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Remembering 'Our Three Winners' through the people who knew them best

By Rachel Bridges
Assistant City Editor

"They wouldn't look at anyone differently no matter their race. They treated everyone the same. That's the message. To spread love and awareness about how we're all the same no matter where we're from. They were just so kind, generous, and philanthropic, and optimistic," said Lina Chaarawi, the cousin of Razan and Yusor Abu-Salha.

Razan Abu-Salha, Yusor Abu-Salha and Deah Barakat lost their lives in an act of senseless violence on Feb. 10, 2015 at Finley Forest Condominiums, but their memories live on.

Chaarawi attended high school at the same time as Razan at Athens Drive High School in Raleigh.

"The memory that sticks out the most to me was the last time that I actually saw them. It was a couple of days before their deaths," Chaarawi said.

"Me and my whole family, my mom, my sister, my grandma, we all went out to eat dinner at Chili's. Yusor and Deah had just come back from the honeymoon. All of us were sitting at the table and they were sharing memories that they had in Mexico. Deah and Yusor had gotten bracelets for the whole family, and I remember joking around saying, 'Oh yeah, this'll be the accessory that I wear on my wedding day, and



COURTESY OF THE ABU-SALHA FAMILY

(From left) Deah Barakat, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha lost their lives Feb. 10, 2015.

to this day actually, I have it on. I never took it off."

Chaarawi said she felt that Yusor and Razan were more like her sisters, not her cousins.

"They used to hold me to such high standards, and growing up with them was such a blessing," she said.

"I loved them as much as I love my sister."

Yousef Abu-Salha is the brother of Razan and Yusor, and remembers the lasting impacts that the three made during their lives and even after their passing.

"They did so much positive

work. They woke up thinking of other people," Yousef Abu-Salha said.

Yousef Abu-Salha described them each in one word. "Deah is a leader. Razan is individualistic. And Yusor: Her name describes her. The word Yusor means ease,

and she was just so easy-going and light-spirited."

He remembers an ordinary moment he shared with Razan, just doing simple errands.

"We were just driving and made the decision to get some smoothies and listen to some music. But looking back on it, I'm just really, really grateful that I got to spend another moment with her," he said.

Razan was a part of Project Downtown, which she managed through United Muslim Relief, where she helped feed the homeless and spent time talking with them.

"She was very creative, an architecture student, and used her talents to help others," Yousef Abu-Salha said.

Deah raised money and traveled to administer pediatric dental relief in the West Bank and Turkey along the Syrian Border.

Yusor took part in a similar undertaking in Turkey along the Syrian border. They both planned on being a part of the Project Refugee Smiles trip this past summer.

Yasmine Inaya also attended Athens Drive and was a close friend of Razan Abu-Salha.

She remembers her drive and integrity.

"I've known Razan my entire life, but we never really got close until our last two years of high school.

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Islamophobia radicalizes political debate

A community is rebutting anti-Islam comments in the presidential election.

By Tat'yana Berdan
Senior Writer

Duke University Chapel's call to prayer controversy, the highly publicized shooting deaths of three Muslim students in Chapel Hill and the Syrian refugee crisis — all have raised questions about the rhetoric surrounding Islam in politics and the media.

According to a recent survey by the Pew Research Center, American beliefs fall on partisan lines concerning Muslim communities.

There is a greater discrepancy in the number of Republicans and Democrats who believe just a few Muslims are "anti-American" than in 2002 when "there was little difference" between the parties, the study states.

John Esposito, professor of religion and international affairs and of Islamic studies at Georgetown University, said Islam's presence in political debates has not changed since the presidential elections in 2008 and 2012, but the nature of the dialogue is different.

Presidential hopefuls such as Ben Carson and Donald Trump have not discussed terrorism in broad terms alongside issues like the economy, he said. Rather, they've radicalized it.

"They have wound up making statements that

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COURTESY OF KIMBERLY ACOSTA

Kimberly Acosta created two art pieces that were featured in the United Muslim Relief-Triangle Art Expo.

'A Year in Reflection' through art

Area artists use their art to make sense of tragedy a year later.

By Morgan Vickers
Senior Writer

Following the deaths of Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha, Triangle-area residents turned to art to grieve and make sense of the tragedies.

One year later, art is helping them heal.

In Raleigh on Saturday, hundreds viewed this art at the United Muslim Relief-Triangle Art Expo, which was hosted in The Light House — the community center created in memoriam of Barakat.

Appropriately, the theme was "A Year in Reflection."

"Art is a common ground for everyone," said Salma Rezk, president of UMR-Triangle.

"One of our main messages was condemning hate."

Combating Islamophobia

Durham resident Ibrahim Darhmaoui learned to heal through the love and faith of his mother, Zohra Selama, an immigrant from Morocco.

Before the Chapel Hill shooting, Selama didn't under-

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'Standing together with their white coats'

Dentistry students and MSA members coped together, not at CAPS.

By Colleen Moir
Senior Writer

In times of tragedy, UNC makes its Counseling and Psychological Services available to students — but some prefer to turn to each other for help, rather than to these official resources.

Maureen Windle, associate director of Counseling and Psychological Services, said very few School of Dentistry students took advantage of the resources offered the day after dentistry student Deah Barakat, his wife Yusor Abu-Salha and her sister Razan Abu-Salha were killed.

She said she and four other therapists went to the School of Dentistry the day after the shootings. No students sought individual help, although Windle approached some students to ask how they were doing.

"The therapists saw no people

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The best of online



'Hamilton:' Founding Father turned dreamboat

By Sarah McCulla
Staff Writer

"How does a bastard, orphan, son of a whore and a Scotsman/dropped in the middle of a forgotten Spot in the Caribbean by Providence impoverished/in squalor grow up to be a hero and a scholar?"

And how does he infiltrate American pop culture and interest vast numbers of Americans who have never really had an interest in American Colonial History? Sorry for the last two lines. I lack the rhythmic prowess of Lin-Manuel Miranda, the brainchild for Broadway's biggest hit in recent history: "Hamilton" — a New American Musical.

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When you think about it that way, it makes a pretty great story doesn't it?

Miranda thought so too. He is the amazing creator, composer, lyricist and title character of "Hamilton."

DTH ONLINE:
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MORE TO SEE ONLINE:

BE HEALTHY

Staff Writer *Adrianna Stallworth* writes down a few reasons to participate in Mental Health Awareness Week.

If you weren't aware, NAMI UNC is hosting a number of events for Mental Health Awareness week.

Here's a few events you don't want to miss — including puppies.

Read more on *Pit Talk*.

PLEASE, NO

Staff Writer *Hannah Macie* came up with a few more animal combinations that are infinitely worse than *Puppy Monkey Baby*.

The infamous "Puppy Monkey Baby" from Mountain Dew Kickstart's Super Bowl 50 commercial will live in our memories long after the highlights of the actual game will.

Read more on *Medium*.

POP CULTURE

Bronwyn Bishop explains how *Extra Gum* will probably bring you love this Valentine's Day. Or something.

Want to fall in love? Chew *Extra Gum*. Or maybe don't chew it. There is no telling where its powers come from.

I can explain. Watch this commercial in its entirety.

If there is anything capable of making you believe in love, it's this freaking commercial about gum.

Essentially, if you carry around a pack of *Extra Gum*, all of your problems (more than just your bad breath) will disappear.

Read more on *Medium*.

in BRIEF

ARTS BRIEF

The music department is bringing *Katia Michel* to Person Hall tonight to perform a recital and teach a masterclass for UNC piano students. This event will be free and open to the public.

Michel is from Liceu Conservatory, Barcelona. The event starts at 7:30 p.m.

— staff reports

UNIVERSITY BRIEF

The UNC National Alliance on Mental Illness is hosting a series of events this week in honor of mental health awareness week. Tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., Hannah Blum, a National Alliance on Mental Illness representative, will host a seminar discussing mental health on college campuses.

The seminar will be in Bingham 301.

— staff reports

POLICE LOG

• Someone communicated threats on the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 11:21 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported harassment on the 100 block of Melrose Place at 6:39 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person reported that their neighbor left a note on their other neighbor's front door, reports state.

• Someone committed forgery at Triest AG Group

Inc. at 165 E. Franklin St. at 4:49 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person altered a check and fraudulently cashed it, reports state.

• Someone drove while impaired on 500 Weaver Dairy Road at 8:35 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone failed to pay a rental fee at the Red Roof Inn at 5623 Fordham Blvd. at 11:53 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Tuesday's pg. 4 story "Gerhardts: 2 lawfully wedded scholars" misrepresented the Gerhardts' relationship with PlayMakers. Deborah Gerhardt purchases season tickets to PlayMakers.

Due to a reporting error, Tuesday's pg. 4 headline "Orange County officials discuss future town plans" misrepresented the Orange County Board of Commissioners' plans. Orange County officials discussed county goals.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

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Samson in Stone: New Discoveries in the Ancient Synagogue at Huqoq in Israel's Galilee

ELI N. EVANS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN JEWISH STUDIES II



JODI MAGNESS, distinguished professor at UNC, will share images and describe the results of her excavations in the ancient Galilean village of Huqoq, which are bringing to light a synagogue of the Late Roman period (fifth century C.E.) paved with stunning mosaics.

February 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

UNC Genome Science Building
Free and open to the public. No tickets or reservations required. No reserved seats.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Services remember 'Our Three Winners'

By Felicia Bailey
Staff Writer

Today will be filled with remembrance and celebrations of life as UNC and N.C. State University hold memorials for the three students who were killed a year ago today.

Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha will be remembered today at 1:15 p.m. during a special ceremony held in the UNC School of Dentistry, where Barakat was a student and his wife Yusor Abu-Salha had been admitted. Space is limited, so

the event will be available to stream on unc.edu.

Tiffany Brannan, spokesperson for the UNC School of Dentistry, said the ceremony will include remarks from a classmate of Barakat's and from family members.

"We're focusing on celebrating their lives and who they were," Brannan said.

Sara Khan, spokesperson for UNC's Muslim Students Association, said it's important to try to honor the family's wishes not to call this week an "anniversary." They do not want to focus so much on how the students died but rather on how they lived, she said.

Khan said it's important to look to the future in this time of remembrance.

The Light House Project — a nonprofit organization started by Farris Barakat, Deah Barakat's brother — launched the campaign #ForwardWithFaith to use the month of February to begin a movement that embodies values of dignity, unity and resilience.

At 6 p.m., NCSU and the Light House Project will be hosting the "Our Three Winners Memorial: A Day of Light" on the Stafford Commons on NCSU's campus.

The memorial will include a call to prayer, a candlelight remembrance and remarks from guest speakers including NCSU Chancellor Randy Woodson and UNC Chancellor Carol Folt.

Mahmoud Tohmaz, president of NCSU's Muslim Students Association, said he wants people to know Muslims are no different from any other Americans.

"We do have a lot of events planned this month to just go against that narrative that media has against them," Tohmaz said.

Tohmaz said the memorial will give everyone a chance to remember the "three winners," but it will also ensure everyone is moving forward.

Khan said the loss of the three individuals was a collective experience for students at NCSU, UNC and many other people — even around the world. She said people should reflect on that as they remember their legacies this week.

"I feel like healing after a year is very important, coming together as a community is very important — but also understanding what we should do to make sure that something like this doesn't happen again to another person's community," Khan said.

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ELECTION NOTICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 163-33(8), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of Orange County that the NC Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 to vote for Federal, State, Judicial, County Offices, a State-wide Bond and Orange County School Board Members. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Most voters will be asked to present acceptable photo identification when presenting to vote in person at the polls, with exceptions for voters who are unable to obtain acceptable photo identification, have a religious objection to being photographed, or are victims of a natural disaster. The acceptable forms of photo identification are a NC Driver's License or DMV-issued Identification Card (expired up to four years), US Passport or Passport Card (unexpired), Military ID Card or Veterans Affairs ID Card (unexpired, if there is an expiration date), and certain Tribal Enrollment Cards. VOTERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ONE OF THESE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION MAY STILL VOTE IF THEIR INABILITY IS DUE TO A REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT such as a lost or stolen ID, lack of transportation, illness or disability, a lack of proper documents, work schedule, and others. These voters may vote a provisional ballot after completing a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and providing an alternate form of identification or the last four digits of their social security number and their date of birth. Acceptable alternate forms of identification for voters who complete a Reasonable Impediment Declaration include their voter registration

card or a current utility bill, paycheck, government check, bank statement, or other government document bearing the voter's name and current address. Alternative voting options are available for voters who do not present acceptable photo identification for a reason other than a reasonable impediment to obtaining one. Voters who use curbside voting may also present one of the alternative forms of identification described above. No identification is required to vote an absentee ballot by mail. Free Identification Cards for registered voters are available from the NC DMV. For assistance with obtaining acceptable photo identification for voting or for more information on exceptions and alternative voting options, contact the NC State Board of Elections voter outreach team toll-free at 1-866-522-4723 or visit www.VoterID.nc.gov.

All residents of ORANGE COUNTY who are registered to vote with the Orange County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Voters who are previously registered need not re-register for this election. THOSE VOTERS WHO ARE REGISTERED UNAFFILIATED MAY VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION. Unaffiliated voters will be given a choice of ballot at the polling places. Those residents of Orange County who are not registered to vote must register by February 19, 2016 to be eligible to vote in this election. Registered voters who moved within Orange County or wish to change their party affiliation must notify the Board of Elections, in writing of these changes by February 19, 2016.

Orange County also offers absentee voting by mail to all Orange County registered voters who wish to vote by mail rather than in-person at a one-stop early voting site on Election Day. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on a State Board of Elections Absentee Request Form, available at the County Board of Elections office, online and at all one-stop early voting sites. The request must be received in the Orange County Board of Elections office or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2016. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Orange County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2016.

You may register in-person and vote during One-Stop Early Voting only. The One-Stop Voting period begins Thursday, March 3, 2016 and ends at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016. Voters who fail to notify the Board of Elections of a change to their name or address must update their information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters who require assistance with casting their ballot are entitled to assistance by an appropriate person of their choice or an election official. Registration facilities and polling places are accessible to the elderly and handicapped. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not physically able to enter the polling place.

LOCATIONS AND TIMES FOR ONE-STOP VOTING SITES

Board of Elections Office - 208 S. Cameron St., Hillsborough

Thursday & Friday, March 3rd & 4th Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5th Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday, March 7th- 11th Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday-March 12th Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Carrboro Town Hall - 301 W. Main St., Carrboro

Seymour Senior Center - 2551 Homestead Rd., Chapel Hill

Chapel of the Cross - 304 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill

New Hope Community Center - 4014 Whitfield Rd., Chapel Hill (new site)

Efland Ruritan Club Building - 3009 US Hwy 70 West, Efland (new site)

Thursday & Friday, March 3rd & 4th Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5th Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday, March 7th- March 11th Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday-March 12th Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Persons with questions concerning registration, absentee ballots, location of polling sites, early voting at One-Stop locations or other election related matters, should call the Board Office (919-245-2350) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday or visit our website at <http://www.orangecountync.gov/elect>

Bradley Opere wins SBP election, no need for runoff



DTH/ANI GARRIGO

Bradley Opere celebrates with his campaign team after being named the new student body president without the need for a runoff election.

This is the first election since 2010 without a runoff

By Jack Davis, Belle Hillenburg and Karli Krasnipol
Staff Writers

Junior Bradley Opere won the race for student body president with 53 percent of the overall vote.

Opere said he was in a state of shock. "If we can attract really good people, then I think it will be a great year," Opere said regarding his first step as student body president.

The first thing Opere did after he heard the results was go shake fellow candidate Wilson Sink's hand.

Candidates and members of campaign teams as well as family members waited in the hallway of the West Lounge in the Student Union.

Opere said his immediate next step is sleeping.

Chairperson of the Board of Elections Grayson Berger said this was the highest voter turnout from the past five elections. Berger said 6,959 students voted.

The runoff election between Andrew Powell and Emilio Vicente was the only

recent election to have more student votes with 7,441.

Sink said it has been a privilege to be around such amazing candidates and to have the opportunity to bring some of the biggest issues to light and put forth solutions.

Sink said, though he did not win, he was overwhelmed by student body support.

"To receive any kind of support, from my friends, from people I've never met before — it's been incredible," he said.

"I think the school is lucky to have Bradley as student body president. He's going to do an excellent job. I wish him all the best. I hope to help him out in any way I can."

Sink said there are plenty of opportunities out there.

"Obviously this is not something I expected, but one door closes and another opens," Sink said.

Candidate John Taylor said he's always up for an adventure, and he will figure something else out.

"I've got to say, it's been a real honor competing against these guys," Taylor said.

"They've been some really amazing competitors. They are the finest students Carolina has to offer."

Taylor said Opere is a great guy and he is confident he will lead the school well.

Opere said he's humbled and has many people to thank.

"I think we owe a lot to this campus and we just have to live up to it," Opere said.

In order for the election to not go to a runoff, the winning candidate needs at least 50 percent of the vote.

There has been a runoff election every year since 2010 — this election breaks that streak. Current Student Body President Houston Summers and former student body presidents Andrew Powell, Christy Lambden, Will Leimenstoll, Mary Cooper and Hogan Medlin all won in runoff elections.

The Residence Hall Association president is incumbent Taylor Bates and senior class president and vice president are Elizabeth Grady and Rich Burris, respectively.

Election results were not announced until three hours after the polls had closed.

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No change for graduate governance

Neither referendum earned the two-thirds vote needed to pass.

By Jamie Gwaltney
Staff Writer

Neither the "Better Together" nor the "Two for Two" referendums passed in an instant runoff vote in the spring election, so graduate governance at UNC will remain the same for now.

The separation referendum was 3 percentage points short of passing.

On the ballot, students were able to rank the two referendums and a no-change option in order of preference, from 1 to 3. The referendum with the lowest number of votes was disqualified and the votes were redistributed to the voter's second choice.

Dylan Russell, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said he was disappointed that they came so close passing the "Two for Two" separation proposal.

GPSF voted within its federation to support the separation bill and had to collect about 2,900 signatures from the student body to place the referendum on the ballot. The "Two for Two" referendum had to earn a two-thirds majority to pass.

Far more graduate students voted in this election than before, Russell said.

Student Body President Houston Summers said he wished he could say the result would change.

"I am extremely disappointed," Summers said.

Summers said he wants to come back to the table and get something done.

"It is my promise to every student at this University — undergraduate, graduate, what have you — before this semester is over, that we find a plan and vote on a plan," he said.

Summers and Board of Elections Chairperson Grayson Berger were cloistered together in a room after Berger announced the results.

Summers said there was initial confusion about how the votes were counted, and some people interpreted the results differently from Berger. After talking with Berger, Summers said he understands and, it turns out, neither interpretation would have changed the final result.

"I disagree with his interpretation but I do see the logic," Summers said.

All three student body president candidates did not support the separation and winner Bradley Opere did not want to comment on the results. In a debate at The Daily Tar Heel Sunday, Opere and candidate John Taylor both said they supported "Better Together."

GPSF had a close call gathering votes to have the referendum placed on the ballot and needed a recount. At first, their petition was two votes short, but after a recount, it had gained enough signatures.

Student Congress did not support the separation proposal and in the weeks before the vote, a bill was proposed to dissolve GPSF completely.

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Tar Heels defy adversity in chaotic win over Eagles

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTH CAROLINA 68
BOSTON COLLEGE 65

By C Jackson Cowart
Assistant Sports Editor

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — This wasn't supposed to happen — not like this.

The No. 9 North Carolina men's basketball team was supposed to toy with the lowly Boston College Eagles, not trail them.

Coach Roy Williams' lineup shuffle was supposed to send his team a message, not send it into mayhem.

And Williams' health scare in the second half was supposed to inhibit the Tar Heels, not inspire them.

But in the end, order was restored — in the most unorthodox of ways.

UNC (20-4, 9-2 ACC) stormed back from a disjointed 36 minutes of basketball to survive a furious effort from the Eagles (7-17, 0-11 ACC), as the Tar Heels snatched a 68-65 win in Conte Forum.

Entering Tuesday's game,

North Carolina was reeling from its first two-game skid of the season, with both losses coming at the hands of conference opponents.

And with ACC cellar-dweller Boston College next on the docket, the coaches took a chance. Out with Justin Jackson, Brice Johnson and Kennedy Meeks. In with Theo Pinson, Joel James and Isaiah Hicks.

It was time to shake things up.

"Sometimes (players) have to go to the bench," guard Marcus Paige said. "Or find other ways to light a fire under them."

It backfired.

The Tar Heels missed six of their first seven shots and fell behind early. When the starters returned, the deficit grew.

"We just didn't come out and play like we were supposed to," Jackson said.

Neither team did. The Eagles were supposed to play like a team without a win in the calendar year. And despite its recent woes, UNC was supposed to play like a team anointed the preseason No. 1.

But behind the isolation

magic of Boston College guard Eli Carter — who led all scorers with 26 points — the roles were reversed.

"They still kept on hitting shots, and we never got the lead," Jackson said.

The one-point deficits dangled like low-hanging fruit. But for every punch, the Eagles countered. A step-back 3-pointer from Carter, a vicious dunk from 7-footer Dennis Clifford — Conte Forum was the birthplace of a miracle.

And then, Williams fell.

A spell of vertigo sent the North Carolina coach to the locker room, his team trailing by five and desperate for a spark.

But in his absence, a fire burned.

"When Coach went down, they just — human nature," said assistant coach Steve Robinson, who took over for Williams for the final 14:35 of the second half. "You've got to rally."

Before long, the tide shifted.

And when Paige sunk a 3-pointer through contact with 1:47 remaining, the mission was complete.



MCT/ROBERT WILLETT

Coach Roy Williams exits Tuesday's game against Boston College after an episode of vertigo.

Their leader was missing — but the lead was theirs.

"Coach wouldn't want it any other way," Robinson said.

Williams would disagree. He wanted to coach the

final minutes. He wanted to address his players as the buzzer sounded. And above all, he wanted to not be a distraction.

It wasn't how it was supposed to happen — not for

Williams, not for UNC and not even for Boston College.

But even the most chaotic of contests counts toward the win column.

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Duke-UNC antitrust lawsuit unlikely to be dismissed

The court is inclined to decline the motions to dismiss.

By Lauren Hong
Senior Writer

A lawsuit involving Duke University and UNC might move forward after arguments to have it dismissed from court were heard by a judge on Jan. 28.

The class-action lawsuit — filed August 2015 by Dr. Danielle Seaman, an assistant professor at Duke University School of Medicine — alleges

a no-hire agreement between the deans of the Duke and UNC schools of medicine, a violation of antitrust laws.

In October, Duke, Duke Health and Dr. William Roper, dean of UNC School of Medicine, filed motions to dismiss the lawsuit.

At the hearing, the parties involved presented their cases to the judge, Catherine Eagles, whose ruling would determine whether the suit moves forward to the evidence-gathering stage, during which Seaman and her legal team can summon witnesses and collect documents.

Defendants moved to dismiss the case on two grounds. First, they claimed immunity on the basis that UNC acted within its power as a state actor in establishing the alleged no-hire agreement and therefore could not be punished by antitrust laws. Second, defendants claimed there was not enough evidence to proceed with the case.

Barak Richman, a law professor at Duke University, said the defendants are claiming antitrust immunity based on a 1989 district court ruling.

"But the U.S. Supreme

Court has issued two major rulings in the past three years that have clarified that immunity," he said. "This court will have to heed those recent rulings."

According to an electronic filing from the N.C. Middle District Court, the court is inclined to deny the defendants' motions to dismiss and asked defendants and Seaman to submit supplementary materials by Feb. 8 and Feb. 10, respectively.

There is no set date for when the judge will issue her decision, but Eagles said during the hearing she is likely to deny immunity — though she

may ask the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to review the case, which could derail proceedings for up to two years.

Were she to rule in the defendants' favor, the case would be over.

Dean Harvey, one of Seaman's lawyers, said whether the actor is politically accountable, the transparency of the agreement, market participation and statewide policy all factor

into sovereignty.

Daniel Crane, professor at the University of Michigan Law School, said if Eagles decides the UNC and Duke schools of medicine entered into a noncompetitive agreement, the case could go to trial — but the timeline for court proceedings is unclear.

"It is up to the court to establish the discovery schedule," Crane said. "It depends on the complexity of the case — in the case like this it doesn't seem hugely complex."

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THREE WINNERS

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Being one of her closest friends, I got to see her true personality," Inaya said.

"She was funny, classy and also sassy. She cared so much for people, and she was just such a good person and I was blessed to be one of her friends."

Inaya said she learned so much from her while she was alive and after her passing.

"She taught me what was important in life," Inaya said.

"She was so genuine, which can be so hard to find in a friend, especially during the high school years."

One of Inaya's strongest memories was of training with Razan for the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon that occurred in downtown Raleigh in April.

The two had taken a conditioning class together in the fall, and trained constantly for the half-marathon.

"On our last run, which was on Jan. 31, we ran our longest run together, which was about 8 miles. That was a big milestone for us," Inaya said.

"I remember we got to the car and she said 'Wow, I feel invincible. If we can do 8 miles we can do anything.'"

Inaya said after Razan's passing, she didn't want to do the marathon anymore.

"Every time I would go on a run, I would get so emotional, and it was as if I could hear her running beside me," she said.

"I went from doing every single run with her, to running by myself."

Less than a week before her death, Razan had purchased a new pair of running shoes in preparation for the race.

The two running partners were the same shoe size, and Razan's mother gave the shoes to Inaya as a gift.

A campaign was started for running the race in memory of Razan, Yusor and Deah.

About 20 people ran the race in support of the three, including some beginning runners.

Inaya wore Razan's shoes during the race.

"People will never forget this. And I guess that's one

thing that's comforting, at least, for me," she said.

"I open my Facebook right now, and it's all about them. I remember her facial expressions, her little movements, her gestures. That's what I think is the most beautiful thing of all, really."

Patricia Hornick is an English and newspaper teacher at Athens Drive and instructed both Yusor and Razan when they attended school there.

"They were awesome kids," Hornick said.

"They just worked so hard at everything and had truly good, resilient spirits."

Yusor was an assistant editor for The Athens Oracle, the school's newspaper, and Razan was editor-in-chief.

"They were both really dedicated to social issues, and would write on things that really affected students personally," Hornick said.

"They would take things really personally, like the way that students were treated at schools. They wrote about really in-depth issues, and things that actually affected people."

After the shooting, the Athens community rallied together for Feed Their Legacy, a food drive in conjunction with other Muslim groups.

A vigil was held in the cafeteria, where friends and family of the victims spoke, followed by students driving the food to a local food bank.

"It was a good day, and kind of cleansing for everybody," Hornick said.

"I think everybody remembers them and of course doesn't want them to be forgotten. I know a lot of them has said about that, but all of it's true. They were those people. They cared more about others than themselves."

Hornick said she thinks their legacy encourages others to act in a positive way.

"It's a horrible thing, and I would take all of this away just to have them back, but I know I have looked at life totally different ever since this happened, and tried to do as many positive things for people as I can, because our time is limited."

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ISLAMOPHOBIA

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were indiscriminate when it came to dealing with Islam and Muslims," he said.

In fall 2015, several politicians — including North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory — called for an end to or reduction in the number of Syrian refugees in the United States.

In a press conference on Nov. 16, McCrory cited terrorist attacks in Paris as motivation to cease sending refugees from Syria to North Carolina.

And in January 2015, Duke University canceled a Muslim call to prayer amidst com-

plaints from the community.

Christy Lohr Sapp, the associate dean for religious life at Duke University Chapel, advocated instating the call to prayer as a way of recognizing the Muslim groups on campus.

"A year out, still hearing some of the harsh and disturbing rhetoric that we do has just made those who want our country to be one of welcome be more proactive in their attempt to try to be a face and a voice of welcome," she said.

Imran Aukhil, spokesperson for the Islamic Association of Raleigh, said in an email the negative rhetoric from political candidates in the upcoming

presidential election will play a role in the decisions Muslims make at the polls.

"It's important to keep in mind that Muslims in the United States are representative of Americans around the country — they have varied and differing political views," he said.

Salma Azam, a member of UNC's Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association, said politicians are saying dramatic things about Muslims to stir up controversy — but she doesn't think they'll follow through.

"When you think of the laws, it would be really difficult for them to actually

do anything," she said.

And UNC senior Farah Azam, who is president of AMSA, said people have expressed curiosity about Islam after not recognizing the image of radical Muslims portrayed in the media.

"I think a lot of people are actually curious because they're seeing all of these conflicting things," she said. "...They're asking questions — 'What is Islam? Who are you guys? You call yourselves Muslim, so what does that mean?' — that's what we encourage."

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REFLECTION

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stand what Islamophobia was. Before the shooting, Darhmaoui said she focused on faith and family.

After the shooting, she was forced to think about the pain.

"She was exposed to Islamophobia and her best way to combat it was through her art," Darhmaoui said.

Darhmaoui, marketing chairperson for UMR-Triangle, worked with his mother to foster understanding and submitted her artwork to the expo for auction.

Her piece, which features words from scripture, depicts calligraphy in the shape of a soldier holding a sword.

"Her message behind this is that the best weapon to believe in to combat this hate or to combat all of the struggles and obstacles in this world is the words of mercy and hope and faith," Darhmaoui said.

He said the greatest thing his mother has taught him is to embrace his feelings — positive or negative.

"I was able to see that there is more than one way to express how you feel given that, for a lot of people, their voices are unheard," he said.

Loving Oneself

Art taught Kimberly Acosta to love herself.

"When I was growing up, I was always insecure about my own beauty and self-love and always being about what society told me was cool," she said. "Since the theme was 'A Year in Reflection,' I did a lot

of self-reflecting and through these pieces, I realized that you can really love yourself no matter what."

Though she's not Muslim, Acosta submitted two pieces to the art expo — one series of portraits entitled "The Essence of Femininity" and one portrait of "Our Three Winners," which depicts portraits of Deah, Yusor and Razan.

"I wanted to let people in the Muslim community know that even though I may not completely believe what they believe, it doesn't matter — I can still support them in a rightful way," she said.

Finding Peace

Nada Elhertani, who got her master's degree from N.C. State University in 2014, sees Razan as her role model.

She knew Deah, Yusor and Razan through the Muslim community they shared.

Elhertani spent the past year reflecting upon the lives of her friends as community members and as positive role models for all. This translated into her two calligraphic paintings and one reimagined Syrian flag painting.

The three titles are appropriately named: "Patience," "Hardship" and "Holding On."

"Bad things will happen. The trap we fall into is rooted in this false belief that this life is perfect — perfectly good or perfectly bad," she said.

"In every bad situation we're in, there is always something to be grateful for. With hardship, Allah also gives us the strength and patience to bear it."

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GRIEF

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that day," Windle said.

Windle said it's typical for very few students to take advantage of counseling made available in the immediate aftermath of a tragedy.

"When you've experienced a tragedy, most individuals seek support from their own support system," she said.

Shamira Lukomwa served as president of the UNC Muslim Students Association in spring 2015.

"I'm still unpacking everything that happened this year," Lukomwa said in November.

"That day I went to my first class of the day, broke down in tears and had to leave. I didn't go to any of my other classes. The whole day was a blur."

She said the Student Union and UNC's administration provided lots of help to her and other affected students, but the way some professors handled the situation was disappointing.

"Some professors were saying this isn't your immediate family or your best friend, but what they failed to realize is that people who didn't know them personally or were just acquaintances, our identity is so tied to what happened to them, and knowing this could happen so close to home really affected and rattled people," she said.

Jane Weintraub, dean of the School of Dentistry, said she was very concerned for her students in the aftermath of the shootings.

"In the dental school experience, people are with each other all day long, sitting next to each other in class,

lab and working together in the clinic," she said. "I think everyone was very affected. No one will ever forget that day."

Weintraub said she personally witnessed students coming together to support each other.

"I will never forget the image that I have of our students standing together with their white coats on," she said. "They were standing in the Pit with the melting candle wax on the ground."

She said she's been continually inspired by how her students have handled the tragedy, including their creation of Deah Day, a day set aside for community service.

"I'm moved to tears when I hear about it because I'm so proud of them and how they're doing all this community service," Weintraub said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp said in addition to providing spaces, counseling and transportation to students, administrators worked with the Muslim Students Association to help them feel safe.

"We did anything we could think of to send a message to our community that all are welcome and included."

Crisp said he was proud of the way he saw students come together after the shootings.

"This University is always at its best at its worst moments," he said. "The people step up and come together and rally around each other, and you really get to see the heart and the spirit that we really want to have in this place all of the time at our times of deepest sorrow."

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
 Today is a 6 — If you find yourself second-guessing or with self-doubt, take quiet time to sort it out. Limitations could chafe. Examine opportunities and options. An intensely creative moment flows naturally. Love blossoms through communication.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
 Today is an 8 — Ask friends for their view before making big decisions. They see your blind spots. Make no assumptions ... check your data twice. Make sure you have the latest changes. Balance professional and social obligations.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
 Today is a 9 — Finish the job on time and on budget. Urgent last-minute changes could keep you late. Consider possible roadblocks to avoid them. Brevity is the heart of elegance. Don't let them see you sweat.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
 Today is a 7 — Travel appeals. If you can't go, explore through the experience of another. Don't over-extend. Find ways to conserve resources. Will a digital conference or chat suffice? Be careful and thorough to advance. Organize well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Today is a 9 — Do the research, for a better bargain. Organize your moves and follow the plan. Relax. It's a good time to buy and sell. Gain and stash resources. Your partner can help. Promises made now keep.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Today is an 8 — You're surrounded by love. Don't rush into anything. There's plenty of money, but none to waste. Pay attention to your partner. Collaborate creatively. Invent how you can each contribute. Romance sparks. Find what you need.

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What motivated you to vote or not vote today?

Compiled by staff writer Emily Wakeman
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Less than 20 percent of the student body typically votes in campus elections, and 2016 seemed no different around the Pit Tuesday.

Alex Penner
Sophomore



"I did get an email ... encouraging me to vote for the referendum that I guess separates the student bodies, so I'm going to vote for that..."

Chuhan Wu
Senior



"I didn't vote ... I feel like if I do vote it will be a random choice for me, so I didn't do it because the information I got is just so little."

CJ Reguyal
Sophomore



"I have not voted. I'm thinking about it but I'm not sure. I don't think I really know that much about the candidates."

Maddie Price
Senior



"I didn't vote ... I just haven't learned about the candidates very much, so I didn't want to make an uneducated vote."

Katie Krysiak
Senior



"Knowing who my friends were supporting."

Charlie Brown
Sophomore



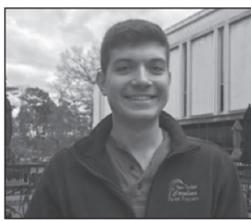
"I haven't voted yet, and I'm motivated to vote because one of my friends is running ... (the election is) just not really publicized."

Shristi Tiwari
Senior



"Well I didn't vote today and that's probably because I've had no time, and that's it."

Jackson Triplett
Senior



"I'm probably not going to vote. But that is largely my fault for not investigating enough and not being educated on the topics."

Lydia Tolley
Sophomore



"I haven't voted yet, but I definitely am going to vote later to make a difference for the campus."

UNC Student Television wants to become more of a business

STV faced drama while implementing new changes.

By Jenni Ciesielski
Staff Writer

Last week, members of UNC Student Television's listserv received drama that wasn't scripted.

Conflicting opinions over whether or not members should have to pay \$10 dues led to a heated email exchange between executive members.

But there's no business

like show business, and STV station managers Gabrielle Garland and Christian Wisseh want to make it clear — STV is definitely a business.

"You're pretty much running a business when you're the head of STV," Wisseh said. "It is physically impossible for a singular person to do this job because there are so many factors."

Those factors include managing a budget, handling equipment and ensuring STV's shows are all running smoothly. On top of all this, the two are revamping the organization, which has been running for 33 years.

"This year has been a huge shift because we're trying to run it more like a business, which is hard when you're in a group with your friends," Wisseh said.

Wisseh said making the student organization more of a business has included changing STV's reliance from people's talents to training systems. They also considered implementing \$10 fees for each member, but ultimately decided against it.

"In past regimes, people have relied on other people's talents. Those people graduate, they move on and all of those skills are lost," he said.

Garland said implementing training systems will lead to a smoother production process for future station managers.

"What we inherited was kind of a mess," Garland said. "Our goal is to make sure when we give this to the next station manager, they don't have to relearn everything the way we did."

Kelly Swanson, a senior and STV producer, said she is pleased with the changes Garland and Wisseh are making. Both she and Wisseh said they believe this approach to STV will make the organization better in the long run.

"You're not making decisions from a personal place. You're from a place of 'Hey, we need to do what's not only best for STV this year, but what's best for STV in the long run,' and people can't seem to grasp that concept," Wisseh said.

After spending the past semester writing and producing new content, STV is hoping to showcase its work with the help of Carolina Union Activities Board.

"With CUAB, we plan to premiere STV show trailers before the free films they show on the weekends,"

Garland said.

In January, STV brought back one of its most successful former members — Bryan Tucker, a head writer of Saturday Night Live.

Garland said Tucker coming to UNC not only benefited STV's campus presence but also reminded members why they're working toward a career in entertainment.

"Seeing people like them shows us that what we're doing right now is leading us to where we want to be."

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21 Quasi-convertible option
22 Rock gp. with winds and strings
23 Mil. training site
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29 Nervous giggle
32 "Cure Ignorance" online reader
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35 Windy-day window noise
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'Staying woke' about wokeness

Being woke is in vogue. Earlier this year, MTV pronounced woke as the "new slang" of 2016. On Twitter, a casual scroll through the trending #StayWoke unearths tweets about a raccoon, Chipotle and Scooby Doo. Meanwhile, BuzzFeed recently lauded cis, white, hetero male actor Matt McGorry of "How to Get Away with Murder" and "Orange is the New Black" for his astute acknowledgement that privilege and injustice exist—in other words his "wokeness."

So, what exactly does being woke, staying woke and wokeness mean? Coined by Erykah Badu, the term rose in prominence following the emergence of the #BlackLivesMatter movement as a reminder for Black people to stay conscious of and actively dismantle the systemic nature of violence against their communities.

In this sense, wokeness necessitates physical, emotional and mental labor. Hyperconsciousness of the trauma experienced by Black communities arises from one's lived experiences as a Black person and often at the expense of one's own mental and emotional health. Blavity contributor Jesse Bernard describes how feeling the pain and anguish of other Black people globally has caused him mental distress, to the extent that he attempted suicide. "It's hard being woke when you want to sleep," he concludes.

"For years, the idea of being 'woke' was a hallmark of socially-minded, black social media," writes Fusion columnist Charles Pulliam-Moore. "But it's recently crossed over onto the broader, whiter internet."

Wokeness has been stripped of its power and roots in Black organizing against institutional violence. The appropriation of woke, however, points also to how virtual and physical spaces for Black people are regularly co-opted by non-Black people.

#StayWoke has been subverted to trivialize its underlying significance as a cry against systemic injustice, just as #BlackLivesMatter was co-opted by the racist #AllLivesMatter to purposefully disregard the injustices experienced by Black people. Wokeness has been reduced to a pop culture fad that propagates anti-Black violence in its own right by consuming the space for Black social activism.

Much like the terms "radical" and "activist," woke has also been co-opted by those who are far more concerned with projecting their intellectualism than engaging in critical intellectual thought about social conditions. In doing so, supposed "radicals," "activists" and "woke" people are co-opting not only labels, but also the intellectual labor of marginalized people. As Black Girl Dangerous' Mia McKenzie says, "White people and really all privileged people have a tendency to take what they've learned from oppressed people and go around talking about it like they came up with it on their own."

The appropriation of woke renders Black intellectual, physical and emotional labor — and by extension Black lives — as fungible. By claiming wokeness, we risk undermining the Black consciousness that gave rise to wokeness in the first place.

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Speech is not isolated

Positive voices can be as far-reaching as negative ones.

"No, don't tell me that's not what you really think in America. I read your media."

This message was delivered by my professor in a clear, confident voice. I sat in a classroom in Madrid, a few days after the November Paris attacks, finding myself suddenly without a retort. I was struck dumb — my mind kept twisting, turning over Spanish words that would arm me to pick apart his argument. The problem was: I couldn't find any.

The attacks in Paris were felt deeply in Madrid, which had suffered from the 2004 Atocha train bombings. In most classes that week, we took some time to discuss our opinions on the matter.

However, this was different. Here the personal intentions of an entire group of individuals were brought under intense political scrutiny. He began by asking a few questions about what we knew about Islam, with the clear presumption that none of the students were Muslim. When we answered, he took those facts and crafted arguments against Muslim presence in the West, citing the Paris attacks. With his cutting words he casually made sweeping, generalizing and inaccurate assertions about a global religion.

All I could think about in that classroom was the power of words. For better or for worse, the freedom of speech we hold so dearly can wield such force; in a matter of minutes, this particular speech swept over millions of individuals with a single brush, without much reflection on the way these words could shape action, policy and attitudes if accepted whole.



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I protested, and he had responded with the above message — that he believed that Americans sympathized with this view. He read our media, he watched our politicians and he heard about our social media. He heard only loud voices that sympathized with his suspicions. How could we even argue that these sentiments were foreign to us?

I realized that I wasn't lost in a cultural gap. On the contrary, it hit me that this person was sharing these sentiments with this small group of American exchange students precisely because he believed us to be the most receptive audience. After all, "he knew our media."

I walked on the metro after this class angered, lost and reflective. What he'd said had gotten under my skin. I watched in the coming days as "Refugees Welcome" signs were taken down, but also listened as voices called for measure, compassion and thoughtfulness in such strained times. I had confidence that the same conversations were taking place at home.

But I saw little evidence of them. Newsfeeds online and article queues were filled with simple and broad messages, favoring the radical. Overwhelmingly, the trend was that thoughtful people declined to publicly voice any opinion at all on complex issues. It was the loud, less informed voices that rose to the top. And those voices are too often heard across the world.

This is a reminder that we form "the media" — you and me, as readers, thinkers and talkers — as much as we like to believe others do. In this increasingly connected world, we must remember that when we voice our opinions on social media, in writing, and abroad, we are not shouting into the void.

Our words have ramifications across the world. But so can our silence. Let's remember that not only negative voices reach far and wide. Compassionate, well-informed and thoughtful voices can carry too. So this is an invitation: To recognize the power of your thoughts. To remain engaged with issues that are not at the forefront of media attention. To be your own voice.

Today, as we honor Our Three Winners, I join other columnists this week to add my voice to their reflections on what this day means. Though there are no words we can say to make any kind of sense of this tragedy, I invite you to continue speaking about the causes they held dear, and defending the principles of inclusion that our community upholds. After all, your positive voice can carry far.

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Gifted classes should not define students

TO THE EDITOR:

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The case of Singapore will, however, provide a good lesson on the trappings of a GEP and why "providing all students with an equal education to succeed in the GEP" will not work. Singapore has long been heralded as having an excellent education model and that is no doubt driven by its persistence in promoting the GEP. Although Singapore provides an education which would no doubt be considered "fair, equal and just," cracks are beginning to appear because the basis of exams are not well tailored to suit students with diverse interests. Suffice to say, many students are often devastated when they find out that they do not qualify for the GEP.

Therefore, rather than providing an opportunity for students to enter the GEP, it would be much better if we provided students with alternative paths to the GEP. The end goal should be to educate our future generation that there are many alternative paths to success in life other than the GEP and that you are not inferior to your peers based on a system that rewards success in a strictly defined fashion.

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SPORTS COLUMN

It's OK, Panthers fans

The Super Bowl loss should hurt, but the Panthers will be back.

There's nothing like the sting of losing a Super Bowl to a sports fan. Ask the folks in Buffalo. They lost four in a row.

Or even my New England Patriots, who lost a pair of Super Bowls to Eli Manning before winning a season ago.

As Luke Kuechly said, following the loss of the Carolina Panthers to the Denver Broncos on Sunday, "It stings, and it's supposed to sting."

But there's nothing quite like redemption either.

Remember in 2008 when Kansas blew out North Carolina in the Final Four? The next year it was Roy Williams and the boys cutting down the nets.

Trust me, redemption is sweet.

Yeah, you were disappointed on Sunday. You should have been. A 15-1 regular season. A most valuable player leading the huddle. A havoc-wreaking defense. It felt like all the makings for the franchise's first Super Bowl.

Football is a funny game, though.



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Cam Newton was constantly pressured, the running game never really got going and a few whistles didn't go Carolina's way.

Just like everyone predicted, right?

Sulk for a week, really, you deserve it. Then, take a deep breath, and remember the future is bright.

Newton is 26 just old and is possibly just hitting his stride. It's hard to imagine Newton could be much better next year, but with a rejuvenated offensive line and a healthy Kelvin Benjamin, he just might top his marks from this season.

Did I mention Benjamin is coming back? In his rookie season, Benjamin topped the 1,000-yard receiving mark and hauled in nine scores. Without him this season, not only did the Panthers not decline, but they had the best offense in the NFL in points per game — increasing their scoring output by 10 points per game. And the defense isn't that bad, either. Remember Mr. Kuechly?

Even though he sustained multiple injuries during the season, he finished with over 100 tackles, again, and combined with his four interceptions, he's cemented himself as one of the scariest linebackers in the NFL.

I saved the best for last. There's now a culture of winning in the Panthers locker room. They almost finished the season undefeated, they dealt with the pressure of the media and they won some big games along the way.

Next year, they'll be back and better than ever.

And this is coming from a New England Patriots fan.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"...There is more than one way to express how you feel given that, for a lot of people, their voices are unheard."

Ibrahim Darhmaoui, on the importance of self-expression

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Getting rid of subjectivity is a terrible idea, unless of course you think standardized tests are the best judge of ones abilities."

StudentCH, on disagreeing with standardized testing

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jan Boxill should be Chief Integrity Officer

TO THE EDITOR:

The Daily Tar Heel reported Tuesday that UNC administrators recommended the creation of a new administrative role: Chief Integrity and Policy Officer. Obviously, the post must be filled by a candidate of prodigious integrity.

I respectfully submit former professor Jan Boxill for consideration. Her experience as director of the Parr Center for Ethics has trained her for the job. Moreover, her long experience at UNC will imbue this new position with the dignity it deserves.

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