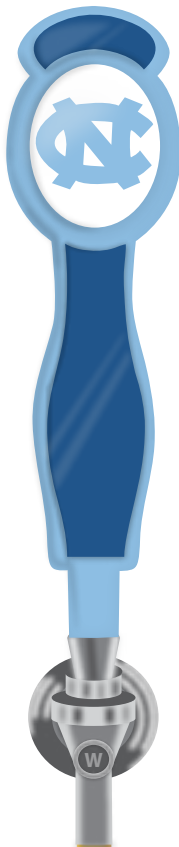


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UNC wins, bars cash in

Town bar owners say basketball wins are good for business.

By Tyler Clay
Staff Writer

When the UNC basketball team faces off against Boston College tonight, many students and residents will flock to Franklin Street bars to watch the away game.

For Chapel Hill bar owners, there will be more at stake than a win or loss tacked onto UNC's record.

Not surprisingly, restaurant owners and bartenders say most bars have a larger turnout on game days — and that a Tar Heel win or loss can affect beer sales very differently.

"Anytime there is a game, people come.

Depending on how well the game went shows whether or not people will stay," said Jonathan Austin, a bartender at Carolina Brewery.

"Quite naturally, if there are more people, there are more alcohol sales, but especially on game days."

And other Franklin Street bar employees echoed this trend.

Steven Torchio, a manager at Top of the Hill Restaurant & Brewery, said he has noticed a difference in turnout on winning game nights.

"When the team wins, people want to go out and celebrate more," he said.

Scott Maitland, proprietor of Top of the Hill, has also seen the trend.

"I have always believed that a win in a big game on the weekend in late afternoon or evening results in 20 percent more sales across the board," he said.

Win Bassett, executive director of the North Carolina Brewers Guild, said more people are willing to celebrate after a win than after a loss.

"Beer sales always go up a little after a win," he said.

Kristian Bawcom, owner of the Grille at Four Corners, said his bar also benefits when the Tar Heels pull through.

"We're full regardless, but if they win, people wind up drinking more and staying longer," he said.

Increased beer sales following a UNC win can also be seen at smaller, more intimate Franklin Street bars such as Linda's Bar and Grill.

Howard Shelburne, a bartender at Linda's, said there is an increase in customers both before and during a game, and especially after

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SBP candidates file complaints

Two candidates face charges of misconduct for unfair campaign practices.

By Neal Smith
Staff Writer

Student body president candidates have not yet made the ballot, but accusations of misconduct have already emerged.

Candidates Rob Jones and Christy Lambden filed two joint complaints Monday morning with the Board of Elections against candidates Hetali Lodaya and Will Lindsey, accusing them of unfair campaign practices in violation of Title VI of the Student Code.

Senior Tim Longest, who is a columnist for The Daily Tar Heel, filed

the complaints on behalf of Jones and Lambden.

Longest said he noticed violations firsthand and was approached by the plaintiffs with concerns.

"I've heard reports of violations, and it was in my interests and the interests of the student body to file the complaints," Longest said.

Neither Lambden nor Jones would comment on the complaints. Each of the five student body president candidates must collect 1,250 campaign signatures by 5 p.m. today in order to be placed on the ballot.

The complaint against Lodaya states supporters were seen wearing campaign buttons during the signature gathering period, which began Jan. 22. It also identifies a sign supporting Lodaya's candidacy that was in the Pit on Wednesday prior to an official certification, which will be granted today to those campaigns with enough signatures. The sign was later removed.

In addition, the complaints state



Rob Jones joined in two complaints against Will Lindsey and Hetali Lodaya, alleging that the two broke rules set forth in the Student Code's Title VI.



Will Lindsey has been accused of campaigning via a listserv before campaigning was permitted. He said he was surprised by the complaint, filed Monday.

that both candidates participated in illegal "dorm-storming" during non-designated times in residence halls on Jan. 25.

Lindsey's campaign is also accused of sending emails to Greek organizations' listservs before he declared his candidacy at the man-



Christy Lambden, a former member of Student Congress, joined with Jones to file complaints against Lodaya and Lindsey, alleging rules violations.



Hetali Lodaya is accused of setting up a sign in the Pit before the official start of campaigning. The complaint also states her supporters wore buttons.

datory candidates' meeting Jan. 22. Lodaya said her campaign is working to address the issue by following guidelines as outlined by the Board of Elections.

"We understand there are ques-

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Brandon Moree
Sports Editor

Don't look forward to football season yet

Maybe I'm too late. But if you're following the North Carolina men's basketball team, I'm saying don't hit the panic button just yet.

Yes, the Tar Heels fell to N.C. State for the first time since you've been here — even that year they went to the NIT, they beat State.

And yes, Roy's boys are 4-5 away from Chapel Hill this season and are just 3-3 in conference play.

But it's not time to start thinking about that dreaded other tournament just yet.

Other very successful Tar Heel teams had equally disappointing conference starts. In the 1996-97 season, the team started 0-3 only to go on to make the Final Four. They started 0-2 in 2009 and the banner in the rafters shows how that season ended.

In Bill Guthridge's three years as the head coach, the Tar Heels won just two-thirds of their conference games and two of those teams went to the Final Four.

Now, I'm not saying this team is a Final Four team. In fact, at this

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New proposals could reduce drug abuse

Bills will be introduced to the legislature to protect those asking for help.

By Claire Bennett
Staff Writer

With prescription drug use increasing nationwide and across North Carolina, state advocates and legislators are redoubling efforts to curb abuse among all state residents — including students.

Almost 90 percent of accidental poisonings are due to prescription

medications, said Robert Childs, executive director for the N.C. Harm Reduction Coalition, a drug abuse-prevention advocacy group.

Two-thirds of these accidental poisonings involve opioids — common prescription painkillers such as codeine, morphine and Vicodin, said Dr. Kay Sanford, a former epidemiologist for the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

The state legislature will reconvene Wednesday. In this session, Childs said, Republican senators will introduce two recommendations to alleviate opioid abuse: strengthen 911 Good Samaritan

Laws and increase access to naloxone, a drug that helps to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

N.C. law does not specify protection for 911 callers from being arrested for drug possession, so people who need emergency medical assistance because of an overdose often do not receive help because bystanders hesitate to call 911, Childs said.

"It sends the message that if you call 911, we will arrest you," he said.

Sanford said the same situation makes college students wary of

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ABUSE STATISTICS

90 percent

of unintentional poisonings by prescription drugs nationwide

66 percent

of unintentional poisonings caused by opioids

7.7 million

prescriptions for opioid pain reliever dispensed annually in N.C. since 2008

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DINNER FOR ALL

Homeless Outreach Poverty Eradication, a student group, serves dinner monthly to build relationships with homeless people. **Page 3.**



THE COST OF SNOW

Though students are quick to celebrate the joys of snow days, there are heavy costs brought on by the weather's effects. The recent ice storm contributed to four wrecks in Chapel Hill, and wintry weather has eaten up about \$6,900 of the town's money this month. **Page 3.**

IN THE MIDDLE

More and more college-age voters identify as middle-of-the-road instead of committing to one political ideology. Almost 47 percent say they hold moderate beliefs. **Page 8.**

Today's weather



Last-minute
petition flurries.
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Wednesday's weather



The calm before
the storm.
H 73, L 43

“Everybody has to believe in something. I believe I’ll have another drink.”

W.C. FIELDS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY Chelsea Wolfe concert: Wolfe, a singer-songwriter, is known for her "specific brand of drone-metal-art-folk." Also featuring Wowolfol. \$8-10. All ages. Time: Doors open 8:30 p.m., show begins 9 p.m. Location: Local 506	Location: Hanes Hall Faculty recital: UNC music professor Donald Oehler and guest artist Edwin Riley join together for a duo clarinet recital. Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Hill Hall Ambassador's forum lecture: Philip Reeker, deputy assistant secretary for European and Eurasian affairs and former U.S. ambassador to Macedonia, will give a talk about the Balkans, focusing on the move from war and ethnic cleansing in the early 1990s to democratization and	European integration. Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: Nelson Mandela Auditorium, FedEx Global Education Center "Alpha Girls" screening: Watch a screening of "Alpha Girls," a horror movie about satanic sorority girls. The movie is screening at select venues — including at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro — during its winter tour. Time: 8 p.m. Location: The ArtsCenter "A Raisin in the Sun": PlayMakers Repertory Company presents
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this play by Lorraine Hansberry, which focuses on an African-American family's experiences with living in an all-white neighborhood. It is showing in a rotating repertory with "Clybourne Park" through March 3. Tickets \$15-50.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Paul Green Theatre

WEDNESDAY
"The power of your own story: empowering storytellers in Liberia" (lecture): Ken Harper, a photojournalist, will give a lecture about his efforts to bring together universities and Liberian media to allow Liberians to speak out. Awards will then be presented to photographers from the Carolina Global Photography Exhibition. A reception and art viewing will follow.
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center

Corey Smith concert: Country singer-songwriter Corey Smith performs at Cat's Cradle. Connor Christian will also perform. Tickets are \$20.
Time: Doors open at 8 p.m., show begins 9 p.m.
Location: Cat's Cradle


"Clybourne Park": PlayMakers Repertory Company presents this Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning play, which picks up where "A Raisin in the Sun" leaves off in 1959. PlayMakers leaders have said plot of the play relates to Chapel Hill's own experience with gentrification. It is showing in a rotating repertory with "A Raisin in the Sun" through March 3. Tickets \$15-50.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Paul Green Theatre

Etiquette dinner for postgraduate students: Ray Angle, director of University Career Services, facilitates this three-course meal in which attendees can learn about professional business etiquette. \$15. To register: <http://bit.ly/XasxPZ>
Time: Noon to 2 p.m.
Location: Carolina Inn

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Wings take flight

From staff and wire reports

Planning on wings for your Super Bowl party? You might be out of luck by the time the game rolls around. Competition for the meat is heating up thanks to two Georgia storage center workers, who decided a wing heist was the way to get rich quick. Using a forklift and a rental truck, the men lifted \$65,000 worth of wings from a cold storage unit in Lawrenceville, Ga. The men were caught charged with one count of felony theft, but those wings are nowhere to be found.

NOTED. There's a thief on the loose in Montana! Or, more accurately, a man who was robbing a Papa John's when he broke down crying, saying he was just trying to provide for his family. The cashier sent him on his way with free food.

QUOTED. "It's nice to know he was a loyal customer up until the end — the very end."
— A Burger King manager reflects on the loyalty of a customer whose hearse made a stop at the restaurant as part of the procession.

POLICE LOG

• Someone vandalized a wall at East Chapel Hill High School at 500 Weaver Dairy Road between 3:01 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

There was graffiti on a school wall, and damage to the wall was valued at \$100, reports state.

• Someone stole a debit card and made purchases at 30 Holland Drive at 10 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
ATM charges made with the card were valued at \$1,700 and the debit card was valued at \$5, reports state.

• Someone vandalized a vehicle at 1302 Wildwood Drive between 5 p.m. Friday and 12:26 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
There was spray paint on the driver's side of the red 2002 Jaguar. Damage to the care was valued at \$600, reports state.

• Someone reported gunshots at 363 Summerwalk Circle at 12:36 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The gunshots were heard in a parking lot area outside of a residence, according to reports.

• Someone kicked out a glass window at Warehouse Apartments at 316 W. Rosemary St. between 1:10 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The window was valued at \$400, reports state.

• Someone stole items from a jacket pocket at Kildare's Irish Pub at 206 W. Franklin St. at 2:18 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
Stolen items included a phone case, an iPhone, cash, a Bank of America debit card and a North Carolina driver's license, reports state.
Stolen items were valued at \$279, according to reports.

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Jack Frost is nipping at the state’s funding

N.C. has spent more than \$1 million of its winter weather services budget.

By Julia Craven
Staff Writer

After a slew of winter weather, snow and ice aren’t the only things that have been piling up in Chapel Hill.

The Chapel Hill Public Works Department has used about \$6,900 of its \$11,000 annual budget for materials like brine, salt and sand needed to keep Chapel Hill’s roads safe during winter storms.

Before Friday’s ice storm, Public Works teams pre-treated steep hills, bridges, primary streets

— including Chapel Hill Transit routes — drives and parking lots in the town.

As of Thursday, the teams also planned to apply brine to 15 secondary state-maintained streets considered important to bus routes and major road networks.

The state maintains five major roads in Chapel Hill, including Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Columbia Street and Franklin Street.

So far this year, Chapel Hill has used 14,000 gallons of brine, 50 tons of salt and about 25 tons of sand, said Richard Terrell, Public Works operations manager for the town.

Winter weather-related costs are piling up for the state, too.

As of mid-January, the N.C. Department of Transportation

has used about 15.5 percent — or \$7.76 million — of its annual winter weather services budget, said Amanda Perry, a department spokeswoman.

These figures have already exceeded last year’s totals.

In 2012, the department spent about \$13.9 million on winter weather services — with about \$196,600 of that spent in Orange County.

So far this year, about \$213,047 has been spent on winter weather services in the county. That amount does not include last weekend’s storm.

Despite the increase in spending across the board, Terrell is confident Chapel Hill won’t exceed the town’s \$11,000 budget.

But if that does happen, he said, Chapel Hill has additional funds set

aside for unexpected severe weather conditions.

“We’re not overly concerned at this point,” he said.

Even with these precautions, last weekend’s inclement weather contributed to four wrecks in Chapel Hill, said Josh Mecimore, spokesman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

The wrecks occurred during the day on Friday after the storm had begun, Mecimore said.

He said the slick roads contributed to all of the accidents. A fifth accident occurred on Saturday morning, but the road where it happened was categorized as “wet, not frozen.”

Mecimore urged drivers to use caution in bad weather conditions.

“In bad weather you should leave a longer distance between

WINTER WEATHER FUNDS

\$11,000

town’s winter weather budget

\$6,900

spent on winter weather this month

\$2,500

spent on winter weather in 2012

\$213,047

county funds spent this month

you and the vehicle in front of you,” he said.

Contact the desk editor at city@dailytarheel.com.

A HOPEFUL DINNER



DTH/MOLLY COGBURN

UNC HOPE hosts a dinner for the homeless at the University United Methodist Church on Franklin Street Monday night. The dinners are monthly.

HOPE members host free dinner for the homeless

By Naomi B. Carbrej
Staff Writer

William Chris Dalton, a homeless man living on the streets of Chapel Hill, spent Monday afternoon cooking with members of Homeless Outreach Poverty Eradication in the basement of a local church.

Each month, members of HOPE host a free dinner for the homeless to bridge differences and fight stigmas in the Chapel Hill community.

“Every time I come here I make new friends,” Dalton said.

The dinner, which is hosted at University United Methodist Church on Franklin Street, is part of an effort to build relationships with the local homeless community.

“You walk down Franklin and you encounter a lot of people who are pan-handling, and you immediately form stereotypes about how they got to their circumstances,” HOPE co-chairman Nikhil Umesh said.

“Getting to know them is really important to break down the stigma associated with homelessness.”

HOPE, a Campus Y organization, hosts the dinners in collaboration with a differ-

ent interested student group every month to promote interaction between the students and local homeless population.

The members prepared and served chili and banana cream pie to more than 50 students, parents, volunteers and men from the local men’s shelter Monday evening.

Umesh said that although the student volunteers and the homeless are from different backgrounds, they are still able to form strong relationships.

“It’s an awesome feeling when you’re walking down the street and give a hug to a guy you never thought you’d even be close to being friends with,” Umesh said.

In addition to holding monthly dinners, HOPE oversees programs such as the Community Empowerment Fund, which provides financial advice to homeless or at-risk persons, and the HOPE Gardens.

“The best things come from the relationships we build,” said Tyler Fitch, a senior and community dinner coordinator for the organization.

“It’s not a service relationship — it’s a community relationship.”

Arnaldo Aldama, who has been living in the Chapel Hill men’s shelter for a year,

“Make a difference. I’m old. Y’all are young. Y’all are young people, go make a difference.”

Arnaldo Aldama,
Chapel Hill resident

said he was grateful for the assistance he has received through the Community Empowerment Fund and the relationships he has made with students through HOPE.

“Make a difference,” he said. “I’m old. Y’all are young. Y’all are young people, go make a difference.”

HOPE’s next dinner will be on Feb. 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, and Fitch said all are welcome.

“It’s important to gain an understanding of why we have groups of people in our society who are often pushed aside or not given a voice,” Umesh said.

“Show them that there’s someone for them in the community.”

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UNC-system funds could drop after reforms

Republicans plan to make lowering income tax a priority.

By Eric Garcia
Staff Writer

When the N.C. General Assembly convenes on Wednesday, state tax reform will be a top priority for the Republican leadership.

The proposed changes could have far-reaching implications for the state and its residents, including who will pay more in taxes and the amount of state money allocated to the UNC system.

In a press conference, Senate Pro Tempore Phil Berger, R-Guilford, said the Senate would work to lower the income tax, or even eliminating it completely.

The state’s corporate and income taxes account for about 65 percent of the state’s revenue, according to a study by the left-leaning N.C. Budget and Tax Center.

N.C. Rep. Hugh Blackwell, R-Burke, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, said relying more heavily on the state sales tax could increase revenue, thereby protecting

funding for state education.

“If the advocates for the proposed change are correct in their assessment, the new taxation that would be substituted for the old should benefit not just education, but also state activities that benefit from tax revenues,” Blackwell said.

The UNC system accounts for 12 percent of the state budget’s expenses.

Gov. Pat McCrory campaigned on lowering the state’s income taxes, but it’s not clear whether he would support eliminating them.

Michael Walden, an economics professor at N.C. State University, said the income tax is a more volatile means of raising revenue.

“Corporations see their profits go way down. People see the income tax go down,” he said. “You do see that the taxes on spending tend to be more consistent over the business cycle.”

But Walden also said sales taxes tend to be more regressive since lower-income households spend more of their income than upper-income ones.

According to the study by the N.C. Budget and Tax Center, a family earning \$24,000 a year would see its taxes rise by

\$500 if the income tax were eliminated.

Walden said an increased sales tax would need to cover a broader range of items not currently taxed, such as taxes on services.

But the expansion of the sales tax could spark a backlash.

“Many industries will not look kindly,” Walden said. “They say this will put us at a competitive disadvantage.”

Cedric Johnson, a policy analyst for the center, said having taxes cover more services is the cost of eliminating the \$12 billion generated by state income taxes.

“The reality is that if you eliminate two-thirds of key taxes, then you are left with one tax to generate the majority of the revenue,” Johnson said.

He also said the proposal would likely not generate any new net revenue, meaning funding for education would not be restored to previous levels.

“When you look at cuts made to higher education, you shouldn’t expect to see revenue funds increase to what they were before budget cuts.”

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All up in your business

Part of a monthly update on local businesses.

Compiled by staff writer Corinne Jurney, and photos by Kaki Pope



Mellow Mushroom opens March 4

Mellow Mushroom is giving Chapel Hill a second try, and the restaurant’s owner is hoping its Franklin Street location will ensure success.

The popular pizza chain is set to open on March 4 in the West Franklin Street location previously occupied by Ham’s Restaurant.

There will be a job fair today at the Franklin Hotel from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. where interested people can apply to join the staff. All positions are open.

“We are looking to hire about 80 people,” said co-owner Casey Fox. “People who are willing to work hard and do a good job.”

The last Mellow Mushroom in Chapel Hill closed in 2005. Fox said he is confident that the new location will draw in enough business to make the restaurant profitable.

A mural on the side of the building, painted by local muralist Michael Brown, is based on images from editions of UNC’s yearbooks from 1968 to 1972.



Korchipi replaces Tomato Jake’s

Just like the food it will serve, Korchipi’s name is a fusion of several elements — Korean flavors, chicken and pizza.

The Korean fusion restaurant is set to open Feb. 5, filling the Franklin Street space that Tomato Jake’s recently vacated.

Owner Ray Lee is hoping to introduce UNC students to Korean culture.

Lee describes Korean fusion as “Korean food that has been developed to adapt to American taste.”

Featuring dishes such as Gangnam style chicken, Korchipi blends Korean flavors into American staples such as chicken and pizza.

“Korean food is very healthy,” Lee said. “We use only fruits and vegetables in our sauces — no MSG.”

Korchipi will feature a draft bar, lounge and karaoke room. Large groups can reserve the room, which boasts a collection of 60,000 songs, including American and Korean music.

Lee said he fell in love with Franklin Street when his daughter was a student at UNC, and he was determined to open his restaurant there.

“This street is one of kind,” Lee said. “It’s vibrant and has so many young people — it makes me feel young.”

in BRIEF

CITY BRIEFS

Officers issue all clear following bomb threat investigation at University Mall

Officers from the Chapel Hill Police Department responded to a reported bomb threat at University Mall around 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Someone found a note in the men’s restroom reporting a bomb. Officers evacuated the mall, located at 201 S. Estes Drive, and blocked traffic to the area during the investigation.

No device was located, and officers issued an all clear before 6 p.m.

— From staff and wire reports

Q&A with student director Alex Kocejaj

Alex Kocejaj, a senior drama major, is one of the three directors for Pauper Players' "Broadway Melodies 2013," opening Friday. His show is entitled "The Avengers Convention."

Staff writer Rebecca Pollack spoke with Kocejaj about the musical, his love of superheroes and how they influenced the piece.

Daily Tar Heel: What inspired this show?

Alex Kocejaj: I wanted to write a show that would appeal to a lot of people, and with "The Avengers" movie that just came out, it sort of signified this universal appeal that superheroes have. And at the same time, I am a huge nerd and always wanted to write about the San Diego Comic-Con because it's such a unique environment. Combining the two was a unique way that I could appeal to everyone's love of superheroes and these movies and also to expose this somewhat hidden world of Comic-Con.

DTH: What was the creative process like?

AK: I had written one of the songs previously, so the first thing I did was I tried to adapt the songs that I had written about the Comic-Con to "The Avengers."

That was a very difficult process, but once that was done I wanted my show to mirror the plot of the real Avengers.

The characters in my show ... are nerds dressed up as superheroes. The actual fighting and aliens and ion blasters couldn't be a part of my show, but I tried to think of a story line that could parallel that of the movie.

DTH: What have been some challenges you have faced?

AK: One of the most challenging things was casting. This year had such a huge turnout at auditions. We had so much talent that it was a chore trying to fit everyone in that we wanted. Once we had our cast, (it was) matching up every person with their part, which involved tinkering with songs to make sure everyone could sing them.

The biggest challenge has been time because we have had five rehearsals and we open in five days...

It's incredible how far we've come, but it's even more incredible how much farther we have to go.

DTH: Can you tell us a little bit about your show?

AK: We focus on two brothers who come every year as Mario and Luigi. Mario is more popular than Luigi at Comic-Con. Luigi starts to get upset and tries to explain that he wants more of this credit. Mario says "no," so Luigi eventually goes crazy and changes his outfit into that of Loki from "The Avengers."

We end up with this ragtag group of six random nerds who each transform into one of the six Avengers.

The Avengers seek to take down Loki, whose goal is to take down the Comic-Con at all costs. They must save the day through song and dance.

DTH: What can the audience expect from your show?

AK: They can expect to laugh a lot and yet still experience some feelings of true emotion. Some of the themes of the show are legitimate — regardless of how off-the-wall the lyrics and costumes may be. They can expect to be thoroughly entertained for about 40 minutes, and they'll walk away humming a song or two.



DTH/BROOKLYN RILEY
Alex Kocejaj is the director of "The Avengers Convention" in "Broadway Melodies 2013."

BEER SALES

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the team wins.

"When we see a win, we see better numbers than if we lose," Shelburne said.

He said he believes the celebratory atmosphere during a winning game may contribute to higher beer sales.

"Everyone is watching one of the four TVs, eyes glued to the projection. The crowd gets into it, cheering and celebrating," Shelburne said.

"There is a group mentality — no feeling of separate tables. Everyone is just one big collective group."

Shelburne said football and basketball affect student turnout and beer sales the most. And more competitive games usually bring out a larger crowd.

At Linda's, the number of customers during the UNC-

Duke game is unlike any other event, Shelburne said. Bars also see large sales during the NCAA Tournament in March.

"The tournament kicks off at noon, and we'll be full," Bawcom said.

Shelburne said March Madness is a good way to wind down the school year.

"This is obviously basketball country," Shelburne said. "March is one of our better months of the year."

But some UNC students' habits don't align with the overall trend.

UNC student Taylor Brundage said that, although she is more likely to go out to a bar on a game day, she normally drinks the same amount whether or not the Tar Heels win.

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BASKETBALL

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point in the season all signs point to no. But I am saying that it's too early to call right now.

The next three games, starting tonight at Boston College, will provide a better idea of what this team is really made of. The Tar Heels' next three opponents — Boston College, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest — all occupy the bottom four spots in the conference standings and provide the Tar Heels with the opportunity to boost their own ACC standing.

It is true that there is no such thing as an easy ACC game, but the next three contests make up the most favorable stretch UNC has left on the schedule.

For the Tar Heels to come away with three wins in those games, a few things will need to fall into place.

First, they'll need more consistent play out of the backcourt. At N.C. State, freshman point guard Marcus Paige and senior Dexter Strickland were a combined four-for-18 from the floor.

That ain't going to cut it. Both of them started to find a little rhythm later in the game in Raleigh as UNC made its charge — the Tar Heels needed and will need more of that.

If they're looking for inspiration, they need to look no further than sophomore P.J. Hairston.







Hairston has been the driving force for this team in the last few weeks despite coming off the bench. In his last two games he's poured in 34 points in 34 minutes and has knocked down eight 3-pointers. UNC needs more of that too — they might even need to have Hairston on the floor for more minutes per game.

But should Strickland and Paige show some more poise and if Hairston continues to shine, the Tar Heels could come away with some much needed confidence on the road and a much more comforting 6-3 conference record.

If these three games don't go the way the Tar Heels want them to, well, then it might be time to panic.

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THE LOWDOWN ON TODAY'S GAME


Boston College vs. North Carolina		
	9 p.m. Conte Forum Broadcast: ESPN	
9-10, 1-5 ACC		13-6, 3-3 ACC
HEAD-TO-HEAD		
Backcourt	UNC will want strong showings from Dexter Strickland and Marcus Paige in order to contain three-time ACC Rookie of the Week Olivier Hanlan. But experience, plus the spark from reserve P.J. Hairston, should make the difference. Edge: UNC	
Frontcourt	BC's leading scorer is forward Ryan Anderson, who averages 16.4 points, but James Michael McAdoo has been a consistent threat and Desmond Hubert has emerged as a defensive specialist with a particular affection for shot blocking. Edge: Push	
Bench	In UNC's match-up with N.C. State, the bench outscored the starting five thanks in large part to Hairston and freshman forward Brice Johnson. Expect the starters to have better showing, but don't be surprised if UNC gets another big lift off the bench. Edge: UNC	
Intangibles	The Tar Heels likely have a sour taste in their mouths after the loss to the Wolfpack on Saturday, and they will need to take advantage of this opportunity for a key road win in the ACC. There's not another road game left as favorable as this one. Edge: UNC	
The Bottom Line — North Carolina 73 , BC 57		
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DRUG ABUSE

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reporting a friend for alcohol poisoning, for example.

Stronger Good Samaritan Laws would grant immunity to 911 callers and those needing assistance in the case of an opioid overdose or other substance abuse.

"We absolutely have to get the public involved, and those people who are involved now are calling with the risk of being arrested or getting the person who they are saving arrested," Sanford said.

The second recommendation involves increasing access to naloxone, a drug that counters the effects of an overdose before opioids attack the brain.

Opioids are considered the most effective painkillers but can induce an overdose if taken with alcohol or stimulants.

Naloxone is usually administered through an EpiPen by another person.

Doctors who prescribe the drug — and the third-party who administers it — could face legal repercussions under current law, Childs said.

He said access to the drug is critical.

"It's important in a state as rural as North Carolina, where it may take medical emergency assistance 15 or 20 minutes to get to the scene of an overdose that could be fatal in 8 minutes," Childs said.

The recommendations are co-written by Project Lazarus, a community-based organization that addresses prescription drug abuse in Wilkes County.

Wilkes County had the third worst rate of unintentional overdoses in the country in 2007, but since the project launched that year, the county has experienced a 69 percent drop in overdoses.

Other programs across the state and nation are modeled after Project Lazarus, said Fred Brason, chief executive officer and founder of the project.

"We want to engage the whole community so as to help people respond within their population — whether that be doctors, families or patients — and give them the tools they need," he said.

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ABC broadcaster talks DC politics

Cokie Roberts gave a lecture Monday at the business school.

By Taryn Rothstein
Staff Writer

Cokie Roberts, a political commentator for ABC News, has been called one of the 50 greatest women in the history of broadcasting.

She brought that wisdom to Chapel Hill Monday to give her view of Washington, D.C. — and its divided political structure — as part of the Weatherspoon Lecture Series

hosted by the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Tom Cawley, director of special events for the business school, said he believes the lecture is relevant considering the presidential inauguration earlier this month.

“There’s a lot of information floating around in D.C., and I feel like someone with an insider’s view has their finger on the pulse of what’s happening politically,” he said.

Roberts, whose parents were both members of Congress, began by talking about growing up behind the scenes in politics and practicing journalism throughout



Cokie Roberts is a political commentator for ABC News. She spoke Monday at UNC about politics.

many presidencies.

“The most frequently asked question I get is, ‘Is this the worst it has ever been in Washington between the parties?’” she said. “The answer is no, they are not shooting at each other.”

In her more than 40 years of broadcasting, Roberts has

earned numerous awards — including three Emmys — and has been inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame.

The event was funded by an endowment from Van and Kay Weatherspoon and has been a tradition for many years at the business school.

The lecture focused on the current issues facing D.C., including the sharp division of political parties.

Roberts said she believes gerrymandering keeps voters from listening to party’s opinions different from their own.

Roberts also said many politicians avoid living in D.C.

in order to stay connected with their constituents.

“People now think you go to Washington and you become Washington. You are no longer of the people,” she said.

The lecture also included Roberts’ commentary on what the Republican party should have done during the 2012 campaign.

“I think the biggest danger is among women, everyone always thinks that women vote on only women’s issues, and that’s not true,” she said.

Roberts advised audience members to be active in politics because she believes politicians listen to voters.

“It’s important to keep in mind, as you watch what’s going on, to listen to the rhetoric and see what kinds of legislation emerge to deal with these issues,” she said.

An open discussion by audience members followed the event.

UNC alumna Frances McVay said the event was engaging and informative.

“It’s good to hear a woman who is so in-the-know,” she said. “There were a lot of men here who wanted to hear what she had to say.”

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UNC lagging on grant goals

By Marisa DiNovis
Staff Writer

UNC has prided itself on offering grant aid to students to help them avoid accumulating student debt.

But with shrinking state and University coffers, the University hasn’t been able to meet its traditional goal of grant awards.

The University’s Office of Scholarships and Student Aid aims to meet student financial need with at least 65 percent grants, but in 2012-13, it only lowered that share to 60 percent — offering more loans instead.

The scholarships, awards and student aid committee met Monday to discuss potential changes regarding scholarships and financial aid.

In 2011-12, about 64 percent of UNC undergraduates received some form of financial aid.

Committee members

acknowledged the need for alternate revenue sources — including private donations — to fund grants.

Terri Hegeman, director of development for scholarships and admissions in the Office of University Development, attended the meeting.

“I’ve been asked to come up with a budget and some goals for a new campaign that will kick off,” Hegeman said. “The very first pillar for the campaign was the need for need-based scholarships.”

About 33.6 percent of UNC students who graduated in May 2012 have loans — and the average loan amount is \$15,664.

Shirley Ort, associate provost and director of scholarships and student aid, said the average indebtedness of 2012 UNC graduates is \$7,000 to \$8,000 lower than that of graduates from several other public universities.

Only 2 percent of total aid

given to undergraduate students comes from work study — much lower than committee members said they would prefer.

Ort said as the cost of tuition rises, there’s a dollar for dollar increase in financial need.

She said the University must find a new revenue source to meet increasing demand for aid.

She added that every time a student fee goes up, the cost is transferred to the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, as students need more aid to pay the higher fee.

Steve Farmer, vice provost for enrollment and undergraduate admissions, said other universities are recruiting more out-of-state students to advance their academic missions.

Farmer said the University is attractive to prospective students because it offers

AID STATISTICS

2 percent

of aid is work-study

\$15,664

average loan for graduates

60 percent

aid in grants in 2011-12

an experience they think is worth their time.

“If you take the cost out of it, people will choose on their perception of the experience,” Farmer said. “That argues that we should invest in initiatives to further excellence.”

“There’s not a student on need-based aid I would swap out for any student in the world — we need to offer them an experience.”

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DRIVEN TO GIVE



DTH/KATIE WILLIAMS

Freshman Addy Rigdon donates blood for the first time on Monday at the blood drive located at Craige Residence Hall. “It’s something I always wanted to do,” Rigdon said.

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Growth funds fall short

A growth plan may be hard to fund due to the economy.

By Jasmin Singh
Staff Writer

For John French, receiving a Community Development Block Grant meant being able to create 30 jobs for local, low-income youth in 2012.

But French, the resident services coordinator for the Chapel Hill Police Department, and other local groups might not get enough funding for their projects in the coming year.

This type of grant — provided by the federal government and allocated by the Chapel Hill Town Council — gives nonprofits, local governments and public agencies the funds they need to create programs to help the community.

Megan Wooley, housing and neighborhood services

planner for the town, said funding might be a challenge this year due to the economic downturn.

"The funds have been decreasing," Wooley said. "The federal government is responsible for entitlement programs and these have been decreasing across the board."

In 2010-11, Chapel Hill received \$640,743 to allocate to various organizations in the area. For 2012-13, the town received \$410,687, Wooley said.

Each year, between 10 and 15 organizations apply for money. Wooley said the town can usually fund only about half to three-fourths of those.

Wooley hopes to receive the same amount or more in funds for the upcoming year.

"The services are important in our community because they are helping people in need," Wooley said.

The Chapel Hill Police Department is one organiza-

tion that relies on the grant.

The department's Youth Employment Program — which provides 14- to 18-year-olds from low income families with jobs — received \$25,000 last year, French said.

"All of the money goes to pay the kids for their hard work," French said. "It provides the kids with independence and allows them to start the school year right."

French said he hopes the police continue to receive the grant so they can help more youth.

"The program accepted 30 out of 100 applicants this past year," French said. "We want to be able to expand to allow more kids into the program."

The Housing for New Hope program also receives funds from the grant. The program helps homeless individuals and families obtain housing.

Terry Allebaugh, executive director of the program, said it received \$10,000 last year.

"In the last year, the grant

"Entitlement programs ... have been decreasing across the board."

John French,
police resident services coordinator

has enabled us to house 17 households," Allebaugh said. "That represents 32 individuals that were without housing."

The program has housed 83 households, or 117 people, so far, Allebaugh said.

Chapel Hill is accepting grant applications until Feb. 28, and the Chapel Hill Town Council will approve allocations between April and May.

Both French and Allebaugh said they to receive more in funds this year so they can continue to help those in need.

"We are grateful for the money we receive," French said.

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PIPER'S SAFE AND SOUND



DTH/KATIE SWEENEY

Graduate student Sarah Hilker hugs her dog Piper after he was rescued by a firefighter from a fire at the University Gardens condominiums on Pritchard Avenue Extension. The fire started around 10 a.m. on Monday.

Northside finds ally in Durham credit union

Self-Help Credit Union hosted an open house on the community.

By Danielle Herman
Staff Writer

One of Chapel Hill's most troubled communities has found an ally in a Durham-based credit union.

Representatives from the Self-Help Credit Union hosted an open house meeting at Town Hall Monday evening to explain their ideas about progress in the town's Northside community.

Planning for the initiative — which will include the community's Jackson Center and the University — began in July when the credit union agreed to create and implement improvement plans for the community.

Those involved with the project say collaboration will be key on the long road forward.

"Geographically, it's the perfect location for collaboration," said Michael Palmer, senior outreach coordinator for Self-Help and member of the Jackson Center's board of directors.

Self-Help Credit Union is a non-profit dedicated to

providing financial support to low-income communities.

Dan Levine, assistant director of real estate at Self-Help, said the five-year implementation plan should be created by the end of February.

"It's a range of interconnected ideas that will be carried out over time," he said.

The historically black and low-income Northside neighborhood has long been home to many University and town employees.

In recent years, traditional residents have faced rising rents and eviction as students flooded the area. The town decided to step in after the community demanded action.

"This is a solution-based approach," said Loryn Clark, the town's neighborhood and community services manager.

But the planning group for the project does not want to ostracize students.

"The planning group is thinking of ideas of connecting students and long-term residents," said Stephanie Barnes-Simms, executive vice president of human resources and administration at Self-Help.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Jim Ward, who attended the open house, raised the point that the

University and UNC Hospitals should not be referred to as one entity in conversations about the improvement plan.

Both institutions employ many workers who are unable to live in Chapel Hill.

"I want the conversation to include UNC Hospitals," he said.

Clark said the funding process will be difficult, a concern Ward echoed.

"Is it too late?" Ward asked. He said putting money into the community will cause property values and taxes to increase, and eventually, long-term residents will age out.

"It could be that it always will need that infusion of feeding from the town, and I see that as a negative because I'm not sure if that's sustainable," he said.

But Levine and Barnes-Simms said there are ways to make the community more attractive, possibly by bringing in more town and University employees.

"The location and value of the land is so great, eventually it will turn into something of even more value," Levine said.

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NC elections altered by increased spending

Increased campaign funding could further polarize elections.

By James Thorpe
Staff Writer

An influx of millions in N.C. campaign spending from outside groups has raised concerns that state elections will become increasingly polarized. About 76 percent of the more than \$14.5 million spent in North Carolina went to gubernatorial and Supreme Court elections, according to

a report released last week by the Institute for Southern Studies.

Judicial elections in North Carolina are nonpartisan, but experts say political agendas are pressuring candidates. “Judges are referees if you will — they’re supposed to be above the fray,” said Brent Laurenz, executive director of the N.C. Center for Voter Education. “They call the balls and strikes for the political system.”

The N.C. Judicial Coalition spent more than \$1.9 million on Republican-favored Paul Newby’s successful campaign

for N.C. Supreme Court.

Laurenz said partisan judicial elections are risky. “I think no matter who you are, when you come before the judge or court you’re coming before a judge, not a Democrat or Republican,” he said.

The biggest donor to the N.C. Judicial Coalition was the group Justice For All N.C., which receives funding from the Republican State Leadership Committee, according to the report.

The increase in campaign funding reflects a national trend, said Steven Greene, a political science professor at

N.C. State University.

Greene said national organizations are increasingly aware that they can use money wisely at the state level, especially after the 2010 Citizens United decision that granted First Amendment protection to corporate donations.

“States are a good place to invest money — you get more bang for your buck,” he said.

Donations by corporations are giving N.C. elections a national scope.

Key donors in the 2012 N.C. campaigns included the Washington, D.C.-based Democratic Governors

Association and the phone company AT&T Inc., which gave to the Republican Governors Association.

The spike in campaign spending might start an irreversible trend, said Viveca Novak, spokeswoman for the Center for Responsive Politics, a national group that studies the influence of money in politics.

“It’s never been the case that you can put the genie back in the bottle in campaign finance,” she said.

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\$14.5 million
in outside spending in the 2012 N.C. election

\$2.9 million
donated by the Democratic Governors Association, the largest donor

\$1.9 million
spent by right-leaning N.C. Judicial Coalition on Supreme Court race

‘Middle-of-the-road’ students up from 2008

More college-age students claim to be politically moderate.

By Kelly Anderson
Staff Writer

Amid an increasingly polarized political climate, college students are more hesitant to pledge firm allegiance to a political party. Students have strong liberal preferences on social issues — but the number of students who identify as moderate is higher than the

last election cycle four years ago, according to a study by the University of California at Los Angeles.

“Students are not as liberal as often assumed by media commentary,” said James Stimson, a political science professor at UNC.

Approximately 47 percent of college students identified themselves as politically moderate, according to the survey by UCLA’s Higher Education Research Institute.

In 2008, only 43 percent of college students identified themselves at the center of the political spectrum.

The sample pool for the survey was 192,912 full-time first-year students from 283 colleges all across the United States, polled between 2008 and 2012.

Though many of these students identify as politically moderate, their preferences on social issues indicate otherwise, according to the study.

Kevin Eagan, assistant director for research at the institute, analyzed the survey data. He said he was not surprised by the results.

Eagan said participants in the survey were prompted with the question, “How

would you describe your political orientation, ranging from far left to far right?”

The majority of students responded by saying that their political orientation aligned in the center.

But when students were asked about their support for specific social issues, such as the legality of abortion, same-sex marriage or universal health care, students were overwhelmingly in favor of these issues, Eagan said.

“I think what was interesting was when we have asked about political orientation, students answered toward the

center, but when asked about specific social issues, students answered more liberally,” Eagan said.

“Students may try to be avoiding labeling themselves with one side of the political spectrum,” he said.

Mauricio Barreto, a sophomore political science and biology double major, said students identifying as moderates could demonstrate

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assistant director for research at UCLA’s Higher Education Research Institute

to others that they are open to having a dialogue about issues before forming an opinion.

The fact that party lines have become so black and white might have caused students to identify in the middle so they can focus on the issues and not the politics.”

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Today is a 9 -- If you discover you have more than enough, leave it where it is for now. Follow the rules to the letter. A conflict of interests knocks at your door. Discuss possible solutions privately.

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Today is a 9 -- Prioritize now. Delegate a difficult job to someone with experience. Visit a gallery for inspiration, but otherwise stay close to home for comfort. And discover something new about yourself.

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Today is an 8 -- Get that gift for yourself that you've been thinking about. See where your ideas take you. Something doesn't add up, though. Trust your intuition on this one.

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Today is a 6 -- Embrace your mistakes. Creativity grows from the broken pieces. Expect to be pleasantly surprised. Happiness shows up soon. Love your lover.

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NC in need of education governor

One of North Carolina's great political distinctions has been its long series of "education governors" — leaders from both parties who have championed strong investment and data-driven innovation in public education. The next few months might threaten that legacy.

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These visionary governors have understood that an accessible university system is critical to North Carolina's transition to a prosperous knowledge-based economy. And each of them has used his or her bully pulpit to push the state to invest more in education.

Their commitment is part of why our universities have a world-class reputation for excellence and affordability. It's why we protest budget cuts and tuition hikes, mourn the loss of great leaders like Bill Friday and celebrate UNC-CH being ranked the best college bargain in America.

In his 2012 campaign Pat McCrory emphasized in his education plan that North Carolina could not keep "simply spending more money on a broken system."

As the conservative John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy pointed out then, McCrory's platform "heralds the shift to lower spending levels as a new, permanent, frugal reality" and "even challenges the long-held belief that the state needs to send more students to higher education."

The Pope Center believes that's a good thing — but I'm skeptical.

According to the left-leaning N.C. Budget and Tax Center, the Republican-led General Assembly's \$682 million budget cut to the UNC system in spring 2011 already brought state appropriations for higher education compared to the size of the state's economy down to a 40-year low.

The result has been deep cuts and higher tuition. The UNC Board of Governors' strategic directions committee recommends the state invest an additional \$199 million in the UNC system over the next five years.

Newly inaugurated McCrory will spend much of 2013 working with the legislature to produce the state's budget. His deputy budget director is Art Pope, the conservative donor whose network of think tanks and advocacy groups has pushed to "starve the beast" of public higher education while privately funding academic programs rooted in right-wing ideology.

Meanwhile, McCrory is considering a proposal to considerably reduce or eliminate personal and corporate income taxes. This loss of revenue would create a lose-lose proposition: radically shrink state government (and therefore the UNC system) or shift the tax burden to lower-income families.

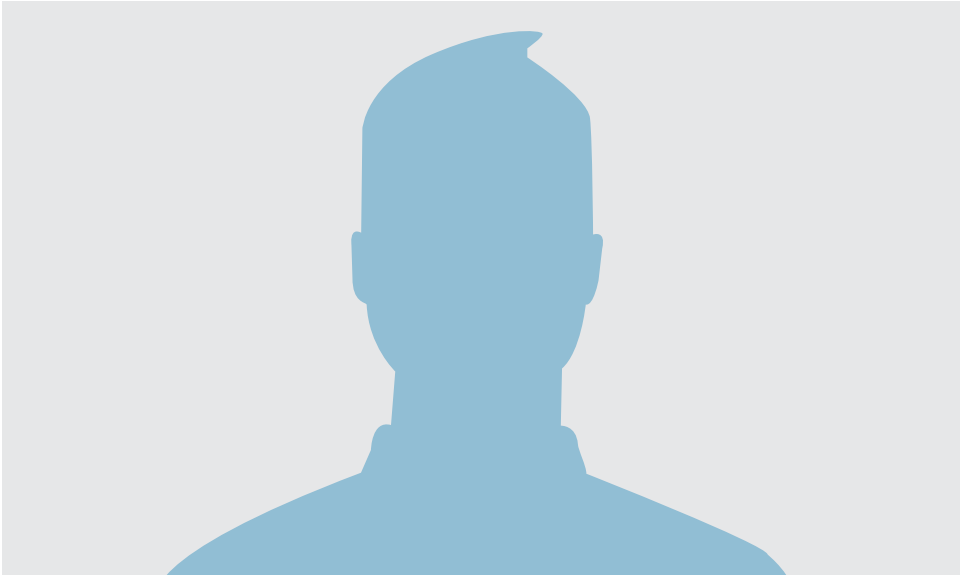
Some of his ideas for education have merit — but I'm afraid we no longer have an education governor to protect UNC.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Mark Viser, mviser@email.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

WHAT MAKES AN IDEAL STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT?



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We are deeply troubled to learn that our students feel doubly violated when their institution fails to provide the protection and support they expect to receive when they report sexual abuse. As members of the UNC community, we ask for an immediate and very active response by the University. This is an opportunity not only to investigate our current responses to sexual violence on this campus, but also to reimagine what would be necessary to make all of our students secure in the knowledge that they are safe here.

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Help be the change in educational equality

TO THE EDITOR:
Many times it is easy for our country to recognize the strides that minorities take toward success.

In today's America it is easy for us to glorify Martin Luther King Jr. and think of ourselves as a nation that has overcome. But have we truly?

In my eyes, our nation has a long way to go. Even more particular, a long way within the educational realm.

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Only 8 percent of kids growing up in low-income communities graduate from college by the age of 24.

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This is not the America you may know but this is the America that we live in. This is not the America that Martin Luther King Jr. wanted. This is not his dream for our America. But you can make a change. Change the statistics.

Leslie Locklear '13
Elementary education

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A win in a big game on the weekend in late afternoon or evening results in 20 percent more sales across the board."

Scott Maitland, on the link between basketball wins and beer sales

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Both factions have an arsenal of statistics for and against gun control which cancel each other out (and are ultimately irrelevant)."

Hugo, on the recent gun control debate

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ways to change rape culture on campus

TO THE EDITOR:
The undersigned members of the UNC history department unambiguously express our support for any students who have received anything less than sympathetic and professional consideration from University administrators.

We urge the administration to address promptly and publicly any shortcomings in University procedures regarding violence against women.

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This is an opportunity not only to investigate our current responses to sexual violence on this campus, but also to reimagine what would be necessary to make all of our students secure in the knowledge that they are safe here.

Possible approaches might be an ad hoc committee that includes faculty members, staff and student activists to study current attitudes toward rape and sexual assault on campus, outside evaluation of the ways in which we could implement more effective oversight of the policies currently existing and making mainstream an existing academic discussion about gender, violence and rape.

Inviting a well-respected scholar like Biddy Martin, president of Amherst College, who has recently created a wide-ranging conversation about rape culture on campus, might be a good beginning.

Editor's note: This letter was signed by 16 additional members of the UNC history department, whose names have been omitted due to space constraints.

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