

The Daily Tar Heel

‘It’s been a disaster and a nightmare’

Camelot Village condos were built in a flood plain

By Olivia Ross
Staff Writer

For many residents living in Camelot Village Condominiums, flood damage has become an unfortunate and recurring reality.

Located just off Franklin Street at 130 S. Estes Dr., Camelot Village was built on the Bolin Creek flood plain in 1967, years before housing regulations prohibited such construction.

Hurricane Matthew, which swept parts of the Caribbean and the southeastern U.S. from Sept. 28 to Oct. 9., resulted in the latest of what has become a series of floodings in the complex.

The storm affected several of the complex’s 116 single-bedroom units, said Joel Duvall, president of A2Z Realty, which manages Camelot Village.

“About 20 units got an inch or two of water in them in three different buildings,” Duvall said. “We had a company come in, a professional mitigation company come in, and do the cleanup and drying.”

Previous floods have left comparable damage. In July 2000, October 2008, June 2013 and December 2015, floods affected 60, 21, 72 and 20 units, respectively.

Barry McLamb, Chapel Hill emergency management coordinator, said Camelot Village is among multiple locations in Chapel Hill that are more susceptible to heavy flooding.

“There are several areas at the lower topography of Chapel Hill that become problematic, due to the fact that there is very little topography change as the creeks ‘bottom out’ before merging into the Jordan (Lake) watershed,” he said.

John Chase has lived in Camelot Village for more than two years. He lives in one of the four buildings set directly in the path of the floodway and thus more likely to be affected during heavy rainfall.

“It’s been a disaster and a nightmare,” Chase said. “I’ve got this nice apartment in a great location and the rent is OK, but I’ve been flooded twice in two years. I’m trapped.”

Residents living in the second-floor units haven’t experienced direct damage but have witnessed repairs, including Camelot Village resident Mary Vest.



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John Chase has experienced flooding at Camelot Village twice in the two years he’s lived there. His building is in the direct path of the floodway.

“It did quite a bit of damage,” Vest said. “I’ve seen them working on the lower apartments and tearing things out.”

McLamb said in circumstances of increased risk, such as Hurricane Matthew, specially-trained water rescue crews from the fire department are on duty and the streambeds are maintained by the Chapel Hill Public Works Stormwater Management Division.

In previous years, the town of Chapel Hill and various homeowners have reached out to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a possible solution.

In order to qualify for FEMA funding, a

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John Chase
Camelot Village resident

state is required to create a flood mitigation plan, which identifies communities that have been subject to repetitive flooding, and submit it for review.

In the case that funds are available, community meetings are held to discuss

a potential buyout. FEMA does not buy out property directly — instead, local and state governments enact voluntary buyout initiatives with help from FEMA grants.

The lengthy process carries stipulations that make its completion difficult. Every unit owner in a building must agree to participate in the buyout. No homeowners are required to move or sell their property, and the government cannot use eminent domain to seize the land.

Buyout initiatives for Camelot Village have been enacted twice in Chapel Hill, in 2005

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Orange County leaders pen open letter after election

The letter encouraged inclusiveness and respect following the election.

By Lauren Talley
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Orange County elected officials came together to write an open letter to residents concerning the results of the presidential election.

The letter was signed by Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger, Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens and Orange County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Earl McKee.

“We thought it was important to make a statement about just holding fast to values that are important to us and to the larger part of the community,” Stevens said.

The values outlined in the letter, which was released Nov. 14, included embracing immigrant residents, advocating for nondiscrimination of LGBTQ residents, acknowledging



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Orange County political leaders, including Lydia Lavelle and Pam Hemminger, signed a letter saying they will stick to their progressive values after the election.

and taking steps to prevent and deter climate change, accessible health care, common-sense regulation of guns and ensuring that all citizens feel safe in the Orange County community.

“I think our residents wanted

some assurance from the government that they know and is the most responsive to the people, and that’s the local level,” Lavelle said.

The letter reassured residents that

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Faculty hold meeting on undocumented students

People at the meeting discussed the possibility of a sanctuary university.

By Brinley Lowe
Staff Writer

Sixty-three UNC staff, faculty, alumni and students squeezed into a small classroom in Dey Hall Tuesday morning to discuss how to support undocumented UNC students.

Julia Mack, a Spanish professor and an event organizer, said she thought only four people would show up to the event — the professors who organized it.

“It’s not in the numbers that you count the support — it’s in commitment and heart and spirit,” she said.

The group discussed asking the administration to reaffirm its anti-discrimination policy and releasing a statement saying UNC should become a sanctuary university in the future.

“The reason why almost

everybody who was here was here was because this is personal,” Mack said. “This is family. This reaches where I keep my heart and so you don’t turn your back on someone who calls for help when they’re somebody that close.”

Mariá DeGuzmán, director of Latino/a Studies and another organizer, said House Bill 318 — a North Carolina bill signed by Governor Pat McCrory in October 2015 that outlawed sanctuary cities — does not directly prohibit sanctuary universities.

“Whether (University administrators) do that or not is a totally different question, but as you all know, the desire of the people is something that gets recorded and spread around and it has more than symbolic weight ... because laws are made and unmade,” DeGuzmán said.

Federico Luisetti, chairperson of the Department of Romance Studies, said he sent an email reaffirming his department’s commitment to anti-discrimination

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Q&A with openly bisexual N.C. Rep. Cecil Brockman, D-Guilford

Shortly before the November election, N.C. Rep. Cecil Brockman, D-Guilford, came out as bisexual.

Daily Tar Heel reporter Neecole Bostick talked with Brockman to discuss coming out and LGBTQ rights in the state.

Daily Tar Heel: So, you recently came out. What motivated you to do so?



Cecil Brockman: It was a couple of different things. One of the things was Representative Chris Sgro, one of the only LGBT representatives in the

General Assembly. I knew Chris wasn’t the only LGBT in the General Assembly, just the only one out. With him leaving the General Assembly, he encouraged me to go out with him and his husband to the bar called Ham’s in High Point. Chris and his husband, Ryan Butler, had HB2 buttons, and this drunk guy came over to our table pretty much harassing us about HB2 ... When that incident happened,

it really led me (to) come out and be a representative of the LGBT community. I knew once Chris was leaving, there wouldn’t be representation. You can be part of (the) LGBT community and elective service — you can do whatever you want to do. You don’t have to be put in a box because of your sexuality. I have always fought for progression. Sexuality is a part of who I am, but it doesn’t make up every-

thing I am.

DTH: What do you think about the recent President-elect Trump, as well as Republican majority in the U.S. Senate and House, and what do you think that means for the LGBTQ community?

CB: It’s going to be a very tough time in America to be a LGBT person because rights we have fought so hard for

will be pushed back under this administration. I am very worried because they will have all the power to do they want to do, such as picking the next Supreme Court justice.

DTH: What do you think of HB2?

CB: HB2 is a bill that discriminates against (the)

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“It takes no compromise to give people their rights.”

HARVEY MILK

Marginalized communities start recovery

By Michelle Dixon
Staff Writer

Vivi Santana, a Latina first-year majoring in biology, stumbled over her words through tears.

"My parents could get deported," she said.

Santana's father was unable to obtain an elementary school education, but he started his own business in America. Both of Santana's parents are undocumented immigrants who have worked tirelessly to secure a better life for her and her younger sister while growing up in North Carolina.

On Nov. 8, Santana's life in the U.S. began to feel unpredictable as Donald Trump was elected the 45th president of the United States.

"As more and more of the votes started to come in, I started to feel depressed about it," Ahmad Tejan-Sie, a junior Muslim student, said. "Initially, I was so sure

Hillary would win. I was so sure the country would react against Trump's bigotry, racism and all the horrible things he said."

Since the election, tension has increased, especially for marginalized communities.

"Being a Latina is sort of scary, but it is also disappointing to know that half of the country supports someone who undermines you just because of your color," Santana said.

Most of Tejan-Sie's experiences with Islamophobia occurred while he was with his mother. One day, while Tejan-Sie's mother and sister wore their hijab while quietly walking along the street, a woman yelled "ISIS."

"Throughout my childhood, my mom had to always be ready to confront rude people who treat her in a certain way. You can tell by the way they look at you or the way their tone of voice changes or that hint of dis-

gust," Tejan-Sie said.

Though many express worry and disbelief over the election, others look at Trump's presidency from a different perspective for the future state of minority communities.

Alexis Williams, an African-American senior majoring in African, African American and diaspora studies, said she was a little happy about the election.

"Not that I voted for Donald Trump, but I was happy to see so many people angered and beginning to think about politics differently," she said. "If Hillary would have won, it would have felt like a victory for people, but it would have been a false victory."

As separation continues to increase, many communities at UNC stress the importance of integration with organizations here on campus.

"Trust yourself and know that you are still a valuable person no matter who is in

power or what that person is saying," said senior Anna Taylor, who serves as the co-chairperson of Project Dinah. "Know that there are communities of people, especially on this campus, who want to help you, make you feel safe and empower you."

Along with division comes the fear of the future.

"A lot of people are afraid of white supremacists, but I don't feel like there is anything to fear once you educate yourself on what white supremacy is and how it actually operates," Williams said.

She said people should still be aware of systemic oppression.

"If someone calling you a 'nigger' or discriminating against you and offends you, I'm sorry, but that isn't powerful enough to hold you in the position you are in. There is something larger at play that is keeping us oppressed," she said. To combat this, Williams

suggests people arm themselves with education and, more importantly, spirituality.

"I had to call my mom, and she was extremely calm about it, I think for my sake," Santana said. "She told me, 'Ten fe en Dios' which means 'Have faith in God'. Just have faith in him and things will be all right. I think that's what's keeping me going."

Tejan-Sie also emphasized faith.

"For Muslims, we have several passages in our book, the Quran. It says, 'Indeed with difficulty comes ease, with difficulty comes ease,' he said. "We have been promised for that all the trials we will go through, all the prejudice, all the torment, all the discrimination, eventually we will reach a point through our own efforts where we hopefully will no longer have to endure this kind of treatment."

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POLICE LOG

• Someone reported trespassing on the 700 block of Pritchard Avenue Extension at 4:56 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported a suspicious person on the 200 block of Foxcroft Drive and Butler Court at 6:30 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported a suspicious incident on the 100 block of West Stinson Street

at 6:53 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person said they heard a loud noise at their door, reports state.

• Someone reported a suspicious person on the 600 block of Edisto Court at 9:03 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported a suspicious person on the 700 block of Greenwood Road at 9:23 p.m. Friday, according to

Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported harassment on the 2700 block of Homestead Road at 9:39 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported breaking and entering on the 500 block of Pritchard Avenue at 1:04 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole two TVs, valued at \$2,600 total, reports state.

• Someone reported loud music on the 1100 block of NC-54 at 12:44 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported credit card/ATM fraud on the 200 block of South Estes Drive at 8:29 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person used the victim's credit card to make \$875.50 worth of purchases, reports state.

• Someone reported a suspicious person on the 100 block of Weatherstone Drive at 1:27 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person hid behind a dumpster and watched the victim, reports state.

• Someone reported larceny of a tip jar at Cosmic Cantina at 128 E. Franklin St. at 3:38 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole the tip jar, valued at \$2, and the \$30 inside it, reports state.

• Someone reported breaking and entering on the 50 block of Oakwood Drive at 3:29 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported a drug violation on the 2700 block of Homestead Road at 5:11 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported an abandoned vehicle on the 200 block of Eastowne Drive at 10:14 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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Clear mind, dancing shoes, can't lose

Lauren Zitney's dance company includes all skill levels

By Leah Moore
Staff Writer

Sophomore Lauren Zitney has been dancing since she was three years old. Not dancing is not an option for her.

"One of the essays I wrote to get accepted to college started out with 'When I perform, my soul explodes out of my body.' I just think that that is pretty telling," Zitney said. "It just clears my mind. People say going on runs clears their mind — dancing clears mine."

Zitney, who serves as social and fundraising chairperson for Modernextension Dance Company, said she likes all kinds of dance, although she started in ballet. Recently, she has developed a passion for blues dance.

"I miss ballet, but modern gives me the flexibility to do what I want while still having a structure to work in," she said.

Zitney said she has a better understanding of music thanks to dance.

"I love it, because it allows me to connect with music and life through a lens I think a lot of people don't get to," Zitney said. "It gives me a unique perspective on the world, getting to understand music in this particular way, or my body in this particular way."

When Modernextension performs on Sunday night, the improvisational performance will be unlike anything most people have ever seen, Zitney said.

"If you've ever closed the door to your room, turned on music and just danced around, we're channeling that



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Modernextension dancer Lauren Zitney, who is a sophomore public policy major with a minor in education, posed in a dance position called "attitude."

energy into art and a performance and something that people want to come see as a dance ... It's taking the idea of improv and just raw emotion and turning it into art."

Modernextension's vice president, Dana Gentry, said Zitney was in her piece last year.

"She was incredibly enthusiastic and involved and engaged all the time," Gentry said. "She was always ready to listen, but also to give her own ideas."

One of Modernextension's presidents, Sarah Richardson, said they are a pre-professional dance company with about 29 members.

"I think we're a little different than some of the other dance groups, because we have professionals from the surrounding area come and teach classes so that way we can kind of keep up technique," Richardson said.

Richardson said prior experience is not a prerequisite to be a part of Modernextension.

"We're more based on creativity, so we kind of look for dancers who are confident in themselves and have an understanding of their body and are comfortable expressing themselves in that capacity," she said. "We do look for dancers who have technique, but that's not required. We're more

"If you've ever closed the door to your room, turned on music and just danced around, we're channeling that ..."

Lauren Zitney
Modernextension social chairperson

looking for creative movers."

Zitney and Richardson both said Modernextension felt like a family.

"What we like to base ourselves on is that we're a family — a dance family — and we think the dance community shouldn't be so close-

minded," Richardson said. "It shouldn't be just people who have previous dance experience."

Modernextension brings together people from a variety of dance backgrounds, Zitney said.

"It's fascinating to see how someone like myself, who comes from a very ballet-centered background, and how that ends up mixing with someone like Sarah and her very hip-hop based background," Zitney said. "You see those two come together and create this interesting style that isn't as prominent."

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Voters decided on guns, weed, death penalty

Marijuana sees legalization spread

North Carolina is unlikely to see a marijuana referendum soon.

By Kelsey Mason
Staff Writer

Voters in eight states nationwide cast their ballots Nov. 8 in favor of varying levels of marijuana legalization.

Arkansas, Florida, Montana and North Dakota passed initiatives legalizing or expanding the use of medical marijuana. Meanwhile, California, Maine, Massachusetts and Nevada legalized marijuana for recreational use and licensed its retail.

Karen Goldstein, executive director of Florida's chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, said it was a tough battle to legalize medical marijuana in the state. She said the initiative passed because the public was more educated on marijuana.

"I think that we made people realize that a lot of what the opposition was saying, number one, was not true — that they were trying to mislead the public and that there was a lot of special interests involved in keeping it illegal," she said.

Scott Chipman, Southern California co-chairperson of Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana, said there was a misconception that the ballot initiative would decriminalize marijuana. He said it was decriminalized over 10 years ago.

"Those that are in jail are in for trafficking large quantities and those — that criminal is still a felon even after Prop. 64," he said.

Chipman said Californians are unaware of the dangers of marijuana and the proposition

passed for a host of reasons.

"So, there's a misunderstanding that marijuana's not harmful, there's this concept that we have to stop arresting people for marijuana and they didn't realize that it was allowing for TV ads and for every house to become a grow site," he said.

Jon Kennedy, treasurer of N.C. NORML, said the organization has a two-pronged approach for legalizing marijuana — education and lobbying.

However, he said lobbying is difficult in North Carolina.

"We don't have a referendum or a ballot initiative that would let us gather enough signatures to get marijuana legalization on the ballot for medicinal or recreational purpose," Kennedy said.

He said as a result, citizens need to reach out to their representatives to open a discussion and see if there is a chance they will change their position on marijuana.

"Otherwise, the only other option is to try to vote the scoundrels out," he said.

Kennedy said he is not optimistic about North Carolina legalizing marijuana in the near future.

"But North Carolina has recently shown itself to be kind of bringing up the rear nationally with how progressive it isn't," he said.

Goldstein said prohibition doesn't work and said education and regulation are key.

"They may eliminate the legal market, but they'll never eliminate the market," she said. "And we may as well — they may as well — keep the legal market because prohibition doesn't work."

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Gun control, death penalty approved

Three states voted in support of increased gun control on Nov. 8.

By Parker Marshall
Staff Writer

In addition to the local and national elections on Nov. 8, voters in some states saw referendums on gun control and the death penalty on the ballot.

Referendums on increased gun control were victorious in California, Washington and Nevada, while one failed in Maine. The firearm referendums aimed at creating tighter regulations on gun ownership, ranging from increased background checks to outlawing large-capacity ammunition magazines.

Paul Valone, president of Grass Roots North Carolina, a gun rights advocacy group, said voters were uninformed about what the measures would actually mean.

"The reality is that so-called universal background checks are desired ... for one reason and one reason only, and that is to run as many transactions through the National Instant (Criminal Background) Check System in order to try and create a federal gun registration system," he said.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System is used to determine who is eligible to purchase a firearm. Valone said the FBI has illegally used data from this system in the past.

Becky Ceartas, executive director of North Carolinians Against Gun Violence, was pleased with the results of the referendums.

"The general trend on that initiative is

that the voters were clear — they want gun violence prevention, that they want common sense gun reform," she said.

She said North Carolina gun regulations are stricter than many other states. North Carolina requires concealed carry permits and mandates background checks for citizens purchasing a handgun.

Other ballot referendums put capital punishment to a vote. Nebraska reinstated the death penalty, which had been repealed by the legislature in 2015. Oklahoma voted to make it harder to repeal the death penalty, while California failed to pass a referendum that would have repealed capital punishment.

Kristin Collins, a spokesperson at The Center for Death Penalty Litigation, said despite the results, there is still a trend toward decreasing support for the death penalty.

"I don't think it changes the fact that the death penalty is really on the wane across the country," she said.

Frank Baumgartner, a professor of political science at UNC, said capital punishment has become more of a practical issue than a moral one.

He said there is little data showing a negative correlation between the death penalty and crime rates.

"The thing that's come around to be transformative in the debate in the last 20 years is people have stopped talking so much about the abstract issues of morality and the abstract theory of capital punishment and focused on whether it really works," he said.

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UNC-C graduates develop wave-powered desalination buoy

The buoys could provide fresh water to low-access areas.

By Jared Weber
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North Carolina-based startup EcoH2O Innovations, created by UNC-Charlotte graduates Justin Sonnett and Chris Matthews, has created a buoy that turns seawater into drinking water.

Sonnett, the project's director of research and development, said EcoH2O is working on its second prototype of the buoy, which is the main component of the Swell Actuated Reverse Osmosis System, SAROS.

According to a statement by the SAROS project, as the

buoy rolls with the tide, it harvests the kinetic energy of the waves and sends water back to shore to begin the desalination process. As the water is transported, it undergoes reverse osmosis, in which pressure is applied to extract the fresh water.

"(Reverse osmosis) separates the salt from the seawater, but it also separates viruses, bacteria and all that other bad stuff," Sonnett said. "The water is extremely clean and ready to drink."

He said the current prototype is designed to clean 400-500 gallons, and they anticipate the planned first production unit will create 3,500 gallons of fresh water.

Matthews, SAROS' director of engineering, said previous inventors have had complications with

inadvertently taking in large amounts of salty brine in machines, which can hurt marine life by decreasing levels of salinity.

He said EcoH2O partnered with water companies to minimize the issue.

"They have really efficient energy recovery systems that take the energy in the brine output and recover it," Matthews said.

"It's really helpful for us because, especially in our small scale, we can run at conditions that put out much less salty brine."

John McCord, associate director of education and outreach at the UNC Coastal Studies Institute, said the institute has provided SAROS with logistical support and a permitted ocean area to test the device.

The institute supports other research projects through its renewable ocean energy program, including a Gulf Stream power assessment and the testing of marine hydrokinetic devices.

He said he believes the SAROS project will be most beneficial in times of crisis.

"With increasing scarcity of drinkable water on the planet, something like this could be especially useful in coastal towns, both inside and outside of North Carolina, specifically in disaster-relief situations when a power grid might have been compromised," McCord said.

Matthews said one of the longterm goals of SAROS is to help provide fresh water to those without access to it, and they are considering Haiti and Puerto Rico as locations for



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAROS

Chris Matthews (left) and Justin Sonnett, co-founders of SAROS, watch their invention, a wave-powered buoy that desalinates water and makes it clean to drink, float on the water.

their first two pilot projects.

"We want to provide fresh water to those people sustainably and cheaply, which is something we just don't have the ability to do

right now with our current desalination technology," he said. "I think we have a good chance of doing that."

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and 2013, but have been unsuccessful, according to McLamb.

"We have attempted FEMA buyouts at Camelot Village on two previous occasions and are currently working with the (Homeowners' Association) and property management on a third," McLamb said. "In the past, we haven't been able to get sufficient

participation from owners but we're hoping a different strategy this year might help us get at least one building bought out."

A buyout could mean many current residents are left without affordable housing. The units range in cost from \$575 to \$650 per month, which is cheaper than the average \$772 rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Chapel Hill.

"I'm between a rock and a hard place because it would

be very difficult for me to move," Chase said. "It's hard to find a place to live."

The town has also looked into engineering solutions, but high costs and tightly-regulated guidelines make this almost impossible.

"We have three certified flood plain managers on the town staff at public works, and all agree that there is no effective engineering solution available for the problems we face in Chapel Hill," McLamb said.

Duvall said the location of Camelot Village, coupled with government regulations, make a solution unclear. He said he is doing everything he can to make sure the effects of flooding are reduced.

"We're in a flood plain," he said. "There's not much you can do to change that."

Chase said he believes political motivations have prevented real change from happening.

"I think it's politics. People

"We're in a flood plain. There's not much you can do to change that."

Joel Duvall

President of AZZ realty, which manages Camelot Village

don't want to do anything unless it pays off for them," Chase said. "They don't want to spend money to do a good work. It sounds cynical, but I don't know another explanation."

If a FEMA buyout does take place, it could be years.

Until then, several Camelot Village residents continue to deal with the daily costs of living on a flood plain.

"It's affected every aspect of my life, in every negative way," Chase said.

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LETTER

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Orange County and its officials will not only remain steadfast in their values, but that racial, religious and homophobic harassment has no place in the community.

"I guess I would say we tried to keep the letter as nonpartisan as possible — recognizing that we are in a county that is predominantly Democratic — but the letter was really meant to be one of reminding some of our

residents to be respectful of one another," Lavelle said.

Overall, feedback toward the letter was positive, but many of the officials said that a part of having a welcoming community is allowing and listening to opposing views.

"I recognize that any time we make statements about 'This is how our community feels, this is what we think, this is what we value,' there's always folks who might take exception to that," Stevens said. "I want to reiterate that that value is to listen to

all of our residents to make sure people feel welcomed, including [those] having dissenting views."

Hemminger said the letter was meant as a means to unite and assure residents, not to single anyone out.

"We put the letter out there and we've gotten feedback — mostly very positive — but then some people who felt like we were segregating them off because they were Republican or voted Trump, and we weren't trying to do that, we were just trying to reiterate

"This country is not going to collapse; it's not going to roll over and die tomorrow."

Earl McKee

Orange County Board of Commissioners chairperson

the values we stand for," she said. "Again, the goal was to be inclusive and not to divide groups, and we'll continue to advocate that."

McKee said he took note of the divisiveness during this election, which drove him to contribute to the letter.

"I'm 64 years old and I don't

remember another election that has been this anxious in the outcome of the election," McKee said. "I remember contentious campaigns, and that's to be expected, but I don't remember this level of anxiety, this level of tension that has sprung up almost immediately after the election

was over."

The letter said that although our democracy is not perfect, the country must move forward.

"I would urge everyone to take a deep breath and calm down," McKee said.

"This country is not going to collapse; it's not going to roll over and die tomorrow. That's my main message — let's just see where this goes and make sure we keep it on the right path."

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to the chairpersons and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences two days ago — and has yet to receive a reply.

He said UNC has an anti-discrimination policy, which prohibits discrimination based on national origin,

among other characteristics.

"I can't imagine this University not reaffirming its own anti-discrimination policy," Luisetti said. "You don't have to affirm something revolutionary or anything."

Mack said she sent an email to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,

the Chancellor, the Provost and the Board of Trustees asking them to reaffirm the policy and encouraged others in the room to follow suit.

Meeting attendees discussed safe spaces for undocumented students and the possibility of allies wearing physical markers — such as safety pins,

which were a sign that a person identified as an ally to vulnerable populations in Great Britain after the country voted to leave the European Union in June 2016.

Alejandro Escalante, a religious studies doctoral student, said he attended the meeting because the topic

hits close to home for him.

"I have friends who are undocumented here at this University, and the sort of scaremongering that's happened since Nov. 9 I think has really impacted them and their anxiety levels," he said.

"I think any person who's been watching the news or reading the newspaper has

seen the impact of this election on families who are in fear of being separated, children who are in fear that they will go home and their parents won't be there. I think that this is not just a political issue — it's something that impacts real people and real lives."

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LGBT community, specifically the trans community. A lot of folks don't understand the trans community. They don't know anyone of the trans community, making it easier to discriminate against them. Even people in my district, I can't tell you how many people have told me they don't want guys dressing up as girls to commit

crimes. I always stress HB2 does nothing to strengthen the punishments to folks who commit these crimes ... This bill literally cannot be enforced — the state will have to spend millions on bathroom monitors. It's only a bill to scare people into not trusting the trans community ... it's fearmongering.

DTH: What do you think needs to happen for the LGBTQ community?

CB: I think we really need to come together because there's going to be anti-LGBT legislature, unfortunately, under the new president and his administration. He already kind of showed with the people he put in his transition team and his vice president his intentions, so we really need to come together. Even with some local stuff to help protect younger folks that have been harassed since the election since it has been bringing out

"Sexuality is a part of who I am, but it doesn't make up everything I am."

Cecil Brockman

N.C. representative, D-Guilford

people who are homophobic, misogynistic and racist. The election has emboldened a lot of those folks.

DTH: What do you think about Republican majority in the N.C. General Assembly and

what it means state-wise for the LGBTQ community? What do you think will happen with HB2?

CB: I think we need to put them in check to not go as far as they want to. If Trump wins

but McCrory loses, that says a lot. That shows we don't like HB2, we don't like what is done in our state, and we want to move past those vices and social issues. I'm very (hopeful) the General Assembly will see we need to repeal the bill. After organization after organization is pulling out of North Carolina, hopefully they will see that we need something different.

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Roundabout could fix intersection woes

By Sara Kiley Watson
Staff Writer

A roundabout could replace the current intersection at Estes Drive Extension and North Greensboro Street in Carrboro.

Mike Mills, the division engineer for N.C. Department of Transportation Division Seven, which includes Guilford, Alamance, Orange, Rockingham and Caswell counties, said that there is currently a signalized intersection, but a roundabout would allow for more free-flowing movement.

"It's been requested for many years," he said. "I know it's probably at least six, seven, maybe ten years that there's been a traffic request at that

intersection."

Mills said the NCDOT scores projects based on data such as congestion, safety, mobility and accidents. Then, the division and the local Metropolitan Planning Organization put points on the raw data to bring it to the top of the projects list and give it greater priority.

"This one was scored high, so it's now in the works to be a completed construction project," Mills said.

Mills said the goal is now to get the right-of-way completed by 2017 and begin construction in 2018. If the public supports a roundabout, then it will be the solution to the problems with the intersection.

Mills said a priority for the project is that bicyclists and

pedestrians feel safe with the roundabout. He said that in Guilford County, there is a roundabout near a high school that has handled pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Board of Aldermen member Sammy Slade said some questions that remain are how neighboring properties will be affected, including a bike path nearby.

"Ultimately what we want to do is maximize bike and pedestrian infrastructure and the kind of development that can lead people to alternatives to fossil fuel modes of transportation," Slade said. "So those are some things I'll be looking out for as we consider this as a possibility."

Ron Carter is the council president of the City Council of

Carmel, Ind. — the unofficial capital city of the roundabout. Carmel will be opening their 100th roundabout Thursday, with seven more under construction and eight more planned, in their city of a little over 90,000 people.

Carter said Carmel turned to roundabouts because they increase safety, decrease accident and personal injury rates and increase environmental sustainability.

"In most cases, they speed up to get to those stoplights. When you have a crash today at a stoplight — that really is a bad crash — it's a T-bone," Carter said. "With a roundabout, you don't have T-bone crashes, you have glancing blows. And they are normally at a lower speed."

He said their accident rates since beginning the transition to roundabouts have been cut by 40 percent and personal injury rates have been cut by 80 percent.

Carter said a specific environmental benefit of roundabouts is saving 24,000 gallons of fuel for consumers per each major roundabout yearly, because they no longer have to stall at red lights and waste gas. Another is that Carmel no longer has to power signalized intersections. Each roundabout saves about \$400 in yearly power costs, and prior to LED lighting, a signalized intersection could cost \$4,000 yearly, he said.

Carter said roundabouts are more efficient with processing

traffic, getting about three times as many cars through an intersection as a signalized intersection. He said that this takes away the necessity of extra lanes for traffic because the intersections are so efficient.

Carter said the space saved from the extra lane of traffic could allow for landscaped medians, which are prettier and friendlier to the environment.

"We need to hear about these projects from the public because my office is in Greensboro, and people that go through those intersections every day have to tell us that they have an issue down there," he said.

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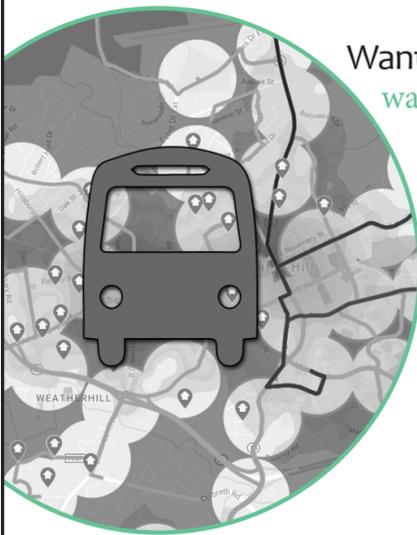
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Have a great RA? Show them you care

By Audrey Wells

Resident Assistants do a lot of little things every day to make the lives of their residents a bit brighter.

It might be the door decorations, the sweet note of encouragement wishing you luck the first day of class or even the

study-break snack. Without a doubt, having another student whose job it is to make you feel welcome is one of the great perks on on-campus living.

Now it's time to do something nice for the person who has helped you. Former RAs say they don't expect grand gestures or extravagant gifts.

Just pay attention and be thoughtful.

Compliment their bulletin boards

Every month or so, you might notice a new bulletin board on your floor, or in the lobby as you're going to class. These were made by Resident Advisors for your enjoyment and education. They spend lots of time coming up with ideas and bringing them to life, so if you see a board you like, just tell your RA if you see them in the hall.

"It makes you feel like you're doing a good job," said former RA Sarah Morton, who said she was thankful for those comments.

Ask if they need anything

While you may think that your RA is a superhero because they seem to manage everything in their life seamlessly, they are humans too (I

promise). So if you see them sitting at the desk downstairs, ask them if they need anything. Morton always appreciated these little gestures.

"(My residents) would bring me cookies from the dining hall occasionally, that was really sweet, it was my favorite," she said. "It's really just the little things like that that make you feel appreciated rather than some grand gesture."

Check in with them

RAs have to check in with you, but might worry that they're being annoying. Talking to them first can be a relief.

"(I appreciate) someone who's not afraid to go talk to their RA," Morton said. "A lot of times I would feel like I was bothering them or annoying them if I was constantly talking to them. It was really great when people came up to me to tell me what's going on."

RAs have been through

some of the same things as you have, and they are there as a resource for you. If you are going through a tough time, and you just need some advice, there is probably an RA on staff that can help you. They are there for you, and want to help you.

"I love just being a consultant," former RA Winston George said. "I got where I am right now because of what people told me and the help I got, and I feel like I should return that favor, and being an RA was a great way to do that."

Get to know your community

College is the time of your life to branch out and meet new people, but the only way to meet new people is to get out and introduce yourself. Morton said that residents will get out what they put in in their communities.

"Don't be afraid to talk to your neighbors," Morton said.

George said he looked at his time as an RA as an opportunity for a new set of friends every year. He said he was introduced to people of different sexual orientations, ethnicities, political ideologies and social backgrounds, and that was one of the best parts of being an RA.

Go to their events

One of the best ways to show appreciation for your RA, is to attend the events that the put on.

They work really hard to teach you about sexual health, or physical fitness, or just to provide you with a fun study break and a snack. They just need an audience.

Morton said, "You can do all the prep work in the world, but if no one shows up it's kind of all for nothing."

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-9x11 casserole dish for baking. Glass is best. Good for desserts, cakes, casseroles, roasted vegetables.

-Cutting board and at least two sharp knives: one for paring and chopping. Don't cut raw meat on a wooden cutting board.

-Storage containers with interchangeable lids.

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-A big pot for boiling pasta and making soup.

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High school student to perform at Carnegie Hall

The sophomore will play the flute with other students in February.

By JP Gemborys
Staff Writer

A student from East Chapel Hill High School has been selected to play the flute at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York for a special performance comprised of the most talented high school musicians from around the world.

Cecilia Lee, a sophomore at East Chapel Hill High School, is one of nearly 750 students chosen to play in the 2017 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. The selections came out of a total of more than 18,000 applicants from across the globe and will include performers from every state, Canada, Guam and various other foreign nations.

Lee, who has been playing the flute for more than five years, said she most looks forward to being around other like-minded musicians who share her passion.

"Since I can't take band this year, I'm just really excited to take part in a band that has everyone who enjoys band as much as I do," she

said. "It would mean a lot to me to meet people that share the same interests as me."

The series, consisting of five ensembles including two choral ensembles, a string and symphony orchestra and an honors band, will bring selected students together for five days starting Feb. 2 to practice and learn under master conductors, while also getting a taste of the Big Apple. Lee is in the honors band ensemble.

The performances themselves will be on Feb. 5 at Carnegie Hall and will include an Honors Choral Performance and an Honors Instrumental Performance. Tickets will be available 60 days prior to the performance via the Carnegie Hall box office.

Erika Boysen, the assistant professor of flute at UNC-Greensboro and Lee's current teacher, nominated Lee for the prestigious opportunity and spoke highly of her work ethic.

"It was kind of a given that I would nominate Cecilia because she possesses a significant work ethic both in her musical pursuits and in addition to her academic and volunteer-based pursuits," Boysen said. "She's just incredibly motivated and intelligent and talented. I think it's very obvious that



DTH/ROBERT GOURLEY

Cecilia Lee is a flutist and student at East Chapel Hill High School. She will perform in Carnegie Hall in February with other students.

she will excel in any professional path of her choosing."

Lee's father, Woo Yong Lee, said he was proud of the accomplishment and said that it illustrated her talent in both music and school.

"I was very excited to hear

she can do it both ways; she can be good in school classes and also in a music career," he said. "It was amazing to hear that she got this achievement."

Lee, who is also a member of the Triangle Youth

Symphony, said she practices her flute for at least 30 minutes a day. Though she doesn't intend to pursue music as a career, she plans to continue playing her flute throughout college.

When asked about any

advice Lee may have for aspiring musicians, she laughed and offered a sage motto.

"Practice like you're performing, and perform like you're practicing."

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Mixing the environment and the economy



DTH/RYAN HERRON

Andrew Yates is an associate professor in the economics department specializing in environmental economics. He researches the trading of carbon credits and the effectiveness of electric cars.

By Celia McRae
Staff Writer

This is part of a series of profiles on professors doing interesting things across UNC's campus.

Professor Andrew Yates holds a unique position at UNC as a joint appointee of both the economics department and the Curriculum in the Environment and Ecology.

Patrick Conway, the chairperson of the economics department, said Yates is invaluable to the department.

"He is our sole environmental economist and so his perspective on economic activity is crucial for both our students and his fellow faculty members to understand what the implications are of economic policy," Conway said.

One major topic Yates studies is the environmental effects of electric cars, because the electricity for the cars must be generated first. He said the environmental benefits of electric cars vary by region.

"In California, the electric-

ity grid is pretty clean, all right, so electric cars generate an environmental benefit," Yates said. "But in places like the upper midwest — so North Dakota, South Dakota — the electric cars generate a negative environmental benefit; they're actually worse for the environment."

Another impact of electric cars is the exportation of pollution, Yates said.

"So you might think it's a great idea to have electric cars driving around Atlanta because that takes the pollution out of the Atlanta area, but then those power plants might be in North Carolina, that could make the air in North Carolina worse," Yates said. "And overall, that could make society worse off."

A main area Yates studies is the carbon emission market in the European Union, which is different because the marketplace was set up so each member country decided how many permits to put into the marketplace.

"That's been in place for almost 10 years now, and one

thing we looked at there was a situation in which, the way they set it up, the individual member states decided how many permits to put into the marketplace," Yates said.

Junior Bradford Weir said he has taken two classes taught by Yates and said Yates has been one of his favorite professors at UNC.

"He shares with us his research in class — he doesn't just, like, make us read his studies and then that's that — he'll walk us through it because it's pretty complicated stuff, and he makes it pretty engaging," Weir said.

Yates said environmental economics is important because it provides a framework for evaluating the trade-offs of reducing carbon pollution.

"I mean sometimes people hold that the goal should be zero," Yates said. "An economist would say, well, you want to look at what we call the costs and the benefits, or the marginal cost."

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Past prepares UNC for The Citadel

By James Tatter
Staff Writer

Dwelling on the past can undermine a team's ability to prepare for the future.

Coming off an upset loss to Duke last week, it seems especially important for the North Carolina football team looking forward.

"You can't let one loss become two losses," senior cornerback Des Lawrence said.

But the best way for the Tar Heels to prepare for next week might be to look back two.

UNC (7-3, 5-2 ACC) is tasked with stopping the triple-option offense of The Citadel (10-0), a team that ranks No. 6 in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). But the Tar Heels have seen this before.

Two weeks ago, they shut down Georgia Tech's version of the same style of offense en route to a 48-20 win.

"If you've seen Georgia Tech enough, it'll resemble that offense quite a bit," defensive coordinator Gene Chizik said. "There are a little bit of intricate differences here and

there that the naked eye really won't see, but we do."

Heading into the second-to-last game of the regular season, senior defensive end Mikey Bart wants to stick to the game plan that worked for the team before.

"It helps that we already played Georgia Tech," Bart said. "We did a pretty good job against their offense and we aren't doing too much new. They do about 95 percent of the same stuff."

It's that five percent — the imperceptible difference to the naked eye — that the team will be focusing on in practice this week.

"(The) Citadel is going to run the ball a lot more where Georgia Tech was going to pass it," Bart said. "On third downs, Georgia Tech would pass it. But (The) Citadel, 3rd-and-7 plus, they're still running the ball.

"They are really confident in their run game."

With 359.9 rushing yards per game, the Bulldogs feature the top rushing offense in the FCS. By contrast, the Tar Heels

rank 106th in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) in rushing defense, an area where they have often been criticized.

But Bart believes UNC is up for the challenge.

"They can beat anybody just because of their offense and the way it's structured," he said. "If we are structured well though, too — which we are — then we will be fine."

The Tar Heels look to avoid falling into a potential trap game, which can happen when playing an FCS team between two conference matchups.

Lawrence said the Tar Heels need to remember they are facing off against a top-ranked FCS team. Bart agreed, saying UNC's defense is not looking past this game.

"We know they're really good for their conference," Bart said. "They're a good team."

"Just what we did against Georgia Tech, we have a lot of confidence that we are pretty decent against the triple-option. If we do what is right, then everything should go well."

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UNC defensive end Mikey Bart (45) tackles Duke running back Shaun Wilson (29) in Durham on Thursday. The Tar Heels fell 27-28 to the Blue Devils. Bart had four total tackles and two solo tackles.

What to know about the newest men's basketball commits

UNC signed four players Monday in its 22nd-ranked class.

By Blake Richardson
Assistant Sports Editor

Four players from the high school class of 2017 signed letters of intent on Monday, committing to play for the No. 5 North Carolina men's basketball team next year. Here's what you need to know about UNC's incoming recruiting class, which ranks No. 22 in the nation.

Jalek Felton

Jalek Felton — the nephew

of former Tar Heel and NBA player Raymond Felton — is the highlight of this 2017 recruiting class.

Felton impressed Coach Roy Williams with his talents on offense, from quickness to passing to driving to the basket.

The four-star combo guard from West Columbia, South Carolina, averaged 24.1 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5.4 assists at Mullins High School last year and should mesh well with North Carolina's fast-paced style of play.

Felton might need to put on some weight, but Williams believes that with his natural athleticism, the 6-foot-4 guard has room to develop

into a great player for the Tar Heels.

Look for Felton to add energy to UNC's offense. Like Theo Pinson last year, Felton could provide a spark from the bench, particularly in transition.

Andrew Platek

A three-star shooting guard from Schenectady, New York, Andrew Platek will provide some depth to UNC's backcourt. Platek averaged 11.7 points and 4.7 rebounds last year, and in his first game this season, Platek scored 20 points.

It was Platek's shooting and toughness that first stood out to Williams. And

the UNC coach says that toughness will translate into hard work on the court and in the gym, showing promise for Platek's growth.

Platek can be expected to develop in the Tar Heels' environment, as he joins a backcourt full of talented veterans he can learn from.

Brandon Huffman

With Isaiah Hicks and Kennedy Meeks graduating after this season, Tony Bradley and Luke Maye are UNC's only big men eligible to return next year.

That makes Brandon Huffman — a three-star center who moved from Anchorage, Alaska, to Raleigh

— a crucial piece of next year's lineup. He will likely get considerable minutes in the frontcourt next year.

At 6-foot-9, Huffman shows promise in that likely role. His length gives him an edge when it comes to defense and rebounding, and Williams says his frame sets him up for future success.

Expect Huffman to grow into a frontcourt presence, especially on the defensive end.

Sterling Manley

Like Huffman, power forward Sterling Manley will take on an important role in UNC's lineup next year, when the Tar Heels lose both

of their current starting big men.

North Carolina will have to overcome an inexperienced frontcourt next year, so depth is a must. And Manley could help in that regard.

At 6-foot-10, Manley can make waves at the rim for the Tar Heels. The three-star recruit from Pickerington, Ohio, will team up with Huffman to serve as the relief for next year's likely starting big men, Maye and Bradley.

With his size, Williams said Manley — like Huffman — carries untapped potential that UNC could use to its advantage.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

- Aries (March 21-April 19)**
Today is a 7 -- Home comforts draw you in over the next two days. Get caught up in domestic projects. Sometimes cleaning a mess means making a bigger one first.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 -- Creative expression comes easier over the next two days. You and a loved one communicate wordlessly. You can learn what you need. Research reveals good news.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a 9 -- Limit spending to avoid waste. Get only what you need. The more you save, the faster you reach the goal. More income is possible today and tomorrow.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is an 8 -- Take advantage of self-confidence and energy to take new ground over the next two days. You're sensitive to what's missing. Play your cards well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 6 -- Finish old projects to make space for what's next today and tomorrow. Indulge moments of nostalgia and retrospection. Notice the ground taken so far.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 -- Friends are a big help over the next few days. Share ideas, encouragement and information with your team. Participate for a common goal with mutual benefit.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 -- Investigate professional opportunities over the next two days. Avoid distractions. Home vies with career for your attention. Weigh options. Hold out for what you really want.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8 -- The next two days are good for expanding your territory. Begin an adventurous phase. Study your route and destination, making careful reservations. Invite someone interesting.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 9 -- Manage financial affairs over the next few days. A lack of funds would threaten your plans. Negotiate with your partner to refine and strategize.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 -- Collaborate with your partner over the next two days. Brainstorm and throw ideas around. Write down the good ones. Determine roles and responsibilities. Compromise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 -- Work demands could seem intense today and tomorrow. Schedule carefully to include rest, healthy food and exercise. Revise and streamline your routine. Delegate what you can.

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Students work to create app to map sexual assault

By Harris Wheless
Staff Writer

After years of UNC being in the news for sexual assault, some students had the idea to create an app to provide resources about sexual assault on campus.

Sophomore Christopher Reeder said he came up with the idea for the app after the documentary "The Hunting Ground" came out in 2015 and he began to ask himself how he could help his fellow students.

Reeder, along with sophomore Gaby Alemán, hope to combat sexual

assault by having a place where students can record places they were sexually assaulted. Through the app, students will be able to report sexual assault incidents to the University or the police.

"We're very interested in the idea of data storytelling," he said. "The point of the app is that users can anonymously document where sexual assaults are occurring in addition to publicly mapping it."

"So what a user can do is if they have suffered from sexual assault or know somebody who has, they can document

it on the app and essentially there's a coloring system that tells the degree of how many sexual assaults have been reported in a certain area so the user can understand safe versus not safe areas."

Reeder said they are working to get funding and find people who can help them develop the app. He said his goal is to have the app completed anywhere from 18 months to two years from now.

Alemán said even after UNC added a new sexual misconduct policy in August 2014, she thought there was still more that could be done.

"So there's the support

and then the report part of it, because they can be two very separate things, and we want to make this not only visible to people on campus, but also to show support and to give people options if they need them, and also to report if that's what they want to do," she said.

Sophomore Javi Chacon said he thinks the app is a good idea but would be concerned with the practicality of it.

"I haven't read up on the distribution of where sexual assaults happen on campus," he said. "However, I imagine a lot of them happen in

places like houses, dorms and apartments, so I don't know how you avoid places where sexual assault happens, because it can happen just about anywhere."

Junior Tristan Baval said he thinks the people designing the app should be wary of the potential for abuse.

"Let's say someone doesn't

like a restaurant somewhere — they could anonymously report that an assault had happened there," he said. "However, the flip side of that is I hope that wouldn't happen and that it could be used as a tool to help people with those sorts of issues."

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Native American heritage celebrated on campus

By Natalie Conti
Staff Writer

Miranda Freeman, president of Alpha Pi Omega sorority for Native American women, said November is an important month for her.

"November, for me, is a time that I can really show people, 'Hey we're still alive, we're an active culture, we still have struggles going on,'" Freeman said.

November is National Native American Heritage Month.

Amy Locklear Hertel, director of the American Indian Center, said November is a month to educate non-Native Americans on issues facing Native Americans.

"It's not only a month where the American Indians celebrate our culture in a very public way and our history and our present day experiences," Hertel said, "but it's also a way that we can help to educate and expose non-American Indians to present-day issues of the American Indian people or the contribution of American Indian people to maintaining society."

Hertel said due to an agreement with Chancellor Carol Folt, UNC will celebrate Native American Heritage

Month every November.

"In October 2014, the Chancellor signed a resolution with all North Carolina tribes where she resolved not only to bring all eight tribes to campus every year, to hear from them about their needs, but she also resolved to recognize November every year as Native American Heritage Month," Hertel said.

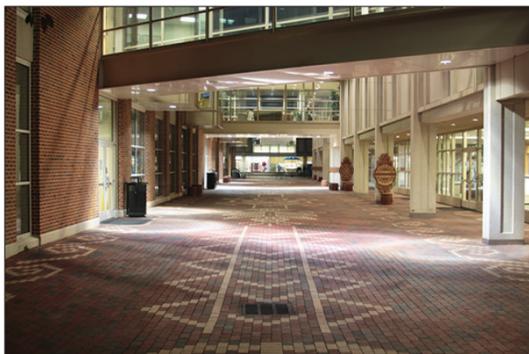
The American Indian Center created a calendar of events for students to check out this month. Hertel said most of the events are hosted by student organizations.

In addition to events on campus, Hertel said the center is reaching out to nearby communities this month.

According to Office of Undergraduate Admissions class profiles, two percent of incoming first-year students for the past four years have been Native Americans.

Noelle Romero, member of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science at UNC, said despite the small number of Native American students, there is a big on-campus community.

"I think UNC has a very strong Native American presence on campus with the American Indian Center,



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'The Gift' walkway was completed in 2015 as an way to visually honor the Native American population in Chapel Hill.

the First Nations Graduate Circle and the Carolina Indian Circle," she said.

Romero said she hopes non-Native American students will take advantage of events such as tours that promote the history of Native Americans in the state.

Freeman said she almost wanted to go home when she first came to UNC, but finding people who share her heritage helped her realize she belongs.

"When I first came to Carolina, I felt really lost; I wasn't sure what my place was," she said. "I found the Carolina Indian Circle, the women of Alpha Pi Omega, I started going to the American

Indian Center and talking to the women who were there, and they taught me that my heritage is important, and I can teach people and inform people on campus about my heritage, and that's my opportunity being here."

Hertel said she was impressed by the number of non-Native American students coming out to events this month and learning.

"I've been really pleased that we have so many non-Native people at our events this month," Hertel said. "And I'm really happy to see the interest across campus."

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Palestinian Genocide?

A Black Lives Matter platform accuses Israel of genocide. The assertion is false, it's racist and it sabotages efforts to achieve justice for African-Americans.

Black Lives Matter (BLM) asserts that Israel is responsible for "genocide taking place against the Palestinian people." Given the definition of genocide, this accusation is groundless—and because it singles out the Jewish state, it ranks as racist anti-Semitism. Just as bad, this libel drives away BLM supporters who otherwise oppose police racial bias.

What are the facts?

An Arab man who attempted to stab a police officer at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem was shot and killed by police. A 17-year-old Palestinian, who infiltrated a Jewish town near Hebron, murdered a sleeping 13-year-old Israeli girl. The murderer was killed by a security team when he attacked them. The fact is, most of the 200 Palestinians killed over the last year by Israeli forces were involved in violent attacks on Israeli civilians, soldiers or police. Their response was not genocide, it was self-defense.

Even in the 2014 Gaza war, which killed about 2,100 Palestinians, only 45% were non-combatants, one of the lowest civilian death ratios in modern warfare—due largely to Israel's extraordinary efforts to avoid attacking residential areas and warn civilians in advance of bombings.

Indeed, a close look reveals not a shred of evidence that Israel intends or is in fact committing genocide.

What is the definition of genocide? Genocide is one of the most horrific crimes against humanity—and it was exemplified by Adolf Hitler's plan to exterminate Jews and his killing of some six million of them. These are the two legal elements of genocide: There must be *deliberate intention* to destroy a national or ethnic group, and there must be a *concerted effort* to effect that goal, such as the methodical killing of that group's members or inflicting conditions calculated to bring about the group's physical destruction. As one quickly sees, neither of these conditions exists in Israel or the disputed territories of Judea and Samaria ("the West Bank").

Israel has no plan to eliminate Palestinians, nor is it methodically killing them on ethnic grounds. In fact, some two million Palestinians are citizens of Israel and enjoy full democratic rights and one of the highest standards of living in the Middle East. The Palestinian population within Israel and in the disputed territories has doubled since 1990 and continues to grow apace. According to Sari Bashi, Palestine country director for Human Rights Watch, "[Genocide] is an attempt to destroy an entire people. I haven't seen any

presentation of how that could apply in Israel."

Why is it racist to accuse Israel of genocide? Those who condemn Israel falsely—for crimes it does not commit—are attempting to delegitimize the Jewish state. Delegitimization is one of the classic signs of racist anti-Semitism: Those who use this strategy are asserting that of all the world's nations, only Israel's attempts to defend itself from sworn enemies are criminal. That's a double standard—also anti-Semitic. Where is Black Lives Matter's condemnation of Syria, which has killed hundreds of thousands of its citizens? What about Iran, which hangs LGBTQ people? How about China, which has occupied Tibet for more than 50 years?

In truth, Jews have every right to self-determination in the Middle East. Jews have had an uninterrupted presence in the region for 3,000 years, including their own nation state. For some 2,000 of those years, following their exile from ancient Palestine, the Jewish people have strived to resettle in their Biblical homeland. Finally, in 1948, with United Nations approval, Jewish self-determination was realized as the State of Israel. In short, those who deny Israel's right to exist—those who delegitimize it with accusations of genocide—are guilty of anti-Semitism.

How does the genocide libel harm Black Lives Matter? Jewish Americans have been among the most stalwart leaders and supporters of the American civil rights movement from the beginning—they were among the founders of the NAACP—and powerful Jewish support for defeating racism continues to this day. Moreover, the State of Israel enjoys strong approval from the overwhelming majority of Americans. When a movement, such as Black Lives Matters, strays from its core purpose into peripheral issues—particularly when it resorts to wildly false accusations—that movement quickly loses broad public support. In short, if Black Lives Matters truly cares about stopping police racial bias, it will marshal all its forces to dramatize disturbing law enforcement practices and gather support for reform—not alienate supporters.

Libels of genocide against Israel are attempts to delegitimize solely the Jewish state among all the world's nations and are therefore anti-Semitic. What's more, such racist accusations alienate not only Jewish allies of the Black Lives Matter movement, but also other political progressives who will be repulsed by defamation of Israel.

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- 5 Workforce
- 10 salad
- 14 Cornell who founded Cornell
- 15 Actress Tierney
- 16 Passionate god
- 17 Nerd's moniker
- 19 Unexciting
- 20 Actress Gabor
- 21 Blends
- 22 Destination for the last flight?
- 23 In the cellar
- 25 Detective's moniker
- 27 Speak to
- 30 Michelle who was the youngest female to play in a PGA Tour event
- 31 Bubbles up
- 32 Didn't like leaving
- 38 Ending for marion
- 39 Traitor's moniker
- 40 Gung-ho
- 41 Lawn-trimming tool
- 43 Anti-inflammatory brand
- 44 Sixth sense, initially
- 45 Coming to a point
- 47 Genius' moniker
- 52 Bonny one
- 53 Captain Kirk's "final frontier"
- 54 Young zebras
- 56 "Gross!"
- 59 avail: fruitless
- 60 Old-timer's

Down

- 1 First name in skunks
- 2 Sea of ___: Black Sea arm
- 3 Court calendar entry
- 4 ___ Diego
- 5 Silvery food fish
- 6 Airport waiter
- 7 Dealership lot array
- 8 At risk of being slapped
- 9 A long way
- 10 Rats
- 11 Former New York senator Al D'
- 12 Word with book or opera
- 13 "Clean Made Easy" vacuum brand
- 18 Pill amounts

22 Like Death Valley

24 Bodyguard, typically

26 Lambs' moms

27 Not many

28 Indulge, with "on"

29 Sealed tight

33 Summer cooler

34 Bakery offering

35 Presents too aggressively

36 Cave in

37 Piggied out (on), briefly

39 Taunting remark

42 Italian noble family

43 Take ___: decline to participate

46 Enticement

47 Prevent, in legalese

48 Apple players

49 Compact

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- 50 "My concern is ..."
- 51 "You've got the wrong person!"
- 55 Attention getter
- 57 Cry out loud
- 58 "Look ma, no hands!"
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Local work despite Trump

The past week's news cycle has been dominated by the specter of Donald Trump. His inauguration is months away, but the shockwaves of his election continue for those both defeated and elated. Simultaneously, news of policy inconsistencies, Cabinet rumors and the appointment of a white supremacist chief strategist have further boosted Trump's profile.

These are important stories. They will shape the global reality for decades. Lives depend on how Donald Trump feels about the Affordable Care Act and how hawkish his secretary of state will be. Fear, frustration and defeat are legitimate reactions.

That said, these cannot be the only stories we remember in the coming months. Politics have become ever more national, but even in a post-Trump world, we can continue to build our local communities on university, municipal and state levels.

Student activism has been a backbone of progressive movements, and it is especially important that it continues to flourish at the nation's first public university. That includes refusing to normalize Trump, but it also includes playing an active and engaged role on campus. Fighting for in-state tuition for undocumented residents, deconstructing the racist foundation of UNC, creating a center for Latinx individuals on campus and ensuring that NC keeps its covenant to low-income students are a few of the battles that require our continued dedication.

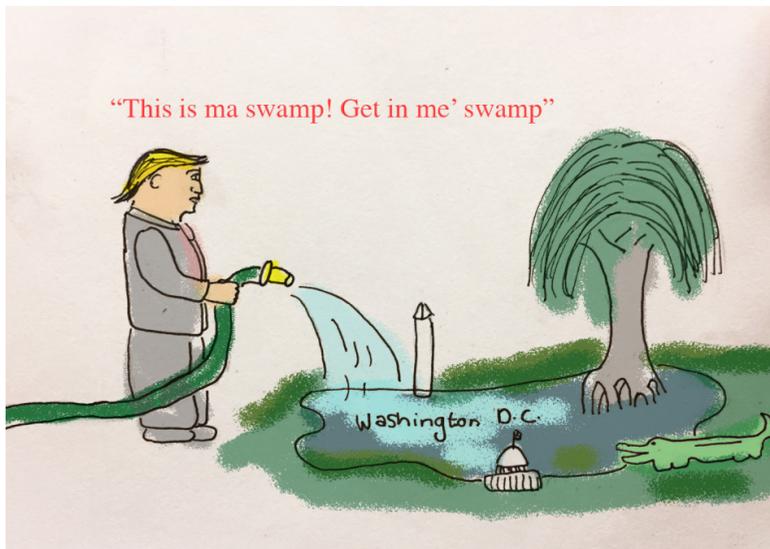
You can help these movements by joining campus organizations like CHiSPA, Rad Asians, the Campus Y and the Black Student Movement. Even within the broader UNC system, we must also continue to use our voice as a Predominantly White Institution to advocate for funding and resources on behalf of our state's HBCUs.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro are progressive hubs in North Carolina, but they are the locations of many ongoing battles. The historically black Northside neighborhood continues to face erasure, food deserts exist across Orange County and the achievement gap in Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools is far from closed. Students might not be long-term residents of the area, but as a student body, we will continue to inhabit this space.

It is our collective responsibility to join local organizations that are fighting these battles as we can. Local nonprofits like TABLE, the Jackson Center, the Inter-Faith Council and the Community Empowerment Fund always need dedicated volunteers who will invest in their work for more than a few days. A few consistent helping hands can exponentially increase their impact. If you have money to give, almost any local nonprofit can use it to great effect.

Recently, I have been reminded that the long arc of history doesn't always seem to bend toward justice. Our nation seems impossibly broken. Despite all of this, I believe that we can be a part of rebuilding and repairing the community around us. Perhaps we can even bend that arc back toward justice.

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EDITORIAL

Care about politics

Self-care can be an act of politicized radicalism and love.

As the dark cloud of President-elect Donald Trump grows closer and closer, the call for self-care has defined the post-election melancholia amongst liberals and Leftists. At such a critical juncture, it is important to reflect on the concept as there are multiple incarnations of self-care which each hold varying degrees of usefulness.

On one hand, individualistic self-care necessitates a narrow, focused examination of the self and what the self needs. This form of care privileges

the individuality of the problem and the usage of an entrepreneurial spirit to fix the problem. While this form of care can be useful, it is not a political project in that it focuses on the individual disconnected from the social structure.

At the current juncture, self-reflexive and community-oriented care is necessary to lay the foundation for political action.

Self-care must be self-reflexive in that the injuries we are trying to heal derive from systems of power. Self-reflexive self-care is therefore not only about mending wounds, but about identifying the power structures that generate the violence we are trying to overcome.

Self-care must be

community-oriented in that individuals must look beyond their injured selves to create networks of care to support the community. As anti-racist scholar Sara Ahmed argues, "self-care is about the creation of community, fragile communities, assembled out of the experiences of being shattered" such that we can begin the "painstaking work of looking after ourselves; looking after each other."

Communities of self-care are political acts in that they create networks of care when society writ large has failed us. A self-reflexive and community-oriented form of care will be an umbrella throughout the downpour of the Trump administration.

EDITORIAL

Know your space

Be mindful if you are talking too much at protests.

The past week has seen no shortage of political unrest and protesting. While the presidential election is the main focus, the North Dakota Access pipeline protest continues along with others. The most truly democratic people can appreciate people being vocal and caring.

That said, it is important to remember your space and role in these protests.

This may sound like a childhood Sunday school lesson, but often those who are the quietest have the most to say. If you are a person who normally

dominates conversation, make sure to get out of the way at times.

While some people might just be shy, the issue goes much deeper than that. Defining "the quietest" has nothing to do with charisma or desire to speak — it can be much more systemic.

As we've said in previous editorials, oftentimes people who have been historically silenced are predisposed to not be comfortable speaking boldly in public.

Coupled with gender and racial biases, it leaves a good portion of ideas underrepresented — which is objectively harmful for the causes you are advocating for.

This is not an attempt to

devalue anyone's voice or perspective. By all means, speak your mind and challenge the issues that bother you most.

Listen to "Jane" by Girlpool if you want to hear a song about this.

Just remember, you are not the only person supporting your cause. Others have viewpoints and perspectives you don't, and they may be less willing to speak out. You hogging stage space only hurts yourself and your movement.

Making sure everyone is given an opportunity to speak is not silencing white male speakers. It is only giving more people the chance to speak and make advocacy stronger.

And it is polite to boot.

SATIRICAL ADVICE COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we answer your question with more questions.

Kiana Cole (Michael Jordan's basketball career) and Alison Krug (Michael Jordan's baseball career) are the writers of UNC's premier (only!) satirical advice column. Results may vary.

You: What now?

You Asked for It: Frankly, we at YAFI have more questions than answers.

Questions like, did Pat McCrory ask for a recount for the gubernatorial race because he believes there was truly an error made in accounting for all of the votes, or is it because he made a mess in the governor's mansion and hasn't had the chance to clean it up, essentially holding the door shut and shouting, "Just five more minutes! Keep counting the votes! You're done? Well count them again!" while



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frantically Swiffering.

If we were to graph the following trends — how uncomfortable you suspect Thanksgiving dinner will be, how many relatives on your Facebook timeline claim they'll move to Canada and how thankful Canadians are for Justin Trudeau — would the result be a single, skyrocketing arrow

approaching an infinite slope?

Questions like, Dela-where, Dela-what, Dela-how do I become friends with Joe Biden now that he's leaving the White House?

Questions like, what'll it take for all students at UNC to feel safe, secure, represented and heard?

These are some of the questions that even your favorite writers of hyperlocalized comedy and satirical advice can't answer with a "Hinton James did not walk here from Wilmington for this!" joke or a quip about the campus squirrels. Our best guesses to the answers, though, are "probably the latter option," "almost definitely," "he's got things to do!" and "a lot of listening, a lot of understanding, a lot of work and a lot of action."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those power plants might be in North Carolina, that could make the air in North Carolina worse."

Andrew Yates, on the impacts of electric cars

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Yes, it's uncomfortable how sexed up they made that rabbit. But she was also a strong female character ..."

Dan West, on Lola Bunny's role in Space Jam

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't encourage hate of our President-elect

TO THE EDITOR:

This year's election was a polarizing one, there's no doubt about that. Since Nov. 8, news media outlets, including The Daily Tar Heel, have been reporting very heavily on the hatred that many people, especially minorities, feel for Donald Trump.

It seems as if articles only describing the fear people feel and hatred toward Trump are encouraging more hatred and fear. The fact of the matter is, Donald Trump will be our next president because he won the election, fair and square.

He has said some absolutely horrific things in the past, some of which definitely warrant fear and should not be tolerated.

However, it is now up to us to get behind our next president as American people and give him a chance to govern and prove everyone wrong.

He earned a fair chance, and it is up to him to heal a severely divided America.

It is up to us to promote unity and to love our neighbors, regardless of their political views. Media could accelerate this by providing positive outlooks on the election and the future of our country.

Whether he will live up to the task or not, we don't know, but promoting hatred and disobedience of our government does nothing to help matters.

We all want America to heal and unite once again.

Will Kilby
Sophomore
Business

Democrats shouldn't practice hypocrisy

TO THE EDITOR:

For the last eight years, Democrats have been demanding that Republicans accept the elections, support Obama and compromise with the president.

Now that Trump is president, will Democrats practice what they preach or will hypocrisy reign supreme?

Based on the recent protests and temper tantrums, I am afraid it is the latter.

David Council
Asheville

Peaceful protests deserve coverage

TO THE EDITOR:

In Cailyn Derickson's article "UNC student protestors have reached the tipping point," the Black Lives Matter movement is examined through UNC students as protests begin to emerge on campus.

The students leading the protests discuss why they were moved to become activists for BLM and what the movement means to the students themselves. These

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