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# New website pokes fun at parents' texts

### Brothers' website gains popularity

#### **BY VIVIANA BONILLA LOPEZ** STAFF WRITER

With 15 websites, millions of readers and a bedroom for an office, the Miltz brothers are not the average entrepreneurs.

Together, Stephen Miltz, a 25-year-old 2009 UNC graduate, and Wayne Miltz, a 30-year-old self-taught web developer and graphic designer, launched crazythingsparentstext.com, a website that compiles funny texts from parents, in December 2010.

The website receives 60,000 to 70,000 hits daily.

The idea for crazythingsparentstext.com came after the brothers noticed their website fyouautocorrect.com was receiving many parent-related submissions, Wayne Miltz said.

"We have crazy parents too," Stephen Miltz said.

"It's something that everyone can relate to."

He said his mother often fails to use the space bar when texting and his father texts from the computer.

"I think that my dad texting me at all is awkward," Wayne Miltz said.

The website had more than 7 million page views in the first two weeks of January, a month after its launch, according to a press release.

The two brothers also founded their company, Miltz Media, in 2007.

"You go downtown for all the paperwork," Stephen Miltz said. "It's not that hard."

The company's first website was for golf lovers - www.ncgolfers.com. Since then, the company has expanded and now includes 15 websites.

'We are reaching close to 3 million people online," Wayne Miltz said.

He said their websites receive at least 400,000 to 500,000 page views daily.

But the brothers still work from home and only have a few employees.

"My mom does our taxes," Stephen Miltz said. "Which is pretty nice."

iPhone applications for the websites are also available, he said.

Wayne Miltz said they develop websites with college students in mind.

"I know college students are definitely liking our sites," he said.

But some students at UNC are only now discovering crazythingsparentstext.com.

"I have only been there like once because I was bored," said UNC junior Sharon Berg .

Others immediately liked it. "I think it's really funny," said

### Things parents text

Dad: How does lady ga ga like her steak?

Me: Idk..? Dad: Raw raw... raw raw raw

Me: What are you doing since none of us are home this weekend?

Mom: Canning green beans... naked...

Me: I'm fine I'm just hungover.

Mom: If you woke up this morning feeling like P Diddy. Get tested. Immediately.

Me: Stacy is such a b---h.

Mom: I'm not going to tell you to kill her with kindness. That's no fun. Kill her with excessive sarcasm. Or Avada Kedavra.

UNC freshman Myeshia Bryant. Stephen Miltz, who was a varsity swimmer and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity while at UNC, said his favorite thing about his job is working from home and reading funny submissions every

day. "There's not that many jobs where you get to laugh," he said.

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pointed out that illegal immigra-



Wayne Miltz and his brother, Stephen, founded crazythingsparentstext.com in December 2010. It is the fifteenth website they have created through Miltz Media, a company the two brothers founded in 2007.

## Volunteer discusses the struggle on the border

#### **BY AMELIA FISHER** STAFF WRITER

For Danielle Alvarado, storytelling can bring much needed light to the issue of illegal immigration.

Alvarado, a volunteer for No More Deaths, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to alleviate suffering by immigrants on the U.S.-Mexico border, told several stories to a crowd of about 20 in the FedEx Global Education Center that sought to de-politicize illegal immigration.

"Storytelling connects us and helps us know what is true and worth remembering," Alvarado said

One of the stories Alvarado told



was about a boy named Daniel, a Danielle Alvarado speaks about No More Deaths, a nonprofit organiza-

### Pauper showcases for charity

### **BY CARSON BLACKWELDER** STAFF WRITER

Pauper Players is returning to the Union Cabaret once more – but this time for charity.

This will be Paupers' first Winter Benefit Cabaret, an idea that came to them from a small-scale fundraiser a few Pauper members held last year at Jack Sprat Cafe.

"The Cabaret actually works well for this event because it has the close environment that this show calls for." said Ben Boecker. the organizer of the event.

Pauper had already reserved the space for a winter show but opted out of that and decided to do the fund raiser instead, Boecker said.

All proceeds from ticket sales – \$3 for everyone, including performers who want to join the audience to watch the rest of the show — are being donated to the

ing arts in the Wake Forest community.

We just wanted to start this initiative, and hopefully tradition, of giving back," said senior Olivia Myrick, executive publicity director for Pauper.

Myrick, along with UNC graduate Nick Culp, will perform "The cabaret classic by Kooman and talents. Dimond.

The show will be more low-key and relaxed, with only a few microphones, a piano and a drum set, Myrick said.

'It's also a great way to show that the only stars of Pauper aren't the lead roles, but everyone involved,' said Josh Peterson, a junior and performer in the show.

Peterson will be performing the song "Twenty-Something" with a group of other students.

the charity is to foster the perform- er, will participate in multiple acts. Culp is singing "And They're

Off," from the musical "A New Brain," with a group of students. He is also singing a solo, "Touch Me" from the musical "Spring Awakening," in addition to his duet with Myrick.

While this is just another performance for most, it is the first Temp and the Receptionist," a chance for some to showcase their

This is my fifth year in Pauper and the first time I've ever set foot on a Pauper stage," said senior Elissa Rumer, executive business director for Pauper who is performing with the group signing "And They're Off."

The Winter Benefit Cabaret will feature 40 performers singing about 20 different songs from cabaret and Broadway fame.

"It's basically an awesome collaboration of anyone who is remotely With little turn-around since affiliated with Pauper music-wise,

19-year-old suffering from extreme dehydration who collapsed after walking for days through the Arizona desert. He was reluctant to go to the hospital for fear of being deported, but after he collapsed Alvarado's group decided his life was in danger.

They put him in an ambulance, but U.S. Border Control agents intercepted it on the way to the hospital and threw him back into the middle of the desert.

Alvarado also told a story of a 14-year-old girl, Josseline, immigrating from El Salvador. She was traveling with her younger brother in a group hoping to finally be reunited with her mother. The siblings made it through Mexico to Arizona, but then Josseline

tion that aims to end death and suffering on the U.S./Mexico border.

started to slow down.

Josseline told her brother to go lecturer who introduced Alvarado, with the group as she was left behind. She spent two weeks wandering in tion has special relevance to North the desert alone. Volunteers from No Carolina, as the state has the fast-More Deaths found her nine days after she died alone.

Alvarado steered the discussion away from politics, but she said the U.S. Border Control was "lazv and had blatant disregard for human life." Some volunteers have heartbreak, there is still a reason even been charged with felonies to keep going. We can't save everyfor helping undocumented immigrants, she said. is inspiring."

She added that volunteering offers great rewards.

"You meet people you know would have died if you didn't meet them."

Graham Johnson Cultural Arts Endowment. Susan Page, a women's studies

The charity is named for Graham Johnson, a young boy from Winston-Salem who died at the age of 15. The main purpose of

'Broadway Melodies" and rehears- dance-wise and performance-wise," al starting for "All Shook Up," per- Myrick said. formers have had little time to get together a performance.

Some of the performers, howev-

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