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Kathy Arnold Taft passed away on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Kathy was born on Aug. 24, 1947 in Milwaukee, Wis. to the late Esther Gislason Arnold and Dr. Jesse Hoyt Arnold II. She was raised in Kinston and was a graduate of Grainger High School. She spent many years as a public health educator in Raleigh and Greenville. In 1981, Kathy graduated cum laude from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

In 1995, Kathy was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to the state Board of Education. Before being appointed to the state board, she was vice chairperson of the Pitt County Board of Education in Greenville. Kathy was a founding member of Pitt County Communities in Schools. She served on the Board of Governors of the Governor’s Schools of North Carolina from 1986-1992. She was a guardian ad litem volunteer, member of the East Carolina University Women’s Roundtable, an Educator’s Hall of Fame Inductee, and was recently honored by Order of the Cupola.

She was preceded in death by a sister Susan Marie Arnold.

She is survived by her children, Jessica Perry Gorall and husband Dwight, Paige Pressly Fuqua and husband Chris, Thomas Fleming Taft Jr. and Jonathan Gudmund Taft. She has five grandsons, Ryan Taylor Gorall, Benjamin Warren Gorall, Christopher Gaines Fuqua Jr., Joseph Hoyt Fuqua and Nicholas Wilder Fuqua. Kathy is also survived by her sister, Dina Arnold Holton; her brother, Jesse Hoyt Arnold III; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Wilkerson Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Kathy A. Taft Scholarship for a female undergraduate in Education Policy UNC School of Education Foundation, CB# 3500 Peabody Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, and The Kathy A. Taft Scholarship for a female undergraduate in Education Leadership College of Education, East Carolina University Foundation, Inc., The Greenville Centre, Ste 1100, 2200 South Charles Blvd., Mail Stop 301 Greenville, NC 27858-4353.

Cypress Glen man carries papers to neighbors
By Kristin Day
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Cypress Glen residents need not be alarmed if they hear someone approach their front doors about 5:30 a.m. It’s just neighbor David Stevens re-delivering their newspapers. For the last eight years, the retired Air Force colonel has made a dual purpose for his morning walks, bringing his neighbors’ papers from their driveways — or newspaper boxes — to their front doors. To date, he’s delivered approximately 106,560 newspapers.
Stevens began this daily ritual shortly after moving to the Greenville retirement community, just off Fifth Street, on March 12, 2002, while doctors worked on solving a bleeding problem in his small intestines. At the time, he didn’t think he had much time to live.
He was walking one morning when he saw an elderly lady wrapped in a shawl and supporting herself with a cane. The average driveway to a Cypress Glen cottage is about 30 healthy strides, and she was having trouble making it.
“Most of these people are using walkers or are in a wheelchair,” Stevens said, “and they can’t walk out and get the paper as easily as I can walk it up there.”
Stevens, who turned 87 on Jan. 31, served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II before returning to the states and graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1951 with a juris doctorate degree in law, and Duke University in ’56, with a master’s degree in international law. After teaching at the Air Force Academy, where he created an international law course, and serving as the director of Air Force judiciary at the Pentagon, he came to East Carolina University in 1970 to teach classes in criminal law and social welfare legislation. In 1972, he began his 17-year stint as university attorney.
Stevens retired in 1989. After local doctors resolved his medical issues in 2003, he could have moved anywhere in the world, he said. But he had fallen in love with his new community and found a daily mission to help his neighbors.
As a general rule, Stevens leaves the house about 5:30 a.m. and spends about an hour briskly walking 1.2 miles through the neighborhood, up and down 32 driveways, to leave dailies for his “customers.” If he’s running late, he’ll deliver them on his bike to ensure he gets them out before anyone wakes up.
On Sundays, when the papers are in plastic bags, he’ll tear holes to hang them on doorknobs. Otherwise, he slides them in the screen or glass doors, or dangles them from rubber bands. Some of his customers have requested he place the paper under a rock or iron lid on a side table.
Stevens works in rain, heat, snow and ice, all while getting a cardio workout with plenty of squats. Except for an occasional vacation away from the city, he’s never missed a day of work. On those rare occurrences, Stevens said he’s excited to have found a temporary replacement in new neighbor Jerry Hopfengardner.

The routine also keeps him in touch with nature. He loves to watch the Big Dipper move as the seasons change. He’s fond of a large orange moon on the horizon. He’s had both enchanting and terrifying encounters with the local deer, foxes and stray dogs.

“Sometimes, I just stop to look and listen to the birds,” he said. “And you feel the presence of the Creator.”

However, it’s the connection to his neighbors that’s most rewarding.

“This is June Johnson here, “ he said as he approached one house. “She goes to my church.”

“Mary lives over there,” he said of the place across the street.

“He’s in my coffee circle,” he said of another neighbor.

At one residence, Stevens takes a newspaper from the box and stuffs it in his jacket, saying the couple that lived there is deceased but the subscription hasn’t run out. He delivers their paper to a new couple — just until they get settled and buy their own.

At another cottage, a paper is already at the door. Stevens explained that the Reflector’s driver, Antwan Teagle, began making special trips to the owner’s doorstep after finding out she was on oxygen.

“I think so much of this young man delivering the paper,” Stevens said. “He has such a warm humility.”

By another home, Stevens pauses and says the resident has fallen a few times, and recently her husband came out to thank Stevens for making their mornings a little easier.

“He said, ‘One of the reasons I love being here so much is something like this,’” Stevens recalled, tears welling in his eyes. “... It is appreciated, and I know it. It’s a beautiful win-win situation.” Stevens said he also mounts about four American flags every morning. One is in memory of a deceased neighbor who was a retired Army colonel. His widow requests the flag be raised every fair-weathered day, and Stevens obliges.

“They all have a story,” he said while he made his way down a driveway to finish up at the “late-sleepers” houses — they don’t typically wake until about 8 a.m.

“They’re all my friends,” he said. “My neighbors.”

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**Taft's vision, tireless advocacy for education will be missed**

Thursday, March 11, 2010
Most of the time when Kathy Taft and I were in the same room we sat by necessity in opposite corners.
I was a journalist for Greenville’s daily newspaper, either reporting for a news story or gathering facts as an editorial writer or columnist. Taft was a public official, either acting as member of Pitt County’s school board or as a longtime member of the state school board.
The curtain of detachment those roles forced kept our conversations through the years somewhat prescribed.
What would the local school board do about redrawing elementary school attendance lines for racially imbalanced schools inside Greenville?
What would school board members do to change a tug-of-war relationship with county commissioners over money?
What tactics would schools employ to get high-profile businesses and their leaders directly engaged helping at-risk children?
Yet offer Taft an opening and our discussions would stray into how Pitt County and eastern North Carolina could build a stronger future. The strategy for her always came down to getting more education to more people who live here.
Taft died this week from injuries she received in a vicious attack in a Raleigh home. I’ve been thinking about why losing Taft has struck me so.
For more than two decades varied roles at The Daily Reflector kept me engaged in conversation and debate about public policies in Greenville, and Pitt County. As an editorial writer in particular I followed the turns of state education reforms — policies not always devised by those speaking with eastern North Carolina in mind.
In time, you spot patterns from the politicians and citizen-servants who carry the mantle of public education.
Pattern No. 1: They don’t really believe what they are saying but like the ring of their voices supporting education.
Pattern No. 2: They understand the power education has to change lives but don’t have the patience or inventiveness to see an agenda through in practical ways.
What struck me about Taft was that she did not follow either pattern.
Politically, you could disagree with her progressive views. But you could not sidestep her advocacy. She did her homework and relied on facts to make her points.
And when she talked about the power of education to improve lives, she had lived the story. Her voice seemed genuine, much like the region she represented in state school policy.
Oh, how that had value for Greenville and eastern North Carolina.
The last time Kathy Taft and I were in the same room we landed by chance as seatmates at a luncheon last month. We spent the time discussing — you guessed it — how Greenville and the East could build a stronger future.
We talked over our mutual conviction that getting more education to more people is the path to lasting change. We also talked about my exit from the news business last year during layoffs at the state’s largest newspaper.
Be patient about your future, Taft advised. Be true to who you are. And please, she urged, don’t let your voice disappear from North Carolina’s public dialogue.
My sense is that Kathy Taft was true to who she was. What a shame for this region and this state her voice will go missing.

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What matters now is that Kathy Taft has left behind four children and five grandchildren and a tremendous number of friends who loved her and colleagues who admired her. The veteran member of the State Board of Education dedicated her public life to schools and students and had a passion for that work. And it was work.

Former Gov. Jim Hunt, who appointed her to the state board, remembered that she didn’t “just pat you on the head. She would pat you on the head and say we can do even better.”

For 15 years, she pushed high standards for North Carolina students and, having had some success in making her case, wanted those standards higher still.

The brutal assault that ultimately took Taft’s life occurred in the Raleigh home of her companion, attorney John Geil, who was in Florida when it happened. Taft was taken to the hospital after she was found Saturday morning. She died Tuesday.

The interest in the case is broad and deep because Taft had a wide range of friends and interests inside and outside of public life and politics.

All those who knew her, personally or professionally, are hoping for a quick and certain resolution of the crime, so that family members may have some peace and begin healing.

It will take a while. Taft left an impression wherever she went, and she went many places in North Carolina. “Dedicated public servant” may be an overused term in some ways, but it applied, and accurately so, to Kathy Taft. “Devoted mother, grandmother and friend” did, too. And that was most important to her.
Chanting students evicted

College students were kicked out of a legislative committee meeting Tuesday after they chanted their opposition to raising tuition and fees.

Rakhee Devasthali, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill, told Dome that the students — about 15 of them representing four universities — tried and failed to get on the committee’s agenda. When told by the committee chairman that they would not be allowed to talk, the group began chanting, "No cuts, no fees. Education must be free."

"I firmly believe in free speech," said state Rep. Doug Yongue, a Scotland County Democrat who co-chaired the meeting. "But in running a legis-

lature, you have to have an organization, a process and protocol."

Sergeants-at-arms asked the students to leave and the chanting continued in the hallway, said General Assembly Police Chief Jeff Weaver.

"That's just not the proper way to conduct business," Weaver said.

An officer told the students that if they continued the disturbance they could be subject to arrest.

"These are supposed to be representatives of the people," Devasthali said. "The people of North Carolina came to the meeting today. We were forcibly pushed out."

Students, in a news release, first claimed they were assaulted and forcibly ejected by police. Later, they issued a release that had deleted the word "assaulted."

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Hearts probed too often

DURHAM -- Thousands of patients may undergo heart catheterizations without having any blockages that would warrant the invasive diagnostic test, researchers at Duke University Medical Center report today.

The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that up to 60 percent of patients without a history of heart disease are essentially free of clogs when they undergo cardiac catheterizations. Expensive and potentially risky, the procedures could often be avoided if less invasive diagnostic tools were more effective.

"The question is: Is there a better way to do this?" said Dr. Manesh Patel, a cardiologist at Duke University Medical Center and lead author of the study.

It's a multimillion-dollar question. As the health care debate rages in Washington, concerns about the proper use of technology and medical procedures have emerged, particularly as they drive up the nation's $2.3 trillion tab for health expenditures.

"Whenever you have expensive procedures, there's the concern that some of them will be unnecessary," said Thomas Hoerger, a health economist at RTI International in Research Triangle Park. "The problem is knowing which are unnecessary. Better screening or pre-surgery differentiation of patients can help, but it's hard just to say cut the number of catheterizations by 60 percent."

Each year in the United States, an estimated 1.5 million patients have heart catheterizations, which are the gold standard in detecting blood vessel blockages that can cause heart attacks.

Costing between $10,000 and $30,000, depending on complications, the procedure is a model of sophisticated medical technology.

Often conducted in special labs, catheterization involves opening a blood vessel in the arm or leg to route a thin tube into the heart. Dye is injected through the tube, highlighting blockages on imaging machines in what's called an angiograph.

For people such as William Brimley, 58, of Roxboro, the procedure is a life-saver. Brimley has severe heart disease, and the catheterization confirmed doctors' suspicions that new clogs had built up in vessels cleared two years ago during a triple-bypass surgery.

Brimley had his workup at Duke, where he was attended by a team of four - Patel, a nurse and a technician in the procedure room, plus a computer operator sitting a room away. A swiveling X-ray machine automatically zoomed in over Brimley's chest to capture the best angle for pictures. Monitors blinked in the control room.

But that level of sophistication may be overblown for many others.

Early tests misleading
Patel's study involved nearly 400,000 U.S. patients who had no known heart disease but had elected to get heart catheterizations, often after experiencing chest pain or an unusual heart rhythm.

Nearly all those patients - 84 percent - were given a noninvasive screening such as an electrocardiogram, a CT scan or a stress test. Most of those exams came back positive, suggesting a cardiac catheterization was warranted.

When the procedure was done, however, only 38 percent of the patients actually had blockage, about 40 percent had no blockages, and the remainder had minor clogs.

Patel said the problem is not with cardiac catheterizations but with the noninvasive exams that precede it. Ideally, those tests should keep healthy people from undergoing an expensive procedure that puts them at risk for serious complications, including stroke and heart attack.

"The interim steps need to be improved," Patel said. In addition, he said, more needs to be done to establish a consistent threshold from stress tests and other diagnostic procedures before triggering a catheterization.

"That's a national discussion," he said. "It's hard to tell a patient they have an abnormal [stress] test, and some risk, but they don't need to go to the cath lab."

He said many patients opt to have a catheterization so they can get definitive answers. If minor blockage turns up, Patel said, it often motivates patients to modify their diets and exercise, so there are some benefits to the trend.

Still, he said, the better alternative would be to have more sensitive noninvasive diagnostic tools.

To that end, he said, the Duke team next month will begin enrolling patients in a four-year study comparing two noninvasive diagnostic testing strategies - stress tests and coronary computed tomographic angiography, a newer imaging technology that is gaining popularity.

The study, which will include 10,000 patients nationwide, will assess how effective the diagnostic tools are, and whether they improve patient outcomes.

"In this time of health care reform, we have to ask what's the best way to see who has blockage," Patel said. "There's a new wave of ideas to figure out new ways of getting people a diagnosis. We have a lot of work still to do."

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Woodson eager to invigorate NCSU

After heavy budget cuts from the state and an unprecedented leadership crisis last year, N.C. State University has become "risk averse," said incoming NCSU Chancellor Randy Woodson, vowing to jolt the university out of that defensive posture.

Speaking to a group of News & Observer editors and writers Wednesday, Woodson said he'll lead a campuswide discussion over the next year about what directions the university should take, with an emphasis on lifting its national and international reputation.

That would mean taking bold academic risks, he said, such as identifying colleges, schools or departments that will get more funding, even at the expense of others.

"The grand challenges of society now - water, climate, energy - have science and technology issues that have to be resolved, and N.C. State is in a tremendous position to be among the leading institutions in the country that address those challenges. But we can't do that if we're not strong in engineering, the physical sciences and mathematics," Woodson said.

"So academic risk is when you step up in front of your colleagues, and put a stake in the ground and say, at the risk of offending another discipline, we're going to the next level in chemical engineering or we're going to the next level in molecular biology and the life sciences."

Woodson won't officially start work until next month, but he has identified some other goals: among them, more than tripling the university's endowment to $1 billion. NCSU has one of the smallest endowments of any research-intensive, highly-ranked university in the nation, he said.

The university's last major fundraising campaign was a success, but it focused on facilities rather than endowments to support faculty, scholarships and programs. In an era when state allocations are getting tighter, the endowment must be a high priority, he said.

The university also must increase the size of its faculty, which Woodson said is simply too small given enrollment growth. By 2017, some projections predict NCSU could have close to 40,000 students, he said.

"The size of the faculty relative to our competition and student enrollment, and the salaries of our faculty compared to our competition are two concerns right now," he said.

Asked his views on the public university system's legislated 18 percent enrollment cap for out-of-state students, he said 9 percent or 10 percent of NCSU's freshmen come from outside North Carolina.

"Do I think 18 percent makes sense?" he said. "I'd like to be there."

It's important to serve North Carolina students, he said. But one way to serve them well is to expose them to the diversity of thought that outsiders bring.
Newcomers can also be a long-term benefit to the state, because they're often fine additions to the population.

"This is a great place to live, and you can recruit talent here you wouldn't have otherwise."

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Carney earns UNC-CH provost job

CHAPEL HILL -- UNC's new provost is the same as the old provost.

Bruce Carney, who has served as interim provost since Bernadette Gray-Little left the post last year, has been given the position.

The university did a national search that netted three finalists. But none really fit, UNC-CH Chancellor Holden Thorp said in a letter to the campus community.

"We prevailed upon Bruce to stay in his role," Thorp wrote. "Not only has he come to enjoy the job, but we've come to rely on him. He's done an outstanding job, and appointing him allows us to continue moving forward without skipping a beat."

Carney, a physics professor, has held several top administrative posts and was most recently interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Thorp's old job.

The provost is the university's chief academic officer.
New NCSU museum director chosen

RALEIGH -- A new director has been named to run the Gregg Museum of Arts & Design at N.C. State University, the university announced this morning.

Roger Manley, who worked in the campus museum as a curator in the 1990s, will take over the job on June 1. He has worked as a curator at more than 40 institutions, including the Asheville Art Museum, the Atlantic Center for the Arts, the Center on Contemporary Art/Seattle, the Collection de l'Art Brut in Switzerland and more. He also worked as museums in this state, including the N.C. Museum of Art, Duke University, Green Hill Center for N.C. Art and the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art.

Manley is a photographer, filmmaker and writer. His feature documentary film, "Mana -- Beyond Belief," premiered at Lincoln Center in New York in 2005, and has won international festival awards.

He has exhibited his own photographs of Hispanic migrant farmworkers, Palestinian villages, Gullah Sea islanders, Australian aboriginals, Native Americans, prisoners, millworkers and more.

Manley replaces Charlotte Brown, who retired as director last year after building the Gregg from a small space on campus in the 1980s into a much larger presence with a growing reputation.
Plan could give NCSU new neighbors

A Charlotte developer who has spent the past three years assembling property at the edge of downtown Raleigh is moving ahead with plans to transform an abandoned industrial area between N.C. State University and downtown into a mix of apartments, townhouses and shops.

In a rezoning request filed with the city of Raleigh this month, FMW Real Estate outlined plans to redevelop a 6.67-acre site just west of West Morgan and Hillsborough streets.

The $40 million first phase would include a five-story, 240-unit apartment building, 32 town houses on Ashe Street and 10,000 square feet of restaurant, retail and office space along Morgan Street, Wakefield Avenue and Tryon Street.

Jim Zanoni, who owns FMW with Walker Wells, said the company hopes to break ground by next spring.

The project is one of the most ambitious proposed in Raleigh since the recession began, and it would breathe life into an area that thousands drive past everyday but few people know exists.

"It hasn't had anything done to it for - what - 40 years," Zanoni said.

FMW still has two sizable obstacles to overcome: acquiring financing for the project and getting city approval.

But Zanoni and Wells have a strong track record in Charlotte, where they assembled more than 300,000 square feet of land in the city's midtown. They were responsible for assembling the land for Charlotte's football stadium and basketball arena, and the five city blocks that make up Gateway Village.

The Raleigh project would be FMW's first foray into multifamily housing.

Asked why the company was making such a big bet in Raleigh, Zanoni noted the difference in the unemployment rate in Raleigh and in the Charlotte metro area. The Raleigh-Cary unemployment rate was 9.1 percent in December; the Charlotte metro area's was 12.2 percent.

"That differential is huge, and that is what attracted us to this site," Zanoni said. "We are between N.C. State and the downtown, which are two very stable submarkets."

Beginning in 2007, FMW paid about $10.5 million for four parcels. The largest piece, five acres, was sold to FMW by the Bolton family, which once operated a heating-and-air-conditioning company on the site.

FMW also owns property fronting Hillsborough Street, including the IHOP restaurant site. That site would be part of phase two of the redevelopment, and plans for that portion are not final, Zanoni said.

FMW is interested in acquiring more property, Zanoni said, but its current assemblage is large enough to
move ahead with a mixed-use project.

FMW's proposal comes as Raleigh is in renovating along Hillsborough Street. The $9.9 million project is scheduled to be complete in September. The renovation includes adding a roundabout at the Hillsborough and Morgan street intersection and converting traffic on Morgan to two-way.

FMW is applying to have its site declared a pedestrian business overlay district, which would eliminate the need for rezoning and require the property to have a uniform streetscape and parking plan.

Announcing the plans now allows FMW's proposal to be included in a city-led study looking at what the best land uses for the area should be. The city's small area plan, is expected to be complete in May. A public hearing on FMW's request for an overlay district is likely to be held in July.

Arthur Gordon, owner of Irregardless Cafe on West Morgan Street, said he welcomes the jobs, pedestrian traffic, streetscape improvements and tax revenue that would come with FMW's project. When Irregardless opened 35 years, it was fronted by a dirt road, and Gordon has watched as the property behind his cafe fell into disrepair.

"I like to think of myself as the longest overnight success in the business. Any day now I'll have a real location," he said. "I know that there's always not-in-my-backyard type people, but we're not in anybody's backyard."

FMW is hoping that the topography of its site will prove an asset in blending the development with its surroundings. The low point of the property at the corner of Wakefield and Tryon is about 30 feet below Hillsborough and most of Morgan.

"The topography of the site lends well to a dense, urban, transit-friendly project, and yet from the Morgan-Hillsborough grade, you wouldn't know it," Zanoni said.

The project's apartments would be comparable to those offered nearby at 712 Tucker, a Crosland apartment building that opened in 2007, Zanoni said. The 171 Tucker units, within walking distance of Glenwood South and downtown Raleigh, have been popular with renters. All but two are occupied.

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No editor found for NCSU paper

N.C. State University's 90-year-old student newspaper, the Technician, is struggling to find enough editors and may be on the verge of shutting down.

The situation is so dire that the paper ran an editorial Wednesday begging students for help "regardless of age or experience."

"Without student support, the paper could cease publication at the end of the semester. ... Today's paper was only in the stand because of what the staff would describe as a printing miracle," the editorial said.

The paper was already missing key editors last month when the top editor, Ty Johnson, was suspended from his job for violating a university policy, said Russell Witham, the editor who wrote the piece about the paper's plight. Then, the managing editor quit to take an internship.

Worse yet, there is no replacement for Johnson in the pipeline for the next academic year. The Student Media Board of Directors was supposed to hire a new Technician editor Tuesday night. Under the traditional timetable, that would have given the incoming editor a month and a half to shadow the current editor, then time to piece together a core staff before taking over for the weekly summer school editions of the paper.

No one applied to become top editor, though. So instead of hiring a new editor, the board appointed a former Technician editor to lead a committee that will make recommendations about the future of the newspaper.

The student body president, Jim Ceresnak, who will be on that committee, said the newspaper is part of the glue that holds together the more than 30,000 students and the widely different colleges of the state's largest university.

"I can't allow the newspaper to close, and we as a university can't allow that to happen," he said.

Editors, former editors and the university staff adviser who oversees the paper cited a host of issues that have made it harder to fill key jobs, including the long work hours required and a general sense that, given widespread layoffs in the journalism industry, perhaps students' time would be better spent doing something else.

Among other things, the new committee will make recommendations about retooling the editor's job to make it more attractive. Options include reigning in the mandatory hours from 35 a week and spreading the duties around, said Bradley Wilson, coordinator for student media advising and the university's adviser to the newspaper staff.

Johnson said he was suspended because his grade point average for the fall semester was below the minimum of 2.5 that students in leadership positions must maintain. He said that he had expected to simply be given a work plan to get his grades up, as he had when they dipped last spring. Instead, he said, Wilson and other professional staff on the paper decided to suspend him.
Wilson, the adviser, said the suspension shocked the rest of the staff and may have made some reconsider applying for the editor job.

"Suddenly everyone was focused on academics, and it was like, wow, my grades could drop, too," he said.

Wilson said that the newspaper's problems have become a major topic on campus and that once the editor's job is retooled he's sure it will draw applicants.

"All student groups have rebuilding years, like certain basketball teams in the area," he said. "It's not a throw-out-the-baby-with-the-bathwater year, it's a rebuilding year."

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