

# 50 years

## Remembering John F. Kennedy

November 22,  
1963

Half a century after the assassination of President Kennedy, *The Daily Tar Heel* spoke with 1963 staffers about reporting on the day that changed a nation. See pg. 3



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## Platinum in the limelight 'Legally Blonde: The Musical' turns the stage pink

By Megan Caron  
Staff Writer

When Elle Woods chases her boyfriend to Harvard, she finds that she might not fit in with the rest of the students there — but being true to yourself is the new pink, right?

Company Carolina's "Legally Blonde: The Musical" will open Friday at Historic Playmakers Theatre. This musical is one of Company Carolina's largest productions ever, featuring 25 cast members, 13 production staff members, 30 set changes and more than a dozen musical numbers throughout two acts. There will be singing, dancing and there will definitely be a whole lot of pink.

"Legally Blonde" follows the story of Woods, Delta Nu sorority president and University of California-Los Angeles fashion merchandising major. She finds herself in the midst of a rough breakup and is determined not to give up on love. Woods is played by sophomore business administration major Jessica Hoffmann.

"I feel like Elle lived in a bubble for a long time, and because she was blessed with great genes and looking pretty, no one has ever really pushed her, and she has never really needed to be pushed," Hoffmann said.

Hoffmann spent two years of high school living 20 minutes outside of Malibu, Calif. She said her experiences in Southern California helped her understand the culture that Woods comes from and how that would have shaped her character.

"Legally Blonde" includes singing, dancing and laughs, but the musical explores Woods' journey as she chooses between staying true to herself and being taken seriously.

"Throughout the show, you'll learn that Elle is herself, but once she gets to Harvard she thinks she has to change to fit in with all these serious lawyer people, but what I learned is that 'being yourself never goes out of style,'" said junior biology major Taylor Ballard, who plays a sorority member.

Junior mathematics major Edgar Harrell has directed other Company Carolina shows for the past three years before taking on "Legally Blonde." He said one of the challenges for the production has been recreating the set within Historic Playmakers.

"If you've seen the Broadway set (for 'Legally Blonde'), it is magical: it flies, it rolls around on its own and there are remote-controlled staircases, and all of that is just not possible in a student production," he said.

"But at the same time we can do something that is just as exciting without the magical pieces, and that way it lets you focus on what the production is doing rather than focusing on the spectacle."

Senior music major Will Hawkins, the musical director for "Legally Blonde: The



Jessica Hoffmann plays Elle Woods in Company Carolina's "Legally Blonde: The Musical."

### BEND AND SNAP WITH ELLE:

**Time:** Friday through Sunday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

**Location:** Historic Playmakers Theatre

**Info:** <http://on.fb.me/17NTVxM>

Musical," usually performs in student theater, but he decided to take the opportunity to try out the production side instead.

"Performing is one thing, it's cool and fun and dandy, but I love getting to know what the music means and what you are trying to bring out with the music besides just music," Hawkins said.

The involvement of the entire cast in production decisions was important to Harrell in the directing process.



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"It's the idea that all of us are putting this together, we're putting (the show) on together," Harrell said.

"Legally Blonde" combines humor and musical numbers in a lively production, but the show has a message that the cast and production staff hope will inspire audiences.

"You don't have to fit the mold, (Elle) doesn't fit the mold — she's a valley girl who is really, really smart and she's going to be a lawyer — and that's what I want audiences to leave with: feeling positive about who they are," Hoffmann said.

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## Atul Gawande selected as graduation speaker

He is a noted surgeon, novelist and medical safety advocate.

By Farhan Lakhany  
Staff Writer

Carolina blue robes, a stadium celebrating on Mother's Day and Dr. Atul Gawande await the graduating class of 2014.

Gawande, who will be the commencement speaker on May 11, 2014, holds two teaching positions in Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health. In addition to his career as an endocrine surgeon, he is the author of three best-selling books on medical safety.

His latest book, "The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right," is a pioneering work written with the aim to improve patient care and surgical efficacy.

"He has so many good things that the students will enjoy," said Ron Strauss, executive vice provost and chief international officer at UNC and a member of the Commencement Speaker Advisory Committee. "He is innovative, he is an outstanding writer and thinker and he is global. He is a good teacher, he has been involved a little bit in political life. He is just an amazingly well-rounded, interesting guy."

Gawande is also the co-founder and chairman of Lifebox, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing surgical deaths across the globe. He was also the recipient of the Rhodes Scholarship and was a MacArthur Fellow.

Former Chancellor Holden Thorp drove Gawande's selection, and the committee unanimously recommended him on Sept. 13, 2012. Chancellor Carol Folt said in a statement that



Atul Gawande is the class of 2014 commencement speaker. He teaches at Harvard and is a renowned surgeon.

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## Trustees OK nighttime parking fee

The board also approved a \$350 hike in graduate student fees.

By Amanda Albright  
University Editor

He spent a majority of the fall semester fighting it, but Student Body President Christy Lambden ended up hesitantly approving a fee for students to park on campus at night.

In the Board of Trustees' last scheduled meeting of the year on Thursday, the full board approved the contentious \$10.40 nighttime parking student fee, along with \$350 in additional fees for all graduate students.

"That is not something I support, we should not put any extra weight on students," Lambden said. "I did put support on the \$10 night parking fee very reluctantly. It was either this or the permit."

A tuition proposal approved Thursday raises student fees by 1.7 percent. The UNC Board of Governors must still approve the fees.

Among the approved fees was the parking fee that was met with disapproval from student

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## Tar Heels search for bowl eligibility

UNC needs a win against Old Dominion Saturday for eligibility.

By Kevin Phinney  
Staff Writer

Old Dominion comes to town Saturday, bringing with it a talented quarterback that leads a high-powered spread offense.

It's a situation eerily similar to North Carolina's week leading up to the game against East Carolina on Sept. 28.

The Tar Heels were headed to face Virginia Tech the week after the Pirates brought their spread offense to Kenan Stadium. UNC suffered a meltdown against the Pirates and gave up a whopping 55 points in a 24-point loss.

UNC has a big ACC game

next week against rival Duke. It would be easy to overlook the Monarchs this Saturday as an easy win — a win the Tar Heels need to become bowl-eligible.

And though coach Larry Fedora has only mentioned the early-season letdown against the Pirates once this week, it's apparent that some of the players are making the comparisons themselves.

Senior defensive back Jabari Price said after practice Wednesday that he specifically doesn't want to repeat that performance.

"We don't want to mimic ECU, another ECU performance in our stadium with another spread offense," Price said.

A key in ECU's 55-point explosion against the Tar Heels was because the Pirates got a big performance from their

quarterback, junior Shane Carden, who threw for 376 yards and three touchdowns, adding three more touchdowns on the ground.

Carden's statistics look a lot like those of ODU quarterback Taylor Heinicke. Both complete more than 70 percent of their passes, and both have thrown for at least 29 touchdowns this season. Heinicke's gaudy numbers are no surprise — he owns the Division I record for passing yards in a single game with 730 last season.

Heinicke's talent is not lost on Fedora, who was quick to praise the quarterback's skill.

"I tell you what, he is a very talented young man," Fedora said. "He can extend plays, he's got a great arm, he knows

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Senior defensive back Jabari Price has 61 tackles this season, including five tackles in the win against Pittsburgh.

“ Things do not happen. Things are made to work. ”

JOHN F. KENNEDY

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## A commode fit for Kanye West

From staff and wire reports

Rapper Kanye West seems to be taking digs at anyone who breathes these days, but now victims of his rants are striking back — and it's beautiful. When West said Zappos.com only sold "shit product," the online shoe store followed up with an admission of guilt that yep, the company now sells a literal "sh-t product."

A toilet is available for a cool \$100,000 on the site, but don't worry, the shipping is free. "Interested in buying sh-t product? You've come to the right place! This is the throne, everyone has been watching," the product description reads. And just in time for the holiday season, it truly is "the perfect gift for the man that has everything." Now Kanye, go sit on it and think about what you've done.

**NOTED.** In advance of the 130th Harvard-Yale football game, Harvard students had a little fun by posing as "real Yale students" and giving tours.

If UNC students were to do this at Duke (please), they should probably tell tour groups that Duke University was actually supposed to be in New Jersey.

**QUOTED.** "When I asked why he would want me to do that he said, 'We have an open relationship, she's mad about Clooney and I can't get him so I'm asking you.'"

— Gary Tate, a George Clooney look-alike who was offered \$8,000 by a man to sleep with his wife. Tate declined.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## TODAY

**The Pepper's Paintings**

**(exhibit opening):** Celebrate the arrival of a new art exhibit: 19 portraits by local artist Scott Nurkin depicting native North Carolinian musicians. Previously the visual centerpiece of Franklin Street's now-closed Pepper's Pizza, the collection will take up permanent residence in Hill Hall. Refreshments will be provided, and DJ SK, Jodi Kimball, will play music from featured musicians.

**Time:** 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Hill Hall Rotunda

**UNC women's soccer vs.**

**Indiana:** Cheer on the Tar Heels as they take on the Hoosiers in the second round of the NCAA Championship.

**Time:** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Fetzer Field

**"Legally Blonde: the Musical":**

Company Carolina presents an onstage musical rendition of the beloved comedic film. Performances will also take place on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the Pit or at the Memorial Hall Box Office.

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Playmakers Theatre

**Club Night with ChocQuib-Town:**

Afro-Colombian hip-hop collective ChocQuibTown will turn Memorial Hall into a dance club with its funky flavors.

**Time:** 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Hall

## SATURDAY

**Beats by Dr. Sax (performance showcase):**

In commemoration of author Jack Kerouac's novel,

"Dr. Sax," members of a student ad hoc performance troupe will pay homage to the Beat Generation and the improvisational jazz rhythms it was inspired by.

**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Looking Glass Cafe

**UNC football vs. Old Dominion**

**University:** Cheer on the Tar Heels as they take on the Old Dominion Monarchs at home. To purchase tickets, visit goheels.com.

**Time:** Noon - 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Kenan Stadium

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## KALHOR VISITS NASHER



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Kalyhan Kalhor plays the kamancheh, a Persian fiddle. He performed at Nasher Museum during Doris Duke's Shangri-La exhibition on Wednesday. Kalhor is an Iran native and world-renowned musician.

## POLICE LOG

• Someone committed automobile theft at 1709 High School Road between 1 p.m. and 3:35 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole a tan 2006 Toyota Highlander, valued at \$15,000, and its keys, reports state.

• Someone trespassed at 5623 Fordham Blvd. at 7:51 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person refused to leave the Red Roof Inn, reports state.

• Someone stole a license plate at 307 N. Columbia St. at 8:28 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person put the stolen license plate on another vehicle, reports state.

• Someone reported a suspicious condition at 101

Cardiff Place at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. Possible gunshots were heard in the area, reports state.

• Someone reported a suspicious condition at 716 Lea Court at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person heard a strange noise outside her residence, reports state.

• Someone reported a loud noise at 227 Ashley Forest Road at 1:55 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

There was loud music coming from an apartment, reports state.

• Someone reported an irate passenger on the bus at the 1800 block of East Franklin Street at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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# 'TIME STOPPED'



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President John F. Kennedy received an honorary degree from UNC at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill on Oct. 12, 1961, two years before his assassination.

## Daily Tar Heel alumni recall the death of a president

By **Cammie Bellamy**  
Managing Editor

Halfway down the stairs leading from the Daily Tar Heel offices to the ground floor of Graham Memorial was a landing with a television. Jim Wallace stopped for a moment to glance at the screen, taking in Walter Cronkite's solemn face.

Wallace needed to get to Franklin Street quickly to photograph mourners for the next day's paper, but he paused. He stood listening long enough to hear Cronkite say the words that everyone in the DTH newsroom had been stuck on for minutes — the president is dead.

When shots rang out in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963, the ringing didn't stop in Dallas. That afternoon, journalists across the nation — and at UNC — scrambled to rewrite newspapers while coping with their own grief. Whether or not they stayed journalists in their lives after the assassination of John F. Kennedy, those who covered his death still recall the urgency of that day 50 years later.

Gary Blanchard — along with David Ethridge, one of The Daily Tar Heel's two co-editors in the fall of 1963 — found out about the assassination in the newsroom.

"I remember I was up in the office of the Tar Heel on the second floor of Graham — at the time it was the Student Union," Blanchard said. "And as we watched (the television), the words came across: 'Dallas, Texas, 1:06-or-something p.m., the president has been shot.' We were so stunned. Things just began to be a big rush after that."

For Blanchard and everyone at the paper that day, the next several hours were a blur of rapid-fire questions: "What do we put on the front page?" "Was it Cuba or Russia?" "Do we have pictures on file of Kennedy?" "How many shooters were there?" "What happens next?"



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When Wallace returned to the newsroom from Franklin Street, his camera full of images of Chapel Hill's grief, Blanchard and Ethridge told him it would be one of his old pictures that would run on front the next day.

"I had photographed Kennedy in 1961 when he spoke at Kenan Stadium," Wallace said. "We made proof sheets — it took up less than half of a 35 mm frame. And I asked Dave what size he wanted it and he said he wanted it full-sized. I went down to the basement of Graham Memorial and was able to make an 11-by-14 print."

A couple of blocks away, freshman Jock Lauterer was just getting to work at The Chapel Hill Weekly printing office, which was also responsible for printing the DTH. Lauterer, who also worked as a photographer for the DTH, said his memory of the day starts and ends with him learning about the assassination.

"I just remember fade to black — everything just stopped, Kurt Vonnegut's bug in the amber," said Lauterer, now a lecturer in the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication. "Time stopped, the air is sucked out of the room, it's the end of innocence."

Soon after, Wallace also arrived at the printing offices to have a plate made of his photograph for page 1. But the largest plate The Chapel Hill Weekly could make was 8-by-10 — too small for the dramatic tribute the DTH editors had planned for the paper. Undeterred, Wallace rushed to The Durham Morning Herald in The Daily Tar Heel's truck.

"Of course they were filled up to the brim making their own plates for the next morning, but somehow or another they worked it

out," he said.

When Wallace returned to Chapel Hill, he, Blanchard and Ethridge worked to assemble page 1, settling on a simple layout with Kennedy's image inside a black frame. Just before they sent it to press, printing shop foreman Charlie Campbell suggested the addition of a headline: "1917-1963."

"We put the paper out to press and it rolled," Wallace said.

In the days after the assassination, life at UNC grew quiet and somber. A memorial service was held, flags were lowered, a basketball game against Duke was canceled, students moved slowly forward into a new America.

Alongside his wife and a few friends, Blanchard went to Washington, D.C., to attend Kennedy's funeral, arriving in a capital full of bursting with Americans hoping to get in a final goodbye.

Blanchard called in a story about the funeral to The Daily Tar Heel, and to this day he can recite the conclusion he wrote word for word: "Suddenly the tears you had thought were spent flooded forth anew, and the night was incredibly sad."

Now retired from a New Jersey government job, Blanchard remembers the pain of fall 1963.

"Even now as I tell you about it I get a little sad," he said. "I see and I know it and I remember it, but there's still kind of a little wall of insulation. We will never know to what heights he would have led us, and what he did leave was so impressive."

Though half a century sits between the JFK assassination and the current lives of the journalists who covered it, Wallace said the events of that day endure in his work.

"Whether you're a reporter or a photographer, I think everything is a product of your experience."

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## No end in sight for Rogers Road

Towns, county discuss the fate of sewer extensions in the area.

By **Holly West**  
Assistant City Editor

The Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood Task Force spent nearly two years working on recommendations for how to improve the historically black and low-income community, but government officials don't yet have a plan for how to apply them.

Carrboro has already approved the recommendations, but Chapel Hill hasn't. At an Orange County Assembly of Governments meeting Thursday night, Chapel Hill Town Council member Matt Czajkowski said the towns need to start taking action.

"Until we start talking about funding, all we're doing is talking," he said. "It's about time we stop talking."

The task force's recommendations include a plan for extending sewer and water services to the Rogers Road neighborhood. The cost of the plan, \$5.8 million, will be shared among the three jurisdictions. Carrboro will pay 14 percent, Chapel Hill will pay 43 percent and Orange County will pay 43 percent.

Chapel Hill is still working on securing funding for its portion of the project.

"Money isn't just sitting on the ground to be picked up," said Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt. Additionally, Chapel Hill must approve an extraterritorial jurisdiction, known as an ETJ, to contribute money to the project. The council is scheduled to decide on the ETJ at a January meeting.

The county has not yet been able to approve the recommendations or commit funding to the project because of an ongoing EPA investigation into the treatment of residents in the neighborhood.

But Alderman Damon Seils said the EPA complaint is not an issue. He cited an email from the county attorney that said the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association has agreed to drop the complaint if the task force recommendations were adopted.

Whatever the status of the investigation, Orange County Commissioner Mark Dorosin said it's time to move forward.

"The EPA could take a month, it could take a year," he said. "There are folks in this community dying every week who have been waiting for sewer and water for a while."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Jim Ward raised concerns about some Carrboro residents having access to a portion of the sewer line paid for by Chapel Hill.

"It seems like you're asking Orange County and Chapel Hill to pay for infrastructure you're obliged to provide," Ward said to Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton.

Chilton said Carrboro was not obligated to provide infrastructure to those homes.

"There's a huge amount of potential growth and revenue for the town of Chapel Hill."

County and town managers will work on a plan for how the municipalities can move forward and present it at a joint planning meeting in early 2014.

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## Colombian group brings flair

ChocQuibTown will perform at Memorial Hall as part of CPA's season.

By **Rupali Srivastava**  
Staff Writer

Hip-hop's bold beats meet Colombian patriotism in a performance Friday that is sure to have audience members dancing the night away.

Latin Grammy-winning hip-hop group ChocQuibTown will bring its unique style and energy to the stage at Memorial Hall as a part of Carolina Performing Arts' season.

"I started hearing about them around four years ago," said Stephanie Zayed, sophomore international student from Colombia. "They stand out because they're not the typical Colombian band — they mix genres, and they're just fun."

ChocQuibTown is primarily a group of three members, Tostao, Goyo and Slow, who have known each other since they were young. They perform a style of music they call Afro-Colombian hip-hop funk.

Tostao and Goyo said their mission was to make accessible the styles of Latin American and, specifically, Afro-Colombian people.

"Slow always says, 'We try to play music that will make people dance,'" Goyo said, with the help of a translator.

Tostao said ChocQuibTown wanted to represent Colombia and Afro-Colombian culture, while still making music about universal themes.

"It's like food," he said through a translator. "There are these ingredients that we all use, but we have a distinct flavor because of the hands that we use to make it."

Many of the group's songs explore the situations of the less wealthy, Colombian patriotism and just having fun. In preserving the culture of



DTH/SARAH SHAW

ChocQuibTown, a Colombian hip-hop group, will perform at Memorial Hall Friday.

### SEE THE SHOW

**Time:** 8 p.m. tonight

**Location:** Memorial Hall

**Info:** Student tickets start at \$10. Visit [carolinaperformingarts.org](http://carolinaperformingarts.org)

their region, ChocQuibTown creates upbeat and contemporary music that people of all ages enjoy.

"Their music is a fusion of different cultures and works well with the mission of our work to promote awareness and richness of cultures," said Josselyn Perez, coordinator of the Carolina Latina/o Collaborative.

A club night Thursday, featuring two local disc jockeys, reflected the dance party vibe ChocQuibTown produces, while the show Friday will be a more traditional musical show.

"I hope that people will walk away with an appreciation of the vividness of their style and how the artists really celebrate and infuse it in their music," Perez said.

CPA Marketing Manager Joe Florence said CPA decided to bring ChocQuibTown to UNC because of the group's accessibility and infectious energy.

"This performance in particular allows us to reach out to different audiences, whether that is Latino people or young people or people who like salsa or hip-hop," Florence said.

Zayed said the band's loyalty to Colombian traditions and identity is what makes it especially popular.

Tostao said the group has performed a few times in the United States, and it was important to do so to bring Colombian culture to America like America brings its culture to other parts of the world.

"We actually have a really big fan base in Wilmington ... We played there in 2006, and they sung along to all of our songs in Spanish," he said.

ChocQuibTown represents Latin American culture, the fusion of genres and a wish to connect with people from all across the world.

"It's cool that we're here because in one of our songs, 'Los Tenis,' we mention North Carolina blue. It's in the rap," Tostao said.

"We're really excited to be here and bring Afro-Colombian and Latin American style to this campus and just make everyone dance."

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## UNC partners with NFL on health care

The University is now one of three associated in The Trust program.

By **Madison Flager**  
Staff Writer

Entrusted with the well-being of former NFL players, UNC's Brain and Body Health Program will expand in December.

The NFL Players Association announced UNC as one of three partners last week in The Trust, a program that focuses on the health and success of retired players.

The program provides retired players with health assessments, financial advising and other services to help them transition out of the NFL and teach them how to lead a healthy and successful life.

Jeff Saturday, UNC alumnus and The Trust's midwest captain, said UNC was chosen because of the school's history with researching sports injuries.

"(UNC has) seen and dealt with many issues that our former players are and will continue to deal with," he said in an email. "Their partnership with The Trust will only strengthen the ongoing effort to improve players' quality of life after football."

The UNC arm of the project is led by Kevin Guskiewicz, who has been studying sports concussions and working with retired football players for more than 10 years. He is also one of the founders of UNC's Center for the Study of Retired Athletes.

Karla Thompson, a clinical neuropsychologist who will work with The Trust, said Guskiewicz is an expert on the health care

that the NFL Players Association's program is providing.

"I have no doubt that the reason UNC was chosen as one of the three sites is because of Guskiewicz's work with both the Players Association and the NFL," she said.

The initiative expands on UNC's existing Brain and Body Health Program that began a year and a half ago by adding an internal medicine evaluation and a sports nutritionist to the program.

Thompson will gauge retired players' current cognitive and psychological functioning, performing tests that measure attention, concentration, learning and memory.

"I think one of the most pressing concerns for retired football players at this point is the question of whether they are at risk for developing some form of dementia down the road," Thompson said.

The NFLPA estimated there could be up to 500 players a year evaluated, Thompson said.

The Brain and Body Health Program will begin seeing former players in December and expects to be running full scale in January.

The Trust also supplies some monetary support for health services utilized. Previously, players who came to the Brain and Body Health Program had to pay out of pocket if their insurance did not cover full costs.

Program Manager Jonathan Defreese said players have earned the right to receive health care.

"These guys, just like any of us, have different health issues," he said. "We enjoy working with them."

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# Juggling her new responsibilities

After an ACL tear derailed a college soccer career, Indi Cowie changed roles

By Logan Ulrich  
Staff Writer

The sun shines in a cloudless sky on a perfect November day. The air at Fetzer Field pulses with excitement as the North Carolina women's soccer team warms up for its opening NCAA tournament game against Liberty.

But possibly the best player in the stadium is not on the field.

Indi Cowie steps through the gate from the field into the stands to watch the game. The sophomore stands out from the other women with her above-average height and pink tennis shoes. Give her a ball, and her standout athletic ability will quickly become apparent as well, but not in the usual sense.

Cowie ranks as one of the top soccer freestylers in the world — a sport that revolves around performing tricks with a soccer ball and any part of the body.

She holds the world record for the most heel taps in a minute with 102, and Barcelona star Lionel Messi picked her as the winner of the FIFA Street World Street Champion contest. She performed at halftime of a Chelsea vs. Manchester United game in London in front of 76,000 fans and appeared in an advertisement for the Champions League shown in 58 countries.

"There aren't too many people in the world who can do what she's doing," said coach Anson Dorrance.

**Dream come true**

Soccer runs through the

bloodlines of the Cowie family. Cowie's grandfather played for a professional team in Scotland and she says she grew up walking with a soccer ball. She played soccer with organized teams from a young age, and although she didn't play for her high school, she competed on boys' club teams.

"My dad played professional soccer, so we talked about soccer, played soccer all the time, it meant everything to us," said Logan Cowie, her father.

At a young age, Indi Cowie saw another world-champion freestyler, John Farnworth, perform in England. Inspired, she returned home to North Carolina and immediately began practicing in her garage for hours every day.

"For me it was a completely different sport," Cowie said. "I loved doing both and wanted to take both as far as I could."

Growing up nearby in Cary, Cowie says she spent her childhood looking up to former UNC players like Mia Hamm, whom she now knows personally. So when UNC began recruiting her to play soccer, Cowie couldn't imagine saying anything but yes.

"It's been my dream to come here, I grew up going to games as a kid," Cowie said. "It was a no-brainer for me."

**A Messi start**

As her freestyling suggests, Cowie possesses a natural flair with the ball similar to Messi, one of her favorite players.

"In terms of mastering the ball and mastering the game, she was truly unique in that



COURTESY OF INDI COWIE

Indi Cowie performed at halftime of a Chelsea vs. Manchester United game. She's an undergraduate assistant coach for women's soccer.

area," Dorrance said.

Cowie lacks exceptional speed and quickness, which Dorrance said could have held her back from the highest level of the sport. But, like Messi, Cowie's love for the ball set her apart. Dorrance believes a bond with the ball plays a key role in creating a successful soccer culture and a winning program, and Cowie's technical mastery drew him to her as a player.

However, Cowie barely received the chance to show

what she could do. In an exhibition game during the spring of her freshman year, Cowie tore her ACL.

She redshirted her freshman year and rehabbed through the fall, but her soccer prospects faced a somber reality. If she continued playing college soccer, she had a 40-percent chance of re-tearing her ACL. She had to decide if she could risk it.

So this spring, Cowie walked into Dorrance's office and told him she wanted to

retire from college soccer.

"After about six seconds, she could sense my genuine support for her," Dorrance said.

"I knew what her ultimate dreams and goals were, and I think as a soccer coach, I have to support her in that."

**The other side of the ball**

Cowie remained on the team as an undergraduate assistant coach, as Dorrance hoped her love for the ball would still prove contagious.

Now, instead of taking the field with her teammates against Liberty, she's watching from the stands.

Cowie believes she made the right choice — she wouldn't have told the legendary Dorrance she had to retire otherwise. She had once said she couldn't choose between her collegiate career and freestyle, but the injury changed that.

"I couldn't put that at risk," Cowie said.

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

It was another wild weekend in college football. What else is new? We all thought Virginia Tech would beat Maryland and most of us thought Stanford would be able to squeeze past USC. We should've known when the College Game Day crew very aggressively put on Trojan gear that we were doomed, but Sports Editor Brooke Pryor did manage to pick that one correctly. Pryor went 5-3 last week and trails the guest picker, as well as one of her assistants, Aaron Dodson. Dodson has been quiet lately with his

picks, putting them in once everyone else has finished theirs. His sneaky strategy stems from his quiet nature. "Except I'm not quiet at all," he said. "Especially when the Redskins are playing." It's worked in his favor as he leads all DTH pickers with a 70-26 record. Dodson went 6-2 last week and correctly predicted Duke to defeat Miami. Miami has certainly had its struggles throughout the duration of the season, but for some reason a handful of guest pickers still believe in them. Pryor trails Dodson, while Senior Writer



Kelly Wolff is this week's guest picker. She's taking over as the new general manager of The Daily Tar Heel by way of Virginia Tech's Collegiate Times.

Jon LaMantia has also put up consistent performances throughout the course of the contest. This week's guest picker is Kelly Wolff, The Daily Tar Heel's new general manager.

	Brooke Pryor	Aaron Dodson	Daniel Wilco	Grace Raynor	Michael Lananna	Jon LaMantia	Kelly Wolff
Last week	5-3	6-2	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	4-4
Record to date	68-28 (.708)	70-26 (.729)	63-33 (.656)	67-29 (.697)	62-34 (.646)	69-27 (.719)	70-26 (.729)
UNC vs. Old Dominion	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
Duke at Wake Forest	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
Miami vs. Virginia	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
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Baylor at Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Baylor	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Baylor	Baylor
LSU vs. Texas A&M	LSU	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	LSU	Texas A&M	LSU	Texas A&M
Arizona State at UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA

## THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME



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### HEAD-TO-HEAD

UNC rush vs. ODU front seven

With Marquise Williams at quarterback and a healthy Romar Morris, UNC has utilized a read-option rushing attack for 175 yards per game, including the Tar Heels' first 200-yard rushing game against Virginia at home two weeks ago. **Edge: UNC**



UNC pass vs. ODU secondary

Since Williams took over at quarterback, the UNC offense has shifted from a pass-heavy approach to a more balanced approach. Williams has thrown for modest yard totals in his two starts, but Old Dominion averages 241.3 opponent passing yards. **Edge: UNC**



UVa rush vs. UNC front seven

Old Dominion features a dual-threat quarterback of its own in Taylor Heinicke, who's flanked by two capable runners in Cam Boyd and Colby Goodwin. But UNC is playing its best defense in recent weeks, allowing only 46 yards at Pitt. **Edge: Push**



ODU pass vs. ODU secondary

UNC's secondary has struggled at times this season, including giving up 313 yards against Pitt. Heinicke holds the Division I record for most passing yards in a game with 730, and completes more than 70 percent of his passes. **Edge: ODU**



The Bottom Line — North Carolina 31, ODU 24

COMPILED BY MICHAEL LANANNA AND KEVIN PHINNEY

## COWIE

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Still, sitting at Fetzer Field watching her teammates play, the longing in Cowie's eyes is evident. She talks about wanting to come to UNC, play on Fetzer Field and for the national team in the World Cup, but then trails off. Several factors played into Cowie's decision. While she loved both soccer and freestyle, the increased chance of injury from playing soccer could take away both her passions. NCAA regulations also prevented

Cowie from taking full advantage of the opportunities her freestyle talents provided her. While she had received permission to both play soccer and pursue a professional freestyle career, the NCAA limited what opportunities she could pursue to brand herself and forbade her to use her name or image to promote herself. "Her freestyling career needed to take off," Dorrance said. "Some of the stuff she does at the international level is truly remarkable, and she should get paid for it." Cowie currently runs free-

style clinics and continues to build her brand. She markets herself using the word "individual," a play on her name. "It means to just follow your heart and dreams and be yourself," Cowie said. "Don't

let anyone influence you in a negative way. Do what you believe is right, follow your dreams and don't let anything get in the way of who you are." As one of first women to make her mark in the sport,

Cowie hopes she can serve as an example to other girls looking to begin freestyling and push the sport's popularity. "She's got this pioneer spirit and this intrepid attitude towards constructing

this brave new world for her," Dorrance said. "I think that she can do something incredible with her life in a niche that is raw and new."

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
 today is an 8 -- For the next month, with the Sun in Sagittarius, it's easier to explore new areas. Your capacity to follow orders right now helps you grow. Don't overspend out of guilt. Love is on the upswing. Enjoy delightful moments.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
 today is a 9 -- It's time to gather up your harvest, as much as you can. Decorate your castle. It's easier to spark innovation when you get your team involved. Let friends talk you into trying something really different.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
 today is a 7 -- For about a month, let your partner take the lead. Share your feelings, and also listen. If you're doing all the talking, slow down. Abundance leads to overload. Learn a management trick. Communicate and share.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**  
 today is a 9 -- It's a very busy month ahead! Your capacity to make money is higher than normal, and so are temptations to spend. Make sure to end with a positive balance. Provide well for family. Let someone else cook.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 today is an 8 -- You're on top of a cloud, full of ideas and passion. Get grounded, or you may float away. Make time for love, fun and games over the next month. Sleep well. This increases the odds that ideas get realized.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 today is a 8 -- There's not a moment to lose. Prioritize obligations so that you're not overwhelmed. Take one step at a time. You're lucky now, especially sensitive, and passions percolate. Spend time outdoors or in meditation. Draw, write and record.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 today is a 7 -- Concentrate on your studies for the next month so you can rest easy during the holidays. You're becoming more interested and interesting. Don't forget to collect an old debt. And don't sweat the small stuff. Friends help out.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 today is a 9 -- Your feelings are intensified, and so is the amount of work ahead. It could seem overwhelming. Take frequent breaks. For the next month, it's easier to make money, and your status rises. You get what you want at home.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 today is a 8 -- It may not look like it just now, but for the next month, you have an advantage. Study with confidence. You're not afraid to take risks when you're committed. Spend, but do so wisely: don't waste money now. Listen at keyholes.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 today is a 9 -- A lack of funds could threaten your plans. Save where you can, spending only on what furthers your career or special project. For about four weeks, finish up old business. Don't eat too much. Family pulls together.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 today is a 8 -- There's more than you thought there would be, despite the circumstances. Your team is red hot and ready for action. If you don't know how to proceed, don't be afraid to ask for directions. Talk to your talented partners.

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# Free throws vital to Tar Heels' success

By Brooke Pryor  
Sports Editor

Free-throw line. Charity stripe. Foul shot. Any way it's put, the 15-foot unguarded shot is a player's to miss. And Sunday against Belmont, the No. 24 North Carolina basketball team missed 26 free throws, shooting 45.8 percent to Belmont's 90.9 percent. But after the dismal performance from the stripe, coach Roy Williams didn't change anything about his team's free-throw preparation leading up to this weekend's Hall of Fame Tip-Off tournament in Uncasville, Conn. Though Williams can practice foul-shot situations before the games, the simulation can't fully prepare players for the mental pressure of making the shots during competition.

"If two guys make 81 and 84 percent on their own, I can't simulate what their thought process is in a game," Williams said. "We've got to be able to handle that part of it. But we shoot (free throws), and I would say that we're more than likely going to shoot more." Sophomore shooting guard J.P. Tokoto, who has seen increased playing time with P.J. Hairston and Leslie McDonald sitting out with ongoing NCAA eligibility issues, missed a whopping 12 free throws against Belmont, something Williams said has shaken Tokoto's confidence. Tokoto connected on two of his seven shots from the floor in his 28 minutes on the court in Sunday's loss. Since his 13-point season debut, Tokoto's production has dropped — scoring six points against Holy Cross and eight

against Belmont. With Hairston and McDonald staying in Chapel Hill this weekend as the NCAA continues its investigation, Tokoto and his teammates will have to continue to assume more on-court responsibility. UNC will face a Richmond team in the semifinal game of the tournament Saturday that defeated Belmont earlier this season 69-61, and boasts two guards that average double figures in scoring. Belmont sunk 15 3-pointers against UNC last weekend, but Richmond has struggled behind the arc, scoring only 17 3-point buckets in its four games. Belmont sunk 15 3-pointers against UNC last weekend, but Richmond has struggled behind the arc, scoring only 17 3-point buckets in its four games. Belmont sunk 15 3-pointers against UNC last weekend, but Richmond has struggled behind the arc, scoring only 17 3-point buckets in its four games.

get the shot they want." Richmond sends its opponents to the free-throw line just more than 28 times per game, and its opponents have knocked down 70 percent of those shots. By comparison, the Spiders make it to the charity stripe an average of 24 times per game, converting 64 percent of those chances — making successful free-throw shooting vital to the Tar Heels' success once again. "That would go down as one of the two worst (free-throw) shooting performances of any team I've ever coached," said Williams about the loss to Belmont. "But we've got to try to make sure that we correct any technical problems and hope that we've given them some guidance to take care of the mental problems and then go from there."

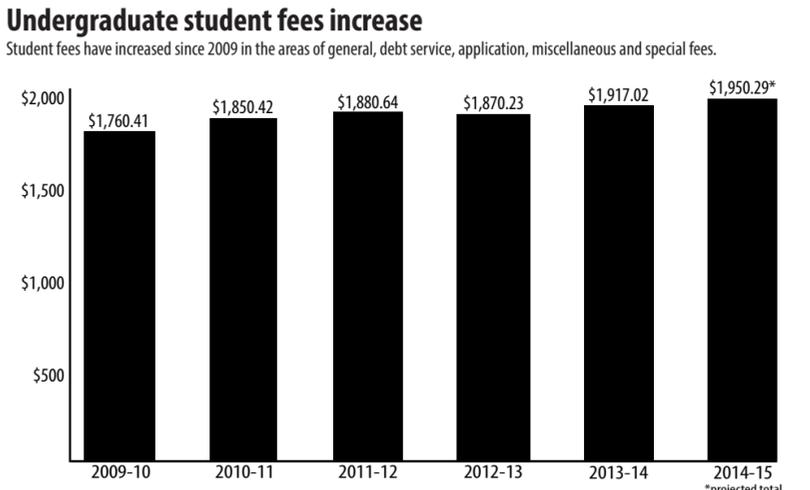


Sophomore J.P. Tokoto (13) missed 12 free throws and scored eight points in 28 minutes on the court in the loss to Belmont. DTH FILE/HALLE SINNOTT

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**BOT**  
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leaders — discussion of the fee dominated Student Fee Advisory Subcommittee and Tuition and Fees Advisory Task Force meetings. The board passed the proposal unanimously Thursday. The fee originally proposed by UNC's Department of Public Safety was a yearlong permit that cost \$227. The fee is part of the department's five-year plan. DPS has incurred debt through the creation of several parking places and park-and-ride lots. "Students, upon hearing that, were unhappy with the proposal," said Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Jim Dean. "Students didn't necessarily see the benefit of the infrastructure." All students, except for freshmen, will have to pay the yearly student fee. During the tuition and fees meetings earlier this year, student leaders said the fee amount seemed arbitrary and questioned how DPS chose the amount. The board agreed to conduct a review of the five-year plan and associated costs. The trustees also discussed various tuition increases to be implemented next year. In-state students will not be affected by any tuition increases, but other groups will be. Resident and nonresident graduate students will pay a fee increase of \$350 next year. The money will be used for financial aid and faculty retention. "Having been able to give faculty raises only one of the last five years puts us in an increasingly sensitive position in respect to our peers," Dean said. "This is a reasonable step to take in light of that." The board also expressed concern with the 12.3-percent out-of-state tuition increase



that will be applied next year, which amounts to \$3,469. Shirley Ort, associate provost and director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, said the out-of-state tuition raise will affect students, and UNC will need \$4.6 million to meet the needs of those students after the hike. The UNC Board of Governors exempted some campuses, such as N.C. State University, from the increases or instead applied lower hikes. "We're all Tar Heels and we don't want to have to think of people as in-state versus out-of-state," said board member Sallie Shuping-Russell. "This is not being applied equally on campuses across the system. Why there's a disparity is a concern for the committee." Dean said the money from the increase would not go to the University, and would instead go to the state's general fund. "It's a tax," said board member Don Curtis. "If the money comes in and goes straight to the Department of Treasury, it's a tax." university@dailytarheel.com

**FOOTBALL**  
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where to go with the ball." Price knows that the secondary will have to play well against ODU to keep Heinicke from having career day. "We know he's mobile, and we know he's a very good player, probably the best player on their team," Price said. "So we're trying to contain him you know, be sound on defense with our assignments." UNC's pass rush has to play better as well. It was essentially nonexistent against ECU, failing to register a sack in the game, and senior defensive end Kareem Martin knows they can't have that same performance against the Monarchs. "I think we just have to get on them early," Martin said. "With a team like this that can throw the ball so well they're always in the game. We want to just try and take their confidence early." The numbers say that ODU is a lot like ECU. UNC will take the field Saturday with every intention to prove otherwise. sports@dailytarheel.com

**COMMENCEMENT**  
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Gawande has had a positive effect on medicine and in the general community. Gawande will receive an honorary UNC doctor of science degree. "Carolina is privileged to have Dr. Atul Gawande as our spring commencement speaker," she said. "His remarkable career as a distinguished surgeon, writer and researcher is inspiring. He is changing the future of medicine while also serving the public good." Student Body Vice President Jacob Morse said Gawande has a unique perspective that the students will benefit from. "I think he is going to be a very powerful speaker," he said. "I think his background is one that the community will appreciate. He is a very renowned surgeon and he has a good blend of someone with a very refined technical skill but also someone who is engaging and people would want to listen to." university@dailytarheel.com

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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7	4	6	9	2	8	5	1	3
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**JFK remembered**  
Former members of The Daily Tar Heel staff reflect on covering the president's death. See pg. 3 for story.

**Lights, camera, local**  
Carrboro Film Festival continues to grow community support for short films. See online for story.

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- Brother of Raúl and Juanita
- Purple candle scent
- Poetic time reference
- Tequila source
- Month in Madrid
- Sprinkling on French fries?
- Uses as a reference
- Many pets
- For example
- Calendar entry
- Kyrgyzstan city
- Construction beams
- Julia's "Ocean's Twelve" role
- Legend of the links
- Old Connecticut
- "They went in a Sieve, they did": Lear
- Logan of "60 Minutes"
- Words in a dish
- Relinquish
- Jazz double bassist Charlie
- Web concerns ... and based on six familiar names hidden in rows 1, 4, 12 and 15 of this puzzle grid, what the black squares in those rows symbolize
- West Texas city
- Approaching
- Tiny complaint
- Uno y dos y tres
- Migratory birds
- Oaf
- Some Staples employees
- Bear whose bed was too hard
- Source of much Indian tea
- Sky light?
- Pumpkin, e.g.
- Moo ... pork
- Graduated series
- 10th-century Holy Roman emperor
- Mountain end
- Increases, with "up"
- "It Wasn't All Velvet" memoirist
- Diddy ditty
- Arraignment answers
- "That's all \_\_, dude": "Not my fault!"

**DOWN**

- Aspect
- "Just tell me"
- Librarian's device
- Nevertheless
- Out of concern that
- Summer quaff
- Taken
- More than harmful
- Works on walls
- Mozart's "... fan tutte"
- David Sedaris work
- Lack faith in a truce, maybe
- "Family Ties" mother
- Space on a form
- "I want results!"
- Lawsuit goal
- "Me While I Kiss This Guy": book of misheard lyrics
- Loaded, in Limoges
- Big club
- Cyberchuckle
- Predatory bird
- Singer and longtime owner of baseball's Angels
- Sch. 30 miles south of Providence
- Bygone boomer
- Elbows to nibble
- Royal title
- Bagel choice
- Perfect
- 50 \_\_ tag
- "Ulysses" actor Milo
- Take by force
- Apology ending
- Teaser
- Parting mot
- Dealership amt.
- Attend
- 64 Western st.

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## No thanks to give in Britain

The first Thanksgiving I can remember, I threw up five minutes before the annual family picture. I'm forever immortalized on Grandma's wall with a napkin in my hand and secondhand mashed potatoes on my shoes.

The trend of bad Thanksgivings only continued from there — bad, of course, only in the warmest sense of the word. There was the year the dog took a dump in the back seat of the car, the year the apple pie fell out the back of it and, more recently, the time the bumper fell off the front. That year, we bought as many bags of sliced bread as rural Pennsylvania could supply, using the twist-ties as car parts and the bread as unrefined hors d'oeuvres.

Each year, though, there was always Thanksgiving. No matter where we were coming from or what state we made it to, the family was always there to faithfully gather around the table, drink too much wine and eat the cold mashed potatoes Grandma ordered from Wal-Mart.

Until this year. On Thursday, when 18 of the people I love most in this world sit down to feast, I'll be the face on the iPad.

The British don't celebrate Thanksgiving. They hardly even understand it. To them, it's one of these enigmatic American traditions, something they hear about but never quite acknowledge.

"What is it, again?" a friend of mine asked when I first arrived. "Why do you have that?"

At the end of October, my boss asked me if I wanted a day off the next week. "It's Thanksgiving, isn't it?"

More recently, when I explained the traditional feast to the man sitting beside me at work, the grouchy South Londoner scoffed. "It just sounds like another Christmas," he said with a shrug. "Typical greedy Americans."

Curious as they are about the holiday, they don't get it. I could shout the merits of November turkey and stuffing and ice-cold football games until my face turned blue, with each stubborn Brit remaining secure in the fact that his country has the cultural advantage of a winter-time where Christmas is king and decorations go up before Halloween.

In my family, Thanksgiving was always a milestone. We had the bulk of the year already behind us: another summer gone, a new school year underway. The fall was our time for transition and new starts, but no new job or significant other meant much until it'd been validated by the rest of the family. Nothing felt real until the dishes had been served and the cousins had been ushered into the front row.

This year, though, the British apathy to our seemingly gluttonous holiday had me wondering if it's really all that meaningful.

But I believe we've been graced: with a mandatory yearly reunion; with an early winter dinner among friends who never skimp on second helpings or good conversation. And we've found our own cultural advantage, in place cards and new traditions and sweet potatoes.

That is, at least, what I keep trying to tell the British.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON By Ngozika Nwoko, nwoko@live.unc.edu



## EDITORIAL

## Strength in numbers

### Students, take action against the housing ordinance.

Each year, the town of Chapel Hill has the opportunity to repeal the ordinance banning more than four residents in the same house, yet no action has been taken. It's time for students to step up and take initiative as one voice to show the town how unrealistic the initiative really is.

Students at UNC and some other citizens realize how unrealistic the ordinance is in a college town such as Chapel Hill. The ordinance unfairly burdens landlords and students. Affordable housing is hard to come by in Chapel Hill, and having more than four residents in a house can lower the cost of rent. There are also many homes in which the town

has allowed blueprints to include more than four bedrooms, so this ordinance stops landlords from receiving fair value to their property.

Town residents should be cognizant that Chapel Hill is a college town that is built around UNC. At the core of UNC, and very much at the core of Chapel Hill, are the students.

This does not mean, however, that students have the right to be disruptive. Students should be aware that they live near families and permanent town residents.

There are many students who follow the rules and do not throw parties on a regular basis. It is not fair to punish students that are living off campus and prevent them from finding affordable housing in order to send a message to the overly disruptive ones.

Current UNC students will obviously care about this issue if it affects them. However, their dislike of this ordinance will naturally wane with time — students will graduate and they will move away. This means that many will no longer care about the four-person ordinance upon their graduation since it will no longer affect them.

This unfair treatment of UNC students will continue until some decide to finally take initiative and definitive action. That time is now.

UNC students, when they put their minds together, can be quite an extraordinary force. This mass mobilization has been seen before with the petitions for the drop/add period and the divestment from coal. Twitter can spread information. Facebook groups can be formed. Petitions can be signed.

Students have the right to have their voices heard. It is time to go to Town Council meetings and directly talk to them so that they can comprehend how unfair this ordinance is.

UNC students can continue to complain about this ordinance. Yet they have no right to continue to complain if they remain complacent and don't take action. The most disappointing aspect of this entire situation would be if UNC students did not do their utmost to overturn this ordinance.

Students are the driving force of Chapel Hill. That means that we have to be the driving force to bring more attention to this issue and overturn it.

## COLUMN

## The Friday Interview

### Bob Pleasants discusses the goals of the newly created Electeds.

A new coalition of local and state-level elected officials in North Carolina has been established explicitly to work on issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. As the group, named N.C. Electeds for Equality, is forming, it must fight LGBT-oppressive legislation while expanding its membership. UNC Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator Bob Pleasants has a few specific ideas the group should keep in mind as it develops.

The group's first problem in confronting legislation affecting LGBT persons in the state is the recently passed constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, known as Amendment One. The amount of misinformation distributed by lawmakers to garner support for the amendment may have long-lasting implications to constituents. Leveraging this information, proponents of the ban were able to transform the debate from an issue of citizens' equal rights to the hotly contested issue of gay marriage.

"The first goal of the Electeds for Equality should be confronting the widespread misinformation generated by the Amendment One legislation."

However, the Electeds for



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Equality will need to focus on mobilizing those in power to cooperate. The group consists of several high-profile leaders, including Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper.

"LGBT issues are already being promoted at University and local levels throughout the state."

But the last frontier of the LGBT equality movement needs to be in the state arena. "There may be room at this level for cooperation between the aisles, particularly for bipartisan cooperation between LGBT equality supporters and officials on the right."

All of this is not to say that the group shouldn't focus on smaller-scope issues, too.

"I think small-potato issues like gender-neutral housing are another opportunity to promote LGBT equal-

ity at the university level."

The Board of Governors' decision on gender-neutral housing has dealt a blow to the campus' autonomy and the LGBT community as a whole. As Chapel Hill students continue to contest the BOG decision, Electeds for Equality must not shy away from entering the fight.

The group must support LGBT equality at every level. LGBT oppression-enabling decisions anywhere in the state affect all related policies. The group therefore has a responsibility to pick up and run with the gender-neutral housing standard, as well as any similar "small-potato" issue in the state.

The advent of N.C. Electeds for Equality marks a milestone in the fight for LGBT equality. In order to ensure that all of these levels are covered, it's important that the N.C. Electeds for Equality pool together voices from all corners of the state. And that needs to include the obvious lack of enough Republican members in the group.

"We'll start to see more involvement from politicians once constituents start to contact their elected officials."

*Kern Williams is a member of the editorial board.*

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"I just remember fade to black — everything just stopped, Kurt Vonnegut's bug in the amber."*

**Jock Lauterer**, on being at UNC during Kennedy's assassination

## FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

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**leimodnu**, on Social Security and its long-term stability

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Keep tornado victims in mind this season

TO THE EDITOR:

By now, I'm sure many of you have heard about the devastating impact tornadoes had on the Midwest last Sunday. My hometown, Washington, Ill., saw the greatest amount of destruction.

An EF-4 tornado ripped through the heart of the town, damaging or destroying an estimated 1,000 homes and businesses in the process. Hundreds of people have now found themselves homeless, injured and in desperate need of help.

If you are looking to give to a good cause this holiday season, please consider donating to the American Red Cross to help those who lost everything. To ensure your donation makes it to Illinois tornado victims, specify that you want it to go toward "Central Illinois Tornado Relief." Donations can be made via phone (309-677-7272), online (<http://www.redcross.org/charitable-donations>) or by mail (Red Cross Central IL Chapter: 311 W John H Gwynn Jr Ave., Peoria, IL 61605).

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### Cultural context can change a whole story

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Nov. 20 DTH, the Daily Dose reported a case in India in which a "relative" of a bride married her when the groom did not show up to the wedding. You commented that this is incest.

Well, to begin with, please remember that "relative" is, well, a relative term, based on culture. Similarly, "incest" is a term that has different meaning in different cultures. Leaving aside sexual relations at the most basic level of closeness, that of parents and children and sisters and brothers — which seem to be viewed negatively almost universally — many other types of unions, for example, between cousins, are fully accepted and sometimes endorsed in many cultures.

Even in the U.S., in many states, they are legitimate. In many cultures, a marriage between an uncle and niece is also considered acceptable.

I do not know the exact details of the event in India you described, but I am pretty certain that according to the local culture, it was not considered incest.

In order to understand better the relative value of such concepts, I can highly recommend taking courses in religious studies.

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