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Hidden figures shine in NC



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Virginia Tucker and Dorothy Vaughan served as human “computers,” completing calculations for NASA. Both women once lived in North Carolina.

Two female ‘computers’ made history in NASA jobs

By **Haley McDougal**
Senior Writer

With “Hidden Figures” debuting nationwide, the untold stories of female computers are being explored at length — and some have close ties to the Tar Heel state.

Virginia Tucker and Dorothy Vaughan, who each taught mathematics in North Carolina, found their way to NASA as computers, or employees tasked with completing calculations by hand.

Crystal Harden, the director of Programs and Strategic Initiatives at The Morehead

Planetarium and Science Center, explained it didn’t take much consideration to determine the women’s stories should be featured in Chapel Hill.

“Being that Morehead Planetarium and

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McKnight disqualified from SBP elections

The BOE found him guilty of one falsification charge.

By **Paige Nehls and Jamie Gwaltney**
Staff Writers

On Thursday night, the UNC Board of Elections disqualified Matthew McKnight from the student body president elections after hearing a third complaint filed by Harry Edwards.

McKnight had enough signatures to be on the ballot, but Elizabeth Adkins is now the only candidate with enough signatures. Maurice Grier and Travis Broadhurst have until Friday at 5 p.m. to get the rest of the required signatures. Sammie Espada dropped out of the race and endorsed Grier.

The board unanimously voted to award McKnight eight points on a falsification violation. He was previously awarded seven points, when he was found guilty of one falsification violation and three technology violations. He now has 15 points, and the threshold for disqualification is 10 points.

The third complaint, which the board heard Thursday, consisted of two charges of falsification and one of harmful and malicious behavior. McKnight was found guilty of the first charge of falsification, but not the other charges.

McKnight appealed a decision from last week, and Paul Kushner, chairperson of the Board of Elections, said McKnight, Edwards argued McKnight’s defense was relying on the fact that Katharine Shriver, a former member of the McKnight campaign, was no longer a member of the campaign when she refiled a complaint against Joe Nail, who has since been disqualified. In his hearings, Nail was represented by Edwards, a member of

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Mental health care future uncertain under Trump

Mental health advocates are concerned about the ACA’s proposed repeal.

By **Alex Kellogg**
Staff Writer

Over the course of his campaign, President Donald Trump repeatedly vowed to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act without articulating the details of what a new plan would look like.

In particular, provisions of the

law addressing mental health issues may be in danger of being scrapped without a replacement, according to mental health advocates.

Under the ACA, over 60 million mental illness and substance abuse patients received expanded protections in 2014, when health insurance providers were required to include equal treatment for mental and physical treatments.

Putting mental illness on par with physical conditions legally prevents insurance companies from discriminating against insuring people with preexisting and chronic mental

disorders like schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depressive disorder, said Nicholle Karim, public policy director of North Carolina’s chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Karim said the ACA prohibits insurers from excluding coverage for preexisting conditions and dropping patients who reach their annual benefits limit.

“That’s huge because some mental health care can be really expensive and adds up quickly,” she said.

Jack Register, executive director of NAMI North Carolina, said even

under the ACA, adequate access to medication and outpatient psychiatric care for many people can be time-consuming and cost-prohibitive.

It can take years to find the most effective medicines, Register said.

“So it requires a lot more trial and error on the part of the medical team, and because of the parity legislation and the non-exclusionary provision, it allows for us to make sure that folks have access to that,” he said.

Two UNC medical students, Camilla Powierza and Katie Weinel, helped establish Save Mental Health Reform, a non-partisan organiza-

tion advocating for the protection and expansion of the ACA’s mental health provisions.

Both Powierza and Weinel relayed stories of treating Chapel Hill and Charlotte mental illness patients who said their reliance on the ACA was a matter of life and death.

One of Weinel’s patients, a woman dealing with alcoholism and depression, was not able to afford rehab services nor a stay of more than a few days in the hospital because her condition was not cov-

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Committee discusses future of Chapel Hill’s Historic Town Hall

The IFC currently uses the space for their community kitchen.

By **Maddy Arrowood**
Staff Writer

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service plans to move Community Kitchen operations from their current spot in Historic Town Hall at the intersection of West Rosemary Street and North Columbia Street to a space in Carrboro.

The Chapel Hill Historic Town Hall Committee discussed the future of the old town hall building at their

meeting on Wednesday.

Orange County Commissioner Penny Rich said the committee is now examining the potential for a combined Visitor’s Center and History Center.

“I’m in favor of saying they pair up well together, but I want to make sure when we talk about a new museum, it’s something we’re moving forward with and that we’re telling our story in a new way,” she said. “I don’t want just something hanging on a wall.”

The committee is considering an interactive museum, much like the Durham History Hub. This would allow visitors to come to the Historic Town Hall and get

information, then go out into the community and explore.

However, the committee will have to wait to implement these plans.

“We’re looking at two to three years before we’re ready to go,” IFC Co-Director John Dorward said.

Dorward said that while it was established from the time IFC began operating out of the Historic Town Hall that it was a temporary arrangement, they still have much to do before they can move out.

The IFC currently has an office in Carrboro where they plan to move their Community Kitchen, but the Carrboro Board of Aldermen must first approve their

rezoning application.

“The Board of Aldermen already decided last March that the use that we’re proposing for the site, the Community Kitchen, is something that is an acceptable use for the town, so the question is whether this is an acceptable use for the site,” Dorward said.

He said he hopes the board will consider the IFC’s application before their summer recess in June.

Both the Historic Town Hall and the IFC’s Carrboro office will require significant maintenance before either can be utilized.

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Historic Town Hall on E. Rosemary Street might become an Orange County visitor’s center and Chapel Hill museum.



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Senior releases his futuristic jazz EP today

By Karyn Hladik-Brown
Staff Writer

Space swing is a thing now. Atticus Reynolds, a senior music major, is releasing his first full-length project, EMIT EP, today.

The tracks on this EP combine many aspects of different genres of music.

“It has the same rhythms of post-bop in the ‘50s or ‘60s, but it has this futuristic timbre to it,” Reynolds said.

The EP contains themes of time, nostalgia for the jazz era and looking back to move forward.

“Basically, EMIT is just time backwards,” he said. “There’s kind of a theme through the record sometimes.”

Breton Nicholas, another senior music major, mixed, mastered and engineered the record.

“I think one of the things that’s interesting is you have this old style swing, and you’re sort of influencing the old with newer things,” Nicholas said. “I think that’s probably what gives it its sound.”

The lineup also includes musicians from outside of UNC: Alan Thompson on the soprano saxophone, Russell Favret on the guitar and Philip Norris on the bass.

Thompson and Favret are both deeply entrenched in the Durham music scene.

“Both Russell and Allen are in this band called Zoocri that’s like a Durham, kind of hip-hop fusion group that has a lot of different influences,” Reynolds said. “But they kind of have been taking off more in this year and Russell is also the touring guitarist for Rapsody. She was on Kendrick’s album, she’s super popular.”

Not only are outside musicians on the EP, but a former UNC student as well; Aiko Richter, a UNC class of 2016 graduate, plays the violin on one of the tracks.

And a potential future UNC student: 16-year-old Pittsboro dancer Jabu Graybeal is featured tap dancing.

“They gave me a set of headphones and I just

jammed out,” Graybeal said. “We recorded my feet about four times, and they chose what recordings they liked the most.”

Reynolds said the history of tap dancers improvising over jazz music goes back to the 1930s and ‘40s.

“What we did is we took this little sample from in between two tracks and then made a beat out of it, looped it and put some other stuff on top and had him improvise over it,” Reynolds said.

The process of recording and mixing has been going on since late July, Reynolds said. His favorite track on the EP is called “Malcontent.”

He said that he wrote four chords for an introduction that he gave to Favret, who then fleshed it out.

“Russell really brought that to life in a way that I didn’t really expect,” Reynolds said. “Because I write most of it on piano, when you give it to a guitarist it changes a lot.”

Nicholas said he doesn’t have a particular favorite



PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTICUS REYNOLDS

Atticus Reynolds is a UNC senior who composes music and plays the drums on the full-length EMIT EP.

track.

“Listen to the whole record, don’t just listen to one track,” he said. When asked to describe the EP, Nicholas simply called it “good as fuck.”

Reynolds said the EP will be released on Bandcamp and Soundcloud today. In a few weeks, he said he will

also put it on Spotify and iTunes.

There is an album release party tonight at The Shed in downtown Durham from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Seattle artist Naomi Moon Siegel will be opening.

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Concrete Art auction show mixes community activism with art

By Michelle Dixon
Staff Writer

UNC Habitat for Humanity is hosting Mixed Concrete, the sixth annual art auction, this Saturday at 6 p.m. at TRU Deli + Wine to raise money to build a home for a family in need.

The auction will showcase art from artists in Chapel Hill and the Triangle Area.

Matt Coleman, senior and president of UNC Habitat for Humanity, said all the proceeds will be going directly to Chapel Hill resident Joyce Powell’s home.

“I’m most excited about Joyce coming, who will be benefiting from this event,” Coleman said. “She is the recipient of the house we worked on last semester.

Hopefully the benefit from Mixed Concrete will finish out the house for her.”

Joyce Powell lived in a home with black mold that caused her blood pressure to increase.

When her oldest son, Gregory, was walking to the hospital to visit her, he was hit by a car and killed.

Coleman said Powell’s story has directly impacted him in many ways.

“She’s faced a lot of adversity through her life,” Coleman said. “She is resilient, positive, joyful and optimistic — she still remains really motivated throughout a lot of negative things that happened throughout her life. Seeing that positivity is really encouraging.”

Annie Gray Dixon, senior

and co-leader of Mixed Concrete, said she’s grateful she can give back through her art.

“There is so much good that can be given back in small things — using my small talent for good,” she said.

Mary McCall Leland, first-year and member of Mixed Concrete, said she values being a part of Mixed Concrete as a way to use her art for the philanthropic deeds of her community.

“It’s a way for me to make an impact outside my social circle, outside my classes, outside my dorm and see real good being done,” she said.

Dixon encourages students and faculty members to come and support the local art and the community at the auction.

Leland said she believes by participating in this auction,



DTH FILE/ALEX HAMEL

Mixed Concrete, the sixth annual art auction benefiting UNC Habitat for Humanity, will be held at TRU Deli & Wine Saturday.

community members will be able to indirectly connect with people that aren’t a part of their normal circles.

“Because by buying the art

they are helping people within their community, who are a part of their community.”

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POLICE LOG

- Someone reported loud music and a party on the 100 block of Stinson Street at 12:17 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported loud music and a party on the 300 block of Lone Pine Road at 12:21 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported the use of a fraudulent identification card at Might as Well Bar and

- Grill at 206 W. Franklin Street at 3:41 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone had an open container of alcohol in the passenger area of a vehicle on the 100 block of East Rosemary Street at 1:54 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
 - Someone attempted larceny from a vehicle on the 100 block of South Roberson

- Street at 12:19 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person was looking in and pulling on door handles of vehicles, reports state.
- Someone committed indecent exposure on the 300 block of Umstead Drive at 4:03 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
 - Someone reported public fornication, reports state.

- Someone committed larceny at the Food Lion at 1720 Fordham Blvd. at 8:03 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- The person took a beer, reports state.
- Someone reported vandalized property on the 100

- block of Lonebrook Drive at 8:10 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person smashed the hood, reports state.

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A new bill, same issues

This week, two N.C. General Assembly Republicans came together with two Democrats to sponsor a bill that “repeals” the controversial House Bill 2. I could go on and on about what is wrong with HB2 and the negative impact that it’s had on our state.

To start, the bill stripped protections for our state’s LGBTQ population and increased the possibility of violence against them.

Second, it stripped local governments of the ability to enact anti-discriminatory policies.

Lastly, it has caused many companies to cancel expansions in the state. This would have brought many needed jobs to the state, which still boasts a 5.1 unemployment rate, slightly higher than the national average of 4.7.

The NBA’s famed annual All-Star Weekend, a major revenue source, was pulled from its planned location of Charlotte after the bill was passed. The city of Charlotte estimated that the weekend would bring more than \$100 million in revenue to the city. In 2014, New Orleans, who replaced Charlotte for the weekend’s 2017 location, generated \$106 million in revenue.

Most recently, the NCAA has threatened to block all championships from being held in the state through 2022 unless the bill is repealed.

This comes after the NCAA pulled all championships from the state through the current year.

HB2’s replacement bill, House Bill 186, attempts to fix the harm caused. House Republican Chuck McGrady, one of the co-sponsors, described the bill as “sort of a bipartisan path forward to deal with an issue that is very complex and needs to be resolved.”

On the surface, it appears to resolve some of the issues at hand. Its actual impact, however, not only falls flat, but it actually makes things much worse.

Under House Bill 186, lawmakers still have control of policy related to the use of multi-stall public bathrooms; the bill only allows for cities to regulate single-occupancy public bathrooms. Local governments can enact anti-discriminatory policies, but only after a four-month process. In addition, if opponents of the policy gain enough signatures of registered voters, the policy can move to a referendum.

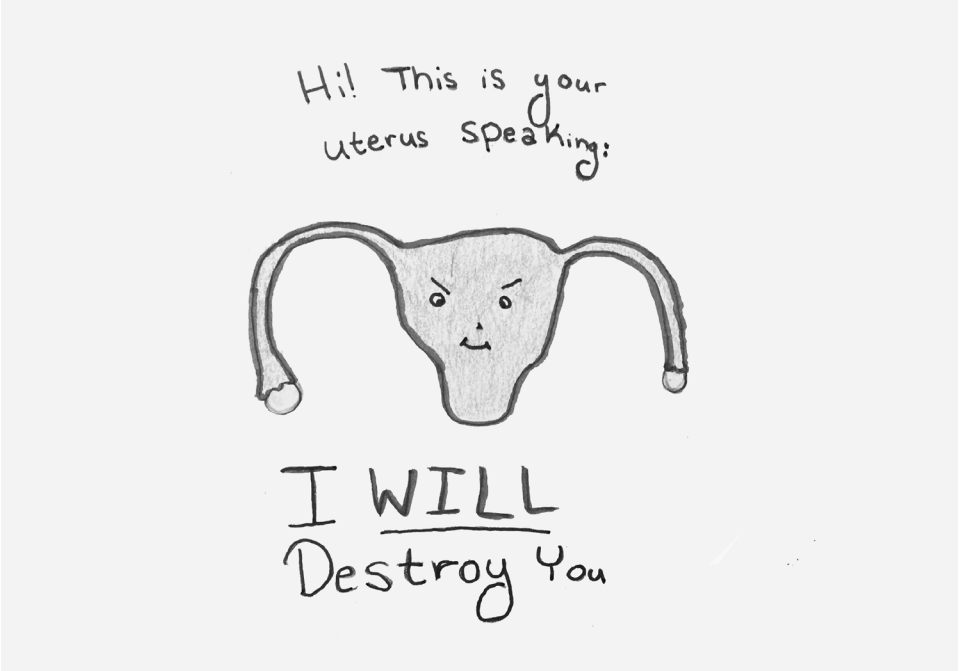
The new bill would also increase punishments for crimes that occur in public restrooms or locker rooms. I see this as an appeasement of HB2 supporters who saw the bill as a means of protecting citizens from sexual assault.

All in all, House Bill 186 appears to solve some of the problems with HB2, but the bill does nothing but make things worse and do more harm for the state and its citizens.

At this point, it is abundantly clear that replacement bills and partial repeals will not suffice.

The only thing left for the North Carolina legislature to do is enact a full and total repeal of HB2. Only then can we move forward as a state.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Georgia Brunner, georgiaj@live.unc.edu



EDITORIAL Movin’ on up

A new regional transport plan is up for approval.

Last week the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization opened itself up to public input at an open house regarding their Comprehensive Transportation Plan, accepting public comment until Feb. 24 and planning to adopt the plan on March 8. As this concerns our community, the editorial board will take this opportunity to offer our input. Given geographical distance and the communities involved, it seems obvious that Durham, Chapel Hill and Carrboro need to get themselves integrated in the short term while keeping further links to Raleigh, and other communities, in mind for the future.

The Triangle poses a novel combination of challenges to transportation planners. It is, you know, a triangle, not the typical spoke-wheel structure that centers a traditional downtown. The region is also growing. The CTP will be a large part in determining how well this occurs. We are encouraged to see that multiple modes of transport have been considered on the maps displayed: highway, public transportation and rail, bicycle and pedestrian.

Yet, in terms of quality of life going forward in the

region, we forward several principles that should govern the specifics of the plan.

First, any public transit system should serve as many people as possible as conveniently as possible. Given the geography and population density of the region, buses would still seem the primary way forward to both run and expand the system: routes can be added, subtracted and adapted depending on the growth the region sees going forward.

Buses can also be more easily deployed where those without transportation are located. Beyond students, these are often our most needy citizens trying to start and improve their working lives, or retirees living in the area with a mind toward health care access.

As students are disproportionate users of the bus system we are not against fees being assessed on students, but they need to be balanced by tax money from DCHC as an investment toward sustainable growth and expansion. In addition, modeled on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the municipalities that make up DCHC may want to create a cooperative authority over a pool of tax revenue to integrate operations, purchasing, payroll and maintenance.

Second, any transportation plan should also look to abate and minimize traffic. While bus routes intelligently planned and distributed can do this, light

rail solutions on major thoroughfares may be appropriate for both braking traffic congestion and further amplifying the ties between DCHC.

Again, given the region’s density light rail utility is limited, but certainly a link between the two central hubs of DCHC would make sense: a light rail link between UNC, North Carolina Central University and Duke’s campuses would facilitate cross-registration between schools for graduates and undergraduates, promote further attendance of cultural events on each campus and provide easier transport to treatment for those needing medical services.

Added stops on the retail corridor along route 15-501 could increase convenience for many customers and revenue for many businesses. We are also encouraged to see existing rail lines integrated into the plan as well, serving northeastern communities in the region such as Hillsborough.

We would urge the DCHC MPO to embrace the power sources with the least possible carbon footprint, such as propane as opposed to diesel.

Overall, however, the specifics proposed seem a comprehensive and well thought wish list for the region.

We are a model community in many, many ways. We urge the DCHC MPO to make us a model of citizen transportation as well.

EDITORIAL Funding integrity

Partisanship shouldn’t affect academic research.

With the availability of academic funding drying up, academics are increasingly confronted with the difficult task of navigating funding sources. For the humanities and social sciences, funding is especially difficult to find as the marketability of different disciplines’ research is limited.

In this climate, a commitment to academic integrity is essential to maintaining the high standards of this University.

Researchers must commit themselves to engaging with the complexity of their object of study. While grants and foundations may outline specific research objects, the researcher is bound by the nature of their study to examine the place of objects within the wider context. Studying political extremism, for example, cannot be limited to studying Islamic extremism as this plays into the construction of an Islamic other. Political extremism manifests in multiple forms, across racial lines. As such,

the study of extremism must both contextualize the operation of political extremism and engage with the comparative dimensions of political extremism.

This commitment to contextuality and comparative analysis exists for both ethical and intellectual reasons. On the ethical level, enabling a funding source to alter the nature of research constitutes a conflict of interest. At the point at which a funding provider could state within the study of political extremism that study should be restricted to Islamic extremism and ignore the manifestations of white nationalist extremism, the funding provider has unfairly asked the researcher to alter the nature of their research.

Moreover, allowing grants and foundations to shape the nature of research will alter the type of research being produced. Given the growing power of corporations and wealthy individuals in dictating the structure of political discourse, allowing money to shape the research direction results in the production of knowledge to legitimate an already held opinion or viewpoint of a specific organization. Such

an arrangement already exists — looking at you, consulting groups and unscrupulous think tanks like the Heritage Foundation — and therefore should not be expanded to the University.

On an intellectual level, allowing a funding source to significantly alter the nature of study results in lower quality work. The best academic work in the social science and humanities commits to contextuality. Understanding an object of study cannot simply come from analysis of the object as the object is always situated within a complex context, determined by competing political, economic, cultural and social forces.

Committing to radical contextuality may not always involve the stated object of study, but instead may require detours to understand how the object of study has come into its place in the social formation.

Contextuality is the means by which the complexity of a topic is understood. If a funding provider eschews this commitment, then academics, seeking to further the great debates of our time, must look elsewhere.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The purpose of this conference is to unite people on issues like race and challenge people’s perspectives.”

Jani Radhakrishnan, on the United Minority Health Conference

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Can’t you kids just go to class and learn something worthwhile vs always looking to sling mud and label others.”

mk4vols, on fliers responding to Chancellor Folt’s email

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNC doesn’t support all students

TO THE EDITOR:

The Op-Ed, “A Message to the Chancellor,” from Stephen Stacks that was published on Tuesday brilliantly exposed the disappointments in Chancellor Folt’s emails over the last couple of years. However, it is unrealistically optimistic to believe that simply pointing out the ways in which the Chancellor’s statements and actions fail to support all students will change the situation.

When news breaks from UNC that could be construed as a threat to the status quo, the University issues a statement that, in effect, communicates to donors and political power players who control the funding of the university that their interests are not threatened. This is the consistent underlying purpose behind these messages. This does not excuse Chancellor Folt from taking a stand against policies that threaten marginalized groups on campus, but it does explain why she has yet to take a stand and cannot be relied upon to do so going forward. In this rise of the radical right, the imperative falls upon members of the community who understand this reality to organize outside the power structure of the university to support segments of our community who will otherwise face harm and neglect.

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Solar energy is on the rise here in NC!

TO THE EDITOR:

With record-breaking installments, solar energy, for the first time, became the largest source of new energy in the U.S. This energy source surpassed both new wind and natural gas installation, which is insane considering how much energy companies are pushing for natural gas.

With North Carolina second in the nation for solar capacity, that means we played a major role in pushing solar energy into the spotlight. However, with the ending of tax credits given to individuals and businesses installing solar panels, the growth of solar could be significantly hindered. Duke Energy is also proposing several regulatory changes that would hamper solar growth in the state. With solar energy making such an impact on the amount of new energy produced in this country, we have a responsibility to North Carolina to not allow it to fall behind.

So I’m encouraging all reading this to call, write, email or drop by the office and tell legislators that we want clean, fuel-less energy that will provide jobs and keep North Carolina’s environment beautiful.

Cinnamon Moore
Charlotte

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Active Minds brings puppies to Wilson

By Jackson Liu
Staff Writer

Active Minds at Carolina is partnering with UNC PAWS today to give students a chance to relax while petting dogs and raising awareness of mental health problems.

Julia Zhang, the vice president of programming at Active Minds at Carolina, said she hopes students can have a break after a stressful mid-term week.

“So the main reason why we are holding this event is to try to offer a resource for students to really relieve their stress and try to have some really fun, positive events to end a stressful week,” Zhang said.

This event is held in memory of Priya Balagopal, a former president of Active Minds, who died by suicide in 2016.

Kristen Witkemper, the chapter president of Active Minds at Carolina, said Balagopal’s mom, Geetha Balagopal, reached out to her and suggested organizing this event.

“She wanted us to spread joy on campus and show students that recovery is possible, but also to memorialize her daughter Priya,” Witkemper said.

“And she said the reason why she specifically was hoping we could work with the PAWS groups is that Priya used to say that she loves dogs more than she loves people. And so she thought this will be a really good way to memorialize Priya and honor her.”

Witkemper said Balagopal was passionate about the way language affects mental health stigmas.

“One thing that she really emphasized was that we should never say that someone committed a suicide,” Witkemper said. “It sounds like a crime.”

The event will be held in front of Wilson Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. Witkemper said 15 to 20 people are volunteering in the event and she hopes more students can come to the event.

“We will just have dogs out on the grass and students can come by and pet them for free,” Zhang said. “They can take a picture of the dogs but they have to pay a small donation fee, which goes to the UNC PAWS.”

Ashley Broadwater, a first-year student, said she is excited about the event.

“I expect a lot of smiling, excitedness and to hope-

fully increase awareness of mental health to people,” Broadwater said.

Along with having fun with puppies, Witkemper said she hopes this event can help to raise awareness of mental health problems on campus.

“We are hoping that it will allow us to reach out to more people and show them that it’s OK and natural to get help if you need it, that you’re not alone,” Witkemper said.

“One in four college students suffers from a mental health condition and I think that not enough people know about that. So when they find out that they are feeling depressed or they are feeling anxious, they feel alone. And we want to show them that they don’t have to go alone.”

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Active Minds and UNC PAWS are hosting a de-stress event with puppies today in honor of Priya Balagopal, who died in 2016.



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Alpha Chi Omega accepts transgender women

AXO is re-examining the group's concept of sisterhood.

By Myah Ward
Staff Writer

In a video message from Alpha Chi Omega's national president, Angela Harris, announced on Feb. 17 that collegiate chapters nationwide will now accept transgender women.

Harris said in the video they were challenged to re-examine their organization and the concept of sisterhood in these changing times.

"Alpha Chi Omega is a women's organization, but to stay relevant in today's world, Alpha Chi must be inclusive of all who live and identify as women regardless of their gender assigned at birth," Harris said.

In the past months, chapters from different areas of the country have sought guidance about transgender women who have shown interest in joining Alpha Chi.

"These inquiries come from our collegians' sincere desire to create a sorority experience that more fully reflects the realities of today's women in today's world," Harris said in the video.

Harris said the decision was made by the National Council through extensive deliberation, research, legal consultation and discus-

"Alpha Chi must be inclusive of all who live and identify as women..."

Angela Harris
Alpha Chi Omega national president

sions with higher-education and sorority/fraternity life thought leaders. While this does not change the national membership standards, Harris said this means thinking differently.

"We recognize that for some of our sisters, embracing this position means adopting a new mindset and as our understanding of gender identity evolves, so must Alpha Chi Omega," Harris said.

Georgia McCoy, a member of Alpha Chi's executive board at UNC, said she could not speak on behalf of the chapter here.

Erin Witt, a national spokesperson for Alpha Chi, said they could not respond to every media request.

Alpha Chi is not the only sorority readjusting policy to be more inclusive.

Kimberlee Sullivan, the international president of Tri Delta, said in a statement that Tri Delta is committed to supporting and serving women. Tri Delta is leaving the decision up to the individual chapters.

"At a time when society is wrestling with questions about how the changing



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The national Alpha Chi Omega organization will now allow female members regardless of the gender they were assigned at birth.

concepts of gender identity impact traditional distinctions between men and women, we support our chapters as they make individual membership decisions involving students, based upon the best interest of those individuals and the chapters," Sullivan said.

She said Tri Delta will

continue to evaluate their policies.

"Nationally, our Inclusion Task Force continually reviews our policies to ensure we are living up to our purpose by assisting our members in every possible way," she said in the statement.

Sara Morris is the president of Phi Sigma Pi, a

gender-inclusive national honor fraternity. She said they decided to move away from their coed tagline and become gender inclusive about two years ago.

Morris said Alpha Chi's decision to add inclusivity to their policy is a big step forward.

"I think it's awesome ... the

more groups on campus who move toward not othering people who identify as not the binary genders, that's definitely progress" Morris said. "Sororities, especially since they are so tied to tradition, taking that step forward is really a great thing."

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Trump appoints UNC graduate McMaster

The national security adviser studied military history.

By Jared Weber
Staff Writer

Years before President Donald Trump appointed him as national security advisor, Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster was a doctoral student at UNC-Chapel Hill.

McMaster, who earned his master of arts and doctorate in military history at UNC, was appointed as Trump's chief in-house advisor on national security issues Monday afternoon, introducing him from his private resort, Mar-a-Lago, in Palm Beach, Fla.

"(McMaster) is a man of tremendous talent and tremendous experience. He is highly respected by everybody in the military, and we are very honored to have him," Trump told reporters.

History professor William Barney taught him in the 1990s.

"Like most of the West



H.R. McMaster attended UNC as a history doctoral student in the 1990s.

Point fellows, (McMaster) was an excellent student," Barney said. "He was probably a tad more creative than the average ones."

While at UNC, McMaster took classes with current UNC professor Wayne Lee, who was then a Duke University graduate student, in the cross-enrollment program.

Lee said McMaster was a friend, and he remembers him working diligently on a dissertation which was highly critical of the United States' military in the mid-1960s for allowing themselves to be pushed into the war in Vietnam.

"He's a very smart, energetic person," Lee said. "He was working on his dissertation, and it was coming out very rapidly and very impressively."

McMaster eventually

adapted the paper into a book entitled "Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, The Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Lies that Led to Vietnam," published in 1997.

"The war in Vietnam was not lost in the field, nor was it lost on the front pages of the New York Times or the college campuses," McMaster said in his book. "It was lost in Washington, D.C."

In his career, McMaster gained notoriety in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Last May, McMaster spoke at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington to discuss national security and said he was wary of the threat Russia poses to national security, especially through cyber hacking.

"We recognize that, you know, our enemies in many ways have become more and more elusive, and we've become almost transparent, to certain enemies with certain capabilities," McMaster said. "...We're approaching this with a high sense of urgency."

Throughout his career,

"He's a very blunt speaker who gives his opinion frankly, no matter who it might offend."

Wayne Lee
Former classmate of Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster

McMaster has spoken about the importance of military leaders challenging the government leaders they advise.

Lee said there is no one

he would rather have advising the current president on highly consequential national security issues.

"He's a very blunt speaker

who gives his opinion frankly, no matter who it might offend," Lee said. "One of the things we're going to need in this administration is someone who is willing to say to the president, 'That is a bad idea.' I have some confidence that (Lt.) Gen. McMaster will be willing to say that."

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Science Center trained all the astronauts that went into space on celestial navigation here in Chapel Hill, and we're a historical landmark for that, we knew that we should be telling the story of these women," Harden said.

Accidental discovery of an intentional woman

Tucker became one of the first female computers for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which would later become NASA. Born and raised in Hertford, North Carolina, Tucker eventually became supervisor of computing — placing her in charge of hundreds of women by the end of World War II.

Graduating from the North Carolina College for

Women, which is now UNC-Greensboro, Tucker was then appointed to the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in Virginia.

Erin Lawrimore, university archivist for UNC-G, said in an email that Tucker's story was discovered by chance when a volunteer found her story in the Alumni Association's files.

Tucker served as an advocate for women in the STEM field for the rest of her life, recruiting from colleges all over the South to join the field and managed both the East Area Computers and West Area Computers at Langley, which were segregated according to the race of the women.

The archivist team at UNC-G found a copy of a newspaper article from October 12, 1957, in which Tucker encouraged high

school girls to enter the engineering field.

"I find it really fascinating that she was so strongly making this push in 1957 — something that we're still advocating for today," Lawrimore said.

‘She was mama to us’

Vaughan made history at NACA as its first African-American female supervisor.

Vaughan, a main character in the "Hidden Figures" film, joined the West Area Computing group and became an expert computer programmer. She saved her own job and those of her female colleagues from being replaced by NASA's new IBM computers.

Vaughan's family members came to the planetarium last week to see the new exhibit.

Ann Vaughan Hammond, Vaughan's daughter, and

Heather Vaughan-Batten, Vaughan's granddaughter, said while they knew Vaughan was a computer for NASA, it wasn't until the book and movie surfaced that they learned more about her role.

"I understand from the people who worked out there that she was a brilliant lady, but she was Mama to us," Hammond said.

After graduating from Wilberforce University, Vaughan taught in Illinois, North Carolina and Virginia.

"In our family circle, her impact was always great because we all understood that education was important, we all understood that we were going to go to college and we all have a yearning for learning," Vaughan-Batten said.

Hammond said all of Vaughan's children and grandchildren graduated with

one or more college degrees, following her example and request that they would attend college, even if it was only for a year.

Breaking the glass ceiling

Harden said she hopes the planetarium's exhibit will inspire young girls to move past racial and gender disparities in the field.

"I think it is critical that these stories are no longer hidden and are very much seen by everyone," Harden said.

The purpose of the "Hidden Figures" book and movie was to give children inspiration to achieve anything they want, Hammond said.

"My mother would want these children to be inspired by what she and those ladies did, and there are a lot of

those hidden figures out there that people don't know about," she said. "Our society is based on the male roles, so women have to just get on out there and show the world what they can do. And they are — they've broken that ceiling, but I'm sure things are going to be a lot better."

Vaughan-Batten said her grandmother's impact has always taught her how to be fearless.

"She made me realize that, literally, no pun intended, the sky's the limit, that there are no limitations. So I never went to a situation thinking, oh, I'm a woman, I'm a minority; I'm not good enough," Vaughan-Batten said. "I always knew I was good enough, and I got that from her — that courage, that inner courage."

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his campaign at the time.

In the second complaint against McKnight, McKnight is cited as saying that Shriver had left his campaign team at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 6. In the hearing for the third complaint against McKnight, Edwards pre-

sented evidence that, he argued, disputes this fact as she was sent an email regarding campaign matters on Feb. 7 along with other campaign members.

Edwards argued this was proof that she was still being consulted as a member of the campaign. This means the BOE was misinformed of the facts at previous hearings.

"He wanted their feedback

on an official campaign statement," Edwards said. "He wanted them both to assist in official campaign endeavors, just two hours before she refilled the complaint."

McKnight countered that, as she did not respond to the email, she was not a part of his campaign at the time. Meaning, her action refiling the complaint and the evidence she presented was not

on behalf of the McKnight campaign and he should not be held responsible for her falsifications.

Edwards continued to argue a case for falsification on the grounds that Shriver perjured herself by knowingly attesting to incorrect information. Because she was a member of the McKnight campaign, Edwards argued McKnight

should be held accountable for her actions.

Edwards also argued McKnight should be found guilty of harmful and malicious behavior because Shriver would have knowingly filed a false complaint with the BOE.

The harmful and malicious behavior charge relies on the verification of the previous two charges.

"I think the crux of this

comes down to whether or not the Board thinks that my sending an email to Ms. Shriver, that the email in question constitutes her being ... involved in the campaign in such a way that she would be considered a candidate supporter or campaign worker by the (Student) Code."

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ered by her insurance.

The most Weinle's clinic could do was discharge the woman and refer her to an Alcoholics Anonymous group, something she had already tried without results.

"I have had quite a few patients in tears with fear of what will happen to ACA," Powierza said.

Though he campaigned against the ACA, Trump acknowledged the need to

reform mental health care nationally, particularly to address the growing opioid addiction in rural areas of the country.

The 21st Century Cures Act, passed with bipartisan support in November, ensures states enforce parity laws and provides federal funding and support for substance abuse research — which Karim and Register said may make it harder for the ACA provisions protecting mental health to be repealed.

"We're hearing rumors

"I have had quite a few patients in tears with fear of what will happen to ACA."

Camilla Powierza
UNC medical student

of what's happening in Washington, but no one has actually seen a plan," Karim said. "So no one really knows what will happen."

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"It's not like IFC moves out, then two months later, something else is in their place," Rich said.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil said the interior of the Historic Town Hall will have to undergo renovations if the plans for a combined visitor's center and history center are adopted. While the outside of the building would remain largely untouched due to its historic value, the

inside would require extensive repair.

"Because of its age, the design on the interior is broken up into little office spaces," Stancil said.

Dorward said the IFC feels optimistic about the approval of its rezoning application and its move out of the Historic Town Hall.

"We have enjoyed being there, it's a great location, and it's been really good to us and our program, but moving away from downtown has also been a really good move

for our homeless shelter," Dorward said.

Rich said that once the committee decides on what they think is best for the building after IFC leaves, they will hold a public hearing to see how the town feels.

"I for one always want to hear from the public, especially when it is concerning a public space, because town-owned means we all own it," Rich said.

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Girls On The Run honor former coach

The #CarrieOn awards were given to three girls on the run.

By Gabrielle Micchia
Staff Writer

Carrie Ann Gilmore was a coach, mom and community outreach coordinator for the Triangle branch of Girls on the Run.

In May 2016, Gilmore passed away from breast cancer when she was 41 years old.

Girls on the Run in the Triangle area created the #CarrieOn Awards this year in honor of Gilmore.

Juliellen Simpson-Vos, executive director of Girls on the Run of the Triangle, said she was one of Gilmore's good friends. She wanted to do something to honor Gilmore's legacy of community involvement.

"Carrie was so involved with community service and she raised her daughters to want to give back and to recognize how important com-

munity service, compassion and contribution is, which are part of the pillars of girls on the run," she said.

The #CarrieOn Award is given to three girls who participate in the organization. There is a winner from each age group: elementary school, middle school and rising juniors and seniors in high school.

Elementary and middle school winners get scholarships to participate in Girls on the Run, as well as a monetary award that goes to a non-profit of their choice. The high school winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship for college and \$500 that they donate to a nonprofit of their choice.

This year's winners were elementary school student Elizabeth Boltz, middle school student Julia Boltz and high school student Lee Ann Lucas.

Sisters Julia and Elizabeth decided to apply for the award because of their friendship with Gilmore's daughters.

Elizabeth, a fourth grader at Pearsontown Elementary, said she is happy to be one of the first winners of the

"I'm really honored that I won it because Ms. Gilmore was a really amazing person."

Julia Boltz
Seventh grade student at Rogers-Herr Middle School

#CarrieOn Awards.

"It's cool that I am the first elementary school winner of the Carrie On awards; it's good that I'm a part of it," she said.

Elizabeth picked Just TRYAN It as her charity.

"It gives money to parents who have kids with cancer, so it helps them a lot," she said.

Julia, a seventh grade student at Rogers-Herr Middle School, said she applied for the award because of Gilmore.

"I knew Ms. Gilmore very well and we wanted to apply in honor of her and 'cause she was very wonderful and she deserved it," Julia said.

Julia said it was nice to win the award in Gilmore's honor.

"I'm really honored that I won it because Ms. Gilmore was a really amazing person," she said. "I am kinda one of the first representatives of the award, so that's

really meaningful."

Julia chose Durham-based Book Harvest as her charity.

"I picked Book Harvest because I really like to read and I want to share that with other kids who may not be as fortunate," Julia said.

Lucas, senior at Leesville High School, coaches Girls on the Run and picked Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as her charity.

Lucas said coaching has been a good experience for her. She said she particularly enjoys the 5K run all participants do at the end of the program.

"I grew a lot as a person because I had to be a role model for the girls," she said. "It was rewarding for me to hear that they all had reached their goals and they all had run the 5K."

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Elementary school student Elizabeth Boltz is one of three girls who were awarded the Carrie On Award from Girls on the Run.

Composting bins now available in Ram Village

Every dorm on South Campus now composts waste.

By Gloria Ge
Staff Writer

Ram Village Apartments has joined 13 other communities across campus this semester in a composting program.

Composting allows students to donate their food waste, where it is mixed with mulch to create fertilizer.

Taylor Bates, the Residence Hall Association president, said the composting program started in 2015 and it is a partnership between RHA and Office of Waste Reduction and

Recycling.

Other dorms in the program include Cobb, Conner, Hinton James, Manning East and Ehringhaus. Every dorm on South Campus now composts waste.

The program was developed four years ago from a grant provided by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

Katherine Bell, the Green Games intern in the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling, said the program was at Ram Village years ago, but ended due to low participation.

In other dorms, students have a higher participation in composting, which is why the program has continued at the other residence halls Bell said.

"This year, the Sustainability Officer, Daniel Wadsworth, he really wanted to have it there again, so he asked us if we can do it, and so we are trying it again this time and we are gonna see if it works," she said.

Paris Evans, a Ram Village sustainability officer, said Ram Village requested to begin composting again from the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling.

"So I guess we as the sustainability officers attempted to show that interest to the office and they responded," Evans said.

Wadsworth said Ram Village is a unique situation because everyone has their own kitchen and not too many students who live there have meal plans.

"We thought it would be very advantageous for Rams Village to have compost from an environmental prospect," Wadsworth said.

He said students can compost food waste every day. That food waste could be anything from onion skin to coffee grounds.

Bates said if students want to compost, they can check out a composting bin, which has an informational card inside of it to tell people what is compostable. Students can keep these bins until they move out.

"People come every Monday and Wednesday," Bell said. "They pick up the compost."

Wadsworth said there are compost bins at all four dumpster areas around Ram

"We thought it would be very advantageous for Rams Village to have compost..."

Daniel Wadsworth
Sustainability Officer

Village.

"That's a big deal for Ram Village because most communities only have one compost bin for their community," Wadsworth said. "But since Ram Village is so spread out and they really want us to use composting, they gave us four."

The composting program is managed by the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling, but it was previously managed by the Carolina Campus Community Garden.

Claire Lorch, a garden


manager of the Carolina Campus Community Garden, said the compost donations from most of the campus, like residence halls and dining halls, goes to Brooks Compost in Goldsboro.


Sarah Wright, a student garden co-manager, said Brooks Compost is an industrial composter, so their compost piles can get larger and hotter.

"We aren't capable of handling that much," Wright said.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Test in which contrasts are helpful, briefly

4 ___ stiff

10 Minor set-to

14 Huffington Post owner

15 Wedding offering

16 Defunct food coating

17 Domestic shamelessness?

20 Boundary

21 Legal tender with a torch

22 Dealer's offering

23 ___ voice

25 Body shop supply

26 Near giveaway at the liquor store?

30 2016 Billboard Top Artist

31 Besides Linus, the only Nobel laureate in two fields

32 Take badly?

35 Alluring

36 Postgame staple

37 Candy ___

38 Feb. setting in Spokane

39 Artist at Giverny

40 Opposite of 56-Across

41 Fort Knox?

43 Philosophers' group

46 "Cutthroat Kitchen" host

47 Second name, perhaps

48 "Zounds!"

51 They're often tough to beat

53 Result of way too many leaves in the eaves?

56 Opposite of 40-Across

57 Album contents

58 ENT's group

59 Arcade trademark word

60 Part of many art museum names

61 Table support

Down

1 Ancient spell caster

2 Produce stand sites

3 "My turn"

4 Part of NSF: Abbr.

5 Telling it like it is

6 Opposition leader?

7 First name in Chicago politics

8 It's thrust in competition

9 Phone button letters

10 Without aggression

11 Zeus remains largely neutral during its narrative

12 "A dagger of the mind, a ___ creation ...": Macbeth

13 Potatoes may be cooked in one

18 Unloose

19 How stand-up comics usually work

24 Ring site

25 Salon sound

26 [I'm shocked!]

27 Enhance through change

28 Showed impatience, in a way

29 Poetry Muse

32 One moving with frequency?

33 Russian Orthodox church feature

34 City on the Aare

36 Kaiser, for one

37 Songs of Seville

39 Maine road sign image

40 Nothing

41 Buffalo Bill feature

42 Really loving

43 Generational tales

44 Barnyard sound

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49 Above the crossbar and between the uprights

50 Forced bet

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SportsFriday

The fencer, the showman, the poet

UNC’s Ezra Baeli-Wang has made the most of his career

By Chapel Fowler
Staff Writer

It was the summer of 2013, and Ezra Baeli-Wang wasn’t doing anything.

As a lazy afternoon dragged on in Hillsborough, N.J., he sat at his kitchen table and surfed the web. No goal in mind. Just wasting time.

He had decided he was attending North Carolina in the fall. Why not read up a little more?

Ezra wasn’t doing anything until he saw the number 28.

From the way the athletic department proudly and frequently cited its number of varsity teams, it was almost as if it wanted Ezra to know. Now he was interested.

“I found out there was a fencing team, read up on (head) coach (Ron) Miller and decided, ‘Why not send him an email and just give it a shot?’” he said. “I had nothing to lose.”

It was a whim. He sent it and forgot about it.

Two weeks later, there was a response. This was the first year the fencing team didn’t hold open tryouts. But Ezra had experience, and the coach was willing to meet with him.

On the same day Ezra moved into Craige Residence Hall, he went to Fetzter Hall for lessons with Miller and assistant coach Josh Webb.

“Wasn’t anything special,” Miller said. “Just a look-see.”

They were impressed.

Within 24 hours of arriving on campus, Ezra Baeli-Wang the student became Ezra Baeli-Wang the student athlete.

He hasn’t looked back.

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There were three important things to know about 10-year-old Ezra.

He loved knights in shining armor and samurai and anything involving a sword. He had an unlimited amount of energy, and he needed a way to burn that energy.

His parents, Derrick Wang and Lenore Baeli Wang, were most interested in that last point, so when Derrick saw an advertisement for an introductory fencing course at the local YMCA, he didn’t hesitate.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” Ezra said. “Like most people, I had no idea what fencing was.”

In 2006, he didn’t care about technique — something he now names as one of three keys to fencing success. He just cared about the swords.

Four classes later, Ezra got his hands on a blade, but he didn’t feel like a knight or a samurai; he felt like a fencer.

In foil duels, fencers use 35-inch blades that weigh less than a pound as they try to touch opponents’ torsos and backs. The duels are too fast to score by the naked eye — points are awarded through an electrical system that counts touches on each fencer’s vest.

It’s a specialty that requires quickness and discipline. For Ezra, it was a perfect fit.

That changed at Hillsborough High School. In a state known as a hotbed for fencing, Ezra’s high school was the only one in the county without a varsity team.

Ezra had fenced with a competitive travel club — led by current Pennsylvania head coach Andy Ma — since his early days in the sport.

But in his sophomore year, he switched to track.

The first time Miller saw

him, Ezra had been out of the fencing game for years, but the same hyperactivity that drove him from his house to a YMCA gym was still there.

“He has energy to spare, and he will put every last drop of it into what he wants to accomplish,” Miller said. “He never gives up.”

Deep within the Castellan Family Fencing Center at Notre Dame, a newspaper clipping is taped to the inside of Virgile Collineau’s locker.

It serves one purpose — to ensure he never forgets what Ezra did on Feb. 6, 2016.

Notre Dame had already clinched a win over UNC in Durham that day, but Ezra and Collineau were up.

“There was no pressure,” Ezra said. “In those situations, you fence a little bit better.”

With nothing to lose, Ezra decided to try something new: his brainchild.

He’d been working on the steps in practice: jump as high as he could, pull his knees to his chest, rear his arm back and whip his blade forward.

The foil’s flexible carbon steel blade would arc over his opponent’s back and touch it. Unorthodox, to say the least, but if executed perfectly? Almost impossible to defend.

“It was this crazy move with very low probability of hitting in a real bouting scenario,” Ezra said. “But I did it.”

Collineau was shocked, but everyone else erupted. Fencers on UNC’s bench howled in laughter — they’d seen the move that had failed so many times finally work.

“We were all going nuts,” said teammate Gabe Foster.

Ezra wasn’t done. The Carolina Panthers were playing in Super Bowl 50 the next day, so Ezra added a little Cam Newton tribute.

“I tore off my mask and walked back to the end of the strip and dabbed,” he said. “The other team called a timeout. They were like, ‘No, we’ve got to call a timeout. We’ve got to talk this over.



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North Carolina senior Ezra Baeli-Wang has used fencing as an outlet for his energy.

This man’s momentum is ridiculous.”

Ezra eventually lost that duel. Collineau went on to win the ACC men’s foil title and has been named an NCAA Third Team All-American two years in a row.

But his teammates won’t let the moment go. It’s immortalized.

“The Notre Dame guys found that article, cut it out and put it in this man’s locker,” Ezra said, “so that he never forgot the day that Ezra jump back-flicked and dabbed on him.”

The sestina is an incredibly complex form of poetry.

The first stanza is simple enough: six lines, all with a different rhyme, that make a rhyme scheme — ABCDEF.

Each following stanza has a specific rhyme scheme. The

third is CFDABE, for example. The catch: the end-words used in the first stanza can’t change.

The sestina restricts its writer like no other poem. It’s also Ezra’s favorite to write.

“It’s all an exciting challenge for me,” he said.

“Making it flow and embedding those words so they feel natural and refocusing the reader’s attention on different areas of the poem — but also allowing the repetition to serve its purpose.”

Poetry is just one challenge Ezra embraces. He’s the co-president of UNC’s Student-Athlete Advisory Council and the president of the ACC’s. Government has caught his eye as a future career.

Ask him about brewing, and he’ll talk about Low Expectations Ale — the IPA he created and named with his father and a friend in New Jersey. Ask him about pets, and he’ll mention his

chinchilla, Salem. He’s a Sigma Phi brother, a Phillips Ambassador and has never missed the Dean’s List.

“One of the things that makes Ezra who he is,” Miller said, “is his ability to focus on a lot of things at once and get everything done at a high level.”

This weekend, Ezra will compete in the ACC Championships for the final time. Next up are NCAA regionals, which he’s qualified for each of the past two years.

But his days as a UNC fencer are numbered. An athletic career that began with a whim and defined his life for four years is almost over.

“I reflect on that very often,” Ezra said. “I joke with my friends that I’ve really gotten more out of being a fencer than probably any collegiate fencer ever aside from NCAA champions and Olympians.”

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Cherry, Kea not enough as UNC loses NC State rematch

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

N.C. STATE 80
NORTH CAROLINA 60

By Ethan Belshe
Staff Writer

RALEIGH — N.C. State University won the opening tip. Less than two minutes later, the game was already decided.

A slow start once again sunk the North Carolina women’s basketball team Thursday night at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. The No. 18 Wolfpack opened the game with an 8-0 run and never looked back in a comfortable 80-60 win — avenging a 13-point loss to UNC in Chapel Hill less than a month earlier.

“We knew that they were going to start out strong and fast ...” head coach Sylvia Hatchell said. “They’re experienced, they’ve got shooters and they’ve got depth.”

Following its opening run over the game’s first minute and 17 seconds, N.C. State (21-7, 11-4 ACC) used that momentum to dominate

the first half. At the end of the opening quarter, the Tar Heels (14-14, 3-12 ACC) already trailed by 16 points.

The Wolfpack offense scored at will, shooting 54.3 percent from the field in the first half. North Carolina especially struggled to stop N.C. State’s guards from driving to the basket for an easy layup or a quick dish to a waiting 3-point shooter. The Wolfpack capitalized on these opportunities, making 10 threes in the opening half on 52.6 percent shooting from behind the arc.

“They have some really, really good 3-point shooters, and that’s the strength of their team,” Hatchell said. “When they’re making threes, they’re hard to beat.”

But UNC’s struggles also extended to its offense. The Tar Heels had difficulty dealing with N.C. State’s athleticism and defensive pressure. North Carolina shot just 33.3 percent from the field for the game and turned the ball over 15 times while recording just six assists.

“We just got to play at the end of the day,” said junior guard Jamie Cherry. “If the play breaks down,

“I was proud of them for hanging in there and being as tough as they were.”

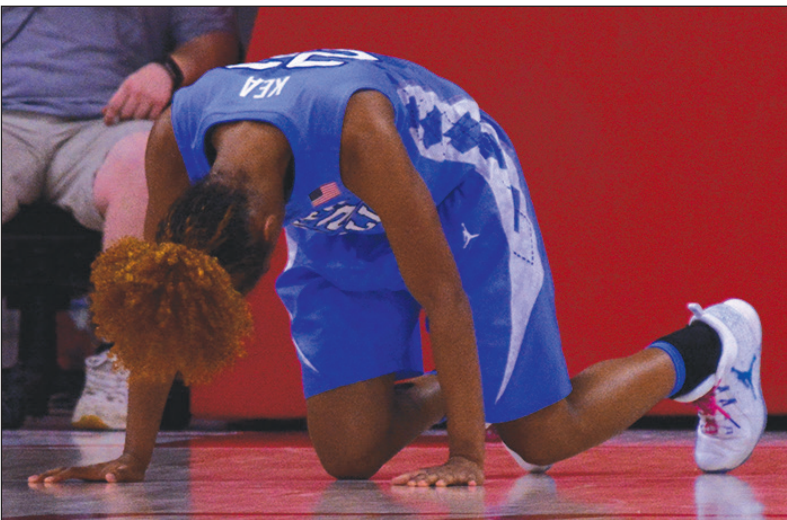
Sylvia Hatchell
UNC women’s basketball head coach

we’ve just got to attack and have that mentality that we’re going to score and get our teammates open shots.”

Had it not been for the play of Cherry and redshirt sophomore guard Paris Kea, the Tar Heels likely would have had to deal with an even larger halftime deficit than the 54-33 one they faced.

“Paris and Jamie are the ones that do the scoring for us with that group that we had out there ...” Hatchell said. “I was proud of them for hanging in there and being as tough as they were.”

The two guards combined to score 39 of UNC’s 60 points on Thursday. Cherry poured in 25 points on 8-of-24 shooting, while Kea added 14 points on 5-of-14 shooting. Cherry also led the team



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North Carolina guard Paris Kea (22) struggles to get up after taking a hard fall following a missed layup attempt against N.C. State in Thursday night’s loss.

with eight rebounds and four assists.

“I think we handled it well,” Cherry said. “Everyone fed off of me and Paris and our energy.”

The Tar Heels outscored the Wolfpack by one point in the second half, but this effort was too little and too late.

With only two more games guaranteed in the season, North Carolina must avoid these types of slow starts moving forward.

And if the Tar Heels can’t, those two games will likely be their last.

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UNC men’s basketball set for road test at Pittsburgh

The Tar Heels beat the Panthers, 80-78, earlier this season.

By John Bauman
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The North Carolina men’s basketball team will play at Pittsburgh tomorrow at noon. The No. 8 Tar Heels and the Panthers have already played once this season — a Jan. 31 matchup in Chapel Hill in which UNC narrowly avoided the upset in an entertaining 80-78 win.

How do they play?

Pittsburgh (15-13, 4-11 ACC) boasts the 37th-ranked offense in kenpom.com’s efficiency ratings, but the Panthers haven’t been able to mask their defensive deficiencies in generating turnovers or protecting the paint.

Pittsburgh’s efficient offense was on full display in an example of what can happen when the defense does play well — an 80-66 win over Florida State on Feb. 18. Senior Sheldon Jeter scored 29 points, while the team shot over 55 percent from the field and better than 45 per-

cent from beyond the arc.

The Panthers will try to replicate that success Saturday, but they will run into a red-hot team in North Carolina (24-5, 12-3 ACC). Pittsburgh’s stars will have to make a lot of tough shots to keep their team in the game.

Who stands out?

Cameron Johnson, a 6-foot-8 redshirt sophomore, scored a game-high 24 points, including six made 3-pointers, in the Jan. 31 loss.

The guard is his team’s third leading scorer this sea-

son — averaging 12 points per game — behind Michael Young and Jamel Artis. Like he did the first time his team faced North Carolina, Johnson will need to have an impact on Saturday’s contest to keep Pittsburgh in it.

What’s their weakness?

The Panthers allowed Isaiah Hicks to dominate in the first matchup. The senior forward scored 18 points on 6-of-8 shooting from the field in one of his best performances of the season.

Hicks has struggled the past

few games, playing only seven minutes against N.C. State and not scoring against Louisville. In both games, the foul-prone senior spent more time on the bench than on the floor.

On Saturday, Pittsburgh’s best chance to slow down Hicks might be to keep him off the floor. If not, the explosive forward could get back on track with a big performance against the Panthers.

How could they win?

UNC has looked like a defensive stalwart of late, but the Tar Heels have struggled

to maintain that defensive dominance against inferior opponents.

Pittsburgh is hovering around the NCAA Tournament bubble and desperately needs a quality win against an opponent like North Carolina to earn an at-large bid. The Panthers’ offense could pose problems for UNC, and the hosts will have to feed off the energy of their home crowd and the desperation of being on the bubble if they hope to upset the ACC’s top team.

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