

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Monday's pg. 3 story, "Bunny Butts' invade" incorrectly states that one of the participants works for CorgiAid. Debbie Campbell is a volunteer for the group. The story also misstated when corgi Alphi was introduced. He was introduced in the rescue dog parade.

Due to a reporting error, the caption on the photo with Monday's pg. 5 story, "Chispa celebrates Carnaval," misidentifies one of the women pictured. The dancer on the far left is Toyin Adefila.

Due to an editing error, the caption on the photo with Monday's pg. 12 story, "Women's soccer blows past Georgia, Fordham," misidentifies the player. The player in the photo is Yael Averbuch.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Hunger Lunch price rises to \$4 beginning Wednesday

Nourish International's weekly Hunger Lunch will increase prices by \$1 in response to rising prices from its caterer, TROSA, the group announced Monday.

Customers now can buy 10 meals of rice, beans and corn bread for \$30.

The meals, provided every Wednesday in the Pit, raise money and awareness for global poverty.

Money raised goes toward student-led development projects that work with communities. Nourish International, started at UNC in 2003, now has chapters at 23 universities nationwide.

"While Nourish International deeply regrets having to increase the price, not doing so would be devastating for the funding of projects," a press release stated.

Russian writers visit UNC to study U.S. literature, culture

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Visit University News at dailytarheel.com for the full story.

Teacher of the Year shares insights, philosophy, stories

N.C. Teacher of the Year Cindi Rigsbee spoke for UNC's newly founded chapter of Student North Carolina Association of Educators on Monday night.

Rigsbee, a sixth and seventh-grade reading teacher at Gravelly Hill Middle School, graduated from UNC with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master of education degree.

Rigsbee recalled her experiences as an educator and talked about her teaching philosophy of "unconditional regard," which means that teachers should acknowledge all students and make them feel important.

Seminar to offer advice for students seeking arts careers

University Career Services will hold a seminar for UNC students on how to find a job in the arts today at 3 p.m. in Hanes Hall Room 239B.

Hannah Grannemann, managing director of Chapel Hill's PlayMakers Repertory Company, will be the guest speaker.

Granneman will speak about her experiences working in New York City before she came to UNC.

CITY BRIEFS

Water safe after gallons of sewage leaked in accident

After partially rupturing a pipe on a construction site in Hillsborough, town workers saw what they thought was a natural spring, but turned out to be a low-use sewage pipe.

Since the leak was reported Sept. 16, the contaminated water has been diluted and there are no lasting damages to local rivers, said Robin Jacob, executive director of the Eno River Association.

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STATE BRIEFS

Tumultuous weather causes dip in nation's blood supplies

Hurricanes Gustav, Hanna, and Ike have caused an increase in the need for blood in areas hit by the storm, and that need has drained blood supplies across the country.

The American Red Cross activated its national network to supplement the blood supplies.

Blood drives in areas hit by the storm have been cancelled due to storm damage and power outages.

—From staff and wire reports

Students, Thorp talk UNC

Multicultural center now on table

BY LAURA HOXWORTH
STAFF WRITER

Chancellor Holden Thorp suggested creating a broader multicultural center Monday as an alternative to the proposed Latina/o center.

No plans are beyond the preliminary stages, but discussions of a Latino-focused institution dominated the first meeting between Thorp and the student advisory committee to the chancellor.

Thorp said he recognized the need for a Latino center, but proposed the multicultural center as a way to encompass other current and potential groups.

Thorp and other administrators have been hesitant to support a Latino-only center.

Citing the other centers like the

Stone Center and the American Indian Center, Thorp questioned whether there wasn't a better way to address all cultures on campus.

"Maybe this is telling us that we have a different challenge, a broader challenge, than just the individual ones that we've been addressing," Thorp said.

"I certainly want to do everything we can to serve the needs of Latina and Latino students, and I can't imagine a more timely thing to work on."

But he also said he has reservations about how the center would fit in with other Latino organizations on campus.

"Let's define the problem the best we can, and then figure out how to address the concerns," he

said. "My overwhelming interest is to make sure that we don't generate multiple entities that are competing with each other and duplicating effort and resources."

Ron Bilbao, who is beginning his third year on the committee, began discussing the center two years ago with Moeser.

Bilbao said his biggest concern is making sure that Latino students do not feel like they are falling through the cracks of a large blanket organization.

Thorp and members of the committee agreed to create a task force to explore these concerns.

That group will be assembled after Thorp meets with Provost Bernadette Gray-Little on Friday to discuss the center.

Also on the committee's agenda were examining safety for graduate and professional students, creating guidelines for student protests on

campus and increasing students' interest in academics.

Todd Dalrymple, student body vice president and chairman of the committee, said he was pleased with Thorp's attitude and surprised by the meeting's productivity, considering the committee's ambitious agenda.

"We have the capacity to achieve a lot this year," Dalrymple said.

The committee's next meeting is Oct. 8.

Thorp said his biggest concern with the advisory committee was making sure that all students' needs are addressed, not just those who are actively involved on campus.

"We have to try to make our process one that will allow us to hear from everyone," Thorp said. "And that's a big challenge."

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The Carolina Farm Stewards Association held its Eastern Triangle Farm Tour on Saturday. The Dew Dance Farm in Moncure, N.C., one of 19 farms on the tour showcasing sustainable agriculture in the Triangle, raises rare breeds of chickens, sheep, angora goats and llamas.

HAVING A COW

Local farms celebrate diversity, sustainability

BY AMANDA YOUNGER
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The menagerie at Dew Dance Farm, located in Moncure, would have made Tennessee Williams proud.

Fourteen sheep, two llamas, two goats, two horses, three rabbits, 40 chickens, eight geese, nine guineas, two cats, two dogs, two turkeys and more have joined Laura Young and her husband George McRae on their 26-acre farm.

The farm was one of 19 sustainable farms showcased during the third annual Eastern Triangle Farm Tour this weekend.

Fred Broadwell, program manager of Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, said the idea for a farm tour came from local farmers who wanted their customers to see the hard work and time spent producing organic meat and produce.

"The most important aspect of the tour is that we all realize that food doesn't come from the supermarket," he said. "Our food is grown on farms by real people."

Moncure farmers see their animals as family members

Dew Dance, which has been in McRae's family for more than 50 years, dates as far back as the 1890s, local residents claim.

Although it had humble beginnings, the farm has grown considerably over the years. "It's a hobby that got out of hand," Young said.

Each of the animals is a member of an extended family, with names like Casper the Friendly Goat. Young and McRae are not willing to part with their beloved companions.

"No one gets sold to be eaten," Young said. Aside from caring for animals, Young also makes a variety of organic products using the wool from the animals and cotton that

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grows on the farm.

Young says she sometimes finds it difficult to part with the baby booties, hats, rugs and sweaters she creates. She works in a small, wooden house built from timbers that fell on the land during Hurricane Fran several years ago.

Sustainability a primary focus for Moncure farms

At Edible Earthscape Farm in Moncure, Japanese herbs are made without chemical pesticides or other products that harm the environment.

Trails of bee balm, fever few and morning bride flowers dot a small garden at the edge of the farm. The 1-acre plot of land began as a farm incubator by the Piedmont Biofuels project, which encourages local sustainable agricultural practices by giving farmers a

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BY SARAH ELLIS
STAFF WRITER

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Only one writer, Kukulin, has been to America before.

The group arrived at UNC on Wednesday last week and will remain until Friday. During this time, they will have a chance to get oriented with creative writing and Slavic language programs at UNC.

In Russia, creative writing is not specifically offered in universities, said Cassandra Hartblay, program coordinator for CEC ArtsLink, a New York-based international arts organization that facilitated the exchange.

Because the study of literature is different in Russia, the writers said they have plenty to learn.

Kanevskiy, an editor, calls himself an "amateur writer."

"It will be interesting for me to have a look at contemporary American literature, especially Southern literature," he said.

But they aren't just interested in American literature.

"I also hope to get to know how they teach creative writing and Russian language and literature in the United States," Kukulin said.

Kukulin is the editor of an independent science magazine and a literary critic in Russia.

Zvyagintsev, the director of an advertising agency and the author of four books, chose the Open World program to expand his knowledge about America — not just its literary aspect.

"I would like to know the United States better since this is my first time here," he said.

The Open World program, the writers said they probably wouldn't have been able to come to the U.S.

"It wouldn't be possible to find such a place on my own," Gatina said in Russian, through a translator. She is a poet and graphic artist.

Kanevskiy agreed.

"It's hard to go by ourselves," he said. "It's expensive."

Since this opportunity is rare, the writers plan to maintain the relationships they will make here.

Professor Christopher Putney, chairman of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, said he hopes the Russian writers will be able to develop long-term relationships with N.C. writers and literature lovers.

In addition to meeting with UNC faculty, the writers will meet with Algonquin Books, a publishing company with an office in Chapel Hill, next week.

This is the fifth group of writers that has visited the Slavic department through the Open World program, which is supported by the Open World Leadership Center at the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Open World program, started by the U.S. Congress in 1999, brings distinguished guests from post-Soviet states to experience U.S. culture.

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Candidates expand N.C. offices as election nears

State looking like a battleground

BY CAROLINE DYE
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The potential for a close contest has brought both of the presidential campaigns to North Carolina, but in very different forms.

This week, the number of offices in the state serving Republican John McCain's campaign was upped to 15 and campaign staff to about 20.

Coupled with about 30 offices that campaign for Democrat Barack Obama, the expansion reflects one of the tightest presidential elections in the state's recent history.

The campaigns of McCain and Obama have vastly different approaches to their organization in the state, which is traditionally Republican territory but is more up in the air this election.

"Democrats do better in this state

Annual budget may be tighter

UNC-CH asks for \$43 million

BY BRENDAN BROWN
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The University is asking for \$43 million in new state money, though a projected economic downturn in North Carolina could scuttle that request.

Anticipating a bad year, UNC-system officials have asked campuses to pay for as much as possible with nonstate dollars.

Rob Nelson, UNC-system vice president for finance, said this week he will start to comb through each campus' wish list, turned in last week, to make sure every dollar is justified.

"It will be a more austere budget than we usually do, and it will be more than the General Assembly will be able to fund," Nelson said.

The UNC system is the strongest advocate in the N.C. legislature for the state's public universities, and system officials have asked campus leaders to align their budget requests with the system's priorities.

UNC-Chapel Hill administrators slated \$15 million of the \$43 million for 10 main priorities, which include a broad array of programs and new employee positions. Some of them cannot go forward without state funding, administrators said.

No. 10 on the list is strengthening campus safety, which Chancellor Holden Thorp has said will be his chief focus this year.

Campus safety was the system's No. 1 priority for new state cash this summer and likely will be

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UNC-Chapel Hill expansion budget priorities for fiscal year 2009-10

- > 1. Improve retention and graduation rates - \$1.9 million
- > 2. Increase Access - \$1.2 million
- > 3. Expand the "Fast Track to Teaching Science" program - \$1.2 million
- > 4. Expand environmental resource program - \$740,000
- > 5. Develop graduate scholars in science and increase in-state tuition awards - \$5.1 million
- > 6. Institute of Global Health and Infectious Diseases - \$899,000
- > 7. Expand program to address nursing shortage - \$335,000
- > 8. AHEC Centers - \$1.7 million
- > 9. Community and economic development program - \$1.7 million
- > 10. Campus safety initiative - \$211,000

Source: UNC-CH Provost Office

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when they really work at it," said Ferrel Guillory, the UNC director of the Program on Public Life who teaches a class on Southern politics.

Obama's efforts have forced McCain to defend Republican turf.

Guillory said that last happened in 1992, when former Democratic President Bill Clinton's campaigning mobilized former President George H.W. Bush's N.C. campaign.

Paul Cox, communications director for Obama's N.C. campaign, said efforts in the state reflect the competitiveness of the race.

"Our resource commitment in North Carolina is geared towards a win," he said.

The May 6 Democratic primary brought the Obama campaign and its resources to the state early in the election season, which has been advantageous. Volunteers were veterans before the general election was even under way. Normally they would just be starting, Cox said.

But the McCain campaign is also investing in the state as the general election approaches.

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