

Finding a billion-dollar idea

UNC aims to make innovation accessible

By Deborah Harris
Senior Writer

In an industry where nine out of 10 of even the best startups can fail, junior Greg Foreman knew his chances were slim.

For two years, Foreman has worked to get his e-commerce app off the ground. Along the way, he has sought nearly every entrepreneurship resource UNC has to offer: 1789 Venture Lab, the Carolina Challenge, the entrepreneurship minor, Kenan-Flagler Business School's Center for Entrepreneurial Studies — and its alumni network.

Foreman is back to the drawing board, but it wasn't for lack of trying.

Entrepreneurship is hard, Foreman said, but that's not the frustrating part. It was that resources were in sight but still hard to reach.

A lot has changed since his freshman year. UNC has a vast and diverse ecosystem of resources across and off campus. This year, the economics department's entrepreneurship minor admitted 150 students, the largest class ever. UNC is bringing in a diverse set of mentors and speakers. Resources are more open than ever — but Foreman believes UNC must make the education more accessible than it is now.

"There are people here with great ideas," Foreman said. "They can be very successful — it is a great school for entrepreneurs that is potentially getting wasted because of barriers to entry." And UNC agrees.

The school has come far



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Mathilde Verdier coordinates CUBE, a lab where students' ideas on fixing world issues get put into practice.

since former Chancellor Holden Thorp launched Innovate@Carolina in 2010. Judith Cone, special assistant to the chancellor for innovation and entrepreneurship, said this year UNC is working to connect the resources on campus and make the entrepreneurship education more accessible to students — all with the goal of creating a true innovation hub on campus in the future.

"(Entrepreneurship) is transforming ideas into practical benefit and focusing on the biggest challenges facing the world today," Cone said. "We have some big issues in the world, and we need people at the University to solve those."

Like most universities around the country, entrepreneurship hasn't been popular at UNC until recently. According to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, in 1985, there were about 250 entrepreneurship

courses offered at U.S. universities. In 2008, there were more than 5,000 courses.

"The jobs or career of today may not exist 20 years from now. So how do you train students and get them a set of experiences that allows them to think creatively about their own paths, their own careers and jobs?" said Charles Merritt, director of the minor in entrepreneurship.

UNC is training more students than ever to think like entrepreneurs — even if students never start a business in their lifetimes.

The cultural shift has been incredible, said Mathilde Verdier, social innovation initiative program coordinator for the Campus Y.

"We had cases of faculty members who were allergic to the term of 'entrepreneurship,'" Verdier said. "And now they have a class on entrepreneurship."

Verdier said the Social Innovation Initiative program

website, launched this week, is one of those steps. The website walks visitors through the many resources — the classes, workshops, seed funding opportunities, pro bono support services, mentorship, events and more — offered through Verdier's office and the other centers on campus.

Foreman acknowledged it is not the University's job to build students' businesses or make the path easier — serious entrepreneurs have to do it on their own. But instead he hopes the education, entrepreneurial mindset and accompanying resources UNC has to offer will be available to the entire student body, not just those admitted to the business school or entrepreneurship minor.

"The thing about entrepreneurship is there is no formula. Anyone can have a billion-dollar idea."

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GOP debaters work to stand out

The second debate was characterized by more policy discussions.

By Haley McDougal
Staff Writer

Names were called. Issues were heatedly debated. The term "braggadocious" was used by Donald Trump.

The second Republican presidential primary debate, held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., covered policy issues like immigration, nuclear deals and women's health — and it was not without its personal attacks.

"We don't need an apprentice in the White House," Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker said in reference to Trump.

Before the debate, Jason Huser, a professor of political science at Elon University, said while policy issues were likely to be discussed more this time, a lot of eyes would still be on Trump and how he and the other candidates would interact.

"Trump needs to be able to show

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Hate crime status of shooting discussed

A UNC law professor says proving the motive can be difficult.

By Zhai Yun Tan
Senior Writer

Seven months after the Chapel Hill shooting, Yusef Abu-Salha, brother of the victims, is busy studying for his first exams at the UNC School of Medicine, keeping up with philanthropic activities inspired by the deceased and awaiting the verdict of the murderer.

"We're all back to business, my family as well," Abu-Salha said. "We're just trying to move forward with dignity and be there for each other."

Craig Stephen Hicks has been indicted with three counts of first-degree murder for shooting UNC School of Dentistry student Deah Barakat; Barakat's wife, Yusef Abu-Salha; and Yusef's sister, Razan Abu-Salha, on Feb. 10 in their Chapel Hill apartment. Hicks was their neighbor at Finley Forest Condominiums.

The FBI handed over their files to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Middle District for deliberation of federal prosecution for a hate crime. The state court decided Hicks qualifies for a death penalty prosecution in April.

According to the FBI, when a criminal offense committed is motivated by a bias against factors like race and religion, it



COURTESY OF THE ABU-SALHA FAMILY

Deah Barakat, Yusef Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha were shot in an apartment at Finley Forest Condominiums on Feb. 10.

can be considered a hate crime. Hicks' actions invoked debate about whether the crime was motivated by religious bias.

But a problem exists: Proving a hate crime can be difficult. In this case, police say the shooting was triggered by a dispute over a parking space.

"It's always hard to prove a motive," said UNC law professor Joseph Kennedy. "The easiest to prove is when someone makes direct statements about their motivations."

Under the federal hate crime statute, the prosecutor will have to prove the crime would not have occurred without the bias. For this particular case, Kennedy said a hate crime indictment might not make a difference to

the sentencing, since Hicks has been indicted with first-degree murder. Kennedy said he will likely get life in jail without parole or the death penalty.

Another problem was that hate motive is not listed as an aggravating factor under the North Carolina death penalty. North Carolina's hate crime statute also doesn't cover homicide cases.

"One might argue on an expressive level that a hate crime charge might indicate an important interest in sending a message to society about the dangers of hate bias," Kennedy said.

Muftah Lawal, a Raleigh resident who is active in the Muslim community, said he believes

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Caitlin Kelly, a UNC senior psychology major from Raleigh, died on Sept. 11.

She is survived by her parents John Brendan Kelly and Kim Kennedy Kelly.

Her memorial service will be held at Umstead State Park in Raleigh at 1 p.m. Friday.

School choice divides NC education

Vouchers and virtual charters cause privatization debate.

By Corey Risinger
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Not all North Carolinians are eager to cash in private school vouchers, concerned by a trend towards education's privatization.

In July, the N.C. Supreme Court approved the implementation of an "Opportunity Scholarship" allowing students to claim state funding to attend N.C. private schools.

The voucher program allots up to \$4,200 per student yearly — a move enthusiasts of educational choice call long-awaited.

Susan Meyers, spokeswoman for the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, said North Carolina's decision will finally provide students the freedom to select the most well-suited education.

She said the public school system will further benefit from the program, as it will be inspired to retain its student population.

"If a few thousand children in North Carolina will be able to attend a private school, then the public schools will feel the competition of losing children to other schools," she said. "They will have the incentive to improve just like when Wal-Mart loses a customer to Target."

But Matt Ellinwood, a policy analyst at the N.C. Justice Center, said a comparison among private schools — where vouchers would be accepted — and the public school system is unfounded. He said private schools in the state lack the same accountability and data-driven results of their public equivalents.

Ellinwood said N.C. private schools can take any nationally normed test, whether it is administered in state public schools or not.

"It could be a test from 1950; it could be the Iowa test of basic skills; it could be anything that other people take," he said. "So then how do you then take that random test and compare it to what is happening with the North Carolina schools?"

June Atkinson, the state superintendent, was similarly concerned by the lack of data. She called for private schools to report research to prove they can better serve certain demographics of students — suggesting the public school grading system should be more widely applied.

"If our grading system that has been passed by the General Assembly is good enough for public schools, then why would it not be OK to have the same grading scale for private schools receiving tax payers' dollars?" she said.

Supporters of the "Opportunity Scholarship" argue low-income and underserved students will be aided by the private school vouchers.

But Elizabeth Haddix, an attorney with the UNC Center for Civil Rights, said she questions whether the state's claim is realistic.

"There's nothing about the voucher legislation in practice — and even as it's written — that tells me that that's the goal," she said. "That the goal is to serve low-income and high-performing students."

Instead, Haddix said she thought the voucher program siphoned off money that should be going towards public school.

She said she would attribute this trend toward school privatization to a fundamental difference in ideology.

"It has nothing to do with political parties; it has everything to do with how we think about public space and public education,"

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- Someone broke into and entered a residence on the 100 block of Billie Holiday Court at 4:38 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person caused \$400 worth of damage to bed sheets and \$200 worth of damage to a stripper pole, reports state.
- Someone reported a dog bite on the 100 block of Songbird Lane at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person was bitten by a Dachshund, reports state.
- Someone was drunk and disruptive on the 100 block of East Franklin Street at 11:02 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person took Tide, valued at \$16.49, and Tide Pods, valued at \$19.99, reports state.
- Someone committed larceny at Walgreens at 1500 E. Franklin St. at 9:19 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person took Tide, valued at \$16.49, and Tide Pods, valued at \$19.99, reports state.

The best of online



Paws on deck: Obama to star in wilderness show

By Olivia Slagle
Staff Writer

“The Bear is loose.” Cut to a rogue Obama eating a bear’s leftovers.

President Barack Obama was quoted this week by Today News saying any time he does something unexpected, the Secret Service uses the phrase, “The bear is loose.” In a recent visit to Alaska, Obama took this to a new level, featured on

an episode of NBC’s “Running Wild with Bear Grylls.” His trip involved a lot of firsts — first president to visit the arctic and first salmon dinner in the wilderness with Bear Grylls. Obama led a discussion on climate change, while also making appropriate use of a selfie stick.



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NORTS, NO

The Daily Tar Heel explains five things UNC students do that are really, really weird for international students — from wearing Norts outside of the gym to being suspiciously nice to strangers.

I have been a proud Tar Heel for one month, and as an international student from Spain, I’ve noticed a few things that are veeeery different here in the States.

To check out the full list, head to Pit Talk at dailytarheel.com.

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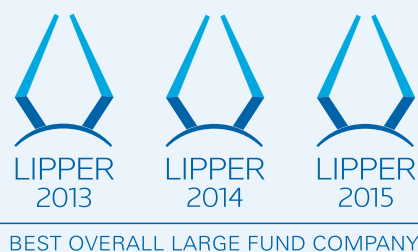
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IF YOU GIVE A GIRL A SQUIRREL



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As a freshman, Nancy Smith brought a squirrel into her room in Hinton James Residence Hall. After it was found, it was picked up by CLAWS Inc.

Nancy Smith looks back on HoJo the squirrel

By Belle Hillenburg
Staff Writer

Nancy Smith had no idea how big of an impact hiding a squirrel in her laundry hamper would have on her time at UNC. Smith, now a senior, brought the squirrel back to her room in Hinton James Residence Hall during her freshman year. HoJo, the squirrel, left days later but people still recognized Smith.

“The first couple of weeks there were people coming up to me saying, ‘Hey, are you the squirrel girl?’” she said.

Smith said keeping the squirrel led to everything from a hateful email about harming animals, to a bid to join St. Anthony Hall.

After HoJo was discovered living in Smith’s dorm room during the Fall 2012 semester, she arranged for the animal to be picked up by CLAWS Inc., a rehabilitation center for wild and exotic animals just outside of Chapel Hill.

“Luckily, (the squirrel) was young enough to still be rehabilitated and released into the wild,” said Kindra Mammone, executive

director of CLAWS Inc.

Smith said she never intended to keep the squirrel permanently.

“People were just so shocked that it happened,” she said.

Smith grew up wanting to become a zoologist but did not pursue her continued interest in animals. Now an Asian studies, and peace, war and defense double major, Smith minors in public policy and participates in Naval ROTC.

Rick Bradley, associate director of housing and residential education, said this was the first and only incident of its kind. He never expected to deal with a student purposefully keeping a wild animal.

“It was such a random event,” he said.

After surrendering HoJo, Smith made no other attempts at keeping pets in her room, but she has lived on campus for four years.

It is illegal in North Carolina to keep wild animals without a permit, but Smith did not get in trouble because she only kept the squirrel for two days.

“I was just trying to do the right thing by the animal, which I suppose makes me like a

hippie,” Smith said. “But that’s fine.”

She said if she did not pick up the squirrel, she thought someone else would have done the same because it was drawn to humans.

Mammone said baby animals need to be trained in the wild not to approach humans because they have not yet developed a healthy fear of people. HoJo was a baby squirrel at the time.

CLAWS Inc. currently has 41 squirrels in rehabilitation at its center.

Mammone said she frequently receives calls from UNC students about distressed animals. She recommends students call an animal center in the area and watch without interfering if they find an animal in distress.

“The most important thing to do is just call before stepping in,” she said.

Smith plans to enter the Navy when she graduates in the spring. Occasionally, she thinks about finding out where HoJo ended up.

“I have overcome the infamy of the squirrel event,” she said.

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Legislators struggle with rushed budget

The Senate had less than 24 hours to read the 429-page budget.

By Danielle Chemtob
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Some N.C. legislators argue the 429-page state budget and accompanying 207-page money report deserve more than 24 hours to be read.

The budget, due July 1, was passed by the N.C. Senate on Wednesday — less than a day after senators reviewed the final document.

“You can’t just read it like a novel,” said Sen. Jeff Jackson, D-Mecklenburg.

Members of the N.C. House of Representatives will have a mandated 72 hours to evaluate the budget, which will be voted on Thursday and Friday.

Jackson said although the budget has been passed, he is still reviewing its actual contents.

“Only a very small handful of legislators know what’s in this budget,” he said. “The rest of us are still going through it, only now it’s already passed.”

He said the budget was prematurely pushed through the Senate.

“It was a major disappointment with respect to transparency,” he said. “This is the biggest legislative day of the year, and we should approach it in a thoughtful, deliberate way and not jam things through.”

Rep. Graig Meyer, D-Orange, said representatives also don’t have enough time to thoroughly review the document, despite the 72-hour rule.

“The final agreement was negotiated behind closed doors by Republican leadership, so I didn’t see the budget until almost midnight on Monday,” he said.

Bob Luebke, a policy analyst at the conservative Civitas Institute, said serving on various committees allows legislators to have some knowledge of the budget before it is introduced.

“Of course, it’s not like somebody pops a 400-page document on your desk that nobody’s seen the guts of before,” he said. “You’re pretty much familiar with a lot of the stuff in there to begin with.”

But he said he would support the implementation of a 72-hour rule in the Senate, which Meyer and Jackson also called for.

Delays in the budget were caused by issues like education funding and philosophical divisions between Republicans in the Senate and House, Luebke said.

“The Senate is philosophically much more conservative than the House, at least on the Republican side,” he said.

He said the differences in each chamber’s constituencies caused tension in the budgeting process.

And Democrats were shut out of the negotiation process entirely, Meyer said.

“Realistically, this is a game about power,” he said. “The reality is the Republicans have the power to negotiate this budget behind closed doors and pass it with their majorities, and they don’t have to include Democrats —and they decided not to.”

But Luebke said the deliberations allowed for discussion on the topic.

“I think they made a good effort if somebody couldn’t present something in a hearing and felt strongly about it. They could always get messages across in a variety of ways.”

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UNC defensive line looks to execute in backfield

The Tar Heels have generated just two sacks this season.

By Mohammed Hedadji
Senior Writer

The North Carolina defensive line has struggled to finish. Tasked with anchoring the defense, stopping the run and attacking opposing quarterbacks, the unit has yet to meet expectations this season.

“The first two games weren’t up to our standard,” said defensive tackle Jeremiah Clarke.

“We’re just missing opportunities in the backfield.”

With just two sacks in two games, the Tar Heels will look to create more pressure against Illinois on Saturday. Against an Illini team that has scored 96 points in its first two games, getting to the quarterback will prove crucial.

And coaches and players know that all effective pass rushes start with one thing: stopping the run.

“Our focus is to stop the ball on the ground,” Clarke said. “If we can get them into third-and-long situations, we can do a better job of getting to the quarterback.”

While the defensive line is battling in the trenches, it will also need to win another war — the turnover battle.

And after generating three turnovers in UNC’s 53-14 victory over North Carolina A&T, the Tar Heels will look to change the complexion of Saturday’s contest by creating turnovers against Illinois.

“If we don’t get (turnovers), it’s going to be a tough day,” Coach Larry Fedora said.

Going up against Illinois quarterback Wes Lunt — who has already thrown for 478 yards this season — the Tar Heels also need to make sure

he doesn’t get into a groove before it’s too late.

But for the Tar Heel defensive line, penetration has been easier than execution.

“We’ve had opportunities the last two games to have more than two sacks,” Clarke said.

“You just can’t miss your opportunities in the backfield.”

Tackling the Illini behind the line will prove a difficult task for the Tar Heels on Saturday. Lunt stands at 6-foot-5 and weighs 225 pounds, making him a difficult player to bring down.

The Tar Heels know that even if they don’t bring Lunt down every time, keeping him under duress will help the rest of the defense.

“If you can’t pressure him and you give him time, he can shred you,” said defensive coordinator Gene Chizik. “That’s really what he’s been doing the last two weeks.”

While UNC’s defense sees

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Nazair Jones (90) tells the crowd to get pumped up before the final play of the first half of a Virginia Tech game.

Chapel Hill PARK(ing) Day raises environmental awareness

The town will convert a Franklin Street parking space into a park on Friday.

By John Foulkes
Staff Writer

Four UNC undergraduate students are organizing and overseeing the preparations needed for turning a single metered parking spot into a temporary park.

Chapel Hill will participate in PARK(ing) Day for the first time Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. PARK(ing) Day is an open-sourced, global event where participants rent out metered parking

spots and transform them into public spaces.

PARK(ing) Day was started when Rebar, a former art and design studio, paid for two hours of parking in a metered spot in downtown San Francisco in 2005. The studio rolled out a grass carpet, and placed a tree and a bench.

Rebar did this to draw attention to the debate of how public space is created and how to improve the human habitat. However, the picture of their impromptu park went viral and they were asked to make such spots across the world.

Instead, Rebar decided to make what they would come to call PARK(ing) Day an open-source event — allowing local citizens,

artists and activists to identify specific community needs and values and use the event to draw attention to issues that are important to the public.

Since the event’s inception, metered spots have been rented to set up everything from basic bench-and-sod parks to bike repair shops, and one spot was even used for a wedding.

Caroline Lindquist, an urban studies and planning minor, said she decided to be a part of PARK(ing) Day because she loves how the design is used to create community.

“(PARK(ing) Day’s mission) is to create public space that encourages the community to interact

and build stronger relationships,” Lindquist said.

The student organizers, members of the soon-to-be-started urban design club at Carolina, are trying to do just that with the help of Meg McGurk, the executive director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership.

The nonprofit agency, is the leader in maintaining downtown Chapel Hill as the economic and social center of the town and has been assisting the club in preparations for PARK(ing) Day.

“PARK(ing) day is an opportunity to take space downtown and transform it into something interesting and dynamic,” said McGurk.

Organizer Alexi Wordell, an urban studies and planning minor, said she wants cities to be less car-centric and more people-centric through the inclusion of more green, public spaces.

Regarding the event’s goal, Wordell said, “It’s for Chapel Hill to rethink the roles of cars and people in an urban setting and challenge the way we build our cities.”

On Friday, organizers will decorate a spot on Franklin Street with various plants and palettes that will raise the spot to the height of the curb. The event will offer music and games, as well as benches for those seeking simple relaxation.

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HATE CRIME

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strongly this is a hate crime.

“All indications point in that direction, and a lot of people think it’s true, even non-Muslims,” Lawal said. He said he thinks Hicks

should get the death penalty, regardless of race or religion.

“If you kill, you have to be killed,” he said.

Yousef Abu-Salha was studying in the Caribbean when the tragedy occurred. He came home and enrolled in the UNC medical school to

be close to his family.

Like Kennedy, Yousef Abu-Salha is not sure if the hate crime can be proven.

“I don’t believe that three young, charming individuals are killed execution-style from point-blank range over a dispute,” he said.

“Whether there is enough evidence to prove that is another question.”

But his concerns stop at the possibility of a death penalty sentence for Hicks.

“I’m not too worried about his fate — I’d rather spend my life thinking about my sis-

ters’ and my brother-in-law’s legacy,” he said.

“I’m not going to be consumed by the fate of a murderer. I have faith in the justice system.”

Other than that, Yousef Abu-Salha, his family members and the Muslim commu-

nity are busy honoring the victims, who were very involved in philanthropy work.

“There is a lot of things going on still,” Yousef Abu-Salha said. “I believe that we will keep it going.”

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DEBATE

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that he has policy grounds to work from, that it’s not just about smoke,” Husser said.

D. Sunshine Hillygus, a professor of political science at Duke University, said the candidates’ main goal for the debate would be to establish and differentiate themselves from the others.

“They’re all looking for the one-liner that can be easily quotable,” Hillygus said.

She said since it’s primary season, voters are going to be more fluid in their preferences than they are in the general election. She said the debate actually does matter because it allows voters to decide who would represent them best, and who could succeed in the general election.

“The type of information that matters in the primary is very different from what matters in the general election because the primary voters are again trying to make some

determination about electability and viability,” Hillygus said.

Husser said with Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina and Trump all running as outsider candidates, Carson — the least experienced of the three at dealing with public officials and interaction — would need to show he understands the way government works.

“Carson, right now, is in a position that he could take Trump’s mantle as the outsider candidate,” Husser said. “He has pitched himself as an

outsider who’s much softer and friendlier than Trump, but also with an intellectual spin to himself.”

During the debate, Fiorina said people are choosing non-politicians because of their ability to understand the citizens. “If someone’s been in the system the whole life, they don’t know how broken the system is,” Fiorina said.

Frank Pray, chairman of the UNC College Republicans, said he was looking forward to seeing the candidates emerge

in the debate.

“I love that we have the world’s best neurosurgeon, a few great U.S. senators, a few governors with amazing records, a businesswoman who is a far better alternative than Hillary Clinton and a businessman whose business has been so successful that his name is synonymous with real estate across the world,” he said in an email.

Husser said with so many candidates at the debate, it would be nearly impossible to



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have one winner. He said it’s more about how many points they can obtain, rather than a winner-takes-all system.

“It is much more a (question of) did this person seem competent, did this person seem able to potentially hold the presidency?” Husser said.

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Haddix said.

With only \$4,200, Ellinwood said he doubted the low-income students the state is ostensibly serving could afford to attend some of the best ranked private schools — like Ravenscroft in

Raleigh or Durham Academy.

Ellinwood said he is doubtful the voucher system will work.

“This is sort of from the ‘Department of Obvious,’ but the quality of private schools is deeply linked to the amount that you spend on tuition,” he said.

Students already consider-

ing a private school education would benefit the most from voucher systems, he said.

Ellinwood said he is also concerned with the expansion of the state’s virtual charter school program, which also draws from public funds.

But Chris Withrow, executive director of N.C. Learns, said the entirely online school

provides a crucial opportunity for students in adverse circumstances — like those who have been bullied or suffer from medical conditions.

The structure of the virtual charter requires all students to have a capable learning coach: an adult with proficient computer literacy who is present and proactive in the

schooling process.

Deanna Townsend-Smith, a consultant for the N.C. Office of Charter Schools, said public charter schools target no particular population.

“That just all depends on where they are; it is a mixed bag,” she said.

Ultimately, in an age of budget cuts, Ellinwood said

the trend toward school privatization is concerning.

“It is kind of amazing for the state to admit that they’re not providing an adequate education for the lowest performing students, do nothing about it and then just let some of them leave.”

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UNC astrophysicist works with Hawking

By Blake Hoarty
Staff Writer

Laura Mersini-Houghton, a professor of physics and astronomy, collaborated with Stephen Hawking at a recent conference in Sweden.

Mersini-Houghton has been working in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at UNC since 2004. Her research is focused around the origins of the universe, dark energy and the quantum physics of the black holes.

Mersini-Houghton's work has become so well renowned, she has worked with physics extraordinaires like Hawking. "I have known him for

many years," she said. "He's an amazing person. Despite his difficulty with his condition, he is the hardest working person I have ever come across and he still has this child-like curiosity and desire to understand some of the most difficult problems."

Mersini-Houghton organized a physics conference in Sweden in August, attended by Hawking, Chancellor Carol Folt and a constellation of other prominent scientists.

"We gathered hoping to make progress with a very difficult problem known as the information loss paradox," she said.

Mersini-Houghton said

Einstein's theory of gravity predicts the creation of black holes, but a law of quantum theory is at odds with his theory. This problem is called the information loss paradox.

"I specifically collected all the founding fathers of the field, thinking that since these people created the field 40 years ago, they know all the subtleties around it," Mersini-Houghton said. "And if we get together (in) one room (for) a week and do some concentrated thinking, then we are bound to come up not with the final solution, but the direction on how to solve this problem."

Beverly Loftin, manager

of the physics department, said she isn't personally acquainted with Mersini-Houghton, but is well aware of her research.

"She is highly publicized. She is very involved in the research community," Loftin said.

Christopher Clemens, chairman of the physics department, said Mersini-Houghton's classes tend to be the most mathematically difficult classes in the department — but the classes are also popular.

"They are taken by a large fraction of the graduate students that are here," he said. "They are not populated like Introduction to Astronomy,

but you have to consider the size of the audience, and for the size of the audience, yes, they are popular."

Clemens said Mersini-Houghton excels at expressing complicated topics clearly.

"She communicates a very good understanding of what the questions are and what

the resolutions might be," Clemens said. "She's a very good presenter, and that is why she has been on shows with Morgan Freeman and other PBS shows."

"She is a great spokeswoman for the field of cosmology."

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Pit cyphers keep hip-hop flowing

By Trevor Lenzmeier
Staff Writer

Joshua Rowsey graduated from Kenan-Flagler Business School in 2013. Since then, he has spent time on Wall Street as an insurance analyst, and he plans to travel to Cherokee, N.C., next month with members of the UNC linguistics and music departments to teach native Cherokee people to rap in their native tongue.

But travel as he may, on Wednesday nights, Rowsey always ends up in one place.

Since last fall, Rowsey has helped put on a freestyle hip-hop cypher in the Pit every Wednesday at 9:15 p.m. Building on the momentum of the "Cypher University" movement established at N.C. State, Rowsey — who goes by (J) Rowdy — volunteered to lead the charge in Chapel Hill so he could give students an outlet to freely express themselves through hip-hop.

"I think hip-hop is a universal medium that speaks to so many different people and so many different ideals because it can apply itself to almost any situation," Rowsey said. "If you have a story, you're a part of hip-hop."

(J) Rowdy and Chapel Hill's hip-hop tales are inextricably bound to each other. Before he brought the Cypher to the Pit, Rowsey and fellow emcees Cayso and JSWISS formed the N9to5 hip-hop collective during their tenures at UNC.

Though the artists have branched out since graduation, the group still collaborates, most recently during



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UNC students meet near the Pit on Wednesday night to participate in a freestyle hip-hop cypher.

their Hillmatic hip-hop showcase at Local 506 last month.

Frontman of the Durham-based band, The Beast, and UNC lecturer Pierce Freelon has never been far from Chapel Hill's hip-hop scene. According to Freelon, the nature of Chapel Hill presents a unique challenge to a flourishing musical community.

Freelon said maintaining a fan base in a college town can be difficult.

"It's a transient thing — you're here for four years if you're lucky, and then move on to other things," he said.

With the cypher, Rowsey brings a sense of permanency to the local hip-hop community. Although artists, students and fans come and go from

Chapel Hill, Rowsey is proud to be among those who bearing torch for the community.

"I want to represent my hometown and what built me as a man to face the world," he said. "Representing Chapel Hill is just like representing myself, and I want to do it to the highest level."

As students filtered through the Pit last night, musicians laid down a beat on a cello, violin, guitar and drum kit while amateur rappers provided impromptu lyrics. A small crowd grew larger as the night went on while emcees passed the mic and gave the evening a soundtrack.

Sophomore Peyton Courtney was among those who stepped up to the mic last

night. He says he started coming for the music but stuck around for the camaraderie.

"It's a real good community at the Cypher, and it's great for boosting the rap and hip-hop community here," Courtney said. "You don't even have to be able to freestyle to enjoy it — it's just poetry in motion."

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From garden gnomes to organ plushies, Student Stores really has it all. Visit Pit Talk blog for the scoop.

A new kind of legacy

Three years after earning the nickname "squirrel girl," Nancy Smith reflects on her legacy. See pg. 3 for story.


UNC survival guide

María Peña, an exchange student from Spain, discusses how to navigate UNC. Visit Pit Talk blog for more.

More than a light read

N.C. legislators received the overdue, 429-page state budget with 24 hours to read over it. See pg. 3 for story.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Ways to the docks

7 Military unit

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28 Pump output

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34 Fancy neckwear

37 Mess up

39 "A likely story!"

40 Friend of 66-Across

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45 Aired as a marathon

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48 Ship, to a sailor

49 Chips for the winner

50 "___-mite!": "Good Times" catchword

52 Patron of Alice's

54 Friend of 16-Across

58 What we have here

60 River-bottom

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12 Scouting unit

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20 Employer of 16-Across

23 Back then

25 She won an Oscar for her 1980 portrayal of Loretta

27 1945 "Big Three" conference site

29 "___ boy!"

31 Chi precursor

33 Light element

34 One bounce, in baseball

35 ___ days

36 Creator of 66-Across

37 Caffé order

38 Beginning of space?

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49 Springtime concern for many

51 Hatch in the Senate

53 Cuba ___ rum drink

55 Respected figure

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9/24: JOYCE MANOR w/ Cheap Girls and Tracks (\$15)

9/27: Carboro Music Festival (Free show; 3 PM - 11 PM)

9/29: FIDLAR** (\$15) w/ Dune Rats

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10/3: TYLER WAARD** (\$15/\$18)

OCT. 8: DESTROYER w/Jennifer Castle ** (\$15/\$20)

OCT. 9: MATT NATHANSON (Sold Out)

OCTOBER 10: NOAH GUNDERSEN (\$15/\$17) w/ Field Report (solo)

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OCT. 12: SMALLPOOLS w/Phoebe Ryan, Machineheart (\$20/\$23)

OCT. 13: WAXAHATCHEE w/Weyes Blood (\$14/\$16)

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NOVEMBER

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11/3: YOUTH LAGOON w/Moon King (\$17/\$20)

11/4: MINUS THE BEAR** (\$23/\$25) w/O'Brother, Aero Flynn

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Knowing your rights is essential

Last week, four historically black Greek organizations hosted events regarding rights when interacting with law enforcement officers. Judges, lawyers and police officers served on panels to provide diverse perspectives and answer questions.

The room was filled with Black students, motivated by curiosity and concern for the current state of relations between police and African-Americans.

Seeing a room filled with Black students interested in learning more about rights was encouraging but also sad-denying. It was encouraging because so many students were interested in engaging other students with law enforcement officers. It was discouraging because other students didn't find it necessary to attend an event to learn about their legal rights and how to conduct themselves with law enforcement officers.

These events should be of interest to everyone — not just those concerned with Black lives. If not for social justice reasons, just to be aware. It can be difficult to fully comprehend laws and regulations.

The panel was an open, safe space to interact with law enforcement officers — which was a new concept for me. Prior to attending the panel, a majority of my knowledge about the inner workings of the police force came from Olivia Benson on "Law and Order: SVU."

Having the opportunity to listen to stories and receive advice from practicing law enforcement officers was an incredible opportunity.

The dialogue was much more than a discussion about the Black Lives Matter movement.

Amongst the topics, the panelist provided explanations for practices and clarified tricky police jargon and protocol for interacting with citizens.

Underage drinking is illegal, but we all know it happens on Frat Court. Do you know under what circumstances police can legally enter a private home? Are you aware of the repercussions of being charged with underage drinking?

Black trash bags can't protect you from everything, you know.

The panel also discussed police interactions. Vince Rozier, a Wake County judge, said that the initial tone of a police interaction is important because that determines whether or not there is an altercation.

He said it was up to both the officer and the individual to know their rights and to converse in mutually respectful ways.

Students should take this time to learn about legalities. There will never be a place filled with more qualified individuals to help dissect constitutional rights and their implications.

You can only learn so much from the internet. Tossing statistics around without contextual knowledge is pointless. It requires examining the current state holistically.

It's better to know your rights before you're in a compromising position.

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EDITORIAL

Don't stop the music

CUAB should still hold concerts for Homecoming.

In the 1960s and early 1970s, UNC's Jubilee in the spring was a mini music festival in itself. In 1971, the Jubilee was a multi-venue affair featuring prominent performers of the time like The Allman Brothers Band, Muddy Waters and Chuck Berry.

On Sept. 4, the Carolina Union Activities Board announced they would not be putting on a Homecoming concert this fall, saying they would instead reallocate their resources toward an expanded spring Jubilee.

Unless CUAB can revive the Jubilee extravaganzas on the scale of years past, discontinuing the Homecoming concert is a shame, and CUAB should do everything in its power to make sure there is a proper Homecoming show next year.

A Homecoming concert is a fantastic community event that takes an essential role in building a festival atmosphere around the football game. It is particularly disappointing that there won't be a hype-building concert when UNC's Homecoming opponent is Duke.

Last year's spring Jubilee was indeed a success, but CUAB shouldn't focus

on one big concert in the spring unless it revives the spirit of the multi-venue mini festivals of the past.

Judging by the size of CUAB's past budgets and the range of contract amounts of available artists, it seems possible for CUAB to put on more than one successful concert per year.

UNC itself has had plenty of success in planning Homecoming concerts, even those in recent years, like the J. Cole concert of 2012. It would be a shame if the tradition was discontinued altogether.

Failing to procure a Homecoming concert at UNC is a major disappointment. CUAB shouldn't repeat the mistake.

EDITORIAL

Let the camera roll

N.C. should give more incentives to film producers.

As per the budget released Monday by state legislators, North Carolina will see a slight increase in its film tax incentive program.

Though this represents progress for an industry that saw incentives gutted by \$50 million at the end of last year, it is doubtful that the increase — a mere \$4 million for TV productions — will have any long term impact on the economy.

Future budgets should allocate more resources to the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund, to diversify the state's economy.

It is certainly beneficial to the state economy that the Triangle and Charlotte are becoming major economic centers. However, the growth seen in the Triangle and Charlotte is unfortunately not representative of the entire state.

Clearly the development of the film industry would not act as a panacea for all of North Carolina's economic inequalities. But the reduction of tax incentives for the film industry was a serious misstep in generating jobs outside of the clusters of development that are the Triangle and Charlotte.

Furthermore, since 1963 the state has supported the UNC School of the Arts, which, according to its website, "is the state's unique professional school for the performing, visual and moving arts."

Given that in the past Gov. Pat McCrory has stressed the importance of connecting higher education to job opportunities, it is all the more frustrating that the film industry has been downsized when the state funds a school specifically for learning the arts.

Even if the grant fund does not reach the original spending levels, it would behoove the state to increase it significantly from where it currently is.



QuickHits



If you're not greedy

The second round of the Republican debates was last night. While we still have many upcoming debates to hear the platforms of all the candidates, it seems the biggest question of all still remains unanswered. Is Donald Trump ever going to admit to being an overgrown, xenophobic Oompa Loompa?



Time to dislike

Facebook announced plans to work on a kind of dislike button feature, responding to complaints about the lack of negativity on the internet. So rest easy knowing that soon you will finally be able to express your hate for all of those posts from your high school friends in a convenient click of your mouse.



The true axis of evil

Yesterday, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady spoke out in favor of Donald Trump, saying "it would be great" if the fleshy orange mass became president. Then he shocked reporters by announcing he was retiring early from the Patriots to take over coaching duties for Duke's football team.



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Dog days of UNC

Who would plan a doggie paddle near a college and not invite every student? There is a huge market of students who would pay top dollar for the chance to swim with over 100 dogs. That is basically what every single person on this campus stays up late at night dreaming about. This better be fixed next year.



Another slice

Carrboro is getting another pizza place. While we would never complain about the ever-expanding empire of cheesy goodness, we are worried what having another pizza place will do to our arteries. We will still go though; we will still bite into the crust of temptation and let our future selves worry about it.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I was just trying to do the right thing by the animal, which I suppose makes me like a hippie. But that's fine."

Nancy Smith, who rescued a squirrel three years ago

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"If you find college to be a perpetual party, you likely will not last much more than your freshman year."

tjgUNC, on finding happiness at college

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Think twice before criticizing survivors

TO THE EDITOR:

Being a survivor of sexual assault means I can't have it all. I have to drop classes I really like and sacrifice doing well at my job (which I have to have to pay for my therapy) because my PTSD requires me to have at least 10 hours of sleep in order to function which cuts into my homework time and self-care.

There is no such thing as "sucking it up" for me. Trying to could do serious damage to my health and safety, like the time earlier this year I was so busy writing a paper, I neglected my chronic dry eye and ended up tearing my cornea.

All this, and I'm still doing extraordinarily well for a survivor. Every single one of my survivor friends have had to withdraw, underload, transfer out of UNC, or stay for extra semesters in order to continue to survive, which is unbelievably expensive. It's a miracle I'm still on track to graduate in four years.

So think twice before you criticize survivors for demanding better treatment from UNC. The University is supposed to help us, not fill us with fear and self-doubt when we're trying to recover from a life-changing traumatic event.

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Saying no is an answer to fracking

TO THE EDITOR:

Morgan Zemaitis writes that activists who "say no" to offshore drilling ought to put more effort into proposing solutions to "the problem." But Zemaitis has "the problem" all wrong.

The ecological crisis is real, it's enormous, it could influence all of our lives — and it's the problem that people who care about the earth are trying to solve.

Some people, however, who profess the kinds of opinions Zemaitis does are not worried about the earth so much as they are worried about the continued existence of industry.

Zemaitis writes that we should petition for solar panels and wind turbines. What she doesn't bring up — possibly a symptom of the same NIMBY-ism that she condemns in her column — are the mines, transportation infrastructure and other ecologically harmful practices that enable those "green energy solutions."

What will we do if we have to choose between industry and our wild earth? In the midst of the Anthropocene, the sixth mass extinction, and the age of climate change, we have arguably already reached that point.

So who is going to put the earth first? The problem for Zemaitis et al. is "unsustainable industry," but the problem for the rest of us is industry itself. The activists who are saying "no" to offshore drilling aren't foregoig solutions; "No" is the solution.

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