

New owners coming to He's Not

The bar is set to close on a deal to change owners, but not character.

By Jeanna Smialek
City Editor

After just weeks on the market, He's Not Here, Chapel Hill's iconic beer garden, could soon have new ownership.

David Kitzmiller, the bar's owner, came out of retirement in Nova Scotia more than a year ago to revamp the struggling bar's image — but once sales improved, he decided to place the local staple on the market to return home to his wife.

Kitzmiller contracted Neal DePersia's firm, National Restaurant Properties, to list and market He's Not.

Though he could not disclose

names, DePersia said Kitzmiller is expected to accept a bid from a UNC alum who played football at the University during the 1980s and his long-time friend.

He said both men have established careers in other businesses.

Though the second business partner did not attend UNC, Fleming Fuller, the bar's manager, said the man's wife did. Fuller said he believes the couple actu-

ally met at He's Not.

DePersia said though an initial early-January ad for He's Not was only up on Craigslist for 36 hours, news of the sale leaked to Twitter and Facebook. He said news of the sale went viral, and many He's Not fans looked into purchasing the bar.

"I would conservatively say between 200 and 250 people," DePersia said.

DePersia later placed a

BizQuest.com ad, which does not list the bar by name but says that the "Chapel Hill beer garden" is on sale for a \$165,000 asking price. The ad also lists the bar's gross revenues as \$400,000.

DePersia said the potential owners do not plan to change He's Not, which is known for its dive bar atmosphere and its Blue Cup.

He said that when the bar's

ownership changes — the target day for transfer is Feb. 1 — customers won't be able to tell.

"They don't want to miss a day of business," DePersia said. He said that though the partners will make some small improvements, they will implement those gradually after the transition.

Fuller said the minor changes

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ONLINE SIGNATURES CHANGE STRATEGY

SBP candidates will be able to collect names electronically.

By Emily Overcarsh
Staff Writer

Students will have a new way to support candidates for student body president this year — and it could work to upend the traditional campaign model.

Beginning tonight, along with the familiar strategy of having armies of volunteers collect signatures in the Pit, candidates will also be able to gather online signatures.

Though candidate Ian Lee broke with tradition last year by

collecting online signatures — a method upheld by the Board of Elections — this year is the first in which it is explicitly allowed and all candidates are expected to participate.

"I think the moment election season starts, students will have links in their inboxes," said Lee, who is now a member of The Daily Tar Heel's editorial board.

"It's a good thing for the University and the community to move in this direction," he said. "It will be a big help to future campaigns."

Online signatures will include an Onyen sign-in and password. Candidates need 1,250 signatures to be placed on the ballot, and each student can only sign one petition.

Former candidates said online signatures have the potential to change the way future candidates campaign but won't replace paper petitions.

Before the online option was implemented, gathering the required number of signatures to get a candidate's name on the ballot often became a "who has the largest campaign" contest, former Student Body President Hogan Medlin said in an email.

But last year, candidate Rick Ingram collected 2,945 signatures, 1,368 more than any other candidate, but still finished third in the general election. Ingram declined to comment for this article.

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A drama-free election this time around?

After a venomous SBP race last year, some students seek calm.

By Chelsea Bailey
Senior Writer

The student body election season kicks off today and members of student government have their fingers crossed, hoping for a drama-free race for student body president.

But the memory of last year's campaign, which was defined by verbal spars and lawsuits, remains fresh in the minds of

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Time: 7 p.m. tonight

Location: Gardner 105

many students.

Sophomore Nikki Eskenasi said she was shocked by the parallels between the negativity of last year's candidates and national politics.

"We all know this happens on a national scale, but it kind of makes you think if it's happening at this level, politics is kind of hopeless," she said.

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Yates investigation stalled until end of January

An advisory committee will seek additional funds from the town.

By Sarah Mansur
Staff Writer

Residents who have called for an independent investigation into the November police raid of an "Occupy Everywhere" protest must wait at least a week to learn if their request will be funded.

After nearly three hours of discussion, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted Monday night to refer the petition for funds to town staff before it continues to debate the request Jan. 30.

The request came after Town Manager Roger Stancil supported police actions in a Jan. 6 review of the raid.

Residents have said the town's review did not thoroughly investigate the police's actions, and some disagreed with Stancil's

assertion that protestors — some of who police said were known anarchists — might have been dangerous.

After protests following the report's release, the council asked Community Policing Advisory Committee to review the report. The group looked into it and recommended hiring an independent investigator to provide an unbiased report.

According to its report to the council, the advisory committee believes an independent inves-

tigation could answer questions that went unaddressed in the original investigation, which was conducted internally and relied on town officials.

But to conduct the external review, the committee asked the council for funds to hire the third party investigator.

"The community expects us to make a fair review involving the facts involving the Yates incident," said Ron Bogle, chairman of the committee.

Bogle said the committee was

"It was like a report by the foxes about the conditions in the henhouse."

Jim Neal,
Chapel Hill resident

created to develop policies that reflect community expectation, but it will need more resources to do its job effectively.

But the council decided to have Chapel Hill Chief of Police Chris Blue and Stancil review the questions before the council

revisits hiring an investigator.

Council member Matt Czajkowski said the council's stance on the independent review has changed now that there is a cost attached to the proposal.

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PlayMakers’ UNC home allows for big shows

The company relies on ticket sales for only 30 percent of revenue.

By **Katelyn Trela**
Arts Editor

Once abundant, resident theater companies have become a rarity.

Joe Haj, producing artistic director for PlayMakers Repertory Company, said he can count the number of companies with a staff of actors in house on one hand.

Since his arrival in 2006, Haj has been working to restore PlayMakers to its repertory theater roots, which he said is greatly enhanced by the presence of resident actors.

With the upcoming production of “Henry IV” and “Henry

V,” PlayMakers is continuing its reputation as one of the country’s top epic storytellers.

Hannah Grannemann, PlayMakers’ managing director, said the University’s partial funding is a large factor in the company’s financial ability to put on such productions.

PlayMakers receives about \$700,000 in University support annually. It accounts for 28 percent of their \$2.5 million annual budget.

“These plays are expensive, even for us, but would be impossible unless you’re at the biggest theaters in the country,” Grannemann said.

“There, the revenue side has to be so high to be able to justify it.”

“The Making of a King” repertory — which opens Jan. 28 and runs until Mar. 4 — is projected to bring in \$210,000 from combined subscription and single

ticket sales, Grannemann said.

She estimated that other main-stage productions bring in about \$100,000 each.

PlayMakers’ two-part performances have garnered audiences of about 14,500 each year.

November 2009’s “Nicholas Nickleby” sold 14,402 tickets and brought in \$206,240, while last spring’s “Angels in America” sold 14,547 tickets and brought in \$220,042.

Jeff Cornell, a long-time member of the company and cast member for both “Henry” plays, said the audience response to PlayMakers’ epic productions has challenged the cultural perception that shorter is better.

“There’s something about going in the other direction and expanding concentration over a lengthy story,” he said.

Seven hours of theater sounds daunting, but Grannemann said

ticket buyers have responded positively.

“We see a counter-cultural trend for these types of work we put on,” she said. “It’s a real testament to our audience.”

Ray Dooley, also a company and cast member, said the viewers revel in the rare challenge of joining an extended event.

“The audience understands that they’re being asked to join an epic journey,” he said.

Haj, who programs the seasons, said the planning begins early.

The plays are chosen based on the mood the company, the actors or the nation is in, he said.

In December 2010, months before announcing the finalized 2011-12 season, Haj worked on adapting Shakespeare’s scripts to fit the repertory theme of exploring the cost of war.

Designing begins by story-

board soon after and continues to progress through the rehearsing, staging and technical processes.

But none of the performances are a guaranteed success.

McKay Coble, a costume designer for PlayMakers, said the epics especially are an opportunity to grow as a company.

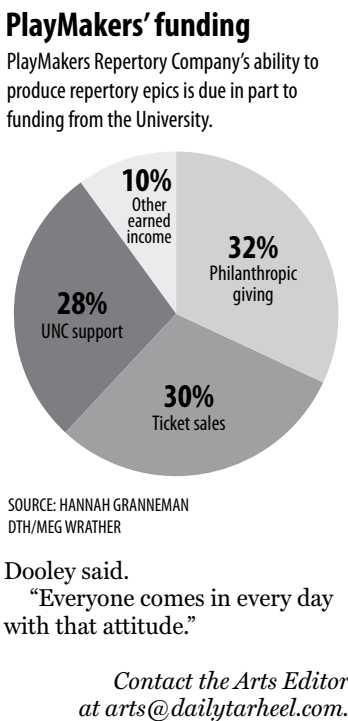
“It’s looking around the room and saying, ‘I wonder if we can do this,’” she said.

Dooley said that challenge is what theater actors thrive on.

“At least once a year, a theater ought to program a production where they have no idea how they’re actually going to do it when the time comes,” he said.

He points to the people making up the company as the reason for the repertory’s successes.

“This is a company that is committed to the very last person, to making a success of this and making something excellent,”



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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Chemistry professor given outstanding service award

Joseph Templeton was recently given the General Alumni Association’s Faculty Service Award for outstanding service to the University and association.

Templeton, a chemistry professor, was appointed by Chancellor Holden Thorp in 2009 to lead Carolina Counts, an initiative that has saved the University \$50 million through finding and eliminating unnecessary administrative cost. He was also the chairman of the Faculty Council from 2006 to 2009.

Templeton is best known for his efforts to streamline operations at the University.

CITY BRIEFS

School board invites parents to fill out survey

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is inviting parents to help form the vision for a new strategic plan by asking them to share their thoughts in an online survey.

The survey focuses on teacher development, student expectations and engagement, and technology in the classroom, among other topics.

The district will post the results online in March, according to a press release.

The survey will be available until midnight Jan. 31. It is available at <http://bit.ly/zRZq9w>.

Orange County will sponsor agricultural summit Feb. 13

Orange County will sponsor an Agricultural Summit to address topics important to county residents such as geography, economic trends and regulations on farms on Feb. 13.

The summit will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Big Barn Convention Center at 388 Ja-Max Drive in Hillsborough and cost is \$10 a person, which includes lunch.

“It is critical for all of us in Orange County to understand the values and concerns of the farmers themselves...,” said Bernadette Pelissier, chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, in a press release.

Speakers include N.C. 4th District U.S. Congressman David Price and experts in farm diversification, soil and water.

Tours of the Piedmont Food and Agricultural Processing Center and Walters Unlimited@ Carls-Beth Farm in Efland will be given in the afternoon.

Jack Tapp of Busy Bee Apiaries will also speak about his fruit flavored creamed honey business.

- From staff and wire reports

‘BROADWAY MELODIES’



Members of the cast of “Broadway Melodies,” a Pauper Players production, rehearse for “Kardashians Take Broadway” in the Union.

Pauper Players stage student-written musicals

By **Kathryn Muller**
Staff Writer

Pokemon, the Kardashians and the work of James Cameron will take the stage this weekend.

These fixtures of popular culture are the subjects for Pauper Players’ annual production of “Broadway Melodies.”

The show consists of three short student-written musicals — “Kardashians: The Musical,” “Avatartanic” and “Pokemon: The Musical.”

The group, which has historically performed in the Union Cabaret, was forced to relocate due to Union renovations.

Pauper’s last show in the Cabaret was last year’s “Broadway Melodies,” which highlighted “Glee,” “Mean Girls” and the work of Quentin Tarantino.

This fall, the group performed “Guys and Dolls” at the Carrboro ArtsCenter. The weekend performances of the show were nearly sold out.

“Broadway Melodies 2012” will return the group to campus, where it will perform in the Hanes Art Center.

Ben Boecker, executive production director for Pauper, said performing in the new space will take some getting used to for the cast and crew.

“It will be a pretty big transition for us,” he said.

BROADWAY MELODIES

Time: Friday to Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Location: Hanes Art Center auditorium

Tickets: \$5 to \$7 for students and \$10 to \$12 for general public

Boecker said the group had to reorient the show for an auditorium that has viewing from all sides, but the space also has advantages.

“It has a large capacity for seating,” he said.

Alex Herzing, a choreographer and actor in the show, said Pauper’s return to campus should help the group save money and attract a bigger audience.

But the new space produces a few technical difficulties, said Maria Palombo, an actor and director for the show.

She said the space’s lack of microphones means the cast has to project its lines more.

The group will move into the auditorium on Wednesday to prepare for its first performance on Friday.

Herzing said the show is entirely student driven.

He said that in writing the musicals for the show, the writers took Broadway songs and adapted the lyrics to fit vari-

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Ben Boecker,
Executive production director for Pauper

ous topics.

Boecker said the process of writing and producing three separate musicals for one show was a group effort.

“It takes a very creative person to come up with the right idea and write a script from scratch, but it also takes a lot of collaboration,” he said.

Because some of the humor might be vulgar, Herzing said the show is mostly oriented toward college students.

“The show is geared towards people who enjoy the mindlessness of that sort of TV,” he said.

Palombo said the show is certain to be entertaining.

“It won’t be perfect, but it will be a lot of fun,” Palombo said.

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COURTESY OF LAURA GUALDONI
Business student Matthew Neal, 29, second from left, died in his home Friday.

Ph.D. student found dead

Matthew Neal, 29, a Kenan-Flagler student, was found in his home Friday.

By **Josie Hollingsworth**
Staff Writer

Matthew Neal had just begun to dedicate his life to his real passion — the quest for knowledge, his mother said.

Neal, 29, a business Ph.D. student from St. Louis, was found dead in his home on Friday after his fiancée returned home from work. The cause of death is still unknown.

Jayne Neal said her son was known throughout his life for his curiosity and thirst for knowledge.

Growing up, Neal was an avid reader and a St. Louis Cardinals fan, she said. Neal taught himself to read when he was just four years old, using baseball cards.

His mother said she remembers taking her son to baseball games in their hometown.

“He was this little boy, and he would tell all the men sitting next to us the statistics,” she said.

She said Neal was also an exceptional student. As a 7-year-old, he read the encyclopedia instead of children’s books.

Neal attended Washington University as an undergraduate and graduated in 2005 with a degree in business. Right out of college, he worked for Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP and the Koch Industries Inc. hedge fund.

Jayne Neal said when the financial market crashed in 2008, Neal left the hedge fund groups in Chicago and began working in Los Angeles doing senior management tax consulting.

Neal became a certified public accountant, financial analyst and financial risk manager by the time he reached 30, she said.

He moved to Chapel Hill in August to earn a Ph.D. at the Kenan-Flagler Business School. His mother said Neal was drawn to the accounting program by the reputation of associate dean and professor Wayne Landsman, who headed the program. Neal’s focus was hedge fund and credit research.

“Our community is deeply saddened by the death of Matthew Neal. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends,” said Jim Dean, dean of the business school, in a press release.

Neal met his fiancée, Laura Gualdoni, six years ago while working in public accounting in St. Louis.

“We had dated and stayed friends, but we reconnected this summer and it was the right place and right time,” Gualdoni said. “Everything worked out ... I was able to quickly get a job in Raleigh, so I moved down here in October and we got engaged.”

Gualdoni said Neal was excited about the prospect of “getting paid to do research all day.” Gualdoni is also an accountant, and she planned to do research alongside her fiancée.

Gualdoni said she and Neal were looking forward to starting a family.

“The last time I talked to him he had just called to tell me he loved me.”

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Non-discrimination policy task force to meet

A committee will begin meeting next week to review the policy.

By **Hailey Vest**
Staff Writer

More than two months after the University decided to review its non-discrimination policy for student groups, it has yet to begin discussion of the issue.

Next week, a committee of students, faculty and staff charged with examining the policy will begin meeting, though not all of the commit-

tee members have been chosen yet, Dean of Students Jonathan Sauls said in an email.

The review is in response to the University’s investigation into the Christian a cappella group Psalm 100. In August, the group expelled senior Will Thomason, who is gay, for his views on homosexuality.

In October, administrators found the group did not violate the non-discrimination policy, which allows groups to limit membership based on an individual’s views as long as no student is excluded based on a set of characteristics, including sexual orientation.

Thomason said he is frus-

trated that the review hasn’t moved faster. “They made it clear that they would do a thorough job, but it’s taking longer than I would have hoped,” he said.

The committee will be led by Sauls and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bettina Shuford.

Shuford said she and Sauls wanted to ensure a wide representation of students and faculty, and exams and winter break stalled the process further.

“Right now we are nailing down the last one or two participants who have been invited,” Sauls said. He added that there will be 12 to 15 members

on the committee.

Shuford said the review will begin by examining the current policy and how it was originally implemented.

“We are going into this meeting with an open mind,” she said.

The committee will also review the non-discrimination policies of other institutions, Sauls said.

“We will discuss what, if any, alternatives should be considered to ensure opportunities for all students.”

Terri Phoenix, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender and Queer Center at UNC, said any revisions to

the policy need to be specific enough to be enforced.

“I’m satisfied that we are moving on it,” Phoenix said.

Thomason said he hopes the committee will produce a clear policy that will address groups centered on ideological beliefs.

“This is a great opportunity for UNC to be a leader in progressivism and make a fair non-discrimination policy,” he said.

“In an ideal world, I would have liked the policy to have been changed in October but I realize that isn’t always possible.”

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Weather balloon retrieved after signal lost

By Sarah Niss
Staff Writer

When the GPS feed attached to the weather balloon launched last week in front of Wilson Library cut out less than two hours after launch, its builders lost all hope of finding it again.

But despite their low expectations, the balloon landed safely on a farm in Ahoskie, N.C., yielding exciting camera footage of campus as the balloon took off and during its flight.

"We lost the GPS tracking at around 20,000 feet," said sophomore Patrick Gray, founder and president of UNC's chapter of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space. "We didn't get a signal for 24 hours."

After the signal disappeared, members of the group didn't expect their plan of finding the

balloon after it landed to work.

"We were pretty pessimistic about recovery," said sophomore Dan Plattenberger, a member of the team that built the balloon.

So when Gray received a phone call at noon on Friday, he was shocked.

"I thought the people I built it with were prank calling me," he said.

A farmer in Ahoskie found the balloon early Friday on his land. Gray had taped a card to the balloon that explained it wasn't dangerous and listed his phone number for a \$40 reward.

"It was pretty much extreme luck," said Charlie Harris, a member of the group and a builder.

The five builders drove 150 miles east to retrieve the balloon Friday, he said.

"He didn't even take the

reward," Gray said. "It was a great show of Southern hospitality."

The balloon is still in good condition, and neither the GPS nor the camera were damaged by the 40,000-foot fall, he added.

"Everyone was really excited," Gray said. "We pulled off the side of the highway to watch some of the footage."

The video froze at around 30,000 feet, where the temperature drops to about negative 30 degrees Fahrenheit, Gray said. But the camera started working again closer to the ground.

"The most exciting part of it was the landing," said Plattenberger. "We could see the parachute work perfectly."

The group plans to launch another weather balloon at its first Carolina Space Symposium in March.

Gray said that speakers will

include a NASA astronaut, multiple professors and the son of the second man to walk on the moon, Buzz Aldrin.

Next time, the group plans to use a satellite GPS instead of one that relies on cell phone service.

"Hopefully, we won't lose it," Plattenberger said.

The group might also change the amount of helium in the balloon to make it go higher, Harris said.

"It went 30 to 40,000 feet. We wanted it to go 80,000," he said.

The group plans to post the footage from the flight on their chapter website and on YouTube.

"It was definitely a success, without a doubt," Plattenberger said.

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A farmer helped recover sophomore Patrick Gray's broken weather balloon, which was launched last week in front of Wilson Library.

Campus Y jumps into tuition debate

By Jessica Kennedy
Staff Writer

The Campus Y is returning to its social activism roots through its campaign against tuition increases.

In years past, the Campus Y focused on issues such as racially integrating the University, protesting the Vietnam War and organizing against apartheid in South Africa, said Lucy Lewis, assistant director of the Campus Y.

But in recent years, the Campus Y has become more of an umbrella organization with 32 committees working on individual projects, she said.

Lewis said members have been involved with social justice for decades, but in different ways.

"This is going back to mobilizing around issues," she said.

Last week, the organization's cabinet voted to make the topic of tuition a "Y Campaign," meaning the general body will get behind the issue, said Joseph Terrell, director of internal relations.

The Campus Y plans to show a student presence in the tuition discussion by recruiting 150 students to attend the UNC-system Board of Governors meeting Feb. 10.

At the meeting, UNC's tuition proposal will either be accepted or rejected.

The Campus Y, Students for a Democratic Society and student government are all working to fight the tuition increases.

"Each organization has their niche, and the Campus Y has a large membership and is easily capable of organizing a lot of students very quickly," said Sean Langberg, a member of Students for a Democratic Society and also on the cabinet of the Campus Y.

Langberg said members of SDS are glad that the Campus Y is officially "on board."

"I think the two will complement each other really well," Langberg added.

Mary Cooper, student body president, said student government is also collaborating with the Campus Y on tuition.

"Student government and the Campus Y are trying to act as catalysts in student involvement," Cooper said.

"It's not just about those two groups. It's about the whole campus becoming engaged and knowledgeable."

The Campus Y has created a task force to plan events leading up to the Board of Governors meeting with a focus on awareness.

"We're really concerned with education, especially of Y members and first-year students," said Laura McCready, a member of the Campus Y cabinet.

"We don't expect people to act on this issue unless they know it well and understand where it came from."

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the pair has planned will only improve the He's Not Here experience.

"I'm incredibly enthusiastic about what's being discussed," he said.

Aimee Woods, a UNC senior said she goes to He's Not Here with her friends nearly every Sunday for karaoke and for its laid-back, popular appeal.

Woods said she would like to see new owners make some small improvements to the bar.

"Just aesthetically, I think that they could do a lot," Woods said.

She also said that owners could better utilize the lower level of the bar, because the top level has low ceilings and little room.

But she said she hopes that new owners retain the business' charm.

"The Blue Cup is a trademark of Chapel Hill," she said. "It has that recognition."

And Ajsela Pestalic, another senior who also goes to the bar on Sunday evenings, said though the facility could use renovations — especially to its bathrooms — the bar is an institution.

"It's just such an integral part of Chapel Hill," she said.

And DePersia said his firm has

ONLINE SIGNATURES

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"I think that indicators of who wins races are tricky just from my own personal experience," Student Body President Mary Cooper said.

Lee said even though the online petition will not replace the traditional clipboards, it could change campaigning strategies and increase the importance of social media.

"It'll bring elections up-to-date with how people interact anyway," he said.

Intended candidates for this

year's race will declare their candidacy at a mandatory meeting tonight.

Speaker of Student Congress Zach De La Rosa said the change likely won't be a game-changer.

"I don't think it substantially changes the race if everyone uses online signatures," he said.

Medlin wrote that he only has one concern about collecting signatures online.

"With new methods must come new enforcements to uphold the integrity of the petition process," he said.

Board of Elections Chairwoman Shruthi Sundaram

never seen such an outpouring of offers for a property.

"After literally several hundred inquiries from many alumni and interested parties we received multiple offers of which one lucky group received the positive response from owner Dave Kitzmiller late last week," DePersia said in an email.

But he said that the property cannot change hands until all

"The Blue Cup is a trademark of Chapel Hill. It has that recognition."

Aimee Woods,

UNC senior, who frequents He's Not almost every Sunday

inspections are completed, a process he said is underway.

In the meantime, Fuller said the staff has yet to officially meet the new owners or learn their names.

"Formal introductions have not been made, and full information has not been given to staff."

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"Indicators of who wins races are tricky just from my personal experience."

Mary Cooper,

Student body president

count on," she wrote. "But when you have your clipboards with you and you ask this person to immediately sign it, you are guaranteed that signature."

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ELIGIBLE POSITIONS

Candidates for the following positions will be up for election Feb. 14:

- Student body president
- President of the Carolina Athletic Association
- President of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation
- President of the Residence Hall Association
- Senior class presidents
- Members of Student Congress

day is a new day, and I'm going to work hard and meet the people who are going to vote for me," she said.

"It's about establishing trust and making sure that no matter what problem is coming down the road, you can trust that person to handle it."

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And costliness wasn't the only issue that deterred council members from accepting the proposal.

The committee report states that an investigator would be unable to compel people to be interviewed, and an investigator could not punish those who lie.

"While clearly there will be people who are not willing to be questioned by the investigator in any form, additionally there is no requirement against perjury, and we could end up with statements that are intentionally false," Czajkowski said.

Council member Jim Ward said the product of the independent investigation would be flawed because of its limitations.

But Chapel Hill resident Jim Neal, who drafted a petition to create an independent resident-led review, said he believes the review was heavily biased.

Though the council did not approve his call for a resident-led group, Neal said the goals of an independent investigation match those he outlined in his petition.

And despite its costs and limitations, Neal said he believes the independent review is needed.

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CLASSICS IN THE COLD



DTH/LOGAN SAVAGE

Katelyn Arroyo, a sophomore from Oxford, studies for her classics class on the balcony outside the Student Stores. “Even though it’s kind of cold out today, I like the privacy out here,” she said.

Elementary 11’s new site was once the home of several all-black schools.

By Cheney Gardner
Staff Writer

Esther McCauley remembers walking past a cornerstone at the entrance of the principal’s office each day while attending Lincoln High School from 1949 to 1952. The cornerstone was laid during the construction of the Orange County Training School in 1924 and served as a reminder of the school’s history for several decades. And as Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools prepares for Elementary 11 — set to open by August 2013 on the site of the Orange County Training School and several successive, all-black schools — the district is using the stone as a way to honor the site’s history. After the final Northside school closed and the building was converted to government offices, the cornerstone was moved to storage. The district recovered the stone last Tuesday in a county storage facility and delivered it to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools’ administrative offices the next day. In honor of its return, the school district has invited alumni from the schools to meet Thursday at the Northside site between McMasters and Caldwell streets.

The Orange County Training School was converted to Lincoln High School in 1948 and later Northside Elementary School in 1951. The Orange County Training School was first opened as a Rosenwald School. Rosenwald Schools were opened in African-American neighborhoods in the South using seed money donated by Julius Rosenwald, a president of Sears, Roebuck and Co. He contributed to 787 schools in North Carolina alone. McCauley said in a time when schools were segregated, the black community rallied around the successive schools, and they became the focal point of the neighborhood. “We had teachers that were interested in our well being and our learning. We had friends, and it was in our community that was African-American,” she said. “We were proud of our school.” Rev. Robert Campbell, the president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP, attended Northside Elementary — the last school on the site — starting in 1954. “It was like going to school with family,” he said. “Most of the teachers lived in my community or in the surrounding community around Northside.” Campbell said having teachers as neighbors made it difficult to get away with misbehaving. “Your parents always knew if you were in trouble or whether you had homework or not,” he



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The cornerstone from the construction of the Orange County Training School was found in a county storage facility last Tuesday.

“They’re very sentimental about their alma mater and are looking forward to celebrating the past and making way for this beautiful new school in the future.”

Stephanie Knott, Spokeswoman for the school district

said. A group of alumni, including McCauley, first requested that the school district hold a reunion to celebrate the cornerstone’s return. “I’m looking forward to seeing the cornerstone again,” McCauley said. “And I’m looking forward to the people who were my friends and classmates, and the alumni and members of the community.” Stephanie Knott, spokeswoman for the school district, said the district is hoping to honor the site’s history at the new elemen-

tary school by creating a display of historical artifacts and incorporating alumni in future events. They do not yet know if the stone will be displayed, but Knott said she imagines it will. “They’re very sentimental about their alma mater and are looking forward to celebrating the past and making way for this beautiful new school in the future,” she said.

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Planned student apartments look to fill demand

By Corinne White
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill apartments are nearing full capacity, owners and town officials say, creating a demand for more housing that two new developments hope to satisfy. Trinitas and Shortbread Lofts are both moving through Chapel Hill Town Council’s approval process. Both developments would be within a mile of campus, stand seven stories tall and concentrate on providing student housing. Dwight Bassett, the town’s economic development officer, said

because of its current economy and demographic, the Chapel Hill market demands the rental housing the developments could offer. He said the town categorizes housing into four areas: for-sale, rental, workforce and low-income. “Rental, workforce and low-income have a higher demand in this market climate,” Bassett said. Bassett said the town does not track apartment occupancy rates, but several apartment complexes in Chapel Hill said they are nearly or completely full. Warehouse Apartments on

West Rosemary Street is currently at 100 percent occupancy, according to regional sales specialist Brett Bailey. Bailey said the apartment complex is mostly rented by students and is occasionally overbooked. He said its proximity to campus is its most attractive amenity. “We also get a lot of Greek life,” he said. Rent starts at \$795 a month per bedroom, Bailey said. Trinitas rent would range between \$500 and \$800 per bedroom. Shortbread Lofts’ proposal does not precisely state how much

it would charge per unit. Like Warehouse Apartments, the near-campus location of StoneCrop Apartments on South Roberson Street has also attracted many students. The complex is completely filled for next year, said leasing consultant Evelyn Greene. “We’re newer apartments, but since they’re close, people are starting to become aware of them,” she said. The all-student complex charges \$599 per bedroom monthly, she said. While Warehouse and StoneCrop are mostly undergrad-

uate-occupied, graduate housing is also in high demand. Timber Hollow Apartments, located off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, is at 99 percent occupancy — and mostly by graduate students — said Michael Hernandez, the complex’s property manager. The one or two bedroom units rent from \$680 to \$965 monthly, Hernandez said. Chapel Ridge, Chapel View and Foxcroft Apartments management said they could not disclose occupancy numbers. Larry Short, who opened

Warehouse in 1999 and is the managing partner of the of Shortbread Lofts, said Shortbread Lofts at 333 W. Rosemary St. could divert the conversion of single-family homes in Northside into student rentals. Short will present a revised plan to the Chapel Hill Town Council Feb. 27 before construction can begin. Trinitas, which is earlier in the approval process, will present its concept plan to Town Council Feb. 20.

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Carolina North to replace airport

By Katie Quine
Staff Writer

Horace Williams Airport will soon close, but academic innovation is scheduled to take flight with the construction of Carolina North early next year. Parts of Carolina North, a satellite research campus, will be built where the airport currently stands on University-owned property off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. After nearly 15 years of discussion, the green light to begin construction on Carolina North came after delays caused by budget constraints. Carolina North will include several research facilities, a new law school and housing. The first research building and its infrastructure is estimated to cost \$72.5 million, said Anna Wu, director of facilities planning at UNC. The money will come from what the University makes on its leased properties, she said. To ensure the area is safe to

build on, specific actions need to be taken, said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning. “We’re developing a closure program, which will include adhering to the requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration,” Runberg said. “We’ll have to be taking a look at any environmental mitigation we have to do,” he said. There are no longer any University-owned planes located at Horace Williams, and fewer than 20 planes are kept there by private citizens. Those who own the planes at the site have known about plans for Carolina North for several years, said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services. “I am sure people have been thinking about where they’ll relocate. It won’t be a surprise,” Elfland said. UNC’s Medical Air Operations, which was housed at Horace Williams for 43 years, relocated

to Raleigh-Durham International Airport in July 2011. UNC funded the construction of Medical Air’s new facilities, said Dr. Tom Bacon, director of the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers, the organization that oversees the service. He said the move created a one-time charge of \$40,000. “There are faculty who live a mile from Horace Williams who wish they could still be flying out there, but everybody has been really pleased and willing to make

the trip (to RDU),” Bacon said. Although the airport offered convenience for many, officials are excited about Carolina North. “When you look at the opportunities that are presented by developing Carolina North, clearly that is something we need to do, and it is very much in line with our goals to encourage innovation,” Elfland said. “It’s time to move forward.”

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ASG plans to lobby federal legislators

Student leaders take on Washington to push for higher education.

By Kate Caison
Staff Writer

As future budget cuts loom, student leaders are hoping to persuade federal legislators to spare higher education.

The Association of Student Governments is planning to travel to Washington, D.C., in late February to raise awareness for the financial need of students in the UNC system.

"The need for promoting higher education is extremely grave," said Christine Hajdin, the vice president of the association's legislative and public affairs committee.

The trip is estimated to cost the group \$4,000, which will include the travel costs and hotel fees for the group, she said.

But Hajdin said the group's plans are not definite because of monetary concerns.

"Cost is always an issue," she said. "We are trying to be as aware as possible with how we are spending."

She said she also wants to make sure that the student group would represent the 220,000 students in the system well.

The association is composed of student leaders from across the state and is funded by an annual \$1 student fee, which covers travel costs and stipends for officers.

Hajdin said the goal of the trip — which will be funded by the association's budget — is to lobby for more funding for education, including protecting research grants to schools and Pell grants.

The group will try to meet with education advocacy groups, members of the federal education committee and N.C. legislators, she said.

Kimrey Rhinehardt, vice president for federal relations of the UNC system, thinks the group could have an impact.

"(Lobbying the government) is a good practice — folks that

are the most affected are the best advocates," she said.

Atul Bhula, the association's president, said education is important to economic development.

"We hope to preserve the financial aid perspective of students," Bhula said.

Rhinehardt said she supports the association's goals to lobby policy makers' decisions.

"Students are directly affected by changes in federal financial aid policy and, in this fiscal environment — it is important now more than ever," Rhinehardt said in an email.

The advocacy trip to the nation's capital is not the first. In 2009, ASG members met with members of U.S. Congress to lobby for higher education, said former ASG President Greg Doucette.

The trip, which used about \$5,000 in ASG funds, proved to be a productive meeting with legislators, Doucette said.

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Torture group to fight NC's role in terrorism

By Charles Patton
Staff Writer

In 2005, Johnston County was pinpointed by several national news organizations as a site that provided planes used for torture flights.

And now a UNC-CH law professor and several of her students are getting involved.

Deborah Weissman, a law professor at UNC-CH, and eight of her students released a report last week that implicated Aero Contractors, the company highlighted in 2005 for providing charter jets to the CIA, in the movement and torture of suspected terrorists.

Weissman and her students were hired by N.C. Stop Torture Now, a Raleigh-based activist group whose goal is to expose and end the state's role in the United States' involvement in torture.

The 67-page report details the involvement of Aero in the process of extraordinary rendition, which is when the CIA seizes potential terrorists and interrogates them, usually involving torture, said Josh McIntyre, a vol-

unteer at Stop Torture Now.

The activist group has met with Gov. Bev Perdue, the attorney general and local figures about the state's role in supporting torture, McIntyre said.

Perdue's staff told the group that if it published a report detailing real victims' experiences and a clear link of state and local involvement, Perdue would be forced to act, McIntyre said.

Weissman, who focuses on human rights, civil rights and domestic abuse law, said she was asked to help explain the connection between private enterprise and the CIA's program of extraordinary rendition.

"We were able to document that at least five individuals were extraordinarily renditioned on Aero planes," she said.

One victim of extraordinary rendition on an Aero plane is Binyam Mohamed, an Ethiopian native who sought political asylum in the United Kingdom in 1994, according to the report.

Mohamed was detained in Pakistan in 2002 by U.S. agents, and flown to Morocco and then

Afghanistan, where he was tortured until his release in the U.K. in 2009, despite never being charged with a crime.

Stop Torture Now hopes the report will be a springboard to form a citizen-driven committee on accountability, McIntyre said.

"We would like to have a Board of Directors in place in a month or two and some full time staffers soon after that," he said.

McIntyre said the committee would hold open interviews with state officials and compile a report.

"The report would include to what extent local leaders knew about the policy, to what extent can they be held accountable and what can be done about the issue in the future," McIntyre said.

Weissman said she thinks the group can make an impact.

"Stop Torture Now has been asking for an investigation for some years now," Weissman said. "The efforts will be ongoing and there will be increasing support for a commission."

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TEDx celebrates ‘the joy in trying’

What if — these words defined Saturday’s TEDxUNC conference. What if we could use manufacturing processes from the computer industry to build better vaccines?

What if we could understand why people act irrationally and could create the right incentives for self-control and healthier lives?

What if we could create business ventures that offer financial independence to women across the developing world?

For those who missed the social media hullabaloo, UNC hosted a TED-style conference Saturday in the FedEx Global Education Center.

The talk was organized by students and featured a pretty shiny lineup of speakers and performers, from nonprofit pharmaceutical company founder Victoria Hale to campus band Mipso Trio. And it was a resounding success.

I’m not quite sure what I expected going in. I spoke with organizers Rachel Myrick and Mackenzie Thomas at length beforehand, but honestly, I was prepared to be underwhelmed.

Sure, the videos at TED.com are informative and inspirational. But the TED conference is a multi-million dollar affair, with a select attendance and its pick of the world’s best speakers.

What could we reasonably expect on campus? And even with a good lineup, the question remained whether that day’s conversations would actually translate to impact on campus.

Add that to concerns about the conference’s limited audience, and I was ready for an event that was perfectly decent but didn’t quite justify the hype.

To some extent at least, the concern about the audience was borne out. The crowd’s diversity consisted primarily in the range of academic fields represented.

But while Joseph DeSimone spoke about the value of diverse teams, not all were in attendance. The only African-American face I remember seeing at the conference was on-screen. Admittedly, those watching ReeseNews’ livestream might have represented a wider demographic.

But on most other counts, the event gave what it promised. We got a carefully stage-managed, feel-good extravaganza, with enough breadth in the information presented that there should have been something to interest everyone.

The course of the afternoon felt variously like a classroom lecture (UNC professor John McGowan), a spiritual awakening (Victoria Hale) and a rally to action (Shamila Kohestani, Afghan women’s soccer pioneer).

And I’m sure I’m not the only one who came away wanting to learn the hammer dulcimer or hang drum, which are worth YouTubeing if you missed out.

But we were encouraged to dream, risk failure and try something new.

And the speakers were there to show what could happen if we did so dream, including the “what if” scenarios I listed above.

Greg Van Kirk was bluntest: his goal was that “when you walk out of here today, you feel a little less intimidated and a little more empowered.”

What impact this empowerment will have, no one knows. But TEDxUNC wasn’t a blueprint for a creative or innovative Carolina — it was a celebration of the joy in trying.

NEXT

1/25: Bill McDiarmid, dean of the UNC School of Education, discusses Teach for America.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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EDITORIAL

Decision needed on waste

While no solution is perfect, Orange County must bear the burden.

In recent years, Orange County’s landfill has crept steadily closer to capacity. Soon, the county will be without a place to dump its trash. Residents of the Rogers-Eubanks neighborhood, where the landfill is located, are at the end of their rope. And there is no solution in sight.

Orange County has found a quick fix in a temporary waste-storage facility in Durham. But if the county allows this temporary solution to become permanent, its budget and environment will suffer.

After years of delay, the county needs to find a permanent place for its waste — within its own boundaries.

A number of solutions have been proposed, and none are perfect. But building a new landfill in Orange County is the closest we can get.

The county cannot continue to let other communities clean up its mess. This is especially true when the health of these communities and the dollars of our taxpayers are on the line.

One suggestion was to continue increasing the capacity of the current landfill and keep depositing Orange County’s

trash there.

This would be a slap in the face to the residents of the Rogers Road community, who have spent the past four decades dealing with the landfill’s byproducts.

There is little doubt that the lives of the residents in this historically low-income neighborhood would be easier if the county stopped depositing trash in their backyard. Countless activists and protesters have already said as much.

A second option is building a new landfill elsewhere in Orange County. Predictably, much like the residents of the Rogers Road area, no one wants the facility anywhere near their home.

The final option is sending trash to Durham’s landfill, which won’t be full any time in the near future. Orange County decided on this as a short-term solution in 2009.

Expanding Orange County’s landfill’s capacity would create more problems than it would solve. Creating a new landfill or waste transfer station won’t be perfect, but it’s certainly preferable to the current situation, which only delays the inevitable.

Building a transfer station could create problems for the county’s budget, with projected costs between \$1.5 and

\$6 million.

Given these factors, it might seem like the county has no choice other than outsourcing its trash storage to the temporary facility in Durham.

But this quick-fix could be more expensive than its alternatives in the long run.

At a yearly cost of \$130,000 to \$140,000, this option could exceed the cost of building a new facility in as few as 10 years.

It also increases the pollution that the county is creating by requiring the trash trucks to run for longer times and greater distances, crippling the county’s sustainability initiatives in the process.

As it picks its poison, the county must make sure it does not allow a temporary (and incomplete) fix to become a permanent solution.

The intent is to use the Durham landfill for 3 to 5 years, but some, such as Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton, have expressed doubts that it will remain temporary.

The county must make good on its promise to use the landfill in Durham for as little time as possible. And in the meantime, it must search for a permanent location for a new landfill. Once the location is decided, construction should begin immediately.

EDITORIAL

Don’t discriminate

Boy Scouts shouldn’t be allowed at soon-to-be merged YMCAs.

As they plan to consolidate their organizations, the boards of directors of two local YMCAs must remember that inclusivity is the name of the game in any successful merger.

The YMCA of the Triangle must reconcile its backwards policies with the more progressive ones already in place at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro branch.

But both branches must take care not to alienate any of their patrons as they navigate this transition.

So far, there seems to be one drawback to adopting the Chapel Hill-Carrboro branch’s policies: the new YMCA could not allow a Boy Scouts of America troop to use its facilities.

Before every meeting, members of the Boy Scouts take an oath to remain, among other things, “morally straight.”

Because the Boy Scouts do not allow openly gay adults to lead troops, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro branch’s bylaws would necessitate that the new facility sever any connection to the Boy Scouts.

The Boy Scouts policy would be in direct conflict

with the discrimination policies employed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, which calls for equal opportunity for employment regardless of sexual orientation.

Plenty of Boy Scout troops are based out of churches, and it seems reasonable to suggest that a potentially displaced troop find a new place to meet.

When the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA split from its resident Boy Scout troop, the troop was able to find a new home at American Legion Post 6 in Chapel Hill.

Boy Scouts of America provides great opportunities for children in our community: learning, exploring the outdoors and interacting with other kids, to name a few. But it simply isn’t worth infringing on the gay community’s rights to preserve the leisure activities of another group. It’s a shame children are the ones who lose out here, but the YMCA should hold firm to its non-discrimination policy.

A petition opposing the merger is already circulating online. If it were to leave the sexual orientation clause out of its anti-discrimination policy, the new facility would alienate the gay communities of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Durham.

The progressive policies already in place are no accident; they reflect values that

are central to the identities of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Those opposed to the merger must bear in mind how beneficial it would be to the residents of Orange and Chatham counties.

The two communities would be able to pool resources and consolidate programs. It is clearly the most fiscally responsible course of action.

A single, central facility would provide the most effective service for the most members. And it would be able to do this at a lesser cost than the current set-up allows.

Though a formal merger is still a long way away, the branches’ boards of directors must start working now to ensure an acceptable compromise is reached.

If the merger is approved with the integration of Chapel Hill-Carrboro’s sexual orientation clause, the YMCA owes it to the troops to help them relocate to another facility. This isn’t asking much, but it could go a long way toward healing any potential wounds.

The two boards must distinguish between the damage that would be done to the complaining parties. As the YMCA makes changes in the name of collaboration and coordination, it must be sure to avoid alienation.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Student government and the Campus Y are trying to act as catalysts in student involvement. It’s not just about those groups. It’s about the whole campus becoming engaged and knowledgeable.”

Mary Cooper, UNC student body president

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“If you don’t want weapons pointed your way, don’t break into and occupy buildings in the future. A relatively simple concept that even the lunatic fringe should understand.”

UNC Alum, on the Occupy police raid in November, which is under review

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diversity was present during MLK week events

TO THE EDITOR:

A recent article published by The Daily Tar Heel omits the realization of diversity at Martin Luther King Jr. week events.

At the Memorial Banquet, I sat at a table with a diverse group of people, saw Jewish and Muslim students pray together over our meal and witnessed the testimony of an Asian-American student.

At the MLK Day of Service, I served at United Way of the Greater Triangle with the young and old, black, white and other races. Together, we served in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King’s legacy.

While attending the Unity Dinner,” I sat at a table with African-American, white and African peoples and saw other races and religious backgrounds represented at the table to discuss Dr. King’s legacy and impact.

At the “He Was a Poem, He Was a Song” event, I saw black, white and Spanish-speaking poets share their gift with a packed and diverse audience in the Stone Center. This event also featured a predominantly white a cappella group that shared their talents.

While at the memorial lecture, I saw a diverse set of student finalists compete for the scholarship, sat next to a seasoned white couple and saw other races and ages both on stage and in the audience.

While attending the “I, Too, Sing America” event, I again saw a diverse audience reflecting varying age, race, religious and ethnic backgrounds.

The planning committee and supporting organizations are to be commended for the labor and successful efforts in bringing the campus community together.

It is so easy to criticize without making personal efforts to understand by attending and participating.

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Earlier coverage of MLK week would have helped

TO THE EDITOR:

Friday’s editorial “A matter of diversity” both confused and upset me.

After personally attending most of the Martin Luther King Jr. events, I could not understand how someone could write that there was a lack of diversity during the celebration.

How could the Muslim woman I spoke to in a church during Monday’s rally not represent diversity? Was the Peruvian immigrant from Thursday’s panel alongside an environmental activist close-minded?

It is hard for me to believe The Daily Tar Heel could report that the week-long celebration did not target a diverse audience. What I witnessed at

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MLK week is not limited to part of the community

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to first start off this letter by telling the writer of Friday’s editorial “A matter of diversity” that you are publishing lies.

Our annual Martin Luther King Jr. week celebration commemorates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. In doing so, we commit to making the events as diverse as possible.

In your editorial, you state, “...it (is) more disappointing that participation in the week has been widely limited to groups with ties to the Black Student Movement (BSM).”

I would like to point out that there is only one individual on the committee that represents the BSM. The rest of the individuals on the committee represent other organizations such as the Campus Y, CUAB, NAACP, NPHC and the Carolina Women’s Center — all of which have no ties to the BSM.

Your claims in your article suggest that the MLK committee limited our events to only one part of the community.

Yet we had events during the week that promoted inclusion and diversity. If you would have come to these events, you would have been informed about the diversity present.

We, the MLK committee, expect a written apology in the next publication of the DTH.

We do not appreciate the lies that you have published which decrement the integrity of the MLK Committee. We are upset! This week is one that can bring so much good in the community and campus.

Instead of bashing the MLK Committee, you should have been promoting the events and embodying the dream MLK died for.

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