

SHANNON INVESTIGATION

Shannon autopsy: Alcohol level at .22

The report was released almost a year after David Shannon's death.

By Jenny Surane
City Editor

An autopsy report released Monday for David Shannon shows the UNC freshman died from blunt trauma to the head, neck and torso and had a blood alcohol concentration of .22 at the time of his death. Shannon, a pledge in the Chi Phi fraternity, sustained the injuries after



David Shannon was a UNC freshman when he was found dead on Oct. 27 at a concrete plant in Carrboro. His autopsy was released on Monday.

falling 30 feet from a piece of machinery at the Ready Mixed Concrete Plant in Carrboro in the early hours of Oct. 27, the report states. The autopsy and toxicology reports were released Monday after being certified, but the autopsy was completed

on Oct. 29 and the toxicology report was completed on Nov. 2. Kirsti Clifford, a spokeswoman for N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, would not comment on why there was a delay in the autopsy certification. Clifford said the department does not have any additional comments beyond the release. The Carrboro Police Department is the investigating agency for the case. The autopsy results haven't changed the direction of the investigation, said Capt. Chris Atack, the spokesman for the department. The findings are consistent with

the evidence gathered at the scene, he said. From the beginning police have said that alcohol played a role in Shannon's death. At a blood alcohol concentration of .20, a person can feel disoriented and might need help standing or walking, according to data from the University of Missouri-Rolla Center for Personal and Professional Development. The study estimated that someone Shannon's size would have to consume 11 drinks within one hour to reach a blood alcohol level of .22. At that level, a person might not

realize they're hurt because they likely won't feel pain, the research states. And if a person is aware he is injured, he likely won't do anything to address the injuries. Police are still trying to figure out what led Shannon to the concrete plant that night. He was last seen at a party on McCauley Street on Oct. 26. In his most recent update sent to the town manager last month, Carrboro Police Chief Walter Horton said the department had not ruled out hazing in Shannon's death. "Depending on what information

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In Orange County, a refuge



DTH/MELISSA KEY

Eh Pay works at Transplanting Traditions Community Farm in Chapel Hill. The farm provides entrepreneurial training to refugee farmers from Burma.

A thousand people from Burma live in the county area

By Corinne Jurney
Staff Writer

Yard-long beans and spicy peppers were among the native Burmese ingredients used in preparing a fundraising dinner last week for Orange County's large population of refugees from the Asian country. The dinner, hosted by Transplanting Traditions Community Farm and featuring a variety of authentic Burmese dishes, was organized to raise money for the farm, which provides local refugees with a place to be close to the earth. Transplanting Traditions — where farmers cultivate land subsidized by the organization to help feed their families and earn supplemental income — is one of several organizations in the county that supports people from Burma. More than 1,000 people from Burma are living in Orange County — many of them refugees from their home nation — said Kelly Owensby,

project manager for Transplanting Traditions. Many of those refugees work for UNC. More than 30 different vegetables native to Burma are grown on the farm, Owensby said. This month's dinner at the restaurant Panciuto sourced more than 75 percent of its vegetables from the farm. Burma, also known as Myanmar, is a country in Southeast Asia that has been involved in civil conflict for years, forcing many of its residents into refugee camps. These refugees were identified as a priority by the U.S. State Department during the Bush administration. This year will mark the end of their priority status, said Flicka Bateman, director of Carrboro's Refugee Support Center. She said the reason for ending their priority status is not known, but it is not because the situation in Burma is improving. "Burma is a country that's broken into seven main ethnic groups which are all very distinct

and speak different languages," Owensby said. The conflict in Burma stems from ethnic groups wanting to break away from the country and create independent countries, she said. "I do not think Myanmar is going to the right direction for democracy," said Zan Win Maung, who's from Burma and now lives in Chapel Hill. Maung speaks English, Burmese and Rakhine and came to the U.S. in 2005. Most refugees from Burma in the county are Karen, an ethnic minority, and speak the language Karen. The majority of ethnic groups in Burma are in conflict with the Burmese government, so many do not identify as Burmese.

Working in Chapel Hill

Many people from Burma work full-time for UNC in different departments including house-

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New drop/add policy criticized

UNC-CH administrators say the change in policy is not necessary for this University.

By Sara Salinas
Staff Writer

UNC-Chapel Hill students will soon no longer be able to take comfort in knowing that they have eight weeks to drop a menacing course — and administrators aren't happy about it. A policy passed by the UNC Board of Governors in April establishes a systemwide drop period — shortening UNC-CH's current drop period from eight weeks to ten days. Any course dropped after the 10th day of the semester will appear as a withdrawal on students' transcripts. UNC-CH administrators are fighting back against the policy, saying that the change did not take into account the individual need of the campuses. The new regulations will go into effect prior to the fall 2014 semester and will affect every student. "This is a precipitous change on a campus where nobody seems to feel that anything is broken," said Ron Strauss, executive vice provost and chief international officer. The creators of the systemwide policy, the Academics First Workgroup, say it will make classrooms more efficient. The group included 12 members from a variety of UNC-system schools — but it did not include a UNC-CH administrator. "After the 10 days you're going to be stuck with that class, and you either pass or you fail it, but you can't drop it," said Julie Poorman, director of financial aid at East Carolina University. The policy also establishes a limit of four withdrawals that a student can accumulate over the course of his or her college career. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances, such as illness or military service. Poorman said the change is intended to foster student success and standardize policies across the 17 UNC-system campuses.

"There is a sense that students want to be able to take classes at several UNC campuses, so there needs to be similar drop periods," said Poorman. "Really, it's helpful to get everyone on the same page." The policy aims to graduate students in a timely manner and utilize classroom space more effectively. "I think the goal is to make sure that campuses are paying close attention to many factors that could unnecessarily prolong the amount of time it takes a student to complete a degree," said Joan Lorden, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNC-Charlotte and chairwoman of the Academics First Workgroup. But UNC-CH administrators say the systemwide policy should not apply to all of UNC's campuses. Approximately 95 percent of seats filled at the end of the second week at UNC-CH remain filled until the end of the semester, said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate education.

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With Wiley case, prosecutors test agent law

Laws like the one cited in last week's indictment exist in 43 states.

By Lucinda Shen
Assistant State & National Editor

The indictment of former UNC tutor Jennifer Wiley Thompson under the state's Uniform Athlete Agents Act Thursday raised questions about the legal proceedings of her case after officials revealed hers was the first of its kind. Thompson was indicted on four

counts of athletic agent inducement under the UAAA. Each of her charges carry a maximum sentence of 15 months in prison. Further indictments are expected to come down later this week. "As far as we know, nobody has ever been charged under the act before, so there are a lot of questions that I'm not going to be able to answer," said Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall Thursday. But runners, or those who communicate between agents and student athletes, might be more cautious about doing favors for athletes now that Thompson's

indictment has proven that officials will take action. "I think that this case has a tremendous educational impact as serving notice to other runners that they will be prosecuted as well," said Barbara Osborne, a professor in the department of exercise and sports science who specializes in legal issues in intercollegiate athletics. Michael McCann, a legal analyst for Sports Illustrated and director of the University of New Hampshire Law Sports and Entertainment Law Institute, said in an email that it seems prosecutors want to make an example out

of Thompson's case. "This case will attract media and, in doing so, discourage tutors at the University of North Carolina and other colleges in the state to not give money to players," he said. The Uniform Athlete Agents Act was drafted in 2000 by the Uniform Laws Commission — an independent organization that drafts legislation for states. The law aims to protect the interest of student athletes and academic institutions by regulating agent activity. The draft, which was

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The N.C. Botanical Garden hosts an outdoor exhibition featuring sculptures by local artists that accentuate seasonal changes. **Page 4**



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Two UNC pharmacy students create a curriculum that allows students to get a dual degree in pharmacy and public health. The program will allow students to graduate in five years instead of six. **Page 3**

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Hitting the jackpot

From staff and wire reports

Among the most awful jobs you could have, being a restaurant server probably ranks up there on the list. But one waitress in Springfield, Ore., is feeling pretty lucky after she got a lottery ticket as tip and received \$17,500.

Aurora Kephart, 25, always gets unplayed lottery tickets from a regular customer at Conway’s Restaurant. She tried to give it back to the man upon realizing she won, but he wouldn’t take it. Kephart plans to use the money for charity, bills, a couch and a rainy day.

NOTED. The Guardian’s recent interview with Chris Brown took an interesting turn when the rapper bragged about losing his virginity at 8-years-old to a girl who was “14 or 15.”

Wow, your maturity speaks levels, Mr. Brown.

QUOTED. “Trees are never sad. Look at them every once in a while. They’re quite beautiful.”

— Jaden Smith, child-actor better known as Will Smith’s son, in just one of his many recent enlightening Twitter posts.

POLICE LOG

- Someone placed threatening phone calls at 9 Little John Road at 2:13 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
 - Someone misused 911 at 130 S. Estes Drive at 4:43 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person repeatedly called 911 for no legitimate reason, reports state.
 - Someone committed breaking and entering and larceny of a scooter at at 507 Sykes St. between 5 p.m. Friday and 12:01 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person went into the house and took the keys in order to steal a scooter valued at \$2,800, reports state.
 - Someone took items from the front of a business at 1600 E. Franklin St. between 6:01 p.m. Friday and 9:28 a.m.
- Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person stole six flamingos valued at \$25, reports state.
- Someone reported loiterers disrupting businesses at 118 E. Franklin St. between 7:19 p.m. and 7:36 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone committed simple assault at 250 E. Franklin St. at 11:10 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person punched someone in the head and shoulders, reports state.
- Someone reported a suspicious person at 203 Edgewater Circle at 2:45 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone was yelling and banging on a door, reports state.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Taste of Fitness: “Fueling to Perform”: This food and fitness sampler exposes attendees to new fitness formats and foods that will help them reach their goals. It includes short sessions of Campus Recreation fitness classes. An exercise nutritionist will be on hand to debunk common nutrition myths.

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ram’s Head Recreation Center

Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Film: “Studlife”: In another installment of the Stone Center’s film festival, “Studlife” explores the friendship between a black lesbian woman, JJ, and a white and gay man, Seb. The film depicts a multicultural London through

the context of a deeper romantic comedy.

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: Stone Center

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The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE



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Shuya Osada works on getting folded clothes wrapped in plastic wrap while Yoshia Osada lends a hand at Extraordinary Ventures on Thursday.

Extraordinary Ventures creates jobs for those with autism

By Marissa Bane
Staff Writer

Natalie Dankner used to hate her job as an office assistant, but now she can't wait to get to work.

Natalie has autism — and while the majority of autistic adults face unemployment, she has been working at Extraordinary Ventures for five years.

Extraordinary Ventures, a Chapel Hill non-profit, creates small businesses around the skills of young adults with autism and developmental disabilities. The organization was founded in 2007 by a group of families who had children with developmental disabilities, mostly autism.

These families realized that there wasn't much for their children to do after completing school, which is why they decided to start Extraordinary Ventures.

Van Hatchell, managing director for Extraordinary Ventures and a UNC alumnus and former walk-on for the men's basketball team, said 40 people are currently employed by

the organization. Hatchell said the organization hires through employment agencies.

Within Extraordinary Ventures, there are several self-sustaining businesses — like the office solutions business Natalie Dankner works for — designed around the skills of individual employees.

Extraordinary Ventures conducts walk-in interviews, and then potential employees do a set of different tasks to see what type of job would maximize their strengths.

"There will be about 500,000 young adults with autism phasing out of the school system nation-wide in the next ten years," Hatchell said.

Lisa Dankner, Natalie Dankner's mother, said the job was part of her daughter's transition program to start spending less time in school and more time in the community. Lisa Dankner said she loves the organization because it allows employees to demonstrate their strengths.

"The job is carved out around what Natalie can do," Dankner said. "She will never look to gain full employment, but this is a way for her to

get involved in the community in a positive way."

While Natalie cannot interact verbally, she participates in office work and receives individualized support from Extraordinary Ventures.

"Natalie does not have a typical relationship with her employers, but they always speak to her with the utmost respect," Lisa Dankner said.

Lisa Dankner said the job is a learning experience for Natalie Dankner, and Extraordinary Ventures is always looking to help her grow within her abilities within the job.

Ryan Fulcher, director of human resources for Extraordinary Ventures, said Natalie has grown as an individual since she started consistently working at Extraordinary Ventures.

"She went from not wanting to work at all to picking out her outfit the night before work," Fulcher said.

"Having little stories like that makes me feel like Extraordinary Ventures not only makes a difference to those here at work, but at home."

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Panelists call law part of a 'war on women'

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt spoke on a panel with women's health leaders.

By Sarah Brown
Assistant State & National Editor

DURHAM — An abortion law that gained prominence this summer with the "MotorcycleVagina" hashtag on Twitter was attacked by a panel of three women's health leaders, Duke University law professor Jedediah Purdy and Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt on Monday.

The panelists, who spoke at Duke School of Law to an audience of about 50 law students and faculty, decried what they called a war on women in the state.

Gov. Pat McCrory signed the legislation — which sped through the legislature in July and attached abortion language to a motorcycle safety

measure — amid an outcry from pro-abortion rights advocates.

"This really did not happen at all in what we would call the normal course of business with the legislature," said Alison Kiser, spokeswoman of Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina.

The new laws impacting abortion took effect Oct. 1 — but Sarah Preston, policy director of the N.C. ACLU, said the legislature has quietly attacked women's rights since 2011.

"What we actually saw in 2013, although it was very sneaky ... it wasn't entirely unexpected," she said.

Suzanne Buckley, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, said public employees will take a hit as impacts of new legislation are realized in the state.

The N.C. General Assembly voted not to cover abortion in plans offered on the state's new health care exchange — which began enrolling people last week as part of the

Affordable Care Act — and in county and city health insurance plans.

Kleinschmidt said Chapel Hill town officials are noticing the limited plan options as they begin negotiating with health care providers for the next enrollment period.

Buckley estimated that, beginning in the next enrollment period, the changes could affect about 375,000 city and county employees.

Eight other states have chosen not to cover abortion under state health insurance policies, Buckley said. She said she expects federal litigation to challenge the laws.

Part of the new abortion law directs the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services to write and implement new standards for the state's 15 abortion clinics. DHHS has a Jan. 1 deadline to report back to legislators with progress on the regulations.

Purdy questioned whether targeted regulations of abortion providers,

or TRAP laws, would be able to survive pending legal challenges.

Buckley said she was concerned DHHS wouldn't be transparent.

"Are these laws just going to sort of pop up on their website one day without any discussion or conversation?" she said.

Haniya Mir, president of Duke's Women Law Students Association, said she organized the event in light of a statewide stir surrounding the summer's Moral Monday protests.

"I just didn't see that discussion starting up at Duke," she said. "I really wanted students here to realize that these things impact us for the three years that we're here."

Kiser said the women's health debate hasn't ended in North Carolina — and students need to be part of future conversations.

"We need to fill up the room, when in fact there's a room to fill."

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NC potters bring 'A New Tradition' to FRANK

Five potters will show their art together at FRANK Gallery.

By Robert McNeely
Staff Writer

Five of North Carolina's most premier potters are coming together at FRANK Gallery to bridge both old and traditional approaches with new and innovative ideas.

Starting today, legendary British potter Mark Hewitt and several of his former apprentices will be collectively showing their pottery for the first time in the exhibit "A New Tradition."

"There's a strong sense, a similar aesthetic if you will, with common themes where everyone has room to create," Hewitt said. "All of us are doing interesting work, and it's very rare for this kind of group identity to be present in the modern world."

Since 1983, Hewitt has been crafting a unique style of pottery which mixes both classical European crafting techniques with many of the folk pottery traditions of North Carolina. He has trained a number of successful artists in this new style, from Daniel Johnston, a well-known potter in Seagrove, to Alex Matisse, the great-grandson of famous European painter Henri Matisse — both of whom have pottery featured in the coming exhibit.

SEE THE EXHIBIT:

Time: Check site for FRANK's hours

Location: FRANK Gallery, 109 E. Franklin Street

Info: www.frankisart.com/events/

Johnston's personal focus on pottery is in its form and how the structure of what he crafts relates the art to those observing it.

Johnston apprenticed under Hewitt for four years, starting when he was 19. There he developed his own artistic voice and style, and became "the poster child" for the apprenticeship system, Hewitt said.

"He bought 10 acres of land as a 16-year-old, and he put a little shack up on it where he lived while he worked with me," Hewitt said. "Daniel is extremely hard working and has a whole bunch of additional skill sets to complement his pottery."

The other three artists featured in the exhibit — Joseph Sand, Matt Jones and Matisse — are all similar products of the apprenticeship system.

Matisse, who apprenticed under Hewitt for one year, is represented with a variety of pots and ceramics in the showcase. He said his work was an endeavor unto itself, and not about carrying on the artistic traditions of his great-grandfather, Henri



DTH/BROOKELYN RILEY

Daniel Johnston is one of the pottery artists working with Alex Matisse, Henri Matisse's grandson. Five potters have artwork displayed in FRANK Gallery.

Matisse.

"My main concern is making a beautiful object," Matisse said. "I want people to see something that brings them comfort and some sort of meaning, but my real concern, at this point, is just making a beautiful object."

The work on display at FRANK will be available for the public to buy, and the gallery members couldn't be happier to be showcasing it.

"This is a special thing for the gallery," said Gordon Jameson, FRANK board of directors' head. "Pottery is a well-known art tradition in this area, and Mark Hewitt is one of our

most famous area potters."

Through their embrace and honoring of past techniques and creative implementation of their own artistic styles, Hewitt and his former apprentices have shown the interconnectedness between style and artist in their collective works.

"They're timid and nervous to begin with," Hewitt said. "But, as they begin to master the techniques, they start making preparations to develop their own markets, their own styles and their own lives."

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Schools team up for dual degree

UNC's pharmacy and public health schools will begin the degree in 2014.

By Corey Buhay
Staff Writer

Two of UNC's most prestigious schools are teaming up to give students the chance to earn high honors in both of the programs.

Thanks to a student-initiated partnership, UNC's Eshelman School of Pharmacy and Gillings School of Global Public Health will allow students to complete both a doctorate degree in pharmacy and a master's degree in public health in just five years.

The program will be open to second-year pharmacy students beginning in fall 2014.

The program will allow students to graduate with a master's in public health in just one additional year rather than the two years it would take to earn the degree separately.

Both schools ranked number two in their fields by the most recent U.S. News & World Report rankings of their respective fields.

Pharmacy student Erin Turingan initiated the idea last year by conducting an interest survey in each of her classes.

"There was an overwhelming response for it," she said.

Turingan then gathered a committee of about five students to research the public health and pharmacy sectors and analyze the role of the dual-degree program within the existing curriculum.

Committee member Deanna Wung helped Turingan finalize the proposal for the project and present it to a board of administrators.

Wung said the program would encourage collaboration between pharmacists and public health professionals — something that would make the healthcare system more efficient.

"There is a lot of potential for collaboration between health care providers and public health professionals, especially in the crisis of high health care costs," Wung said.

After getting the thumbs-up from the pharmacy school, Wung and Turingan went on to secure the support of the School of Public Health.

Turingan said Assistant Dean of the Pharmacy School Wendy Cox and pharmacy professor Timothy Ives were champions of her cause.

Cox said the dual degree will allow candidates to combine a pharmacist's skill for case-by-case patient interaction and treatment with a public health professional's sense of the big picture of disease control and health management. She said the degree requirements have not changed.

"They will be the same rigorous programs they were before combining the two," Cox said.

Because there is some overlap in the classes taken, students can take full advantage of that overlap and graduate in less time, Cox said.

She expects five to 10 people to apply to the program for its first graduating class of 2017.

Wung said the schools were very helpful in facilitating the change, though the different organizational structure of the two schools made it difficult for them to integrate.

Ives, who graduated from a similar dual-degree program in the 1980s, said it allows an invaluable combination of perspectives that will make graduates successful.

"Be sure to keep an eye on the candidates who decide to pursue this option, as they will be the leaders of the future, in pharmacy and in their own communities."

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UNC hip-hop initiative gets Department of State grant

A \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of State will support a UNC music department-led international hip-hop initiative.

The two-year award will allow a group of U.S. artists to travel to six countries to teach hip-hop to young people in areas of conflict.

The grant will also support several courses in the music department and cover tuition and stipend for a graduate student research assistant.

— From staff and wire reports

Sculptures displayed in botanical garden

By Sarah Vassello
Staff Writer

Between the trees and ferns of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, visitors throughout the next two months will be able to discover nearly 50 sculptures of all shapes and sizes.

The 25th annual “Sculpture in the Garden” exhibition, held at the botanical garden, features many 3-D artists, both old and new.

The free exhibition, which runs until Dec. 8, offers 44 unique sculptures from 28 different North Carolina artists.

“The show is our idea of bringing the community into the garden,” curator Cricket Taylor said. “Our idea is to bring people to see great artwork and to see the botanical gardens in a visual experience.”

Because the exhibit runs during autumnal months, the garden allows the art to change with the seasons.

“One of the best features of the exhibit is that the garden is changing,” Taylor said.

“The sculptures become revealed in really interesting, ever-changing backgrounds.”

Renee Leverty, a Durham artist and first-time exhibition participant, said she is pleased to be in the show.

“As an artist, there aren’t many places that take on the role of insurer for large-scale work — the botanical gardens does,” she said in an email. “I think they are very respectful of the art and the artist.”

She said that she was a big fan of the show and has been taking her kids — one of whom is a UNC freshman — to the event since they were

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children.

Leverty said she designed her sculpture “People Power” with the idea of community in mind.

“With that design, you can see through aspects of the sculpture, so you can see plants all around it, and it has a brass flower in the center,” she said.

“I took this concept of the power behind community and tried to create that visually.”

Taylor and Nancy Easterling, the director of education programs at the botanical garden, organized the event. A selection committee of four people who are either retired or are currently involved in the art community reviews artists who submit photos of their works. From there, the committee sends invitations to the artists whose pieces they found eye-catching.

In some cases, artists design sculptures specifically for the event. Such is true for Jim Gallucci, an artist who has been involved since the exhibit started, who said he designs specifically for the event 90 percent of the time.

“I really love the garden. It’s always been an inspiration for me,” he said.

After installation, which is done by the artists, the botanical garden prints artists’ statements, numbers them based on position in the garden and places them



DTH/BERNADINE DEMBOSKY

The North Carolina Botanical Gardens hosts “Sculpture in the Garden,” an outdoor exhibition where visitors can view the artwork.

by the individual works in order to create an easy path for a self-guided walking tour.

Gallucci said the season changes inspire his work.

“A great garden is four seasons, ongoing like an evolution,” Gallucci said.

“And that’s how science is, too. Both have to use observation, imagination and deductive reasoning. Different tools and different disciples, but maybe more similar than we think.”

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Polls open in controversial council election

By Sharon Nunn
Staff Writer

Montravias King, the Elizabeth City State University senior who was formerly barred from running for city council this summer, could see the results of his hard-fought campaign today.

Polls open for the two Elizabeth City council seats today. King is running against six other candidates, including an incumbent.

The Pasquotank County Board of Elections had banned Montravias King from running on the basis that his on-campus dorm room was not a



Montravias King is an Elizabeth City State University senior running for city office.

valid permanent address. But in late August, the State Board of Elections voted unanimously to overturn the decision.

And despite the obstacles he’s faced getting his name on the ballot, King is confident.

“I honestly think it’s because people saw in me someone determined. Someone who, despite being told no, wasn’t

going to stop there,” King said. “I’m going to press on and take it to the next level. People saw I was going to fight.”

In addition to garnering high profile news coverage, King is being supported by many organizations and local political figures such as Evan Degnan, the chairman of the board of directors for Upward South, a political action committee and Gerry Cohen, special counsel to the N.C. General Assembly.

“He’s working really hard to get the vote out,” Cohen said. “I have talked to him about legal issues and strategies, and how to be a student

running for office. It’s quite a spirited campaign.”

Despite the media coverage both locally and nationally, King said what will win him the election is not the media exposure, but the face-to-face contact.

“I feel like (the national coverage) has helped us a lot,” King said. “I believe that me connecting, reaching out, knocking on doors, shaking their hands — that really made the difference.”

Degnan said the Elizabeth City senior has run a competitive campaign.

“He seems to have a very well-organized campaign,”

Degnan said. “They did voter registration, they did getting people out to early voting, door-to-door campaigning, direct mail, phone calling — all of the typical things of a campaign.”

King said he is optimistic about today’s election.

“I’m hyper, excited, and I can’t even sleep,” King said. “I’m really optimistic because I’ve been out there with the people, and the people have been telling me that they really want that representation in things that are lacking in the fourth ward.”

Cohen said he thinks King has a good chance of win-

ning the election because he’s made himself well-known while running a grassroots campaign.

And King said the the campaign experience has been about more than just winning.

“It is absolutely humbling for me to witness this — I’ve talked to the people and they say, ‘I voted for you, I believe in you, you’re going to win,’” King said. “I’ve heard people say those things. These people have told me that they are proud of what I’m doing, and they’re willing to give me a shot.”

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Q&A with young adult fantasy author

Nathan Kotecki is a North Carolina author who will hold a release party for the second book in his "Suburban Strange" series today at Flyleaf Books. The young adult series tells the stories of Suburban High School through the eyes of different teenagers.

Kotecki spoke with staff writer Rebecca Pollack about the future of the series, today's reading and how North Carolina inspired his writing.

DAILY TAR HEEL: Can you tell me a little about your book, "Pull Down The Night?"

NATHAN KOTECKI: It's set in a high school called Suburban High School where my characters go through some pretty common coming-of-age things, but there also is a kind of supernatural conflict hiding in plain sight. There are only a couple folks who know that anything supernatural is going on, and it's up to them to stop it. In it there is a new character called Bruno who kind of takes over the story, and he takes it a little

further about this conference between the Kind and the Unkind — who are kind of the good and evil of the story — and there's a mysterious figure who's manipulating folks to try to take control of the school. They have to try to figure out why.

DTH: This book is the second in your "Suburban Strange" series. Can you say a little about the first book?

NK: I will invoke a well-known comparison and say this is kind of the series about Sunnydale High School instead of Buffy, the vampire slayer. It's not about a person as much as it is about a location, so the school is the main character in the series. Each book is from the point of view of a different character who kind of has his or her own coming-of-age story that also advances the larger series.

DTH: How many books are going to be in the series, and can you tell me a little about what's to come?

NK: That's a good question, and I actually don't have the answer right now. It is a series that I feel has really just barely gotten started with these two books.

I certainly have a good sense of what happens in the third and fourth, and they're not necessarily going to get me to the end. Right now, (my publisher) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and I consider it to be an open series, and we're just kind of playing it by ear to see how it goes.

DTH: How has living in North Carolina influenced your writing?

NK: I didn't start writing until I moved to North Carolina. I grew up in Pennsylvania; I spent about 10 years in New York City, and I moved down here in 2007. Before that I'd actually been working more as a visual artist. I did mixed media works on paper that I showed in a gallery in New York.

I kind of felt like I needed a change of pace, and my sis-

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North Carolina author, Nathan Kotecki wrote "Pull Down the Night," which is the second book in the "Suburban Strange" series.

of the books and some other prizes. We'll be playing music — there's a lot of alternative music that's in the book.

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reading and signing that people typically expect at an author event. After that I'll keep on signing books, and we'll turn the music back on, and it'll be a party again.

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Democrats to decide on Foushee successor

By Melody Yoshizawa
Staff Writer

In a little more than two weeks, Democratic officials in Orange and Durham counties will decide on a replacement for N.C. Sen. Valerie Foushee in the state House of Representatives.

Ted Benson, chairman of N.C. Congressional District 4, said a meeting will be held Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. to officially decide Foushee's replacement. He said a location for the meeting has not yet been decided.

Foushee was sworn into the Senate's District 23 seat on



Valerie Foushee was appointed to fill the seat vacated by former N.C. Senator Ellie Kinnaird.

Sept. 25, replacing former Sen. Ellie Kinnaird. Her vacated seat in the House is being targeted by five candidates, but selection committee members had not set a schedule for choosing a representative to fill the District 50 seat.

The four committee members will nominate a replace-

ment, who will then be formally appointed by Gov. Pat McCrory.

Benson said there will be no information session held, as was done last month to select Foushee — but he said a questionnaire will be sent out to the candidates, and their answers will be posted on the websites for the Democratic parties in both Orange and Durham counties.

The five candidates are: Orange County Commissioner Bernadette Pelissier; Drew Nelson, a partner at a law firm; Tommy McNeill, the owner of a medical supply

company; Graig Meyer, an administrator for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Laurin Easthom, a Chapel Hill Town Council member.

Foushee said in an interview with The Daily Tar Heel on Sept. 30 that she will not endorse a candidate.

"I think that of the five candidates that have identified themselves as possible candidates, all of them are certainly capable," she said. "Several of them are uniquely qualified, and so I think the committee will have a hard choice."

Apart from looking for Foushee's replacement, the

Orange County Democratic Party is currently focusing on spreading awareness about school board elections and changes in state election laws, said party chairman Matt Hughes.

Hughes said party officials are continuing to monitor controversial voting law changes enacted this summer by the legislature, and said the party is also jumpstarting campaign efforts to re-elect Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C.

Lindsey Rietkerk, vice president of the UNC Young Democrats, said the student group has always had a good

working relationship with the county's party, which has helped ensure that students have access to an on-campus early voting site.

"What the Orange County Democratic Party has in common with our goals this semester is raising awareness about the new voter ID laws passed this summer, and what that means for students voting and living in Orange County," Rietkerk said.

Staff writer Sharon Nunn contributed reporting.

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Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 6 -- Consult with experts. Set a juicy goal. Keep costs down by declining frivolity. Finish one job before making a new mess. You don't need experience. Consider a charming suggestion. It's all good.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 5 -- Postpone a celebration. Assert your personal ideals. Things start working well. Shortages are temporary; it's not a good time to gamble. There's work to be done. Profit from meticulous service. Make requests; you're irresistible.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 5 -- Get the word out on your position, and clear up remaining doubts. Let others state theirs. There's a new shuffle in your social circle. Don't push. It works out fine with communication. Focus on fun together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 5 -- Dispel an illusion at work. Get an important job finished before leaving. Focus on taking care of home and family. Plan menus carefully, and buy only what you need. Increase the beauty level. Take pictures.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Pursue career dreams. Limits reappear. Minimize risks, and build on what you have. You're super smart, and find it easier to concentrate. Invite someone to play. Use your network.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 6 -- Consider the future. Take care at work. Stay objective in a tense situation. Avoid impulsive spending. Don't fund your dream yet. Develop the plan and strategy. A beneficial development arises.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 5 -- You're getting more sensitive, with extra confidence. Do a good job. Pass all previous records. Avoid gossip, gambling and shopping. You're gaining authority. Keep it practical, and build solid infrastructure.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 5 -- Shop carefully. Watch out for surprises. Take action for love, not money. Do it to gain deeper insight. Hold your temper, and stay sensitive to a loved one's wishes. You're exceptionally cute now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 5 -- You gain clarity now. There's an unexpected development. Emotions could flare. This week is good for travel. It could get hot. You're not in the game alone. Provide services, not cash. Use your magnetism and charm.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 5 -- Career matters emerge. Provide support. Be careful where you step. Don't encourage the peanut gallery when you all should be quiet and respectful. Notice a strong attraction. Don't fall for a trick. Get ready at home.

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Solar farm comes to Orange County

By Aaron Cranford
Staff Writer

Though Orange County homeowners might not notice a difference, their power is now coming from a much cleaner energy source.

Solar energy provider Strata Solar completed construction of a solar farm in Chapel Hill's White Cross community two weeks ago.

The solar farm is on 35 acres and will generate enough electricity to power approximately 600 to 800 homes a year. The energy generated by the farm will be distributed to Duke Energy customers.

The Chapel Hill-based provider develops and maintains solar energy farms and solar panels on businesses around the country. Only one business in the county, Chapel Hill Tire Care Center, has solar panels from the company.

Orange County Economic Development Director Steve Brantley said the county is already eco-friendly, but the addition demonstrates its ambition to become environmentally aware.

"The county has a desire to diversify, whether it is solar, wind or biodiesel," he said. "The farm is a renewable energy operation that will be around for around 50 years, providing electricity through non-fossil fuel resources."

John Morrison, Strata Solar's chief operating officer, said the solar farm has started



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Chapel Hill Tire Care Center is the only business in Orange County that has installed solar panels with Solar Strata.

producing energy, but people in the county will not notice its effect.

"It should lower the cost in the long term, but in the short term it should not do anything," he said in an interview.

Orange County Commissioner Renee Price said the county needs to save energy and money, so the new farm is a great addition.

"Anywhere you live, if you can save energy and save money, it is an advantage, so I think that it is a great thing that Strata Solar is in Orange County," Price said.

Morrison said he is excited to have this new farm in the county and wants to bring more solar farms in the future.

"If we can find good locations for another farm, then I absolutely want to have more farms," he said. "It is a great

deal. It is like bringing in a new factory, but no new roads or sewage lines need to be made."

Earl McKee, vice chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, said having the solar farm is great for the county's image.

"The sun is an inexhaustible supply for energy, so we should look to extract that for years to come," McKee said. "All forms of alternative energy should be looked at, and we should look at companies that want to use alternative forms of energy."

Price said Strata Solar's clean energy is a huge benefit to the County.

"I'm very pleased with solar energy coming here," Price said. "I believe it is the future to harness all of the energy of the sun."

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SHANNON

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is developed, we may be able to charge N.C. General Statute 14-35 Hazing, which is a class 2 misdemeanor," Horton said in an email to Town Manager David Andrews.

"Dependent on other developments, we may have additional charges if appropriate."

Attack said police believe someone knows what hap-

pened the night Shannon died.

In its update last month, the department said investigators have reached out to members of Shannon's fraternity and the UNC community but haven't received any information in return.

"We feel very confident that there are people at UNC that can shed additional light," Attack said Monday. "We're asking people to overcome the fear and the peer pressure

and share information that's relevant."

Members of Shannon's family encouraged anyone with information about the night he died to speak with Carrboro police.

"We certainly want anybody with any information about David to come forward," said his father, Hugh Shannon. "We do want to know."

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DROP/ADD

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"(Having) empty seats is not a problem on this campus," Strauss said. "Students want to get into classes, not get out of them."

According to a report published by the UNC General Administration in February, UNC-CH has the highest six year graduation rate in the system at 90.9 percent for the most recent class analyzed, far exceeding the other universities, which range from 34.4 to 75.7 percent.

"This is a solution looking for a problem," said Alston Gardner, vice chairman of the UNC-CH Board of Trustees. "To use a one-size-fits-all system is misguided."

UNC-CH lengthened what was a six-week drop period to the eight-week drop period in 2004. In 2010, the University formally acknowledged the success of that change.

"Our experiences have been that having a relatively late drop/add has allowed students to take far reach courses," Strauss said. "It's been an opportunity to help our students stretch."

Owen said a shorter drop period stifles the experimentation that UNC-CH encourages in its students. She said it promotes an environment of taking only required courses.

"We have excellent students at Carolina. They're wonderful and enthusiastic. And sometimes they bite off more than they can chew. We want them to do that," said Owen.

Strauss said 70 percent of UNC-CH students go on to graduate school within 10 years of graduation. To graduate school admissions officers, withdrawals on a transcript are a red flag that could affect admission.

"The reason (students) do well and go on to graduate school is that they take challenging courses," said Faculty Chairwoman Jan Boxill. "(Withdrawals) on transcripts, especially if you're going to graduate school, is an anomalous grade."

UNC-CH officials say informing students is the first step in establishing the united voice and clear message to the UNC General Administration and Board of Governors.

"We do want to work with

the General Administration but we also have to be on the same page," said Boxill.

Gardner said at the Board of Trustees meeting earlier this month that the new policy did not make any sense.

Student Body President Christy Lambden also vowed to advocate against the changes at the board meeting.

Gardner said UNC-CH leaders were working to change the policy.

"Of all the things the General Administration could be doing, this is a total waste of time and counterproductive for our students," he said.

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DROP/ADD RULES

The new drop add regulations passed for the UNC system include:

- Mandating the time period to drop a course to 10 days for all 17 UNC system schools. UNC-CH's current policy allows eight weeks.
- A limit of four withdrawals that a student can take in their four years.
- Students can be exempted from the withdrawal policy due to illness or military service.

REFUGEES

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keeping, Carolina Dining Services and UNC Hospitals, Owensby said.

She estimated UNC employs almost 85 percent of county residents from Burma. They often work night shifts at jobs that are low-tech and low-wage, Owensby said.

Maung said he moved to Orange County to work at the Carolina Inn and now works for UNC Grounds Services.

"Finding a job is not easy for everyone. Language plays an important role," Maung said.

Bateman said for refugees, finding employment with UNC became more difficult after the economy slowed and people from Burma flooded the area in 2007.

"A lot of them have jobs at UNC and a lot of them want jobs at UNC," Bateman said.

Orange County has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state — a factor the federal government considers when placing refugees. The government also considers where refugees' families and friends already are in the U.S.

"As a community starts to build momentum, it will inevi-

tably get bigger," Owensby said. She said of the global refugees coming into North Carolina, 41 percent hail from Burma.

Lost in translation

As an English speaker, Maung said he helps other refugees in his community make telephone calls, read the mail and fill out applications. The language barrier keeps them from speaking up for themselves when they encounter problems.

"There are also significant language barriers, which make it difficult for refugee students and their families to adapt to the school system, access health care and find jobs," said Sarah Kowitz, a first year doctoral student at the Gillings School of Global Public Health who works with an organization offering art therapy to local children, including those in the refugee community.

Bateman said new refugees face separate problems from those of longer-term refugee residents in the county. Systems have had to change to accommodate the population.

"The schools, Orange County Health Department were blindsided," she said.

"Now there are interpreters and ways of interacting with these folks."

The refugees are impacted by cuts to government services, Owensby said. Many rely on the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

"We're talking about one of the most vulnerable communities in Orange County. They come with nothing — they're refugees," Owensby said.

Maung said the county's high property taxes are also an obstacle — people from Burma have never had to file taxes and many don't know how.

Here to stay

As the conflict in Burma improves incrementally, the community from Burma is putting down roots here.

Most refugees plan to stay here permanently if they can and will adapt to new customs and become able to advocate for themselves.

"They are an incredibly resilient population — they trust human beings despite all they've been through," Bateman said. "It's a privilege for our county to have them."

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AGENTS LAW

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written as a template bill for state governments to adopt, has been enacted in part or in full by 43 states in an effort to standardize athlete agent laws.

Although many states enacted the athlete agent regulations, most have disparate laws.

North Carolina enacted the law in 2003. The state statute defines an athlete agent as an individual who solicits or recruits a student athlete to enter an agency contract, or enters into one with an athlete.

North Carolina decided to make the act law after several other states adopted the policy.

"It was all part of the process of modernization," said George Jeter, an N.C. Secretary of State spokesman.

But states often lack the resources to enforce the act, especially investigating the insular athlete agents community, said Paul Haagen, a Duke law professor who formerly advised Duke sports teams.

North Carolina law enforcement only act on an incident that is highly visible or affects the whole state, Osborne said.

Agents are often not deterred from illegal actions because enforcement penalties are small compared to an agent's potential gain from representing a college athlete, Osborne said. For agents, fines become the operating expense.

"In order for the law to have any teeth, the fines need to be a lot bigger, and the state needs to do a really good job enforcing and recommending jail time," she said.

South Carolina enacted an amended version of the act in 2004, in which agents register as organizations instead of individuals, lowering the registration fees, said Martha Phillips, staff attorney for the S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs. The ULC recently drafted a new version of the UAAA after several states repealed or amended the law. The new draft considers creating a national registration, and

redefining the athlete-agent.

But Marc Edelman, a law professor at the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College in the City University of New York, criticized the act for protecting institutions over student athletes.

"I think the UAAA is a very unfortunate act, in that it does very little for athletes, and it does a lot more to protect the NCAA and colleges," he said.

Haagen said one way to stop underground dealings in the collegiate athletics industry is to lift the current regulations.

"If you take the pressure off current regulation, you could probably drive a lot of the underground dealings into the light," Haagen said. "If you open it up, it could be easier to enforce, like legalizing marijuana or lowering the drinking age. It's an impossibly difficult thing to regulate."

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19 What the truth sometimes does

20 When repeated, soothing words

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23 Tanning site

24 Strips off

25 "Buzz off!"

28 Next-generation relatives

32 Modernized pre-1949 auto

37 Hold dear

38 Stat for Mariano Rivera

39 No-no

41 Tell a whopper

42 Mag with relationship quizzes

45 Metropolitan distance unit

48 Way up or down

50 Do in, as a dragon

51 Wild Australian dog

54 Pub order

58 Aptly named Nevada border community known for its casinos

62 Powerful explosive, familiarly

63 Three-time Tony winner

64 Lunchbox sandwich protector

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71 Agreeable response

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13 Wall St. institution

18 Uneven, as a leaf's edge

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29 Wylo, neighbor

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31 Hide's partner

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33 Equine gait

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Why you should love Achilles

Spoiler alert: If you haven't had a chance to get caught up yet on the latest episode of The Iliad, this column is going to give away a lot of plot points.

I could try to make an elaborate analogy between the government shutting down and Achilles refusing to fight in Book One of The Iliad. But I really just want to talk about how awesome Achilles is, so that's what I am going to do.

Achilles is the Greeks' best warrior — at one point he kills 12 Trojans just by shouting. Hector, the Trojan's greatest fighter whom the Greeks nicknamed "mankiller," can't help but run away whenever Achilles comes near.

But Achilles is not just a warrior: When some of the Greek leaders come to Achilles' tent to convince him to rejoin the fighting, they find him playing the lyre and singing about "the glory of men." He is also not ashamed to sit beside the sea and cry.

This isn't to say that Achilles is a good guy: when he feels personally humiliated, he prays that Zeus will help the Trojans win in battle (you read that right: the Trojans, his enemies) so that the Greeks will learn to honor him.

Regardless of his moral shortcomings, I still find myself admiring Achilles. I think it is because he faces an issue that we all face (or ignore): mortality.

Achilles has a unique dilemma: He can choose the nature of his death. "Two different fates bear me toward the doom of death: if I stay here fighting around the city of the Trojans, my homecoming is lost, but I will have undying glory; but if I go home to my fatherland, my good glory is lost, but I will live for a long time."

I think that everyone faces this choice, in some form or another. Trying to decide what to do with my post-grad life has sometimes seemed like a much less grand version of this decision: "Do I take a big risk in pursuit of glory, or do I go a safer, more domestic route?" I'm still not quite sure what to do.

We have The Iliad, so we know that Achilles chose glory and an early death, but it's important to recognize why. Achilles does not come back to the fight because of any sort of intellectual conclusion. Instead, he returns to fight only when Hector kills Patroclus, Achilles' closest companion. The choice between glory and longevity becomes insignificant when compared to Achilles' grief, guilt and desire for revenge.

That scream I mentioned earlier, which killed 12 Trojans, isn't a proud battle cry. More than anything, it's a mourning cry over Patroclus' death — a death Achilles helped cause.

Achilles gets the honor he asks for, but realizes that it wasn't worth the loss of his friend. He does the glorious deeds we remember him for, but he does them in a rage of revenge and grief.

Maybe there was a era when being human was more simple, when our emotions and actions were in harmony instead of jangling discord, when we didn't have to make these impossible trade-offs. It's hard to know.

What we can know is that by the time The Iliad was composed more than 2,700 years ago, that era had already passed.

NEXT
10/9: LIFE IN THE BUBBLE
Columnist Alex Keith on being a Republican at UNC.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Brooke Davies, badavies@live.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

Stand for the standard

UNC can't dive into athletic reform without support.

While the past couple years have shown that the athletic-academic machine is broken, UNC would better survive as an institution if it were to lead the discussion in certain reforms rather than independently and immediately enact change.

As faculty and administrators discussed many issues brought up by the Rawlings panel's report in a portion of the most recent Faculty Council meeting, the special admissions standards afforded to some athletes were a controversial topic.

UNC has acknowledged its important role as a national leader in athletic reform, and has pledged to spearhead discussion on the issue.

However, calling for UNC to initiate change by putting many of these recommendations into effect on campus and expecting the rest of the nation to follow is failing to acknowledge the harm that this would bring to the school.

These changes are years from being incorporated on a national level, if at all, and for UNC to enact them would only put the school at a competitive disadvantage.

This would funnel elite athletes with marginal academic deficiencies from UNC to its rivals, depriving the school's teams of many of the athletes that have earned UNC its top-rate athletic reputation.

It is impossible to

know how many national championships in numerous sports the University would not have won if these standards had been put in place long ago.

It is not UNC's job to lead the charge in athletic reform — it is UNC'S job to lead the discussion.

The Rawlings panel's report also calls for a consortium of similar universities with the intent of initiating dialogue. This issue should be thoroughly discussed at a setting such this rather than solely at an internal level before its implementation.

Without a previous agreement throughout like-minded institutions about admission standards, jumping right into policy change could have a severe affect on the public perception of any university.

UNC should use its platform to bring these issues to the consortiums, regardless of personal interests. Along with being an academic vanguard and protecting the student part of being a student athlete, the University also needs to consider the value these athletes bring to the UNC brand.

Just take Florida Gulf Coast University, for example, the little known school that was catapulted into national relevancy by its men's basketball team's run in the NCAA March Madness tournament last year.

As the previously unknown team continued to advance in the tournament, their student stores' sales multiplied, as did hits on the admissions webpage.

Athletic success can bolster a school's national brand, drawing more

qualified applicants that pursue a higher standard of academic achievement.

The UNC mark is one of the most recognizable symbols across all American universities.

Just as groundbreaking research reinforces the brand in academic journals and conferences nationwide, athletic appearances in prime-time television bolster the brand. They are two sides to the same coin.

This is not to say there aren't already academic standards; these students must have a basic level of preparation in order to take advantage of the opportunities of a student athlete.

It's up to these student-athletes to take the initiative and actively pursue the quality education they've been offered, which is just as much a matter of drive and commitment than of high school transcripts.

While valuable in the admissions process, a high school transcript and SAT score isn't a foolproof way to predict the value that a student will add to a university's academic environment.

It is difficult to forecast the success that these students will have in a college setting that differs so strikingly from high school. Looking solely at predicted GPAs doesn't tell the full story of a student's profile — academic or otherwise.

The academic support system within the athletic program provides these students with adequate resources to contribute academically, even at a school as academically rigorous as UNC.

EDITORIAL

It's about time

Fresh eyes will give a necessary new perspective.

The Chapel Hill Police Department was right to ask the State Bureau of Investigation to have a greater role in the investigation of last year's homicide of Faith Hedgepeth.

Although it is clear that the CHPD has been tirelessly working on the case maximizing their resources, the investigation into the circumstances surrounding Faith's death has seemingly hit some walls.

There has not been any new information since January, and the yearlong investigation has turned

up zero suspects. It is time for a new direction in the case.

The SBI is better equipped to handle a case of this magnitude with its additional resources and manpower.

There is also the need for a fresh set of eyes, which the SBI can provide.

What is of the utmost importance for any matter related to the case is that Hedgepeth's family is included and satisfied with the inclusion of the SBI, and it seems that they are.

It is only natural for the family to want every lead to be followed and examined closely.

No piece of evidence is too small.

It will be vitally important for the CHPD and the SBI to work together, and to be cognizant of the fact that this case means a great deal to not only the Hedgepeth family but the UNC community as a whole.

Faith Hedgepeth and her family deserve all possible resources to be exhausted.

Closure and the knowledge of her death are extremely important for the family to have.

The Hedgepeth family holds immense respect for the CHPD and its homicide department.

It was right for the CHPD to honor that respect by doing everything in its power to help solve the case.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We have excellent students at Carolina . . . And sometimes they bite off more than they can chew. We want them to do that."

Bobbi Owen, on why the new drop/add rules could hurt UNC

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"Even the lawless west had its funky cow-boys drop their guns off away from schools, churches and kids."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political language must start to change

TO THE EDITOR:

In Monday's Daily Tar Heel, a letter from Professor Harry Watson criticizes the editorial staff for not taking enough of a hard-line stance against the supporters of North Carolina's new voter ID law, but I commend them doing so.

Republicans are not racists who intend to prevent minorities from voting. Rather, they are trying to solve a social problem with what seems to be a common sense solution.

That does not necessarily mean the problem exists or that their solution won't present problems of its own, but it does mean they are not the villains they are often portrayed as.

I do not mean to fault Watson in particular for his language; we are all guilty of it. We treat politics as war by other means, ardently supporting every argument for our side and labeling the other side as evil so that we can viciously attack every point of it, regardless of how the truth is distributed.

This prevents our beliefs from accurately corresponding with reality and breeds partisanship, inhibiting our ability to solve problems.

So I'll throw it out there: Pro-lifers don't hate women. Conservatives don't hate the poor. Global warming isn't a conspiracy by power-hungry regulators, and Obama isn't a communist.

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Support Loren Hintz in council election

TO THE EDITOR:

November 5 is Election Day for Chapel Hill and Carrboro municipal government and school board. I am one of nine candidates running for four seats on the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Voter turnout for municipal elections is usually very low. The last day to register is Oct. 11, but during early voting (Oct. 17 to Nov. 2) there is same-day registration.

The old rules about voting still hold this year. The changes passed by the N.C. General Assembly do not take effect until next year or later. Please take advantage of this opportunity to vote.

I will be your advocate for the environment, social justice and public transportation. I currently serve on the Orange County Commission for the Environment. I was chair of the Chapel Hill Transportation Board and served on the Fordham Boulevard Safety Task Force and the Bike and Pedestrian Task Force. I taught science at Chapel Hill High School for the last nineteen years.

My Peace Corps experience in El Salvador and Honduras and my Central America solidarity work give me a unique perspective of working with lots of different people effectively

with few resources.

I want local government to be more proactive, and I will strive for better implementation by the council of their advisory boards' recommendations. I want more participation on the advisory boards. Reducing the length of board terms may increase UNC student involvement on the boards. For more information go to www.hintzforcouncil.org or hintzforcouncil@gmail.com. Vote!

Loren Hintz '84
Chapel Hill

The shutdown has hurt many already

TO THE EDITOR:

It must be nice to be Graham Palmer, who wrote in his Oct. 7 column, "Getting DC to function again," that he "hasn't noticed too many tangible effects on (his) own life from (the federal shutdown)."

I bet he would notice if he was a senior dependent on government programs that provide healthy meals. Or a veteran, who has had his pension and educational benefits cut. He would probably notice the shutdown if he was a child living in poverty, no longer benefitting from WIC funding for nutrition. Palmer would do well to step out of his Sperrys and into someone else's shoes — not everyone lives a comfortable, affluent life.

Jackson Bloom '15
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More bike parking is good for business

TO THE EDITOR:

I found the opinion piece regarding Chapel Hill's new bike corral very disappointing. It suggested a parking spot for 12 bikes in a single car's space was wrong.

First, I wonder if the writer had asked the owner of Mediterranean Deli their opinion of the bike parking situation in the area — if they had, they might have learned the owner was interested in having the bike corral nearby. Second, it leaves out the excellent recent work the town has undertaken to add parking and document the locations of all parking in the area.

Finally, it suggested that a revolution in bikes will not be triggered by more parking. But the revolution has already begun. There are more bikes on the streets of Chapel Hill today than ever, and these folks need a place to park as well. The runaway success of Portland's bike corrals is remarkable, but what is more remarkable is how the business owners are clamoring for more, as they have seen the benefits to their bottom line. They cannot roll them out fast enough.

Perhaps the DTH could assist frustrated drivers and football fans by sharing links to the town parking information web site.

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