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## ATHLETIC-ACADEMIC SCANDAL

# More evidence emerges on Jan Boxill

The philosophy professor taught 160 independent studies courses.

By Amanda Albright  
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The Wainstein report was not the new page Jan Boxill expected to turn, she once said. According to the report by independent investigator Kenneth Wainstein, the sports ethics scholar steered athletes to fake classes in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies to help them maintain eligibility to play and graduate. In a spring interview with The Daily Tar Heel, Boxill, former chairwoman of the faculty, said she never got the chance to completely push her conversations with faculty beyond the academic scandal. “We were expecting a new page, but I’m not sure we got it,” Boxill said in April. “There’s not one Faculty Council meeting I had in my three years that athletics isn’t brought up. Either I do, the chancellor does or the Faculty Athletics Committee. With the announcement of the Wainstein review, it was another page but not the kind of page we may have thought.” Emails show Boxill, a philosophy professor, offered 160 independent study courses between spring 2004 and spring 2012, according to records obtained by The Daily Tar Heel.

Wainstein’s report found employees in the African and Afro-American studies department offered fake paper courses for 18 years — and Boxill encouraged athletes to take the classes. But the Wainstein report, like every report on UNC’s academic-athletic scandal, has found the academic irregularities were limited to the African and Afro-American studies department.

But emails released as supplementary documents with the Wainstein report show athletes were also steered to independent study courses Boxill taught. The philosophy professor and former director of the Parr Center for Ethics did not respond to requests for comment for this story.

Boxill was embedded in UNC and its athletics program. A master lecturer in the philosophy department, she taught a long-standing class on sports ethics and brought in regular guest speakers like men’s basketball coach Dean Smith. As faculty chairwoman, she attended regular meetings with former Chancellor Holden Thorp’s administration.

Her popularity was not limited to undergraduates and colleagues — women’s basketball players emailed her often. Players opened their friendly messages with “Hey mom” and “Hey pal.”

UNC women’s basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell said Boxill completely oversaw the teams’ academics, making herself available for players at all hours of the day. Hatchell said she never saw any red flags.

Hatchell remembers one instance of Boxill discussing the civil rights movement with players on the bus. Boxill, who grew up during the 1960s, told the players stories about Martin Luther King, Jr.

“That’s why she was so good,” Hatchell said. “She had such a connection with the athletes.”

## Independent studies under Boxill

Marc Lange, the current chairman of the philosophy department said independent studies are uncommon because the department has wide course offerings. Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, chairman of the department between 2001 and 2011, said more than 150 independent studies is an unusually large number.

“Why would a student take an independent study?” Lange said. “It’s only for extraordinarily well-qualified students for whom the course material is too elementary.”

Public records show Boxill would sometimes offer multiple students independent study courses each semester; for example, in spring 2005 she taught 20. UNC’s Public Records Office would not distinguish how many students enrolled in Boxill’s independent studies were student-athletes.

The emails released by Wainstein show some student-athletes were enrolled and steered to her courses — but his report doesn’t mention it.

In one case, Crowder referred a student to Boxill for an independent study course after the African and Afro-American studies department was no longer able to provide them — but that wasn’t the only instance.

In a 2006 email to Deborah Crowder, the secretary in the African and Afro-American studies department who Wainstein showed was largely

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# CAMPUS NOT STEPPING UP



DTH/CHelsea REAVES

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. members perform a step routine based off the movie, “The Purge: Anarchy,” at Memorial Hall on Thursday night.

## Minority fraternities and sororities look to secure plots

By Deborah Harris  
Staff Writer

Members of UNC’s National Pan-Hellenic Council took to Memorial Hall Thursday night for their annual step show, a feature of their Homecoming week events.

But the groups are still stepping toward securing plots — which serve as central and often sacred spaces for these organizations on campuses across the country.

In February, students from the National Pan-Hellenic, which houses the eight historically black Greek letter organizations, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement pulled together UNC administrators to discuss the feasibility of plots on campus.

“It started from scratch: What are we looking at, and how can we do it? What’s realistic, what’s feasible, what’s affordable and what’s not? What fits with Carolina’s culture and campus?” said senior Alyssa Townsend, who is the president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and a candidate for Miss UNC.

Representatives from Student Affairs, Facilities Services, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs as well as National Pan-Hellenic advisers met to discuss design, cost and location. But now they are ready to move beyond the big picture to the details.

“At this point the next step is to start building a conceptual plan with students and alumni, so that when we go to the vice chancellor, we have a vision of what folks would like to have happen,” said Aaron Bachenheimer, director of the OFSLCI.

Bricks. Benches. Painted trees. Memorial gardens. Marble stones. Plots differ by size and shape from campus to campus, but all celebrate the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

“They are really beautiful symbols in recognition of student organizations that have

made a profound impact on college campuses for the better,” Bachenheimer said. “Campuses recognize that NHPC organizations have a powerful history.”

Plots are traditional to historically black colleges and universities, but have sprung up at predominantly white institutions around the nation, including neighboring institutions like Duke University, Elon University and Wake Forest University.

“As a University, we pride ourselves on being ahead of the curve,” Townsend said. “It’s not to say, ‘Keeping up with the Joneses.’ But really we are the Joneses.”

Price tags vary as much as design. Wake Forest sunk \$70,000 into their plots, a circular nine-column memorial right in the center of campus, said Steve Hirst, director of student engagement. Yet he said the investment was well worth it — a visual representation of the commitment to the NPHC organizations.

But that design might be hard to do at a campus as land-locked as UNC’s.

“The plots tend to be places on campus of honor and distinction, to be revered — something that everyone on campus can take pride in symbolically,” Bachenheimer said. “So where does something like that need to be? You don’t want it to be just anywhere.”

Yet much of the challenge has simply been sustaining interest.

The struggle for plots at UNC is not new, but former National Pan-Hellenic Council president and 2014 graduate Sharessa Royster reignited the discussion in January. In a sense, Townsend has inherited the conversation, and it’s up to her and junior Michael Morrison, the council’s reporting secretary, to maintain the momentum.

Over the past five years, National Pan-Hellenic Council members and advisers had informal conversations with Bachenheimer’s office, which inevitably

subsidized without someone to take the cause up.

“The answer was, ‘Of course we would like to do that, but there’s a lot of red tape involved,’” said former council executive member and 2013 graduate Joe Bryant.

Bryant said the issue came up particularly during probates, the initiation ceremony for National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations. At historically black colleges and universities, plots are a critical part of the process, where brothers come to convene and sing the hymn at the end.

“It means a lot more when you take your first steps onto to the plot,” Bryant said. “It’s like the last step in the journey.”

Like probates, the plots are deeply rooted within National Pan-Hellenic culture at both historically black colleges and predominantly white institutions, Morrison said.

“Traditionally and historically, particularly at HBCUs, the black Greeks have really served as a bastion of leadership,” said 1992 graduate Brian Beverly, National Pan-Hellenic Council district representative and former UNC Omega Psi Phi Inc. adviser.

“The promotion of plots have gone hand and glove with the presence of student leaders on the campus.”

Walter Egerton was a charter member of UNC’s Omega Psi Phi Inc. in the 1970s.

He recalled joining in 1973, when the appearance of the first African-American fraternity on UNC’s campus was enough to raise eyebrows — plots being completely out of the question.

“The University had never seen anything like it before — they just didn’t know what to do with it,” Egerton said. “You’re talking about nine African-Americans walking around, dressed the same, always in line and going places together.”

“Putting on a step show — what was that?”

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# University-wide spike in major gifts

UNC reeled in the second largest amount of gifts ever this year.

By Katie Reeder  
Staff Writer

Private donations to the University increased by 34 percent from 2013 to 2014, according to a report released by the development office.

Although the annual report for the 2014 fiscal year has not been released yet, Director of Development Communications Scott Ragland said in an email that the University received \$298.2 million in private gifts and grants, making it the development office’s second-best year in history.

“Not including athletics,

\$192 million of that total came from private gifts and grants of \$100,000 and up,” he said.

Donations greater than \$100,000 are considered major gifts, Ragland said.

Major gifts officers are responsible for cultivating relationships with people who might give large amounts of money to the University — relationships that can last years and even decades.

Director of development strategies Diane Frazier has been at UNC for 23 years and said some major gifts officers have worked at the University for just as long as she has. This consistency is crucial for forming relationships, which Frazier said often take at least one year to develop.

“Working with someone over a long time, they trust you and they understand you have their interest at heart and can guide them

through their giving relationship with the University,” she said.

Director of Gift Planning Elizabeth Ayers agreed on the importance of these donor relationships. Her office helps people plan future donations, such as gifts made in wills.

“You want to match their passion and interest with what we have at the University to offer,” she said. “It’s called donor-centered fundraising. It’s about matching passion and finding the right fit.”

Ayers said gift planning and major gifts are two of the development office’s central fundraising arms. She said the gift planning department contributes up to 20 percent of the University’s overall giving each year.

“Basically we help our donors figure out how to structure their philanthropy in a way that best reflects their personal, financial

and charitable goals,” Ayers said.

The office’s third major fundraising arm is the department of annual giving, Ayers said.

Director of annual giving Rebecca Bramlett said her department works on smaller-scale donations that average about \$120 and account for about 5 percent of giving.

Bramlett said people often do not realize that certain programs, such as Carolina Covenant and Buckley Public Service Scholars, are funded by private donations.

“I do think it’s important for people to understand that we get a lot from state funding and tuition,” she said. “But it’s almost just like the extras, the stuff on top of the ice cream sundae is what you kind of get out of private giving.”

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“If you must have motivation, think of your paycheck on Friday.”

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Don't go crying over Ikea — or do

From staff and wire reports

It's official: Setting up furniture from Ikea is a tear-inducing nightmare. One recent Ikea-fueled disaster even resulted in the police being called to the scene after neighbors heard crying, screaming and loud banging noises at about 1 a.m. coming from a nearby apartment in Sweden — the country of Ikea itself. According to reports from an English-language version of Swedish news source The Local, the commotion was mostly caused by the loud noise of assembling the furniture, which woke up the apartment residents' baby. Apparently, even babies realize the complexity and hopelessness of setting up Ikea furniture. And we're still not sure why this couple thought 1 a.m. was an appropriate — or enjoyable — time to set up impossible-to-assemble furniture.

**NOTED.** Los Angeles residents feeling stressed can now get a dose of the latest treatment coming out of Hollywood: kitten therapy.

There's almost no downside to hugging a precious kitty to keep your sorrows at bay. Unless, of course, you're allergic. In which case, it's still basically worth it.

**QUOTED.** "We've left out food, I've put signs up like people do when their cats go missing, but there were magpies around, and it's not looking good."

— The British owners of an escaped parrot that pecked its way out of its cage by picking the lock. Let's hope the parrot knows how to say its home address.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

**Global Projects Showcase:** Students interested in global research and projects can hear from students with past experiences in global opportunities funded by the Center for Global Initiatives at this information fair. Lunch will be provided.  
**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** FedEx Global Education Center 3009

**Mipso and the Steep Canyon Rangers:** Carolina Performing Arts presents a performance

by Chapel Hill alumni Mipso and the Steep Canyon Rangers, trailblazers in the world of bluegrass music.  
**Time:** 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Hall

**Singing with the Bard: Opera Inspired by Shakespeare:** UNC Opera will host this concert of operatic works inspired by Shakespeare's writings. Pieces include compositions by Bellini, Vaughan Williams, Hammerstein, Porter and Bernstein. The concert is part of the

Department of Music's Scholarship Benefit Series. Tickets cost \$5 for UNC students, faculty and staff and \$10 for general admission. Tickets are available at the door.  
**Time:** 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Location:** Hill Hall Auditorium

*To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.*

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, Thursday's front page story "Gloriana and Earl Sweatshirt catered to niche fan groups" mischaracterized the novelty of this year's Homecoming concerts. The Carolina Union Activities Board has previously hosted two Homecoming acts in conjunction.

Due to an editing error, Thursday's front page story about advising restructuring included a headline that mischaracterized the nature of the University's support for the new academic support program. UNC has made the first investment in a 10-year academic support plan.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES



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On Nov. 14, 2007, the UNC men's basketball team played against Davidson College in Charlotte's Time Warner Cable Arena. The Tar Heels won 72-68. Check out the Basketball Preview for information on this season's games and opponents.

POLICE LOG

- Someone stole an iPad valued at \$600 from a hotel room at 1505 E. Franklin St. between 8 a.m. and 9:10 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person also possessed marijuana, reports state.
- Someone stole a safe from a residence on the 100 block of N.C. 54 between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The safe itself was worth \$40 and contained \$800 in cash, reports state.
- Someone stole a piece of metal artwork from a residence on the 100 block of Elm Street at 4:23 p.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The artwork was worth \$350, reports state.
- Someone reported a suspicious condition on the 500 block of West Poplar Avenue at 2:31 a.m. Thursday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone reported online credit card fraud at 3 Heather Court at 1:51 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person's Visa credit card had \$8,000 charged to it, reports state.
- Someone damaged a plastic gate with a vehicle at an East Rosemary Street parking lot at 7:08 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person left the scene and caused \$5 in damage, reports state.
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# HONORING BUSINESS ICONS



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The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce honored Sandy McClamroch, former Chapel Hill mayor and founder of the flagship local radio station WCHL.

## Chamber inducts second class of business leaders into Hall of Fame

**By Meg Garner**  
Staff Writer

Six businesses and their owners were enshrined forever in the town of Chapel Hill’s memory when the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce held its second annual Hall of Fame inductions on Thursday. From a farmer whose milk is legendary to a stylish couple that clothed the town in plaid and argyle, the list of inductees represented the variety that local businesses in Chapel Hill and Carrboro have to offer.

“People love Chapel Hill, and it’s often these iconic businesses they remember,” said chamber president Aaron Nelson. “This is just our way to thank them.”

It was a night centered on love

— both the love of the inductees — who made sacrifices to give back to Chapel Hill — and of the town.

Missy Julian Fox spoke of love as she, along with her brother, Alexander Julian, and son, Bart Fox, accepted the honor on behalf of her parents, Maurice and Mary Julian, the owners of Franklin Street clothing store Julian’s.

“For them, it was a love affair not only between them, but also with their business,” Fox said. “It was a love affair with Franklin Street and our whole community.”

In a comic moment, real estate agent and honoree Eunice Brock explained how she received the nickname “Barracuda Brock” for her refusal to adhere to the status quo.

“I always spoke up since I was a

little girl because I thought I was a big girl, and I didn’t care what boys thought,” Brock said. “I did what I wanted to do, and I did what I thought was right.”

Marc Pons, son of inductee Al Pons, shared a memory of his father, who owned Chapel Hill Tire Car Care Center, going to Julian’s.

“Mr. Julian kept bringing clothes out, and my dad ended up buying everything that he brought out that day,” Pons said. “I said to my dad, ‘That man sold you a bunch of clothes,’ and my dad looked at me and said, ‘That’s all right. I do the same thing to him when he’s in my shop.’”

The story highlighted the theme of the night: that the owners of each of these businesses, while they played their own individual roles,

ultimately worked together to create the local economy.

The other business leaders recognized were Sandy McClamroch, of WCHL; Bob Nutter, of Maple View Farm; and Susie and Bynum Weaver, of Chapel Hill Funeral Home and Ambulance Service.

As he concluded the evening, Nelson toasted the honorees for the legacies they had left. He then introduced the Clef Hangers, who serenaded the audience with James Taylor’s “Carolina in my Mind.”

The lyrics, “Got to carry on without me, I’m gone,” seemed appropriate for a night spent remembering leaders who have left lasting legacies on the Chapel Hill business community.

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# Board of Education seeks to fill vacancy

**Mia Burroughs’ election to county commissioner left a seat on CHCCS’ board.**

**By Shuyan Huang**  
Staff Writer

When Mia Burroughs was elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Nov. 5, an empty seat was left behind on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education.

Burroughs, who served as vice chairwoman of the Board of Education, will be sworn into office as an Orange County commissioner on Dec. 1.

Her term on the school board wasn’t set to expire until 2015, so her colleagues will appoint someone to take her place.

An information session will be hosted on Nov. 17 at Lincoln

Center, located at 750 S. Merritt Mill Road, to teach applicants about the district and the role each board member plays.

Burroughs will also attend the session to talk about her expectations for her replacement.

“The board will look for someone dedicated to the success of our 12,000 students — who will work for the benefit of all students and teachers and who meets the criteria,” said Jeff Nash, a spokesman for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

According to the application packet, a successful applicant should have excellent communication skills and experience in the area of education. Experiences with nonprofit boards and programs that help children and families are also important.

The application deadline for the position is Nov. 19. The new member will be selected at the Board of Education’s meeting on Dec. 4.

Nash said that community members can propose suggestions they have and provide feedback at the board’s meeting.

Jamezetta Bedford, a member of the Board of Education, said she is excited for Burroughs’ new role.

“I am delighted that Mia was elected to the county commissioners,” Bedford said in an email. “I served as her campaign treasurer. We will miss her on the school board, but she will add that perspective and experience to the commissioners.”

Nash said that CHCCS is supportive of Burroughs’ recent selection as a commissioner.

“We are confident that Ms. Burroughs will do a great job as a county commissioner,” Nash said. “Ms. Burroughs always made people her first priority.”

Burroughs said she appreciates her time on the school board.

“I will miss seeing the amazing people who work so hard every



**Mia Burroughs** will assume her position on the Board of Orange County Commissioners Dec. 1 leaving a spot on the CHCCS Board of Education.

day on behalf of our children,” Burroughs said.

Commissioner Bernadette Pelissier said that Burroughs has a good background to be on the county board.

“She understands the school system. That is an important part of our budget,” Pelissier said. “The biggest adjustment is that she has to know that she represents all the county and both school systems (including Orange County Schools) and not just the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system.”

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# Raleigh’s Smedes York now on bookshelves

**The former Raleigh mayor released a memoir about life in North Carolina.**

**By Sarah McQuillan**  
Staff Writer

For Smedes York, progress is more than just a way of life — it’s a family tradition. In his new memoir, “Growing Up with Raleigh,” the UNC alumnus and former Raleigh mayor details transformations he both witnessed and inspired in the state capital throughout the years.

Born in 1941, York entered his adult years at a time when racial tensions and inequality were coming to a peak in North Carolina.

“When I was growing up, we talked about separate but equal facilities, but they really weren’t equal, and they don’t need to be separate,” York said.

He credits sports with his progressive attitude, especially after playing for N.C. State University’s basketball team as an undergraduate.

“I think sports played a lot into that role, particularly when I got in college — not only playing against African-Americans, but being friends and going to the movies and that sort of thing,” he said.

York later earned his MBA at UNC’s Kenan-Flagler Business School. He remains active on the

Kenan-Flagler Board of Visitors.

“My time at UNC was the best two years of my life,” York said. “I loved Chapel Hill.”

From 1979 to 1983, York served as the mayor of Raleigh. He related his enjoyment of his experience in the position to time spent in college.

“Most people, when they think about their college experience, they think, ‘Yes, yeah,’ but they don’t focus on the fact that there’s a lot of stress in college with exams and that sort of thing, and that’s the way I think of mayor,” he said. “I look back at mayor as a very positive experience. I think the city moved forward, and it was great.”

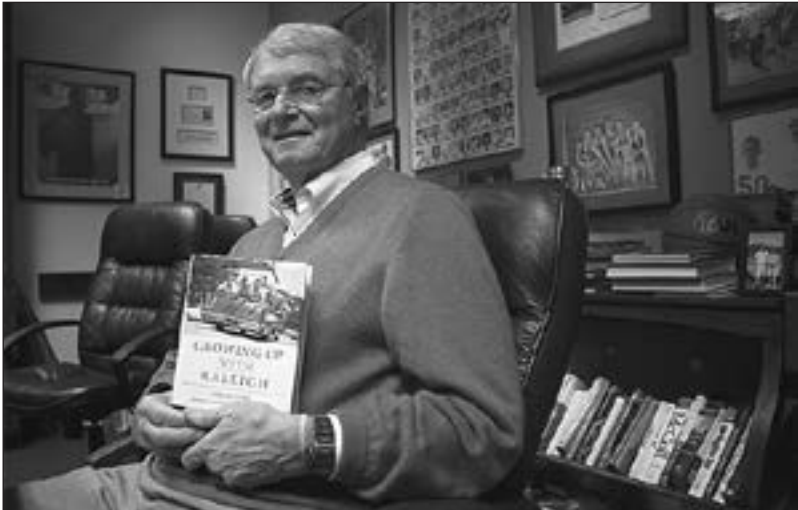
Cindy Campbell, York’s public relations representative, summed up York’s influence on Raleigh in one short statement.

“Smedes York is Raleigh,” she said. “Past, present and future.”

York’s life mantra comes from a small note he carried during his deployment in South Korea during the Vietnam War.

“I wrote myself a little note and put it in my pocket, and the note said, ‘You’ve just got to try,’ and the date was 26 August, 1964,” he said. “In other words, you’ve got to do this, you’re here, you feel like you don’t want to be here, but you’ve just got to try.”

York said his progressive attitude throughout his life inspired him to write his new memoir, “Growing Up



DTH/EVAN SEMONES

Former Raleigh mayor and UNC alumnus Smedes York recently released a memoir entitled “Growing Up with Raleigh.” York wrote the book with John Sharpe.

with Raleigh.”

“I feel like there were a lot of perspectives I had seen that would reflect all the history of the community — not many contributions, but just that I had seen things in so many different aspects,” he said. “I wanted to do the book, and I got to thinking, ‘I’m not sure I want to write this book myself,’ so I met John Sharpe, and we hit it off.”

Sharpe, York’s co-author, said he enjoyed working with York during the five years it took to publish the book.

“He’s a man of enormous integrity

and honesty with himself and the people around him,” Sharpe said.

After spending five years working on the memoir with Sharpe, York said he hopes readers will understand the extent of Raleigh’s transformation in recent decades.

“It’s just a book that hopefully will let others know that we’ve evolved, and this is how we evolved,” he said. “I hope they see the great city that’s evolved here, but also understand the history.”

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# LGBT report looks at schools

**North Carolina schools received a “not safe” rating in the survey.**

**By Tat’yana Berdan**  
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A state snapshot released Thursday by a national advocacy group declared North Carolina secondary schools “not safe” for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students.

Though the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district includes sexual orientation and gender in its anti-discrimination policy, there aren’t similar protections for gender identity.

The report, published by the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, released research data for 29 states as part of the biennial 2013 National School Climate Survey the network conducts.

The group found that while “nearly all” of the North Carolina students surveyed knew a staff member supportive of LGBT students, only 8 percent attended a school with an anti-bullying policy including both sexual orientation and gender identity.

The U.S. Department of Education released guidelines in April clarifying that Title IX sex discrimination protections apply to transgender students.

Maddy Boesen, a research associate for the group, said researchers surveyed nearly 200 students in North Carolina with the help of local groups like the LGBT Center of Raleigh and through Facebook and Twitter.

“Overall, trans students often face extra layers of challenges in school, so many of them have experienced higher levels of harassment,” Boesen said.

Nancy Kueffer, coordinator for compliance/behavior support for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said that while CHCCS does not have specific policies for transgender students, the district implements a bullying response program that aims to prevent bullying of all forms.

“In terms of students who are feeling threatened or bullied because they are transgender students, they still would follow the process that any other students would,” she said.

Danielle Cohen, a teacher at Chapel Hill High School and adviser of the school’s Queer-Straight Alliance, said several students from the school noticed earlier this year that the district’s anti-discrimination policy did not include gender identity.

She said the students petitioned the school board in the spring to change the policy, asking for gender-neutral bathrooms and locker rooms.

She said the board has followed up with the petitioners and that the students met with CHCCS Superintendent Thomas Forcella last week.

Kueffer said teachers are trained annually on specifics of the district anti-bullying policy.

“It’s usually out of ignorance that the empathy isn’t built (among students),” she said.

School athletics have also been a topic of debate — and the N.C. High School Athletic Association in April decided that students must participate in sports based on the gender they were assigned on their birth certificate.

Jeffrey Reilly, CHCCS coordinator of student services, said in an email that the district will review the possibility of a policy covering transgender students in sports.

Nationwide, the report surveyed nearly 8,000 LGBT students in all 50 states and found that more than 70 percent of LGBT students said they had been verbally harassed and more than 35 percent said they had been physically harassed.

Still, Boesen said there were brighter notes in the report — it found a significant increase in students who reported reading about LGBT issues in class readings and textbooks.

“There are some very simple education efforts that educators can make to both protect transgender students and overall improve their school communities,” Boesen said.

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# Jake Bernstein: The St. Louis kid

## The Tar Heel fencer has excelled on the mat and in the business world

By Logan Ulrich  
Staff Writer

How do you introduce Jake Bernstein?

He's a 20-year-old junior from St. Louis in his third year fencing for North Carolina as a walk-on. But he's also a social entrepreneur who has helped found two startup companies dedicated to community service — one of which he started when he was just 15 years old.

He's been mentioned for his volunteering by Barack Obama in 2011. He's a Morehead-Cain scholar. He's the youngest person Forbes named to its 2012 "Top 30 Under 30" social entrepreneurs list.

He's accomplished a lot for someone his age.

But who is he?

**Fencing**

His fencing coach, Ron Miller, introduces him as one of his best walk-ons and a crucial part of the team.

"(Jake) brings a significant amount of leadership and energy," Miller said. "Both of those are key points that every team needs."

In high school, Bernstein was a three-sport athlete, lettering in basketball, cross country and tennis. After enrolling at UNC in 2012, Bernstein realized he would miss the atmosphere of a team.

He had gone to a fencing clinic in high school and watched the sport in the Olympics, so he decided to

give it a shot at UNC. Despite having almost no fencing experience, Bernstein made the team as a walk-on in the final year UNC has held open tryouts to date.

Immediately he realized he was in over his head. Fencing is an incredibly nuanced sport, with layers of strategy involving multiple fakes before an attack. The zen-like poise needed to execute without slowing down to think is something many athletes can't master.

"Most athletes, if they first initially fail, they leave," Miller said. "They can't handle the failure."

But Bernstein could.

His fencing career hasn't taken off like his career as an entrepreneur, but he attends practice almost every day. The camaraderie of the team has kept him coming back, providing advice and encouragement as he continues to learn.

He's competed in one meet this year, placing 42nd of 89 in epee at the Temple Open.

"When you're not very good at something, it's very easy to get discouraged," Bernstein said. "What's been amazing, though, is how much time the older athletes have spent coaching me up."

"Having that support network to bring you back up when you fail is huge."

**VolunTEEN**

Simone Bernstein might introduce him not only as her brother, but as her partner in

social entrepreneurship.

Their first venture together was the stereotypical lemonade stand, which raised \$125 to buy cards and care packages for deployed soldiers. The military has always had a huge influence on the family. The Bernsteins' father was in the Navy reserves and was called into service after 9/11.

"It just hit out of nowhere: One day your dad is there and then he's just gone," Jake said. "It was just a strange experience as a second grader."

The experience changed his life forever. His father was stationed at Camp Lejeune for a year, which gave Jake his first experience visiting North Carolina and played a role when the time came to select a college.

Back in St. Louis, the local community poured out their support to the family. Volunteers helped with everything from delivering prepared meals to running daily errands.

"We were overwhelmed by the support," Simone said.

Deeply impacted by the generosity of the community, the two looked for a way to give back. The lemonade stand was a start, but the most successful part of that venture wasn't the money raised, but the lesson learned. They weren't powerless because of their youth.

But they seemed to be the only ones who knew that. When they looked into volunteering with local organizations, they were turned away again and again for being too young.



COURTESY OF JAKE BERNSTEIN  
Jake Bernstein, a junior Morehead-Cain scholar from St. Louis, joined UNC's fencing team as a walk-on.

As a solution, VolunTEEN was born.

The siblings put together a website with a listing of opportunities that kids in their age group were eligible to volunteer for. It drew attention from across the nation as a platform for organizations to tap into the potential of youth volunteerism and for kids to share volunteer opportunities. Even the White House took notice, and the website's popularity prompted the two to expand nationally in 2012.

"There's so many awesome kids out there, and there should be more opportunities for them to get involved," Jake said.

VolunTEEN also allowed young people to specialize their volunteering efforts to fit their specific interests. For instance, kids could volunteer at sports

*"Sometimes people look at his talent ... and overlook his inherent care for humanity."*

Thomas Doochin,  
co-founder of CommuniGift

campus for other children on the autism spectrum or walk dogs at the local humane society rather than clustering at the same soup kitchen.

"Volunteering probably helps the community some, but it's probably just as importantly helping the volunteers realize the scope of the problems in the community," Jake said.

**CommuniGift**

Thomas Doochin, friend and co-founder of online giving platform CommuniGift, introduces him as, "One hell

of a guy."

Jake didn't leave his passion for volunteering behind in St. Louis. Less than a year after arriving on campus, he was busy with another startup. Together with Doochin and Taylor Sharp, the three UNC students conceived an idea to help give back during the holidays. By the end of 2013, CommuniGift was born.

CommuniGift works with charities like Angel Tree to provide gifts for poorer families during the holi-

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# DTH PICKS OF THE WEEK

The DTH sports staff and one celebrity guest compete to pick the winners of the biggest ACC and national college football games each week.

Oh dear we are in trouble. . .

Well, at least Grace is because her lead in first place has been dwindling of late and an 8-1 week from everyone's favorite 6-foot-7 sports writer has her shaking in her keds.

Yep, that's right Daniel Wilco made strides — cue another joke about him being weirdly tall — last week and missed only the Ohio State-Michigan State game.

After interviewing him about his recent success, he broke down.

"It's just been such a long journey," Wilco said, tears dribbling down his face. "Last year at this point, I was the laughing stock of the entire group."

Record to date	<b>Grace Raynor</b>	<b>Aaron Dodson</b>	<b>Daniel Wilco</b>	<b>Carlos Collazo</b>	<b>Pat James</b>	<b>Brendan Marks</b>	<b>Bradley Saacks</b>
<b>Pittsburgh at UNC</b>	65-22	60-27	62-25	60-27	62-25	55-32	57-30
Clemson at Georgia Tech	<b>UNC</b>	<b>UNC</b>	<b>UNC</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>UNC</b>	<b>UNC</b>
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Nebraska at Wisconsin	Auburn	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Nebraska	Georgia
Washington at Arizona	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Nebraska	Nebraska	Wisconsin	Arizona	Wisconsin
Missouri at Texas A&M	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Washington	Washington
	Texas A&M	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Texas A&M	Texas A&M

"Now everyone is just picking on Brendan. It's just. . . it's truly a wonderful moment."

At the same time, Patty J is also in second place, creeping ever closer to Grace.

After last week's break down of his strategy, Patty simply flashed the cheshire grin and said: "Soon. . ."

\*Chills sprint up spine\*

On a happier note, most people avoided being completely terrible pickers last week. In fact, each member of the sports desk managed a record of 7-2 or better, while Jonas Pope went 6-3 for the guest picker.

This week probably won't be as similar, as the divisiveness of this week's matchups is obvious.



**Bradley Saacks** is this week's guest picker. He is a junior journalism major at UNC and is the university editor of The Daily Tar Heel.

There's not a single game that everyone is in agreement on.

Brendan — still in last place — is the only person taking Miami over Florida State. El oh el. Bradley Saacks — this week's guest picker — is a fond friend of the sports desk, the university editor for The Daily Tar Heel and the only person picking Washington.

## THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME

	Pittsburgh at North Carolina 12:30 p.m. Kenan Stadium Broadcast: ESPN3	
4-5, 2-3 ACC		4-5, 2-3 ACC

### HEAD-TO-HEAD

UNC front seven vs. Pitt rush	Two words: James Connor. The back is a beast, and leads the ACC in yards and touchdowns. No team has held him in check. <b>EDGE: Pitt</b>	
UNC secondary vs. Pitt pass	Pitt isn't a passing team (102nd in the country in passing offense), but UNC is still allows 290.7 passing yards per game. Also, Chad Voytik has 11 touchdowns. <b>EDGE: Pitt</b>	
Pitt front seven vs. UNC rush	Without Marquise Williams, UNC would have no rushing attack. But they do, and he's been effective. Pitt is 60th in the country in rushing defense. <b>EDGE: Push</b>	
Pitt secondary vs. UNC pass	The passing offense is normally where UNC gets the edge, but Pitt has the No. 7 passing defense in the country, allowing just 176.8 yards per game. <b>EDGE: Push</b>	
<b>The Bottom Line — Pittsburgh 24, North Carolina 17</b> <small>COMPILED BY CARLOS COLLAZO</small>		



North Carolina kicker Nick Weiler (24) makes a field goal attempt. He is fighting for a starting spot.

## Nick Weiler vs. Thomas Moore: Who will it be?

By Grace Raynor  
Sports Editor

For six months, Larry Fedora stayed quiet, keeping his lips tight between Feb. 20 and Aug. 30 about who his starting quarterback might be.

Marquise Williams. Mitch Trubisky.

Now, Fedora is in the midst of making another decision regarding an open competition that began two weeks ago after the Tar Heels lost to Miami 47-20.

Nick Weiler. Thomas Moore.

A battle for the kicking job.

Moore, the veteran senior, entered the season as the expected starter after he registered a team-high 90 points in his junior campaign, making 14 of 19 field goals and 46 of 48 extra points. Yet to date in his final season with the Tar Heels, he has attempted a mere two field goals and missed them both.

Weiler, who didn't attempt a field goal at all his freshman year, made his first career field goal against San Diego State — a 23-yarder that is still his longest of the season. The sophomore has

taken over primary kicking duties for the Tar Heels, but after Weiler missed a simple extra point attempt in the Miami loss, Fedora reopened the competition in practice for the Pittsburgh game Saturday.

"They're out there in front of the whole team competing, and they're going head-to-head, one after another in live situations," Fedora said.

"We've had quite a few kicks in front of the team, and it's been a good competition."

The team's job is to provide the background noise and the distractions that inevitably have the potential to distract a kicker in a typical game, said sophomore wide receiver Ryan Switzer.

For the majority of the season, Weiler and Moore had been isolated, working on their craft alone until Fedora decided it was necessary to make the environment more realistic.

"Noise, yelling — some people even throw stuff or run in front of them," Switzer said. "It may be taken over the top a little bit, but at least we're getting some distractions and some noises in

there as well."

Fedora said he typically isn't concerned about his kickers executing until game time. Even then, he still tries to trust that whoever it is kicking will go out with confidence.

"It doesn't really weigh on me until we get in the game," he said. "Not something that I really sit around and worry about. I feel like we put a guy out there, and he'll knock it in, I really do. That position, you've just got to have some confidence. That's all there is to it."

With just three games remaining in UNC's season — against Pittsburgh, Duke and N.C. State — the Tar Heels (4-5, 2-3 ACC) must win at least two to become bowl eligible.

With tight games typically coming down to kicking, whoever wins UNC's job will be an integral part of the team's success.

"We're definitely trying to build confidence in them," sophomore running back Khristian Francis said.

"That's definitely the difference between a win or a loss."

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## BERNSTEIN

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days. The nonprofits verify families, then submit their wish list to CommuniGift. The company then turns the items on the list into actual products from online stores and lists them in a register for donors to buy and ship directly to the families.

"We wanted to take the convenience of online giving and combine it with the joy of offline giving to create a new way to give back to those in need," Doochin said.

Doochin provided the initial idea of helping out a family without gifts, but Jake's technical skill and experience with nonprofits have proven invaluable.

"He's an incredible thinker, very few things ever slip his radar," Doochin said. "Before Taylor and I knew much about the eCommerce and nonprofit world, Jake was our go-to guy for any connections in the industry or explanation of a foreign concept."

The initial test run with the website in 2013 had only 40 families. When the website launches today, it will be serving over 10,000 families.

"You have these three groups of people who are all being helped, and that's really what drives us to do this every day," Jake said.

### Legacy

So how does Jake Bernstein introduce himself?

"I'm from St. Louis, Missouri," he says. "I don't want to be judged or thought of based off what someone else might perceive as impressive or not."

He's accomplished in two decades what many fail to do in seven. But the most impressive thing about him isn't the things he's done. It's why he's done them.

"Sometimes people look at his talent and his resume and overlook his inherent care for humanity," Doochin said.

"He really cares about helping people less fortunate than he, and one can see that in all of his actions."

That's who Jake Bernstein is. He cares.

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## VOLLEYBALL: NORTH CAROLINA 3, N.C. STATE 0

# Volleyball team keeps its streak alive against NC State

The Tar Heels won their 12th straight match on Thursday.

By Ben Coley  
Staff Writer

With a highly anticipated date with No. 3 Florida State looming ahead, the No. 8 North Carolina volleyball team had one goal in mind against N.C. State Thursday — avoid the trap.

N.C. State limped into Carmichael Arena with a 2-9 record in its past 11 games while North Carolina was riding an 11-game winning streak. The perfect opportunity for an upset.

And after holding a 24-22 lead in a close third set, senior outside hitter Lauren McAdoo slammed the ball to an N.C. State setter, causing it to ricochet off her hand and out of bounds — trap avoided.

The Tar Heels (21-2, 12-1 ACC) won their 12th victory in a row by sweeping N.C. State (14-12, 3-10 ACC) for the second time this season. UNC defeated N.C. State on Oct. 17 at Reynolds Coliseum.

Like it has all season long, the Tar Heels relied heavily on their blocking to push past the Wolfpack. UNC put up 16.5 blocks in the match, eight of them coming in the first set.

"We blocked really well tonight," McAdoo said. "I looked up at one time at the scoreboard and there was like 15.5 blocks and I was like 'OK.' Our defense was good for the most part."

Junior middle blocker Paige Neuenfeldt led the team with 5.5 blocks and redshirt senior outside hitter Chaniel Nelson added 2.5 blocks of her own.

Through the first two sets, the Tar Heels dominated N.C. State.

In the first and second set, the Wolfpack was held to a -.147 and .136 hitting percentage, respectively. UNC opponents have managed just a .156 hitting percentage this season.

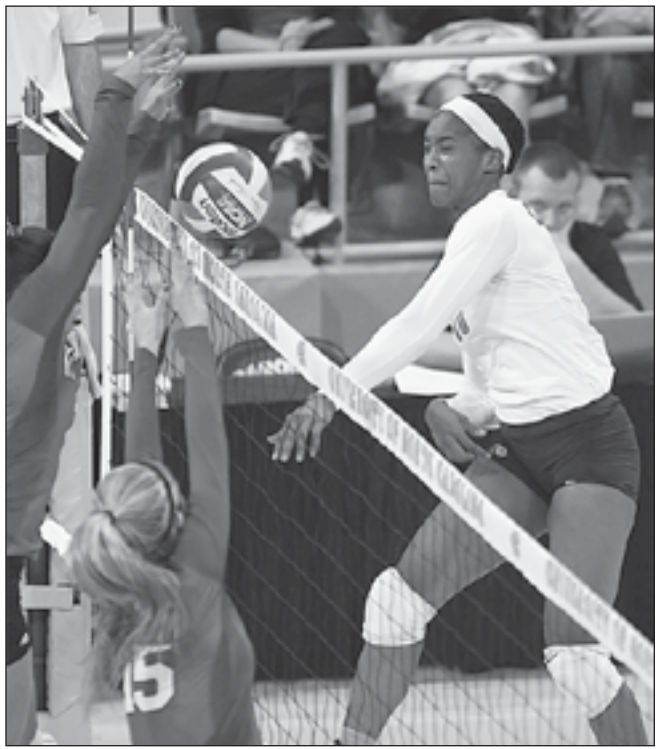
But in the third set, UNC lost some of its edge. The Tar Heels had a hitting percentage of just .054 along with 10 attack errors. Eight of the errors came in the first 15 points.

McAdoo said in the third set, N.C. State came out of the locker room with more intensity and UNC responded with unforced errors.

"(N.C. State) started picking up their defense and blocking while we were making a lot of hitting errors and giving them a lot of easy points," McAdoo said.

But the Tar Heels answered back and ended the third with a quick 3-0 run to win the match.

Coach Joe Sagula said the sweep was significant because now the team can



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Senior opposite hitter Chaniel Nelson spikes the ball over NC State players. The Heels had a .351 team hitting percentage.

*"It's something to value and not to look past when you win 3-0."*

Joe Sagula,  
North Carolina volleyball coach

focus on a more important mission — beating Florida State today in Carmichael Arena.

"It's something to value and not to look past when you win 3-0," Sagula said. "We've had a bunch of them and everyone is starting to get spoiled, thinking it's easy, but it's not."

"It's really, really big when you can win 3-0, because N.C. State was good enough to come back in that third set and when that happens anything can happen, so it's good that we can get the match done and be ready now for Florida State."

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Former ambassador to the Soviet Union Jack Matlock spoke in the Wilson Library Thursday night.

# Former ambassador dismisses ‘Cold War II’

By Sarah Kaylan Butler  
Staff Writer

Comparisons of modern politics to those of the Cold War were dismissed in a lecture Thursday by a man with firsthand experience. Jack F. Matlock Jr., a Greensboro native and former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, recounted the war's end from his perspective — just over 25 years after the Berlin Wall fell. The lecture, titled “From Gorbachev to Putin: Russia and the U.S. in the Post-Cold War World,” drew a full crowd and many questions from the audience, though few students attended. Matlock said comparing today's political situation to the Cold War is inappropriate. “There's all sorts of talk today about Cold War II, about the confrontation particularly over in Ukraine as having echoes of the Cold War — and indeed the rhetoric sounds very similar,” Matlock said. “Let me say right up front that I think that is an exaggeration. It is probably not

accurate to compare — at least the magnitude and its implications — of what is happening today and what happened during the Cold War.” He said the Cold War was based on a different philosophy throughout the world than the issues that are rising up between the United States and Russia today. “That doesn't mean that what we are experiencing today is good or is trivial or isn't dangerous, but it does, I think, exaggerate things a bit to compare it to the Cold War,” he said. After the former ambassador's lecture, there was a round-table discussion among Matlock and UNC history professors Klaus Larres and Donald Raleigh. Larres opened up the floor for the audience to participate in a question-and-answer session with Matlock at the end. Meredith College professor Stephanie Hurt, who was in the audience, said that her heritage was French and Polish and that she was curious why Matlock never mentioned Central and Western

Europe at the conclusion of the Cold War. “I found it very interesting, but what bothers me is that he keeps mentioning and mixing Central Europe and Eastern Europe, which for a non-introduced audience, does not mean anything, because we Western Europeans think in terms of Western Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Europe,” Hurt said. “By putting (them) in the same bag, he is just making two camps — the West with American and the East with Russian. The reality is a bit more complex.” Larres said the lecture was a part of the Ambassadors Forum and had been in the works for two years. He said he thought it was a success. “There must have been over 140 people,” he said. “People were interested, and they stayed almost to the end. The ambassador was very knowledgeable and spoke very eloquently about his own experiences and about the current problems with Russia.”

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# On-campus drinking citations rise

By Anyssa Reddix  
Staff Writer

The number of on-campus underage drinking citations at UNC increased by 88 percent between 2012 and 2013 — reaching 691, according to data released in the 2014 Annual Campus Security Report. Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, said penalties for students caught drinking underage have not changed, but the department has made other changes to the standards for reporting liquor violations and issuing citations. “I think there are new safety measures which can help to enhance their safety,” he said. Young said the citations are not all from DPS. A student who is caught drinking underage can be referred to DPS by the Department of Housing and Residential Education and other departments, he said. There were 682 citations issued in residence halls in 2013 — more than double the number of referrals DPS got

from residence halls in 2012. Associate Director of Housing Rick Bradley said this increase is likely due to increased accuracy in reporting rather than changes in housing's alcohol policies. The Clery Act requires U.S. universities to report campus crime statistics annually. “The Clery numbers now, there's been clarification that the actual reporting is to be the number of participants involved in an alcohol incident,” Bradley said. “Better interpretation of reporting — that is leading to higher numbers.” Bradley said the number of people in the room when someone is caught drinking underage equals the number of students cited — and people are now paying more attention to that rule when reporting. “It's not like we're retraining the RA staff,” Bradley said. “There's alcohol present in an underage student room and there's six people, it counts as six violations.” Bradley said he thinks

UNC is doing more to prevent underage drinking. “I think the University has become increasingly more interested in finding ways to curtail particularly binge drinking and underage drinking,” Bradley said. Marc Cohen, faculty adviser for UNC's chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, said underage drinking is a problem on college campuses because students are seeking to experiment and take advantage of being away from home for the first time. “Not only is binge drinking a problem, but so are the issues associated with it: sexual assault, drinking and driving, physical injury,” he said. DPS and the University are taking the Clery report findings seriously and are working to improve students' safety, Young said. “I think also it's an ever-evolving environment and there are always new concerns,” he said.

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## ATHLETIC-ACADEMIC SCANDAL

# Panel criticizes Wainstein report's public interpretation

Jenn Morrison  
Staff Writer

In the wake of Kenneth Wainstein's investigation, students, faculty and administrators are concerned that some interpretations of his report have raised misconceptions about the African-American community. Such was the topic of discussion in a panel hosted Thursday by the UNC Black Student Movement, the Carolina Black Caucus and the UNC NAACP. The discussion, called “The Black and Blue of Carolina: Post-Wainstein,” featured panelists Eileen Parsons, associate professor of science education; Katharine Bailey, UNC junior and NAACP political action committee chairwoman; and Cricket Lane, assistant athletic director for student-athlete development. “In terms of the report, it did what it was supposed to do,” Parsons said. “It followed the paper trail, and, unfortunately, the paper trail led to the (African, African American and diaspora studies) department.” But she said some of the framing in the report was skewed and could lead people to make false assumptions about the proportion of African-American students who took paper classes. Bailey said the report devalues the AAAD department. “If it takes requiring an AAAD class as a gen ed, I'm all for that,” Bailey said. “The ignorance is outstanding.” Senior Jennell McIntosh, UNC NAACP president, noted how easily people make false




DTH/KATIE WILLIAMS  
Chancellor Carol Folt addresses the crowd that gathered for the panel discussion on the Wainstein report and its interpretations.

assumptions about the report. “A lot of people have a glossed-over version of this account after reading it on Twitter or from friends,” McIntosh said. Chancellor Carol Folt was among those in attendance. “I feel awful about it,” Folt said. “And yet somehow, I wake up every morning really excited, and this is because this place is so incredible. I feel a deep obligation to make sure you don't feel your degree is tarnished.” Those at the panel agreed that open conversations about the report's racial implications should continue. “We have a chancellor that is listening, that is paying attention,” history professor Genna

McNeil said. “We can't be a No. 1 public university unless everyone knows there are safe spaces you can go.” McIntosh stressed the importance of student initiative moving forward. “It's important to remember (the panel) was student-organized,” she said. “Hearing from faculty is great, but it's the students that need to be the change in the University.” Other students asked for change from higher authority. “The time to do something is now,” senior Toyosi Oyelowo said. “I am tarnished to the point of tears. I'm black and blue. But I stand, and I need a system that stands for me.”

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# Habitat opens up new housing

By Sam James  
Staff Writer

The town of Chapel Hill, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, will open a new publicly owned affordable housing duplex at 105 Zieger Lane Friday.

The duplex is part of an ongoing effort to drive down housing costs in the area. Chapel Hill was recently named the most expensive place to live in North Carolina by realty service Coldwell Banker.

"It's a double-edged sword," said Chapel Hill town councilman Jim Ward. "The demand is high, and the supply is low currently, which prompts more expensive houses being built — to take advantage of a wider profit margin."

Councilwoman Donna Bell said having a large number of multi-individual households of students living off campus also tends to drive up housing prices.

"Most families can't afford \$500 a bedroom," she said.

Ward said these high prices, while indicative of Chapel Hill's vitality, cause problems for both low-income workers and large employers in Chapel Hill.

"UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Hospitals and Chapel Hill schools are the three largest employers in Chapel Hill," he said. "All of them have employees that would benefit from more affordable housing."

Susan Levy, executive director of Orange County Habitat for Humanity, is hopeful the new duplex will help low-income families looking for housing.

"(The families Habitat usually serves) earn somewhere between 20,000 and 40,000

a year," she said. "They can't afford an average rental."

Ward said the high prices in and around Chapel Hill usually drive low-income households to look for housing farther away.

"These people do critical work for the hospitals, the University and the schools, and living farther away leaves them more vulnerable to traffic and weather and other conditions that would leave them unable to get into work," he said.

Levy said these are the people Habitat focuses most on helping. They provide a zero-interest mortgage to the families they help.

"They're owning a house for less than they would pay for an average rental house," she said.

Habitat keeps their costs low by using mostly volunteer labor, but Levy is certain of the quality of their work.

"People are capable of doing quite a bit if they are properly organized and equipped and motivated," she said. "The volunteers put a lot of care into this work."

Ward said that while the current affordable housing in Chapel Hill is insufficient for the present need, he remains optimistic the problem will be solved.

"We're urging for more participation and interest from UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC Hospitals," he said. "We are working with the private sector to do more than they would do otherwise."

In the meantime, Levy said volunteer labor is beneficial for the community, the volunteers and the recipients.

"It's one of those situations that's really a win-win for everyone."

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# 'Into the Woods' a wonder

★★★★★

By Sarah McQuillan  
Staff Writer

Audience members fell into a storybook fairy tale from the moment they took their seats at PlayMakers Repertory Company's production of "Into the Woods" on Tuesday.

Before the lights dimmed, trees and stacks of books decorating the stage could be seen. Bookshelves that nearly touched the ceiling loomed in the background, setting the mood for an unusual story about a trip into the forest that mashes together the West's best-known fables.

Although the musical got off to a slow start with vocals that did not seem to reach their full potential and humor that fell awkwardly flat, it quickly picked up steam and had the audience roaring with laughter in multiple moments of witty banter and physical comedy.

One of the most noteworthy duos in the production was that of the competitive royal brothers, Cinderella's Prince and Rapunzel's Prince (Gregory DeCandia and Max Bitar), who were accompanied by their two hilarious stewards (Daniel Bailin and Benjamin Curns). Cinderella's Prince was even gallant enough to escort an audience member out of the theater as he exited the stage himself. The song "Agony" and its reprise earned exceptional laughter from the crowd with its clever use of rolling chairs and dollies that the stewards used to whisk their respective princes around the stage.

Another notable character was the obnoxiously endearing Little Red Riding Hood (Jessica Sorgi), whose comically exaggerated facial expressions, well-timed line deliveries and impressively long and loud scream earned her great applause.

The characters' costumes

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— especially Milky White the cow's — were clever and contributed to the fairy tale theme. The Wolf's (Gregory DeCandia) leather ensemble perfectly expressed his dangerous but appealing personality, and the Witch (Lisa Brescia) was especially repulsive in her menacing mask.

The special effects and glamorous transformations made possible by the costuming added to the magic of the production. A standout moment was when Cinderella's (Caroline Strange) frumpy dress transformed into a sparkling blue



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Caroline Strange plays the role of Cinderella in "Into the Woods."

ball gown, earning audible gasps from the audience.

Overall, PlayMakers delivered a magical show that fully engaged the audience from the start of the prologue. From the impressive special effects, lighting and sound design to the most

minute details of the costuming and musical numbers, the many aspects of each fairy tale blended together to create cohesive production, captivating the audience through the final bow.

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**PLOTS**  
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Egerton said UNC today is a direct result of their efforts. “What we were able to do is change the thinking of Carolina – (it was) very mono-lithic when we got there — and we put color into it,” he said.

Due to the smaller size of National Pan-Hellenic chapters, it can be easy to overlook their contributions to campus, Morrison said.

“It’s disheartening to walk around this campus, and see nothing dealing with the National Pan-Hellenic Council,” he said.

Morrison said that’s why the plots are so significant. “Especially at a PWI, what better way to show how far we have come, than to have plots on this campus? That would speak volumes,” he said. “I believe the founders of these organizations would be smiling so much if they saw that we had plots at a PWI.”

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**BOXILL**  
FROM PAGE 1

responsible for the creation of the paper courses, football counselor Cynthia Reynolds discussed registering her players for new classes.

“Nice call on the Phil 30 (Boxill) correspondence course last semester,” the email said. “Didn’t know Jan was doing those.”

In emails from later that year, Reynolds asked Boxill to take on a student for an independent study on sports ethics.

In another case, women’s soccer counselor Brent Blanton referred a student to Boxill who was looking for an independent study. In an email to Blanton, the student said she didn’t care if the course was “basket weaving.”

As of fall 2012, faculty are only permitted to offer two students independent study courses per semester.

Lange said he can count on one hand the number of independent study courses

he’s taught since joining UNC in 2003.

Men’s basketball tutor Janet Huffstelter emailed Boxill in 2007, asking her for advice on an upcoming quiz in philosophy.

“(Redacted) had a tough week,” Huffstelter said. “I’m sorry he waited until the last minute to call me in for help. I guess it’s not unusual, though.”

Boxill responded with at least six specific questions that could be on the quiz, according to the emails.

Almost all of Boxill’s emails that were released were either her talking about, or to, students. “I will do whatever I can to help you obtain your degree,” she said in one email.

In another: “Just talked with Betsy Taylor in Steele Bldg, and she said she is making you a candidate for May, and that we are correct-all you need to do to is to PHIL with an A-!! And THAT will be done!!! This so great.”

One student emailed Boxill, asking why she hadn’t heard from Boxill about the

in Caldwell Hall classrooms is Jan Boxill, Lange said.

“It’s only recently that the University required independent studies to have that kind of paper trail.”

That highly autonomous academic culture is exactly what led to UNC’s academic-athletic scandal, according to the Wainstein report.

“This hands-off management approach was laudable as a means of fostering academic creativity but lamentable as a mechanism for detecting and preventing the type of academic misconduct that existed in the AFAM department for so many years,” Wainstein found.

**‘Horribly betrayed’**

Colleagues, like Coach Hatchell, said Boxill was one of the most ethical people they’d ever met.

The findings of the Wainstein report largely misrepresented Boxill, said Kit Wellman, chairman of the Washington University in St. Louis’ philosophy department.

He studied under Boxill and now, even in light of the Wainstein report, considers her one of his heroes and models.

“She feels horribly betrayed by a University she served selflessly for decades,” he said.

After initial reports of academic fraud, Wellman said Boxill was shocked.

“The idea that she was complicit and knew the stuff was going on is utterly implausible,” he said. “The investigators have to come to their conclusions. I don’t believe it.”

Senior Colleen Ciszek said Boxill’s compassionate nature made her a great mentor — she once helped Ciszek when she went through a tough time.

“I definitely don’t think this was ever a giant scheme to push some agenda and undermine the integrity of the University and athletics on campus,” she said. “She’s always been such a good advocate for those who are disadvantaged.”

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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 7 – Go over plans again. It’s not a good time to expand. Take it slow and review the situation. Rearrange furniture. Ask a question you’ve been considering. You can have fun without spending a lot. Play without agenda.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 6 – You may feel like taking on home projects, but today’s better for planning than action. Don’t launch a new endeavor yet, and especially don’t dip into savings. Otherwise, conflict could spark with a partner. Strengthen infrastructure. Get organized.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
Today is a 7 – Controversy arises. It could get emotional or hot-blooded. Decrease activities, and take it easy. Don’t spend too much. Work interferes with playtime. Keep learning, and take notes. Writing and research go well. Get into books.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**  
Today is a 7 – Your desire for fun and practical obligations could conflict today. Delays could hamper work and travel. Don’t buy toys yet. Keep your optimism. With a partner, push for changes. Reschedule unessential appointments to minimize overwhelm.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is a 7 – There may be obstacles to accomplishing your objective at home. Keep researching for better prices. Clean up the back yard or garage. Discover hidden resources, and apply them to your project. Consider all possibilities. Be selective.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is a 6 – Fantasy and facts clash. Simplify to minimize regular expenses, and increase savings. Decline a social invitation for now. Quiet time in peaceful surroundings recharges your batteries. Meditate, eat and sleep well. You experience a philosophical shift.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is a 7 – Guests arrive... offer warm hospitality, and your peacemaker skills. Be careful, something you try doesn’t work. Don’t follow a hunch blindly. Listen for what’s wanted. Spend time on or near the water. A walk outdoors revives.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is a 7 – Employ a light touch. Accidents are possible, especially in a rush or hurry. Watch your own strength... you have more than you think, and things aren’t all they seem. Plan and investigate different routes for career growth.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is an 8 – Reduce expenses. Take local trips rather than long-distance. Meet by videoconference. Disruptions and delays could plague travels and shipping. Get into your studies, and follow a philosophical discussion. Apply what you learn to your career.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 7 – Postpone a financial discussion, and do the numbers to prepare. Get clear on the facts. Your credit rating’s going up. Complete a contract or other document. You’ve got the time. Social time reinforces your connections.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 7 – Work and romance could conflict. Listen to your partner’s considerations before choosing. New evidence threatens complacency. Insight comes from contemplation. Your finances continue to grow. Curb spending desires. Restraint is advised, with travel and expense. Compromise.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Today is a 7 – Postpone travel. Focus on a new career target. The current one may not take you where you want to go. Don’t try new tricks or take financial risks. Talk about skills, passions and hobbies.

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# Special election turnout still low

By Maura Devetski  
Staff Writer

While the recent Student Congress special election filled almost all the open representative spots in undergraduate and graduate districts, the winners' vote totals ranged from 274 votes down to two.

Speaker Pro Tempore Peter McClelland said the reason for this discrepancy lies in student voter participation, especially in the graduate districts.

"The number of votes needed to win in a district is mostly up in the air," McClelland said. "It depends on how many people there are for how many seats and the motivation to get people out to vote." Undergraduate student districts are determined by where the students live. To be placed on the ballot for their district, students must attend a candidate meeting, gather 20 unique signatures and run a week-long campaign.

Graduate students are divided into separate districts based on their course of study.

Of the 18 seats open in the special election, 11 were from the three graduate and professional student districts. The one unfilled seat was from the graduate and professional District 11.

"The reason (graduate students) are not all lumped into one mega-district is because that would likely result in severe overrepresentation of the professional students and severe underrepresentation of the graduate students," McClelland said.

The election results point to low visibility and voter turnout.

Alexander Piasecki, a Board of Elections chairman who works with Student Congress and the Executive Board to facilitate elections, said participation is so low that some graduate students are written in and win even without a ballot spot.

"You can consider these as midterm elections in terms of turnout," said freshman Maurice Grier, who sought an open District 4 position.

Grier called these elections crucial because they can be the first step for students

looking to broaden their role in Student government; for example, former Speaker of Congress Connor Brady was first elected via special election.

"We need to pay more attention to these elections, as these are likely to be the people that are running the school in three years," Grier said.

Despite the low turnout, this special election has seen improvement from years past. McClelland said he was pleased with the results.

"Special elections are always hit-or-miss with very little to explain why it's the case, so I didn't really have any expectations," he said.

McClelland said there are no election process changes in the works, but there have been past attempts to turn the process into an instant runoff system.

Only 3,000 people — about a tenth of UNC's enrollment — voted in the special election, but Piasecki said he also remains positive.

"It's still not where we want it to be, but there was improvement from last year," he said.

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## On the wire: national and world news

### E-cigarette use on the rise among students

WASHINGTON (MCT) — More high school students are using electronic cigarettes, according to new findings, raising concerns among health officials that the growing diversification of tobacco products could get more young people addicted to nicotine.

While a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that the overall percentage of teens using tobacco products hasn't increased since 2012, health advocates were hoping to see a decrease.

"It's really important to know there is no safe tobacco product," said Brian King, a senior adviser with CDC's office on smoking and health.

Earlier this year, a CDC report marking the 50th anniversary of the first U.S. surgeon general's report on the dangers of tobacco predicted that 5.6 million young people up to age 17 "will die early from a cigarette smoking-related illness."

The CDC report issued Thursday — the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report — used data from the 2013 National Youth Tobacco Survey. It found that nearly one in four high school students — almost 23 percent — reported using a tobacco product in the past 30 days.

The CDC said 4.5 percent of high school students last year said they used e-cigarettes in the last 30 days. That's compared with 2.8 percent in 2012.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered cigarettes that contain nicotine and emit a smoke-like vapor. Usage is up dramatically.

Smoking, according to the CDC, is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. It causes more deaths in a year than alcohol, illegal drug use, motor vehicle accidents, firearms and HIV combined, the CDC says. It is also responsible for nine out of 10 deaths from lung cancer.

this statement is the prohibition of torture is absolute for the American administration," said Alessio Bruni, an Italian member of the U.N.'s 10-member Committee Against Torture, which oversees compliance of the 156 countries that have signed the accord.

Bruni told McClatchy that the statement makes acts of torture undertaken by U.S. officials anywhere in the world punishable as crimes under the treaty's Article 4. U.S. officials cannot escape responsibility by transferring a prisoner to another country.

The limits of U.S. policy toward the torture convention have been sharply debated since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington.

The Bush administration said that the treaty's ban on torture did not apply to U.S. actions outside the United States and that U.S. legal jurisdiction did not extend to the Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where it set up a prison for suspected terrorists.

It also set up a series of secret detention centers run by the CIA in other countries

where prisoners were subjected to harsh interrogation tactics.

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"The U.S. responses today fall short of meeting its obligations under the anti-torture treaty," he said.

"This is especially true for practices that emerged or became entrenched since President Obama came into office, such as indefinite detention at Guantanamo as well as immigration detention and deportations. President Obama's legacy on human rights is now hanging in the balance."

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# Timeflies brings viral music to life at Cat's

## The duo, made famous on YouTube, performed Thursday.

By Carly Peterson  
Staff Writer

Fans of Timeflies closed their laptops Thursday night to watch the YouTube-famous group perform crowd-pleasing covers at the Cat's Cradle.

The New York-based duo features producer Rob Resnick and vocalist Cal Shapiro who play electronic pop dance music. They're now performing around the country on their After Hours tour.

The two met as students at Tufts University, where they created their weekly YouTube series, called "Timeflies Tuesday," through which they built their following.

The duo releases covers of popular songs, remixes music and freestyle raps about random topics.

"It feels so good to be back in North Carolina," Shapiro said during the show.

Shapiro filmed the crowd as he and Resnick performed their encore, promising to post the video to YouTube.

Paul Sievert, a lighting technician at the Cat's Cradle, said their setup was intricate.

"It's totally sold out," he said before the show. "I think it's going to be a really good time, and kids are going to have a good time. The music is definitely amped enough to get everyone moving."



DTH/KAYLA GOFORTH  
Music duo Timeflies sings at Cat's Cradle in Carrboro as a part of the group's After Hours tour. Tickets for the show sold out.

Timeflies performed covers of Miley Cyrus' "Party in the U.S.A" and Kesha's "Die Young."

"I love watching their Timeflies Tuesday videos," said Duke University student Natalie Geisler. "I am really excited to see them. The videos they put out of their concerts are so exciting and have a lot of energy."

When they performed Old Crow Medicine Show's "Wagon Wheel," the whole crowd sang along.

"I have been a big fan of Timeflies since the very beginning, and I am definitely hyped up for what they have in store tonight," said UNC sophomore Jean-Claude Dallies.

At Thursday's show, the duo freestyled about Kim Kardashian, NASCAR, UNC and pizza — to name just a few topics.

The Heydaze, a pop group, warmed the crowd up.

"We like to describe it as windows down, stereo up music," said lead singer Jesse Fink.

Heydaze, a New York City-based group, is touring with Timeflies for the entirety of the After Hours tour.

"Heydaze was pretty good. They got the concert hype," said N.C. State University student Haydn Flores.

Cat's Cradle sold out to a crowd of about 700 — mostly college students — for the rave-like performance.

UNC senior Jordan VanBeek said he likes going to Timeflies concerts to have a good time.

"I feel like all the songs were designed to appeal to a certain crowd which was us," he said.

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**Jan Boxill**

The ethics scholar implicated in Wainstein's report was also a beloved professor. See pg. 1 for story.

**Entrepreneurial fencer**

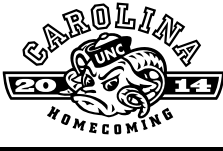
Junior Jake Bernstein is a walk-on fencer who has also started successful companies. See pg. 4 for story.

**Wainstein panel**


Students spoke out about possible misconceptions about Wainstein's findings. See pg. 6 for story.

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19 Army E-5, e.g.  
20 You can usually see right through them  
21 Country named for its location  
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28 London gallery  
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30 Exiled Amin  
31 Test area  
32 Feature of some jellyfish  
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39 Thanksgiving staple  
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45 Blend  
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48 Selling points  
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seaman  
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# Much science, very meme

When you see the word “meme,” what do you think of? For most UNC students, it is likely an online picture with a witty caption, such as the semi-literate shiba inus of “doge” fame that inspired the title of this column. Readers not familiar with social media may know memes by the name of “fads.” More broadly, a meme is any cultural idea that is repeated and transmitted over time. Examples of memes are as diverse as human societies and extend far beyond the “Grumpy Cat” of recent internet renown. Technologies such as the wheel, behaviors like dancing and even hashtags (Remember #kony2012?) are all examples of memes. So what could memes possibly have to do with science? The etymology of the word meme sheds light on its scientific origin. Coined by British evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in 1976, the word meme was modeled on the Greek word “mimeme” — to copy — and shortened to sound like “gene,” the word biologists use to describe a segment of DNA that codes for a protein. The rationale for creating this term was to demonstrate how memes, like genes, could evolve by natural selection. For evolution to occur, both genes and memes need to meet 3 criteria: variation, replication and selection. A comparison of a hypothetical gene for fur color in rabbits and the meme for dancing in humans shows the utility of examining memes in this context.

Just like variation can exist in the gene for fur color in a population of rabbits, many different forms of the dance meme exist. Over time, new varieties can be created — a change in DNA can lead to the production of a different color fur, and the spontaneous addition of a new movement can radically transform a dance. While replication of genes occurs through reproduction, replication of memes occurs when an idea is exchanged between people. For instance, individuals can learn a new dance through television, the internet or personal interactions on the dance floor. In our rabbits, a version of a gene proliferates if rabbits of one color rear more offspring than rabbits of another color. Just like a rabbit may only have one pattern of fur, some memes may be mutually exclusive and set in opposition to one another. In this scenario, a meme proliferates if it becomes more popular than its competitors. Selection depends on context — a white rabbit will quickly become lunch for a hawk in a grassy meadow but fare better than a brown rabbit in a snowy environment. Analogously, while the electric slide and twerking are both dances, only one will earn you a lifetime ban from Chuck E. Cheese’s. To be sure, the comparison of memes to genes isn’t perfect, and one should be careful not to adopt an inappropriately reductionist view of cultural phenomena. But when used properly, looking at ideas in terms of memes can shed light on human behaviors and yield new insights into how we come together and communicate as a society.

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# Executive Branch Report Card

## More than halfway through its term, we have determined that the executive branch of UNC’s student government collectively deserves a “B” for its work to date.

In assessing the work of elected officials, it must be understood that campaign promises and policy goals rarely line up. At the level of student government, this difference tends to be magnified by a lack of information available to candidates about what is and is not feasible within the constraints offered by a one-year term and frequent opposition from the Board of Governors and the General Assembly. It can be difficult to discern where the executive branch has acted ineffectively or simply been rendered ineffective by forces outside of its control. But we applaud the Powell administration for its good-faith efforts to follow through on its most visible campaign promise. The University is taking serious steps to implement and evaluate flipped classrooms. Still, Powell has been hesitant to provide strong stances on hot-button issues, and we call upon his administration to be as active in driving difficult conversations as it has been in facilitating them. We appreciate the Powell administration’s commitment to taking the long view in its efforts to further involve students in the University administration’s decision-making process. If these reforms are institutionalized and improved upon by future administrations, they will strengthen UNC. To this point, this executive branch’s work has been solidly efficient. We ask them to step out and take bolder action during this most difficult time.

<b>Campus Safety: B-</b>	<b>Advocacy: A-</b>
<div></div> <p>The executive branch’s statement in its October report that “UNC leads the nation in sexual assault prevention and response” is demonstrably false. The Powell administration’s reluctance to engage with the issue on a policy level is understandable, but it has so far remained disappointingly mum as a survivor advocate. For the spring, the executive branch committed to supporting Heels Unite — a program that will rally student-athletes, Greek organizations and other campus groups around sexual assault prevention. Student government has the potential to be the mobilizing force behind a large-scale cultural change on this campus. The executive branch is also seeking institutional, long-term funding for One Act. Members of student government have done what they can to bolster community awareness of this growing issue, including its support for an exclusively Greek One Act program with a focus on empowering bystanders of sexual assault.</p>	<div></div> <p>The executive branch has made especially lively efforts to make itself heard in Raleigh. During the summer, its members made close to 35 visits to the General Assembly and contacted nearly every legislator’s office to explain the Powell administration’s priorities. They found themselves somewhat blindsided by the Board of Governors’ action on need-based aid but have, for the most part, responded as well as could have been expected of them. We had concerns early on about Wilson Parker’s dual roles as Young Democrats president and director of external affairs, but he claims to be well-received in Raleigh, and we don’t yet have reason to doubt him. We’d still like to see a push for a student vote on the BOG, but we remain generally pleased with successes in putting student stories before people in power. The executive branch’s nonpartisan efforts to encourage student participation in the midterm elections also ought to be commended.</p>
<b>Transparency and Accountability: A</b>	<b>Diversity: B-</b>
<div></div> <p>The Powell administration deserves praise for its commitment to reform and accountability to the student body. Its response to the need-based aid debacle included encouraging participation in a campus-wide forum with Chancellor Carol Folt, an important step toward alleviating students’ concerns. In the aftermath of the release of the Wainstein report, the administration put on another successful student forum. The executive branch has worked to make itself more accessible and reachable by re-designing its website and increasing its presence on social media. Its members have been especially proactive in reaching out to members of this editorial board. We are also pleased with the executive branch’s commitment to public self-examination in the form of monthly reports. We trust the Powell administration will maintain its commitment to transparency and outreach as we continue to trust the executive branch to work on our behalf.</p>	<div></div> <p>The October report outlined the administration’s proclaimed commitment to raising LGBTQ awareness, specifically with regard to transgender issues. Still, little has been seen in the way of follow-through. Following up a larger discussion about need-based aid with an event focused on students’ stories allowed students to share their experiences with paying for school. The executive branch also planned to publish these stories on a website to share with the public, but have yet to make it happen. Its support of UNC’s “I Have a Dream” campaign helps to provide visibility for the diversity of students. The administration supported Academic Affairs by planning for flipped classroom growth on campus. It also provided resources for CHispA’s Hispanic Heritage Month. These are projects that were primarily planned by other organizations — student government could be more proactive in organizing its own events to promote and celebrate UNC’s diversity.</p>

<b>Wainstein Response: C</b>	<b>Environmental Affairs: B</b>
<div></div> <p>The Powell administration’s response to the Wainstein report has been a mixed bag. It has done well by promoting serious conversation about the implications of the Wainstein report for the University, hosting a panel on the issue and seeking out a diverse group of student voices. It has made sure to fight against unconstructive narratives that marginalize student-athletes. Powell’s diplomatic manner has served the University well in this respect. But his administration has declined to take clear leadership against the institutional pressures that led to the athletic-academic scandal, instead largely aligning with narratives promoted by the University and backing only modest reforms. Obviously, Powell’s administration does not have the power to fundamentally change structures as large and complex as college athletics, but as the most prominent representatives of student voices on campus, a stronger stance is needed in the face of one of the most serious scandals in the University’s history.</p>	<div></div> <p>Efforts by the executive branch to enhance campus sustainability have been generally successful. Current initiatives, such as waste reduction, have come in the form of practical and effective zero-waste games. To further reduce students’ trash output, Environmental Affairs has secured funding for collection bins for plastic bags and film. Powell was a strong voice of support for the Sierra Student Coalition’s sustainable investment resolution at the Board of Trustees. During his campaign, Powell wrote an open letter to Chancellor Folt with fellow candidates in support of divestment, which he is expected to continue advocating. It is concerning, however, that the administration’s pursuit of a sustainability graduation requirement was discontinued. If the University is not soon considering changes to the curriculum requirements, the committee should present evidence to the administration that future changes would benefit the student body.</p>

<b>Special Projects: A-</b>	<b>Town Relations: B-</b>
<div></div> <p>Powell’s most original campaign ideas were to reshape how the executive branch operated and to improve how the University taught courses. He has made some progress on each goal. His administration has incorporated classroom redesign projects into UNC’s long-range academic planning and has created an Active Learning Laboratory that helps professors incorporate beneficial technology into their classes. We are particularly excited by the egalitarian potential of blended learning. Preliminary data suggest that course redesigns can eliminate the achievement gap between students of different socioeconomic statuses. It is difficult to assess the efficacy of his reorganization of the executive branch’s Cabinet, but it seems to have encouraged a productive collaborative approach. Currently stalled efforts to build a stronger student government alumni network should pay dividends down the road.</p>	<div></div> <p>Powell’s opposition to night parking fees is a gesture of good faith toward the greater Chapel Hill community, which would have been even more restricted in its ability to visit and park on campus by the policy. The administration’s relationship with the Town Council remains somewhat strained on the heels of an effort late last semester to challenge Chapel Hill’s four-person occupancy limit. But the Powell administration has placed a student on the town’s housing board and has said it is attempting to institutionalize its commitment on that front by securing spots on other town boards for future administrations. For the most part, though, executive branch efforts have been focused on restoring its relationship with the council. This means the Powell administration has yet to do much in the way of programming or policy meant to bring together the University and town communities or foster shared understanding, especially in places where students and families share streets and neighborhoods.</p>

QUOTE OF THE DAY  
“(Independent studies are) only for extraordinarily well-qualified students for whom the course material is too elementary.”  
Marc Lange, chairman of the philosophy department

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kvetch:

v.1 (Yiddish) to complain

Oh, I’m almost at my assignment’s minimum word count? Let me just become superfluously loquacious while I eradicate each of these vexatious contractions.

What will they call this new group of basketball touring pros? PlayMakers is already taken.

Not sure what’s worse: athletes who can’t pass classes or athletes who can’t catch passes.

With no attendance policy, assignments or final exam, I’m realizing that my study abroad is the crux of the Wainstein report.

Having the Beatles’ “Here Comes the Sun” on repeat is good enough studying for astronomy, right?

In the recent spirit of investigations, let’s talk about the mysterious couches in the Hamilton bathrooms.

On farting in Davis with headphones on — If I don’t hear it, they don’t hear it.

When the nighttime library guards greet me by name, I can’t decide if I have made it in this world or hit rock bottom.

This just in: The DTH is now taking high horse lessons from the Campus Y.

Holding hands in the dining hall — because having your first boyfriend is just too exciting for logical behavior.

My mom is proud of me for working out and being “committed to health,” but what she doesn’t know is I’m just doing it so I can drink more.

My sincere apologies to the employees of the Pit Stop. I don’t really have a 10-page paper, but there was really no other way to justify my large purchase of gummy worms.

No shoes, no bra, no problems.

I’m a nightmare dressed as a bum.

I’d like to submit a personal request for UNC athletics to get its shit together for my senior year.

Yes, UNC faculty, you can have oversight on athletics — but only after you learn to adequately oversee yourselves.

If the Wainstein report had been released by Alert Carolina, nobody would have known about it.

The bricks around here are bad, but with slippery leaves hiding them, they’re just unfair.

I’d like to thank Lenoir for stocking Cocoa Puffs and for making 8-year-old me’s dreams of having chocolatey cereal for every meal of the day come true. Take that, Mom!

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