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Russian diplomat: Do yoga, US

From staff and wire reports

Maybe the United States could stand to loosen up. That’s what one Russian senior diplomat might be trying to tell us in his most recent comments about the United States’ being irrationally “fixated” on punishing Russia following the annexation of Crimea.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Rybakov’s advice is simple, really: “Spend more time in the fresh air, practice yoga, a balanced diet, maybe watch some sitcoms on TV” instead of engaging in “childish tantrums and tears.”

Come on, America. Go take a nap or something. You’re too cranky for Russia’s liking.

**NOTED.** We can all get a little carried away with state pride, especially in the great state of North Carolina. But some are taking it too far by naming state microbes. In Hawaii, two politicians currently battle over whether *Flavobacterium aki-ainvivens* or *vibrio fischeri* gets to be the official state organism.

**QUOTED.** “I thought to myself, ‘I’m not leaving this,’ and I jumped down to get it. I wasn’t really even stuck, I just needed somebody to help lift me out but my mom got all panicky.”  
— Ella Birchenough, a Dover, U.K. teen, who got stuck in a storm drain after dropping her BlackBerry phone in it.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**TODAY**

**Assassins (Musical):** This musical explores the United States’ culture of celebrity and the violent means to obtain it through the context of successful and attempted assassinations on American presidents. Tickets start at \$15. The show runs until April 20.  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Paul Green Theatre

**Flashlight Egg Hunt:** Bring your flashlight and enjoy a fun egg hunt in the dark. Golden eggs get special prizes. This event is for children ages 11-14. No younger siblings, please. Participants must bring their own flashlight and basket. Free.  
**Time:** 7:45 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Wilson Park, Carrboro

**Activated Art:** Back for its third year, Activated Art at the Ackland presents a series of live theater performances that brings the art on the walls to life in unexpected ways. Each performance comprises five 10-minute plays. Tonight’s playwrights will be on hand for a post-performance discussion. Performances will also be held through Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for general public and \$10 for

One Card holders.  
**Time:** 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Ackland Art Museum

**Avenue Q (Musical):** Check out Avenue Q presented by Pauper Players. The story surrounds a bright-eyed college graduate who moves to New York City and meets an interesting mix of characters. Content might not be appropriate for younger viewers.  
**Time:** 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
**Location:** ArtsCenter

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FREQUENT FLYER



DTH/ALEX HAMEL

Andrieu Doyle, a junior from New Orleans, throws a flying disc in Polk Place on Thursday afternoon. “It’s kind of for everybody,” Doyle said. “You don’t need much, just some people, a field and a disc.” Doyle has thrown discs for 15 years.

POLICE LOG

- Someone reported a suspicious condition at 1765 Dobbins Drive at 3 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. An unknown person was photographing another person, reports state.
  - Someone trespassed at Walgreens at 108 E. Franklin St. at 5:19 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. A person got into an argument, reports state.
  - Someone got into a fight in the Wendy’s parking lot at 100 Scarlett Drive at 6:20 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. At least one person sustained minor injuries, reports state.
  - Someone committed larceny at 306 E. Main St. between 7:05 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. Wednesday, according to
- Carrboro police reports. The person took someone’s phone after it was placed on a store counter, reports state.
- Someone reported a suspicious condition at Battle Hall at 2:59 p.m. Thursday, according to reports from UNC’s Department of Public Safety.
  - Someone damaged property at the Bioinformatics Building at 9:17 a.m. Thursday, according to reports from UNC’s Department of Public Safety.
  - Someone communicated threats at Brinkhous-Bullitt at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday, according to police reports from UNC’s Department of Public Safety.
  - Someone damaged property at Boshamer Stadium at 6 p.m. Tuesday, according to reports from UNC’s Department of Public Safety.

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# National body looks at Pi Lambda Phi

**The fraternity wants a greater role in helping its UNC chapter.**  
**By Carolyn Ebeling**  
Staff Writer

Though actions are still pending, the Pi Lambda Phi national body says it is taking steps to fix problems in the fraternity's Chapel Hill chapter by becoming more involved. In October 2013, five Pi Lambda Phi pledges were arrested on misdemeanor counts of larceny and vandalism to the Student Union. According to the Department of Public Safety incident reports, \$3,133.20 in damage to three paper towel dispensers and one toilet paper dispenser was caused. In addition, \$407 worth of paper products and household goods were taken. The fraternity spent last weekend meeting with the Pi Lambda Phi national chapter. According to the press release issued by Ian Lowe, executive director of Pi Lambda Phi, Inc., the conduct of UNC's chapter was called into question following the events in the fall. The press release went on to say that the University, local Pi Lambda Phi chapter alumni and the International Headquarters performed a collaborative investigation with the cooperation of student members. "It was determined that with the continual support of the UNC-CH administration, our chapter's local alumni and International Headquarters would become more deeply engaged with efforts to fix challenges within the chapter and restore the organization to a greater state," Lowe said in the release. Pi Lambda Phi Chapter President Robert Harrison said he has read and agrees with the statement. "Our chapter is stronger than it's ever been, and we are looking forward to the fall and the philanthropy that we haven't really been able to do this year," he said. Aaron Bachenheimer, director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement, said working with the national chapter on these kinds of issues can take several different routes. "If the national organization is more interested in getting their process rolling quickly, we may take a more backseat kind of role, but that doesn't mean we don't keep abreast of the process," he said. Bachenheimer said different campus groups, such as the Interfraternity Council and its judicial board, can be involved as well. "We are as involved as we need to be to make sure that community values and University policies are being upheld and, most importantly, that student safety is at the forefront," he said.

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## WSSU student cyberbullied by local radio DJ

**The openly gay student was a candidate for Mr. WSSU.**  
**By Hayley Fowler**  
Senior Writer

The cyberbullying of a Winston-Salem State University student because of his sexual orientation has garnered national attention — and the university's response has been criticized. Aaron McCorkle, who is openly gay, was a candidate for Mr. WSSU when a local radio personality began tweeting comments about his sexuality. 102 Jamz DJ Brian "B-DAHT" McLaughlin issued a public apology on Twitter Wednesday. "I want to apologize to Aaron McCorkle, his fam, & friends for the offensive tweets I posted. I was wrong. What I said was hurtful to him & his loved ones," the tweets read. McLaughlin tweeted that he reached out to McCorkle personally, and they agreed to meet. McCorkle has since lost the Mr. WSSU election. Sultan Shakir, director of Youth and Campus Engagement at the Human Rights Campaign, said the tweets were hurtful. "They incited others to tweet homophobic comments about Aaron," he said. A former WSSU student had found the comments inappropriate and contacted the Human Rights Campaign for support. Shakir said students being attacked can feel isolated — and he said WSSU is lacking support. Aaron Singleton, spokesman at WSSU, said in an email that while the university has a policy against cyberbullying and harassment of any kind, it only applies to students, faculty and staff. He said McLaughlin is a well-known figure in the area, and his Twitter followers include many students from the community and non-students. "We can only address what we can manage or control — and that is our students and employees," Singleton said. He added that the office of Student Affairs at the university has reached out to McCorkle. But Shakir said the university's response — a statement and three tweets — is not encouraging. "They've done really nothing to learn from this incident about how they can better support LGBT students on their campus," he said. Shakir said he would like for the HRC to help WSSU provide sensitivity training for students, faculty and staff and expand its non-discrimination policy to include gender identity and expression. "Unless the university is willing to take concrete actions as opposed to just issuing statements or Tweets ... it falls on the students themselves to change the campus climate when they should really be focused on their education," he said. Lauren Scanlan, co-president of the Sexuality and Gender Alliance at UNC-CH, said cyberbullying is a prevalent issue in the LGBT community. "With most cyberbullying, people believe it is easier to just get away with things on the internet," she said. "I think Winston-Salem State is really dropping the ball here."

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## BREAKING BAD STIGMAS



DTH/CLAIRE COLLINS

Actor RJ Mitte, of "Breaking Bad," speaks about living with cerebral palsy on Thursday evening in the Genome Sciences Building.

## Actor RJ Mitte shared his experiences with disability

**By Sarah Chaney**  
Assistant University Editor

His mother would make him fold the towels, only to knock them over. But she did it to make him stronger — to make him repeat the physical process and become in control of his body. RJ Mitte, who stars on "Breaking Bad" as Walt Jr., was diagnosed with a mild form of cerebral palsy at age three. But he did not let this early diagnosis hinder him. "I had crutches on and off. I was in the wheelchair on and off," Mitte said. "But I overcame it with lots of exercises — lots of painful, painful exercises." Without any form of physical support, Mitte spoke in the UNC Genome Sciences Building Thursday night about disability rights, how he transformed his disability into an asset and how he went from bullying victim to Hollywood star. Mitte said individuals with mental and physical disabilities are often relegated to a room of mindless inactivity, limiting their capacity to grow. "People with a disability just get put on a couch — put on a couch with a TV in front of them. That's not living your life," he said. Organizations like Best Buddies, the nonprofit responsible for raising money and bringing Mitte to campus, are helping to alleviate this problem. Best Buddies pairs UNC students with members of the Chapel Hill community who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. "That's the thing with Best Buddies — it allows (people with disabilities) to get out and grow. No one wants to do their stretches, their therapy. I mean, how many people want to do their homework on time?" Defining what it means to be disabled, Mitte emphasized that the term often carries a stigma, but is actually a universal challenge. "Technically, 75 percent of people have a physical or mental disability," he said. "It's actually 100 percent. Everyone has their challenges, everyone has their faults. Disability is anything that hinders you, but it's also knowledge." He said he does not feel alone. "My disability affects everyone because all our bodies are fallible. One day we will all need that helping hand." Society often carves out the meaning of disability and normalness, Mitte said. "I didn't know that I had a disability until I went to school," Mitte said. "I thought everyone went to occupational therapy. I thought everybody had their things, like braces — they just weren't on their legs, but on their teeth," Mitte said. Though Mitte did not heavily focus on his role in "Breaking Bad" throughout the talk, he did stress the importance of having disabled characters on TV. "It's a realism," Mitte said. "A lot of times it's not accurate on television. "People want a realism and something to relate to. People want to see themselves in these roles." Marie Sauvee, a French exchange student present for Thursday's speech, said she appreciated how Mitte spun the boxed-in denotation of normal into a more subjective, personalized term. "He has a particular opinion — that being normal is whatever makes you happy," she said. Senior Sarah Wiese, who attended the lecture, said she was surprised at Mitte's humor and optimistic spirit. "He was really funny, and I liked how he showed disabilities in such a positive light and how he didn't let anything stop him," Wiese said.

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## Orange County sees fewer children in foster care

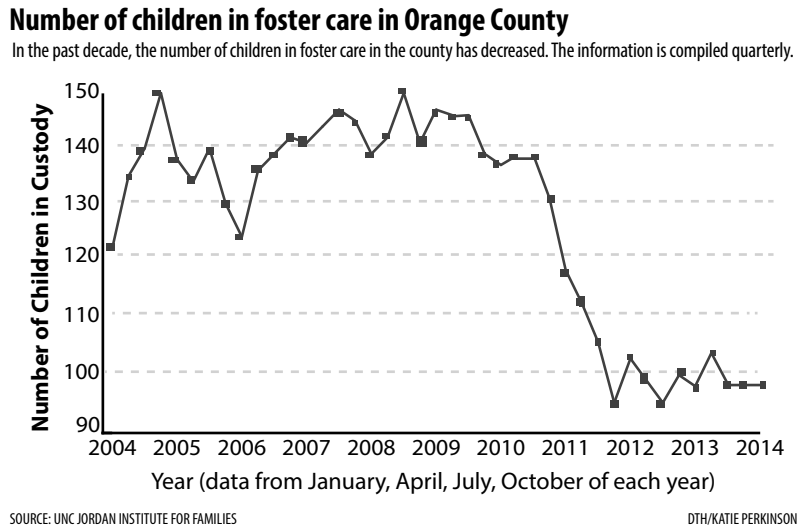
**The Department of Social Services is emphasizing placement with relatives.**  
**By Marissa Bane**  
Senior Writer

More foster children in the county will be able to live with people they know instead of strangers through increased efforts by the Orange County Department of Social Services. The department is working to connect potential foster kids with relatives, said Duston Lowell, the department's child welfare program manager. "We work hard to find a family member or someone who is significant in a child's life, which may allow us to create a plan for the child to live elsewhere without taking custody while we work extensively with the parent," said Lowell. "The parents would have to agree of course, but it does allow us and the family to sometimes avoid court intervention." The number of foster care kids in Orange County has been gradually declining throughout the past

decade. In February 2014, there were 92 children in the county's foster care system, down from 125 children in February 2004. The biggest decline can be seen in children ages 13 to 17. In February 2014, there were 19 foster care teenagers in the system, down from 51 teenage children in February 2004. Lowell said the decrease in foster care children could be related to the diligent efforts of the department. He said the department is also making sure services for the foster family are set up quickly and directed at the most concerning issues. The goal is to reduce risk for the child and eventually allow him or her to return safely home, Lowell said. But he said the downward trend in the number of children coming into foster care throughout the rest of North Carolina doesn't mean the problem is solved. "Although the number of children coming into the foster care system has been gradually declining, the need for foster care is still great," Lowell said. There are about 70 foster care homes currently licensed in Orange County, but not all are all actively taking children into their homes.

*"My greatest joy is to witness the positive changes that happen ... as a result of our services."*  
**Tracey Trask,**  
Orange County Department of Social Services

To become licensed, potential foster parents must meet several requirements, like having adequate sleeping space and meeting basic income requirements, according to the department's website. Tracey Trask, who is responsible for the county's foster care licensing, said there is a diverse group of families who spend more than 30 hours preparing for their roles as foster parents. "I really get to know our foster families and we are proud of them," Trask said. "My greatest joy is to witness the positive changes that happen within families as a result of our services. I enjoy being part of the team that helps families reunite, stronger and healthier." After families become licensed, they must complete an additional 10 hours of training each year. Many of the children coming into



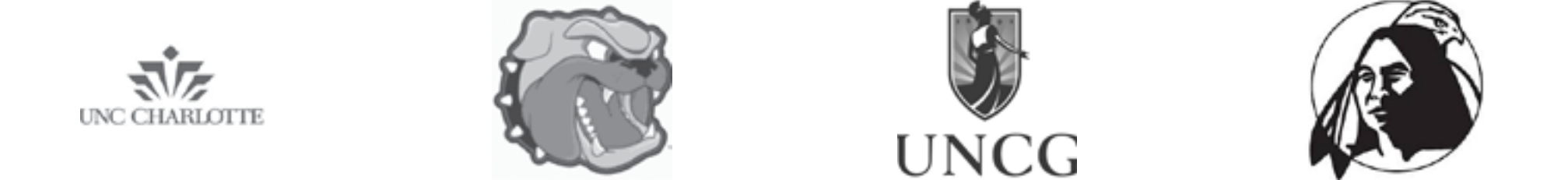
foster care have unique needs based on the circumstances — such as emotional or physical abuse — they were exposed to prior to leaving their home. "Foster parents have to be very flexible and trained well for the many types of problems they may encounter when taking a foster child," Lowell said. Robbyn Davis-Ellison has been a licensed foster parent with the department since October 2012. Robbyn and her partner Nicole

Davis-Ellison have three children adopted from New Jersey. They are in the process of adopting the child they are currently fostering. They have also fostered two other children. "I would highly recommend becoming a foster parent," Robbyn Davis-Ellison said. "It is definitely hard work, but it is also very rewarding, and DSS does an excellent job of training us."

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# UNC-system happenings



## UNC-C dorm safety improved

The death of a UNC-Charlotte student is calling residence hall safety standards into question.

UNC-C student Josh Helm had a fatal fall from a ledge outside his room on the seventh floor of Moore Hall, said John Bland, university spokesman.

“The death of a student — especially one that occurs on campus — is a blow to the entire campus community,” Bland said.

Bland emphasized that the window in question is impossible to fall from unless sitting on or stepping through to reach the ledge. He also said that the residence hall contracts strictly prohibit being on top of window ledges or balcony railings.

“The casement windows at Moore Hall are operable, as they were designed to be when the building was completed in 1970,” he said. “At that time, Moore Hall did not have sprinklers (which have been retrofitted), and so having windows that open onto ledges provided some access to students and the fire department in times of emergency.”

He said the university is already engaged in a renovation plan for high-rise residence halls, and although window designs for the renovated buildings have not been finalized, it is likely that they will not open all the way.

## UNC-A student leads charity

Stephanie Watkins-Cruz is still in the first half of her college career, but she’s already in the business of helping young girls get educated.

Watkins-Cruz, a sophomore at UNC-Asheville, is the president of her campus’ chapter of She’s the First. The nonprofit organization sponsors girls’ education in the developing world in hopes of creating first-generation graduates.

“Our organization raises money for girls’ education in the developing world through creative fundraisers that range from bake sales to 5ks and Zumba marathons,” she said.

The organization hopes to train and inspire the next generation of young leaders to create global change both here and across the world, she said.

“I joined this effort because of a teammate of mine in 2012 who pushed me to go to the She’s the First leadership summit,” she said. “When I realized how much I could relate (at a different degree) to the cause, being someone who relies completely on financial aid and scholarships, I found it almost natural to raise awareness and funds for a cause that I was apart of in a way already.”

Watkins-Cruz said the most recent event they held was a 5k, where they successfully raised \$1,000 for a high school senior in Tanzania.

## UNC-G students win award

Samuel Troy, an executive in residence at the Bryan School of Business at UNC-Greensboro, recently helped coordinate a project that received national recognition.

The project, which won the 2014 Small Business Institute’s Project of the Year Award, consisted of a partnership between MBA students at the school and Raffaldini Vineyards and Winery in Wilkes County.

Students from the school collaborated with the vineyard to determine the feasibility of establishing a full-service restaurant adjacent to the winery, Troy said.

“The MBA students not only researched the feasibility of the proposed establishment, but also developed a comprehensive business and marketing plan for the proposed restaurant,” he said.

“Many times (students) themselves did not have the answers to specific questions and would have to reach outside their comfort zones to find people who could assist them.”

Troy said this type of success is beneficial to the students and the school.

“When colleges and universities work together with industry on real-world projects, the students are more likely to enter the workforce more quickly and become more productive employees faster,” he said.

## Project at UNC-P fights cancer

UNC-Pembroke senior Ernest Bethel started a philanthropic project in collaboration with UNC-P’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion to raise money for breast cancer patients.

Bethel used a social media program called “dollar-per-follower” to raise money through Twitter, according to a press release from the university.

The release said he wanted to bring about a good news story to counteract recent negative attention on Lumberton being the poorest city in the nation.

Bethel said in the release that he and his friend amassed nearly 700 followers on Twitter and raised more than \$700 for the Pretty in Pink Foundation, which will assist an 82-year-old cancer patient named Helen.

Bethel said his family has a history of cancer, giving him a personal connection to the issue.

“My family has been affected by it on my mother’s side. My aunt died about two years ago. We had Thanksgiving at her place and everyone got to speak to her before she died two weeks later,” he said in the release.

Bethel’s project was a success, landing a spot in two newspapers and a feature on the local news.

“Just because you are not rich, doesn’t mean you can’t give,” he said.

# W. Kamau Bell pays a visit to DSI theater

## The politically focused comedian hosts a series on FXX.

By Sarah Vassello  
Staff Writer

When W. Kamau Bell grew up, he wanted to be one of three things — a super hero, Bruce Lee or a stand-up comedian.

Now, as a Bay-area political comedian with an FXX comedy series, “Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell,” multiple comedy albums and chart-topping critical acclaim under his belt, Bell is living his dream by traveling the country as part of his “Oh, Everything” stand-up tour.

Bell’s tour will bring him to Carrboro’s Dirty South Comedy Theater tonight, a venue he said he is excited to visit.

“This is my first major comedy tour that I’ve done in my career,” Bell said. “I’ve never performed in North

Carolina, and I’ve heard a lot of good things, so I was excited to go there.”

Zach Ward, owner and executive producer of DSI, said the feeling is mutual.

“I think that (Bell) — if you’ve seen any of his shows or interviews — one of the things that he brings to the tables is that one, he’s very funny and, two, he’s very smart,” Ward said.

“From my point of view as a producer of comedy theater in a college town like Chapel Hill, this is entertainment that is going to make people laugh and people think. It’s a win-win on all levels.”

“Oh, Everything” will feature the typical comedy fare that Bell’s fans have come to know, including topics such as racism, sexism, same-sex marriage and transgender rights. Bell said his comedy style relies on actively promoting awkward conversations.

The name of the show comes from a saying that Bell and his friends frequently use when frustrated with the

## SEE BELL LIVE

**Time:** 9 p.m. tonight  
**Location:** Dirty South Comedy Theater, 200 N. Greensboro St., Carrboro  
**Info:** bit.ly/1fPTLnT

news.

“When I was working on the show ‘Totally Biased,’ (the writers and I) would remark at how the same players in the news were offending us over and over again, so anytime there was a story about George Zimmerman we’d go, ‘Oh, George Zimmerman,’” Bell said.

“It’s a way to express frustration when you don’t know exactly what the problem is.”

As soon as DSI’s associate artistic director Ashley Melzer recognized the performer, she knew the chance to see Bell was one that Triangle-area residents shouldn’t pass up.

“I spent a lot of times in the weeks leading up to this trying to get the word out about Kamau because in addition to



W. Kamau Bell, a stand-up comedian with an FXX series, will perform at Carrboro’s Dirty South Comedy Theater tonight. Bell’s comedy includes jokes on racism, sexism and same-sex marriage.

being a comedian, he’s also an ambassador to the American Civil Liberties Union,” Melzer said.

Melzer also said the combination of Bell’s comedic talents and his passion for social justice will make for a valuable experience in more than one sense.

“His comedy offers an opportunity not only to have belly-busting laughter, but also think about some issues that you wouldn’t necessarily think about in your everyday

life — have conversations that are provocative but ultimately get us to a better place,” she said.

While Bell said he realizes the heavy content of his subject material, he urges the skeptics to keep an open mind.

“I think that people who aren’t familiar with me may hear this and think, ‘Oh, social justice and racism and marriage equality,’” Bell said.


“I’m going for the same gut laughs as every comedian,

*“This is entertainment that is going to make people laugh and people think.”*

**Zach Ward,**  
Owner of Dirty South Comedy Theater

and I get quite a few of them. So I think if people are just curious, come on out and we’ll have a good time.”

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**Monday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.**  
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Free and open to the public. No tickets or reservations required. No reserved seats.

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# SportsFriday

## Life on the court has served him well



DTH/ARAMIDE GBADAMOSI

After playing on the ATP World Tour, Brayden Schnur arrived in Chapel Hill in January. The freshman plays No. 1 singles and doubles for the UNC men’s tennis team.

### For 18-year-old Brayden Schnur, age knows no bounds in the game of tennis

**By Haley Rhyne**  
Staff Writer

Until January, freshman Brayden Schnur had not attended a class since his sophomore year of high school.

Driven by his tennis schedule, Schnur’s education has been anything but ordinary. His schooling at the Tennis Canada National Training Centre occurred online to better accommodate the increased training demands.

But now, Schnur’s schedule has reached a sense of normalcy after his January enrollment at North Carolina. Prior to January, Schnur spent seven months traveling the globe competing in the ATP World Tour.

Now that he has settled in Chapel Hill, Schnur again juggles the demands of athletics and academics. This time, that means playing the top slot for the men’s tennis team and meeting the requirements of live professors — not those behind a computer screen.

“It was not an easy transition. The first two to three weeks were hard just trying to get back in the routine of studying and keeping focused for hours at a time on studying. It’s good now, I’ve got a handle on it,” Schnur said.

“But learning is definitely easier with a teacher — having someone teach you it, and you actually know what they’re talking about is definitely better.”

Though Schnur’s transition from the professional circuit to UNC was relatively smooth at just 18 years old, not all of his decisions have been as easy to make.

At age 14, Schnur made the decision to leave his family in Pickering, Ontario for Bradenton, Florida — the hotbed of tennis academies in the U.S. He made the move a few months later at 15, the summer before his sophomore year, and hasn’t resided at home for more than several days since.

In Bradenton, Schnur lived part-time with his private coach while attending Edison Academics. He said the initial time away from home was the most difficult to manage.

“It’s different. I’m a mama’s boy. At first it was really hard. I cried a lot. I missed my mom, I missed my dad, and I missed my sister,” he said. “But then you kind of get used to it. As long as I am busy I am fine.”

While moving away from home was tough, Schnur’s mother was by his side for the first six months in Florida — temporarily leaving her husband and daughter in Canada to help her son achieve his goals.

“My mom has always believed in me. If I had to dedicate one person that’s

done the most for me in my tennis career, it would definitely be my mom,” Schnur said. “She’s helped me a lot, she’s sacrificed so many hours.”

Schnur thanks his mom, in part, because she introduced him to the sport of tennis, even if it did not go so well initially. She signed him up for a joint soccer and tennis camp when he was 8 years old, and while Schnur succeeded in the soccer portion of the camp, he flunked the tennis section due to a short

attention span.

“At first the coaches didn’t like the way I was on the court, I guess, and they kicked me out of the tennis section,” Schnur said with a laugh.

“At eight I couldn’t stay focused or something like that, they said tennis wasn’t for me.”

Indicative of his intense work ethic, 9-year-old Schnur returned to camp the following year determined to participate in both sports. This time, he was successful.

For the next three years,

Schnur played both soccer and tennis competitively. Though he enjoyed both, he said he knew he would have to decide between the two eventually.

That moment came during tryouts for the top U13 soccer team in Ontario, when his coaches told him he could not continue with soccer unless he quit playing tennis. Schnur’s parents agreed that he needed to commit his time

to one or the other.

“My parents told me, ‘If you want to do something really great with your life, then you have to make a choice now,’” he said. “The schedules are going to intertwine. It’s going to be too complicated and too hard for you to do both sports and succeed in academics as well.”

Schnur’s decision at age 12 was foretelling of the next six years of his life — tennis

would carry him all over the world for tournaments and professional training.

“I don’t know if I really liked (tennis) back then, but I always liked winning, and in a team atmosphere I hated when we would lose, for instance in soccer, and it wouldn’t be my fault,” he said.

“I liked knowing that whether we win or lose it’s all

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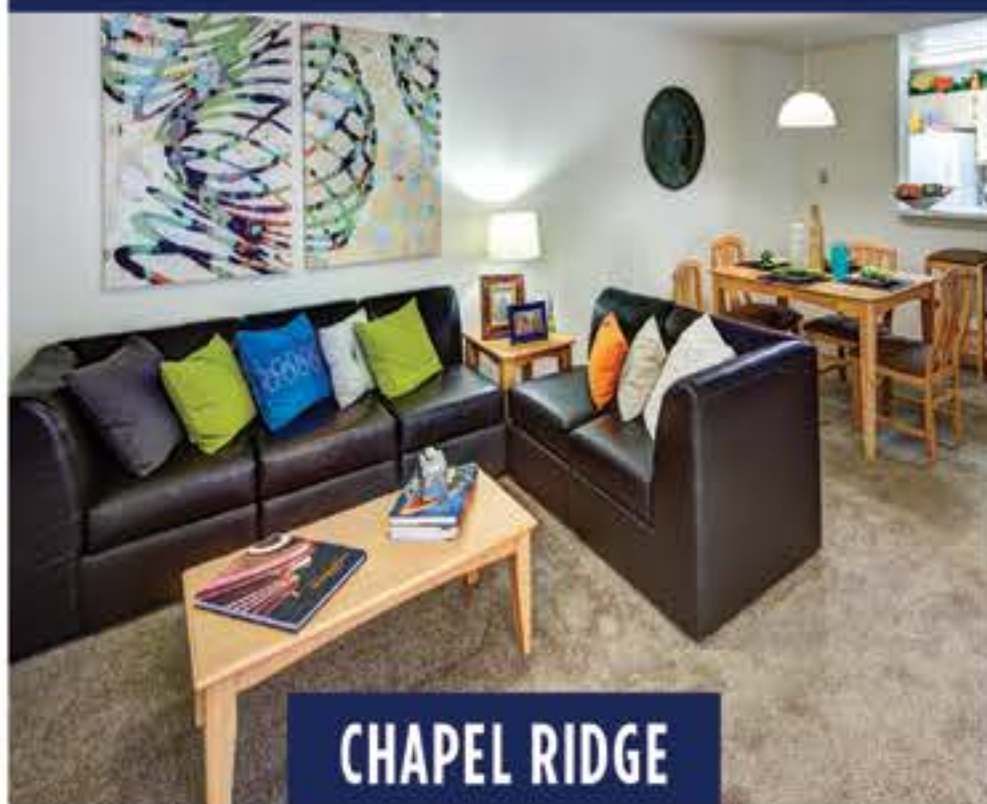
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# North Carolina gets set for senior day

## The No. 5 men's lacrosse team will play No. 9 Virginia.

By Max Miceli  
Staff Writer

Going into a senior day matchup against No. 9 Virginia Saturday, one might expect the No. 5 North Carolina men's lacrosse to feel pressure knowing the team needs another ACC win if it wants to make the ACC Tournament at the end of the month.

According to coach Joe Breschi, that's not the case. "These guys are focused," he said after refusing to admit that any pressure exists. "It's a mature group. They've really learned from mistakes early."

While the Tar Heels aren't exactly a senior-laden team as a whole, a strong presence of seniors on the defensive end has brought the Tar Heels to new heights this season, and they will need that defense to step up once more as they look to get their second conference win.

The Tar Heels are confident and feel as though they can play with the best of offenses six on six. They just need to limit transition offense and avoid giving Virginia's highly touted man-up offense opportunities.

"We want the offense to get settled in," senior Jordan Smith said. "That gives us an opportunity to match up, decide what they're doing and sort of react and defend against that."

Despite facing the likes of senior attackman Mark Cockerton and sophomore James Pannell, the UNC defense believes it can use a team-oriented approach to take on the seventh-ranked scoring offense in the nation that scores more than 13 goals a game.

"They're going to make plays," Smith said. "They're going to get their shots, but we're going to have the whole defense supporting everyone so no one's going to get left on an island to defend these guys one on one."

With breakout freshman face-off specialist Stephen Kelly still out due to injury, the Tar Heels will rely heavily on the likes of senior R.G. Keenan again as he is poised to get his second start at the X in two weeks.

While Keenan is still trying to get back into shape and into a rhythm, coming off an injury of his own, the Tar Heels may struggle to win a majority of the face-offs this weekend as they continue to approach the X with a by-committee mindset.

"I would assume that we're



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Senior defensive midfielder Mark McNeill defends Maryland's Charlie Raffa in UNC's 11-8 upset of the top-ranked Terrapins on March 22.

going to use a couple face-off guys for sure," Breschi said. "I'm excited to see (Keenan) play, but I also like the depth we have there as well."

Now that the Tar Heels have hit crunch time, they don't have time to worry about where the two one-goal losses hurt their conference resume. They are just

looking to get the one win they need right now — the next one.

"Every game we just go out there and play it to win it," Smith said. "We're not looking at scenarios or standings or anything like that."

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## SCHNUR

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on my shoulders."

Similarly, Schnur's success both athletically and academically relied entirely on his own efforts to succeed, beginning with his sophomore year alone in Florida.

One year later, the Tennis Canada National Training Centre selected 16-year-old Schnur to enroll in the full-time training program for his junior and senior year of high school.

At the NTC in Montreal, Schnur spent more than four hours on the court daily, and an additional hour and a half in the gym for fitness training. Between training sessions, he and the seven other students would read and complete assignments for school.

Schnur did not have teachers for his different subjects and did not have peers in the same classes — his high school education was entirely his to accomplish.

And for a moment, the likelihood of graduation seemed to slip away for Schnur. After many years competing on the road, his schoolwork could not keep up. In order to complete high school, Schnur's tennis schedule was drastically reduced for two months so that he could play catch-up with his education and graduate.

As a result, he said his tennis game suffered.

But to compensate for lost time on the courts, Schnur, his family and his coaches decided he could commit seven months strictly to tennis and give the ATP World Tour a chance.

"They figured because I took those two months off in the beginning of the year, it would be nice if I could just focus on tennis for about six to seven months and just try to take my game to another level," he said.

"Which it did eventually." Instead of attending UNC in the fall, Schnur traveled the world as an amateur competing in professional tennis tournaments. After seven months on the professional circuit, he reached his career-high ATP singles world ranking of 547 and a junior world ranking of 26.

Schnur claimed his first professional tournament title at the ITF Calgary Futures Tournament in August and was the first male Canadian to capture the 2013 Canadian Open Junior Championships.

Some of his more notable competitions included the 2013 Summer Canada Games, Junior Australian Open, Junior French Open and Junior Wimbledon.

Though he was not training with his future teammates in Chapel Hill, freshman Ronnie Schneider said that Schnur was still very much a part of the team.

"I kept in touch with where he was all the time,"

Schneider said. "I'd follow his results online, and if I knew what time he was playing I'd get on the computer and follow his match live."

Schneider said that displayed the team's sentiment toward Schnur while he competed internationally.

"To show the support, for him to know that everybody here in UNC was backing him even though he hadn't even stepped foot on campus yet, that's how it was," he said.

"Once he committed he was part of the Tar Heel family, part of the Tar Heel tennis family, that's how we treated him."

While coach Sam Paul anticipated Schnur's arrival to Chapel Hill with excitement, he admitted that he was somewhat uneasy.

"It's always your concern when you bring in a player midyear," Paul said.

"You don't have a season to acclimate them, but it couldn't have gone any better."

Schnur has helped lead the No. 9 Tar Heels to a 18-3 start to the season and has only lost two matches at the No. 1 singles player spot. Schnur is

ranked No. 10 in the country, the highest ranked freshman in the nation, defeating the very same athletes he once used as inspiration.

"A lot of the guys I actually saw when I was 14 and 15 and was like, 'I hope I can play like them one day,'" he said.

"I was jealous of how good they were, and now I'm playing with them and beating some of them. It's pretty amazing to see how far I've come."

Paul echoed those sentiments, adding that while Schnur's current loyalty lies with the Tar Heels, the freshman hasn't been side-tracked from his ultimate dream.

"I think his goals are obviously to be successful playing professional tennis," Paul said.

"So we're trying to get him stronger and trying to get him fitter."

Schnur said his training in Chapel Hill has helped him mature both physically and mentally — something that will bode well for him in his future endeavors.

"I wouldn't say I want to just play professional tennis,

I want to make it — I want to be top-10 in the world, and I want to win a Grand Slam," he said.

Then he paused. "And the Rogers Cup, I don't think a (Canadian) player has won it in over 50 years, maybe a player has never even won it." Not yet.

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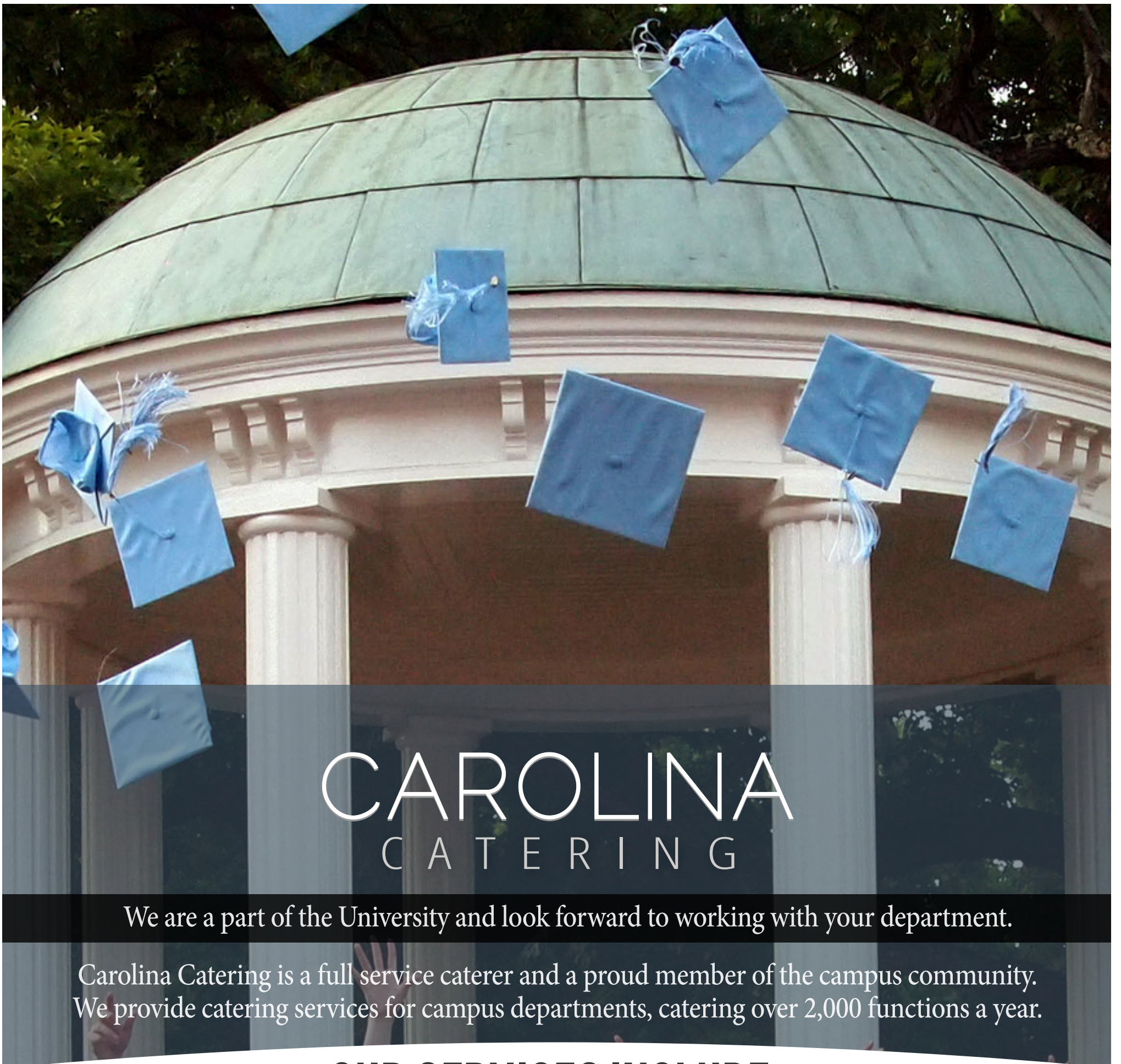
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Senior attacker Abbey Friend cradles the ball amid a crowd of defenders. Friend is looking forward to UNC's last conference matchup with Maryland — a rematch of last year's title game.

# UNC gears up for title game rematch

**By Ben Salkeld**  
Staff Writer

For the returning members from last year's North Carolina women's lacrosse team, the memory of the last time they faced Maryland is unforgettable.

The Memorial Day weekend matchup in Villanova, Penn., last year ended with the Tar Heels lifting a national championship trophy after triple overtime for the first time in program history.

The game against the No. 2 Terrapins (13-0, 4-0 ACC) in Chapel Hill on Saturday may not be for a national title, but the whole team is eager for the rematch.

"We're really excited," senior Abbey Friend said. "We're taking it game by game just like we've always been doing. But for the returners from last year, it's definitely a little bit more exciting than a normal game."

For the freshmen, the game is a chance to make a lasting memory out of what could be their only meeting with Maryland.

Saturday's game will be the final regular season ACC meeting for the two teams before the Terrapins move to the Big Ten Conference next season.

"I have been waiting for this moment all season," freshman attacker Sydney Holman said. "It's probably our biggest competition yet."

The rivalry between the two elite programs is no secret.

In addition to last year's national title game, the two have faced off in the last four ACC Tournament championship games.

"They're always a top ACC team to play, and we have a history with them," sophomore goalkeeper Megan Ward said. "They're always a good competition, and it's a fun rivalry."

The top-ranked Tar Heels (11-1, 4-0 ACC) have won 15 of their last 16 games, but have only bested Maryland twice in their last eight meetings.

"They always have threats," Friend said about the Terrapins. "You think their top threat has graduated, and you look back and they have someone else coming in."

The Tar Heels are looking to bounce back after scoring just five goals and falling to Northwestern on Monday — their first loss of the season.

Friend said the loss was a learning experience for everyone and an opportunity for the whole team to grow.

"Our captains and coaches have been working really hard to get us back at it again and pumped up for this weekend," Holman added.

Holman was more than optimistic, saying that the team has been showing some extra effort in practice this week.

"I think our whole entire team has just been giving it their all after the loss at Northwestern," she said. "We don't want to experience that again."

"I think our hard work is going to pay off and I couldn't be more excited about it."

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# Baseball looks to build off momentum

**UNC snapped a six-game losing streak Tuesday night.**

**By Carlos Collazo**  
Staff Writer

The first step was picking up a win against UNC-Wilmington.

Senior outfielder Tom Zengel acknowledged that immediately after Duke swept the North Carolina baseball team last weekend — a North Carolina baseball team that recently dropped out of the top 25.

"Hopefully, starting this week, with our midweek game we'll start to play a little bit better and get back on the winning side," he said.

With a 9-4 win against the Seahawks, it's safe to say UNC has taken that first step.

"That kind of helped gain some momentum," North Carolina ace Trent Thornton said. "You know we got the bats working, our pitching was pretty good. So, we're just kind of building off that confidence for the series and just let things work from there."

The next step takes the team back into conference play, with a three-game series against Boston College this weekend. Fortunately for UNC, the Eagles are one of the worst teams in the ACC and will provide an excellent opportunity for a much-needed series win.

The Eagles come into this series as the worst-hitting team in the conference with a .225 batting average, .311 on-base percentage and .283 slugging percentage.

They also rank dead last in runs, hits, total bases and home runs.

But none of that matters for Thornton.

"We're just going to go right after them," he said.



DTH/KATIE WILLIAMS  
UNC sophomore third baseman Landon Lassiter is still looking to get into a groove at the plate in his second season.

"We're going to go right after them like we would any other team, and hopefully it will work out."

In addition to having a poor offense, Boston College's struggling pitching unit could give Skye Bolt and Landon Lassiter some confidence at the plate. Both are hitting below .225 on the season but are crucial to the offensive success of the team.

Bolt started to get back on track with a three-hit game against UNC-W, but three games against Boston College could still be good for him and Lassiter.

The Eagles are 11th in earned run average (4.02) and batting average allowed (.251). They also sit at the bottom of the conference with 166 strikeouts.

More than anything, though, this weekend series gives North Carolina a chance to turn their season around.


"When we went through that rough patch ... we hadn't really experienced that in a while," Thornton said.

"You know, not losing two games in a row last year, so going through that rough patch was kind of tough for us, but leaders stepped up told everyone to stay positive, keep your head up and we're going to get things going."

"And I think we're getting the right direction now."

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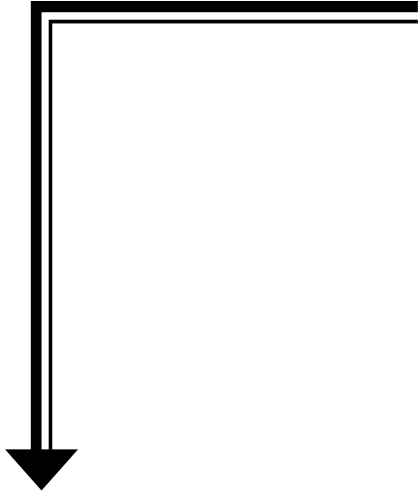




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# As NC jobless rate drops, so do job options

**By Zachery Eanes**  
Staff Writer

In the past months, North Carolina's unemployment rate has dropped — but new data shows the state is still shedding jobs.

As of February, the state's unemployment rate dipped to 6.4 percent, below the national average of 6.7 percent.

It has dropped 2.2 percentage points in the last year, despite the state losing 11,300 nonfarm jobs last month.

Some nonfarm job sectors saw growth in February, particularly manufacturing, trade and finance.

John Hood, president and chairman of the John Locke Foundation, said the numbers are hard to interpret.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics bases the employment reports on two surveys: the payroll survey, which tracks how many people have been added or subtracted from companies' payrolls, and the household survey, which tracks the employment status of members of households.

"North Carolina employers shrank their numbers in February by a large number, while households showed an increase (in employment)," Hood said. "This may sound

impossible, and that is probably the truth."

Hood said it is better to draw conclusions from long-term trends rather than seasonally adjusted data that will likely be adjusted in the coming months.

"The bottom line is that from 2011 to 2013, North Carolina has outperformed the national average in terms of income growth and employment, but these numbers in February are alarming," he said. "If they continue, I would be concerned."

North Carolina opted out of federal employment benefits last July, causing

many long-term unemployed people to leave the labor market, which led some to believe the unemployment numbers were skewed, as not all unemployed state residents were counted in the totals.

Michael Walden, an economist at N.C. State University, said the state's jobless rate has been dropping over the last six months.

"Some part is due to individuals without work 'dropping out of the labor force,'" he said. "Indeed, in the February report, half of the unemployment rate drop was due to folks finding work, but the other half was due to a

reduction in the labor force."

Job opportunities are improving for recent college graduates, but it still isn't a healthy market, Hood said.

"I am nervous about finding a job," said Emily Farthing, a UNC sophomore political science major. "I have heard of

people with political science degrees being managers at Golden Corral, so that doesn't seem so promising. Graduate school kind of gets pushed on you to find a job, so I imagine a lot of people will turn to that."

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## Brooklyn Rider returns for 10th time

**By Rupali Srivastava**  
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill is a home away from home for many students during their college years, but even musicians from Brooklyn, New York, have found comfort in returning to the town time and time again.

Brooklyn Rider, a string quartet, is returning to Chapel Hill this weekend for around the 10th time. The quartet will perform Sunday as part of Carolina Performing Arts' 2014 season, but has been visiting classes and rehearsing new music on campus since Thursday.

The group has been involved with CPA for a number of years, performing on stage, hosting master classes and having discussions with students in music, English and animation classes.

"They see the opportunity to come to a campus as a chance to really work with students," said CPA's Postdoctoral Fellow Aaron Shackelford.

The group visited two classes in the music department and Shackelford said one member of the quartet, Eric Jacobsen, is also working with the UNC Symphony Orchestra.

"One of their appeals is that they're relatively young, hip

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guys from Brooklyn, so students realize that musicians don't have to be these intimidating figures," Shackelford said. "Musicians are actually just these really cool dudes with passionate ideas."

Nicholas Cords, who plays viola for the quartet, said the idea for Sunday's performance originated with Emil Kang, UNC's executive director for the arts.

The quartet has also been rehearsing with special guest and Grammy award-winning singer Dawn Upshaw. The concert will include music that spans about 500 years, ranging in music from Elizabethan England to music written as recently as last week.

This isn't the first time the quartet has rehearsed its pieces on campus before performances.

"A number of new projects and pieces were born here, and since they grow up in front of faculty and students with feedback, it feels like they're well-tested," said quar-



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From left to right: Johnny Gandelsman, Eric Jacobsen, Nicholas Cards and Colin Jacobsen, of Brooklyn Rider, practice on Thursday.

tet violinist Colin Jacobsen.

Brooklyn Rider's idea for its newest project, "Almanac," was also conceived in Chapel Hill. Cords said the group started thinking about the project while on campus, and involved faculty and students in the process. The project now has a Kickstarter campaign that has raised more than \$17,000.

Shackelford said he thinks Brooklyn Rider has such a good relationship with the community in Chapel Hill because both the student body and audience are willing to embrace the group's journey through challenging pieces.

"That's something that

Rider really values — that pushing against boundaries and genres, and this is a place where the students, the faculty and the community are appreciative of that," he said.

Johnny Gandelsman, Brooklyn Rider's other violinist, said that he appreciated the continuous relationship the group has with the University.

"It's good to travel around and play in new places, but it's great to come back to the same place," Gandelsman said. "So coming on the stage on Sunday will feel at once both very familiar and very exciting."

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### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 -- Prioritize talk over action. Tell imaginative stories. Entertain and inform. Reality interferes with fantasy, however. All isn't as it appears. Emotions prevail where logic fails. Cut to basics... aim for simplicity.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 -- Discover a way to work smarter and earn more. Connections, communications and clever ideas win profit. Streamline procedures and routines to save time. Pay off bills before spending on frills. Put in extra work for high quality results.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 6 -- A little illusion goes a long way to spark emotions. Build this for promotions. Avoid travel, big launches or transportation. More work is required. Stay where you are and increase productivity. Long-distance communication provides the info you need.

### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 -- Think, plan and research. Hunt for inspiration. Write, record and brainstorm. Satisfy your curiosity. Make a list of potential costs. Your skill at pinching pennies comes in handy. Avoid gambles or risk. Do your homework to meet deadlines.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 -- Enter a two-day party phase, and get involved with your community. Your friends are there for you. Hold meetings, collaborate and throw ideas around. Respectfully abandon a scheme lacking soul (or advise another to do so).

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 -- Consider new opportunities today and tomorrow. Trust emotion over rationality. Go with your feelings and intuition. There could be a test. Upon winning, new responsibilities raise your stature.

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### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 -- There's plenty of work... you're extra busy and things could seem hectic or intense. Rely on your schedule, and move items forward as needed. Creative ideas abound, and you're in the thick of the excitement. Take frequent deep-breathing breaks, or go for little walks. Stay frugal and focused.

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Today is a 7 -- Go back to basics, and follow the rules. Abandon far-out ideas, and go for low-hanging fruit. Confer with your team. You get some good press. A barrier is dissolving, or becoming unimportant.

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# Porn the bottom of my heart

You know what they say: “Looking at your grades, Memet, have you considered adult film?”

Ugh, advisers can be so judgmental. But one Duke University freshman in particular is revealing just how vicious and cruel we can really get.

Unless you’ve been living under a deleted browser history on my computer for the past two weeks, you’ve probably already heard of “Belle Knox.” She’s the 18-year-old women’s studies and sociology major by day and triple-X porn star by cost of higher education.

Naturally, people have been giving her a hard time since her IMDB credits were leaked. But to paraphrase Hamlet, methinks her detractors doth wack off too much!

Where does one even begin to reason with the critics? The fact that she’s a woman, free to make her own choices with her body? Her right to pay for her schooling the way she sees fit, without saddling herself with crippling debt? Her brilliant performance in “No, REALLY Inside Llewyn Davis.”

One News & Observer story led with the haughty, “When ‘Duke’ and ‘porn star’ appear in the same headline, the university gets a public relations headache.”

Really? Because it makes me regret not going.

I expect the older crowd to discriminate against her. They didn’t grow up around and go to school with porn star kids like we did.

But young people hating on her? Whether or not you want to call her a hero is one thing. To me, the real heroes are the film crew. But is she really doing anything that bad? Sex is something most of us participate in, if not aspire to.

“But not on FILM!” Oh, now you’re just splitting pubic hairs.

The fact is, if you took any of her scenes, threw a crown on one of the dudes and called it “Game of Thrones,” most of the same people lifting their nose at her would be interviewing her about her method.

But some of the nastiest comments I’ve heard have been here on campus!

I think “And she’s not cute!” ranks as my favorite overheard comment by a woman, after she and some friends made snarky comments about how degrading what Knox does is.

Basically, “How dare she participate in an industry that insults women? And she’s not even HOT!”

Talk about being a few fries short of a Happy Meal. To put it another way, the wheel is spinning, but the hamster has E.D. What I’m saying is, the lights are on, but no one’s horny.

Playboy ranked us the best sex school in the country in 2012. So why are we all acting like the bitter guy not getting any? Lately, our fuse has been shorter than a UNC athlete’s essay.

According to ABC News, Knox wants to study to become a lawyer. I guess it’s so she can f— US for a change, am I RIGHT?

But when it comes to porn, the jury is in: She has nothing to be ashamed of.

And yes, it’s very hung.

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4/7: G.O.P.S MUSINGS  
Graham Palmer on having libertarian values at college.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

By Ngozika A. Nwoko, Chapman and Hilligan, nwoko@live.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

# Not so safe and sound

## A sense of security is needed in the Student Union.

Recent incidents at the Frank Porter Graham Student Union have brought into question not only the building’s general security, but also the placement of unreasonable expectations and responsibilities on the student staff during potentially dangerous situations.

The day that an out-of-line Pit Preacher protestor was waving a sex toy and acting erratically, two of the female student employees at the Union were expected to guard the man until officials from the Department of Public Safety arrived after another student employee brought him to their information desk.

DPS officials have recently said that a law enforcement officer patrols the Pit and is around “every minute or two.” However, if that were the case not only would one of these officers be able to handle this erratic protestor, but that officer would also have noticed the man’s behavior in the Pit and acted accordingly in due time. Instead, an

onlooking student reported the man to the Union information desk.

Plain and simple, an unarmed student with no real training in law enforcement or security measures should not be expected to guard someone who is causing a disruption. What if the protestor had turned violent? Would it be OK for students to bear the brunt of calming him down, or worse, being hurt in the process?

And that was just one example of a situation in the Union. The student staff has had to contact DPS multiple times throughout the year for other irregular activities. These have occurred on both weekdays and weekends.

When an armed man started an altercation in the Union on a Sunday a few weeks ago, a student employee at Alpine Bagel had to respond and call 911, saying in an interview at the time, “The issue with Sundays is that there aren’t really any adults working around the Union,” meaning no full-time professional staff.

That employee said it took 20 minutes for an officer to arrive at the Union, despite Union officials saying officers arrived

within minutes.

The Union is one of the most crowded daytime hangouts on campus, and it is unacceptable that there is not a full-time security guard stationed in the Union during the daytime. Only the Wendy’s has a security guard from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Director Crystal King has said that the Student Union is getting ready to roll out some security improvements in light of recent incidents, putting an emphasis on better training for its student staff, refining evacuation procedures and making emergency kits more accessible to these student employees.

This seems to be a continuation of the mentality that the overall safety burden should remain on the student employees instead of professional security guards.

All students pay a student fee to the Union each year. Why can’t a small portion be directed toward basic student safety, as in some kind of daytime security?

There is a certain level of obligation for student employees when working in this type of building, but that should not trump their safety.

THE FRIDAY INTERVIEW

# Making the connection

## The transfer student system has improved and has shown it.

Every Friday an editorial board member speaks with a prominent figure from the University or surrounding community. This week, Zach Gaver sat down with Rebecca Egbert, the Senior Assistant Director of Admissions and C-STEP Program Director.

Each class of transfer students at UNC is as diverse a group as it can get. They contain students that have come from distant colleges, served in the military or are already raising a family of their own. But one thing the large majority of them have in common is that, despite the trope of the beleaguered transfer student, Rebecca Egbert has seen them having more and more success at this University.

A large part of this success can be attributed to the 2006 implementation of the Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program. Many may see C-STEP as simply the transfer student equivalent of orientation — however it is much more. It includes trips to UNC, a shadow day and a cohort model, where students work



**Rebecca Egbert**  
The Director of C-STEP knows transfer students will continue to see success.

with others on their campus that are in the program as well, ensuring that they know at least 14 other students when they transfer.

“I can’t tell you how many calls we get here in the admissions office just from transfer students not knowing what to (courses) take, but they don’t have access to our academic advisors until they’re students here ... But with this program students really get pre-Carolina Advising for two years.”

However, despite this far-reaching program, transfer students do encounter a number of unique hardships.

There have already been massive strides around campus to alleviate some of these and other difficulties.

“We’ve hired a new transfer student coordinator, Annice Fisher, so students finally have a transfer point person to go to on campus. We now have a few transfer seminars, just like we have first-year seminars for first-year students, which is nice.

We have some living learning communities for transfer students. CSTEP of course is for transfer students.”

Even so, there are always areas to improve. Just as many states have contacted UNC to learn from its system for transfer students, UNC should look to others for ways to improve, some may be just around the corner as well.

“One of the things I think North Carolina Central (University) has done well is they have a transfer advising center. There’s an entire center on their campus where transfer students can go and I think it’s staffed by various people around campus at different times. So they can make it a one-stop shop during enrollment time.”

And improvement can come from any area of the University — especially the students. To traditional students, Egbert has only one suggestion on how to ease the transition for transfer students: “Be open.”

She says that many transfer students feel as if they’ve “shown up in the middle of a party” as many social systems and friend groups are quickly established during freshman year.

So let them know that they may be arriving during their sophomore years, but the parties just started.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I was more concerned that it was vetoed at the very last minute. It wasn’t decided on its merit. It was decided on technicality.”

Zach Ferguson, on Christy Lambden’s veto of instant runoff voting

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Does only one side of this moral argument cause emotional anguish in the eyes of University administrators?”

Justice4All, on Winston Crisp’s email to students on the abortion protests

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Stop the Glen Lennox redevelopment

TO THE EDITOR:

Glen Lennox is a historic, mixed use development located off Raleigh Road and Fordham Boulevard.

It has been seeking the approval to redevelop since 2008.

The plans for this project call for the construction of new townhouses and duplexes, new two-story commercial spaces and new office spaces and parking lots.

However, there are many cons of this issue that clearly outweigh the pros that will take place.

Therefore, the project should not be approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council.

There are multiple issues with this project.

It could triple traffic in the area as it’s built over the next twenty years, and it could potentially create more storm water runoff, which especially is an issue considering the rapid flooding that has taken place recently in this area.

These apartments are also one of few affordable housing units in the area that are safe.

Currently, it is up to the Town Council to decide the fate of this issue.

I urge citizens to take action, raise awareness, sign a petition to give to a Town Council member or even attend the town hall meetings yourself to help stop the Glen Lennox redevelopment project.

Jane Williford  
10th Grader  
Woods Charter School

## The closing of Roses is disappointing

TO THE EDITOR:

I am so disappointed in the University Mall and its actions toward Roses.

It has become a mall with very few choices for the average and below average income person to shop for everyday items.

Roses was our one resource for such items that we could purchase at reasonable cost.

It also was a favorite place for me and many others to shop in their awesome UNC logo section where you could find a large variety of items, again at much less cost than areas on campus.

Additionally, I often used Roses for layaways for Christmas.

It is sad to see it go. The mall is turning into an elitist shopping venue.

With its dwindling clientele due to shopping centers like Southpoint, you would think they would keep such a draw for the average citizen like Roses. I am very disappointed in this.

Kathy D. Morgan  
The Friday Center  
Continuing Ed Office

SPEAK OUT

## WRITING GUIDELINES

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- Faculty/staff: Include your department and phone number.
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## Kvetching board™

kvetch:

v.1 (Yiddish) to complain

Undierun: streaking for those who have trouble committing.

To my teacher who said size matters, thanks for ruining my grades and my self-esteem.

Nothing says spring like the weather getting warmer, the sun coming out and the crazy religious protesters waking up from hibernation.

Dear Ukraine: can’t hang onto your own land? Crimean river. Try Putin on a happy face.

Dear “study” group that meets in front of the Reference Desk in Davis every day: SHHHHHHHH!!!

To my upstairs neighbor, there are better ways to clean vomit off your stairs than by pouring a water bottle on them. Sincerely, your downstairs neighbor with vomit-water on his head.

To all the tour groups strolling on the upper quad, please get off my lawn. Sincerely, a sassy Old West resident.

Dear Stop Abortion Campaign, congratulations on finally making the Pit Preacher seem like a compassionate, rational individual.

To the abortion protesters with the loud, uncontrollably wailing baby, you’re not helping your case.

88 degrees and sunny? Sounds like a great day to wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. Thanks, Chem Lab.

That awkward moment when you’re a senior and you still confuse the condoms in campus health for free candy.

Police Log: Purse stolen valued at \$800 — Toshiba laptop stolen valued at \$600. This is what’s wrong with America.

To the girl in my Bio class who emailed the listserv after each of the last five classes with a different excuse for needing notes, I’m not even mad. That’s impressive.

The Department of Public Safety welcomes you to another day of work at UNC... with a speed trap at Manning and Ehringhaus Drive!

I don’t like ConnectCarolina, but I dislike getting spam from students trying to set up new class registration sites even more.

Sorry I’ve been wearing skirts on my breezy bike rides to class, but hey, I’m making it to class in a flash.

My roommates and I have a passive aggressive note system. I feel my roommate’s note to me is about to be a lot less passive and a lot more aggressive when he finds out I’ve been hooking up with his girl.

Send your one-to-two sentence entries to opinion@dailytarheel.com, subject line ‘kvetch.’