

Lawsuit calls UNC admissions practices unfair

The use of race in UNC applications will be questioned in court.

By Carolyn Ebeling
Assistant University Editor

A little over a week after being sued by a former football player for failing to provide him with a quality education, UNC has entered another legal battle — this one over its use of race in admissions.

Legal defense foundation Project on Fair

Representation filed the lawsuit Monday against UNC on behalf of Students for Fair Admissions Inc., claiming that UNC and Harvard University have violated applicants' 14th Amendment rights.

"UNC-Chapel Hill's undergraduate admissions policies and procedures have injured and continue to injure Plaintiff's members by intentionally and unconstitutionally discriminating against them on the basis of their race and ethnicity," the suit states.

"Rather, UNC-Chapel Hill's racial preference for each underrepresented minority

student (which equates to a penalty imposed upon white and Asian-American applicants) is so large that race becomes the 'defining feature of his or her application.'"

The plaintiff in UNC's case is Students for Fair Admissions Inc., a group made up of students who have applied to competitive universities and been denied, along with parents, high school students and others, said Edward Blum, director of the Project on Fair Representation.

Blum said his organization encourages colleges and universities to stop classifying

applicants based on race.

"UNC could end their policies tomorrow, and we encourage them to do that," Blum said.

He said Asian-American students are being harmed by UNC's admissions policies.

"Sadly, Asians in particular are being discriminated against at UNC because lesser-qualified African-Americans, Hispanics — and even whites — are gaining admission at the expense of better-qualified Asians," Blum said.

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Residents evaluate plan for The Edge

Dozens gave opinions during a Town Council public hearing.

By Derrick Bills
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill residents spoke out Monday night about a proposed development on Eubanks Road that could include more than 900,000 square feet in over 20 buildings.

The Edge, which would sit on 55 acres of property, would provide housing, retail space and offices.

The supporters of the development said the developer, Northwood Ravin, is credible and has been involved in multiple other projects in Chapel Hill.

Including retail stores in this new development area is important to its success, said John McAdams, founder of the John R. McAdams Company. But nothing is set in stone at the moment, and Northwood Ravin will have to do some work to get businesses to build new store locations.

"A significant amount of retail already exists in the greater Chapel Hill area, and the opportunities to land retail tenants is a lot lower here," McAdams said. "The visibility is not usually what retailers want."

John Felton, director of design for Cline Design Associates, provided details about what the space will look like and what types of materials will be used in construction.

"We have a requirement for a recreational area," he said. "The guts of the project will be made up of great streets and public spaces."

Council member Maria Palmer said she was concerned about pedestrians and bikers having to cross such a busy intersection.

Bob Reinheimer, a resident of the Northwood neighborhood since 1983, said he was excited about the development at first but has started to second-guess it.

"I would be very happy to have better retail options nearby," he said. "But pedestrians and bicycles wouldn't have much help getting across the streets or traveling in this area."

Neal Bench, the chairman of the Chapel Hill Planning Commission, said the commission supports the development but wants the developer to increase the amount of green space being included. He said they would also like to see some form of traffic calming measures created.

Residents of other affordable housing areas in the community warned members of the council about the poor management in their neighborhoods and said they do not want The Edge to follow the same path.

"People are cashing checks at our expense, but they aren't fairly earning them," said Brandi Hunter, a resident of the Landings apartment homes. "I honestly feel as if our own management looks down on us because we are affordable housing."

Other residents of affordable housing apartments listed more concerns, such as dilapidated infrastructure, issues with mold and overall poor housing structure.

On the contrary, residents who are currently living in housing associated with Northwood Ravin said how positive their experience has been with the company and the decisions it has made.

"This is a process that is going to take several months before any final decisions are made," said council member Lee Storrow.

The council voted to continue the hearing on Dec. 3.

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FOR ROGERS ROAD, A FRESH START



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"That's what this represents — a great victory for the people," said Orange County commissioner Mark Dorosin at the community center ribbon cutting.

The neighborhood's community center opened Saturday

By Meg Garner
Staff Writer

The Rev. Robert Campbell and David Caldwell, both longtime Rogers Road residents and community activists, remember their childhood playing in woods surrounding their neighborhood, collecting wild fruits to eat or take home and store for the winter.

But the trees and woods that Campbell and Caldwell cherished are now gone, razed in 1973 to accommodate a landfill.

"Half of those trees were cut down because the landfill was built on both sides of Eubanks Road," Campbell said. "It was set

right in the aqueduct of Old Spring, and if you affect the quality of water, you're going to affect the vegetation around it, so those trees were wiped out."

The Rogers Road that Campbell and Caldwell remember from their youth is no longer there. While they spent most of childhood exploring the neighborhood, they have spent the majority of adulthood protecting it.

But on Saturday, both Campbell and Caldwell saw a resurrection of their old community as the red ribbon fell and the new and much-anticipated Rogers Road Community Center officially opened.

"It's a signal of hope that possibilities can

become realities," Campbell said. "I have tears in my eyes that want to come out, but I'm holding them in."

The fight they waged

The establishment of the community center was not an easy fight and after 40 years, not a short one, either.

The story of the Rogers Road community is one of discrimination and perseverance.

"In 1972 — I think I was a junior or senior in high school — the government came out

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Legal expert weighs in on privacy issues

The professor chronicled the difficulty of defining public information.

By Caroline Lamb
Staff Writer

Woodrow Hartzog, a Samford University professor and expert on privacy law, spoke Monday in Carroll Hall about the flaws surrounding public information in the digital age.

Hartzog, who received his Ph.D. from UNC, said it is common for people today to think that keeping information private is wishful thinking, given the prevalence of the Internet.

"The 'no privacy in public information' argument is flawed because we don't even know what public information means," he said.

He said what he considers public information differs from the general public's conception, and he said there should be changes to the way public information is defined.

Cathy Packer, a UNC professor and co-director of the Center for Media Law and Policy, said courts have traditionally said that all information posted online is public.

"People actually don't feel that way when they put their information on the Internet because they may, for example, adjust their Facebook settings so that only goes



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Woodrow Hartzog speaks to UNC "Introduction to Media Law" students in Carroll Hall's Freedom Forum Conference Center on Monday evening.

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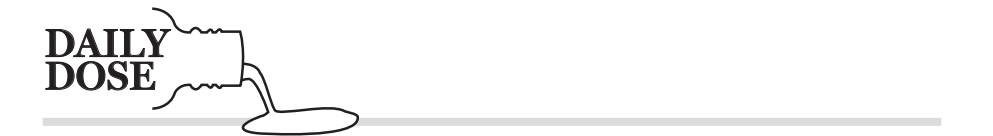
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Cuddle Up To Me – for a fee

From staff and wire reports

So where do we sign up to be a professional cuddler? Samantha Hess has opened a cuddle shop, called Cuddle Up To Me, in Portland and is already booked out several months. She offers cuddling sessions for \$1 per minute. Clients must purchase a minimum of 15 minutes but can cuddle no more than five hours maximum in a single session. Hess said she now often works 12-hour days and has hired three other professional cuddlers to help her with the workload. Each of the new cuddlers has to complete a 40-hour training to be certified to be a professional cuddler. You might be thinking that this business could go wrong. Well, Hess thought about that and has put in safety measures to ensure cuddling is the only act that goes on in Cuddle Up To Me. So we are going to ask again, where do we sign up?

NOTED. Yep, there's an app for that. Los Angeles residents can now order delivery medical marijuana. NestDrop, which originally only delivered alcohol to residents, has now expanded to deliver your favorite hash product. You can even choose between edible and concentrate marijuana. In effort to remain within the law, the app requires you to upload your medical marijuana card. Far out, dude.

QUOTED. "I was sure she was dead."
— A Polish doctor who was incredibly sure a 91-year-old woman had died, as she had no pulse and was not breathing. The woman, who was declared dead, began moving while in the morgue. Mortuary workers noticed the movement and notified the doctor. The very-much-alive woman then went home and warmed up with pancakes and a bowl of soup.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES



DTH FILE PHOTO

Christopher Stubblefield works to crowd and harvest tilapia on the Taylor Fish Farm in Cedar Grove, NC., on Nov. 18, 2013. Stubblefield is a close friend of the Taylor family.

POLICE LOG

- Someone reported a stolen automobile at the intersection of Columbia and Franklin streets at 12:06 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The car was valued at \$10,000, reports state.
- Someone damaged a chair inside a hotel room at 1312 Fordham Blvd. between 10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person caused \$100 in damage to the love seat, reports state.
- Someone reported graffiti spray painted on a wall at Jade Palace, located on the 100 block of East Main Street at 6:23 a.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.
The cost of removing the paint from the wall will be \$50, reports state.
- Someone stole \$40 in cash from a person at a restaurant at 409 W. Franklin St. at 2:10 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill reports.
- Someone vandalized a vehicle in a parking lot at 849 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. between midnight and 9:14 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The windows of the vehicle were shattered, the tires were slashed and \$15 in gas was stolen, reports state.
- Someone shoplifted from Johnny T-shirt at 128 E. Franklin St. and Chapel Hill Sportswear at 119 E. Franklin St. at 12:41 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person — who tried to steal three knit caps, which were later returned — concealed the merchandise inside a backpack and left the stores, reports state.
- Someone reported receiving suspicious text messages at the 100 block of Whistling Tree Court at 4 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone discharged a firearm and committed simple assault at 2030 Homestead Road at 5:03 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person shot a bicyclist with a pellet gun, reports state.

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ART’S A STEAL AT CROOK’S



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Paul Hrusovsky is selling artwork in Crook’s Corner without minimum prices. The proceeds will go to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service.

Chapel Hill artist is selling his priceless art at Crook’s Corner

By Dan O’Neill
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill artist Paul Hrusovsky believes his work is priceless. He’s displaying it in Crook’s Corner restaurant throughout November and letting his pieces sell for any price, donating all proceeds to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service. Hrusovsky is something of an enigma. He has been displaying his art at Crook’s Corner for nearly three decades and has been friends with owner Gene Hamer for just as long. “People like Paul. They like his work,” Hamer said. “He’s been around a long time, and he’s taught a lot of the kids here art.” The 66-year-old artist started selling artwork at the age of 18. He moved to Chapel Hill from Ohio 30 years ago and began teaching art to elementary schoolers soon after. Hrusovsky said that because he paints so frequently, donating work simply clears space in his studio. He said that in the past, he has considered using his art for a bonfire with some of his friends. “If someone were to come in and say, ‘Can I have that?’ I would say ‘Yes, just take it!’” he said. Crook’s Corner displays artwork year-round, and the artists rotate each month. “The artwork is all a part of the idea of the restaurant we present. The food is Southern. It’s culinary art,” Hamer said. “It changes the look of the restaurant every month.”

Hrusovsky said the art he displays at Crook’s is typically abstract. “I only have one narrative piece, and that’s above the bar, and it’s called ‘Holy Cow.’ It’s a cow with a golden halo, and that satisfies my fans there,” he said. Hamer does not charge commission, so artists can charge a lower price, but this doesn’t affect Hrusovsky, whose work has no set price. Hamer didn’t know Hrusovsky was going to do this until the day his paintings went up. “He just walked in, and he said, ‘There’s a twist on this,’” Hamer said. “He said, ‘They’re all for free,’ and I said, ‘What?’ And he said, ‘Well, they’re for people to come up with their own price, and all the money goes to the soup kitchen.’” Hrusovsky said he’s doing this because he wants to make his artwork in Crook’s affordable and approachable for young people. He also said he wants to draw attention to the IFC food bank, his favorite charity. “I think it’s important to somehow deal with hunger and keep that food bank stocked,” he said. “I understand because, growing up, there were moments in my life when my family would have food insecurity, and so I know retrospectively what that feels like.” John Dorward, executive director at IFC, said he is thankful for Hrusovsky’s project. However, he has not had much contact with the man himself. “Paul is a really mysterious guy,” Dorward said. “He didn’t tell us anything.”

Dorward said Hrusovsky sends IFC money consistently throughout the year. “He’s doing a very nice thing here,” Dorward said. Hrusovsky doesn’t know how many paintings have sold or for what price. He said he was worried to find out, though he hopes to raise at least \$2,000. Though Hrusovsky has received envelopes of money, he said he hasn’t looked inside any of them. “I’m just a little unsure of my social experiment. I’m a little nervous,” he said. “I never stopped to think, ‘Well, maybe they don’t want that artwork,’ so that was awfully pretentious of me to think that I could just put it out there and people would be fighting over it.” In fact, Hrusovsky didn’t know it, but the “Holy Cow” painting has already been sold. But many regulars at Crook’s Corner were still unaware of the project. Hamer said he hopes this will change when the Crook’s monthly newsletter is released. “Very few people come in just for the art, but they like it when they waltz in there and see it,” he said. “They come in for the food, because we’re a restaurant, not a gallery.” Hrusovsky said he paints for fun. “I’m not one of these artists that really cares. I’m not struggling to be accepted. I don’t care what people say about the work. I’ve made it so long and been around here so long. I just want to give it all away.”

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Protests likely after decision in Ferguson

Missouri’s governor has declared an anticipatory state of emergency.

By Sarah Brown and Sharon Nunn
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Activists and law enforcement officials nationwide are preparing for uprisings once a verdict is handed down on the police officer who shot and killed unarmed Michael Brown in August — and Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon on Monday declared a state of emergency in anticipation of the ruling. Passionate activists in Ferguson, Mo., have protested daily since the shooting. Sunday marked the 100th consecutive day of demonstrations. A grand jury could decide any day whether to indict Darren Wilson, the officer who fatally shot 18-year-old Brown after an alleged robbery. The city of Ferguson sent a letter Wednesday to residents and business owners in response to widespread safety concerns about the protesters’ potential reaction to the decision. Nixon has activated the Missouri National Guard, allowing them to be deployed to Ferguson to help control protests and possible violence. Three different police forces will also be involved. Since Brown’s death, about 50 organizations have joined to form the Don’t Shoot Coalition, which announced Nov. 5 that it is taking steps to ensure that protests remain peaceful. “Nothing will make a difference unless the police do their part by giving protesters adequate space,” said Michael McPheerson, co-chairman of the coalition. “That’s the key to peaceful outcomes.” The American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri sent a letter Thursday to Nixon and other state officials imploring that police not take violent action against protesters who demonstrate peacefully. “Law enforcement agencies must recognize, however, that the Constitution firmly protects protests even when — and especially when — they stir anger, question preconceptions, challenge government policy and induce dissatisfaction with the status quo,” wrote Jeffrey A. Mittman, executive director of the state’s ACLU, in the letter. Mittman wrote that the ACLU would take legal action if evidence surfaced showing that law enforcement violated the protesters’ civil liberties. Since the large backlash started, the city has implemented several changes — including the formation of a Citizen Review Board, the implementation of donated police body cameras and the use of three new dash cameras for the city’s police cruisers. President Barack Obama joined the Ferguson conversation in an August speech — and he spoke Nov. 5 in a meeting with national leaders about Ferguson, according to the New York Times. The Rev. Al Sharpton, a well known civil rights activist who has frequently been involved in the protests, said Obama was invested in keeping Ferguson peaceful and on track to recover.

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As spring semester nears, students fear class costs

Incidental supply costs mean some won’t take certain classes.

By Tyler Fleming
Staff Writer

As students gear up for their recently registered spring semester classes, many are considering the costs of textbooks, printing and clickers that will inevitably pop up. UNC estimates that students will spend an average of \$1,484 on books and supplies this academic year. Tabatha Turner, senior associate director of the Office of Scholarships & Student Aid, said her office calculates that figure by averaging the costs of classes from multiple disciplines. “We actually take several schedules, go to the Student Stores, purchase the books and see how much it would be,” Turner said.

Senior Katie Heidrich said she had to purchase multiple books for many of her classes. “For my English or comparative literature classes, usually there is a heavy list of novels — really, textbook is not the right word for it. This is anywhere from 8 to 15 (books), depending on the class,” she said. She said her classes also required a lot of printing — more than the 400 pages of CCI printing UNC gives every student each semester. “It is expected that there are articles that the professor posts on Sakai that you’re required to print, and this where it can get pretty extravagant. Articles can range from like 8 pages to 30,” she said. Freshman Radhika Arora believed the items she had to buy for her Arabic class — which included a keyboard cover with Arabic letters, a small whiteboard and an Arabic-English dictionary — were worth the price. But when it came to her Economics 101 class, Arora opted

out of a subscription to The Wall Street Journal. “It is expensive, and I knew ahead of time that I was not going to be able to put in the time necessary to sit every day and read through the newspaper and get enough value out of the money I was spending,” she said. Heidrich believes there are more modern ways to get around some of these costs. “It did seem rather frustrating that we could, say, have them up on our laptops with notes on the side, because (printing hard copies) ruins our printing fund for the semester.” Heidrich ended up buying her own printer to save money in the long run. Chemistry professor Brian Hogan said he considers the cost of assigned materials. “It’s a complicated issue. I can only speak for myself as an individual, but I do take student budgets into account,” he said. “I email my class the syllabus in advance and tell them the required text. I also tell them in the email there

“It’s a complicated issue ... I do take student budgets into account.”
Brian Hogan,
Chemistry professor

are other less expensive options.” Daniel Gitterman, a professor and chairman of the public policy department, said he listens to his students’ opinions on required equipment. “I used to require clickers but discontinued based on feedback,” he said. “I try to never exceed \$100 and encourage used books.” Turner did say the estimated costs from UNC are higher than what students usually pay. “We are pretty generous. We don’t expect students to live totally to the bone,” she said.

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Wall Street Journal editor sees ‘strong future’ for journalism

Gerard Baker spoke about the growing relevance of business journalism.

By Brielle Kronstedt
Staff Writer

Gerard Baker thinks journalism is facing an existential crisis. Baker, the editor-in-chief of The Wall Street Journal, spoke in Carroll Hall Monday night as the guest lecturer for the 2014 Nelson Benton Lecture. “Business journalism faces a fundamental and existential crisis like all journalists — the model of business journalism has been fundamentally destroyed,” he said. The lecture series was started in 1991 by Joe Benton, Nelson Benton’s only son, in honor of his father’s extensive career as a CBS News correspondent. Susan King, dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, introduced Baker. “Nelson Benton would have loved

that Gerard is doing this, because Baker is proof that a TV guy can run a news organization, and even if you move from your home turf where you are most comfortable, you never lose your accent,” King said. Baker focused his lecture on the future of journalism — a question that has dominated the minds of those interested in the field in the midst of the digital revolution in the industry. “Despite what some of you may have read, I believe business journalism has a very strong future, but I think it will be different than what we have seen over the past 100 years or so,” he said. In the past 25 years, business journalism has grown in relevance, Baker said. “The need to understand financial assets has become extremely important for everyone — everyone with a pension, everyone with a job who needs to understand where their investments are going,” he said. With the rise of social media, the need for companies to advertise in publications has fallen drastically along with news organiza-

tions’ revenue, he said. “How do we square this circle? We believe there is a demand for business journalism, and instead of financing it through advertising, it can be financed directly by people who want to consume business journalism — that is the subscriber base,” Baker said. The Wall Street Journal was the first to charge readers for digital access to business journalism in 1996, Baker said. “I can’t pretend we are replacing all the revenue lost, but I firmly believe that this is the way in which we can grow and continue to generate the necessary revenue to sustain quality business journalism,” he said. When the panel opened up to questions, public policy department chairman Dan Gitterman asked Baker what he looked for in the hiring process. “I think the defining and unifying feature is curiosity and the desire to learn more about the world and a refusal to accept what you are told,” Baker responded.



DTH/JAY PETERKIN
Gerard Baker, editor-in-chief of The Wall Street Journal, gives a speech to journalism students Monday night for the 2014 Nelson Benton Lecture.

Sophomore Joy Liburd said she found it interesting that people spend money on business journalism. “I think the most interesting thing was that people actually pay for the subscription, because our genera-

tion is very used to free downloads ... I found it really surprising people were willing to pay for specifically business journalism.”

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Khris Francis out for remainder of season

By Brendan Marks
Assistant Sports Editor

Khris Francis, a sophomore running back on the North Carolina football team, will miss the remainder of the season with a torn ACL, MCL and meniscus in his right knee, per a team release Monday.

Francis injured his knee in the second quarter of UNC's 40-35 win over Pittsburgh Saturday afternoon. He carried the ball twice that quarter, with his final play coming on a 15-yard kickoff return.

"I know everybody at the

beginning of the year said, 'Oh, you've got so many running backs,'" Coach Larry Fedora said. "But yeah, he just stuck his foot in the ground, and it was a bad deal."

Francis has played in every game this season and ends his sophomore campaign with just 12 carries for 26 yards and no touchdowns. He also finishes the year with five receptions for 28 yards.

As a true freshman in 2013-14, Francis had 63 carries for 236 rushing yards, including a rushing touchdown against Old Dominion. He tacked on an additional 11 receptions for 82 yards.

"It was very sad for me. Khris Francis is somebody I've been close with since he came in. I remember me and him used to talk about how great it was just to be in the back-field together," said redshirt junior quarterback Marquise Williams. "It hurts, man, because that's the one guy I'm close with on this team, and I can stand for that and say that



DTH FILE PHOTO

Sophomore tailback Khris Francis dodges an Old Dominion player in a 2013 match. He suffered a knee injury in Saturday's game.

Duke Thursday night.

Without Francis, the Tar Heels will rely on Morris, Williams and sophomore T.J. Logan on the ground. Freshman Elijah Hood, who hasn't played since the Notre Dame game, is also expected to make an impact once he returns. At this point in the season, though, Williams is the team's leading rusher with 628 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"I don't feel like we're in survival mode right now," Logan said. "With the guys that we're using, that's the only guys we got, so we just gotta finish with those guys. Khris went down, so we're gonna have to have guys that step up and make plays."

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SafeWalk gets some of its needed funding

By Langston Taylor
Assistant University Editor

SafeWalk, the student night-safety organization that has been scrambling for money since seeing its funding cut in September, secured \$12,200 Monday from the Student Safety and Security Committee.

The group had requested \$20,000 from the committee to operate, but the Safety and Security Committee was bound to giving no more than \$12,216.95 — a third of its available budget.

Committee member Sam Pranikoff said though the Safety and Security Committee could not give SafeWalk all of the money it requested, it was important that the committee do what it could to keep the group afloat.

"I think we've heard some encouraging things in terms of future funding options (for SafeWalk)," Pranikoff said. "We're more than happy to bridge that gap."

Student Body Treasurer Brittany Best, who is working with SafeWalk to secure outside funding, said the group plans to operate without needing to rely on the Safety and Security Committee in the future.

"If you can give us this money to get them through this year, we're trying to make it so Safety and Security wouldn't have to give them any money (again)," she said.

Ryan Darge, SafeWalk's program and finance director,



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The Student Safety and Security Committee met Monday night to discuss the future of SafeWalk. It voted on contributing money until SafeWalk develops a more sustainable plan for the future.

said the group is still looking at outside sources of funding.

"For the rest of this year, we're still going to try to actively find funding," he told the committee by phone.

Best declined to explain what specific plans were under consideration.

"I don't feel comfortable totally going into what that plan is right now," she said. "We're still kind of hammering everything out."

She assured the committee that progress is being made. "We're making moves. We're doing this," she said.

The group's application said receiving \$20,000 from the Safety and Security Committee would be "crucial" in filling the hole in SafeWalk's \$45,000 yearly budget. Wages for the walkers constitute 90 percent of the budget, according to the application.

David Goldberg, the one committee member to vote against the allocation, raised that the University of Texas at Austin operates a similar program with volunteer walkers.

"Why are we spending thousands of dollars on that then?" he asked.

Committee chairman Andrew Wood said the com-

mittee would work with SafeWalk to make sure the money is used responsibly.

"We're always obsessed with them being as financially responsible as possible with the money we gave for them," he said.

Student Congress gave SafeWalk a \$25,000 grant in September, which has since run out. Best said Student Congress hopes to be at least partially reimbursed from the SSSC for the money — a decision the group will debate at its Dec. 10 meeting.

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Graduate fund seeks to sustain itself

By Olivia Bane
Staff Writer

Expensive emergencies strike all people indiscriminately — including those living off a graduate student stipend.

That's why Michael Bertucci, former Graduate and Professional Student Federation president, and former federation secretary Jim Grinias had an idea in 2012 to start a fund to help graduate students who deal with unexpected difficulties.

"I'm glad to see that it has grown from a simple idea to an official process over the past few years," Grinias said.

The fund has received 38 applications since it started in 2013 and has been able to help a number of students.

"These applications come from both graduate and professional students, masters and Ph.D. students, as well as domestic and international students," said current federation secretary Kyle Reeves in an email.

When the fund began in 2013, it held \$25,215, but the amount has dropped since then because it does not have a consistent source of income.

"The fund can't serve as the sole solution to these emergencies," said the feder-

ation's student opportunity advocate Justin Johnson.

"Due to the non-sustainable nature of the fund, there is a limit on the funding the committee can provide to applicants."

Kiran Bhardwaj, the federation's president for the 2013-14 school year, said that the stories that are applicable to the fund are extremely compelling and that the fund helps students stay in school after unforeseen emergencies.

"Given that the initial fund was funded by a one-time source, one of my hopes for the future is that we can find a way to sustain the (fund),"

Bhardwaj said.

A five-person committee reviews every application. The committee is made of three graduate and professional students, one representative from the graduate school and one representative from the Office of Scholarships & Student Aid.

"In the event that a committee member knows another student personally, that individual is replaced by an alternate," Reeves said. "We have set up the review process to identify and remove any possible conflicts of interest."

The amount awarded to an applicant is the average of the amounts suggested by each committee member.

"The amount awarded really depends on the nature of emergency and the documentation that an applicant provides to the committee, but generally the committee has not made an award greater than \$600," Reeves said.

Johnson said it is important for the fund to continue to grow.

"One of our main priorities now is to identify and pursue fundraising avenues that could help the fund become a more permanent resource for the graduate student community," he said.

"A student's educational and professional future can be jeopardized by unexpected financial burdens, and a large number of graduate students don't have much financial leeway to deal with unforeseen emergencies."

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ROGERS ROAD

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and wanted to move the land-fill out here,” Caldwell said.

“They made promises that if (the elders) would let them put the landfill on Eubanks Road, that once it was completed, they would give the community a recreation facility, streetlights, water, sewers and sidewalks.”

He said that once the landfill reached capacity in 1985, local government officials voted to expand the landfill rather than close it.

“The government at that time refused to honor the promises of those before them, saying they didn’t make those agreements and they couldn’t be held responsible for them,” Caldwell said. “That’s when the battle started.”

Slowly, they were able to mark things off their list, but the greatest accomplishment came in February 2012, when the county announced the landfill would close the next year.

“When they said they were going to close the landfill and not put any more out here, that was a great moment that just brought joy,” Campbell said. “We began to change the quality of life from then on.”

Given all the joy about the landfill decision, the August 2012 announcement that the neighborhood-founded community center would close was a huge disappointment.

But the Orange County Board of Commissioners stepped in two months later, promising to provide the funds to build a new community center.

After almost two years of budget negotiations, the site broke ground in May 2014.

Six months later

Now, six months later, Caldwell stands at the main



DTH/SAMANTHA TAYLOR

The Rogers Road Community Center opened Saturday morning. The center will be an educational space for the community.

entrance to the finished center, welcoming community members and politicians alike, saying as each pass, “Welcome to our home.”

In a morning filled with tears and relief, members of the Rogers Road community celebrated the successes that they patiently waited for years to experience.

“All of the victories that have come here in this neighborhood have come from the struggle of the people and have come with the government responding to those demands,” Commissioner Mark Dorosin said. “Frederick Douglass said, ‘Power yields nothing without a demand.’ And this community has been demanding, and this is one of the fruits of those demands.”

Dorosin, who is an attorney for the UNC Center for Civil Rights, represented the Rogers Eubanks Neighborhood Association in its complaint to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Dorosin said the center is just a building and the true spirit of the community lies with its residents.

“I am honored and privileged to get to represent and work with the residents of this community,” Dorosin

said. “I am so proud of all that they have done, and I am also, candidly, a little ashamed and embarrassed and sad that it has taken so long.”

At 4,000 square feet, the new center features large windows for the community to not only look out onto the neighborhood they cherish, but also look in on the accomplishment they fought for.

Caldwell said the center will host a variety of events, such as English as a second language classes, food pantries, summer school programs and a back-to-school drive.

“The potential of that new building is immeasurable,” Caldwell said. “It’s going to do so many things to make the quality of life of people in the community so much better.”

After watching his granddaughter cut the ribbon to what could be the future for Rogers Road, the end of the 40-year struggle for equality is almost in sight for David Caldwell.

“Our list of things that was promised in 1972 is almost complete, and I think that will be my biggest satisfaction, and once that is done, I’ll feel like I can take a break.”

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LAWSUIT

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Rick White, associate vice chancellor for communications and public affairs, said in a statement that the University’s admissions processes are completely legal.

“The University stands by its current undergraduate admissions policy and process. Further, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights determined in 2012 that UNC-Chapel Hill’s use of race in the admissions process is consistent with federal law,” White said in the statement.

Blum said that it does not matter that the admissions policies were deemed consistent with the law in 2012, because that law saw a change in 2013.

“In June 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down an important opinion in Abigail Fisher v. The University of Texas,” Blum said. “In that case, the justices raised the hurdles that colleges and universities

must overcome before they use race.”

Junior Victoria Lai, who is Asian-American, said she thinks race should be considered — to an extent.

“I think that highly qualified individuals should be admitted, but it’s not right to ignore those in a lesser group who may not have the same credentials but may be the first in their family to go to college,” she said.

Sophomore Maddie Norris, who is white, said she did not feel that her race was a factor in her admission.

“Where you get into college can seem like complete chance, and a lot of times, the admission process didn’t make sense to me, but I thought that my own merits were being assessed in the process, not my race,” she said.

Blum said his group has been met with a lot of resistance. He said he knows it might take years for a court to rule on the case.

“It is our hope that the courts will compel UNC to stop using race in admis-

LEGAL PRECEDENT

The Supreme Court case Fisher v. University of Texas:

- Abigail Fisher, a white woman, claimed she was denied admission to the University of Texas because of affirmative action policies.

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- The Fifth Circuit voted in favor of the university and said it could use race as part of a holistic admissions process if it cannot achieve diversity any other way.

sions policies and instead implement some race-neutral alternatives that will create diversity without racial classifications.”

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RECORDS

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to their friends,” she said.

While it’s a common conception that anything Internet users post is public, Hartzog said this concept deserves more explanation.

Hartzog said public information often falls under five categories — information that is accessible; widely known; of interest to society; designated for collection; use and disclosure; and anything not private. But these descriptions, he said, can often be problematic.

Three value judgements, he said, should instead be considered in a revised definition of public information: transaction costs, disclosure relationships and the purpose of restrictions.

He said the role of transac-

tion costs, meaning what it takes to obtain certain information, is often ignored, and there should be a bigger focus on the transaction costs of public records.

Accessibility, he said, claims that if someone has the ability to view the information in any way, then it’s not private. He called it “theoretical accessibility” and said he disagrees.

“If anything is theoretically accessible, then everything is,” he said.

Jim Heavner, president of Chapel Hill-based media and marketing company Vilcom LLC, asked Hartzog if information that’s harder to find is therefore more private.

Hartzog said “obscurity” should replace “privacy.”

“If information is hard to find, it is more obscure.

And then I would argue that obscurity is an interest that falls under this kind of large umbrella of things that we consider to be privacy interests.”

Hartzog also said there is an idea that one should not expect privacy if they have disclosed it to a third party, but this is unrealistic.

He said relationships of trust are everywhere, like handing a credit card to a waiter and trusting your information is safe.

“Information relationships also involve trust,” he said. “And it’s the glue that keeps commerce together, it’s the glue that keeps social relationships together, so the third party doctrine almost completely ignores it.”

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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 – Maintain objectivity in a partnership. Your discipline is admirable. Watch out for an ambush. Give up a relationship that's disruptive, or take a time out. Clear confusion before proceeding. Refer back to the manual. Make your family proud.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 9 – Create a practical solution. Invest for the long term. The outcome may be different than expected. A financial shortage requires a substitution of ingredients. Friends and family disagree on methodology, but everyone knows you can do it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a 7 – In a conflict between career and your partner, do what you partner says. It could be possible to have it all... look from a different perspective. Slow and easy does it. Re-arrange furniture for better use of space.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is a 7 – Don't venture into new territory before doing the homework. Choose your words carefully today and tomorrow. Chances of breakage are high... watch your steps. Don't look back. Handle your chores, and clean up a mess at home.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 – Make a definite decision and assume authority. It's not a good time to gamble. Don't touch your savings. Provide security now, as well as love. Try to find some bargains. Your willingness to stand firm helps.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 – Work alone, and do what you promised. Supervise the changes that are occurring. Consider a differing opinion. Stand up for what's right. Don't be hasty. Restate the rules. New problems emerge. A better opportunity will come soon.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 – It's important to follow the protocol. Sorting and filing can be fun. Check carefully for plan changes. Heed the voice of experience. Something you're learning conflicts with what you knew. Personal discovery fuels an exploration.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 6 – Make an important long-distance contact. It's best if you don't force things to fit. Ponder the possibilities. Be respectful. Watch out for hidden expenses. In a moment of confusion, be prudent. Don't talk about it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 7 – Conditions seem unsettled. Take care not to stumble. Stick to your budget or get a rude awakening. Set long-range goals. Consider career options. List any emotional barriers. Be stingy with resources... save them for family.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 – Maintain practical routines to succeed at work today. Obey the rules. Don't give up. Your savings are growing, but it may be hard to tell how much you've got. Something doesn't go as planned. Let go of a fantasy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 – Travel and education hold your focus. Revise financial arrangements. Costs are higher than expected... amend the scope and scale of a project to suit. Consult an expert to navigate tricky terrain. Look nearby for what you need.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 7 – Maintain your strict standards. Anticipate disagreement... Your reasoning may get challenged. Stick to the basic facts. Work out a deal, and draft the paperwork. Do the numbers and prepare contracts. Join the cheering section.

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Permitting process still has kinks

By Mary Taylor Renfro
Staff Writer

A survey revealed negative aspects of Chapel Hill's new Development Services Desk. The town merged the permit and inspections divisions of the Planning and Sustainability Department to form the Development Services Desk in August. The change involved consolidating offices to operate out of one space exclusively and hiring new staff. Mary Jane Nirdlinger, executive director of Planning and Sustainability, said there has been a slight increase in the number of permits the department has approved. The department recently reviewed responses to a survey about the Development Services Desk. Nirdlinger said out of 24 respondents, 19 rated their experience with the new system positively, giving it a 10 out of 10 review. She said those with negative feedback expressed frustrations related to customer service and the complicated process of obtaining a permit. In an email to the town council, Nirdlinger said out of the 24 responses, four were negative. Negative comments included that the desk was rude during phone calls, that the process was confusing and that the receptionists were nice, but had too much to do. In an email to town staff, Nirdlinger forwarded some of the negative comments the department had received. "We build in many cities and counties, and I have been all

over to get building permits. Chapel Hill is the most difficult by far," one said. "We are honestly thinking of not building in Chapel Hill anymore because of the process and the hours needed to get a permit." Nirdlinger said the desk has made it easier to coordinate information now that people looking to obtain permits don't have to go between different departments to do so. "The office is a one-stop center for builders, contractors and developers, where they can come in and get all their answers," she said. Phil Mason, development manager of the town's Planning and Sustainability office, said the department is also focused on making the process more efficient. "We make incremental changes, but we're continuously interested in improvements so there's always something we can do," Mason said. Ben Perry, finance director at the local development company East West Partners Management Company, said he hopes the implementation of the Development Services Desk will make the process of obtaining a permit smoother than it has been in the past. "You'd get comments from different departments that were in conflict with each other, so just trying to navigate the town bureaucracy was challenging," Perry said. "I think the reasons that they made these changes are to address that though, and I'm hopeful that it helps."

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False Profits introduce 'clownprov'

The group hosted its last show of the semester Saturday.

By Margaret Gilmore
Staff Writer

From smashing pies into each other's faces to spraying silly string at one another, False Profits gave its audience plenty to laugh about during its second comedy show of the semester Saturday night. The politically themed show, titled "Fall's Prophets," was intended to poke fun at the recent elections using several different styles of comedy, including improvisation, standup and sketches. Toward the end of the production, the members of False Profits introduced their own original concept, known as "Clownprov," into the last long-form piece. This idea challenged the players to intervene in a scenario by using props on improvisers who were currently engaged in a scene and not paying attention. The stage got messy as props such as whipped cream, silly string, water and confetti were flung about the room. "We want to show our audiences something new every time," said senior director and co-founder Kenan Bateman. Although the turnout for Saturday's performance fell short of the sold-out show that the False Profits hosted in October, junior and president Eric Clayton said the smaller audience allowed for a more intimate experience. The group is always looking for new ways to improve

"We want to show our audiences something new every time."

Kenan Bateman
False Profits co-founder and director

their shows and reach audiences on new levels. Both Clayton and Bateman said one of changes that False Profits is debating for next semester is to only have one big show with several smaller experimental shows added throughout the spring. "We would like to try things we've never tried before to see if they are more advantageous for us artistically," said senior and director of instruction Marcie Maier. Split into two groups — the Profits and the Disciples — the group members collaboratively work to come up with ideas for each of the different comedic styles. "It's just us wanting to be immature together for two to three minutes," Maier said. Clayton said False Profits is a unique organization because there are many different minds coming together. Encompassing students of a variety of majors, years and social groups, the troupe's diversity helps it engage new material and develop interesting material. "We're not afraid to take risks in our shows," he said. While the Profits make up the core of False Profits, the Disciples serve as the group's incubator team. A group of 12 aspiring comedians, the Disciples auditioned for the Profits but are in a training period until they



COURTESY OF FALSE PROFITS

Kenan Bateman is the director and co-founder of False Profits. become Profits themselves. Instead of participating in the larger shows, the Disciples spend a semester learning comedy techniques from the Profits. They will be hosting their own free show on Sunday at 7 p.m. in Carroll Hall. "We just try to bend the forms of comedy and have as many ways to show our talent as possible," Clayton said. arts@dailytarheel.com

Library turns fines into holiday giving

By Cici Du
Staff Writer

The Orange County Department of Social Services is making sure children from low-income families can enjoy the excitement of getting Christmas presents. The department has run a program called Toy Chest for more than five years, but the need is still growing. To support the program, the Orange County Public Library organizes its "Food and Toys for Fines" holiday drive, in which library card holders can deduct or erase their library fines through donations, each year. The drive started Monday and will go through Dec. 12. A large amount of library fines get erased this way, said Lucinda Munger, director of the Orange County Public Library. "It's a nice way for people to pay down their fines by giving back to the community," she said. There are more than 7,000 children in Orange County living in low-income households, Munger said. The Department of Social Services has organized holi-

"It's a nice way for people to pay down their fines by giving back ..."

Lucinda Munger,
Orange County Public Library director

day programs providing gifts to low-income families for more than 20 years. Before the program, social workers could only provide gifts for a few families, said Sharron Hinton, community resources manager for the department. To help more families, DSS started to partner with the Toys for Tots Foundation and has served as the coordinator for Orange County, said Hinton. Now there are more than 50 collection boxes for Toy Chest throughout the county. Donations are collected from the community, and financial contributions from individuals are used to purchase toys, she said. "We have a database of all of our low-income families," she said. "They are either receiving food stamps, Medicare or Health Choice, and we send those families a letter letting them know

when the Toy Chest will be operational." In 2013, the department provided about 6,200 toys to more than 3,400 children, Hinton said. This year, more children are eligible for the program. "The parents who participate in the program are extremely grateful," she said. "Without this program, many of their children would not have gifts for the holiday." Pat Garavaglia, one of the owners of Balloons and Tunes in Carrboro, said she has supported the program since its inception. "I can't even imagine a holiday without it," she said. "It makes my holiday." Toy Chest opened at 10 a.m. last year, but people began arriving the night before. "People started lining up at 5:30 in the evening the night before just to make sure they've got something good for their kids for Christmas," Garavaglia said. She also said the need is greatest for children who are six to 12 years old because people tend to buy gifts for younger children. "Every time this year, I feel so lucky to live in the com-

munity that we live in, that is generous and caring and does so much for other people," said Garavaglia. This year the Toy Chest will distribute on Dec. 20 and Dec. 21 at the Orange County Department of Social Services in Hillsborough. In addition to toys, food, books and pajamas will also be provided. Information about collection site locations can be found online, and toys can be purchased through http://bit.ly/1zy44rG. city@dailytarheel.com

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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Italian scooter
6 Weird
11 "This is so frustrating!"
14 Sharon of Israel
15 Old-timey "Yikes!"
16 Coventry bathroom
17 Like a fajita pan
19 Perrier, to Pierre
20 Casual Friday top
21 FAO Schwarz specialty
22 Turn away
24 ___ vivat
25 Tiny bit
27 Daisy-plucking words
33 Farm or home ending
34 Troubles
35 "Now ___ me down to sleep ..."
37 James of "The Godfather"
38 Count Chocula wear
39 Turn on a pivot
40 Start of many Internet addresses
41 Actor Thicke
42 "I can take ___!"
43 To the point
46 Bonny girl
47 Owned
48 Hangout for some
38-Down
51 Word spoken while pointing
53 Short

change?
56 Month after avril
57 Not a likely chance, and, literally, a hidden feature of 17-, 27- and 43-Across
61 Pre-holiday time
62 Part of USNA
63 "Keen!"
64 Twin of Bert Bobbsey
65 Picket fence parts
66 Barbershop band?

DOWN

1 Like outer space
2 Weird-sounding lake
3 Clothing label number
4 Candy in a collectible dispenser
5 With everything accounted for
6 Choosing word
7 Omelet base

8 Cheering syllable
9 Binding words
10 Real
11 Delight
12 Crowd cacophony
13 Defeat decisively
18 Prefix with sphere
23 Disappeared
24 Skinny sort
25 Hawaii component
26 Siberian city
27 Box score numbers
28 Moor
29 Luxurious homes
30 Online finance company
31 Stan's partner
32 Gibe
33 UCLA or USC

36 To this point
38 Some strays
42 Rouses from bed
44 Synthetic fibers
45 In pumps, say
48 "So be it!"
49 Volcano output
50 Burden for some debtors
51 Future atty.'s exam
52 Many Manets
53 Blacken on the grill
54 Four-legged Emerald City visitor
55 Halt
58 "Friendly Skies" co.
59 New Deal energy prog.
60 Put in rollers

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Title IX can also help high schoolers

Title IX is having a moment. The federal law, which prohibits gender-based discrimination in any school that receives federal funding, is no longer just thought of as the law that increased girls' access to athletic programs.

Due in part to the work of student-based organizations like "Know Your IX," the law is now associated with campus responses to sexual assault cases. Because of this great work by students and administrators, Title IX is everywhere at this university.

But all of these great developments tend to leave one big group of students out: high schoolers. Most high school students I talked to while writing this told me they had no idea Title IX applied to them.

I wish I'd known about Title IX during driver's education. A boy from my school and I took turns driving in Charlotte, at dark, oftentimes in the rain. I gripped the wheel, terrified, and listened to my partner and the teacher tell jokes about women drivers.

"Why don't women drive?" my partner asked, chortling. "Why?" responded the teacher.

"Because you don't need a license to get from the bedroom to the kitchen."

As if learning to drive in a big city isn't hard enough.

I wish I'd known about Title IX when a teacher stopped my friend in the hallway to tell her she should wear a longer skirt because "teenage boys have thoughts." Or when the same teacher joked that girls shouldn't wear v-neck shirts to class because he'd end up looking down our shirts.

I wish I'd known about Title IX when my friend and I went to the principal and were told that in the future, female teachers would correct dress code violations. No mention of the fact that she was never violating dress code in the first place.

Today I found out from UNC administrators Christi Hurt and Howard Kalleem that my school's driver's education program was covered under Title IX. It took almost five years for me to find out that I had an actual, legal right to demand my driving partner stop making jokes about making me dance on the pole of a stop sign. At the time, I knew something was wrong. I knew that I shouldn't have felt so much fear in that car, but I didn't tell anyone. I was afraid my teachers at school would laugh at me or treat me like I was wasting their time.

Title IX can make our schools safer spaces where students are free to learn, free from fear of discrimination or harassment.

The past several years have seen a flood of Title IX investigations across the country, but they've mainly been restricted to higher education. This isn't because harassment and discrimination don't occur in high school, but because many students don't know how Title IX applies to them. Some organizations are doing work around this, most notably New York City-based organization Girls for Gender Equity, but more needs to be done.

High school is hard enough without harassment based on gender or sexuality. Students need to know they can do something to stop it.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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EDITORIAL

Bored of Governors

The BOG should heed reasonable and just demands.

Members of the UNC BOG Democracy Coalition are on the right side of history when it comes to a petition seeking a greater, more representative student voice.

The UNC Board of Governors should take seriously any organized effort by the student body to air its grievances.

The board rejected the low-risk gender-neutral housing campaign with little explanation in 2013, stunning supporters and

making clear that student concerns go virtually unheard in the board's meetings.

Other examples of the board acting without student input include capping need-based aid at 15 percent of tuition, shortening the add-drop class period and increasing tuition. These are all incidents when the board has either ignored or overruled the student body's mandate.

The board is either ignorant of student voices or intentionally contradicting them. In either case, the coalition's demands for transparency and accountability

would be helpful.

Board members have encouraged students to speak with them directly about their concerns, though such a gesture seems empty when the board doesn't purport to represent student interests.

The petition for a public comments section at board meetings, among other demands, is reasonable. To deny such a request would prove the board's deciding interests are derived independently of student concerns.

Interested students should attend UNC BOG Democracy Coalition meetings Mondays at 8 p.m. in the Campus Y.

EDITORIAL

A torturous measure

Solitary confinement should be abandoned.

When the UNC School of Law issues a report as clear and decisive as the one recently released regarding solitary confinement, it behooves the state to take notice.

The report, written in conjunction with UNC's Human Rights Policy Seminar, clearly condemns the use of solitary confinement, stating that it constitutes a clear violation of basic human rights

and is furthermore ineffective at accomplishing what it is purportedly used for: discipline and safety.

The authors also found the practice to be fiscally irresponsible.

Researchers combined individual interviews, legal analysis and wide-ranging data to come to their conclusions.

Solitary confinement exacerbates and causes mental illness. It is ineffectual at accomplishing its punitive raison d'etre, and it is fiscally wasteful. A strong case exists that it constitutes torture.

Yet North Carolina's

prisons employ it at an alarming rate. Almost 10 percent of North Carolina's prisoners are held in solitary confinement at a given time.

The report also found that the practice is applied in a discriminatory manner to black inmates.

Too often, the research completed by state-funded institutions is ignored by policymakers.

N.C. politicians should take note of the work being done in the state's name and adopt the report's recommendations as quickly as is practicable.

ADVICE COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we contemplate matrimony and cross-campus journeys

Drew Goins (sweep left) and Kelsey Weekman (take a moment to consider, hesitantly sweep right) are the advice columnists of "You Asked for It." Results may vary.

You: How do I get a ring by spring?

YAFI: Assuming you've already decided to pursue an MRS degree (aka public relations) and joined a campus ministry, you're ready to catch up with, like, ALL of your Facebook friends who are getting engaged.

To begin an everlasting journey into a life of love and devotion with your hubby, you have to lay a trap. Begin by casually mentioning your future together. Say something subtle, like "I can't wait to have 10 kids with you," or "Should we get matching coffins?"

Constantly remind him that you are wifey material. Make him dinner, help him pick out clothes for the next day, correct anything he says that is remotely incorrect and track his every movement



Kelsey Weekman and Drew Goins

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using push pins and yarn on a map in the back of your closet.

Give him a tour of the campus' most romantic landmarks — the Davie Poplar kissing bench, the Arboretum and the eighth floor of Davis Library. If these amorous hotspots don't have him down on one knee, ditch him and head to Tinder for a new man.

You: I can't ever make it from the Center for Dramatic Art to the FedEx Global Education Center in the 10 minutes between classes. Tips?

YAFI: Until next semes-

ter, when the administration lengthens the time between classes in the least-publicized University-wide change in history, you're stuck with a journey more taxing than the one that ancient Greek guy who ran all the way from Marathon to Athens had... and he died.

Cut through the graveyard. You'll shave off at least a minute, and the ghost of that dead Greek guy will cheer you on.

Once you get onto campus proper, you can get down into the steam tunnels that run under campus. Little known fact: In addition to all the asbestos, they're also equipped with airport-style moving walkways. Secret entrances to the tunnels pepper campus — all hidden in plain sight in areas students see but never visit. The most convenient is probably behind the little cart of Cosmic burritos in the Blue Ram Cafe.

To make it the final stretch, slip on your Heelys and glide to glory.

Or, you know, just hop on the U. Or ride a bike. Sheesh.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Without this program, many of their children would not have gifts for the holiday."

Sharron Hinton, on Orange County's Toy Chest program

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"It is sad to say, but this group of UNC players will have to pay the price of 18 years of systemic cheating..."

johnjohnjohnjohn, on the UNC basketball team

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reform Group's rhetoric is divisive

TO THE EDITOR:

As a citizen of the state of North Carolina and a faculty member, the academic scandal revealed in full detail in the Wainstein report is deeply disappointing.

Select faculty and administrators responsible for oversight failed all students who took these courses. Further, by not having course offerings for our student-athletes that were beyond reproach, we also let down our athletics programs.

To the detriment of our University, the Athletic Reform Group, hiding behind a noble agenda, has displayed questionable integrity in continuing to grab at headlines by vocally deflecting the blame for our academic scandal to "athletics."

I've come to expect this kind of hyperbole from rival fan bases, our regional "newspaper" and other media, but I expect more from my faculty colleagues. Given the facts of the situation, it is inexcusable to unrelentingly blame athletics for our academic and oversight failings.

Our community needs to come together so we can heal and move forward. Personal agendas need to be set aside for us to earn back the confidence of current students, alumni and the citizens of our state.

These aberrant classes are in the past, and we have administrative controls in place to ensure the past won't be revisited.

Remaining to be addressed are the challenging underlying issues on the border between athletics and academics faced by all universities.

Let's let the groups on our campus charged with addressing them lead a constructive and balanced debate.

Cindy Schauer
Chemistry

Children of cancer patients deserve care

TO THE EDITOR:

As October came to an end, Breast Cancer Awareness Month also came to a conclusion, yet the battle is still being fought year-round to increase breast cancer awareness and research.

Each month of the year is a different type of cancer awareness month. The month of November is lung, carcinoid, pancreatic and stomach cancer awareness month, and some months draw awareness to as many as eight types of cancer, evidence showing that the number of people affected by cancer is immense.

One group that tends to be overlooked is the children who are affected by a parent's cancer. Camp Kesem is the only organi-

zation in the United States that serves this audience of 3 million children. UNC is home to a local chapter of this organization, Camp Kesem North Carolina, which is run by UNC and Duke students.

Camp Kesem North Carolina offers two free weeks of camp each August to children affected by a parent's cancer, and during the year, students at UNC and Duke work together to fundraise, program and provide year-round opportunities for campers and families to connect.

Camp Kesem is able to serve these children with the help of student volunteers at UNC and Duke. Counselor applications are available now until Nov. 30 online at bit.ly/1wQufGM.

For more information contact, the Camp Kesem North Carolina Volunteer Committee at northcarolina.volunteer@campkesem.org.

Molly Hayes
Class of 2015

The value of a UNC degree remains high

TO THE EDITOR:

Today I join the ranks of numerous opinions regarding the academic "scandal" that has engulfed UNC over the past few years, which recently came to a boiling point with the Wainstein report.

Undoubtedly, many prospective students, current Tar Heels and alumni alike have wondered what effect such a damning report will have on the value of a Carolina degree. For those weary souls, I'd like to offer some unsolicited perspective based on my own experience.

Having moved out of state after graduation, I got a realistic look at how individuals (read: employers) view the University and its alumni; let me tell you, it's overwhelmingly positive.

Each and every professional I meet seems to know what we already do. UNC provides students with a first-rate education and prepares students for the "real world" by fostering those skills employers value — critical thinking skills, a formidable work ethic, an entrepreneurial spirit, etc.

"UNC is a great school," many say.

"That's where I'd like to send my son — any advice on getting in?"

These are things that I hear on a regular basis.

I hope you all still take as much pride in our beloved University as I do.

There's no way around it: The scandal harmed our reputation.

But I'll say, without hesitation, that the value of a UNC degree remains as high as ever; no washed-up football player's lawsuit can change that.

That's why "UNC 2013" is — and always will be — the first line on my resume.

Jamie Starling
Class of 2013

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