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IT'S NOT THE LAST LAUGH A year after The Minor, UNC comedy still thrives

By José Valle

Design & Graphics Editor

Glory hole reviews on Yelp, Waffle House debates on the gender of God and dead bodies in the basement of Gardner Hall were only some of the topics UNC's satire publication The Minor touched on since its first post on Sept. 2, 2013.

Now, more than a year since the last post on March 18, 2015, the six writers of The Minor have moved on.

John Cruickshank moved to Ohio after graduation in May 2015 and started working at a company that makes computerized microscopes. Looking back on The Minor, he remembers the feelings associated with its close.

"One of the most painful things potentially about closing it was that we still did have ideas, and we still do have ideas," he said. "But I think it was a general acknowledgement that what made The Minor what it was — what made its voice cohere — was the group of us that we had together."

Ross Slaughter remembers The Minor fondly but doesn't think it's part of UNC's focused on what we were doing and having fun with it and producing something that we were proud of," he said.

Former editor-in-chief Jacob Rosenberg, who is a member of The Daily Tar Heel's editorial board, went on to create a live variety show, titled "The Scene Is Dead." He said he's enjoying learning from the other comedy groups on campus and said he thinks ending The Minor when they did was the right choice to make.

"So many organizations on campus have to spend so much of their time keeping up the institution rather than focusing on just delivering whatever they're trying to do, and we wanted to focus entirely on delivering that thing and not having to worry about keeping up that institution anymore," he said.

Though The Scene and The Minor are dead, the stage is set for others. Former writer Griffin Unger hasn't been a part of the comedy scene besides rapping at one of The Scene shows. He's waiting for someone to fill the gap The Minor once occupied.

"I don't think there's an organized outlet on campus yet, where funny people are getting together to look at the campus with a critical eye and



(left) Rob Haisfield, (top) Eric Clayton, (middle) Anna Hughes, (bottom) Micah Stubbs and (right) Jacob Rosenberg perform comedy.

say 'What can we poke fun at?'" he said.

Filling the role of improvisation and sketch since 1995 is Chapel Hill Players. CHiPs' interested in having fun with each other on stage," Miller said. "That's not just for a selfindulgent purpose. If we're having fun on stage and we're making each other laugh, we know that's being transmitted to the audience, too." He said it's important to work with, instead of against, other groups — like False Profits. He improved bonds with them as the president of working relationship," Miller said. "We try to do our best to plan shows around each other so we aren't cannibalizing each other's audiences or anything like that."



comedy scene. "I think we were really Miller likes the collaboration. "We, as an ensemble, are just "We share equipment with them and just have a good

SEE **COMEDY,** PAGE 5

Q&A with **new School** of Education Dean

UNC named Fouad Abd-El-Khalick the new dean of the School of Education on Monday. Abd-El-Khalick spoke to staff writer Natalie Conti about teamwork, community partnerships and teacher diversity.

THE DAILY TAR HEEL: What are you most looking forward to in your new role as dean of education at UNC?

FOUAD ABD-EL-KHALICK: Hills, trees — having lived in the Midwest. It is only funny if you know how the Midwest looks.

I am incredibly looking forward to working with faculty, staff and students at UNC in the School of Education and beyond — across campus and across the community and Research Triangle definitely.

Working with people is the number one priority for me.



DTH FILE/LOUISE MCDONALD

Fouad Abd-El-Khalick, the new dean of the School of Education, speaks about his vision for the school in early February.

DTH: What sort of changes are you envisioning for the School of Education?

FA: I am not envisioning any changes. I try to explain to everybody that a good dean is someone that does not

necessarily have a vision but is good at getting a vision out of the community...

We're going to engage in some collective thinking to go over the vexing challenges that

SEE **DEAN,** PAGE 5

Navigating steps to a psychological underload

Charlotte has been seeking University support since January.

> By Sara Salinas Senior Writer

Editor's note: This story is the fourth in a series chronicling mental health issues on a college campus through a central character, a UNC junior who asked to keep her real name private. Sara Salinas, a reporter for The Daily Tar Heel who knows "Charlotte" personally, is following her as she navigates her diagnosis and takes steps to find help throughout the semester.

With less than two weeks of classes left, Charlotte is still seeking help from the University to address her semester-long mental health concerns.

This week, Charlotte expects to file an appeal that would allow her to drop a course and underload for psychological reasons. Months of meetings and protocols have landed her here — only a few days away from completing a process she began in January under the University's guidance.

"The advisor that I saw was super supportive and encouraged taking care of health above all things," she said. "Honestly it was surprising to me how much support she was giving for dropping the class."

Underloading for psychological reasons is just one option for students seeking help to balance their mental health and academic requirements. Fewer than 100 students underload each semester for psychological and medical reasons, said UNC spokesperson Jeni Cook.

Students more often maintain a full course load but seek mental health support from Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) or other University departments, said Desirée Rieckenberg, senior associate dean of students.

Rieckenberg said her office's primary role in supporting students with mental health concerns is to connect them with the appropriate resources on campus. She said most students are aware of CAPS but not necessarily of the opportunities available at academic advising or accessibility resources.

It's also important to streamline the support, Rieckenberg said.

"We want to do as much as we can so you're not going to get bounced around and you have an understanding of where you're going and why you're going there," she said.

SEE **CHARLOTTE,** PAGE 5

Former tobacco farmer finds success in prawn industry

Number of tobacco farms decreased from 95 to 14 in 20 years.

By Jane Little Staff Writer

When former tobacco farmer Joe Thompson had his first hip replacement in 1995, he knew he had to find a less intensive job. Three hip replacements later, Thompson began Thompson's Prawn Farm in Cedar Grove, N.C.

Thompson said his surgeries coincided with the 2004 United States government buyout of the tobacco industry.

"When the tobacco buyout happened, I had medical problems, so this is why I got out of tobacco farming," he said. "If it weren't for that I would still be farming tobacco."

The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 eliminated price support loans, which Thompson said forced small farmers like him out of tobacco farming.

"If you don't get big, you get out," he said.

Richard Reich, assistant commissioner for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, said the number of tobacco farms has decreased statewide in the last few years for several reasons.

He said there have been consolidations of smaller tobacco farms to improve efficiency, which had led to a decrease in the number of total farms.

"The tobacco industry has even more pressure on it, so the demand for tobacco has declined and that's been a factor as well," Reich said. According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture census, there were 95 tobacco farms in Orange County in 1992. In 2012, the number of tobacco farms dropped to 14.

Thompson said when he first started prawn farming he dug a two-acre pond, ordered baby shrimp from Texas and began feeding them.

He said the prawn growing season begins in mid-May and lasts until September. "I really enjoy (prawn farming) because you meet so many different people that come by and they're interested and asking questions," Thompson said. "It's so beautiful."

As a prawn farmer, Thompson has to be punctual when feeding his shrimp.

He said the shrimp get used to feeding at a certain time. His day at the farm

SEE **PRAWN FARM,** PAGE 5

G If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane.

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DOG DATING

Staff writer Mary Glen Hatcher reviews Bark'N'Borrow, a Tinderlike app for dogs and their owners.

Bad news: The stress of finals, unfinished summer plans and MIA group project members is finally, slowly destroying your sanity.

Good news: The gods have smiled upon your sad, lonely, dogless life and created a Tinder for dog borrowing. Bark'N'Borrow has

arrived.

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ONLINE POLL

We asked respondents if

they're ready to live off cam-

"Yes because I'm a

responsible adult"

— 70 percent

— 16 percent

- 10 percent

pus. Results as of publication.

"I'm lazy, and the walk

would be too much for me"

"I'm so ready to cook in

"I'd have to clean my own

my own kitchen every day"

in **BRIEF**

ARTS BRIEF

Ernest Cline to discuss new book at Flyleaf

"Ready Player One" author Ernest Cline will be discussing his book "Armada" at Flyleaf Books tonight. The event is celebrating the release of "Armada." The free event will start at 7 p.m.

- staff reports

CITY BRIEF

Experience 'The Feel of Franklin Street' today

From today until Aug. 28, the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership and the Office of New Student & Carolina Parent Programs at UNC will bring students and families into participating restaurants and retail locations downtown to receive free or reduced-price menu items and merchandise.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Plant Communities of North Carolina: Participants are invited to explore how UNC's diverse plant communities formed and what effects they have on the areas they inhabit. This event costs \$117 for members and \$130 for the general public. These meetings occur weekly until the final outing on April 26. Time: 9 a.m. to noon Location: N.C. Botanical Garden

Chapel Hill

Orange County

Carrboro

By Kelsey Weekman

Online Managing Editor

Let me just start by saving

that even though I didn't get to

I was one of three people

for the two-day intensive (sort

under the age of 30 present

of) information session that

is the Chapel Hill Community

Police Academy. Retirees sure

love to learn about the police

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it seems to be a challenging

time to be a police officer, and

I wanted to see what our local

because I think I would be a

officers think about that.

The second reason is

couple reasons. The first is that

department.

arrest anyone, I still had fun.

Tar Heel Repair Fair: UNC will celebrate Earth Week with an event highlighting the importance of repairing things like iPhones, clothes and jewelry. There will be a raffle for a refurbished bicycle. This event is

CORRECTIONS

free and open to attend. Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: Student Union, Great Hall

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The third reason is because

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episode of "Law and Order:

Special Victims Unit" and I

am hoping that makes me at

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In the simulations, we had

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to be a police officer, but you

don't know how hard it is.

to disarm people and calm

what I learned in just one

We did several simulations

What I learned at the Community Police Academy

Inclusive Teaching Workshop:

Part Two: This workshop will help students and faculty learn about implicit bias and stereotyping in the classroom and how to counteract them. This event is free and open to the public. Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Location: Wilson Library, Room 304

BYO Laptop: LinkedIn Lab: University Career Services will help students learn the ins and outs of using LinkedIn to secure jobs and internships. This event

is free and open to the public. Time: 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Location: Hanes Hall, Room 239

Senior Night at the Ackland:

UNC seniors who are 21 and older are welcome to join the Ackland Art Museum for its senior night. There will be food trucks, music and artwork. A valid photo ID is required for admission. Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Location: Ackland Art Museum

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

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 Someone committed larceny at the Harris Teeter at 310 N. Greensboro St. at 1:34 a.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.

POLICE LOG

The person stole \$25.43 worth of items, which were returned, reports state.

• Someone drove while impaired on the 500 block of N.C. Highway 54 at 2:10 a.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.

 Someone damaged property on the 100 block of Lloyd Street at 5:58 a.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person damaged a glass door, causing \$500 worth of damage, reports state.

• Someone trespassed on the 100 block of Lloyd Street at 6:23 a.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.

• Someone trespassed at Club Nova at 103 W. Main St. at 10:51 a.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports.

· Someone broke into and entered a residence on the 400 block of Walnut Street between 9:30 a.m. and 6:44 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person kicked in the back door, causing \$200 worth of damage, and stole a PlayStation 3, valued at \$150, a TV, valued at \$100, earrings, valued at \$200, and \$5 worth of fireworks, reports state.

• Someone broke into and entered a vehicle in a parking lot at 980 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at 10:06 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person smashed the windows of the vehicle, causing \$700 worth of damage, and stole \$207 worth of items, reports state.

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News

What you missed at the 2016 Rammys

Pinson, Dodge headlined awards event on Monday

By C Jackson Cowart and Jeremy Vernon Assistant Sports Editors

The fourth annual Rammy Awards featured plenty of fanfare — from rap videos and sword fights to Theo Pinson accepting awards he didn't win.

Here's what you missed on Monday at Memorial Hall.

Going out on top

The men's basketball team fell short of an NCAA Championship trophy earlier this month, but the national runners-up took home plenty of hardware at the event.

The squad stole the spotlight from the beginning, drawing cheers with every mention and inciting chills from the crowd with every tournament highlight.

The team won four Rammy awards, accepting the honor of Most Outstanding Team before a roaring applause for the final award of the night.

Personalities aplenty

Though there was seemingly no end to the awards given out at the event, personalities trumped accomplishments throughout the night.

Within minutes, Pinson crashed the opening

monologue and received a commemorative Rammys name plaque. The sophomore men's basketball player also accompanied Marcus Paige and Brice Johnson for their Record-Breaking Performance award and was the first on stage to accept the Most Outstanding Team award.

Pinson's teammate Joel James also entertained the crowd, eating pudding and beating fencer Ezra Baeli-Wang in a duel.

Swimmer Patrick Riess didn't disappoint as the event's co-host, taking shots at fellow athletes with an edgy demeanor.

Different type of show

While the event mostly recognized UNC's athletic prowess, it also showcased the vocal and instrumental talent of the University.

The Rammys included three moments of featured entertainment, ranging from renditions of Adele's "Remedy" to a performance of James Bay's "Let It Go" played on the electric and acoustic guitar. But the standout

performance of the night was when track athlete Blake Dodge performed an emotional original song on the banjo. Diver Kali Becker, whose brother is autistic, interpreted



UNC fencer Ezra Baeli-Wang (left) and UNC men's basketball player Joel James fence during the 2016 Rammy Awards in Memorial Hall.

the song in sign language.

Overcoming adversity

In perhaps the most touching moment of the night, soccer player Paige Nielsen and swimmer

Mitch DeForest accepted the John Lotz Award named after a former men's basketball assistant coach and administrator who died of a brain tumor in 2001. The award honors players

who have "demonstrated a

passion to succeed under adverse circumstances." Months after her mother died of lymphoma, Nielsen anchored the women's soccer team's defense during the 2015 season and served as an emotional leader for

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the team.

After a car accident limited his ability to train early in the season, DeForest returned to the pool in 2015-16 as the team's co-captain.

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UNC in top 10 ranking for **African-American students**

UNC was ranked 9th among public colleges and 22nd overall.

By Belle Hillenburg Staff Writer

This month, UNC was named the ninth best public university for African-American students in the nation by Essence and MONEY magazines.

More than 1,500 colleges were considered

opportunities for the engagement of African-American students.

"We have a very bright and talented student body — there are a lot of opportunities here," McGhee said.

UNC ranked 22nd overall among national public and private institutions.

Clayton said faculty and staff at the University are working to become more diverse and inclusive.

On April 11, UNC launched a survey asking students and staff what they think about

DEA considers reclassifying marijuana

The drug's current classification makes research difficult.

By Olivia Slagle Staff Writer

The Drug Enforcement Administration is scheduled to reconsider the classification of marijuana in stifled because of numerous bureaucratic systems in place for research with Schedule I substances.

Despite these restrictions, medical marijuana is currently legal in 23 states and Washington D.C., and recreational marijuana is legal in four states.

The letter said the FDA has concluded a review of the safety of medical marijuana.

now the only anecdotal evidence from patients is that it 'makes them feel good,' which is not enough grounds for rescheduling or legalization."

NORML isn't convinced the letter from the DEA means anything is going to change in 2016, Kennedy said. This is not the first time the DEA has responded to questions from

Congress with a letter like this. "The general consensus

and ranked based on graduation rates, affordability, earnings potential and diversity, according to MONEY's website.

Taffye Benson Clayton, associate vice chancellor for diversity and multicultural affairs, said the ranking is important for the University to continue to attract diverse students

"As an institution with a Southern history and a global footprint, it really shows we have moved from a legacy of exclusion to one of a reality of inclusion, and we've really improved the future for our campus," Clayton said.

Clayton said the University is attempting to improve the campus climate and become more inclusive of African-American and other underrepresented students.

"This is an important thing for our campus to be recognized in this way, and yet we aspire to do even better," Clayton said.

O.J. McGhee, chairperson of the Carolina Black Caucus, said the University's current administration has done a good job of creating an inclusive campus.

"There are wonderful programs here at UNC that have already been established, and I think that is why we are in the top rankings for African-Americans," McGhee said.

McGhee said the University provides

inclusion and diversity at the University.

"I think the work we're already doing in terms of being very attentive to some of the concerns expressed by our students over the last year, in particular, are indications that we are listening, and we aspire to even greater success for underrepresented minority students," Clayton said.

"We are pleased that we are now engaging students to be a part of the solution."

According to the rankings, universities could only be considered for the list if African-Americans represented at least five percent of the students. At UNC, African-Americans make up eight percent of undergraduate students.

McGhee said the top-10 ranking is good for the University, but there is still progress to be made.

"While I think UNC is doing better than many of its counterparts, we here as Tar Heels, we don't really accept being a bit better than other institutions — whether it's in academics, athletics or service," he said.

"As Tar Heels we strive to be a shining example, and trendsetters, be the model. In that regard we still have a long way to go."

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the first half of 2016.

The agency revealed its intentions to review the drug in a letter to Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-M.A., and seven of her colleagues in the U.S. Senate.

Marijuana, like heroin and LSD, is currently a Schedule I controlled substance, which means it cannot be used in research without an extensive application process and review by several institutional boards. Schedule II controlled substances include opium and methamphetamine.

"If it was rescheduled there would be opportunities for research by universities for how it could be used as treatment for various ailments," said Jon Kennedy, board of directors spokesperson for North Carolina NORML, a group that works to reform marijuana laws and policies. Kennedy said most

cannabis research has been

Kennedy said NORML thinks marijuana should be "descheduled" rather than rescheduled.

"We believe it should just be treated as any other natural growing plant," he said. "The toxicity is very low compared to a lot of pharmaceutical drugs that are used on a regular basis."

Carla Lowe, founder and director of Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana, said in 40 years of anti-drug activism, she has seen the DEA consider changing the scheduling of marijuana several times with no change.

"Looking at every possible angle, there's no need for

rescheduling," Lowe said. Lowe said CALM supports research to find benefits of the cannabis plant, but she doesn't think there are any. "Physicians can only pre-

scribe drugs that are safe and non-addictive," she said. "Right

these days is that the people in the world of marijuana activism is not optimistic," Kennedy said. "They haven't opened up their minds that marijuana is nontoxic and non-addictive medicine."

The DEA also reported in the letter that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is facilitating communication between the four states that have legalized marijuana for recreational use to develop marijuana surveillance and research.

Kennedy said NORML believes legalization, taxation and registration of marijuana has worked well in states who have lifted restrictions on marijuana.

"If people are educated about the benefits, risks and side effects then they should be allowed to make their own decisions," he said.

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Carrboro nonprofit Miraclefeet finds its own miracle

The nonprofit won a \$1 million grant from the company Google.

By Lindsey Hoover Staff Writer

It's not every day that Googling leads to a \$1 million grant given by the company themselves, but for a Carrboro-based nonprofit, that's exactly what happened.

Miraclefeet is a nonprofit that focuses on treating clubfoot, a birth defect. With 14 team members. Miraclefeet has been able to help 15,000 children in 13 countries throughout the six years it's existed.

About 180,000 babies are born with clubfoot every year and 80 percent of cases are located in countries with limited resources.

Chesca Colloredo-Mansfeld, Miraclefeet co-founder and executive director, said clubfoot can be

treated for a total of \$250, yet it's still one of the most prominent medical issues in the developing world.

Colloredo-Mansfeld first became interested in clubfoot while working at the University of Iowa when she witnessed Dr. Ignacio Ponseti find a cure for the condition.

"Medically, when someone figured out how to treat it, it seemed like a no-brainer," Colloredo-Mansfeld said.

She said people are born with clubfoot in the United States, but the availability of treatment makes it a more prominent disease in developing nations.

"For me, this isn't really about a deep passion I have for feet or for clubfoot, it's about a passion I have for changing the lives of kids who face terrible prospects," she said.

In May 2015, Google launched the \$20 million program Google Impact Challenges: Disabilities to help expand nonprofit foundations in developing countries.

Shriya Soora, grants manager, handles the research and organization of reaching out to potential supporters of Miraclefeet. She was the driving force behind the initial discovery of the Google grant.

"What I did was search for grants, on Google actually, for disabilities, and I came across an open call for any organization around the world working with treating disabilities," Soora said.

Two months later, Google responded to her proposal.

"They had clearly gone through all of our website and watched our videos, so I developed a secondary proposal to provide back to them," Soora said.

Miraclefeet traveled to California to receive a tech award and managed to make time to stop by Google in person and solidify the grant.

"A problem with treating clubfoot is the length of the treatment process," Lauren Wall, a program manager for Miraclefeet, said. "The timely



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Miraclefeet is a nonprofit that focuses on treating club foot. It has helped 15,000 children.

and repetitive process can often cause problems for the providers and patients."

Wall said the grant money will be used to develop technology to improve the medical and emotional part of the treatment, with additions such as training modules and SMS systems offering support to patients. The grant will be spread out over three years. "(The grant) is giving us funding specifically to build

systems and to use technology in a way that elevates what we're doing and makes it more efficient," Colloredo-Mansfeld said.

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University

Transplant clinic named for former UNC mascot

Jason Ray's family raises awareness for organ donation.

By Blake Hoarty Staff Writer

Nine years after Jason Ray's life unexpectedly ended, UNC commemorated the former Rameses mascot by dedicating the UNC Hospitals Jason Ray Transplant Clinic Friday.

Ray was struck by a vehicle in 2007 while traveling with the men's basketball team in New Jersey. As an organ donor, the 21-year-old was able to help others after his death.

Lauren Kearns, director of UNC Center for Transplant Care, said a special endowment fund has been opened in Ray's name.

"It's essentially to help patients with financial needs who are undergoing transplants," Kearns said.

"So it might be before the transplant where they're having the evaluation, it could be during the transplant to help buy over-the-counter medication or a blood pressure cuff or something to get them home." Kearns said Ray's family

pledged to raise \$1 million for the endowment fund.

"I would say they are somewhere between \$350 to \$400,000 toward the goal in the endowment fund," Kearns said. "Mr. and Mrs. Ray have worked very hard." She said Ray did a lot in

his lifetime. "For a young man he

had done an awful lot in his lifetime," she said. "He had travelled Europe, he visited the Vatican, he was an exchange student abroad, he ran with the bulls in Pamplona. At 6'5, they say he was larger than life. He was a humanitarian."

Kearns said the news of Ray's donation raised global awareness for transplantation.

"Jason's donation was highly publicized through ESPN and the Ray of Hope," she said. "And the news of his donation actually increased people's registration on the *"I'm really lucky that I was able to get a chance to have a new life."*

David Erving Organ recipient

donor registry significantly." Around 46,000 people registered as donors across

the world following Ray's death, Kearns said. David Erving is the

recipient of Ray's kidneys and pancreas. Erving said he will be forever thankful for Ray's donation.

"I'm really lucky that I was able to get a chance to have a new life," Erving said.

He said he holds Ray and the Ray family close to his heart.

"He means a whole lot to me," Erving said. "When I met his family, it's like I knew him forever. I send them cards and call them. I keep in contact every couple weeks."

Emmitt Ray II, Jason Ray's older brother, said he thinks his brother's legacy will live



UNC Hospitals opened the Jason Ray Transplant Clinic to honor the former student and mascot.

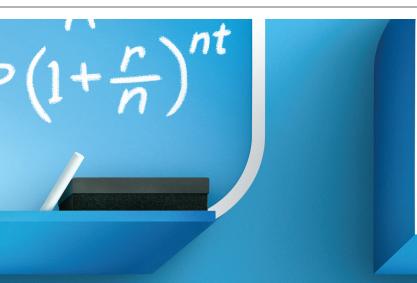
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on forever at UNC. "The part that means the most to me is that Jason loved UNC-Chapel Hill," Ray said. "He loved the school, he loved everything about Chapel Hill, and now he is going to have a permanent marker there on campus that reminds people of who he was."

"I think he would have

spent his whole life in Chapel Hill one way or another. This way he is a part of the campus forever."

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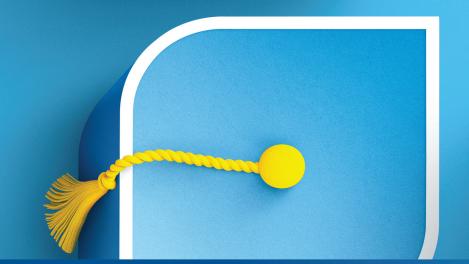
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But the relationship wasn't always so friendly. Senior Eric Clayton, former president of False Profits, remembers the stress.

"There was some tension as the group started because there was poor communication between the two groups and I guess the intentions weren't made clear," Clayton said.

This tension was eased by providing complimentary tickets to each others' shows, to see each other's comedy and gauge what each is doing.

The creation of False Profits,

though, has opened the door for new comedy groups.

"I guess our role on campus is sort of providing healthy competition with the other comedy groups on campus and pushing the campus to do more comedy," Clayton said.

And the push has worked. Rob Haisfield grew up watching comedy but never knew how to set foot into that world. After watching a False Profits show, he decided to audition.

Then, after making it to callbacks twice and realizing he liked the stand-up portion of auditions, he made a Facebook group to connect with students who wanted to try stand-up or

go to open mics.

The group has been meeting since Jan. 22 and is now in the process of becoming a club.

"The guys from the False Profits have been super helpful with me with getting that started up," Haisfield said. "They sent me a copy of their constitution so I could use that to help write mine." With this club, he hopes

to start a monthly open mic night and create relationships with other groups. He said he wants to get students involved in the Triangle comedy scene.

"These open mics are great, but I think that student audiences are a lot more friendly

than a general open mic audience, partially just because they know you and they want you to be successful," Haisfield said.

He also hopes to see professors sign up in the future, along with more students who have simply wanted to try stand-up comedy. Though the club doesn't officially have a name, the show, for now, has been dubbed "Chapel Hilarity."

"When you actually do well, then you just made a room full of people smile and you automatically made their day better as a result of that," Haisfield said. "That's a pretty cool thing to be able to say you did, just make an entire

significantly supports his

across departments.

and mental health.

They want to try to do

everything they can to be

organization by spreading the

message of mental wellness

Rieckenberg said part of

concept of success, which often

requires addressing traditional

"Many students at Carolina

they're so high achieving.

successful," she said. "Success

for each individual student is

different, so we're not saying

that you have to get a 4.0 or

that that's what success is. Whatever success is to you,

we want you to be able to

Charlotte said adjusting

her concept of success was an

important step in deciding

to appeal for a psychological

achieve that."

concepts of academic success

her office's job is to shepherd

students toward a healthier

room full of people happier for the moment.'

Miranda Foster performed at Haisfield's open mic Friday because she always wanted to know what it would be like for somebody other than her mother to think she's funny.

"The audience was really receptive. It was much appreciated," Foster said. "It'd be nice to try it in a real setting besides the biology department. While that was great, it'd feel more professional in a bar or restaurant or something like that."

Micah Stubbs also did stand-up for the first time. "I said YOLO and signed

up and put what I thought

were OK, decently funny jokes," Stubbs said. "It's a skill I definitely want to continue to develop and practice and hopefully get better at."

The audience in Coker 201 was comprised of 75 to 100 people, giving Haisfield high hopes for the future of the open mic group.

"I think that when the next one comes around, people who went on Friday and had a good time will spread the word that the show was actually incredible," he said. "Though, if it staved around the current size, I wouldn't be upset."

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Charlotte was directed to academic advising by CAPS after her initial visit in January. She was told in order to underload she would need a letter from a therapist. Charlotte had been seeing a psychiatrist, not a therapist, which meant adding another step to the process.

"I thought that when I went to CAPS that I was going to be able to do everything through them," Charlotte said.

"You're already stressed out about everything, so having to change your plans and meet up with way more people than you had originally planned is frustrating.

On Monday her therapist finalized the required letter, allowing Charlotte to move forward with her appeal.

"The process should probably be simplified," she said. "If someone's really having all this trouble, is it really necessary to put them through more stress?'

Making students aware of the services available and providing easy access to those resources are considered national best practices for colleges to support students with mental illness, said Amy Lenhart, president of the American College Counseling Association.

Many of the practices Lenhart mentioned are already in place at UNC. Alternative therapy options, properly trained counselors, faculty outreach and education all exist at UNC but are not guaranteed at smaller colleges, like Lenhart's Texas community college.

More than anything, Lenhart said, a university

can support its students by encouraging positive conversations around mental health.

Nelson Pace founded Stigma Free Carolina two years ago in an effort to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health. received incredible support from the University since.

"We came to the University with possible solutions to a lot

held events and campaigns in an effort to encourage the conversation surrounding mental health, some with money from UNC. But Pace said the University most

School of Education can improve teacher diversity? vears?

FA: I think in increasing diversity of the teacher population, this is something that you have to have as an explicit goal for the School of Education.

It has to be coupled with securing resources and taking a very proactive approach to go out, recruit, support and bring students to UNC. And that would be just the first step because this is a continuing process of supporting students through their stay at UNC and bevond.

DTH: What would you say to

He said he sells them to the general public, grocery stores and restaurants in the Chapel Hill are

Education about the coming

FA: They will be invited to participate in conversations - conversations in which they will be asked to help us understand why they come to the School of Education at UNC-Chapel Hill, how the school is responding to their needs for their future careers, and could the school become a better place to address those needs...

So I really hope that the students are up and ready to talk and engage with these conversations throughout the year hopefully.

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in the country," Geraldine Thompson, Joe Thompson's wife, said.

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"It seems wrong," she said. "You look around at everyone else and what they're doing with their lives and it just doesn't seem right. It seems off track."

Charlotte said UNC's emphasis on completing a degree in four years discourages students from taking time and taking care of their mental health.

"It seems crazy, you know. Making that decision is really hard when four years is such a big deal here," she said. "Four years and you should be done. Make sure you get all these classes in. Make sure all your gen eds are done."

Charlotte will be able to graduate on time despite underloading this semester, but she said most of the people she knows who have taken the time to address mental health concerns are taking longer than four years to graduate.

She said the atmosphere of achievement at UNC leads to misconceptions of success. "You walk around the

campus thinking that everyone's OK but really the majority of students have these hidden issues that they're not addressing."

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are facing schools of education.

DTH: What community partnerships would you like to install in the School of Education?

FA: My experience here at Illinois suggests that the most successful partnerships are ones that are inclusive of all stakeholders.

I do envision partnerships with local community schools, as well as schools across the state. As you probably know, in Carolina there are a sect of underprivileged, underresourced communities, and given the new potential of

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usually begins at 7:30 a.m

technologies ... we hope to partner with other schools of education, with districts across the state, with particular districts in the community to strengthen our comprehensive approach to answering these challenges.

DTH: What are your plans for STEM education?

FA: There's a lot of glory to be had in STEM. We need to build further our capacity in science, technology, engineering and mathematics..

When you think about this triangle of education, health and resilience, it's clearly becoming one of the most important dimensions of working across communities.

In 2010, Thompson won the Gilmer L. and Clara Y. Dudley Small Farmer of the Year Award from N C

He said his group has

of the problems with mental health or stigma on campus," Pace said. "And when they saw that we had solutions and were willing to put forth the work, they supported the initiatives by funding them or getting the word out."

Stigma Free Carolina has

underload. DTH: How do you think UNC's students in the School of

when he throws a 50-pound bag of feed into the ponds.

"You like breakfast, you like lunch, you like supper," Thompson said. "Shrimp do the same thing."

In addition to prawns, Thompson said he raises vegetables, hogs and wheat. State University.

"They support farmers around here," Thompson said. "You gotta be doing something different from someone else before they recommend you."

Thompson said the community has expressed a lot of interest in his prawns.

Thompson's Prawn Farm is the only freshwater prawn producer west of I-95 in North Carolina.

"It was something new to (people) when we first started and everybody was just overwhelmed to see fresh seafood being raised out here

people come to the farm from all over North Carolina on prawn harvest day.

"They just haven't seen it done before, so they're so interested in seeing how it's done," she said. @janelittle26

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Quad backpacks bring awareness to suicide

By Morgan Howard Staff Writer

Send Silence Packing came to campus Monday to spark discussion about suicide prevention and mental health.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Active Minds nonprofit, which has a chapter on campus.

Sophomore Kristen Witkemper, the programming chairperson at Active Minds of Carolina, said society tends to project a lot of shame, and this exhibit attempts to discredit that idea.

"Most mental health conditions are highly stigmatized," Witkemper said. "We don't talk about it, so adding a voice to mental illness can help break that stigma and get people the professional help they need."

There were a total of 1,100 backpacks spread throughout Polk Place, which symbolized the 1,100 students who die by suicide every year, more than 300 of which have personal stories, photos and messages attached.

Send Silence Packing was started by Active Minds in 2008 and was first displayed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Now, each year collegiate chapters can

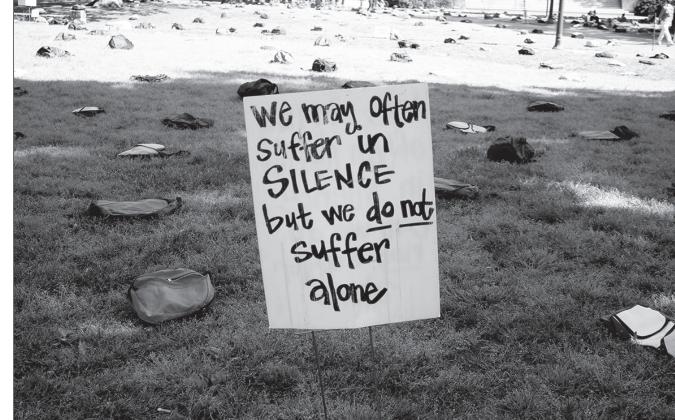
apply to be selected as a host school for the exhibit. After selecting the school, Active Minds provides the backpacks, informational materials and project management.

Pam McKeta, spokesperson for Active Minds, said the exhibit is traditionally placed at a central location on campus. She said the visual display is emotionally powerful and allows passersby to be connected to resources on campus.

"Often movies, TV shows, even current events will give the impression that anyone and everyone with a mental illness is a danger - when this is rarely ever the case," McKeta said.

Active Minds set up tables that had information about resources found on- and offcampus. Some resources were targeted to specific groups including minority groups, student athletes and veterans.

On-campus resources include Counseling and Psychological Counseling Services, The Women's Center and the LGBTQ Center. The Women's Center has programming for survivors of sexual assault, and the LGBTQ Center has a program titled "Trans Talks Tuesdays." both of which are focused on



DTH/ALEX KORMANN Send Silence Packing raised awareness by placing backpacks in Polk Place to represent the 1,100 students who commit suicide a year.

mental health.

"It's so easy for people to think that suicide isn't real and is only something they see on the news, not something that truly affects them," said

Shruti Patel, co-president of Active Minds at Carolina. Send Silence Packing first came to UNC in the fall of 2012. This year, the exhibit came to UNC halfway through its spring 2016 tour. The tour has 12 stops, mainly located in the South. "There needs to be a

change in our community and our language to talk about

mental health the same way we talk about diabetes, cancer or anything else that can be treated," McKeta said. @hot beans morgan

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New Ackland director hopes to paint a connected community

Katie Ziglar will start working as director on July 6.

By Morgan Vickers Senior Writer

In the late '70s, Katie Ziglar interned at the Ackland Art Museum in the prints and drawings department. And on July 6 – nearly four decades later — she will be the director of that same museum.

Ziglar, a UNC Class of 1979 graduate and the current director of external affairs of

the Freer|Sackler Galleries at the Smithsonian Institution, planned on going to law school until she took a class on Islamic art in the second semester of her senior year.

"(The class) launched me on a journey working for four major museums over the past 29 years," she said.

She is assuming the role from Peter Nisbet, who served as the interim director since July 2014 and who served as chief curator since October 2009. Despite multiple requests, Nisbet could not be reached for comment. Ziglar previously



worked at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute and the National Gallery of Art.

At the Freer Sackler Galleries, Ziglar spearheaded a campaign that tripled annual fundraising over five years. Ziglar said fundraising is

one of her areas of expertise, and she plans to create campaigns intended to raise awareness of the museum's resources while bringing in funding.

"First, we're going to be working on raising visibility, public awareness and public participation, and that will naturally bring with it an uptick in the amount of private funding that the Ackland will

be able to attract," Ziglar said. Ziglar has also served on the Morehead-Cain fundraising board for the past three years. She helps raise money for the scholarship and has mentored students

who worked in various Smithsonian museums. Chuck Lovelace, the executive director of the Morehead-Cain Foundation, works directly with Ziglar.

"Katie is full of energy, creativity and enthusiasm," he said. "I know she is really excited about the level of undergraduate involvement at the Ackland thus far and plans to bring those qualities with her.'

Anna Troein, campaign assistant at the Freer Sackler Galleries, has spent nearly a year working on Ziglar's campaigns.

"Her (current) job requires her to interact with different people from different cultures, and she's so good at connecting all of these people with art," Troein said.

Ziglar said she hopes her work in this new position will help the Ackland work more cohesively with the University, and vice versa.

"I am very excited about working to make the Ackland a museum that is really participating in the life of the university and the whole community," Ziglar said. @mmorganpaigee arts@dailytarheel.com



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

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 — For the next month, with the Sun in Taurus, cash flow rises. Collaborative efforts go farther today and tomorrow. Take the shortest route. Postpone travel and shipping. Setbacks are part of the process.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 — Focus on work today and tomorrow. Your self-confidence increases for the next four weeks, with the sun in your sign. You're in your own element. You have the advantage.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Today is a 5 — Rest and relax over the next two days. Take extra time for peaceful contemplation this month, with the sun in Taurus. Finish old business. Get more done behind closed doors.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 — Home improvements have your attention today and tomorrow. It's party time over the next month, with the sun in Taurus. You're especially popular. Invite friends over and share the results of your efforts.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 — You learn especially quickly today and tomorrow. For the next four weeks, with the Sun in Taurus, advance your professional agenda. Career matters move to the front burner.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — The next two days could be profitable. Don't let it slip through your fingers. Travel beckons this month. Expand an exploration. Study your route and options at your destination

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8 — You're getting stronger today and tomorrow. Make financial plans this month, with the Sun in Taurus. Invest for the future. The more organized you get, the more you save. Sort, count and file.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 6 — Relax and enjoy an organizational project today and tomorrow. Close out old files. Clear space for new possibilities. Collaboration is key this month, with Sun in Taurus. Rely on each other for support.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — Enjoy a two-day social phase. Your work suits you for the next month, with the Taurus Sun. It's easier to get the job done. Take extra care of your physical well-being, with your busy schedule.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 — A professional challenge has your focus today and tomorrow. Take advantage of an opportunity. You're lucky in love, romance and games over the next month. Practice your talents. Pursue matters of the heart.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 — Study, research and travel for an answer over the next two days. A home renovation could disrupt your workflow over the next month. with the Sun in Taurus. Improvements begin with a big mess.

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Today is a 5 — To avoid a potential fi-nancial problem, play the game exactly by the book. Tackle detailed chores today or tomorrow. Communications and research thrive over the next month. Write, record and broadcast vour message

News

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Q&A with 2015 Nobel Prize winner Aziz Sancar

UNC biology and biochemistry professor Aziz Sancar, who won the 2015 Nobel Prize in chemistry, grew up in a rural area in southeastern Turkey.

Along with the Harriet Fulbright Institute and the Institute of Technology, Education and Diplomacy, Sancar created the Girls in STEM Project, which will engage 700 girls in STEM education throughout Turkey. The project will reach seven Turkish cities between April 8 and May 21. Staff writer Mashal Aamir asked Sancar about the project.

THE DAILY TAR HEEL: What brought about the idea for starting a project like this?

AZIZ SANCAR: When the announcement was made that I won the Nobel Prize, the Turkish media contacted me and asked for my opinion on all kinds of things. During those interviews I repeatedly mentioned that

we in Turkey need to give

equal opportunities to our girls and that means to emphasize their education, because in rural parts of Turkey many parents do not send their girls to school at all or stop after elementary education, and I always thought this was unfair.

I felt strongly about this and repeated it to the media, so (a) gentleman called Gokhan Coskun contacted me. He works for Harriet Fulbright Institute...

He is CEO of the organization, and after hearing about my statements he contacted me and said since you feel strongly about this and I have similar interests, then if you agree I will use our resources and go to Turkey and educate our girls in STEM.

We specifically wanted to emphasize STEM because it is a fact of life — even at UNC, professors who have degrees in STEM make more money than in humanities. So to be competitive, we should emphasize STEM education

"If we don't educate" our girls, we basically lose 50 percent of our workforce."

Aziz Sancar Co-founder of Girls in STEM

 not that humanities education isn't important, of course it is important.

DTH: How will you be assisting this project given your busy schedule?

AS: I gave a video conference, and I will participate in various press conferences after the initial program is completed, on May the 24th I believe. Right now the plan is to have STEM camps in seven cities for a hundred girls in each city, so 700 in total, and when it is completed then there will be a closing function which I will attend in Turkey.

DTH: Why is this particularly

beneficial in Turkey?

AS: What I said when I commented about our girls' education is that if we don't educate our girls, we basically lose 50 percent of our workforce, and that is what it is. What struck me when I was on sabbatical in Taiwan in 2014 is when I would take the Metro to go to places, I would see that in rush hour the gender divide there was still 50-50 ... you do not see that in Turkey, so it is clear we are not using half of our workforce, and there is no reason not to do this.

There is also a stigma about girls being bad at mathematics - it is fiction. There are frequently studies, and a recent one I read in a major scientific journal showed there is no difference in mathematical capabilities due to gender. But it is fiction that has been maintained which is self-perpetuating: You tell your daughter, or imply it, that you aren't going to be



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Aziz Sancar stands in the home he runs for Turkish students.

good in math, then the stigma continues, and it is not true. My favorite teacher was in the Turkish newspapers yesterday - she was my favorite teacher, who made me love math, and she was female. She was one of the best teachers I ever had. This is just one

example, but there are studies that confirm there is no innate difference between mathematical aptitude between females and males, so this fiction has been perpetuated throughout the ages yet is incorrect.

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Wake County Schools under investigation

The Office for Civil **Rights is looking into** bias discipline rates.

By Hari Chittilla Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights held a meeting with parents of students in Wake County Public Schools last week as part of their investigation of potential discrimination policies within the school district.

Calla Wright, president of Coalition of Concerned Citizens for African-American Children, said she thinks the event was a huge success.

"(The Office for Civil Rights) should see some similarities between what the parents say and what the data savs as well," she said. "We hope that they will bring

some resolutions that benefit the children and offset the number of students that are suspended."

The meetings are part of a larger investigation opened in November 2010 examines issues of possible racial discrimination in the administration of discipline.

Wright said African-American students make up 24 to 26 percent of the school system but comprise 63 percent of the total number of students suspended.

Jim Bradshaw, spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Education, said the opening of an investigation by the OCR itself does not indicate a violation in policies.

"At the conclusion of the investigation of all issues, OCR will determine if the evidence supports a conclusion of noncompliance or if the evidence is insufficient," he said. If the Office for Civil

Rights does find a violation, Bradshaw said, schools and districts can lose federal funding or be referred to the U.S. Department of Justice for further action.

"However, through resolution agreements reached with schools and districts, OCR has been able to attain strong remedies without the need to initiate enforcement actions," he said.

Lisa Luten, spokesperson for Wake County Public Schools, said the school system has seen a decline in disciplinary actions since the investigation was opened.

"The school system has reduced student suspensions by 34 percent in the past five years while emphasizing positive behaviors as part of its discipline programs," she said. "About 90 percent of our African-American students are never suspended during their school careers."

district is cooperating with the Office for Civil Rights investigation and has changed its policies since the investigation began. But Wright said she thinks

there is more work to be done.

"We are just losing too many students because of disciplinary actions and infractions," she said. "We are putting many of the police in charge of handling the discipline of adolescent students. We need principals to handle their issues on very small matters without involving the police."

Wright said suspensions are detrimental to a child's education because it serves as retaliation, not rehabilitation. "Children can't learn when

they're not in school, when their rights to education are being denied," she said.

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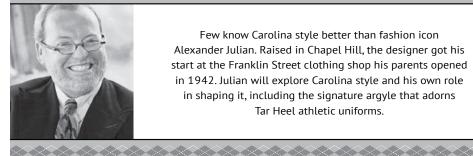
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Asking out your crush Time is running out before LDOC, check out tips to ask out your crush. See Tar Heel Life Hacks.

A summer movie guide

Check out a list of the movies coming to a theater near you this spring and summer. Visit Medium blog.



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Looking back on why I write

t has been a challenge and a privilege writing for you all every other week.

Being a columnist has forced me to sharpen my thinking and writing in a way I never could have imagined. However, I can confidently say I have fulfilled the purpose I designated for myself with each piece I have produced. That purpose was to challenge myself to think critically about events around me and encourage others to do the same.

To do so, I strived to analyze and investigate "hot topics" from a unique angle.

More importantly, however, I strived to write in a way that provided a tangible take away.

1. Regardless of who or what you are, pursue your interests authentically and unapologetically.

2. Holding a title does not permit you or anyone to belittle the trials and tribulations of an individual or community - in public or in private.

3. It is essential that every individual - regardless of race or background — have an understanding of their legal rights.

4. Using stereotypes for comedic effect or attention may have an irreversible, unexpected impact.

Become educat



The balance of conviction and self-doubt

onviction is a beautiful thing. Nothing is more inspiring than being surrounded by individuals and collectives who invest so genuinely in their work. Yet, with our emphasis on conviction, we often are sorely lacking the necessary partner to conviction: self-doubt.

Reality is relative and dynamic. Belying our conviction with a healthy dosage of selfdoubt allows us to move to an understanding of moral relativism where we recognize the shortcomings of any philosophy operating on pure morality. There are no such things as simple rights and wrongs; the world is too complex for that reductive thinking.

It is our duty as critical-thinking advocates to parse out the rights and the wrongs as we move forward in our actions. After we

accept there isn't nor can there ever be a singular right way to comport oneself or approach an issue, it opens up the space to value the different perspectives and experiences we all have. Contrary to the most powerful voices or the loudest ones, a singular progressive

member way of thinking for the most pertinent issues doesn't exist, even for seemingly unilateral topics as free speech and

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The value in emotional intelligence

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hen I started college, my priorities were school, extracurriculars and relationships, in that order. But since, I've realized that my priorities were out of whack. More often than not, it is important to put relationships first.

I have realized that cultivating relationships is an integral part of the grand learning experience that is college. And, of course, relationships in this sense are in no way limited to romantic ones. I mean relationships with friends, family, partners, professors, acquaintances and the people we pass by every day on the way to class. And the more and more we engage in relationships with these people in our lives, the more our emotional intelligence grows.

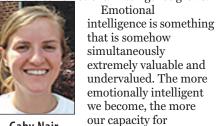
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empathy develops.

Without engaging in

relationships with other

people, how are we to



Gaby Nair Sophomore editorial board member

understand where other people are coming from when they have different opinions? If we shut ourselves off to other people, how can we expect to understand and be understood? This board spends a considerable amount of time evaluating the things that affect this campus, and it is important to note that we do not do so as detached members of this university community. We are engaged in relationships with the people on this campus every day. We are empathetic toward our friends, our peers, our professors and more. In engaging in these relationships, we gain a greater capacity to understand and be understood by the people of this campus. Hopefully, this emotional intelligence comes through in our editorials. And, if we're lucky, it will be recognized and lauded for the special role it plays in our understanding and discussion of this university.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If someone's really having all this trouble, is it really necessary to put them through more stress?"

'Charlotte', on the need to streamline the CAPS referral system

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Let us just hope that UNC will not become a strictly regional Research Triangle Park school pushing technology trends..."

David Proctor McKnight, on the importance of a liberal arts education

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HB2 contains several damaging provisions

TO THE EDITOR:

As faculty, students, and staff at North Carolina's colleges and universities who are committed to public policy that reflects sound data, careful reasoning and equal opportunity for all, we oppose "The Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act" (HB2) because it explicitly denies the rights of transgender people, prohibits local anti-discrimination measures and restricts possibilities for raising the minimum wage. We also believe that HB2 sets a dangerous procedural precedent. Presenting, passing and signing a bill in a single day circumvents the democratic process, which should incorporate public comment, debate and careful deliberation of the bill's constitutionality and implications for the people of North Carolina.

We are especially concerned that the bill has been justified as a measure that will protect women and children from abuse absent any empirical evidence of such a threat. Indeed, none of the many localities that have adopted similar ordinances have had any such problem. Yet, historically, such claims that women and children need protection have legitimized a range of forms of violence either initiated by the government or to which the government has turned a blind eye, including the eugenics movement and lynching. Moreover, actively targeting minorities for discrimination, refusing to prohibit discriminatio and denying remedies for discrimination when it has occurred - all of which this bill does — creates a situation that increases the risks for large segments of the population in the state. The law makes many who already are vulnerable even more vulnerable. By weakening the ability of local governments to raise wages, the bill ignores significant scholarship. Since 70 percent of our economy is comprised of consumer spending, reasonable increases in minimum wages not only empower workers but boost local economies, with little adverse effect on employment. And as recent condemnations of HB2 by businesses across the country show, the bill threatens the state's economic well-being and risks future job creation for North Carolinians. We urge legislators to make good on their promise to serve the public good by repealing the bill before it further damages the state we hold dear.

500 faculty, graduate students, staff, and students representing 20 North Carolina colleges and universities. Please visit dailytarheel.com to see the other names.

Questioning reasons for the Civil War

TO THE EDITOR: The Lincoln mythology, disguised as history, has filled many volumes since the end of the War Between the States. Its sole theme is to say that the purpose of the invasion of the Southern States was to free the slaves.

Woodrow Wilson saw through the political spin: "It was necessary to put the South at a moral disadvantage by transforming the contest from a war waged against states fighting for their independence into a war waged against states fighting for the maintenance and extension of slavery."

If you prefer not to believe Woodrow Wilson, check out Lincoln's own words in his letter to Horace Greeley, dated August 22, 1862.

"My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that. What I do about slavery and the colored race, I do because I believe it helps to save this Union; and what I forbear, I forbear because I do not believe it would help to save the Union."

It doesn't seem to say the war was to end slavery.

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In 1920, H. L. Mencken

"It is poetry, not logic;

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it into the cold words of

everyday. The doctrine

is simply this: that the

Union soldiers who died at

Gettysburg sacrificed their

lives to the cause of self-

determination — that the

government of the people,

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from the earth. It is difficult

to imagine anything more

untrue. The Union soldiers

in the battle actually fought

against self-determination:

it was the Confederates who

fought for the right of their

people to govern themselves.

The Confederates went into

battle free; they came out

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to the supervision and veto

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in the penitentiary."

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sense, than so many convicts

Kearney Smith

Green Mountain

by the people, for the

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each candidate before voting (whether for an organization, state office or Presidential race) as opposed to selecting a candidate based on arbitrary factors

6. Think about the privileges you possess, the platforms you can access and the purpose with which you navigate both.

7. Although it may be difficult, when engaging in conversations about public figures, it is necessary to differentiate the art from the artist.

8. The celebration and exploration of underrepresented populations should not be single-faceted or limited to one month.

9. Before you say (or type) something, ask yourself: Is it nice? Is it true? Is it necessary?

10. There is value in looking back and examining the past, which can benefit not only an individual but also those around them.

11. You pick and choose your battles in addition to selecting your weapon--and there is no right or wrong answer.

12. It is important to think of EVERY member of a group or team, not just the starters and the well-known names.

Intentionality is incredibly important to me, so I wrote each of my pieces with these ends in mind.

To me, it is important that I say these things now because you may not have heard them before, and there is a chance my message may have been lost in examples, references or aggressive comments.

If you don't agree, I hope that you at least consider what I have said and hopefully have a conversation with someone about the columns' topics.

Even if you don't, you reading has accomplished the goal I've had all along.

Regardless, thank you for reading, commenting and supporting The Daily Tar Heel. We wouldn't be who we are without you.



Just a Crying Arab Mejs Hasan reflects on living as a Muslim in N.C. in peace.

cultural appropriation.

If we assume we always occupy the "right answer," then we shut down opposing perspectives and open discourse. It can also cloud one's judgment and stifle the necessary internal critique essential for constant self-growth.

Self-doubt also engenders a culture of humility and genuine acceptance for different perspectives. If we're truly striving for a world where everyone's agency and ability to self-express are uninhibited by oppressive forces nor one another, then we must invest in the notion and beauty of a multiplicity of perspectives. Our reality is defined by relativism, whereas our humanity often by its absolutism. Much of our existences' tensions stems from this dissonance, and only with a heightened emphasis on self-doubt can we foster more contextual understandings.

ADVICE COLUMN You Asked for It

In which we warm up our vocal cords and evade taxes

Drew Goins (Drexit) and Kelsey Weekman (Kegs-Hit) are the writers of UNC's premier (only!) satirical advice column. Results may vary

You: How do I prepare for my oral presentation at the end of the semester?

You Asked for It: Have a friend time you and forget to give vou a two-minute warning, because your professor will 10-out-of-10 do this. Should you be under time, pause to ask for questions after every sentence.

Create abbreviations for all your words. If the whole of the European Union is allowed to talk about the Brexit, you can truncate "topographic position index" to "TOPO."

Do the presentation without notecards. Stare without blinking at your speech for the three hours leading up to class so that it does that thing where it imprints on your eyes and you can see it wherever you look. Finally, incorporate tongue-



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twisters into your everyday life to practice your enunciation. Head down Franklin Street to stop by Sunrise for a hearty breakfast of a box of biscuits, a box of mixed biscuits and a biscuit mixer. Visit Julian's for pre-shrunk silk shirts, preshrunk silk shirts, pre-shrunk silk shirts. Good luck finding a sick sheikh with six sick sheep.

You: How do I do my taxes?

YAFI: Tax Day was yesterday, and we all know from Uncle Rico in "Napoleon Dynamite" that time travel isn't possible.

Know that it's not your fault. They don't teach you this stuff in college - not even in Economics 101 and it's hard to get attention from those professors unless you're streaking.

Take your tax forms to a CPA before sending them to the IRS. Everything with an acronym is owned by the government, so you can also file taxes at the BAU or NASA.

If you're running late, mail your taxes from a strange location like Coachella or the Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum. That way, you can blame your tardiness on the postal service. Kick them while they're down — that's the prime location for kicking!

If you forgot about paying taxes entirely, just declare your dorm room a sovereign nation. Throw Lenoir cookies into the Pit to protest taxation without representation.

Ask your parents for help. If they are sick of your lollygagging, just ask anyone over 5'7" wearing a blazer. They have it together.

Stephanie Baker White Elon University

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