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Disability advocates learn to speak out

NC program teaches policy reform, self-advocacy

By Lauren Kent
Senior Writer

Jennine Vlasaty's 8-year-old son Nickolas was born with Down syndrome. For most of his schooling, he was able to attend typical elementary classes and interact with his peers. But in the last two years, Nickolas has been pulled out increasingly for special education classes.

His mom witnessed him falling further behind in the curriculum and decided to do something — not just to advocate for her son, but for all children with disabilities.

Vlasaty enrolled in Partners in Policymaking, a program through the N.C. Council on Developmental Disabilities that teaches people with disabilities and their parents how to take part in policy reform. After eight workshops on topics including leadership and government structure, the program culminates each year with a presentation to a panel of N.C. General Assembly members.

"It just opened my eyes on how to get more involved so I'm at the table," she said.

As a result of the eight-month program, Vlasaty has joined several committees and is applying for a spot on the state advisory council on education for kids with disabilities.

Program participants brought a wide-range of issues to the General Assembly, such as low participation in disability awareness month, the lack of specialized disability training among in-home care providers and unreliable transportation.



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8-year-old Nickolas Vlasaty stands on the staircase in his home. When Jennine Vlasaty saw her son falling behind in school, she joined a disability policy reform program.

But they also tackled more complex issues, such as Managed Care Organizations, which offer support services to people with disabilities through Medicaid coverage. Disability advocates question laws that allow these organizations to keep excess money not spent on patient care. Meanwhile, the waitlist to receive these services can be 10 years long.

Deborah Whitfield, project director for Partners in Policymaking in North Carolina, said the legislators were moved by the presentations.

"(Participants) used their personal life stories — and the pain of the stories," she said.

Partners in Policymaking is part of a larger self-advocacy movement in the disabled community.

The program began in Minnesota in 1987 and has expanded internationally. More than 27,000 self-advocates and parents have graduated.

Colleen Wieck, co-founder of the program and executive director of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, said she got the idea while listening to a mother speak at a congressional

hearing on Medicaid.

"She was given lots of stage direction. Somebody would say 'Whatever you do, don't read the script,' and somebody else would say 'Stick to the script,'" she said. "We came back to Minnesota and thought, 'why don't we actually teach people how to

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Uncontested candidates stress vote turnout

Local officials running unopposed still want all residents to vote.

By Robin O'Lunaigh
Staff Writer

Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle is running unopposed in the upcoming election, but she is still pushing her constituents to go to the polls and exercise their democratic rights.

"Voting is our ticket to change," Lavelle said. "Everyone who is complaining and upset about how the General Assembly has been passing strange laws this past year, well

that happened because a lot of people didn't get out to vote when they should have."

In her recent op-ed published in The (Raleigh) News & Observer, Lavelle highlighted the struggle that disenfranchised groups have gone through in the last century to earn their right to vote.

The op-ed is part of a group effort between the unopposed candidates



Lydia Lavelle was appointed mayor of Carrboro in 2013. She is running uncontested for reelection this year.

for the Board of Aldermen in Carrboro — Bethany Chaney, Damon Seils and Michelle Johnson, as well as Lavelle — to increase voting numbers this next election.

"The other candidates in Carrboro and I got together and thought since we didn't have to put our energy into running campaigns, we (would) do everything we could to get people out to vote, and start



Michelle Johnson was appointed as a Board of Aldermen member in 2011. She is running for reelection this year.

a pattern in voting in elections," Lavelle said.

Like their mayor, Carrboro residents are also adamant that voting is a right that must be exercised.

"We're all a part of our communities — if we don't vote how are we supposed to enact change?" Carrboro resident Victoria Rust said.

Bruce Thomas, also a Carrboro resident, said he feels the American



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people should be more grateful for their ability to vote in free democratic elections.

"You get the chance to vote for who you want as opposed to someone just getting put up there (in office)," Thomas said.

Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens is also running unopposed for reelection in



Bethany Chaney was appointed as a Board of Aldermen member in 2014. She is running for reelection this year.

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No fantasy sports for student-athletes

The NCAA forbids student-athletes from wagering on any sports.

By Cailyn Derickson
Staff Writer

Student-athletes cannot wager on sports — a rule the NCAA takes seriously.

An NCAA brochure intended for student-athletes quotes Stevin Smith, a former student-athlete who went to prison for point-shaving in 1997: "Play the game; don't let the game play you."

An NCAA rule states that anyone with responsibility in an athletics department — such as student-athletes, coaches and conference office staff members — may not place a bet on any sporting event. This includes amateur or

professional games, fantasy leagues, sports pools or March Madness.

"This particular rule is very hard to monitor," said Steve Kirschner, senior associate athletic director for communications. "It's very easy to play these games without using their real names."

According to the NCAA website, sports wagering is considered anything that requires an entry fee and offers an opportunity for winning a prize — which can include fantasy sports competitions.

The NCAA says it established rules to prevent sports wagering because the gambling compromises game integrity and "also is an entry point into other behaviors that may compromise student-athlete health and well-being."

"The rule kind of makes sense, because if you play in a league with all the boosters, then it could be a way to pay the

student-athletes," first-year Trent Martensen said.

Student-athletes who violate the rule face ineligibility. Violators cannot play at any NCAA school for a minimum of one year for offenses such as betting via the internet or a third party. Attempting to influence the outcome of any game or betting on any game at the athlete's own school can lead to permanent ineligibility.

Kirschner said concern about the topic is a recent one.

"I've just started hearing and reading about it in the last couple of weeks," he said.

Senior Becky Sukhu said the rule sounded unreasonable.

"It makes sense for them not to gamble on collegiate games they play in, but not professional games that they can't control," she said.

The NCAA informs student-

athletes of the no-gambling rule through its "Don't Bet on It" program, meant to increase awareness of consequences of sports wagering.

Coaches have access to the program through online presentations and are provided with resources about how to deal with athletes who are caught gambling.

"I think this is an example of the NCAA making arbitrary restrictions to student-athletes," senior Arvind Krishnamurthy said.

"If I made a dope mixtape and started selling T-shirts with my face on it, that would be the same as someone wearing a No. 5 basketball jersey, but Marcus Paige wouldn't get any money. UNC would get money, Nike would get money, but not Marcus Paige, just because the NCAA said so."

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Mayor signs letter for more refugees

Kleinschmidt hopes Chapel Hill hosts more Syrians displaced by conflict.

By Burhan Kadibhai
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Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt joined 17 other mayors around the nation in a movement to open the doors of Chapel Hill to refugees from Syria.

Nearly 9 million Syrian refugees have been displaced from their homes since 2011, which marked the outbreak of the civil war in Syria. As the number of refugees grows larger, there is both a national and an international call to increase efforts to provide aid.

Kleinschmidt is a member of Cities United for Immigration Action, an organization dedicated to passing immigration reform in the United States. He, along with other mayors

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Misfit toys find home in Arboretum

Groundskeepers assemble misplaced menagerie on drain

By Kevin Fussell
Staff Writer

Tucked behind Davie Hall, UNC's very own island of misfit toys hosts a modest arrangement of toys, from a small plastic dinosaur to a My Little Pony figurine.

Resting inconspicuously on a drain in the heating and cooling system in Coker Arboretum, toys have been stockpiled for a few years by UNC's grounds crews.

Since its discovery, the spot has been shared on the Facebook group "Overheard at UNC" and has been posted on Yik Yak several times.

"Of all the weird things I've seen on this campus, this might be the weirdest," one Yik Yak poster said.

Senior Connor Elledge said he came across the spot accidentally.

"I stumbled upon it one day with a friend when taking pictures in the Arboretum," he said.

Elledge said he asked a University groundskeeper about the enigma. He said the groundskeeper seemed when delighted Elledge asked, describing the site as if it were a hidden gem on campus.

Elledge said the groundskeeper told him that his fellow crew members place toys at the site whenever they come across them. He said the spot has been in the making for a few years.

While most of the toys come from groundskeepers' campus finds, Elledge said the groundskeeper he met brought a My Little Pony toy back from the U.S. Virgin Islands to add to the collection.

Elledge said he has returned to show a couple of his friends the masterpiece.

Geoffrey Neal, assistant curator at the Arboretum, which is part of the N.C. Botanical Garden, said the drain where the toys are kept, despite being in the



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Tossed-away toys collected over the years by UNC groundskeepers sentinel a storm drain in Coker Arboretum. The collection has grown over several years.

Arboretum, lacks aesthetic appeal.

"It's not a particularly attractive part of campus," he said. "We find stuff all the time, and if it looks like it's not going to be claimed, we stick it there."

Neal said the collection began after finding a small toy on campus one day.

"I found a plastic dinosaur in the wall along Raleigh Street, picked it up, and put it there," he said.

"The steam coming out of the pipe over the drain makes it quite 'Jurassic Park'-esque."

What started with a plastic dinosaur a few years ago has turned into an ongoing habit, Neal said.

"It beats throwing them in the trash," he said.

Neal said the toys sometimes get shared with younger visitors at the Arboretum.

The spot is somewhat hidden, although not intentionally — which Neal said might be a good thing.

"The location it's in right now is far enough away where the average drinking, stumbling student won't walk by and kick

it," he said.

He said although the grounds crew is primarily responsible for the toy collection, anyone can participate.

"It started with Margo and I, but we certainly have no objections to anyone else doing it," Neal said.

When asked why they do it, Margo MacIntyre, curator at the Arboretum, had a simple answer.

"Why not? It's just fun."

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SBP: Party monitors still up for considered adoption

The adult monitors would not restrict alcohol or drug use.

By Anna Freeman
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The idea of adult party monitors might evoke images of sad, middle-aged men, but Houston Summers, student body president, said this plank of his platform is not exactly what's expected.

"I don't think that adult monitors are a fair classification," Summers said.

"And what I want to portray is, (by) speaking to the fraternity community and several of their presidents during the campaign, it was really a push to have their individuals trained in sexual assault intervention."

Party monitors would be adults who look out for and intervene in potential sexual assault incidents at social gatherings.

But these resources for the prevention of sexual assault won't be confined to Fraternity Court, Summers said.

"It's not targeted specifi-

cally to fraternities," he said. "It's targeted to any event, any student group, that is supported in some way, form or fashion by the University, that is having a large event that they would like to use this particular service."

Summers said these monitors won't be associated with watching the alcohol consumption or drug use of individuals in any way.

"By no means was my idea geared towards monitoring alcohol use, monitoring capacity issues or anything like that," he said. "It was simply an extra resource offered to those individuals that might want someone there who is specifically trained in intervention."

Junior Kathryn Davis said she would support the measure.

"I haven't heard anything about it, but I would think anything that could prevent sexual assault is a good idea," she said.

Ion Outterbridge, assistant director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement, said he would like more information about the proposal.

"Any time we have the opportunity to put things in

place for the safety of students, (the Interfraternity Council) is in support," Outterbridge said. "But we would like to see more documentation in place before we can give our full support."

Summers said there's been a lull in the implementation of these policies since his campaign but that casual talks have gone on between student government officials and the Interfraternity Council.

"It's absolutely something that is still on the table, and I think that there has to be a lot of discussion," Summers said. "This is not something I'm going to push and push and push without any feedback or concerns being addressed by the fraternity community."

Summers said that despite improvements in sexual assault policies and practices on college campuses in recent years, UNC can always do more.

"I think (the Interfraternity Council) has come a long way addressing some of my concerns that led me to propose this in the first place, but all in all, I'm reasonably happy with what's going on," he said.

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UNC prepared in event of campus shooting

DPS has procedures in place to protect people on campus.

By Anyssa Reddix
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For journalism professor John Robinson, the shooting at Umpqua Community College in Oregon this past week was a reminder of how safe he needs to keep his classroom.

"This most recent shooting seems to say to me I ought to just keep those doors locked," he said.

Robinson said the possibility of an intruder has been on his mind for some time.

"It occurs to me whenever there is, for instance, a knock on the door, and I know that all the students are accounted for — that I could be opening the door to someone with a gun," Robinson said. "That only really happens right after one of these mass-shooting incidents in the news."

He said this thought isn't unique to him.

"I can't imagine, particularly after Virginia Tech or Newtown or this one, any professor has not thought about this," Robinson said. "Am I protecting my students? What would I do if there were a gunman in my building?"

Randy Young, spokesperson for the Department of Public Safety, said UNC has preparations in place if such an incident were to happen on campus.

"Once we identify this as a threat to the safety of the campus community, the sirens would alert the campus," Young said. "The Alert Carolina system would be activated."

DPS members have conversations and

run training drills with the Chapel Hill and Carrboro Police Departments and UNC hospital police, among other agencies. Out of the last four drills conducted on campus, three were in response to an active shooter.

"Sometimes at these discussions and tabletops, we would look at possibly things that have happened to other universities and we'd study them," Young said. "We'd talk about how we would respond if something similar occurred here."

Junior Abigail Parlier said campus shootings at other universities only heighten her fear for her safety at UNC.

"As a woman, I'm typically super hyper-aware of my safety on campus but when events like this happen and nothing is done about it, it makes me more nervous," she said.

There are resources for those who want to feel more prepared in case a situation were to occur on campus. DPS offers a video presentation upon request, Young said. Young said the video offers techniques to keep potential victims as safe as possible. It has been requested by faculty and student groups alike.

"If anyone sees suspicious behavior on the University (campus), we would ask that folks call 911 to report an emergency," Young said. "It's better to have a police response and not need it than to need one and not have called."

Rave Guardian, a free app, is another resource available to both students and faculty on campus. Through it, users can send pictures or text tips straight to the Department of Public Safety if they are in a situation where they cannot call.

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Author, UNC grad Clyde Edgerton honored with Wolfe Prize

Edgerton endured 202 rejections before getting published.

By Cate Alspaugh
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Reading Emerson in tenth grade and "A Farewell to Arms" his sophomore year at UNC inspired Clyde Edgerton's desire to study and teach English.

However, it wasn't until he returned to UNC for graduate school and a Ph.D. program that he began secretly dreaming about becoming an author.

Hearing Eudora Welty read her short story "Why I Live at the P.O." solidified Edgerton's dream of writing.

"It changed my life," he said. "It's what happens to people when they have religious experiences, and their lives are changed — a big kind of transformation."

This transformation led to 10 novels, a book of advice, a memoir, short stories, essays,

a Guggenheim fellowship and five novels recognized as notable books by The New York Times.

But he still remembers when Ehringhaus was the only tall building on campus and when the computer science building used an entire room for one computer.

Now, Edgerton has returned to UNC to be honored with the Thomas Wolfe Prize, an award sponsored by the Department of English and Comparative Literature that recognizes contemporary writers with distinguished bodies of work and seeks to give the UNC community the opportunity to hear important writers of their time.

UNC English professor Randall Kenan said his North Carolina roots set Edgerton apart from other writers of his generation.

"He is through and through a North Carolinian," Kenan said.

"I think of him as unafraid to tackle a lot of the social issues that a lot of writers shy away from — especially mat-

ters of race and class."

Junior Austin Mathews, an English major, heard about the Thomas Wolfe Lecture through his creative writing class and hopes to attend the event.

"I love the Southern lit that I've read," Mathews said.

"It's like the intellectual from the viewpoint of the very uneducated."

Although he has not read Edgerton's work, Mathews said his interest in Southern literature and creative writing, as well as living in North Carolina his entire life, made him interested in the lecture.

However, Edgerton's success was not obtained without perseverance.

"My stories were rejected 202 times before one was published," Edgerton said.

While teaching creative writing at UNC-Wilmington, Edgerton said he gives advice in the classroom so he can make his students' jobs a little easier.

And Edgerton has much advice to give, specifi-

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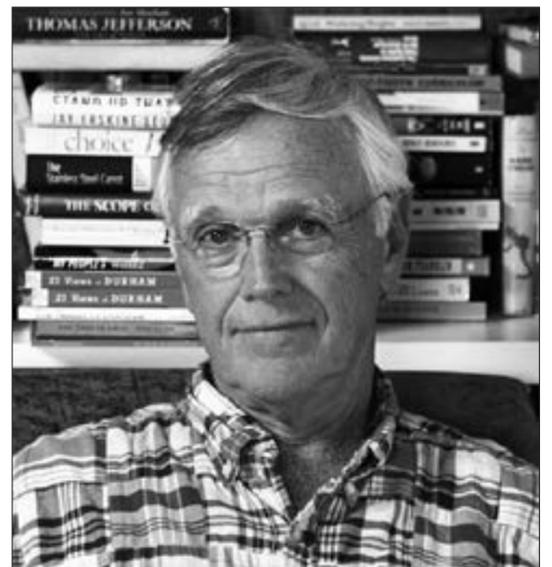
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cally regarding his first novel, "Raney."

"It wasn't really a novel until I put the serious stuff in," he said.

"I realized my short stories were scenes, and I rely on what I've since found out through an interesting definition by Josephine Humphreys, and that is that 'A novel is a series of scenes with meaning.'"

Edgerton also referred to Cleanth Brooks and Robert Penn Warren's "Understanding Fiction" as his personal Bible. He said his sources for fiction came from three categories: He learned that observation was important; he learned that experience was important; but, most of all, he learned that experience was necessary



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for truthful stories.

Tonight's lecture will be a chance to hear about Edgerton's inspirations and trials, and how honored he is by the Thomas Wolfe Prize. "It doesn't get any better

than when your friends, your peers or your students give you an award," he said.

"The word 'honor' takes on a special meaning."

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Makerspaces available for school, personal use

The open workshops equip students for free-form creation.

By Sarah McAdon
Staff Writer

With two makerspaces established and a third on the way, students have the freedom to make whatever they can imagine with resources available on campus.

There are currently two active locations at Hanes Art Center and Kenan Science Library, and a third location is being built in Murray Hall.

The spaces are stocked with materials such as wood, Plexiglas and plastic. Students can use any consumables in the space to create projects that matter to them, whether they are school-related or not.

Advanced technology like laser cutters, vinyl cutters and 3D printers are available for students' use at no charge.

"As long as you come in and get trained on the equipment, you can use the equipment to make whatever you want," said Michelle Garst, the UNC Be a Maker program manager. "You can come in and build a coffee table for your apartment. You can make key chains with your sorority or fraternity letters on it. You can make anything that is in your head."

Although the use of the tools requires training, no prior experience is required to be oriented with the program.

"Even if a student doesn't have any experience on these tools, even if a student walks in and they don't even know what they want to make," Garst said. "I specifically want



UNC Be a Maker program manager Michelle Garst gives a tour of the makerspace in Hanes Art.

to bring in those students — the students who might be intimidated by this — and I want to help those students build that confidence."

MakNet, UNC's student maker group, hosts workshops for students from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday. Opportunities are available for students who have not been oriented, letting them gain experience with the tools.

"I think a lot of people are afraid to take action in their lives to cause a change, and makerspaces represent a way to give people that power in a tangible sense," said MakNet Co-President Adam Kunes. "If you can get people used to the idea

of using the skills you learn to improve your life, people in general are happier."

Science librarian David Romito said that aside from personal and student research projects, the UNC spaces can have a variety of applications, thanks to the flexibility of the tools available.

"We've developed specialized laboratory equipment, made a visualization of molecules with the 3D printer and can use the space for prototyping," Romito said. "Makerspace is not for just engineers. It's for people of all sorts of areas."

The makerspace under construction in Murray is three times the size of the

"You can come in and build a coffee table for your apartment."

Michelle Garst
Be a Maker program manager

existing makerspaces. It's expected to open in the spring.

"It is going to have a fully comprehensive metalworking room, a woodworking room, 3D digital fabrication, several laser cutters, vinyl cutters, 3D printers and so much more," Garst said.

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Open Congress forum talks vacant seats

By Ashlen Renner
Senior Writer

With the goal of filling 19 vacant seats by the next election, UNC's Student Congress held an open forum Monday evening.

Four non-Congress members attended the meeting, a higher turnout than Speaker David Joyner expected.

"We generally have high turnout during the spring open house because that is when student body elections are, and that's when the main Congress elections are," he said.

"I think that tonight's turnout was reflective of students interested in filling vacancies. We saw a lot of underclassmen coming out — we saw a lot of first-years and sophomores. Those have been the people contacting me offline about potentially filling those seats."

Joyner said having vacant seats is not uncommon, especially among graduate and professional students, but vacant seats among undergraduate students are rare.

"As far as undergraduates go, vacancies are a lot more rare, but we've had a lot of turnover this year with people going abroad," he said.

"We've had a few people resign their Congress seats so they can get positions in other areas of government ... And I think the largest problem we had was people who didn't have their housing confirmed when they decided to run, so they ran for election and had to move out of their district and therefore had to decline."

In addition to sharing information about applying for Student Congress, the forum opened the floor to any concerns.

Members discussed issues like the possible privatization of UNC Student Stores, underage drinking and drunk driving and students moving off-campus.

Jack Amoroso, a first-year member of Speakers at Carolina, said he has seen more people looking into off-campus housing.

"I've been shocked just from being here for two months how many of my peers and friends have decided after living here two months they want to move off-campus next year and next semester," he said. "I think it's shocking that after only two months, you can make that decision."

Student Congress Representative Samantha Yarborough said she witnessed the shift from on-campus to off-campus housing.

"I went to Carolina for undergrad, so I've been here for a long time — I lived on campus all four years of undergrad and when I was a junior that wasn't weird," she said.

"There were plenty of other juniors living in my hall, but this was also before the huge boom of apartment complexes. I've seen, personally, a big shift to moving off-campus even in the past few years."

Amoroso said he will not apply for one of the vacant seats, but he came to the forum because he was interested in learning more about Student Congress.

"This is one of the best forums to get to know what's going on, on campus," he said.

"You really don't hear about it unless you find out and research, so this is a great way to figure out what's been going around."

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Substance policy to be ready by end of semester

By Rachael Scott
Staff Writer

The High Risk Alcohol and Substance Abuse Working Group plans to release its draft of the University's new substance policy by the end of the semester.

"(We) hope to be wrapping up by the end of this month, but it's much more important that we resolve these issues than ... have an artificial time frame," said Jonathan Sauls, dean of students. "But we certainly anticipate being done by

the end of this semester."

The working group focused on prevention, intervention, aid and consequences at its Monday meeting. Sauls emphasized the importance of these factors' effect on binge-drinking culture at UNC.

"If you're a fish and you swim around in a polluted stream, you can't really be surprised when you have an adverse reaction," he said. "It's about thinking what are the things that will affect the ... campus environment."

Working group member and

pharmacy professor Timothy Ives called for training to educate the UNC community on dangerous drinking behavior.

"Everybody. If we're going to do this, we're getting everybody," Ives said.

The working group talked about training community directors, instructors, teaching assistants, medical personnel and leaders of campus organizations to recognize substance abuse issues before they lead to academic, legal or medical consequences.

"We are not doing our job if we don't get those young people referred," pediatrics professor Dr. Jake Lohr said.

For students battling substance abuse, the working group wants to eliminate barriers to aid.

"We are going the extra mile to include the safe harbor provision to say if you come tell me you have a dependency issue, it's totally nondiscipline," Sauls said. "It's all intervention."

Dean Blackburn, director of student wellness, advocated for Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students, a program that helps first-offense students self-reflect on their substance use.



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The binge-drinking task force discusses new policy Monday afternoon in the Campus Health Building.

Although Blackburn emphasized the high success rate of the program, he said UNC lacks a system for students who have repeated problems with substances.

"We have the new recovery network," he said. "We don't have a good mechanism in place to intervene on a con-

sistent basis with students who have second and third alcohol violations."

Students who come against legal charges or citations might also face University sanctions. The group discussed the importance of enforcing these sanctions while ensuring students are not pushed away

from help and education.

Sauls and other members recognized the fact that the alcohol culture will not change overnight.

"It's not a one-semester change in culture, and it has to be constantly repeated."

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All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses.

Compiled by staff writer Nikita Mathur. Photos by Beren South



Pepper relish business up for award

Cottage Lane Kitchen is up for the Martha Stewart American Made competition for its spicy pepper relish condiments, which stem from an heirloom family recipe. The Martha Stewart American Made Awards highlight nationwide innovators, makers and small business owners from different categories. Cottage Lane Kitchen's founder, Samantha Swan, is a finalist under the "Food" category and "Bottled, Jarred & Canned" sub-category. The final award winners will be chosen by voters online on the Martha Stewart website, and voting ends on Oct. 19. "It's such a tremendous honor to have been selected by Martha's panel of judges for something that my family's been doing for generations," Swan said. The 4-year-old Chapel Hill business makes two signature sodium-free pepper relish condiments based on Swan's great-grandmother's recipe. Today, the peppers are slow-cooked in apple cider vinegar just like they would have been in Swan's great-grandmother's kitchen. People in the area remember the way their own families used to make relishes and find familiarity in the condiments, Swan said.



Musical Arts school moves location

The Chapel Hill School of Musical Arts has moved to Franklin Square, offering its students a new, convenient and well-equipped space. Having outgrown its previous locations, the business moved to 1829 E. Franklin St., Unit 500 in Chapel Hill on Sept. 17. Founder Sharon Szymanski began the business by teaching voice lessons in her home. Later partnering with her husband, Rick Szymanski, the pair expanded the business to include instrument lessons too. All lessons used to take place between the Szymanskis' home and Mariakakis Plaza on Fordham Boulevard. "The new location gets us all under one roof, which is great," said Melissa Dombrowski, director of operations at the Chapel Hill School of Musical Arts. The new facility includes 15 private studios equipped with computers, a large classroom with a grand piano and audio/visual and recording equipment. This larger space has also helped enable the arts-education business to expand to include an acting program, Dombrowski said.



Carolina Ale House to open in October

Sports fans in Chapel Hill will soon have another spot to enjoy games, as sports bar chain Carolina Ale House opens another branch on Franklin Street in late October. The sports bar will be located at 419 W. Franklin St. in the former Yates Motor Company building, according to Camille White, brand manager for Carolina Ale House at LM Restaurants, the Raleigh-based parent company. "Franklin Street — in particular being in close proximity to the University and kind of in the happening spot (of Chapel Hill) — felt like it would be a really good fit for our brand," said White. White said the bar will be a place to gather with friends to watch all your favorite sports. The grand opening of the bar will include a week of events, particularly tailored around the UNC sports schedule, White said. The interior of the upcoming Carolina Ale House will stay true to the bar's signature look from all its locations, with televisions everywhere you turn. "This is something we pride ourselves on, in all of our locations," White said.

Compass Center shows support for victims

The Center's goals are to prevent and end domestic violence.

By Megan Royer
Staff Writer

The Compass Center for Women and Families in Chapel Hill is a safe place for victims of domestic violence to find resources and support. With October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the center is partnering with the community to bring more awareness the ongoing issue. The center offers a 24-hour domestic violence hotline, emotional support and crisis counseling, safety planning, emergency shelter placement, court advocacy services, support groups with free child-care, career and financial counseling and other services. Many of these services are free and offered in English and Spanish to individuals experiencing emotional, physical or sexual abuse in a personal relationship. "The work that we do is really rewarding because our focus is on people making empowered choices," said Cordelia Heaney, executive director for the center. "We don't tell people what they should or have to do."

The goals of all Compass Center programs are to prevent and end domestic violence as well as teach women to be self-sufficient. North Carolina is ranked No. 19 out of all states for the highest rate of women murdered by men. Heaney said many cases of domestic violence go unreported, and the number used to create this ranking does not include murder-suicides or murders within same-gender couples. Last year, the center served 1,168 domestic violence clients and delivered over 7,000 instances of service to people, Heaney said. The Compass Center is the only crisis center for domestic violence in Orange County. It was named a 2013 United Way Agency of Excellence and also won the Nonprofit of the Year Award in 2015. The center receives funding from various sources, including the United Way of the Greater Triangle; the towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough; Orange County and the state of North Carolina. The center also depends on individual donations, program fees and events that raise money. "My favorite part about working at the Compass Center is being able to help a wide array of people and to

SEEKING HELP

The Compass Center operates a 24-hour crisis hotline. The number is 919-929-7122. The center offers crisis counseling, emergency shelter placement and other support programs. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

see the impact that having support and resources can have on people's lives," Susan Friedman, director of domestic violence crisis services said. Throughout October, the Compass Center is hosting and collaborating on events at local businesses and churches. One of the events this month is a performance of the band Below the Line at Local 506 on Friday. "This event is a really fun way to engage with students," Heaney said. The communications director of the Compass Center has been fostering communication and involvement between the UNC student body and the center, specifically in the Panhellenic community, Heaney said. The center has many short and long term volunteer



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Cordelia Heaney is the executive director of Compass Center for Women and Families in Chapel Hill.

opportunities for members of the community. The 24-hour domestic violence hotline relies heavily on volunteers. Alexis Moore, a senior at UNC, has volunteered at the Compass Center for just over one year as an information and referral specialist intern. "My favorite part is the gratification from a client when you know your efforts have paid off in a positive way," Moore said. "It's liberating and fulfilling." @meganroyer city@dailytarheel.com

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Library seeks new mission statement

The Chapel Hill Public Library statement was updated in 2005.

By Anna Cooke
Staff Writer

Following the 2013 renovation of the Chapel Hill Public Library, the library staff is also looking to update their current mission statement.

"The library has a beautiful, modern, new building and we are looking for a new mission statement to go along with that," said Susan Brown, director of the Chapel Hill Public Library.

The library remains on the hunt for a new mission statement and aims to revamp the current version, which was last updated in 2005.

The current mission statement, at 139 words, is extremely long according to Brown, although she said it is true to the library's values. Part of Brown's leadership includes reviewing and

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Abeo Hicks
first-year student at East Chapel Hill High School

updating the library's mission statement.

"Mission statements in general have a certain lifespan, and we are overdue for an update," she said.

The process to find a new mission statement began with asking for online submissions for possible statements. The library asked for these from a variety of groups including the library stakeholders — the Library Board of Trustees, Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library and the Chapel Hill Public Library Foundation — in addition to the staff, Town Council, town departments and the general public.

For the submissions, all groups were asked the same three questions. These questions included opinions on why the library exists, what the library can accomplish

and what actions it can take to reach these accomplishments.

Brown and the rest of the library staff will review the input and search for commonalities when crafting the statement.

Brown said she is satisfied with the submissions so far and that her ideal statement would be short, memorable and reflective.

The library is using some other mission statements as examples while they search for their own, including the Livestrong Foundation's statement, "To inspire and empower people affected by cancer."

Chapel Hill resident Erin Boutwell said she comes to the library at least once every two weeks since she moved to the town three months ago.

While she said the library is integral to Chapel Hill, she



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The Chapel Hill Public Library hosts a reception on Sept. 25 for National Banned Books Week.

was not knowledgeable of the mission statement hunt.

"I'm not familiar with their old mission statement," Boutwell said.

Abeo Hicks, a first-year at East Chapel Hill High School, does not visit the library regu-

larly, but still believes it is an important part of the community.

"Some people aren't privileged enough to have books or computers at home," Hicks said. "So this is a great way to have everyone in the commu-

nity have the resources they need."

The Chapel Hill Public Library is accepting mission statement suggestions until Friday.

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Bike to Uganda fundraisers roll into the Pit

Cycling benefit overtakes the Pit for one week, 7,500 miles.

By Elizabeth Barbour
Staff Writer

This week, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., you can find stationary bikes set up in the Pit, along with a group of students blasting Beyoncé.

The group, UNC Building Tomorrow, is hosting its annual fundraiser, Bike to Uganda, to collectively cycle the distance between UNC and the African country. Building Tomorrow is a national organization that

builds locally sustained primary schools. Students can pay \$5 for a 30-minute bike ride and \$10 for a T-shirt or tank top.

The distance, which is more than 7,500 miles, represents the space between UNC and the school the fundraiser is helping build, said Natalie Sutton, UNC alumna and UNC Building Tomorrow founder.

"It's something that's really visible," she said. "And it's really unique and offers something active, which I think is something fun and always a great motivator."

Throughout the week, entertainment is provided for the bikers. The lineup includes the Loreleis, the

Carolina Irish Association, Cadence, Tar Heel Voices, Born 2 Step, the UNC Walk-Ons, UNC-Chapel Hill Chalkaa, UNC Carolina Vibe and Psalm 100.

Catherine Cromie, a first-year Loreleis member, said she was excited to help with the fundraiser. She said it was cool to see an event she had previously heard of brought to life on her own campus.

One of the event coordinators, senior Michael Scheffe, said providing education to children in Uganda is important to him.

"Our entire goal is to build a primary school in Uganda, since Uganda is the youngest country in the world — over

half their population is under the age of 15," he said.

Senior Allie Rella, event coordinator, has been involved in Bike to Uganda since her first year.

"This program is really unique because we're not just going over to Uganda and building the school ourselves," she said. "The community is also invested in the project, so we just supply the funds, and the community themselves build the school."

"They put their hard work, their sweat into building it, and then once the school is built, the community sustains it and Ugandan government pays for the upkeep," she said. Sutton coordinated UNC's

"We just supply the funds, and the community themselves build the school."

Allie Rella
Bike to Uganda event coordinator

first Bike to Uganda fundraiser in 2010, her junior year.

This is the sixth year UNC Bike to Uganda has hosted the event, and in past years, they have raised enough money to build three schools, Scheffe said. He said 100 percent of the proceeds go to building schools.

While cycling, senior Kim Halberg said she was excited to get the opportunity to participate in the event.

"I've seen it all four years

and wanted to do it, but my first year here, I was too scared," she said.

Now that she has finally tried it, Halberg said she loves it.

"It's a good time to raise awareness for building schools in Uganda and to spend time with friends, as well as get some exercise and feel more connected to campus," she said.

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<p>Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 7 — Things are getting fun today and tomorrow. Travel, teach or publish later. Go play with family and friends. It's OK to mix business and pleasure. Share resources and make connections. Energy devoted to planning puts you a step ahead.</p> <p>Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6 — Focus on home and family for the next two days. Strengthen your infrastructure. Get bids for parts of it. With study and a loved one's backing, you can win. Changing fiscal priorities can cause upsets. Slow down and listen.</p> <p>Gemini (May 21-June 20) Today is a 7 — Speak, research and write today and tomorrow. Put your discoveries into words. Craft a compelling argument. Provide a stabilizing influence for unsettled conditions. Ask for what you want. It could get awkward but you'll be glad. Roll with changes.</p> <p>Cancer (June 21-July 22) Today is a 9 — Begin a two-day financial planning phase. Work interferes with travel. Can you work from home? There's extra income available. Estimate expenses. Plans go awry. Face your own demons. Follow directions exactly. You know what to do.</p> <p>Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 9 — You're more attuned and sensitive today and tomorrow. Avoid risky business, though. You're ready to make changes for the better. A seemingly great scheme looks blocked. Wait, and try later. Keep or change your promises.</p> <p>Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6 — Look back for insight on the road ahead. Chart your longer-term course over the next few days. Draw up plans for major changes at home. Get creative. Dream and envision. Take a break in which water figures prominently.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — Team projects go well over the next two days. Set up meetings. Develop your strategy. Test limits. Play with it. Some of the things you try won't work. Write up your conclusions. Quarterly results in practical terms.</p> <p>Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — Prioritize reality over fantasy. Professional opportunities abound today and tomorrow. Work extra hard. People are watching your performance. Pass this test and there's a rise in status possible. Meet your deadlines. Take decision action.</p> <p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — Travel and adventure call to you today and tomorrow. Each new advance presents new challenges. Things get stirred up. Don't push or be pushed. Physical challenges arise. Gather advice and ponder it. An elder can show the way.</p> <p>Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Handle financial matters over the next few days. Family money grows with attention. Count wins and losses. Acknowledge your fears. Re-affirm a partnership. Abandon preconceived notions. Don't fund a fantasy. Feed a secret rainy day fund.</p> <p>Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is an 8 — Hold on to your money. Let others help over the next two days. Consult a good strategist. Consider upcoming choices. Build strength through meditation. Make connections and promises. Friends open new possibilities. Send press releases later.</p> <p>Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 9 — The pace quickens. Focus on your work today and tomorrow. Expect some chaos, and even a change at the top. Challenge authority to get to the truth. Heed the voice of experience. Get the family to help.</p>
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'Steve Jobs' movie premieres early at the Varsity

By Rachel Jones
Staff Writer

With more than 1,000 people listed as going to its Facebook event, the free screening of "Steve Jobs" at Varsity Theatre should be almost as hard to get into as the Hollywood premiere.

Starring Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet and Seth Rogen, the movie is the latest in a string of Jobs biopics and documentaries since 2011. Its release coincides with the fourth anniversary of the CEO's death and has

already been the subject of both praise and controversy within the entertainment and tech world.

UNC students will be among the first to view the film, according to Universal's campus liaison, senior Max Levin.

"The other really exciting thing is that it's coming out here before the Hollywood and New York premiere, so students that see it (tonight) are going to be some of the first people in the whole world to see the movie," he said.

"Only people that were at film festivals or some film critics will have seen it by tomorrow — it's pretty advanced."

Levin said he anticipates a successful run for the film.

"First of all, it's going to be an incredible movie. It's going to be one of their biggest movies of the year, I think," he said.

Levin also said the movie boasts a decorated writing and production team, including writer Aaron Sorkin and producer Danny Boyle — both Academy Award winners

— and "Game of Thrones" co-executive producer, Guymon Casady, who has won an Emmy Award.

"It's got an incredible cast, an incredible director, an incredible screenwriter," Levin said.

Varsity owner Paul Shareshian said while Universal pays for the screenings to be held at the Varsity, Shareshian said there are other benefits as well.

"You know, between 150 and 200 people come and see the movie, which is good for the business anyway. We like

to be busy and stuff like that," he said.

But the timing of the screening isn't ideal for most students, who may be too busy studying for midterms.

"Fall break is coming up soon, so this week, a lot of midterms are happening, and grades are getting in before fall break," said first-year Leah LeClair.

But Shareshian said college students will appreciate the fact that the screening is free.

"It's cheap — you're getting the same quality and everything else that

GO TO THE SCREENING

Time: 7:30 p.m. today

Location: The Varsity Theatre

Info: on.fb.me/1ja9ZB1

you'd pay \$12 for to go to Southpoint, or the price ranges of the other places around," he said.

"I think it's good for us because they realize the proximity — they see the place, and it makes sense."

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REFUGEES

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who are part of the organization, signed a letter addressed to President Barack Obama not only commending him for his decision to bring at least 10,000 Syrian refugees into the United States, but also urging him to take in many more with their full cooperation.

"I've been active in this organization of mayors who are working closely together

to encourage the president to move forward with immigration policy," Kleinschmidt said. "It just seems like a good fit for us to respond as well to the refugee crisis."

Kleinschmidt said he has a lot of confidence in the people of Chapel Hill to accept these refugees.

"I am very sure that we will be true to our values in responding to this current crisis," he said.

The Refugee Support Center (RSC) is an organiza-

tion located in Orange County that seeks to assist refugees and immigrants in their pursuit of self-sufficiency. The volunteer-based institution provides different services intended for this goal, such as assistance with transportation, health care access and finance management.

Flicka Bateman, the director of the RSC, said she is optimistic about the inclusion of refugees in Orange County.

"I think Chapel Hill should welcome all refu-

gees," Bateman said. "I think that refugees have been so thoroughly in the process of gaining refugee status, a form of protection, that whatever worries there are in terms of domestic security should be allayed through this process."

She also said she appreciated Kleinschmidt's decision to help refugees, and was thankful for Orange County during the refugee crisis from Burma over the past few years.

"I'm just really appreciative of the mayor's overture," said

Bateman. "He has had a heart for refugees before the Syrian refugee crisis occurred. I also thank the people in Orange County. It has just been wonderful to see how welcoming people have been over the years to the refugees from Burma."

Montek Singh, an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science at UNC

and a resident of Chapel Hill, wants his town to be open to the refugees.

"We should welcome any and all refugees," said Singh. "They've been uprooted from a country they've lived in their whole lives. Many have come to the U.S. for the first time."

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VOTE

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this year's cycle.

Stevens said he agreed with Lavelle — he said he thinks voting is a right to be exercised as part of the democratic process, regardless if one feels the incumbents are taking things in the right direction.

"What has been clear

throughout American and local history is that, unfortunately, voter turnout is very low, and that means that a few people make a huge amount of difference," Stevens said. "The first time I ran for mayor I won by 39 votes."

He cited specific examples that demonstrate why voting in local elections is just as important as voting in state

or national elections.

"What really impacts you more than anything else in your area is voting locally. Big things like taxes and developments, voting locally really makes a difference," Stevens said. "Even to vote in times when people are running unopposed, that's really a great exercise."

Similar to Stevens, Lavelle said local government is

crucial for the community to function and thrive.

"Local elections are where General Assembly members and school board members are elected, and the decisions they make directly impact this town and this area," Lavelle said.

"We're the ones who pick up the trash."

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ADVOCACY

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communicate with local officials, state officials and federal officials?"

She said the program was also designed to put self-advocates and parents in the same room.

"The whole world changes because you see a bigger picture," she said. "You realize, what will my child do in

10 years?"

Partners in Policymaking graduate Kristian Champion, who uses a wheelchair, was encouraged to advocate for herself at a young age.

"We don't want to be stuck under the bubble of mom and dad," she said.

Vlasaty said she hopes her son takes part in the program when he is old enough.

As an adult on the autism spectrum, Raleigh resident

Christopher Smith said he enrolled in the program to become a self-advocate.

He said self-advocacy is important because those with disabilities should not always have to rely on others.

Since graduating from North Carolina's program, Champion has started joining community boards that deal with building accessibility and emergency preparedness.

"Everyone who's sitting at

that table is able-bodied," she said. "People don't know (what you need) unless you tell them. I'm going to try to be that face out there for my people."

Wieck said Partners in Policymaking is constantly updating and supporting more advocates to pursue reform.

"Instead of accepting things the way they are, we should keep challenging the system."

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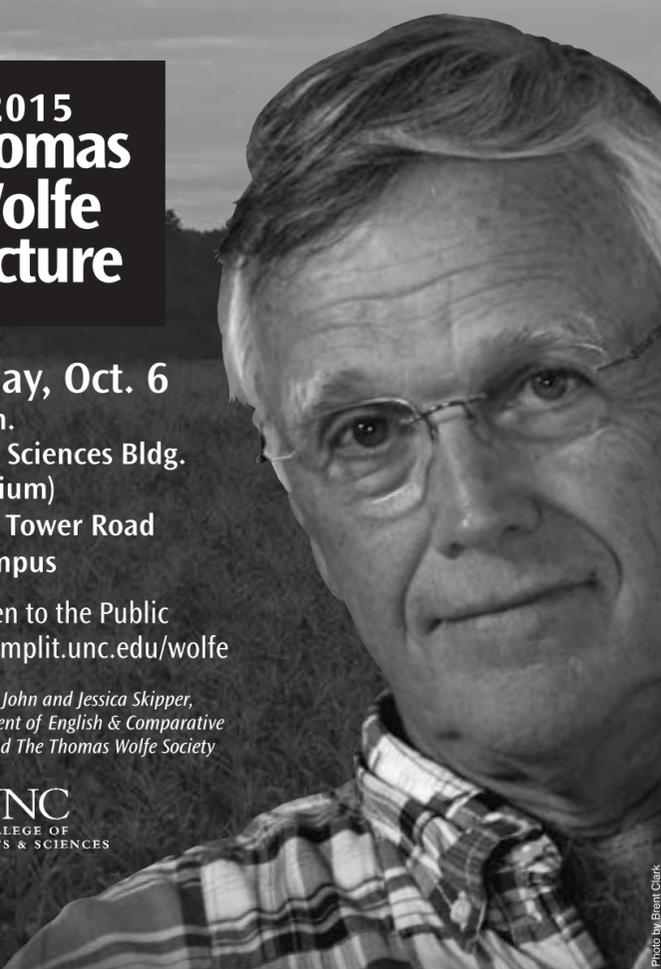


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- Sonic the Hedgehog developer
- "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" instrument
- High-resolution film format
- Spanish cross
- Lariat loop
- Political nickname for the Pacific states
- Up and about
- Catch in a snare
- Departs
- Tiler's calculation
- Civil War side: Abbr.
- Deep voice
- Mexican seafood entrée
- European peak
- Delivered from the womb
- Trix or Kix
- Rubber roller
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- Designer
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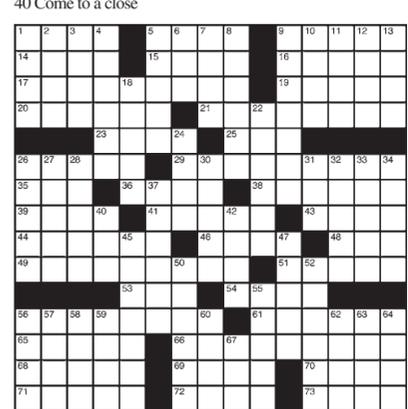
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- Inane
- Crowd scene actors
- Mouthwash brand
- Significant time
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- Early Mexicans
- At the movies, perhaps
- '90s candidate H. _

Perot

- Attend
- "Yeah, sure"
- Soft ball maker
- Chocolate substitute
- Waste receptacle
- Dr. J hairstyle
- Motel in a Hitchcock classic
- Energetic
- Shopping frenzy
- Map in a map
- "_ you coming?"
- String quart member
- Fertile desert spot
- Pool table slab
- "Becket" star Peter
- Come to a close

42 Price

- Miss in the game of Clue
- Mattress choice
- 49th state
- Jazz pianist Lewis
- Showed curiosity
- Blowgun projectile
- Swear to be true
- Third-oldest U.S. university
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Shifting ideas about self-care

This time of year, lots of lists start to come out with ways to practice self-care during midterms. Paint your nails. Eat some junk food. Take a bath. Have a night in with friends. These are all great things to do.

But in my experience, the most healing and valuable self-care is deeper and more complicated than having one game night with friends. Painting your nails doesn't solve the problem of living in a world where everyone you know is asking for all of you, and they're all asking at the same time.

So my self-care advice for midterms is this: You've got to be the captain of your own team. Your health and heart are worth protecting. And if you don't get on board with that effort, no one else will. No one can put you first in the same way that you can.

Taking self-care seriously means seeing yourself and your spirit as worth fostering and safeguarding.

I have close friends and family who care about me and want me to do less, but the bottom line is that only I can say, "I love you, I love this project, but I can't do this right now" when a friend wants me to sign up to work on a campaign for his or her organization.

Self-care means being honest with those around you about what you need from them.

I have a close friend who is recovering from an eating disorder, and she communicated to me early in our friendship that when folks trash talk their bodies around her ("I look so fat in this dress") or dissect their meals ("I ran five miles today so I earned this bagel"), she is triggered.

So even if I feel annoyed at myself for having a fourth serving of ice cream, I keep it to myself. This is one of my favorite examples of really holistic self-care.

By voicing her triggers, my friend exemplified being the captain of her own team. She told friends to respect her needs, not by suggesting, but rather by telling us directly, "Hey, I need you to do this for me." That's the epitome of true self-care.

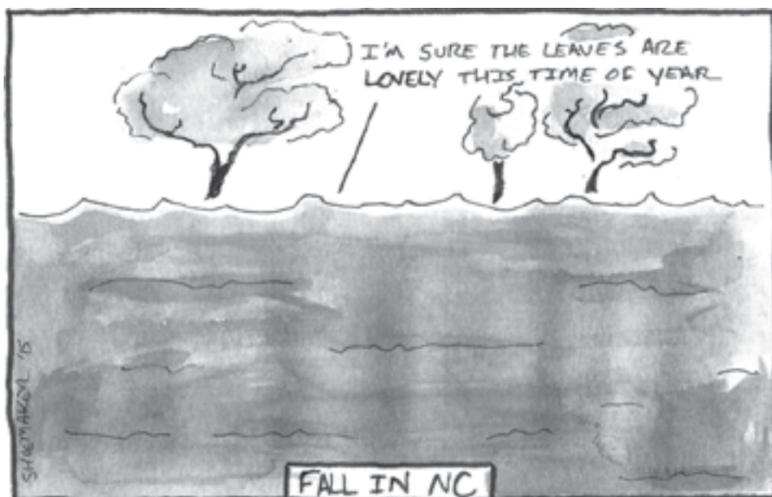
My main problem with "nail painting" self-care is that it's often spoken of as something that can and should be earned.

Your health and overall value as a person don't depend on how much homework you do tonight or tomorrow. I think the current discussion around self-care needs to stop perpetuating this narrative.

Taking self-care seriously for yourself also means respecting when your friends and colleagues say that they need to take a step back for personal reasons. I've been a part of organizations that held many workshops on self-care but treated me like I was lazy when I said that I needed to take a night or two off.

That's not okay, and it is important to take "no" for an answer and not as the start of a negotiation. Sometimes little forms of self-care are enough, but self-care essentially boils down to making the choice to value yourself. In order to survive in this demanding environment, we need to make bigger moves that involve drawing clear boundaries and telling others to respect us.

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EDITORIAL

Government connection

UNC student government needs a unified website.

As of now, the three branches of student government — the executive branch, student congress and the honor system — have three separate websites without any clear indication of how they work together.

Each branch's website gives information about its main functions, duties and officers. The websites are helpful in explaining how each body operates and how students can get involved. The sites also have the necessary contact information of the students involved with each branch.

However, the executive branch website is the only one of the three that mentions any of the other branches of government, but the mentions are just links to the other two websites, not an explanation of how the executive branch works with student congress and the honor system.

If a first-year student wanted to learn about the interworkings of student government, the student would have to go to the student government suite in the Student Union Annex to see an infographic that explains how the three branches of student

government are related.

The three branches of student government have different functions, duties and officers, but that is not a good reason for separate student government websites. Each group does operate independently, but the groups should also show how they work together. For this reason, the branches should work together to create a website for all of student government.

For the Honor System specifically, it makes sense to have the website as the part of the Office of Student Conduct's website, as the Honor System works closely with that office. According to Honor System Outreach Coordinator Josh Green, having supplementary information on a unified student government website would be a helpful resource for students.

Other schools, like the University of Virginia, have one website for their student council, with separate tabs for their executive board, cabinet and representative body.

Even Duke University has one website for its student government with similar tabs for its executive board, senate and cabinet. For both of these schools, students can go to one website and find all

the information they need to know about their student government, instead of having to navigate three different ones.

The UVA and Duke websites are easily searchable on Google. In fact, the top result is a centralized website that connects all branches. But when "UNC student government" is searched, only individual links to the executive branch and student congress websites appear. Worse, the honor system does not appear in the first several pages.

Separate websites demonstrate a lack of unification in student government to those who are not involved. It seems as if each branch operates completely independently from the other two.

For these reasons, a unified student government website should be created, with different pages for the different branches. That way, students looking for information on student government can find it more easily, and student government can present a unified front for UNC's student governance.

Student government is an important part of student life at UNC. It is important that it is made more accessible and understandable to the entire student body.

ADVICE COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we hide from Joaquin and rise from bed like a phoenix

Drew Goins (b. 1994) and Kelsey Weekman (1994-2013) are the writers of UNC's premier (only!) satirical advice column. Results may vary.

You: How do I stay positive with all this gross weather?

You Asked for It: The hurricane has passed, and Joaquin is once again simply the boy who "compró las flores para María" in your Spanish 105 student activities manual, but the rain looks like it's here to stay.

It always happens like this 'round mid-October: The sowing season gives way to the rainy months. (The other two seasons are harvest and Maymester.)

To stave off the monochrome dullness, make sure all your clothes are brightly colored — but not so bright that people think you're a Dance Marathon recruiter.

If you venture out, look for good splashin' puddles! Hop in each one you find until your fun Halloween socks are soaked and your friends have abandoned you. To relish your newfound solitude, sit at a window



Kelsey Weekman and Drew Goins

Online managing editor and copy chief.

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and watch the pitter-patter of drops hitting the ground, listening to moody songs about the weather like Rihanna's "Umbrella" or Winnie the Pooh's "The Rain, Rain, Rain Came Down, Down, Down."

Ultimately, appreciate the wet and remember that rain brings new life to all things, whether that's to the dead succulents literally all over your front porch or to the Tinder conversation that fizzled out a week ago when you had nothing more to say about craft beer.

You: This rainy midterm season has made it nearly impossible for me to get out of bed. What do I do?

YAFI: Midterms are your chance to show off what you've learned this year, and they should be fun! Ha ha, just kidding.

Who's to say you can't bring your bed with you to class? All the world's a bed if you try hard enough.

If you don't want to disturb your bed from its natural habitat, try putting your alarm clock across the room. Pretend the floor is lava and jump from your bed to your dresser. The pain of a broken collarbone will jump-start your day.

Bully yourself out of bed with aggressive alarm names on your phone. 7:15 a.m. is "Wake up, silly!"; 7:20 a.m. is "Get out of bed, loser" and 7:30 a.m. is "PREPARE FOR YOUR ULTIMATE DEMISE, WORTHLESS SACK OF FLESH AND BONE."

Get your roommate to lightly assault you if they are out of bed and you aren't. Get them to pour water on your head, smash your face with a pillow or lay a bear trap beside you in bed. Remember to keep it playful!

If these methods don't work, just don't go to bed in the first place. You'll be fine.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"People don't know (what you need) unless you tell them. I'm going to try to be that face out there for my people."

Kristian Champion, on advocating for people with disabilities

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Education is not what you know, it's how you think. Liberal arts and art education lead to better creative problem solving."

marcedward, on the importance of a liberal arts education

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dance Marathon could do more

TO THE EDITOR:

Dancer Recruitment began this week for UNC Dance Marathon, but I'm most concerned with how students might better use 24 hours and \$150 to create change.

There is no question that Carolina For The Kids is the most successful charity on campus. It's really easy to get on board with helping cute kids with serious illnesses, and it's fun.

It's not always as easy or fun to help drug addicts, ex-convicts, immigrants, people with mental illnesses, etc. These people might not always be friendly, cute or innocent as young children. But the groups listed above often don't have the support systems that many sick children do, and they need our help too.

Instead of using DM funds to buy Halloween candy for sick children, that money could be used to make a greater difference by helping to address the food security issues affecting hundreds of children who don't have their basic needs met.

The time spent on DM could also do a world of good elsewhere. Imagine the number of houses that could be built if the thousands of students dancing for 24 hours, instead, volunteered for Habitat for Humanity — an organization that has changed the lives of whole families for many years by providing affordable houses.

I know my opinion is not a popular one, but I hope you will consider it. There are a lot of other people in need of help who don't have an organization with thousands of volunteers raising over half a million dollars on their behalf.

Lucy Davis
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Normcore editorial was in poor taste

TO THE EDITOR:

I refer to the editorial written about the fashion sense (or lack thereof) of UNC students.

The opinion pages of The Daily Tar Heel are always a joy to read, raising up issues and voices of students in this vast community. Clearly, many writers have thought and felt deeply about the stories they share.

However, the above-mentioned editorial was done in poor taste. It does not consider other factors which may lead to a "boring wardrobe" beyond wanting to blend in and being stuck within one's comfort zones.

Some students may not have the luxury of time to dress up after waking up late. Others could be showing their earnest support for various causes, clubs or the University itself. Wearing a University T-shirt is a matter of pride for some!

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More importantly, it is expensive to maintain a highly individualized wardrobe. For me, as an exchange student, I simply do not have the financial resources to dress up frequently. Thus, I have to prudently rotate my clothes, while trying to save on laundry costs.

The Daily Tar Heel should move beyond the cool/uncool dichotomy. Every fashion choice is in fact individual and some choices might be due to circumstance; do not immediately mistake commonality for herd mentality. Correlation does not imply causation.

It would be wonderful if the DTH could run a special on fashion choices for the budget-conscious, teaching students how to be "creative" and "striving for individuality" in our fashion.

It is better than simply bemoaning the dearth of imagination on our part.

Steve Jobs frequently wore a black turtleneck. It is convenient, hassle-free, and time-saving. Ironically, his "boring" uniform has become an enduring symbol of style. Let us think critically about fashion and style, and try to recognize an individual's agency over his or her own body.

Tiong Ann Goh
Sophomore
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Rewarding students for public service

TO THE EDITOR:

On Wednesday, Oct. 7 at noon, everyone in Orange County (including Chapel Hill) has been invited to stop for a moment and join in prayer for Superior Court Judge Carl Fox.

Judge Fox is undergoing a courageous battle with blood cancer. He is using his personal battle to encourage thousands to add their "DNA swab" to the bone marrow donor registry. He will no doubt help countless others.

Unable to find a bone marrow donor, Judge Fox underwent a cord blood transplant last week and now faces a challenging road to recovery.

As Judge Fox is such a beloved jurist, friend and neighbor, thousands will stop on Wednesday to pray for his condition.

The place, venue or form doesn't matter. It could be a classroom, a car, a dorm room or on the street. You can light a candle, ring a bell or just be still — whatever you prefer as your favorite form of prayer.

Given Judge Fox's unwavering commitment to the community — including how he used his own illness to raise awareness for countless others — people are invited to include their own loved ones in their prayers.

At noon on Wednesday, WCHL Chapelboro (97.9 FM, 1360 AM) will signal the start of the prayer for the entire community.

Bonnie Hauser
Hillsborough