be finished by late spring.

UNC researchers find vaccine could alleviate stomach flu

UNC School of Public Health researchers have discovered a possible vaccine for noroviruses, commonly called stomach flu.

Noroviruses generally cause up to 72 hours of intense sickness, including vomiting, before patients recover, but they can lead to dehydration or death in rare cases.

But the virus mutates genetically, researchers found, much like influenza. This means a vaccine could be possible.

Noroviruses are highly contagious, and in 2006 there were 19 deaths associated with noroviruses in the United States.

Results of their findings were published in the online medical journal PLoS Medicine on Wednesday.

UNC School of Pharmacy given \$2 million in funding

The School of Pharmacy has received an additional \$2 million in funding, following recently awarded \$18 million in grants.

Fred Eshelman gave \$1 million to the school's Educational Renaissance initiatives. The Pharmacy Network Foundation matched the fund, giving another \$1 million.

Eshelman gave \$9 million to the School of Pharmacy in January. He is the CEO and founder of a global contract research organization based in Wilmington, PPD Inc.

The Educational Renaissance aims to address the next generation of students' needs, said Bob Blouin, dean of the school.

Town relations committee to hold Carolina North forum

Student government will hold a forum for students to voice their questions about Carolina North — UNC's planned research satellite campus.

Carolina North Executive Director Jack Evans will be on hand to explain the project and its planned phases more in-depth, as well as to field student questions.

The forum is at 7 p.m. today in Student Union 3209.

Visit www.dailytarheel.com for the full story.

CITY BRIEFS

Town makes interim public works director permanent

Lance Norris will be the town's new public works director. He has worked for Chapel Hill since 2001 and as the interim public works director since May 2007. He will earn \$108,000 annually.

"Lance has demonstrated his leadership skills," Town Manager Roger Stancil said. "I expect he will lead in a way that will maintain and continuously improve the tradition of excellent service from the town departments."

Norris will oversee the transition of the inspections department as a division of the public works department. Additional organizational realignments are expected in the coming year for what is one of the town's largest departments.

Member sought to serve on Hillsborough cemetery board

Hillsborough is looking for a volunteer to serve on the Margaret Lane Cemetery committee that works to preserve, restore and beautify the historic cemetery, sometimes called the Old Slave Cemetery.

The cemetery first appears in written record in 1885, but burials are believed to have taken place there earlier than 1854. Members serve three-year terms and meet at 7 p.m. every two months on the last Thursday of the month.

Applications are available on the town Web site at www.ci.hillsborough.nc.us.

— From staff and wire reports

Owners face downtown crime

BY SARA HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Shattered glass and stolen steaks have become an everyday concern for downtown business owners.

This month, more than 15 separate incidents for crimes such as breaking and entering, trespassing and property damage have been reported in the downtown area.

Business owners say these issues hurt an otherwise vibrant downtown atmosphere, and the problems haven't been solved yet despite the combined efforts of the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Downtown Partnership and police.

"I think Franklin Street is in good shape, and there's a good energy here," said Ryan Scarano, owner of P.T.'s Olde Fashioned Grille, which

was broken into Feb. 5.

"But we need to make sure it's safe and accessible. The lack of parking, panhandling and crime are problems that need to be dealt with."

Franklin Street sweets shop Sugarland experienced the problems firsthand when workers showed up at 5 a.m. Feb. 8 to find the glass front door shattered. The store had been open for less than a week.

"An incident like this really takes the heart out of us," said Katrina Ryan, owner of Sugarland. "We're working really hard to get up and running, and then this happens."

Ryan said she thinks the Town Council could help ease the pain of new business owners by making it easier and cheaper to open busi-

nesses in the downtown area.

By easing restrictions, more businesses would open, leaving fewer store fronts empty.

But Tommy O'Connell, who owns 411 West, said he thinks the council does not listen to business owners' concerns and is slow to act on their own initiatives.

"This past council was very slow to respond to things," O'Connell said. "The town doesn't listen to business owners when issues about parking arise, even though I think a lot of people care."

Matt Czajkowski, who was elected to the council in November after emphasizing improving the business climate as a priority, said that everyone wants to improve Franklin Street but that everyone has differ-

ent idea about how to do it.

"Even if you look objectively at the efforts the council has made in the past year, you can fairly say nothing has changed," Czajkowski said.

The Downtown Partnership, which was established two years ago by the council, has created programs to address some of the concerns to meet five basic downtown needs: cleanliness, parking, safety, panhandling and homelessness. Assistant Director Meg McGurk said.

"All businesses struggle with individual issues," she said. "We try to take the entire Franklin Street climate into account when shaping our programs."

Chapel Hill police also are trying

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Ouster ripples beyond WM

President with UNC ties resigns

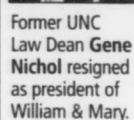
BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS
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The contentious departure of Gene Nichol as president of the College of William & Mary last week could offer a cautionary tale to those searching for UNC's next chancellor.

Supporters of Nichol, who previously served as dean of UNC's law school, are upset at allegations that ideological conflict contributed to the decision not to renew the president's contract and are calling for more transparency from the college's Board of Visitors.

"There's certainly a lot of anger right now and a lot of unresolved emotion," said William & Mary sophomore Bailey Thomson, who has led pro-Nichol efforts since June 2007.

Students have held multiple demonstrations, including a candlelit rally that drew 1,500 of the college's 5,500 undergraduates and a sit-in in the Sunken Garden.



Former UNC Law Dean Gene Nichol resigned as president of William & Mary.

"We're all really advocating for BOV transparency at this point," Thomson said.

She said the larger issue is ensuring better representation for students and faculty on the BOV and in the process of choosing the next president.

UNC, in the midst of its own leadership search, has taken steps to mitigate such concerns. Student Body President Eve Carson said she thinks the chancellor search committee has successfully sought student input so far.

This fall Carson formed a student committee to help solicit feedback in the search process.

The ousting of Nichol brought a genuine sense of shock, said Matt Marvin, director of communications at the UNC School of Law.

"Gene Nichol and his wife, Glenn, are very much part of the Carolina law family — have been and always will be," he said.

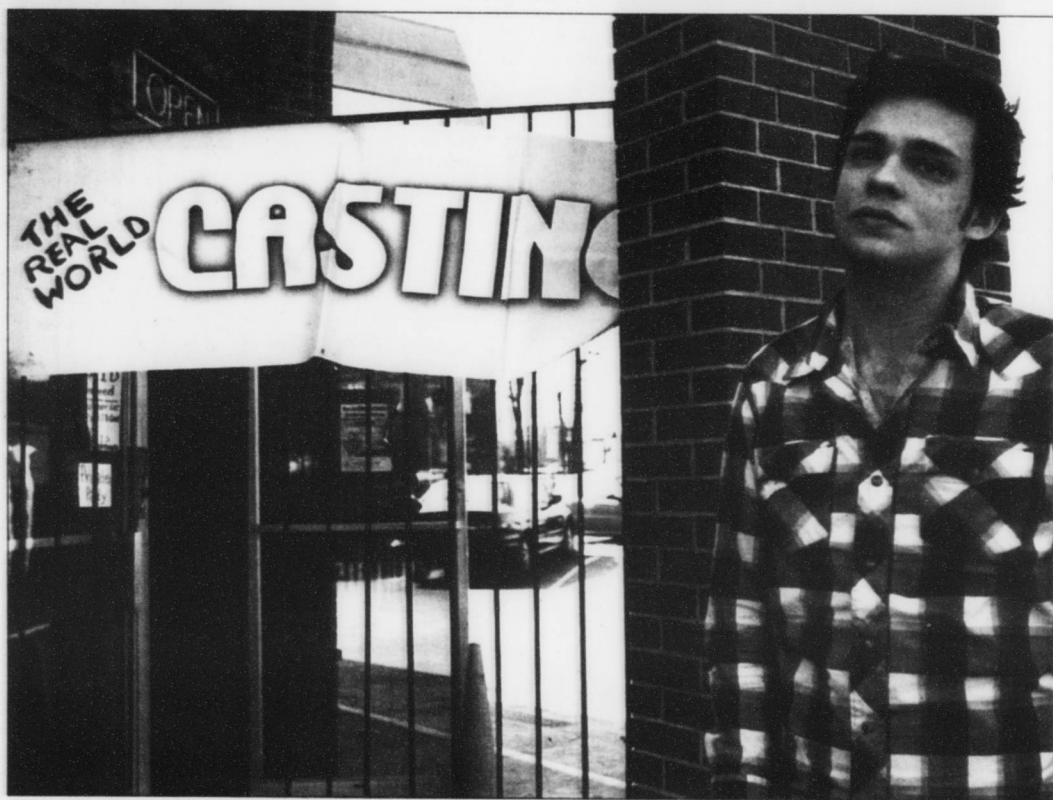
At William & Mary, Nichol drew fire for his decision to remove a cross from the Wren Chapel and to allow a showing of the Sex Workers' Art Show.

But even his detractors praised Nichol's efforts to expand diversity at the college, a mission current UNC law dean Jack Boger said Nichol upheld during his time at UNC.

"North Carolina has always been committed to public service and diversity," Boger said. "He did a wonderful job to maintain that."

Many acknowledged that Nichol, who was a finalist in the UNC chancellor search in 2000, has a resume strong enough to give him

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Assistant Features Editor Nate Hewitt auditioned for the "Real World" at Shooters II nightclub in Durham on Saturday. After filling out a short application, he participated in a group discussion session with nine other people. He did not receive a follow-up interview.

'REAL WORLD' REJECT

Editor's note: Assistant Features Editor Nate Hewitt participated in the tryout for the 21st season of the "Real World." Here is his first-person look at what happens when people stop being polite and start being real.

Maybe I just didn't fit one of the "Real World" stereotypes.

For seven hours Saturday, I was one of hundreds of eager teens and 20-somethings who filled out forms and waited their turn to sit in the hot seat with casting director Megan Sleeper.

At Shooters II nightclub in Durham, about 10 wannabe "Real World" cast members at a time gathered in a circle of bar stools to discuss politics, hobbies and life goals.

"It's all about people interacting and seeing what catches our eye," said Damon Furberg, head casting director for the first 16 seasons of the show.

My group, which met about 2 p.m., was composed of myself, four female UNC students, three male Duke University students, an N.C. State University student and a Raleigh resident.

At the end of the discussion sessions,

Sleeper asked everyone to say a last word that describes them and walk away from the group.

One by one, seven of the 10 people from my group said their final word and exited the circle. With my final word, "fertile," I was third asked to leave.

But three people from my group — two Duke University seniors and UNC junior Uttara Kale — were quietly asked to fill out extra forms on the balcony of the club. The second, more in-depth application process took two hours to complete, Kale said.

"My job's really easy," Sleeper said. "There's always one or two people that have that spark or charisma that makes you want to know more about them. ... Being attractive is important. But a more attractive quality is what they're passionate about — whether it be religion, a hobby or a political belief."

Furberg said that because the show's cast has lost much of its appeal to viewers, the casting directors are looking for people with "real goals" for the 21st season of MTV's longest-running show.

"We want people who really stand for something, people who will bring depth to the show and still know how to party," he

Questions from the "Real World" application

- ▶ Do you currently have a boyfriend/girlfriend?
- ▶ Where does the relationship stand now?
- ▶ What qualities do you look for in a mate?
- ▶ What is the most important issue facing you today?
- ▶ How would someone who really knows you describe your best traits?
- ▶ Briefly describe your parents and your relationship with them.
- ▶ What are your career goals? Would you pursue these goals while on the show?
- ▶ What are you most passionate about? (political or social issues/causes)

said. "We don't want people sitting around playing chess for four months."

One of my group members fit the criteria. During the audition, Kale discussed

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Moore cites state experience

State Treasurer Richard Moore is seeking the Democratic nomination in the N.C. governor's race. Senior writer Lindsey Naylor spoke to him at party headquarters in Raleigh.

DTH: Why did you choose to run?

Moore: I think my experience has uniquely qualified me to be the next governor. I am the only person running for governor who's actually managed state agencies before, and I'm very proud of my record.

As (former) Gov. (Jim) Hunt's secretary of crime control and public safety, and the last seven years as state treasurer, we've run one of the top public pension plans in the country.

We've figured out ways to save the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and that money has been reinvested in education, health care, things that North Carolinians care about. And we want more resources going to that in the future. We've got lots of plans on how to get that done.

DTH: Why do you think you're the best candidate?

Moore: (laughing) We had

one of the public television, UNC-TV debates — they had the questions established in advance just like this, but we were on live TV, and it was just like that — you just gave an answer and then you'd get asked, and you'd just have to give it again. So, I won't give it again; I'll move on to the next question if that's all right with you.

DTH: What do you think of the job. North Carolina is doing serving its students?

Moore: This state has made a massive investment in our 16-university campus system, and our 58 community college campuses over the last, well, in my adult lifetime — it's been 30 years since I graduated from a high school of this state.

And I think we've got a huge return on that investment; I think it's paid huge dividends. Our challenge is going to be as we move forward: How do we keep making sure that tuition is as inexpensive as possible but we're providing world-class opportunities?

But I think we do that now. ... I couldn't get in a good school; I had to go to Wake Forest.

DTH: In North Carolina there's solid health care in the metropolitan areas, but it's lacking in rural



N.C. Treasurer Richard Moore answered questions Thursday at party headquarters. Visit dailytarheel.com for the full Q & A.

areas, and everywhere it's expensive. What should be done?

Moore: In my opinion we should declare war on chronic disease in North Carolina. Our diets are atrocious; our exercise habits are horrible, and about 75 percent of the money we

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Alumna chips away at mountaineering goal

BY SARAH FRIER
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In the thinly oxygenated air of the world's highest peaks, Lei Wang synchronizes every sharp, deep breath with a carefully calculated step. And each step brings her closer to her goal.

If Wang, 39, reaches the summit of the highest peak on each continent and the North and South poles, she will be the first Chinese woman to do so. After reaching the top of Aconcagua on Jan. 29, UNC alumna Wang has two remaining tasks: the North Pole and Mount Everest.

"It's important for people to see that the normal person can make a plan, train and do a lot of things that seem impossible," Wang said.

While growing up in China, she was told to study and go into business or engineering but never to consider anything athletic.

"Even now, my parents don't understand what I'm doing or why I'm putting so much time, energy and effort into this," she said.

She climbed her first peak, Cotopaxi in Ecuador, purely out of curiosity in 2002 with no athletic training. But step by step she learned mountaineering, vertical ice climbing and rock climbing.

"She was gaining in confidence when we first started, and then within a year she went back and led those climbs," said Chuck Reed, who has climbed with Wang for three years.

Now she's reached the tops of six of the seven highest peaks. She said she's saved people from avalanches and reached the limits of human physical possibility. She's been to the South Pole. And so far, she hasn't lost any fingers to frostbite.

It's not an easy feat. Wang is 5 feet 2 inches tall, and the 80-pound backpack she carries up mountains is more than half her body weight.

"It can be very treacherous and very harrowing, with the high winds and changing conditions, and yet she perseveres," Reed said. "She's got a real adventurous soul."

Altogether, the trips she's taken have cost her \$250,000. Although Wang has some financial support from friends, she's borrowing the majority from credit cards.

"I don't want to wait, to miss out on my dream," she said. "I'll take on my dream first, and then hopefully people will try to sponsor me."

On the mountain, Wang has a whole new perspective. Sometimes

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