

TILLIS TAKES IT



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Supporters of Thom Tillis celebrate his victory for North Carolina's U.S. Senate seat at his election party in the Omni Hotel in Charlotte Tuesday.

In NC, Thom Tillis defeats Kay Hagan in Senate race

By Benji Schwartz and Kate Grise  
Senior Writers

CHARLOTTE — North Carolina Republican Thom Tillis became one of several GOP success stories Tuesday night as he won the nation's most expensive U.S. Senate race, defeating incumbent Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan and joining the new Republican Senate majority.

Supporters gathered in the ballroom of Charlotte's Omni Hotel to cheer on their candidate to a close victory. With 97 percent of precincts reporting, the Associated Press called the race at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday, announcing a Tillis win with 48.9 percent of the vote. Hagan won 47.2 percent of the vote, and Libertarian Sean Haugh won 3.7 percent.

"We're going to work together to keep this Carolina comeback alive," Gov. Pat McCrory told the crowd after the election was called.

Tillis took the stage to chants of "USA" and "Only in America."

"We overcame a lot of adversity, and here we are with the opportunity to make America be great," he told his supporters.

Tillis campaigned largely on his success as speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives and also ran dozens of ads linking Hagan to what he called the failed policies of President

Barack Obama.

"I care about the future of our country. I'm extremely passionate about that. Thom has the ability to turn our country around," said Ellie Hooper, a member of the Appalachian State University College Republicans.

Tillis thanked his campaign for helping drive voters of all ages to the polls.

"We had so many volunteers calling and knocking on doors," he said. "Y'all refused to lose and that's why I'm standing here."

Dallas Woodhouse, the president of Carolina Rising, a right-leaning citizen engagement organization, said he was surprised Tillis had won while Republican Scott Brown, a former U.S. senator from Massachusetts, had lost his Senate race in New Hampshire.

"I think ultimately, ironically, the Democrats successfully turned this race into a referendum against the Republican legislature and governor's policies, like tax cuts, education reform and unemployment insurance reform," Woodhouse said.

"They're going to lose that referendum."

Sarah Bullins, a member of the N.C. State University College Republicans, said she was excited to have Tillis represent the state in Washington, D.C.

"Thom was very successful as speaker of the house so I think

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Hagan loses a heartbreaker in a \$103 million campaign. **See page 3 for story.**

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he will do an even better job in Washington as our senator. He's a great guy — just an all around great guy," Bullins said.

Asheville resident John Miller said he supported Tillis because he agrees with Tillis's commitment to fiscal responsibility.

"He has done a lot for small businesses, lowering taxes to encourage them to come back. He also recruited some clean industries to come to the area," Miller said.

Hooper added that Tillis's commitment to turning around the economy is especially important for college students.

"I think a huge issue for college students is just for us to know that when you get out of college, you can find a job and that you're going to be able to be successful," she said. "It's huge to make sure that our economy is strong."

Elizabeth Wright, a Tillis

campaign intern from Davidson College, said she believes Tillis worked to bolster the economy during his time as speaker when he worked with McCrory to implement programs and create new jobs rather than extend unemployment benefits.

McCrory said voter turnout was at a record high Tuesday. More than 2.8 million voters cast ballots in the Senate race.

"We had a record turnout in North Carolina because we pass laws that allow working men and women to vote after work," McCrory said.

Tillis said he wants to free the American people from unnecessary government restrictions.

"The only way government can provide you with something is to take it away from someone else," he said.

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GOP to gain majority in Senate

Republicans now have control of both houses of Congress.

By Paul Kushner  
Staff Writer

On an action-packed Election Day, Republicans rode a national wave of discontent with President Barack Obama to gain a majority in the U.S. Senate.

Republicans needed to gain six Senate seats nationwide to take control of the chamber. They took over at least the previously Democratic seats in Arkansas, West Virginia, South Dakota, Montana, Colorado, North Carolina and Iowa as of press time, giving them a secure majority

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ATHLETIC-ACADEMIC SCANDAL

University accreditation under review

The Wainstein report will force UNC to answer more questions.

By Langston Taylor  
Assistant University Editor

UNC will be reviewed again by its accrediting body after Kenneth Wainstein's investigation revealed the extent of academic fraud to be greater than it appeared two years ago, said Belle Wheelan, president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The organization first reviewed the University's scandal beginning in 2012. Schools more often see their accreditation threatened after serious financial trouble. Wheelan said UNC's case is unprecedented.

"This is the biggest case of academic fraud we've had in the 10 years I've been there," she said.

Wheelan said she and her team are still reviewing the Wainstein report and will send an official letter announcing the review to UNC administrators by the end of the week.

After receiving the letter, UNC will have 30 days to self-evaluate and respond.

"Our board will then read their response, and if they feel they've met all the compliance issues, then there will be no further action. If not, the board can follow up for additional information," Wheelan said.

UNC has been cooperating with SACSCOC, said University spokeswoman Karen Moon.

The organization could then issue a warning, put UNC on probation or remove its accredited status — which would end its federal financial aid and deal a serious blow to its reputation. But SACSCOC generally doesn't drop schools without taking lesser action first, Wheelan said.

"We give them time to come into compliance. So, you know, even though the board has the option of dropping them, that's not usually the first action that they take," she said.

SACSCOC accredits schools in 11 states in the South, as well as six schools outside of the U.S. The body meets in December and in June to evaluate institutions. Wheelan said a decision on UNC likely will come in June rather than at the meeting next month.

SACSCOC considers UNC a Level VI institution — the highest level possible — based on the number of advanced degree programs it offers. Wheelan said Level VI institutions have previously received warnings or been placed on probation but have never lost accreditation.

Losing accreditation would make UNC ineligible for any federal Title IV financial aid, including need-based aid and aid not based on need, said Phillip Asbury, deputy director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

"There are lots of different types of federal financial aid, but a school that's not accredited qualifies for none of those types," he said.

Asbury said the percentage of UNC students eligible for federal financial aid varies by year but is typically between 50 and 55 percent. He said he is confident the aid won't go anywhere.

"It's a very large scope, but we have no belief that that will become a reality here," Asbury said. "We've been accredited for many, many years. We will continue to be. These are extreme hypotheticals."

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No surprises in unopposed Orange races

COMMISSIONER AT-LARGE



**Barry Jacobs**  
Four-term incumbent Jacobs, 63, ran unopposed for the Board of Commissioners' at-large seat. With all precincts reporting, preliminary results show Jacobs received 100 percent of the vote.

COMMISSIONER SEAT 1



**Mia Burroughs**  
Burroughs, 52, ran against Gary Kahn, 58, for the Board of Commissioners District 1 seat. With all precincts reporting, preliminary results show Burroughs received 76.08 percent of the vote.

COMMISSIONER SEAT 2



**Earl McKee**  
Incumbent McKee, 62, ran unopposed to represent District 2 on the Board of Commissioners. With all precincts reporting, preliminary results show McKee received 100 percent of the vote.

SHERIFF



**Charles Blackwood**  
Blackwood, 54, ran unopposed for the Sheriff position. With all precincts reporting, preliminary results show Blackwood received 100 percent of the vote.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT



**James Stanford**  
Longtime incumbent Stanford, 56, ran unopposed for Clerk of Superior Court. With all precincts reporting, preliminary results show Stanford received 100 percent of the vote.

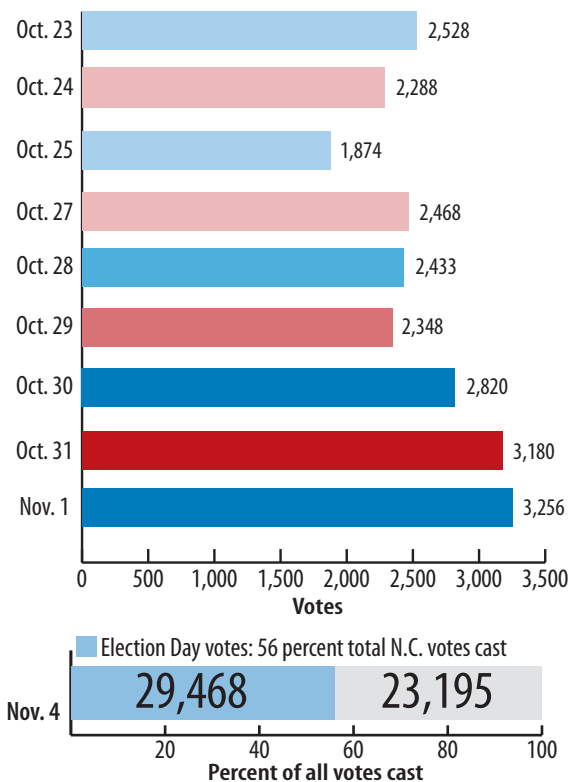
REGISTER OF DEEDS



**Mark Chilton**  
Chilton, 44, ran unopposed for Orange County's Register of Deeds. With all precincts reporting, preliminary results show Chilton received 100 percent of the vote.

Orange County midterm election turnout

More than half of the votes cast in Orange County for the midterm races were done on Election Day this year, according to preliminary results from the Board of Elections.



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## No shoutout to Crookshanks?

From staff and wire reports

Emma Watson is already enjoying a surge in popularity, but not only did the beloved “Harry Potter” series star give a United Nations speech on feminism — she also gives credit where it’s due. In this case, it was to her deceased hamster, Millie, who got a much-deserved shoutout in Watson’s acceptance speech after winning the Britannia Award for British Artist of the Year at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts ceremony in Los Angeles Thursday, according to reports from The Huffington Post. In her speech, Watson said her late pet suffered a heart attack during one of the “Harry Potter” films, and the film’s crew built a tiny hamster coffin for it. We hope Hermione’s large orange cat, Crookshanks, who often bullied Ron’s rat, wasn’t to blame.

**NOTED.** When a 40-year-old Port Chester, N.Y., man was charged with driving while impaired, he had an unusual reaction: Attempting to eat the Breathalyzer test results.  
We can’t tell what the man’s motivation was — destroying evidence? A craving for a drunken late-night snack?

**QUOTED.** “The driver could tell I was suspicious and went on to tell me that she has a medical condition that makes her age faster.”  
— Deputy Colby Smith, a Florida police officer who pulled over a woman who posed as her daughter to avoid charges while driving with a suspended license.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TODAY

**Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Film: Lunch and a Movie Series:**

In this installment of the film festival’s Lunch and a Movie Series, attendees can explore the British film “Sable Fable,” which chronicles the stories of four different couples whose lives intertwine. Attendees who RSVP for the event 24 hours before the screening receive a free lunch. The event is free and open to the public.  
**Time:** Noon to 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Stone Center for Black Culture and History, Hitchcock Auditorium

**Law School Information Fair:**

Students interested in attending law school can get information from several law school representatives at this event. No

pre-registration is required. The event is free and sponsored by University Career Services.

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** Student Union, Great Hall

**Bull’s Head Bookshop Author Reading:**

Dr. Terrence Holt, UNC assistant professor of social medicine, will read from his book, “Internal Medicine: A Doctor’s Stories,” which incorporates Holt’s experiences as a physician during his residency. The event is free and open to the public.  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Bull’s Head Bookshop

**Historic Carrboro Walking Tour:**

This tour of Carrboro’s historic mills, homes and businesses will reveal the history

behind the town. The tour costs \$5 per person, with no reservations necessary.

**Time:** Noon to 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Carrboro Town Hall

### THURSDAY

**Curlew River:**

Explore Benjamin Britten’s homage to Japanese Noh theater in this musical performance of “Curlew River,” featuring tenor Ian Bostridge. Tickets start at \$10.  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Hall

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## INTERNATIONAL INTEREST



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Wael Thabet (left) and Bibi al Khudari, part of a group of international journalism students, tour Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on East Rosemary Street Tuesday. The church was a voting site for 2014 midterm elections.

## POLICE LOG

• Someone disturbed the peace at 105 Johnson St. at 12:18 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person was arguing and fighting, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny at 100 W. Franklin St. at 1:40 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole an Apple iPhone 5s, valued at \$200, reports state.

• Someone drove while impaired between East Franklin Street and Porthole Alley at 2:39 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The driver was involved in a hit and run crash, reports state.

• Someone vandalized and damaged property at 200 Pinegate Circle between 6 p.m. Saturday and 11:01 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel

Hill police reports. The person damaged vehicle parts and accessories, valued at \$800, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny at 1703 Legion Road at 9:18 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole a motorized scooter valued at \$2,500, reports state.

• Someone attempted burglary of a residence and damaged property on the 100 block of Schultz Street at 8:49 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person damaged a double pane glass window, valued at \$500, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny after breaking and entering on the 400 block of N.C. 54 between 8:30 p.m. and 10:40 p.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.

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# HAGAN’S HEYDAY ENDS



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U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) embraces her daughter, Carrie Hagan Stewart, as she thanks her supporters at the Greensboro Coliseum late Tuesday evening.

## Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan fell to Republican Thom Tillis

**By Nick Niedzwiedek and Lindsey Brunson**  
Senior Writers

GREENSBORO — The long, dogged 2014 midterm election campaign had a bitter end for incumbent Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan.

Hagan jumped out to an early lead as election results started to come in Tuesday night, but she ultimately lost the tight race to Republican challenger Thom Tillis. Tillis won 48.9 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results.

Amid a supportive crowd’s chants of “We Want Kay,” Hagan delivered her concession speech at the Greensboro Convention Center.

She said she had called Tillis to congratulate him and told him that she would work with him during

the transition time. Tillis joined a wave of Republican success on Tuesday as the party gained a majority in the U.S. Senate.

“It’s been a long couple of years, but none of it would have been possible without the long hours some of you logged,” Hagan told the crowd.

“You weren’t just standing with me. You were standing with working class families all across North Carolina. Those are the families that still need a voice.”

Hagan first won election in 2008 after President Barack Obama’s first election.

“I will always be grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the chance to serve our great state,” she said.

Republicans had needed six seats to gain control and picked up seats

in Colorado, West Virginia, South Dakota, Montana and Arkansas, as well as North Carolina.

Tillis was the win that tipped the Senate in Republican’s favor and his supporters celebrated wildly in his home district in Charlotte.

The president is expected to make a number of federal appointments during his final two years in office, and the Senate oversees the confirmation process.

Prior to the election, Democrats were concerned about the effect of a new election law, including a shorter early voting period enacted in 2013.

“We need to say as a country that behavior like Thom Tillis’ behavior ... isn’t going to be rewarded with electoral success,” said Wilson Parker, president of the UNC Young Democrats.

*“I will always be grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the chance to serve our great state.”*

**Sen. Kay Hagan**

Louis Duke, president of the N.C. College Democrats, said student engagement throughout the election was at a record high.

“We saw a really incredible grounding here from the Democrat party,” he said.

“It was a grassroots campaign. I saw students get involved on the local level — it was amazing.”

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# Chapel Hill incumbents take election

**Each incumbent won the vote by more than 50 percent.**

**By Tat’yana Berdan**  
Staff Writer

A trio of Chapel Hill-area Democratic incumbents — Graig Meyer, Verla Insko and Valerie Foushee — were all re-elected Tuesday night for their respective positions in the N.C. House of Representatives and Senate, according to unofficial results.

Meyer defeated Republican opponent Rod Chaney, earning 57 percent of the vote, and Insko defeated Republican opponent David Carter 81 percent to 19 percent for seats in the state House

of Representatives. Foushee beat Mary Lopez-Carter, a Republican, 68 percent to 32 percent in her state Senate race, which includes Orange and Chatham counties.

Foushee and Meyer were joined Tuesday by representatives from the Orange County Democratic Party and UNC Young Democrats for an election watch party at R&R Grill.

Foushee served one term in the state House of Representatives and was appointed to the Senate in 2013 to replace retired Sen. Ellie Kinnaird.

She said she hopes this election will give Democrats a greater voice in the GOP-controlled Senate.

“I learned a long time ago that candidates don’t determine the issues, the people do,” she said.

Meyer, who was appointed to the House to replace Foushee in 2013, said among the key issues he plans

to focus on during his term are the environment and education.

“Education is still going to be the top issue on everybody’s mind, and of course, related to that is how our education system is going to be related to keep our economy strong,” he said.

Meyer said Democrats and Republicans in the state House will have to find a balance and work together, and he predicts financial issues like taxation and the state budget will be among the most fiercely debated in the 2015 legislative session, which begins in January.

Wilson Parker, president of UNC’s Young Democrats, said turnout has been a decisive factor in this election, especially from student voters.

“We had a bill passed by the General Assembly which made it much harder for students to vote,

for low-income people to vote, for minorities to vote. Many people think there were political reasons,” he said.

Charles Blackwood, who won an unopposed contest for sheriff of Orange County, said the state elections are critical.

“I think that there’s a tremendous amount of divisiveness in the House right now and with divisiveness comes a slowing of process. The trust is low and that slows the speed of trust down,” he said.

“(This election is) when the rubber hits the road. It’s time to figure out who’s going to come out of this race doing what they said they would do.”

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# Gigi’s Cupcakes says goodbye to Chapel Hill

**The cupcake spot closed just more than a year after opening on Franklin.**

**By Meg Garner**  
Staff Writer

UNC junior Shauna Barnett always tries to fit in her monthly trip to Gigi’s Cupcakes for a frosting-filled break, but now she will have to go elsewhere to get her sugar fix.

Gigi’s Cupcakes of Chapel Hill closed its doors to customers for the last time Saturday after sales for the cupcake connoisseur lagged.

Alan Thompson, CEO of the Gigi’s Cupcakes franchising division, said the success of other Triangle locations only emphasized the lackluster sales in Chapel Hill.

“The biggest reason it’s closing is that we have three other locations in the Triangle area that do really well,” he said. “So in Chapel Hill, because that site lacked parking, really wasn’t a good site for us and sales just weren’t up to par.”

Thompson said the store’s owners are looking for a new location in the Chapel Hill-Durham area that will accommodate parking needs.

The store, which opened in late September 2013, struggled to maintain a steady flow of traffic, said Chris Kieffer, director of marketing for Ram Realty Services, which oversees the 140 West complex

where Gigi’s was located.

“I don’t know their exact business model, but I think they really struggled with getting in large-foot traffic, especially since when they did, people would only buy one or two cupcakes,” Kieffer said.

As far as the future of the space Gigi’s previously occupied, Kieffer said it is already attracting attention, but he declined to comment on which businesses were looking at it.

UNC junior Judy Robbins worked for the Chapel Hill Gigi’s Cupcakes during her sophomore year but left to find a job with additional hours.

She said she had not heard the business was closing but acknowledged it often struggled to find a solid customer base, even though she said its products were better than its competition’s.

“It’s a great shop, and it was an awesome place to work, but I can see the faults in having a business that solely sells gourmet cupcakes in a college town,” Robbins said. “There’s just not a market for that specificity, especially when Sugarland exists and has drinks and gelato.”

Robbins said students rarely bought multiple cupcakes, which might have hurt the store’s profit.

“We didn’t have college students buying a dozen cupcakes — it was really just one or two at a time,” Robbins said.

The Chapel Hill location of Gigi’s Cupcakes was the sixth franchise in



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UNC students walk by the window display of Gigi’s Cupcakes on West Franklin Street. Gigi’s closed permanently on Saturday due to low sales.

North Carolina for the Tennessee-based company, which has approximately 100 franchises nationwide.

North Carolina’s regional, owners Jude Crowell and Rick Setaro, still oversee two locations in Raleigh and Cary.

Barnett said she was shocked when she realized her favorite sugary stop was no longer an option.

“I can’t wrap my mind around why they would close,” Barnett said. “I feel like they just disappeared so soon without any notice. I mean, if someone told me they were leaving, I would have bought another cupcake before they left. You know, just one red velvet for the road.”

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# Congress committee redistricts 8 seats

## Student Congress will vote on the redistricting plan at next week’s meeting.

**By Megan Morris**  
Staff Writer

If Student Congress approves the redistricting plan passed by its Rules & Judiciary Committee Tuesday night, Congress will shrink by eight seats in the next election cycle.

Committee Chairman Kevan Schoonover drafted a redistricting plan designed to eliminate the vacancies Student Congress faced at the beginning of the 2014 academic year.

At the beginning of the semester, 19 of 41 Student Congress positions were vacant.

Since the Student Code grants the Rules & Judiciary Committee the power to determine the districts of Student Congress, Schoonover proposed that Congress amend Title II, Chapter 1 of the code to reduce the number of graduate and undergraduate representatives by four seats each.

“The reason for the redistricting is that the current allocation we have is not accurately representing the populations that live in those districts,” Schoonover said.

The total number of Student Congress representatives is slated to decrease from 41 to 33 as a result of Schoonover’s plan.

Schoonover compared total graduate and undergraduate populations to determine a balance of 11 graduate representatives and 22 undergraduates.

In order to determine how many representatives each undergraduate district should have, Schoonover took the smallest district, District 6, Greek Housing, and assigned it one representative. Every other district’s number of representatives was calculated based on its population size relative to District 6. Similar calculations were conducted for the three graduate districts, which are divided by school instead of residency.

“I know it’s not perfect,” Schoonover said of his plan.

As there are only 33 seats in the proposed plan for Student Congress, some of the districts’ calculated seat totals — based on their populations — did not come out as whole numbers.

“Unfortunately, unless I were to increase drastically the number of representatives per district, it’d be very hard to close this gap,” Schoonover said.

Graduate student and Student Congress Rules & Judiciary Committee member Elise Rosa noted the discrepancy between the representation of undergraduate and graduate students.

“As it is, undergraduates are already vastly overrepresented in Student Congress,” she said.

Rosa, a representative of graduate student District 11, is the only representative in a district to which Student Congress has allocated four seats.

“We need to let people in professional schools know that they can get involved in Student Congress and have their voice really matter,” Schoonover said.

Speaker Ivy Hardy said the geographically based zones are created to help equal representation.

“It’s done this way to get rid of bias and also to make sure that one group isn’t being overwhelmingly represented,” Hardy said.

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## inBRIEF

### UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

#### Student Congress responds to Wainstein report

Student Congress has written a resolution to the Wainstein investigation consisting of four sections detailing Congress’s reaction.

The resolution said academic integrity is highest purpose at UNC and that athletics should never impede a student-athlete’s ability to perform academically.

It also said Student Congress supports any actions that the UNC administration takes in order to prevent a situation like the one exposed in the Wainstein report from happening again and maintain academic integrity moving forward.

A copy of the resolution was sent to Chancellor Carol Folt and Chairman of the Board of Trustees W. Lowry Caudill, among others.

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# Alert Carolina not useful, students say

## Alert Carolina: Silence of the texts

Alert Carolina has not sent out an alert since Sept. 14. The Daily Tar Heel identified four recent incidents on campus to which students were not alerted.

DATE	INCIDENT	ALERT SENT
Oct. 30	Nursing student found dead in her car at the Friday Center parking lot	✗
Oct. 22	Assault with a deadly weapon in Cobb Residence Hall	✗
Oct. 3	Physical assault with sexual motives in the Undergraduate Library	✗
Sept. 19	Assault at the Bowles Drive parking lot	✗
Sept. 14	Strong arm robbery at the Nash parking lot	✓
Aug. 31	Officials respond to a water main break near Greenlaw Hall	✓
Aug. 20	Campus police investigate two burglaries occurring in Ehringhaus Residence Hall	✓

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By Sam Shaw  
Staff Writer

When students heard through Facebook about Olu Fatolu, the nursing student found dead in her parked car Thursday, many questioned the value of Alert Carolina.

“I saw that posted on Overheard at UNC,” senior Ashley McGee said. “We’re hearing about things through Facebook quicker than through Alert Carolina.”

Other students said the system tends to send out unimportant alerts while leaving students in the dark about incidents they want to hear about.

“It’s very informative, but often delayed and sometimes unnecessary in terms of the notifications we receive,” the senior Kristina Kerr said, citing the flood alerts sent out over the summer.

The Clery Act of 1990 lies out rules that colleges must adhere to when communi-

cating with students about crimes on or near campus. The act requires institutions to provide timely warnings in the event of a crime that threatens student or staff safety.

But in practice, the standard for notifications is murky. “If there’s an imminent threat and danger to the campus community, we’re going to put the information out,” said Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

Young said there are two reasons the department would decline to send an alert to students.

The first is when disclosing information might impede an investigation by complicating the process of apprehending a suspect. The second is when a suspect has been apprehended and poses no further threat to the campus community.

Kyle Cavanaugh, vice president of administration at Duke

University, oversees Duke’s emergency alert system.

“There tend to be idiosyncratic issues of every case that will ultimately influence your decision. You can have a situation where you have assessed that there may be no ongoing risk,” Cavanaugh said.

The Department of Public Safety’s discretion has raised concern among students.

“It’s an issue of safety,” junior Elaine Lanze said. “I ought to know if someone is found dead in their car, because I might want to walk with someone else or be more careful in that area.”

Young said DPS is currently investigating the death of Fatolu while they await the autopsy results.

“We have not put anything out through Alert Carolina because there is no evidence that there is any threat to the campus community or the surrounding community,” Young said.

Young said crimes that take place off campus do not necessarily warrant an alert unless they represent a clear threat to the campus community.

“If there is an armed robbery on Franklin, before we put something out we would check with the Chapel Hill Police Department to make sure that our publishing of information would not impede their investigation,” Young said.

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### GOP MAJORITY

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in the Senate.

North Carolina was perceived by many analysts to be of critical importance. Other key states to watch because of their contentious Senate elections included Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Alaska and Kansas.

John Dinan, a Wake Forest University political science professor, said Iowa, Alaska and Kansas would be possible, if not likely, Republican pickups.

North Carolina surprised pollsters and analysts across the nation when Republican candidate Thom Tillis defeated incumbent Sen. Kay Hagan.

Louisiana's Senate contest will move to a Dec. 6 run-off election. The state features a unique jungle primary — in which all candidates are on the ballot regardless of party.

The shift to Republican control could have major policy implications in Congress, Dinan said.

He said Republicans would gain a great deal of bargaining power in judicial and executive appointments with a Senate majority.

"Another effect would be to allow Republicans to set the policy agenda to a greater degree than at present, where Democrats in the Senate are able to prevent Republican-House-passed bills from even coming to a vote in the

Senate," Dinan said.

One signature policy issue for Republicans in 2014 has been the Affordable Care Act, and Republicans have tried 54 times in Congress to repeal the legislation, all attempts that Democrats have promptly blocked. Many GOP candidates have campaigned this fall on a promise to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Still, Republicans in power might actually seek to bridge partisan gaps with their Democratic counterparts, said Karlyn Bowman, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

"(Senate Republican Minority Leader Mitch) McConnell has suggested that there are areas where he could cooperate with the White House," Bowman said.


"How the President reacts to the outcomes will give us some clues to the next two years. It would serve both parties well to find places to cooperate."

Geoffrey Vaden Skelley, spokesman for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, said Republicans in power could give Obama a difficult final two years in office.

"It could potentially foreshadow a lot of vetoes for President Obama," he said.

"And if there's an opening on the Supreme Court in the next couple years, we might see a titanic battle over filling the seat."

Kentucky was the first

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state to be reported, and McConnell, R-Ky., easily won re-election over Democratic challenger Alison Lundergan Grimes. McConnell would become the Senate Majority Leader if Republicans took the Senate.

It was a tough night for Democratic senators, but the party held onto its Senate seat in New Hampshire, which featured Democratic incumbent Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, who defeated Republican and former Sen. Scott Brown in a tight race.

In Georgia, if neither candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two candidates proceed to a runoff election to be held in January. Though it was predicted, that situation never came to fruition. Republican David Perdue defeated Democrat Michelle Nunn.

The polls in Alaska closed after press time. The contest featured Democratic Incumbent Sen. Mark Begich against former Alaska Attorney General Dan Sullivan. This race is viewed by national Republicans as a potential pick up, where they could flip the seat from Democratic to Republican control.

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# Cheating scandal delays SAT scores

By Brielle Kronstedt  
Staff Writer

For some Chinese and South Korean students applying to college, SAT scores for the Oct. 11 testing date will not be available to send to colleges.

The College Board announced that SAT scores for Chinese and South Korean students would be delayed due to the investigation into expansive cheating. Deadline for early action admission at UNC was Oct. 15, and all supplemental materials, such as test scores, were due by Nov. 1.

"This came to our attention last week," said Ashley Memory, assistant director of admissions. "We have heard from a handful of students from China and South Korea — not a lot — just about a dozen who have emailed or called on the phone."

All other students who took the Oct. 11 SAT received their scores on Oct. 28.

Memory said UNC normally allows students to take the SAT through November for the early action deadline.

"We wouldn't be withdrawing any applications for any incomplete test scores for some time anyways," Memory said.

She said the admissions department is remaining flexible with these students.

"We have let students affected by these delays know that this will not be held against them at all and we will work with them to get those test scores in as soon as possible," she said.

Chinese international student Zack Peng said his home country puts a lot of pressure on its students, which could have motivated some students to cheat.

"In terms of K-12 education, yes, it's a very test-oriented education," Peng said. "When they're applying to academic programs, like college, interviewing is very rare in college applications, and it will mostly be based on the testing scores."

Although he agreed China has a pressured-filled education system, Peng does not believe that pressure is a good excuse for cheating.

"Because of the stress, students tend to feel pressure to do well on the test, but also the SAT courses in China are prevalent and good quality," Peng said. "A lot of people opt to take the courses and actually improve their English and general reading and writing skills so they wouldn't have to cheat."

Freshman Christopher Burris moved to China during high school.

"Test scores are basically everything, especially if you are trying to study in the United States," Burris said.

Cheating is so common in high school administration that Chinese students cannot take the SAT in mainland China, Burris said.

"At my high school, the person who sends out grades brought all the seniors into his office and asked them what grades they wanted to get into universities," he said.

Because of the prevalence of cheating in high schools, Chinese universities only look at standardized test grades when considering applicants, Burris said.

Though UNC has agreed to work with students, Burris said he has noticed panic from his friends.

"On my Chinese social app, everyone has been freaking out about (the delay) because they have to apply to colleges."

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HOROSCOPES

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 – A career window opens. This could cause changes and complications. Actions get farther than words. There's abundant money available today and tomorrow (if you work for it). Balance emotional with pragmatic factors. Call if you're running late.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)  
Today is a 7 – Work in partnership, and be willing to take the lead today and tomorrow. Don't get caught up in the words (miscommunications happen). Gossip leaves a bitter taste... avoid it. Sort out the common aim, and go for it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)  
Today is an 8 – Get introspective, and find what you're looking for. Retreat from the world today and tomorrow. Sometimes if you get quiet enough, the answer arises unbidden. Nurture health with rest, exercise and good food. Make a discovery by accident.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)  
Today is an 8 – Today and tomorrow favor fun with friends. Put a family event on the schedule. Play in a group or community project, and contribute your piece of the puzzle. Find materials at home or nearby. Learn from an experienced tutor.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Today is a 9 – Focus on your career today and tomorrow. Ask for what you need, and be patient... transmission breakdowns or slips in translation could warp the meaning. Repeat, and relax. Find multiple routes to your goal. Keep up momentum.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Today is an 8 – Take a trip or explore a new scene. You don't need to go far. Backyard journeys can be quite satisfying. Keep communications channels open, and expect some delays (especially with transportation or shipping). Saving is better than spending now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Today is a 9 – Get straight about what doesn't work. Gain more than expected. Attend to finances and administration for the next two days. Avoid talking about money with partners, or risk misunderstanding. Handle affairs and present the report later.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Today is a 9 – You have plenty of support. Teamwork is your secret weapon. Ignore doubts. You can succeed. You don't have to do it all, personally. Delegate! Take care with a change in plans. Don't give away your advantage.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Today is a 8 – Take on more work, and earnings increase. Gather ideas and feedback. An important person is feeling generous. Take the student role. Put your heads together. A feisty argument could curtail travel. Relax at home. See a movie.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Today is a 7 – Today can be really fun, especially avoiding miscommunication and arguments. A private conference spells out the facts. Now is the time to get creative. All is not as it appears. You get really lucky. Follow through.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Today is an 8 – Your heart's at home and in the garden. Pare down to make more space with a cleaning or renovation project. In a disagreement about priorities, listen to the opposing view. Consider all possibilities. Allow everything to gel.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Today is a 9 – Desire for more income guides your decisions. Maintain objectivity. The funding will be available. A purchase becomes possible. Finish a study project now. Practicing something you love to do goes well now. Your territory expands.

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# Professor emeritus brings Elvis Presley back to life

By Erin Wygant  
Assistant Arts & Culture Editor

Elvis Presley might have left the building, but he's become immortal in movies, songs and books, including UNC history professor emeritus Joel Williamson's biography "Elvis Presley: A Southern Life."

Unlike other tributes to the king of rock 'n' roll, Williamson's book discusses Elvis as a product of Southern culture — much like Williamson, himself.

"As I learned more about his life I wanted to feel what he felt there," Williamson said in an early letter to his editor at Oxford University Press, Susan Ferber. "To the extent that I am a Southerner, a male, a son of farmers who came to town, I had a head start."

A retired Lineberger professor of southern studies and race relations at UNC, Williamson has researched Elvis for 20 years, seeking to connect with his hometown roots. He moved to Memphis to walk the same streets as Elvis, visited his birthplace in Tupelo, Miss., and made 14 trips to his Graceland estate.

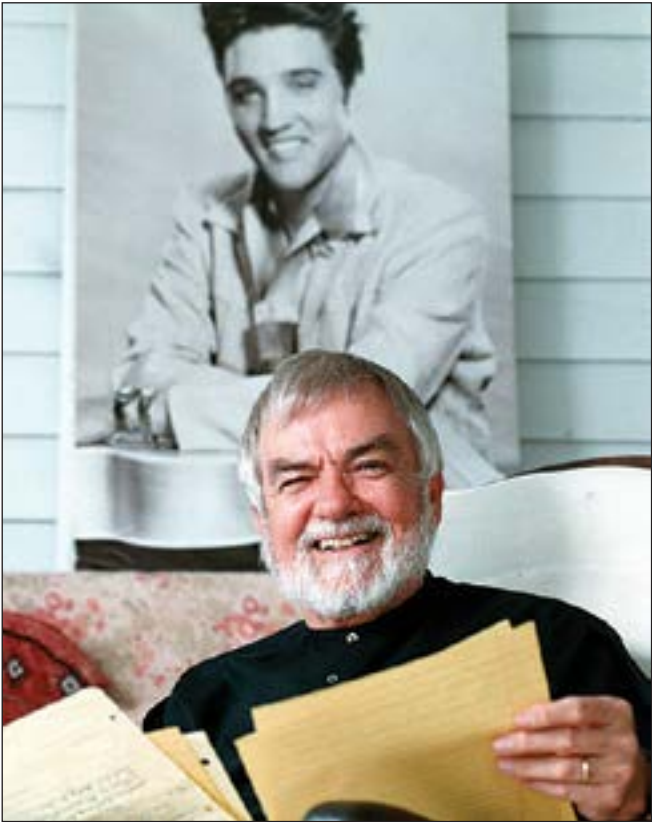
What separates Williamson's book from other Elvis biographies is its focus on the southern origins of Elvis' stardom.

"In my writing I sought to offer a reading of the life of Elvis Presley and the lives of girls and women in the 20th century in the South and in America," Williamson said.

Williamson, who lives in Carol Woods Retirement Community with his wife, had help from Ferber and Donald Shaw, a professor in UNC's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Ted Ownby, a scholar of southern studies at the University of Mississippi, wrote the book's forward.

Williamson's "Elvis" is unique — he's a southern man made popular by the girls of the South, Ferber said.

"The book gives life to the fan base in addition to the figure," she said. "He tapped into



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Former UNC professor Joel Williamson researched Elvis Presley extensively for a biography, which focuses on his southern roots.

Memphis society in new ways that gave rise to the book."

Ferber said while Williamson solicited Shaw's help with his large manuscript, the text was always his.

Williamson asked Shaw, a friend and colleague, to help edit his book, and for the past seven years the two have worked to condense the 1,100 pages of research.

"He is a tremendously insightful scholar in southern culture," Shaw said.

Shaw noted Williamson's link between Elvis and women of the 1950s. Southern women were emerging from a period of economic depression and World War II, and their lives were confined socially, Shaw said. They were expected to be chaste and proper, he said, until Elvis liberated them.

"Elvis represents such a unique part of southern cul-

ture, and southern culture was influenced by Elvis' music," Shaw said.

A southern scholar who teaches in Mississippi near where Elvis was born, Ownby said he was intrigued by Williamson's approach.

"The book shows that Elvis Presley's identity got stuck at a very early age. He got stuck as the object of a female desire — when that had a range of challenging meanings, but he chose to stick with it," Ownby said.

"It's a great biography — and great biographies are powerful in themselves," he said. "Joel Williamson never says that Elvis is an example of something. I found that after I read this book, it stayed with me."

So maybe Elvis hasn't left. Not yet, anyway.

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# Heaney aims to improve Women's Center visibility

By Olivia Bane  
Staff Writer

Cordelia Heaney wants to make the Carolina Women's Center visible.

Heaney discussed her ideas for the Women's Center in an open forum Tuesday.

She is one of four finalists for the position of women's center director. The other candidates are Shamecca Bryant, Rachel Seidman and Barbara Anderson, each of whom will hold an open forum later in November.

"I'm looking for someone who has an expansive and inclusive vision for what it means to be a feminist on this campus," said Emily Burrill, a member of the search committee and assistant professor in the department of Women's and Gender Studies. "The director of the Women's Center is a role model on campus."

The women's center is one of 26 University centers and institutes that are being examined by the UNC Board of Governors for possible budget cuts or termination.

In August, the N.C. General Assembly mandated that the Board of Governors look at centers and institutes on campus and take away \$15 million to redistribute to other UNC-system priorities.

"One thing I'd love to do is bring representatives from all the women's organizations on campus together and have them talk about how they could collectively work to



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Cordelia Heaney, a candidate for director of the Carolina Women's Center, presented her plan at a public forum Tuesday.

solve the problems they face," Heaney said.

She is currently the executive director of Louisiana's Office on Women's Policy.

Her experience includes working for the Newcomb College Institute, the Tulane University women's center.

"The programs that she ran at Tulane were excellent. There were weekly events and all kinds of incredible speakers," said graduate student Steffani Bangel, who completed her undergraduate degree at Tulane University. "She brought women together from across campus at Tulane."

Heaney said she would work to expand the center's services and visibility on campus.

"I see the Carolina Women's Center being a hub for faculty, alumni, students, staff and community partners," Heaney said.

Heaney said her areas of focus for students would include career development, mentoring and salary negotiation programs to help close the gender pay gap.

"We'd focus on networking and mentoring to connect women to resources on campus," Heaney said.

She added that she would also like to help the center start a dialogue about having more advocacy for staff.

Heaney said she hopes the center can maintain a gender-positive space and allow students, staff and faculty to learn from each other and the broader community.

"My goal would be that the center would be a place for all people, no matter how they express their gender identity," she said.

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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What law, passed in 1990, requires colleges to communicate with students about crimes committed near their campus?

And remember to tell all your friends how much you **#lovemydth**.

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14 Air or Mini

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19 Up to this point

20 "The Sound of Music" heroine

23 Ho Chi Minh City, once

25 Tribute in verse

26 Part of ETA: Abbr.

27 Fresno-to-L.A. direction

29 Altar oath

30 Conk on the head

33 \*Common Italian restaurant fixture

36 Construction site sight

38 "\_\_\_ Nagila"

39 '50s vice president

41 Snow Queen in "Frozen"

42 Unsuitable

44 \*Completely in vain

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52 Appeared

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65 Handled bags

66 Insect eggs

67 Hockey great Phil, familiarly

68 Stimulate

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70 Former Russian autocrat

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3 Coming-of-age event

4 Luggage tie-on

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6 Sailing, say

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9 Like some specialized research, for short

10 Luigi's love

11 Nadal of tennis, familiarly

12 Become overly dry

13 Angelic strings

21 Activist Parks

22 Show assent

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24 Koreans, e.g.

28 Party-planning site

29 All-\_\_\_ printer

30 One of two talking animals in the Old Testament

31 Like some training

32 Rang out

34 Ray gun sound

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37 Get ready to drag

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55 Field goal?

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57 Sausage serving

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# Unequal upon arrival at UNC

After three years of attending UNC, an institution historically built upon the backs of countless unnamed black bodies, a few facts have come to my attention.

It is here that I attended class without being conscious that UNC has only been open to people of color since 1955, beginning with the admittance of three undergraduate students — and only then because of judicial intervention.

It would be an insult to describe our society as post-racial because the wounds of slavery and segregation are still bleeding.

I graduated from a North Carolina public high school in 2012 and came to Chapel Hill, which promised me a fair and holistic education upon enrollment. At UNC, I am surrounded by systems of support that do not actually guarantee my academic success.

Attending an institution like UNC is still but a dream for so many students of color with stories similar to mine because of the vast disparity that exists with respect to high schools' abilities to provide opportunities for their students to meet college prerequisites.

If it were not for the high school clustering that resulted in my taking classes for college credit, I might have been unable, like so many students who come here, to complete my degree on time.

Due to racist prerequisites, some students of color or low socioeconomic status are excluded from pursuing certain majors. In eight semesters, it is nearly impossible to graduate with a bachelors of science in a STEM field if you must first complete a course in "College Algebra." Most students who place out of this prerequisite can either afford the SAT Subject Tests or have access to a school with an adequate teaching staff for teaching Advancement Placement courses.

"Separate but equal" is an absurd justification for segregation based on race, so why do we condone such exclusively unequal opportunities? Any student graduating from an accredited N.C. high school should be able to complete any course of study that results in a degree.

It's clear the problem lies in our unwillingness to equitably fund the schools responsible for preparing students for the rigor of a university education. Similarly, this criticism of the University-industrial complex can be applied to athletes recruited to participate in revenue sports with varying levels of academic readiness.

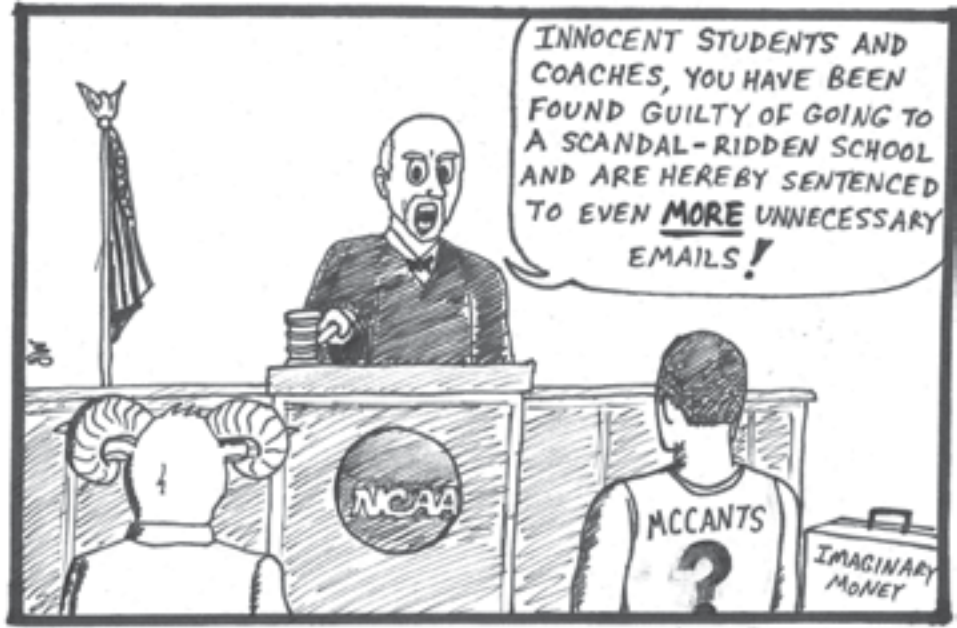
To address issues of academic preparedness and encourage the pursuit of STEM degrees, the University should increase the availability of tutors and open up sustainable lines of communication between students and professor. This should go beyond peer tutoring or meeting with a professor for sometimes inconvenient office hours.

Black students are on this campus and will prosper. If this means intervention from the courts, we have our lawyers; if it means calling upon the President to allow us access to our educational birthright, we have the National Guard. Most of all, we have our voices and we will be heard.

NEXT

DROPPING THE "THE"  
Matt Leming will discuss ethics in the job market.

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## EDITORIAL An unfinished fight

### Restrictive voting laws in N.C. must be repealed.

Many more North Carolinians voted early this year than in the 2010 midterm elections. Make no mistake: This progress came from the hard work of many volunteers who persevered in spite of North Carolina's voter suppression bill. Had the state's Republican majority not made voting more difficult — ostensibly to eliminate voter fraud — more students could have exercised their right to vote.

In the past, students

could vote out of their precinct, had 17 days of early voting and benefited from a sensible policy that allowed them to register and vote at the same time. This year, students who did not register to vote at all by the time early voting started were out of luck. Students who did vote early had only 10 days to do so and come election day, they had to vote in their precinct. These are only a few of the ways the state's voting laws have changed for the worse.

Who do these changes benefit? Only parties with unpopular policies view making voting more difficult as a compelling interest. Meanwhile,

students, who are mobile and newer to voting than older Americans, are disproportionately harmed, as are many interest groups who stand to suffer from Republican control.

To minimize future harm, students must pressure lawmakers not to treat the status quo as the new normal. They should vote for candidates who prioritize repealing the voter ID law in its entirety and work to make sure that their peers are registered going forward. Democracies should facilitate civic participation. North Carolina Republicans violated this norm and must be held accountable.

## EDITORIAL A wrinkle in time

### Schedule change should have been better publicized.

With course registration for the spring semester already underway, observant students might have noticed something different about classes that are scheduled to meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

According to a memorandum originally released April 7, there will now be 15-minute periods between all classes beginning in

spring 2015. This means that standard classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will now begin five minutes later per hour after 8 a.m.

The Office of the Registrar as well as the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and the Provost could both have been more proactive about communicating these impending changes and the rationale behind them to students and faculty.

The changes are supposedly intended to improve the efficiency of classroom use after a report in 2013 gave several recom-

mendations. Having an additional five minutes between classes could also encourage more diversity of learning. Students sometimes dismiss classes that might interest them but are taught in buildings far away from the hall that houses their major, for example.

While we applaud the University's efforts to ensure that all classrooms are being used efficiently and effectively, implementing such sweeping changes in the middle of the academic year without seeking significant student input seems unnecessarily rushed.

## EDITOR'S COLUMN This is why we vote

There is nothing rational about our choice to vote, but that's OK

What will your vote do? I'm not sure I could give you a good answer.

Cynics are, in most cases, correct in pointing out that your vote won't change anything, in a probabilistic sense. After all, there are many more efficient and substantial things you can do to better your surroundings and the lives of others.

But should what your vote accomplishes have any bearing on whether you ought to cast it?

The irrationality of participating in the democratic process mirrors the irrationality of our participation in most of life — beautifully illustrated by anyone who'd write a column calling voters to arms the day after an election.

Fully aware of how totally out of our hands the future remains, we still show up for it.

We grope for the reins to our lives as we tumble into the future, even if they are as far from our grasp as the deciding vote in any election.



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And so, on election day, we showed up — not because we knew our vote would affect the change we desired, but because we knew that if we only acted when we could be certain of cause and effect, we'd never do anything.

A good friend of mine likes to sum this up as follows: "Everything we do is a statement of value."

I'd propose an addendum clarifying that everything we choose not to do makes a similar statement.

Voting, however statistically inconsequential, matters insofar as it is another

way to express our belief that our voice has value. Yes, there are more efficient, substantial ways to make this statement. The voting mechanism is far from perfect, but it's a lot closer than abstaining.

It has been persuasively argued along similar lines that not voting is a statement of value in protest of largely ineffective or oppressive structures. But choosing not to vote suggests that an act of protest is more highly valued than the actual good that votes, in aggregate, can do for others.

When it comes to the circumstances of those who literally live and die according to the decisions of their government, there can be no time for moral self-indulgence. It is not noble to abstain from supporting the lesser of two evils when the immediate alternative is greater evil.

The only moral course of action is, in this case, a swift and deliberate one toward a voting booth.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's not caused by non-white people and African-American studies. It's a natural effect of a massively unequal institution..."

Mark Driscoll, a member of the Progressive Faculty Network

### FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Some (coaches) look the other way and some instigate the cheating themselves, but they always know."

Kamano1955, on Roy Williams' knowledge of the fake paper classes

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### FAC a victim of regulatory capture

TO THE EDITOR:

There now seems to be general agreement that UNC's faculty has not lived up to its responsibility to ensure that all students receive a genuine college education. When it comes to undergraduate athletes like those now in the news, monitoring their education should have been the particular concern of the Faculty Athletics Committee. In fall 2013 that committee announced that it would begin to "participate in the review and monitoring of student-athlete enrollment patterns," but why did it take so long? How did that committee manage to overlook outright academic fraud spanning some eighteen years?

According to its own description posted on a university website earlier this year, "the committee has created and is following an established plan to ensure consistent, sustainable outcomes and practices as part of a fact-based approach to evaluating the alignment of the University's academic mission with athletics." Having the last part of that otherwise unintelligible sentence speak of the "alignment" of the University's academic mission with athletics rather than the other way around was probably inadvertent. But in point of fact the FAC has indeed let the tail wag the dog. The economist George Stigler won a Nobel Prize for the concept of "regulatory capture," and that seems to be what has happened here.

Consider the composition of the current committee. The chancellor and the athletic director are ex officio members. The senior associate athletic director and the director of the Academic Support Program for Student Athletes are on the committee as "advisers." ASPSA representation might sound like a good idea, but the Wainstein report suggests that many employees of that program have been more interested in athletes' eligibility than their academic progress.

Of the 10 faculty members of the FAC, six are from professional schools that have little involvement, if any, in the education of student athletes; one of them is the committee's chair, who teaches radiologic sciences in the Department of Medical Allied Health Professions. Only four members of the committee are from the College of Arts and Sciences, where nearly all athletes are enrolled, and although a couple of them seem to have done good work, another was apparently available to help a football player who needed a paper course to raise his GPA.

This isn't the image that comes to mind when one hears about "faculty oversight" of athletics. We'd be better off without a committee at all than with one that

gives the illusion of such supervision without actually providing much of it.

Our newly energized Faculty Council should pay more attention to a committee that supposedly represents the faculty. It should have more members from the College of Arts and Sciences. It should have at least one from the athletics reform group, if only to watch for signs of cooptation. And certainly it should have a chair with something more than an untenured clinical appointment. A committee that oversees an important and sometimes troublesome aspect of the university's life should be chaired by someone with independence and authority.

A reconstituted Faculty Athletics Committee could be a powerful force for academic integrity. In its current incarnation it has been part of the problem.

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#### Willingham praise has overlooked her flaws

TO THE EDITOR:

I am somewhat perplexed by the call from many fellow UNC faculty members to allow Mary Willingham to return to UNC. She deserves credit for her work in describing some of the details in the class scandal. But other UNC faculty members seem to have forgotten her egregious errors with regards to her research and her reports to the national press. A careful review of her UNC Institutional Review Board applications and her public comments reveals significant errors in her research methods and her human research subject protections. Either Ms. Willingham willfully misled the UNC Internal Review Board or she was incapable of creating a research project with appropriate human subject protections.

Ms. Willingham did not de-identify data in any meaningful way and gave public comments that may have identified research subjects and purported to reveal research and personal data that should have remained confidential.

For these reasons UNC should acknowledge the contributions that Ms. Willingham provided in exposing the sad story of the irregular classes while also recognizing that her publicly reported research fell far short of Federal and University standards. The recent attempt to lionize Ms. Willingham while making her a focal point of the important ongoing debate about the balance of athletics and academics on campus is, in my opinion, misguided.

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