

Report criticizes cost of state's law schools

Study also faults school rankings

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North Carolina is home to strong law schools but could do a better job making legal education affordable, a recent report claims. The John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy assessed the state's seven law schools based on such criteria as graduates' debt levels, salaries and job opportunities. The report, "Legal Education in North Carolina," was presented Tuesday at the Siena Hotel in Chapel Hill. "We've found some real jewels here," said William Henderson, a law professor at the Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington and co-author of the report. Henderson said North Carolina is home to some of the most selective law schools in the country. But he said one way to improve the state's legal system would be to

streamline entry into legal education, citing the cost of law school tuition as a chief obstacle. N.C. Central is the only low-cost option in the state, according to the report. Residents pay \$4,291 a year and nonresidents pay \$14,530. At UNC's School of Law, residents and nonresidents pay \$12,948 and \$25,366, respectively. Duke was the most expensive, at \$37,985 a year for all students. In an interview earlier this month, Jack Boger, the dean of the UNC School of Law, said UNC seeks to enable students to perform public work without a heavy debt burden. "North Carolina is proudly committed to offering excellent legal education at low cost to students," he said. The report emphasized the importance of relating to applicants the long-term benefits of a legal education. However, not everyone in the state's legal community agreed with the findings. Although a successful career is important, the authors focused too much on income benefits and overlooked intangible ones, such as the

chance to serve their community, said Paul Newby, an associate justice on the N.C. Supreme Court. "The practice of law is not just a business for making money." North Carolina has the smallest number of lawyers per capita in the United States, with one lawyer for every 758 people. One disadvantage of having too few lawyers is that legal services cost more because lawyers don't have to offer competitive pricing if residents don't have many options for legal services, said Andrew Morris, the other co-author and a law professor at the University of Illinois. The authors criticized the U.S. News & World Report's law school rankings because of their focus on data, such as mean grade point average and LSAT scores of accepted applicants, which the authors said offers an incomplete picture. "I hope this report encourages students to think about what they will get out of law school and not about rankings," Henderson said.

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Local schools still trying to achieve energy goals

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Conservation efforts like turning off the lights have saved the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools \$600,000 in utilities costs. But saving money is only a side effect. The district is attempting to reduce energy use by 20 percent, through construction of its new buildings and in changing how it uses what's currently in place. So far, the district is 4 percent short of its goal. But there's room for optimism, said Stephanie Knott, spokeswoman for the district. Updating for new, efficient technology will be a constant process. The district's newest schools, Carrboro High School, Smith Middle School and Rashkis Elementary School, were constructed with energy efficiency in mind, said Steve Scroggs, assistant superintendent for support services. Rooms were designed to let in as much daylight as possible, and ceiling lights will only illuminate what the sun doesn't. Photovoltaic lighting systems sense daylight and adjust indoor lights accordingly. Rain is recycled and reused in the water systems, and heating is done by natural gas. Motion sensors pick up when people are in rooms and turn lights off when there's no motion.

Energy-saving strategies

- The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are trying to decrease their energy use by 20 percent.
- Fluorescent lights in buildings were replaced with photovoltaic lights. The new system can sense how much daylight is in the room and readjust brightness of lights.
- Windows were replaced to be more air-tight so that less air escapes during heating or air conditioning.
- Teachers emphasized the importance of turning off computers and lights when not in use.
- Rain water is captured and recycled.
- Heating is done with natural gas.
- When new buildings were constructed, they were designed to let in more daylight.

"Carrboro High School is just fascinating," said Dave Tinker, a safety officer for the schools who used to work on energy efficiency for the district. But it's not all about technology. Knott said a key part of the project is education.

"What we teach our young people has an even wider impact than what we've been building," she said. Teachers provide energy conservation tips to students, advising them to turn off lights and computers when not in use. "We've made posters to put up around the schools and provided incentives for the little kids... They can get badges," Scroggs said. The short-term costs of implementing conservation standards are costly, he said, but long-term savings, in the environment and in the district's pocketbook, will greatly surpass the expense. In some cases, they already have. Utility costs have been on the rise in recent years, and Knott said the new environmental technology in the school buildings has helped offset any extra expenses the district would have had. The district's newest school in construction, Morris Grove Elementary School, is being built with the same sustainable designs as Rashkis Elementary, Scroggs said. He said the community has been very supportive of the energy conservation changes. "Anything anyone can do is very critical," Knott said.

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CAMPAIGNS

Democrats, who's brought other students to her mother's events. "We want to take her enthusiasm and dedication to the United States Senate, where she can help all North Carolinians and finally provide our state with a senator who is in touch with the people of North Carolina," Carrie Hagan said Monday. Carrie Hagan and fellow Young Democrats plan to found a group for Kay Hagan, but the Young Democrats as a whole must follow the lead of the N.C. Democratic Party when endorsing a candidate. Although some students got involved just after meeting Neal in his January visit to campus, several faces overlapped between the two campaign events as students began to decide who to support. "I did think there was a good bit of difference between the two," said freshman Rob Matsick. "It seemed like Hagan was a lot more moderate about the war in Iraq and conservative issues." Matsick said he hasn't decided who to support. "I'm just looking for a candidate who shares my values."



Construction continues on the Starbucks replacing End Zone in Rams Head. If materials arrive on time, the facility should open in late April. DTH/CASSIE BUTLER

STARBUCKS

The Starbucks will offer a full coffee menu and possibly deli sandwiches typical of the franchise. Some students want to make sure that prices don't get too high. "I drink a lot of Starbucks, so it

would be nice to have one," sophomore Rebecca Wessels said, adding that she hopes the UNC location charges standard Starbucks prices of about \$3 to \$5 per specialty drink. "It would be nice to have a variety of coffee on South Campus."

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ROBOT

Felder, a UNC alumnus, began his investigation into defining humans after working for Microsoft to program computers to understand human speech. The UNC Self Knowledge Symposium hosted Felder to share with students the idea of thinking beyond the classroom. "I think it's important because asking questions about your existence as a person is really the center of our world — it's what we all have in common," said sophomore April Williamson, organizer of the event. Sophomore Lanier Thompson, who was one of about 40 people who attended, said the lecture will apply to her life as a college student. "I think it's always good to think about things and think about what you think," Thompson said. Felder concluded by pointing out that the definition of being human is changing. He said computers will go back to what they were first intended to be, a tool, rather than fulfilling the same role as the human brain. "We are in another shift that we will define humans in more spiritual terms, starting with awareness of grounds as what it means to be human."

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CUAB

Chikan has elicited both praise and criticism. While some students have voiced their disappointment with the relative lack of high-profile acts this school year, Allin said others have appreciated the various performers. "Emphasizing and striving for this diversity means constantly bringing in new kinds of ideas and programs," he said. "In that sense, we try and find a way where every student feels that they've gotten their (money's) worth." Doing so, Allin said, will require an appreciation for the hike in responsibilities that comes with his new position, which was granted to him after a pool of applicants met with the Union's Board of Directors. "I definitely want to remain a voice in terms of being responsible and making sure we're doing

what's best for the community, but also being creative and not being afraid to challenge people to expose themselves to new things they may not have heard of," he said. In addition to having a well-prepared committee, Allin said the support of CUAB's two adult staff advisors has been and will continue to be crucial in his decision making. With these methods of support at his disposal, Allin said his new role will allow him to move from pulling in concerts to pulling the student body closer together. "I'm a big believer that we have a chance to do something really exciting in terms of Union programming and the Union in general," he said. "We want to make this place a community not so much by default but rather by choice and experience."

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Sudoku

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Level: 1 2 3 4

1	2	7		6	5
3		9	8		
	4			1	
6	1	8			3 7 2
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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 Tuesday's puzzle

6	7	9	1	4	5	2	8	3
2	3	4	7	9	8	5	1	6
5	1	8	2	3	6	7	9	4
1	4	2	9	5	7	6	3	8
9	6	7	4	8	3	1	2	5
3	8	5	6	2	1	9	4	7
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- Cell mates?
- Lincoln, casually
- Heaps
- Petty dictator
- Mikita of hockey
- Adjutant
- New York island
- Flows back
- Spigot
- Debate
- Shrinking Asian sea
- Overfill
- Nest mates?
- Cockney abodes
- Tilt, at sea
- Hangman's knot
- Half a fly?
- Richard of "Chicago"
- Editorial symbols
- Scottish hillside
- Stunning stuff
- Lenin's successor
- Han or Napoleon
- Louvre Pyramid architect
- Bench mates?
- Arduous journey
- Pointless
- Olympic event?

DOWN

- Manilow's nightclub
- Moby Dick's pursuer
- Seldom seen
- Table scrap
- Sea cows
- Cook's coverage
- Among the missing
- Med. scan
- Level-headed
- "The Lost Galleon" poet
- Bahrain leader
- Doll's cry
- Stair part
- Zeal
- Scoundrels
- Wall supports
- Sternward
- Wooden shoe
- Removes the excess
- Come to terms
- Obliterate
- Western resort lake
- Bikini event, in head-lines
- Pops in Paris
- In flames
- Mall unit
- Poisonous shrub
- Amazon snake
- Wide smile
- Colombian city
- Chap in Soho
- Social customs
- Fast jets, briefly
- Actress Garr
- Got a top grade on
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