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Freeboot Friday marks 10th year of celebrating Pirates, downtown

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After a spectacular win last weekend by the East Carolina University football team against Tulsa on Sunday, an annual celebratory event begins today.

Freeboot Friday — started by Uptown Greenville, a nonprofit organization focused on revitalizing the downtown area — is back for another season.

"This year marks our 10th annual series. Freeboot started with a small group of some 50 people and has grown to crowds of up to 3,200. It's become a Greenville tradition" said Debbie Vargas, one of the creators and coordinators of the event.

Held at Five Points Plaza, at the corner of Evans and Fifth streets, Freeboot Friday will be held today, Oct. 15, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5 before ECU home games. This year there are only four events since the first home game fell on a Sunday.

Freeboot is a family friendly event. Local restaurants will provide food samples; wine and beer will be available from R.A. Jeffreys Distributing for those 21 and older. In addition to the food and drinks, the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge and the Greenville Museum of Art will have children's crafts, and an inflatable pirate ship will be on site. Local businesses and nonprofit organizations will have information available.

As always, live music is an important part of the Freebooting atmosphere. Today's music will be the jazz, rhythm and blues band The Monitors. If you're a regular attendee of Sunday in the Park,

A FREEBOOT FRIDAY crowd gathers to watch the special activities for East Carolina's Homecoming weekend, including the ECU cheerleaders.

IF YOU GO!

What: Freeboot Friday
When: 5-8 p.m. today, Oct. 15, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5
Where: Five Points Plaza, the corner of Evans and Fifth streets
Cost: Free
Call: 561-8400
Visit: www.uptowngreenville.com

this band has made a yearly appearance at the free Sunday concert series since it began 37 years ago. Opening for The Monitors is local songster Anna Vaughn Creech. At 8 p.m.,

the ECU Marching Pirates will perform to close out the first Freeboot of the season.

Reggae band Jah Creation from Charleston, S.C., will take the stage Oct. 15. The Charming Youngsters will open.

The Usta B's will open the Oct. 22 Freeboot, which includes a homecoming celebration. The headlining act for that weekend will be chosen and announced by the ECU Homecoming Committee at a later date.

2006 Rock and Roll Hall of Farmer and former Lynyrd Skynyrd drummer Artimus Pyle will close out the Freebooting season Nov. 5.
ECU investigating alleged rape in dorm

The Daily Reflector

East Carolina University police are investigating an alleged rape in a College Hill dormitory at 12:30 a.m. on Sept. 4, a department official said.

A 19-year-old female student reported that she engaged in intercourse with a friend, also a student at the university, without her consent.

The victim was not injured, and the sexual assault was not forced, according to the report. Alcohol was a factor in the incident, the report said.

"We are consulting with the Pitt County District Attorney's Office at this time, and charges are pending," Assistant Chief Dawn Tevepaugh said Thursday.
Mandate affects college students

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Most students in the University of North Carolina system are required to have health insurance this fall semester.

This requirement affects about 215,000 students on all 16 university-system campuses. Students at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, a magnet high school, are exempt. The UNC system is offering a plan to the approximately 16 percent of its students who cannot provide their own health insurance.

Many area high-school graduates attend East Carolina University to pursue higher education. They will be affected by this new law.

Jolene Jernigan, director of student health services on the ECU campus, explained in an e-mail last week how the health-insurance mandate is affecting the university and its nearly 28,000 students this fall semester.

"Students without coverage from an existing plan will be automatically enrolled into the health policy adopted by East Carolina. The Student Health Insurance Plan works in partnership with the University Health Fee to provide seamless health care at a reasonable cost to students," she wrote.

Undergraduate students in degree-seeking programs or enrolled in six or more credit hours on main campus are required to have health insurance. Graduate students in degree-seeking programs or enrolled in one or more credit hours on the main campus are required to have health insurance.

Jernigan elaborated that the university health fee covers provider charges at student health services, while the student health insurance plan covers other charges such as laboratory procedures, X-rays, pharmaceuticals and referrals to community specialists when needed.

Students who are already covered by existing health plans may opt out of the university's plan.

The college plan offers 12-month coverage with split billing and coverage periods from Aug. 1 to Jan. 1 and Jan. 2 to July 31 in any 12-month period.

Under the new system-wide plan, a student will pay half of the health insurance premium each semester, with coverage continuing through the summer whether or not the student is enrolled in summer school.

For students who graduate in the spring, coverage continues until Aug. 1 of the year they graduate. For students who graduate at the end of the fall semester, coverage remains in effect to Jan. 1 of the next year.

The provider for ECU's health plan is Pearce & Pearce, student-insurance specialists since 1948. This family run company is based in Florence, S.C.

Jernigan noted that because health insurance is a requirement for attendance by students meeting the established criteria, financial-aid money may be used to pay the premiums. Jernigan said that most students have received assistance.

The mandate for North Carolina students came through the Board of Governors for the University of North Carolina. The board comprises 32 voting members who are appointed by the N.C. General Assembly to four-year terms.

Beaufort County Community College is taking a different approach with student health care.
Judy Jennette, public relations director at BCCC and director of the Beaufort County Community College Foundation, said BCCC offers health insurance through other ways rather than mandated coverage.

"Beaufort County Community College does not offer its students health insurance. Nor do we require that they have it. We do offer insurance through their student activity fees, and certain types of classes like nursing and boat-engine repair," she said.
UNC fields bedrail requests after deadly fall from bunk

CHAPEL HILL -- UNC-Chapel Hill officials are discussing whether to require bunk-bed railings after the death of a woman who fell from her daughter's dorm-room bunk bed last month.

The fatal accident has led to a spike in requests for the safety bedrails at UNC-CH. The university has received more than double the usual requests for the attachments since the Aug. 20 death of Donna Sykes, 49, who suffered a fatal head injury upon falling from a loft bed in Kenan Residence Hall.

Sykes was visiting her daughter, Jesse, 19, who was starting her first year at UNC-CH after transferring from Nash Community College. Jesse Sykes had the room to herself as no roommate was assigned.

Mother and daughter were extremely close, according to their hometown newspaper, the Rocky Mount Telegram. The young woman has cerebral palsy, and her mother was helping her adjust to dorm life at the start of the semester. A biology major, Jesse Sykes, plans a career in medicine.

Details of Sykes' death are scant. Since there was no foul play involved, campus police did not conduct a formal investigation.

Campus officials could not say how high the bed sat, but housing director Larry Hicks said the two beds in the room were not elevated before move-in.

Students can set each bed as low as 3 inches off the floor to as high as 77 inches - almost 6-1/2 feet.

"I can only assume that [Sykes' beds] were lofted to provide more space in the room," Hicks said.

The beds don't come with rails, but the university says it provides them on request and is considering requiring them.

"We are in discussions on this topic as we speak," Hicks said Thursday.

Some schools install rails on every bunk and require students to sign a waiver if they don't want them, according to Mark Briggs, a safety consultant who oversaw risk management at the University of Illinois for 10 years.

"The students don't like that because it looks childish," Briggs said. "We can let intelligent adults make some of their own decisions."

When junior Matt White was setting up his room up at the start of the fall semester, he first raised his bed as high as it would go.

It wasn't stable.

"It rocks back and forth as you try to get up into it," White said. "It gets wobbly."

Eventually, he dropped it about a foot, still high enough to fit the desk and refrigerator he put underneath.
Students request bedrails

Hicks' office had received 68 requests for bedrails - more than double previous years - before Sykes' accident.

"We think it may be because we had a bedrail installed on the lofted bed in the 'show room' that we set up for orientation," Hicks said.

Since the accident, the residential education office has received about 75 requests.

Hicks said all 8,500 beds on campus can be raised, and about half of dorm students choose to raise them. That means a very small fraction of loft beds have safety rails.

Though White has never felt unsafe in his loft bed, he's considering adding bed rails.

"You never think about 'if I roll off the bed, I might die,' he said. "I never thought about it like that before. It's disconcerting."

'Incidents are very rare'

Hicks said the university does not recommend rails at any particular height, and no one else has died falling from a bunk bed at UNC-CH. He said bunk-bed falls have injured students only a handful of times over the past decade.

"Incidents are very rare," he said.

Briggs, a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, which publishes campus safety tips, said the death of a parent sleeping in a bunk is extraordinary. Most bunk accidents occur when students are drinking, horsing around or having sex, he said.

"There's usually something other than sleeping going on," he said. "There's nothing inherently dangerous about bunk beds used by adults, and that's proven out by the fact that so many of them are used without problems."

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Fire safety program launched at UNC

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CHAPEL HILL — There is no greater argument for fire safety than the five lives lost in the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity house tragedy in 1996.

Gov. Bev Perdue and more than 30 people, including fire department officers from Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Greensboro, gathered Thursday on the lawn of the rebuilt fraternity house to launch a national fire safety community service project at UNC-CH.

The service project will pair students across the country with local firefighters to promote fire safety in the communities and on college campuses.

Perdue's son was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at UNC-CH at the time and was a close friend of Ben Woodruff, a student who died in the fire.

"I'm a proud Phi Gam mama ... that day was a life-changing experience," Perdue said.

In 2001, all fraternities and sororities at UNC-CH installed fire sprinklers, and they are now inspected annually by the Chapel Hill Fire Department. Sprinklers are in more than 85 percent of the university's student residences, but until all housing has them, students can still die from a fire, said Bonnie Woodruff, Ben's mother.

"[With] a fire of this magnitude, when you have a bunch of students living together, a fire alarm is great; but to make sure students stay alive, you need fire sprinklers," Woodruff said.

The Michael H. Minger Foundation is sponsoring the project and received a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security. Educating students at North Carolina colleges and universities is the first phase of a national initiative.

"We wanted to launch it out of North Carolina because we were so happy with the level of support, and the level of desire of schools here to participate," said Gail Minger, president of the Michael H. Minger Foundation, who lost her son in a residence hall fire at Murray State University in Kentucky. "I think schools that have a tragedy like UNC, they have had a life lesson, and unfortunately sometimes it takes that."

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Chancellor describes UNCW advancement for state system's board

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About five years ago, UNC-system President Erskine Bowles toured the University of North Carolina Wilmington campus shortly after taking office.

And he was less than impressed, according to UNCW Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo's recollection.

"He looked at me and everyone on campus. He said, 'This place looks pretty scruffy,'" DePaolo told the system's Board of Governors on Thursday morning.

"And he didn't come back. He didn't come back until this past February."

Thursday marked the first time in five years that the UNC system's governing body had made the trip down to Wilmington. It typically meets in Chapel Hill.

And DePaolo used the opportunity to describe how the university has transformed in the interim: from a "mediocre" locally focused university to a respected, competitive campus that focuses on undergraduate education and research.

"We're proud of that, and so is our community," she said. "We decided that we were no longer going to be good, we were going to be great."

One of the primary ways that was accomplished, she said, was putting an emphasis on enticing students to stay on campus. After she became chancellor in 2003, the university launched a campaign to double the number of beds on campus and keep upperclassmen from moving off campus.

It's been successful, DePaolo said. And retention and graduation rates have grown along with it.

Now the university is focusing on boosting its emphasis on research, health care education and partnerships with other schools and the military. She said the school hopes to attract smart students who want a personal experience.

"That's the niche that UNCW can fill in North Carolina," she said.

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UNC sports troubles may go back a year or more - North Carolina

BY ERIC FERRERI - STAFF WRITER

WILMINGTON -- Academic misconduct within the University of North Carolina football program may date back a year or more, Athletic Director Dick Baddour told members of the UNC system's Board of Governors on Thursday.

"The short answer is yes," Baddour said when asked whether cheating may have taken place in prior years. "We will go where the information takes us."

Baddour spoke on the UNC Wilmington campus, where the board, which sets policy for all public universities in North Carolina, is meeting.

UNC system officials asked Baddour and UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Holden Thorp to come to Wilmington to discuss the NCAA and university's investigation of the Tar Heels football program, which sidelined 13 players for its season-opening loss Saturday to Louisiana State University.

The NCAA, the governing body for intercollegiate sports, sent investigators to Chapel Hill in July to interview an undisclosed number of players - including defensive tackle Marvin Austin and wide receiver Greg Little - about possible improper contact with sports agents. As that investigation continues, the university has begun looking into allegations of academic impropriety involving a tutor formerly employed by the UNC athletic department and Tar Heels football coach Butch Davis.

It is not clear just when the tutor, who has not been publicly identified, was allegedly involved. Asked Thursday whether the university knows whether the misconduct stretches back multiple years, Thorp said, "I just can't say."

Thorp said the university will probably get more information from the NCAA on the future eligibility of at least some of the 13 football players currently being held out of competition before the Tar Heels' next game, a home contest Sept. 18 against Georgia Tech.

But Thorp added that it's unlikely there will be any sweeping resolution at any one point; he said each athlete's case is separate.

"What we have is 13 individual cases," he said. "They're all on the race track at different points."

Student court's role

Thorp and Baddour also stressed that athletes being held out will be allowed to play only if both the NCAA and the student Honor Court give their approval. The NCAA governs intercollegiate athletics; the Honor Court at UNC is an autonomous, student-run judicial system that hears student conduct cases, including those involving cheating. It can impose penalties up to and including dismissal from the university; its punishment for athletes found cheating might very well be harsher than what the NCAA imposes, Baddour said.

"If the NCAA says you have to sit out four games, and the honor court says you're not going to be in school, then you're not going to be in school," he said.

Baddour said the "fact-finding" portion of the university's investigation of the allegations is nearing an end. Afterward a broader analysis of the university's academic support program for athletes remains, Baddour said.
The Academic Support Program - temporarily housed in Kenan Stadium's Pope Box while the new five-story Carolina Student-Athlete Center for Excellence is being built - opened in 1985. Its director reports to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences but also coordinates with John Blanchard, the senior associate athletic director for student-athlete services. Blanchard reports to Baddour.

Each semester, the program employs 25 tutors and 25 to 30 academic mentors at roughly $10 to $12 an hour. The tutors work individually and in groups on such subjects as history, math and writing.

About a fourth of the tutors, come from the community and include retirees and former teachers. The others are UNC students, graduate and undergraduate, who are usually recommended by individual academic departments.

"Are there ways we could have prevented this?" Baddour asked of the reason for the academic support analysis. "How do we get better? How do we grow from this?"

Baddour and Thorp spoke for about 15 minutes to a largely friendly audience of board members, fielding a smattering of questions that were largely procedural in nature. Several members lauded them for their handling of the matter. Thorp's boss, UNC system President Erskine Bowles, gave the duo an absolute vote of confidence.

**Thorp, Baddour backed**

"They have gone everywhere the facts take them," Bowles said, standing at a lectern, flanked by Thorp and Baddour. "They haven't jumped to any conclusions. You can be very, very proud of the way they're handling it. This is tough leadership, but we're going to get it done."

Though the UNC system board sets policy for all public universities, it is generally reluctant to wield too heavy a hand when campus controversies arise. But the members do like to be kept in the loop.

"We don't have a formal role in how this unfolds," said Hannah Gage, the board's chairwoman. "It's clearly a campus responsibility, and we're confident Chancellor Thorp will get to the bottom of it and fix it. I can't envision a reason for us to step into that process."

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New Shaw president pledges to make a fundraising push

RALEIGH -- In the midst of a financially stressful time for the oldest historically black college in the South, Shaw University welcomed a new president Thursday who promised to make fundraising one of her first priorities.

Iurma McClaurin, a former associate vice president at the University of Minnesota, was formally introduced as the 15th president in the school's 145-year history during a ceremony in the gymnasium.

An anthropologist by training, McClaurin, 58, is a poet and administrator with a long academic history. But it was her experience and the contacts she gathered at the Ford Foundation, the international philanthropic organization, that seemed to stoke the university's leadership.

"The lady can raise money," said Willie Gary, a millionaire attorney, Shaw alum and chairman of the school's board of trustees. The university needs "someone who can knock on the door and know the door she should be knocking on."

The university introduced McClaurin with a full program of speeches, as well as performances by a chorus and the marching band. Faculty, alumni and students filled the gym. Morning classes were canceled so students could attend.

As McClaurin walked out of the gym and toward a reception on the lawn, an R&B combo serenaded her with a version of Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely?"

During her remarks, McClaurin said that running a university was the fulfillment of a longtime dream. Although she was educated at colleges and universities with majority white enrollments, McClaurin said she and students like her benefitted from the trails blazed by those who attended Shaw and other historically black institutions during segregated times.

"We went through the doors that had previously been closed," McClaurin said, as she noted that working for Shaw was a way to give back to a historic tradition and university. "I'm proud to be here."
Shaw has struggled financially in recent years, announcing in the summer of 2009 that it was burdened with $20 million in debt. Interim President Dorothy C. Yancy helped secure a $31 million federal loan to keep the doors open for the school's 2,700 students.

Earlier this year, the president of the school's national alumni association sent a letter asking that the university's board of trustees resign or be dismissed. In May, Emily Perry, the association president, wrote in part that members had concerns about the board's fiduciary responsibilities and commitment.

On Thursday, though, Perry described herself as "ecstatic" with the trustees' choice of McClaurin.

"She really, truly understands the need for the board, the alumni and the students to all work together. She really gets it," Perry said.

Students expressed excitement at having permanency at the top.

The school's budget woes have caused concern among students about what programs and services might be cut, said Kryslynn White, 19, a sophomore from Charlotte. She worried about the football team and the Bear's Den, a student gathering spot.

With the installation of a new president, "you know she's there and she's working for the future."

The financial outlook

McClaurin is prepared to tackle the school's financial issues. But she noted the sour economy has affected universities across the country. Shaw is not the only school that borrowed money.

"All institutions have a debt ratio," she said. McClaurin plans to tap a variety of sources, including federal grants, corporations and alumni, to secure new donations.

Gary said the school's budget, which exceeds $30 million, has been balanced, in part through pay cuts. But he knows more problems could arise, as the budget's future health depends in part on the economy.

"We expect additional storms. Money is tight. There is no doubt about it," he said, before adding: "We have a handle on it."

Nearly 20 years ago, Gary pledged to give the school $10 million, and he has admitted falling behind with the periodic donations. On Thursday, he said he was a little more than halfway to the goal, having donated or raised more than $5 million.

He promised a new gift was on the way. Although he would not be specific, Gary said he recently settled a $150 million case. He expects to present a substantial gift in the new year.

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Virginia Quarterly Review staffer died by his own hand, but he reached out first

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The Charlottesville offices of the Virginia Quarterly Review are dark. The locks have been changed. Most of the staff have resigned or taken leave. There were two competing drafts of the fall issue, one assembled by the journal's editor, the other by members of his estranged staff. The winter issue has been canceled.

There are two divergent accounts, as well, of why the managing editor of the University of Virginia's esteemed literary journal walked to a lonely coal tower on a July morning and shot himself in the head.

Surviving relatives and some co-workers portray Kevin Morrissey, 52, as the target of a workplace bully. Their narrative has an unlikely villain: Ted Genoways, 38, a decorated poet who led a transformation of the Review from a low-budget black-and-white journal into a colorful, edgy magazine that is cited among the best literary publications in the country. According to Maria Morrissey, Kevin Morrissey's sister, a caustic e-mail from Genoways was on her brother's computer screen when he died.

Genoways and some of his supporters say Morrissey's death was simply a suicide: a man choosing to die and blaming no one, leaving a note that said, "I can't bear things anymore."

The investigation has divided the literary community. Some have vilified Genoways as the archetypal bad boss, a symbol of the dysfunctional workplace. But a letter submitted to several publications last month and signed by 30 Review contributors defends the editor-poet as "professional, tactful, and respectful."

After weeks of mounting scrutiny, the university is questioning its own role in the affair. Teresa A. Sullivan, who assumed the presidency of Virginia's flagship public university two days after Morrissey's death, said in an Aug. 19 statement that the suicide had "raised questions about the university's response to employees' concerns about the workplace climate" at the journal. She announced "a thorough review," led by Barbara Deily, the university's chief audit executive, with a Sept. 30 deadline. University officials said there is no criminal investigation.

'He asked for help'

Morrissey died on a momentous day. July 30 was the last official work day of John T. Casteen III, the 20-year president of U-Va. The magazine and its top editor had reported directly to the president. That would end with Casteen's exit, and the future of the Review and its six-person staff lay in question.

That morning, Morrissey walked from his Charlottesville condominium to a nearby coal tower that is an
industrial landmark. He called 911 to report gunfire. Then he shot himself.

His siblings and some colleagues portray the cluttered offices of the Review as the scene of a tragic workplace drama. Genoways was hired as an artist, not as a manager. Some say he managed badly, alternately distancing himself from his staff and harassing them with abrasive e-mails.

Kevin Morrissey "was the primary target," said Maria Morrissey, "and the one least able to deal with it," because of a lifelong battle with depression. She and most of the staff cast the university as a negligent employer, unable to break a cycle of verbal harassment. Kevin Morrissey placed at least 11 telephone calls to U-Va. officials in the final two weeks of his life, phone records show. Two colleagues said they had told administrators they feared for Morrissey's well-being.

"Nobody killed Kevin but himself," said a journal staffer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, for fear of reprisal. "But there are many people who could have helped. And he asked for help."

Genoways has made little public comment. In a private e-mail to friends, two days after Morrissey's death, the editor acknowledged a "poisonous" tension inside the journal in recent weeks. He mostly blamed Morrissey, an old friend who, he said, had "cut himself off" and withdrawn into a brooding private space as his depression darkened. Much of the staff sided with Morrissey, Genoways said, even as his work product and professional demeanor declined.

"I feel unspeakably saddened by Kevin's death," he wrote in the e-mail, obtained by The Post, "but I do not feel responsible."

His lawyer, Lloyd Snook of Charlottesville, said there is scant evidence to support a claim that Morrissey was bullied to death.

"There were basically no complaints to Ted or about Ted to the university" until this spring, Snook said. Genoways and Morrissey communicated mostly by e-mail toward the end, Snook said, and "the e-mails I've seen don't seem to be particularly nasty."

Snook said that July 30, the day of Morrissey's death, was the unofficial deadline for him and the journal staff to hand over accounting and personnel records, part of what Casteen called "a quiet and orderly transfer" of the magazine from the president's office to another university department. In a May 21 e-mail to Genoways, Casteen wrote that the incoming president "expects me to leave a blank desk for her."

University officials say there was no such deadline.

They have closed the offices of the Review, founded in 1925 and housed in a campus building designed by Thomas Jefferson, pending the outcome of the investigation. The fall issue is in production. Most of the staff have had their names removed from the masthead, angry that the university chose to publish the proofs submitted by Genoways. University officials say the issue will include elements from both of the competing submissions.

"The university decided that it was in the best interests of the VQR staff for them to be able to take a much-needed break once the fall issue had been sent to the printer last Thursday," said university spokeswoman Carol Wood. "The goal is to give them the time they feel they need."

Wood said the closure is temporary. Sullivan, she said, "sees great value" in carrying on with the journal.
Success, then tension

Genoways and Morrissey became friends in 2000, when they met at the obscure Minnesota Historical Society Press. Genoways had penned several slim chapbooks of poetry and was bound for national recognition. Morrissey lacked a college degree but was hardworking and intelligent; he had scored a perfect 1600 on the SAT.

The ascendant poet took over the literary journal in 2003, at 31, hired by a search committee to raise the Review's currency. He hired Morrissey a year later. The meticulous deputy had the tools to realize Genoways's vision. Together they expanded the journal from poetry and short stories into progressive politics, covering the war in Iraq and drug cartels in Mexico, adding graphics and comics and attracting such noted authors as Joyce Carol Oates and Isabel Allende. In 2006, the 3,500-circulation publication earned two National Magazine Awards.

By 2009, the journal's budget had swelled to more than $500,000 and Genoways's salary reached $134,000.

The Review was Casteen's "baby," one employee said. Its ascent brought acclaim to U-Va. from the literary establishment. Genoways had even arranged for the 2009 publication of a book of poems by Casteen's son, John Casteen IV, as part of a poetry series. (University officials said that the elder Casteen was traveling and unavailable for comment for this report.)

Working at the journal was "the best job I ever had in the world," said Sheila McMillen, its associate editor. "We were all incredibly happy."

The staff was happy in part because Genoways had put his managing editor in charge. Genoways often worked from home or the road, tending to his authors and leaving Morrissey to run the office. Morrissey, though single and out of touch with his family, became close to his journal colleagues.

Last winter, the office climate began to sour. Casteen was leaving, and there was no telling how the pampered publication would fare under his replacement. Genoways had spent heavily to build up the journal, drawing down one investment fund from $800,000 to $204,000 to cover hefty article fees and international travel.

One colleague said Genoways trained much of his angst on Morrissey, shouting at him behind closed doors, subjecting him to a daily pattern of "insidious harassment, undermining, casual erasure of the person."

Genoways made a fateful decision. He hired Alana Levinson-LaBrosse, 24, a U-Va. graduate from a wealthy Silicon Valley family who had given $1.5 million to the university's Young Writers Workshop. Though she started as a volunteer, Levinson-LaBrosse was put on the masthead and given space in Genoways's office, where she effectively supplant Morrissey as his deputy. Together they began fishing for new funding sources and seeking a new home within the university for the magazine after Casteen.

Colleagues bristled at the newcomer, who now seemed the only Review employee with Genoways's ear. The top editor was away more than ever, off on a Guggenheim Fellowship to study Walt Whitman. Morrissey and some of his colleagues perceived the young fundraiser acting as liaison to senior university officials, marshaling sensitive data "and, to some extent, giving orders," Snook said.
"There is no question that her coming gave a lot of people heartburn," he said. "My own belief was that they were treating Alana as Ted's spy."

Nowhere to go

Resentment peaked at a July 14 staff meeting. Levinson-LaBrosse told colleagues she would be meeting with a senior university official about the magazine's future. Sources say Waldo Jaquith, the online editor, challenged her: "Don't you think Kevin should be there?" He sarcastically offered to chip in gas money so the benched managing editor could join the trip.

Levinson-LaBrosse offered no comment on the incident, except to say that meeting they discussed was merely "logistical" in nature.

Jaquith has declined to comment, saying he had been criticized after speaking against Genoways on NBC's "Today" show. On that Aug. 23 broadcast, Jaquith said, "Ted's treatment of Kevin in the last two weeks of his life was just egregious, and it just ate Kevin up."

A few days after the meeting, Genoways informed Jaquith and Morrissey by e-mail that they had committed "unacceptable workplace behavior." He ordered them to vacate the journal offices for a week and not to speak to their colleagues.

"If you are already at VQR office," Genoways wrote, "leave immediately and do not return to the office until July 26."

Morrissey felt isolated and anxious, his sister said. He prepared a letter of resignation. But as a 52-year-old man with an esoteric literary job and no college degree, he felt he had nowhere to go. Morrissey placed calls to the university president's office, its ombudsman and the faculty and staff relations office to complain about Genoways, Maria Morrissey said. Telephone records confirm at least 11 such calls.

Genoways called meetings with Morrissey and Jaquith on July 26, a Monday. The president's chief of staff sat in. Jaquith resigned on the spot. Genoways was later admonished for exiling the two men and ordered not to retaliate, a belated concession to Morrissey's fears.

But by the end of the week, Genoways had sent officious e-mails to at least two Review employees. One, associate editor Molly Minturn, went to the president's office in tears and was told she might be suffering from post-traumatic stress, colleagues said. Minturn could not be reached for comment for this story.

Another missive went to Morrissey, taking the managing editor to task for a perceived lapse in management.

A Mexican newspaper editor with ties to the journal had sent a note saying he had been beaten and his family threatened -- although his e-mail did not specifically ask for help. Morrissey had forwarded the note to Genoways nine days later.

Genoways asked Morrissey, "Why did it take you ten days to forward a message from someone asking our assistance with saving his life?"

Genoways sent the message at 9:47 a.m. Within two hours, Morrissey had set out for the coal tower.