

## Football team under investigation

**Anonymous sources told Yahoo News the team hazed a freshman.**

By Amanda Albright  
Senior Writer

The University is investigating allegations of hazing among UNC football players. Yahoo News reported Tuesday a group of North Carolina football players allegedly hazed and assaulted wide-receiver Jackson Boyer earlier in August. The University is aware of an incident involving members of the team, said team spokesman Kevin Best in a statement.

He did not describe the allegations as hazing and did not elaborate on which players were involved. “We take this allegation seriously, and the university is conducting a thorough review,” Best said in the statement. Several members of the team engaged in a hazing, and eventually a group assaulted Boyer, which left him concussed, according to the Yahoo report. The report stated several sources confirmed this incident and described it as hazing. News reports said the incident happened in the first week of August during training camp at Aloft Hotel in Chapel Hill. The team often stays in a hotel during training and before

home games to prevent distractions. Boyer, a redshirt freshman and a walk-on from Chapel Hill, did not respond to a phone call and Facebook message for comment. His parents also did not respond to requests for comment. Chapel Hill Police Lt. Donnie Rhoads said there have been no criminal reports at Aloft Chapel Hill this month. He also said he hadn’t heard of a police investigation into football team hazing. Under North Carolina law, hazing is illegal. The law defines hazing as subjecting “another student to physical injury as part of an initiation, or as a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society,

athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or other similar group.” A receptionist at the Aloft Chapel Hill, where the team stayed during training camp, said he had only heard of the incident through the media. He said he could not find any reports of an assault at the hotel and declined to comment further on the incident. Karen Moon, a spokeswoman for the University, deferred all comment to the athletic department’s communications office. *Senior writers Grace Raynor and Bradley Saacks contributed reporting.* [sports@dailytarheel.com](mailto:sports@dailytarheel.com)

## Community fears losing HOPE

**Chapel Hill looks at selling Homestead Road property**

By Sofia Leiva  
Staff Writer

Plots rich with organically grown vegetables scatter the lot on 2200 Homestead Road. Every Saturday morning, members of HOPE Gardens and other volunteers gather to get dirty, tend the garden and foster a community environment. This could all end if that lot is sold by the town. A group of local real estate professionals and Chapel Hill town staff are working together to review multiple disposable properties around town to see if they could be used for other purposes. Six properties, including the HOPE Gardens site, were chosen for review. “There was an old building that is dilapidated and in disrepair on that property that the town has identified, and a number of other properties that we could dispose off and use for other purposes,” said Jason Damweber, assistant to the town manager. Established in 2009, HOPE Gardens is a student-run community garden focused on using sustainable agriculture to provide food for

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HOPE Gardens uses organic methods in agriculture to grow produce in vegetable plots and herb gardens. The land is owned by the town of Chapel Hill, and the produce is for members of the community, including homeless and low-income people.

## Carolina United’s dialogue examines Ferguson situation

**The dialogue dealt with the issues of race and police force.**

By Kristen Chung  
Staff Writer

Despite the national uproar surrounding recent events in Ferguson, Mo., a dialogue on the topic Tuesday struck a reflective tone. Carolina United hosted “A Community Dialogue on Race and Police Accountability” on Tuesday in the Student Union. More than 150 students attended the event. Carolina United, a five-day, four-night program held before the first week of classes, brings together 90 rising sophomores, juniors and seniors to discuss topics about diversity and leadership. Tuesday’s dialogue on race and police accountability was the first large-scale event Carolina United has ever hosted. The discussion was planned in response to the Aug. 9 death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson. The unarmed teenager was shot by police and has sparked a national conversation about race and police force. “When we came back to campus, we found it was affecting people in a really large way,” said Reena Gupta, a Carolina United director. The event was supported by the UNC Black Student Movement, Students for Justice in Palestine and the Carolina Hispanic Association, among others. The events in Ferguson have already spurred action on campus. BSM held a “Don’t Shoot” event in the Pit. Trey Mangum, BSM president, said he supports discussion of issues regarding the treatment of minorities. “I hope students attending will begin to see this issue as not a single issue and see that it’s part of a larger problem in society



DTH/ZACH ALDRIDGE

Members of UNC student organizations met in the Student Union on Tuesday to discuss the shooting of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Mo., and other issues related to the use of police force. that needs to be fixed and solved,” he said. The event included partnered, small group and large group discussions of identity, race and the events in Ferguson. Gupta said the dialogue reflected Carolina United’s mission to create a safe space of tolerance where students feel safe enough to express their viewpoints and be vulnerable. Ten representatives from community organizations volunteered to facilitate the small group discussions. “Oftentimes, having such a discussion allows students to decompose in a positive way and see other perspectives,” said DeVetta Holman Nash, assistant director for Student Wellness. A number of students found the discussion thought-provoking, including senior global studies major Nicole Fauster. “I got a lot out of it because it gave me the opportunity to sit down with people on campus that I don’t know or seemingly have a connection to and discuss really, really pressing issues,” Fauster said. The event ended with a moment of silence for Michael Brown.

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## Professor Liu’s autopsy was released

**An autopsy revealed the professor died from blunt force head trauma.**

By Jenny Surane  
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A string of crimes landed the two men charged with killing a UNC professor this summer in and out of a jail cell in the past five years. Professor Feng Liu, a distinguished professor at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, was found badly beaten and robbed on West University Drive. Liu later died at UNC Hospitals from blunt force head trauma, according to an autopsy report released Tuesday from the North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Police have arrested and charged Durham resident Derick Davis II, 23, and Chapel Hill resident Troy Arrington Jr., 27, with first degree murder and felony counts of robbery. District Attorney Jim Woodall said he can’t disclose whether he plans to pursue the death penalty in the case. In the five years leading up to October 2013, Davis spent 30 months in prison for a string of crimes including breaking and entering properties, assaulting a female and larceny of motor vehicles. In the four years leading up to November 2013, Arrington spent 27 months in



**Feng Liu**, who died in July, was a distinguished professor at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

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Well, that’s an odd dream...

From staff and wire reports

You know those caricatures that you get done at the beach after you’re sufficiently burnt and you have sand in every part of your body? Well, one 30-year-old British woman decided that instead of promptly trashing the portrait when she got home, as any normal person would, she would instead spend more than \$200,000 on plastic surgery to resemble it. “When I saw the picture for the first time, I was jealous of it,” she said. “The cartoon woman was glamorous – she was everything I wanted to be.” The transformation even involved reshaping her nipples into hearts. It’s hard to even make a joke with the mix of pity and confusion we feel for this woman. But, we can say she would have made a great addition to Nicki’s “Anaconda” video.

**NOTED.** It has just been confirmed that Arby’s has a secret menu item called the Meat Mountain. It includes chicken tenders, ham, roast beef, brisket, three kinds of cheese and enough sauce to sink a battleship. It was also reported that the sandwich will race through your body and leave you glued to the toilet for five hours.

**QUOTED.** “I fought head on with it for almost half an hour. Then I came to know it was dead.”

Kamla Devi, a 54-year-old Indian woman who fought a leopard for 30 minutes with only farm tools while she was collecting water. Move aside Queen Bey, we’ve found a new matriarch.

ACCA-AUDITION



DTH/ZACH ALDRIDGE

Sophomore Cadence member MacKensie Kvalvik practices harmonizing to show potential new members a model audition.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

**Art for Lunch (Event):** Community members are invited to enjoy a free lecture titled “Re-Imagining the Natural World,” which explores human interaction with the natural world in the literary, visual and performing arts, as researched by undergraduates. Boxed lunches will be available for \$9.  
**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Ackland Art Museum

**The Daily Tar Heel information session (Event):** Prospective staffers are invited to The Daily Tar Heel newsroom for an information session about working for the paper. Editors will be available to answer questions about the hiring process and the job description. Applications for all desks are due Friday at 4 p.m. Applicants must be UNC students.  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 151 E. Rosemary St.

**Comedy Lottery (Event):** Comedy Lottery is a luck-of-the-draw open mic night produced by DSI. The audience is in for a laugh as some of the best comics in the Triangle wait to perform. Tickets are \$6.  
**Time:** 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Location:** DSI Comedy Theater

FRIDAY

**Author Reading (Event):** David Connerley Nahm will read from

his new novel, “Ancient Oceans of Central Kentucky,” which is about small-town life in Kentucky. A Kentucky native, Nahm now lives in Virginia where he practices law and teaches. This is his first novel.  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Bull’s Head Bookshop

**Marvin Saltzman, emeritus Chairman of Studio Art (Lecture):** The lecture will be offered in conjunction with the “Marvin Saltzman: Works from 1948” exhibit. Saltzman has drawn site-specific works from nature since 1968. At the age of 83, he still paints daily.  
**Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Hanes Art Center

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POLICE LOG

• Someone drove while impaired on Wesy Rosemary Street and Church Street at 1:08 a.m. on Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The driver made an unsafe turn and almost collided into another vehicle, reports state.

• Someone had a loud party at 510 Church St. at 1:20 a.m. on Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone attempted to open the door of a residence at 2701 Homestead Road at 12:18 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone vandalized and willfully damaged property at 109 Weatherstone Drive between 5 a.m and 9:56 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person poured sugar into the gas tank of a 1999 Chrysler Town and Country, causing \$600 in damages to the engine, reports state.

• Someone stole a bicycle from the front porch of a residence at 119 S. Graham St. between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The stolen Schwinn bicycle was valued at \$200, reports state.

• Someone committed an alcohol violation on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at Perkins Drive at 9:27 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person had an open container of spirituous liquor, reports state.

• Someone reported people having a verbal argument at 130 S. Estes Drive at 2:29 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported that a bicycle was stolen from outside Saunders Hall at 3:42 p.m. Tuesday, according to reports from the UNC Department of Public Safety.

• Someone committed larceny from the Frank Porter Graham Student Union at 10:50 a.m. Monday, according to reports from the UNC Department of Public Safety.

• Someone complained of loud noise between neighbors at 130 S. Estes Drive at 5:22 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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*Under the About menu*



# Smith Center renovations postponed

The plans for the Smith Center were halted because of costs.

By Sara Salinas  
Senior Writer

After months of discussions surrounding renovations to the Smith Center, UNC fans' dream for a new-or-improved arena have been put on hold. "Just with the ongoing (NCAA) issues...there's just a lot of flux right now," said Steve Kirschner, a spokesman for the athletic department. "We just thought it best to kind of pull back and let some of those things sift and sort out before we do anything major."

The costs associated with new NCAA regulations regarding image licensing and paying for athletes' meals could be significant, Kirschner said.

"There's just a number of changes that the NCAA is involved in that could have a major financial impact on college athletics going forward," he said. "And I think schools are just being kind of prudent to, sort of, let that all sort out."

Preliminary discussions about the renovations included adding luxury seating and upgrading the student section.

Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham said in December that students often ask for more student seating closer to the court.

"It would have been nice to have more student seating," said sophomore Adam Patton, who feels it takes away from the atmosphere to have donors and alumni near the court instead of students.

"If you go to other schools, it's just a bunch of students getting pumped up."

Junior Sachin Mishra said he thought additional student seating would also benefit the players.

"These are student-athletes, and I think they would want more of their fellow students out their supporting," he said.

Since December, UNC had begun working with 360 Architecture, whose portfolio boasts stadiums and arenas for both professional and collegiate teams around the world.

Neither Kirschner nor 360 Architecture could comment on how far into the planning stages the renovations had progressed before being put on hold. There is also no timeline for revisiting the renovations, Kirschner said. The University has to see how the NCAA decisions play out on a national level.

Kirschner said the University is still trying to determine what the best course of action is for the Smith Center — to renovate or to build anew.

"I mean I feel like the Dean Dome is fine though," said junior Laura Gamo. "UNC should finish its current construction projects — i.e. the main quad — before it moves onto new projects."

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# NC voters will decide on right to jury trial

The proposed constitutional amendment will be on the ballot.

By Benji Schwartz  
Staff Writer

North Carolina voters will have the chance to add an amendment to the state's constitution during the November election.

The proposed amendment would allow people charged with a felony to waive their right to a trial by jury in favor of a bench trial, in which a judge would decide guilt or innocence.

The proposal will appear as a question on this fall's ballot. If a majority of North Carolina voters approve the measure, the state will be the last state in the U.S. to allow criminal defendants the choice.

Jeffrey Welty, a professor in UNC's School of Government, released a report on the amendment earlier this month that he co-wrote with Komal K. Patel, a law student at the University of Virginia.

The report was designed as a guide to understanding key aspects of the amendment. Welty said he hadn't heard of the amendment until recently.

"And I thought that if I hadn't heard of the amendment ... there were probably a bunch of people in the same boat," he said.

Because few people have taken a strong position on the issue, Welty said, it has not gained much attention among the public.

In a Daily Tar Heel survey distributed via Facebook that garnered 33 responses from UNC students, two students said they had heard of the amendment and were aware they were voting on it in November.

The proposal passed the N.C. General Assembly nearly unanimously during the recently concluded short session, with one lawmaker, Rep. Michael Speciale, R-Beaufort, in opposition.

In an April statement on his website, Speciale said he opposes the amendment because it could be abused by the court to convict defendants with little knowledge of the legal process — and in some cases, it would eliminate the right for juries to propose abolishing laws.

In his report, Welty agreed that defendants could be pressured to waive their right to a jury.

He added that lawyers could start "judge shopping," or trying to get a judge who usually rules favorably for the defendant to oversee a case.

Still, the amendment could eliminate costs and time involved with jury selection, Welty wrote.

Welty said the N.C. Supreme Court ruled on several occasions that the right to a choice between a judge and a jury is unconstitutional.

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# ATHLETES AS ARTISTS



Katie Ford, Swimming

It takes focus and dedication to be a great swimmer, and Katie Ford said drawing demands a similar skill set.

Ford is one of the newest sprint free-stylers for the UNC women's swimming and diving teams. As a new student-athlete on campus, the freshman unwinds after hours of class and practice with her passion for drawing.

The Pennsylvania native said she's used to long hours of practice at the pool. Spending up to 20 hours a week with UNC's team and juggling classes for her business major, Ford finds comfort and relaxation in drawing with her favorite Prismacolor colored pencils.

Ford said her interest in art grew during high school, where she excelled in AP Art classes and her passion might lead her to the new studio art minor that was recently introduced in the Art Department. The five-course minor is enticing for students looking for a creative outlet — including Ford.

"I think that my ability to sit down and work hard on art is also similar to how I work hard in the pool," she said.

Ford called herself a perfectionist and admitted that her attention to detail requires a lot of time to bring her visions to the page.

"I like seeing the finished product and seeing people's reaction to it," she said.



Benton Moss, Baseball

Senior Benton Moss started playing baseball at 5 years old. Not long after that, he started playing the piano, at 7 years old.

Moss has served as a starting pitcher for UNC's baseball team since his freshman year, and he said he hopes to one day record his own music.

As a Morehead-Cain Scholar double majoring in business administration and economics, Moss keeps himself busy on and off the field.

But music provides an escape from the hectic life as a student-athlete.

In his early teenage years, Moss began to play the acoustic guitar.

From acoustic sets of Justin Timberlake's "Rock Your Body" to James Taylor's "Carolina In My Mind," Moss said he enjoys covering a variety of musical styles.

More recently, Moss performed at the 2013 Rammys — the end of the year UNC athletic department awards show.

Moss said that whether on the pitcher's mound, in the classroom or in a studio, he keeps one mantra in mind for his work.

"I think that with all things, practice is the key," he said.

"It's all about starting slow and working through something — whether it's math, music or baseball — it's all about practicing methodically and getting quality results."



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Jake Matthai, Men's lacrosse

As a student-athlete who balances a full course load with long practices on the lacrosse field, junior Jake Matthai also finds an escape in visual arts — primarily in painting.

Matthai said his interest in visual arts was sparked during grade school and continued throughout his high school career.

At UNC, he continues to pursue art as a communication studies and studio art double major, which exposes him to styles of media art, drawing, painting and 3D art in the various courses he's required to take.

Matthai said he has learned time management skills from playing lacrosse and practicing painting.

While lacrosse is about discipline and holding yourself accountable for being on time, Matthai said art is about taking your time and not rushing the creative process.

"Art helps me slow down and look at the world from a different perspective," he said.

Matthai said while some days are busier than others, his passion for painting and drawing has made it easier to manage time between his passions and his schoolwork.

"I am constantly being pushed to try new things on the lacrosse field and in the art room," he said.

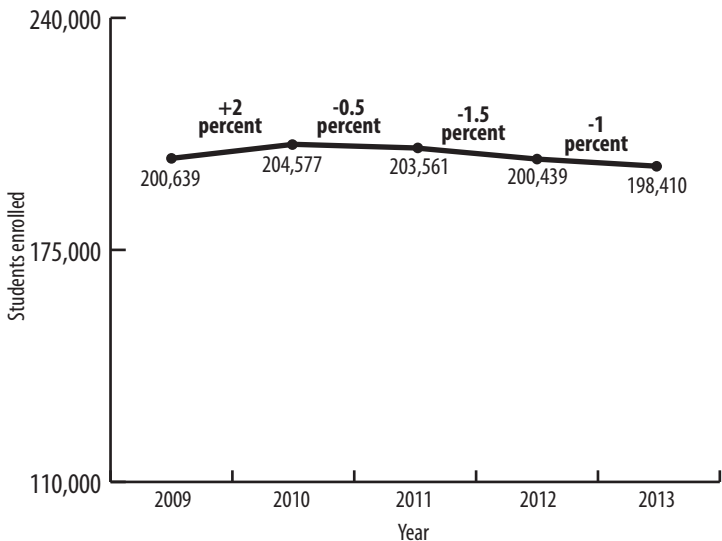
"But there is always more to learn in both lacrosse and art."

— Compiled by staff writer Margaret Gilmore

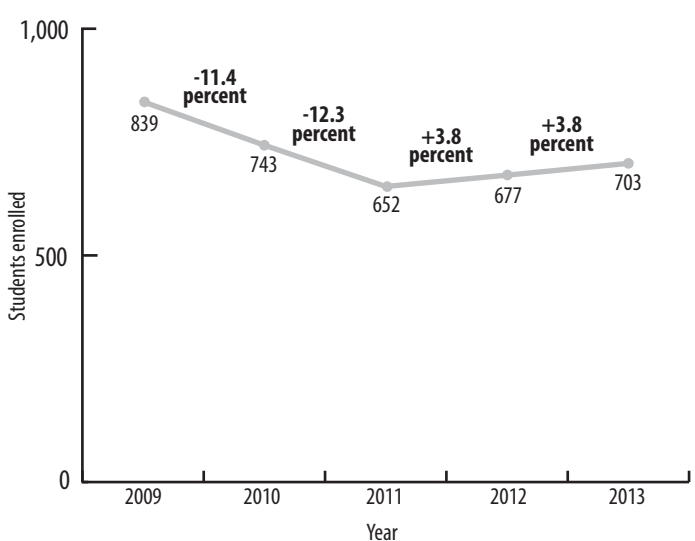
# UNC J-school confronts evolving field

## Back to journalism school: Enrollment at UNC and across the country, 2009-2013

As national journalism school enrollment numbers have declined, the number of journalism students at UNC has increased.



National journalism school enrollment  
SOURCE: JAMES M. COX JR., CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MASS COMMUNICATION TRAINING AND RESEARCH



Journalism school fall enrollment at UNC  
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## UNC's journalism enrollment is up despite a nationwide decline.

By Liz Bell  
Staff Writer

The proposed name change for the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication is one example of the ways in which the journalism industry and its schools are rapidly evolving.

Pending University approval, the school will become the School of Media and Journalism.

The 2013-14 academic year marked the third consecutive year in which enrollments in nationwide journalism schools declined, according to the University of Georgia's Annual Survey of Journalism & Mass Communication Enrollments.

But at UNC, the journalism school has grown in enrollment in the past two years.

Chris Roush, business journalism professor and senior associate dean for undergraduate studies, said the journalism school is having trouble making enough room for students interested in a journalism major.

"That's just not what we're experiencing here," Roush said of the study. "I don't know what's going on at other schools, but here, we're struggling to find spots for everybody."

Roush said there is a stigma around the term "journalism" because of the fall of print journalism. But he said the school offers more than traditional journalism.

"We've explained that there's a lot of other different things here in the school we can do," he said. "It's a situation where students can have a degree in journalism when they leave here and do just about anything."

He said the importance of journalism and the way it is practiced has not changed. What has changed is the way it's being delivered.

"We're just seeing the jobs are going into other places than just newspapers," he said.

"I think all you have to do is look what's happening in Ferguson, Mo., to see how important journalism is to society."

Another UGA study on graduates from the nation's journalism schools said bachelor's degree recipients reported the same number of job offers, level of employment and level of success in finding work as they did the previous year.

Jay Eubank, director of career services at the journalism school, said one reason for UNC's steady enrollment is the public relations and advertising concentrations, which make up 60 percent of the journalism school.

As for traditional journalism, Eubank said he does not see the job market turning around. He said it is important for students

interested in journalism careers to keep a broad view of how to use a reporting skill set in other ways.

"Journalism is an industry that's just crying out for innovation," Eubank said. "The hardest part is figuring out ways that you can jump on board and find companies that will pay you a salary to work on that kind of innovative project."

Meghan Lyons, who graduated from the UNC business journalism program in 2013 and now works for Google, is a student who figured that out.

Lyons works to integrate Google products, such as YouTube and Google Hangout, into the online strategies of athletes.

She said the business journalism program helped her transition into the working world smoothly.

"It has all these different paths and allows you to be creative and sort of go down different roads," she said.

The leader of the UGA studies, Lee Becker, said thinking of journalism differently is part of the readjustment of the field.

"I think if you ask most young people if journalism is growing they would associate journalism with newspapers and say it's a dying field," she said.

"To an extent, the term journalism is dragging us down."

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# inBRIEF

## CITY BRIEFS Fire at West End Commons displaces residents

Residents of four apartments were displaced by a fire at West End Commons condominiums in Carrboro Monday.

Captain Eddie Renegar of the Carrboro Fire Department said

the fire was mostly contained in one bedroom of a two-bedroom apartment, but it spread some into the hallway.

However, all residents of the four apartments in the building, which is located at 101 Sue Ann Court, were displaced by the fire, Renegar said.

He said the department esti-

mates damages to the building at \$60,000.

Though the department does not yet know the exact cause of the fire, it does not suspect foul play.

"At this point in the investigation we believe the cause of the fire to be accidental," Renegar said.

The Red Cross helped the family in the apartment where the fire started find alternative housing.

The property management team at West End Commons is helping the residents in the other three apartments find housing.

— staff reports



### HOPE GARDENS

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low-income and homeless people. They also host education programs, potlucks and cooking classes, and manage a Sponsor-Plot Program for community members to rent a plot of land to grow produce.

“Part of our mission statement as an organization is providing a community space,” said Emily Auerbach, senior adviser for HOPE Gardens and a senior at UNC. “Obviously a physical space is a big part of that mission.”

The 14-acre property includes the former Sport Art Gymnastics building, a gravel parking lot and a large lake.

With permission from the Parks and Recreation Department, the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Active Living by Design Partnership Advisory Committee, HOPE cultivat-

ed a community garden to foster relationships among community members.

But despite the vegetable plots, herb garden, beehives and nature trails HOPE volunteers have built on the lot — the property doesn’t belong to them.

“We do not own the land, we have no right to the land,” Auerbach said. “We are simply there by their good graces.”

If the lot is sold, HOPE will have to start from scratch and move to a new location.

“If the land gets sold, we are going to work with Parks and Recreation to find a new location,” Auerbach said. “In the meantime we will continue to provide services.”

In the property evaluation report for the lot, the town listed possible uses of the property, including redeveloping it as a multi-family residential townhouse facility.

“It will ultimately be the council’s decision whether or not to sell the property,” Damweber said.

But there is still hope that the property will not be sold.

“It was on the second list that we studied, so it is not up for sale,” said Ed Harrison, a council liaison for the Chapel Hill Active Living by Design Partnership Advisory Committee.

“It’s on a list to look up consideration for selling.”

Jeanette Bench, a Chapel Hill resident whose family has worked with HOPE since 2010, said she believes the organization is an asset to the community.

“We’ve gotten to know the students and some of the work that they do and its very inspiring,” Bench said.

“The town needs to hear from the citizens and the students, that will get their attention. They need to know that people care. They need to

do the right thing.”

Auerbach said the greatest way students can help HOPE is by showing support.

“If you want to help us so that the land does not get sold, come out to town council meetings,” said Auerbach.

On Sept. 8, HOPE participants and community members will wear green and attend the 7 p.m. Town Council meeting.

HOPE Gardens is also hosting an interest meeting for students in the Campus Y’s Anne Queen Lounge Monday at 8 p.m.

Auerbach said students and community members should also write letters to the mayor or the council members.

“We are more than just a community garden, and we want to make sure that all of them are fully informed before they make these types of decisions.”

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### FENG LIU

FROM PAGE 1

North Carolina correctional facilities for crimes including obtaining property by false pretenses and possessing a firearm as a convicted felon.

Woodall said the two men will appear in court again on Sept. 17.

Liu was taking his normal daily walk when he was found by neighbors in Chapel Hill’s Westwood neighborhood.

The University released the Rave Guardian Campus Safety mobile application Tuesday to improve students’ safety while they’re exploring Chapel Hill.

“With the start of a new academic year, we want to reinforce the importance of safety and well-being for everyone in the Carolina community,” Chief Jeff McCracken, the director of the Department of Public Safety, said in a statement. “To help you remain safe, on and off campus, the

University is providing an app that turns your cellphone into a personal safety device.”

The mobile application allows students to set a timer to check in and out when exploring unfamiliar places. The application can alert the Department of Public Safety if the timer isn’t turned off in a certain amount of time.

“There’s always the risk of danger even in comparatively safe communities like Chapel Hill, and recent unfortunate events near campus have illustrated that,” said senior Claire McLaughlin. “It’s great that Student Affairs and the Department of Public Safety recognize that they need to take additional steps to help students feel more secure in the wake of what happened to Feng Liu over the summer.”

Senior writer Carolyn Ebeling contributed reporting.

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Horoscopes

If August 27th is Your Birthday...

Grow your personal power this year. Support partnerships and friendships with compassion, practical efforts, and by playing more together. Success comes from discipline with communications. Faithfully contribute to your rainy day savings, and expect financial and networking changes around October eclipses. After 12/23, focus on home and family. Springtime brings profitable new opportunities for collaboration. Explore what you love.

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 9 -- Get estimates or bids before signing on. It's not a good time for travel or romance. Things may not go as planned. Share the load today and tomorrow, but hold onto the responsibility.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 -- There's plenty of work over the next two days. Finish a task you and your partner have been putting off. Avoid arguments about money. Don't gamble now. Sexual magnetism could set off sparks.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 6 -- Be gracious to a troll. You'll soon have time to relax. Today and tomorrow favor fun and games over seriousness. Beware hassles. Friends feed you energy. Enjoy loving creature comforts with family.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 -- Listen to objections before just plowing ahead. Hold your temper and proceed with caution. It's time to clean up a mess. Open a new account or procedure. Home's the best place for you tonight.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Someone has valid considerations and suggestions. Listening can be the most powerful than speaking. Get all the facts. Study new developments. The action is behind the scenes. Expensive gifts are unnecessary. Share something you made.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Finances take top priority. You can bring more into your coffers for the next two days. A brilliant idea pays off. Consider all options. Make your own choices, after hearing from the team.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Conditions seem unsettled, so be careful. Today and tomorrow you're more assertive. Haste makes waste. Discuss domestic issues in private. Take it slow, and mull it over. Avoid distractions. Watch where you step.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 -- Make more time for contemplation today and tomorrow. Slow down and think about where you're going. Postpone an outing. Watch expenses, and budget to save. It pays to advertise... strategize to minimize cost.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 -- Circumstances dictate your actions for the next two days. Choose from your heart. Let an expert speak for you in a controversy or confrontation. Higher-ups are talking about you. Associates applaud.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 8 -- Career matters demand your attention today and tomorrow. Hold off on a new idea for now. Talk it over first. There are hurdles ahead. You can make a shrewd deal. Choose your timing well.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 -- Writing is possible now. Today and tomorrow are good for exploration, research and discovery. Listen to someone who's been where you're going. You can find ways around roadblocks and traffic jams. Check references.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 -- It's a good time for a significant conversation about money. Focus on financial strategies. New rules apply. Don't take risks. Keep track of earnings. Discuss changes. You can work it out.

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# Ackland shares its art during lunch

The museum uses seminars to help its art resonate.

By Everett Handy  
Staff Writer

Bagged lunches and art analysis will bring together students and community members today at the Ackland Art Museum.

Created 10 years ago under the name Lunch with One, the museum's Art for Lunch program was made to showcase local professors' perspectives on particular installations at the museum.

UNC comparative literature professor Janice Koelb will continue the tradition of scholastic art discussion today with her lecture, "Re-Imagining the Natural World," in the museum's study gallery.

The topics of Koelb's comparative literature course with same name will be the subject of the seminar. The class studies Western art of landscapes at the Ackland and focuses heavily on mentored research of the pieces. Koelb said coming to this event is a great way for people to see how much

students are learning from these exhibits and hopes to inspire students to take arts courses.

"This is actually the second time this course has been offered and students seemed to really like it the first time," Koelb said.

"The academic programs board for Ackland has asked me to give a talk about the course, teach the audience some things and then take everyone up to the study gallery to look at the pieces which my students will study this semester and which will be on display."

Ackland Public Programs Manager Allison Portnow and Director of Academic Programs Carolyn Allmendinger aim to bring knowledgeable professors, such as Koelb, from a range of departments to speak about the art. But Portnow said this event is for more than just UNC students.

"It is open to everyone," she said. "We expect that most of the people that can attend come from campus, but we also have some of our own Ackland staff come to these events because it's great to have an insightful professor teaching

us about the art we walk past every day, but many community members come as well."

Allmendinger said she likes the program because it always gives audience members a new perspective on the art.

"You can always be sure attending this program that you'll learn something different," Allmendinger said.

"In an art museum, people are accustomed to getting the curator's point of view. This program, however, is wonderful because it takes some of those same works of art and produces a faculty perspective, allowing for us to see it in a different way."

Portnow and Allmendinger agreed that the Art for Lunch tradition is one of the many ways the Ackland works to not only share art with the University, but also to expand the community's understanding and appreciation of local pieces.

"Finding different ways to think and learn about things is a very important part of scholarship in a university," Allmendinger said. "And one that we keep alive with our programs at the Ackland."

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## FROM THE BLOGS



By Sarah Brown  
State & National Editor

President Barack Obama entered and departed Charlotte on Tuesday in the blink of an eye — but his 35-minute speech at the American Legion National Convention is facing scrutiny by politicians, veterans and voters alike.

Obama's address to an audience of veterans was meant to illustrate his handling of a scandal in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which unearthed nationwide evidence of backlogged disability claims and health care delays. It has exploded into a national fire of political headaches for Obama and the Democratic Party.

In a hot-button election season, public statements made by Obama about veterans' health care are being watched carefully by Republicans eager to wrestle control of the U.S. Senate from Democratic hands. Obama is also facing concerns from politicians within his own party, like Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., who said last week that the president hadn't done enough to address the scandal.

Obama's Charlotte visit was no campaign rally. There were no chants, no gospel songs, no cries of "Yes, we

can!" Applause rang out among the veterans in the crowd, though the support was subdued, almost polite.

In this speech, Obama needed to ditch campaign rhetoric for specific VA solutions. For the first 15 minutes of the 35-minute speech, he didn't mention the agency at all, other than introducing new VA Secretary Robert McDonald.

Obama languished on economy and jobs talk, touting his administration's handling of the nation's recovery. He also threw in education statistics — he said the U.S. has reached its highest high school graduation rate ever and added that more Americans are earning college degrees than ever before.

The specifics of Obama's new initiatives to address veteran care were hammered out in the latter half of the speech. Obama broke down four key aspects of his plan to reform the VA: increasing VA funding in 2015, expanding suicide prevention training, attacking the claims backlog and ending veteran homelessness.

"What we've come to learn is that the misconduct we've seen at too many facilities — with long wait times, and veterans denied care, and folks cooking the books — is outrageous and inexcusable," Obama said.

Veterans were waiting an

average of 115 days to receive medical care, according to an Office of Inspector General review in May. Obama said about a quarter million veterans nationwide who were on wait lists have now been seen in VA clinics.

He added that the claims backlog has been cut by more than 50 percent. Moving the VA's claims process from paper to an entirely electronic system will help eliminate "bureaucratic red tape" in the future. He said to the veterans, "so that you're getting the benefits that you've earned a little bit faster."

Obama also voiced a commitment to improving mental health counseling and support on military bases and in VA centers.

"They were there for America," he said. "We now need to be there for them."

Obama made concrete points about his overarching plan to remedy veterans health care. But it will likely take months before the success of Obama's initiatives can be properly evaluated, and the President seemed to acknowledge the long road ahead for VA reform in his speech.

"We are very clear-eyed about the problems that are still there," he said.

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# Carrboro Recreation and Parks wants youth

By Morgan Swift  
Staff Writer

Carrboro is seeking feedback from its residents to better cater to their recreation needs.

Monday, the Recreation and Parks Department will launch the Live Here, Play Here, Share Your Thoughts survey so residents can give input.

"We want to know whether we are doing things right," said Anita Jones-McNair, the Recreation and Parks Department director.

Jones-McNair said the survey will ask community members how often they attend programs, which ones they like best and in what areas the department can make improvements.

The survey will be open for three weeks until Sept. 19, according to the press release.

The online survey will be available in English and Spanish on the town's website, Facebook page and Twitter page. The survey will also offer a youth version for those under the age of 18.

Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle said some of the goals of the survey are to raise awareness about all of the recreational programs the town offers as well as give the department new ideas.

"Sometimes we get suggestions for things we offer already," Lavelle said. "So the survey will help to inform everyone."

Currently, the department offers more than 350 programs per year, while managing eight parks, one trail and one indoor facility.

Lavelle said the survey will also address the town's struggle to involve young people in the community.

"I think it's hardest to come up with ideas for programs they will enjoy, and we try to cater to everyone, from little children to senior citizens," Lavelle said.

The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department launched its "Chapel Hill 4 YOUth" initiative to address the town's struggle to get young people signed up for the department's events.

The town of Carrboro often receives feedback on individual programs and events, Jones-McNair said. But once in a while, they want to know how well they are serving the community collectively.

Jones-McNair said in addition to the survey, one of the department's goals this year is to update infrastructure like the bathrooms at parks and multi-use fields.

"Facilities have a shelf life so we have to upgrade and maintain," Jones-McNair said.

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"I think it's hardest to come up with ideas for programs they will enjoy."

Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle, on appealing to young people

been more than nine years since the Recreation and Parks department has offered a survey like this.

"Carrboro is a town focused on catering to the wants and needs of the community, and

we are open for suggestions," Lavelle said.

The survey can be accessed online on the town's website. Those interested in taking the survey can also request a hard copy by contacting the Recreation and Parks department, or can pick one up beginning Tuesday during regular business hours from the Century Center reception window, brochure rack or the Town Hall bulletin board.

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## Athletes as artists

Read a spotlight on three athletes who double as artists off the field and out of the pool. See pg. 3 for story.

## Race dialogue

Carolina United hosted a discussion-based event on race and the use of force by police. See pg. 1 for story.

## What's in a name?

In an industry rife with change, the journalism school is considering a name change as well. See pg. 3 for story.

## HOPE Gardens

Chapel Hill is considering selling the HOPE Gardens property. See pg. 1 for story.

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Allies won't save the world

It's cliché, but there's something to be said about strength in numbers. Another body added to the flanks of a movement has always been welcomed. So why am I and others harboring feelings of apprehension and resentment about well-intentioned white people and the concept of being an ally?

Well, let's take a beat and remember bell hooks' definition of the word. hooks contends that the word connotes certain controversy and is, in truth, unnecessary. "If someone is standing on their own beliefs and their beliefs are anti-patriarchal, anti-sexist, (et cetera)," she said, "then they are not required to be anybody's ally." Moreover, she continues, if there is such a person, they deserve a place standing on the front lines in solidarity.

The civil rights movement of the 1960s required the joint efforts of a well-assembled and organized Black America and significant numbers of young, white supporters. Something similar can be said about the pro-abortion rights movement and male bodies also standing in solidarity.

These movements, although separate in goal and reach, would have been less likely to progress if not for privileged and like-minded allies.

Allies, though, are folks who understand their place within a movement. Allies do not position themselves to become the face of their movement. Allies are slow to interrupt, police, or explain away the grievances of the oppressed.

What most bothers me is when the moniker of "ally" becomes a prize for careless organizing. Or when the press shows more favoritism to allies than to the members of the affected communities.

On Friday, dozens of well-intentioned white people occupied Franklin Street for a half hour. For a movement that deals with race, sex and class, this showing displayed a great deal of whitewashing and self-interest.

The rally and subsequent marching was called to show solidarity with the recent conditions in Ferguson, Mo. For those unaware of what is happening in Ferguson, Mo., look it up. Police militarization and brutality are becoming the civil rights issues of our generation. If you're unconvinced, look it up!

I was perturbed by Friday's events and vocalized these concerns to the crowd that evening. If I had not, those "allies" would have continued to carelessly represent the movement in Ferguson. And when mostly-white, anonymous groups commit acts of vandalism in the name of black victims, as a Chapel Hill anarchist group did on Aug. 14, that is not solidarity. If actions like these are to continue, well-intentioned allies could delegitimize the movement in its entirety.

Simply put, "allyship" is a complicated and unnecessary piece of terminology. Instead, common sense, consideration and consistent relationships with community members can be the best way to push a movement forward. Otherwise, anything that is not critical of itself pushes everyone backward. And it's all downhill from there.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Nate Beeler, The Columbus Dispatch



EDITORIAL

Principal problems

The conditions at Chapel Hill High are unacceptable.

It is the responsibility of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools to improve teacher satisfaction at Chapel Hill High School, the district's oldest high school.

No teachers strongly agreed that there is an atmosphere of trust and respect at the school, according to North Carolina Teacher Working Conditions survey.

Instead of blaming budgetary constraints and the inability to pay teachers competitively, the school system should

take a closer look at some of the underlying issues that could contribute to dissatisfaction among staff members at the school.

Teachers said the administration failed to address the results of the survey, damning as they were.

To begin improving teacher satisfaction, the school system should host an open meeting at Chapel Hill High School where teachers can share their grievances without the fear of retribution from administration.

Normally it's the principal's job to provide solid support for teachers and make them feel valued. The fact that the school has had 10 principals

in the last 20 years also shows the district must step in to evaluate why there has been such high administrative turnover. Turnover is expensive for schools, especially at the administrative level, so it's in the district's best interest to identify why principals don't stay at the school for long.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is among the nation's top-performing districts. As long as this trend continues, the school district should implement policies to establish institutional continuity at the school so teachers don't feel as though the district's inability to retain a principal is their fault.

EDITORIAL

Report long overdue

The sexual assault policy needs to be openly reviewed.

The University must stop delaying the release of the draft report from the Sexual Assault Task Force.

Members of the task force seem to be no longer concerned about its official release because University administrators have already begun implementing many of the policies laid out during the force's meetings.

This is not acceptable. If the University is operating under a new policy, students have the right to know exactly what that policy says.

Chancellor Carol Folt received the report the week before classes started.

While we understand there might be a need to fine-tune the draft and establish a way to implement its guidelines, South Building has had enough time. If the task force did the work it promised, then the rollout should have already been planned and smoothed out.

Throughout the time the task force met, the group discussed potential sanctions and implementing panels to adjudicate sexual assault cases on campus.

While students know these changes might be coming in some form, they've largely been left in the dark about how these proposals will be implemented.

Students and faculty never had the chance to weigh in on the proposed changes after the task force stopped meeting.

One of the most serious problems with how the university previously handled cases of sexual assault was a lack of transparency about the details of its process. That mistake should not be made again.

Administrators should release the draft and give people the opportunity to comment on the proposals before implementing it as official University policy.

Staff members have been hired to better address survivors' needs. Students have rallied behind the University's efforts to fix its broken system of addressing sexual assault. The University must take the next step.

The University first promised this report more than a year ago. It's time for it to deliver on that promise.

EDITORIAL

Seasonal split for soccer

The sport would benefit from a lengthened season.

When people think about UNC athletics, they're usually thinking of the teams that play in the Dean E. Smith Center and Carmichael Arena.

But featured a stone's throw from Carmichael on Fetzer Field are two teams who have hauled in a combined 23 national championships: men's and women's soccer.

Despite their dominance, the soccer teams don't generate revenue and, unfortunately, it seems their sport is underappreciated.

Proposed changes to

the NCAA soccer season, which would split the schedule into fall-spring halves, could enhance the sport's standing.

In an interview with The Daily Tar Heel, men's soccer coach Carlos Somoano said he supports the adoption of the split-season schedule. The NCAA should listen.

For years, the structure of college's version of the beautiful game has kept the U.S. from being competitive with much of the soccer world. Student-athletes cram an entire season, including playoffs, into a miniscule four-month window between August and December. To Somoano, this system leaves much to be desired. "We can spend a lot

more time in training to really grow as players," he said, "as opposed to coming into one match and going into another, which is basically how our fall season is set up."

Support and attendance will also increase if more games are on Friday nights, which an extended season would allow.

The women's team only plays five more home games, and two of them will fall on a school night. At present, teams play as many as three games a week, a rate even Somoano questions.

The NCAA is in a position in which it has the chance both to enhance its own quality of its competition as well as that of soccer in the United States.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We take this allegation seriously, and the University is conducting a thorough review."

Kevin Best, on the football team's alleged misconduct

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"We should also encourage all first-year students to participate in a wide variety of activities at the beginning of the year..."

computergeek, on moving sorority recruitment

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Civil disobedience has critical role

TO THE EDITOR:

I was astounded to encounter the callousness of the letter your paper printed on Tuesday. Tom Howard complained of being inconvenienced by the Ferguson solidarity march that took over Franklin Street on Friday evening, implying that his rights as a driver trump those of the 100 or so protesters angered by the police shooting of unarmed black teenager Michael Brown and by the police in general.

Howard may very well have a legal right to drive down Franklin Street unimpeded by the unfolding of historical events taking place before his very eyes. The people of Ferguson, of the United States, certainly have no "right" to block streets and fight back against police when they are being teargassed and beaten. But all of us who love freedom and hate oppression have a responsibility to support their struggle, especially those of us with the class or racial privilege to avoid the daily harassment experienced by many communities under our country's increasingly militarized police.

After already making clear his actual concern of personal inconvenience, Howard then disingenuously offers us some sagely advice: "One catches more flies with honey than vinegar." But if the people of Ferguson hadn't stepped outside of the bounds of the good citizen, how many of us would have even heard of Michael Brown? Martin Luther King once said that "Rioting is the language of the unheard." As Howard's "calm down and wait" message makes clear, the black poor of this country are most certainly unheard.

John Robertson  
Chapel Hill  
March Participant

Rights and comfort in conflict

TO THE EDITOR:

I was baffled by yesterday's letter titled "Protesters must respect others' rights." What rights are we talking about — the right to apathy? Every year there is uproar when some human rights protest rocks the sleepy conscience of some UNC students who would rather not hear about the suffering of others lest they be made to care about them. Your rights do indeed end where others' begin, but others' rights do not always end where your comfort begins. Are protests supposed to be confined to conveniently out-of-the-way places? (I recommend staging all future riots at the Forest Theater for maximum impact and comfort.) The author of yesterday's let-

ter reminded us that one can "catch more flies with honey than vinegar" — but catching flies is not what most protests are about. Sometimes it takes vinegar to wake you from your moral slumber.

Stephan Grabner, '15  
Philosophy

Labor Day belongs to the unions

TO THE EDITOR:

In "It's 'Labor Day,' not 'Union Day'" (August 26), anti-union extremist Mark Mix laments the way that on Labor Day, union leaders, in his words, are "stealing the spotlight to push their own agendas." What historically ignorant nonsense! Union leaders invented this "spotlight" holding Labor Day celebrations of their own even before the national holiday was declared.

Those with more interest in the history of union-bashing and its effects on worker pay should take advantage of the long weekend, which is owed entirely to unions.

James O'Hara  
Professor of Classics

Students should adopt 'Meatless Mondays'

TO THE EDITOR:

Starting college can be an exciting yet daunting experience. It's not surprising that, with all the stress that comes with it, many new students gain the dreaded "freshman 15."

In an effort to help students look and feel great, the movement toward offering more plant-based meals is taking root on college campuses nationwide.

Why take a weekly holiday from meat? In recent decades our meat consumption has increased dramatically — and along with it, our waistlines, blood pressure and cholesterol. Meat is high in saturated fat, which is associated with obesity and preventable chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, some cancers and stroke.

Eating more healthy plant-based meals not only helps our physical health but can also lighten our carbon footprint.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, animal agriculture is "one of the top two or three most significant contributors to the most serious environmental problems, at every scale from local to global."

Thankfully, it's never been easier to take a positive step toward safeguarding our health, while also protecting the planet and helping animals. How about swapping those chicken nuggets with meat-free nuggets? Or choosing veggie and bean burritos instead of carnitas burritos?

Bon Appetit!

Eddie Garza  
Food Policy Coordinator,  
Humane Society of America

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