

ACA repeals to leave a mark



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Amid legislative efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, some students are considering how a Trump administration might change the healthcare landscape — including access to contraceptive measures like IUDs.

Women concerned about healthcare under Trump

By Charlotte Harris
Staff Writer

Some Republican U.S. Congress members have begun efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act — but questions remain about how women's health care might change.

Jonathan Oberlander, a UNC professor in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, said the details of the ACA repeal are unclear. "We're at the beginning of the end of the Affordable Care Act," he said. "Certainly they'll repeal major provisions of the Affordable Care Act, but when they do that, exactly what they do

and what they replace it with, we don't know." Oberlander said that women's health care rights are vulnerable in the wake of an ACA repeal. "The ACA has protections that are impor-

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Abortion rates rise in state, fall nationally

The study's author said it is hard to discern a single cause.

By Johanna Cano
Staff Writer

While the percentage of abortions in the United States declined by 14 percent in the years 2011-2014, North Carolina's rates increased by 3 percent, according to a study by the Guttmacher Institute. The study, conducted every three years, aims to inform people of abortion policies to help decrease the number of unintended pregnancies. Recent data shows the abortion rate is at the lowest level nationally recorded since abortion became legal in 1973.

Rachel Jones, lead author of the study, said it did not look for causes of the decline, but available evidence shows there were two contributing factors — increased use of contraceptives and state restrictions on abortion.

"There are some indications that women and couples were doing a better job at using contraceptives; in particular, that there were more women using long-acting methods such as IUD (intrauterine devices)," Jones said.

But a declining abortion rate could also be an impact of state and federal restrictions on abortion clinics, which might lead to more women having unintended pregnancies, she said.

"Declines in abortion aren't necessarily a good thing," Jones said. "It just means that women are having babies that they did not want to have."

Despite the nationwide decline, North Carolina is one of seven states that saw an increase in abortion, despite a decline in the number of abortion clinics.

Jones said the study did not have the time or resources to find out why there was an increase.

Justine Orlovsky-Schnitzler, UNC senior and campus leader for NARAL Pro-

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U.S. House passes bill to restrict abortion coverage

The bill prohibits the use of federal funding for abortion procedures.

By Paige Colpo
Staff Writer

The U.S. House of Representatives passed House Resolution 7 on Tuesday — a bill that would permanently prohibit federal funding for abortion services if passed in the Senate and approved by President Donald Trump.

H.R. 7 also imposes tax penalties on small businesses that provide insurance plans which cover abortion care and blocks abortion coverage for civil servants, D.C. residents and members of the military.

The legislation codifies into law the existing Hyde Amendment — an amendment that is attached to individual federal appropriations bills and approved every year. If H.R. 7 passes the Senate and is signed into law by Trump, the Hyde Amendment will become permanent legislation and will not require an annual vote.

The Republican-led House passed the bill 238-183, with three Democrats joining Republicans in its passage.

The bill's sponsor, U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-NJ, said in a statement that the bill will save lives if passed.

"The Hyde Amendment has saved at least two million lives — all of whom are precious and irreplaceable," he said. "It's time to make it permanent law."

U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-WI, voiced his approval for the bill's passing in a statement.

"This legislation protects the conscience of American taxpayers by ensuring that not a single dollar of their hard-earned money goes to fund abortions," Ryan said.



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The National Right to Life organization sent a press release in response to the vote.

"We are one step closer to getting the federal government out of the business of paying for abortion once and for all," the statement said.

Pro-abortion groups, like Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America, argue the bill disproportionately disadvantages those who rely on federal funding for health care.

Under H.R. 7, abortion would not be covered by Medicaid. This would affect the nearly 17 million non-elderly women nationwide currently covered by Medicaid, 10 percent of whom live in North Carolina.

Tara Romano, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, said the bill is politically motivated.

"Most other medical procedures are covered by insurance, and if they're not, it's usually because they're not considered medical procedures," she said. "This, on the other hand, is not covered by insurance purely for political ideology."

The bill's passage comes at a time when opinions on abortion are especially pronounced. On Friday, the March for Life will protest against the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision, which celebrated its 44th anniversary Sunday.

The Hyde Amendment does not entirely criminalize abortion, said Emily Hagstrom, co-chair of UNC's Carolina Advocating for Gender Equality.

"At the end of the day, it just gets rid of abortions that are federally subsidized, so it mostly just gets rid

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Benefit night to help women's center

The concert will feature all female-fronted bands at Local 506 Saturday.

By Samantha Scott
Staff Writer

Local 506 is partnering with the Compass Center for Women and Families in Chapel Hill to host a benefit night Saturday that will feature local, women-fronted bands and female speakers.

The Compass Center, which has been open for about four years, provides a broad range of services working to increase opportunities for visibility and self-sufficiency for women, ensure equality for all genders and end domestic violence.

The center provides counseling for women and educates youth on healthy relationships and equality at local middle schools.

The event was coordinated by Compass Center Board of Directors member Julia Vanderput. She said the concert is important for the community and hopes it will raise awareness of the Compass Center's resources.

"During the four years we have been open, we have taken in 1,400 cases of domestic violence," Vanderput said. "On top of that, North Carolina ranks 24th in the nation for high rates of domestic violence homicides. We are hoping to lower these rates by going to schools and educating youth about these issues to hopefully help prevent this from continuing to happen in the future."

Vanderput said the benefit was also created to promote visibility for women by supporting local artists and empowering them.

"The majority of everything that is related to this event was created by a woman," she said. "I identify as a woman and I organized the event, and Shannon Kelly, who created the promo video for the event, also identifies as a woman."



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORA ROGERS

Local 506 is hosting a benefit for the Compass Center, which serves local women and families. Solar Halos headline the event.

COMPASS CENTER FUNDRAISER

Time: 9 p.m. - midnight, Saturday

Location: Local 506

Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1327063180661940/>

The women-fronted bands — Solar Halos, GOWN and S.E. WARD — will be the main performances, along with female spoken-

word artists.

"Everything about this is supporting the works of women," Vanderput said.

Nora Rogers, lead-singer and guitarist for the headlining, heavy-psych band Solar Halos, said she was excited to promote women's equality at the benefit night.

"This show takes a huge part in recognizing women's rights issues,

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UNC student band represents ‘Dissimilar’ southern folk

The all-female band seeks to tell stories through song.

By Jordan Howard
Staff Writer

Think back to your days of playing Rock Band, singing into your hairbrush — or worse, singing in your shower. Whether it’s the lyrics, the artist or the catchy beat that draws people in, music is one element of life that is unifying and not divisive (until someone grabs the aux cord in your car).

But for UNC student band Dissimilar South, their music isn’t just catchy beats and rhyming words; it’s the raw story of their lives put to music.

At 303 Country Club Road from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, the banjo, cello, cajon, harmonica, mandolin and guitar are just a few of the instruments you might hear accompanying the four-part harmony of Blake Dodge, Hannah Hodge, Maddie Fisher and Rebecca Chaisson

in Dissimilar South.

The all-female band, who started playing together around a year and a half ago, has covered topical issues like HB2, sexual assault, the Orlando shooting and the inauguration of President Donald Trump in their original songs.

Band member and UNC junior Blake Dodge described their sound as “meaty, heart-breaking southern-folk.”

With three of the four band members identifying as gay or queer, their sound and identity is what sets them apart, especially when playing southern folk music — a genre that is typically dominated by men. This is something that songwriter Dodge keeps in mind during her creative process.

“Blake has a capacity to capture voices and stories that are not her own,” Hodge said.

Their talent for storytelling has translated into building a fan base — the band has over 580 likes on Facebook.

“Their songs are really honest and sometimes sad and really raw,” Leah Whitehead, a junior and a fan

of the band, said.

Sophomore Sunny Osment said she identifies as a groupie.

“They are very genuine to their stories and themselves,” she said. “They realize their identities are so attached to politics that it doesn’t seem telling their stories.”

At first, the band took every gig they were offered around campus, from performing at an honors gala to other campus wide events. In spring 2016, their hard work paid off as they opened for Hot Club of Cowtown at Motorco in Durham, which Osment said really helped the band find their sound.

But Dissimilar South has never confined themselves to four walls and a sound system. The first real concert they put on for themselves was a backyard concert.

They checked out sound equipment from the Undergraduate Library and went into the evening expecting about 30 people. To their surprise, over 100 people showed up to support the band.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DISSIMILAR SOUTH

The band Dissimilar South composed of UNC students describes their sound as “meaty, heart-breaking southern-folk.”

“We treated every gig as an opportunity to grow as musicians together,” Hodge said.

As time passes, the group is transitioning from being college students who made a band to a band that happens to be made up of college students.

Unfortunately, no transition is without its growing pains — one of the band members is going abroad soon. But luckily, the growth is worth it.

Since the outdoor concert,

the band has been able to purchase their own equipment and are consistently practicing and looking to create more music together.

The group grew into their name, Dissimilar South, collectively.

“It’s not easy to say, it’s not easy to spell, it’s not easy to remember, but what it lacks there it makes up for in that it is a perfect descriptor,” Dodge said.

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FEATURE PHOTO: MEET MOWGLI, A VERY GOOD BOY

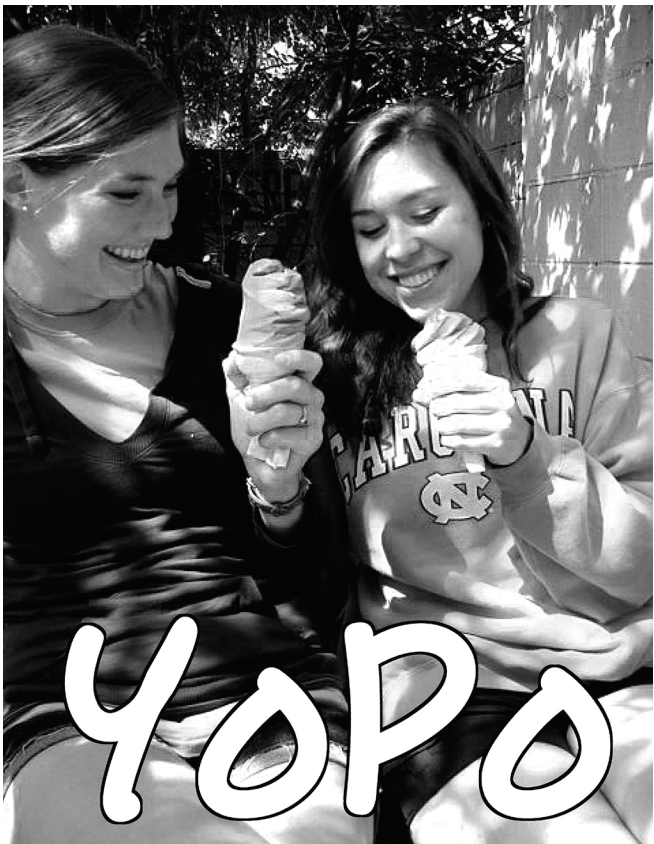


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Alex Kormann, one of The Daily Tar Heel’s two photo editors, has made it his mission to do what we all dream of doing — meet as many dogs as possible at UNC and around town. Luckily for us, he takes pictures of whoever he meets and posts them on a dedicated Instagram account, @dogsofunc. This is Mowgli, who was only nine weeks old when Alex met him. He’s probably already gotten bigger, but we’re sure he’s still a very good boy.

POLICE LOG

- Someone reported larceny on the 300 block of West Rosemary Street at 12:15 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person stole a mountain bike valued at \$500, reports state.
- Someone broke and entered an apartment on the 100 block of Dickens Court at 5:20 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported an abandoned vehicle on the intersection of McMasters Street and Mason Street at 1:07 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported the close patrol of trees on the 100 block of East Rosemary Street at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported loud music and partying on the 100 block of Ephesus Church Road at 10:10 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported underage drinking while using a fake ID card on the 100 block of East Rosemary Street at 12:35 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported trespassing at the Sheraton Hotel in Chapel Hill at 4:51 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone broke and entered an apartment on the 2700 block of Homestead Road at 6:00 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported loud noise on the 100 block of Mistry Woods Circle at 11:22 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported larceny from a vehicle at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA at 980 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at 6:30 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Items valued at \$2,735 total, including a Gucci purse and belt, were stolen, reports state.
- Someone committed larceny on the 1800 block of East Lakeview and Old Durham roads at 11:37 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person stole two road signs valued at \$800 total, reports state.
- Someone reported loud music and a party on the 100 block of South Estes Drive at 7:52 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.



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Ackland makes room for 134 works

The gift is the largest in Ackland history

By **Acy Jackson**
University Editor

As Chancellor Carol Folt announced that the Ackland Art Museum had received the largest donation ever, Leena Peck had tears rolling down her face.

Leena and her husband Sheldon Peck gave 134 works of art valued at \$17 million and established an \$8 million endowment for the Sheldon Peck curator of European and American art and for future acquisitions by the Ackland.

“I’ve had the opportunity to witness many extraordinary moments in our country’s museum history, but none equaled the thrill of today’s experience,” said Katie Ziglar, director of the Ackland Art Museum.

The donation includes seven works by Rembrandt which makes the Ackland the first public university art museum in the United States to own a collection of drawings by Rembrandt.

“With those seven great Rembrandt drawings, the Ackland becomes one of the leading art museums in the United States, and I could arguably say the world, with holdings of Rembrandt draw-

ings,” Sheldon said. “Most art museums have none.”

The collection was founded forty years ago.

“Dr. Sheldon Peck, a double Tar Heel, together with his late brother Harvey, also a double Tar Heel, founded this collection of old masters drawings,” Folt said.

After starting the collection, Sheldon said he worked hard to find the significant pieces he wanted.

“We have been patient over the past 40 years,” he said. “We honed our discriminating eye and mind to find and discover the best works available. We sometimes fought ferociously, I mean ferociously.”

Folt told the story of Sheldon going to a series, in which the participants were asked to distinguish the Rembrandt from five sketches. Folt said this is what hooked Sheldon on art history.

She said she appreciates the challenge of discovery because she came from a science background.

“As a scientist I’m also fascinated by how the Pecks’ work as doctors influence their own way of studying the arts and building a collec-



DTH/RYAN HERRON

Sheldon Peck and his wife donated an art collection valued at \$25 million containing some of Rembrandt’s famous pieces.

tion,” Folt said.

The collection will be digitized and will be converted to a traveling exhibit after being displayed in the Ackland. Folt said this is part of making the collection a global collection.

“This collection cannot be duplicated today,” Sheldon said.

“The high quality is just not available regardless of price.”

The Pecks, who are previous donors to the Ackland,

maintained this collection for forty years. Sheldon said his college years were filled with good memories at the Ackland.

“It has been our philosophy in our joyful journey of the art world over the past

five decades and to us the Ackland Art Museum is the epitome of great collecting practice, connoisseurship, scholarship, quality standards and services,” he said.

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Poll rates Carrboro below Donald Trump

Data suggests NC residents just haven’t heard of Carrboro.

By **Maddy Arrowood**
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A new statewide poll states that the town of Carrboro’s approval rating is just 28 percent — 18 percentage points lower than President Donald Trump’s approval rating.

Public Policy Polling released their 2017 North Carolina Culture Poll on Tuesday, which surveyed residents across the state on many non-political issues.

Carrboro’s low approval rating certainly came as a surprise to the town clerk, Catherine Dorando.

Dorando said Carrboro contracted a private research company in 2016 to conduct a separate survey of 405 residents to gather information for the first Carrboro Biennial Citizen Survey Report. This report, which is unrelated to the PPP survey, found that citizens of Carrboro rate their overall satisfaction with the town as a 7.95 out of 9.

“While I’m happy to see

that we were included in (the PPP) poll, you really can’t compare these surveys at all,” Dorando said.

The town of Carrboro’s survey more focused on Carrboro and its residents, gauging their satisfaction with the town and the services it provides to help town management plan for this year’s budget.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Bethany Chaney agreed with Dorando. She said PPP’s results are less indicative of the town’s performance, and are rather the result of fewer people knowing about the small town. She said the poll asked for the opinion of all North Carolinians, not just those who live in Carrboro.

“And if you look at the breakdown, more than 60 percent of people who were asked said they didn’t know enough about the town of Carrboro to weigh in at all,” Chaney said.

Justin Mayhew, a spokesperson for PPP, also agreed that this is likely the cause for the low rating.

“Technically, Carrboro has a positive approval rating, because while only 28 percent of those polled gave a

positive response, only 11 percent responded negatively,” Mayhew said. “That means the majority, 61 percent, are not sure.”

Mayhew was not surprised that most people living in Carrboro like the town.

“If you cross tabs of participants by area code, those in the 919 area are much more favorable,” he said.

This unfamiliarity is why Dorando is unbothered by these numbers.

“We’re not comparing our town to others because, in reality, you just can’t,” she said.

Carrboro is one of the smaller towns included in the PPP survey, which also included Charlotte and Raleigh.

Mayhew said they chose the cities and towns in their survey for a variety of reasons. He said their interest in Carrboro was sparked because of the town’s reputation of being hyper-liberal.

“It’s nice to see if politics influence people’s opinions, especially in a state as politically polarized as North Carolina,” he said.

The political factors in the statewide poll was not lost on Chaney or Dorando.



DTH/ROBERT GOURLEY

The town of Carrboro received an approval rating of only 28 percent in a recent statewide poll.

“What I thought was interesting was the breakdown of the poll participants,” Chaney said. “People in this survey who say they voted for Donald Trump actually tend-

ed to like Carrboro the least.” Chaney said she’s unshaken by the results of the PPP poll. For now, she said the poll is nothing to be concerned about. With town staples

like Cat’s Cradle and the ArtsCenter, she said there are plenty of things in Carrboro that will draw in visitors.

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Construction on campus continues

The construction on Lenoir Drive is part two of eight to fix underground pipes.

By **Kayla Drake**
Staff Writer

The extension of the Lenoir Drive Utility Project has caused a prolonged loss of parking, but there is more construction to come on campus.

On Dec. 19, the project began to fix the pipes under Lenoir Drive. The project was originally set to be completed by Jan. 5, but that section of the construction was extended to Jan. 30.

Chilled Water Systems Manager Douglas Mullen said the project is to replace some aging pipes in the ground that have had several failures recently, and that the time extension was necessary.

“We got an extension in closing Lenoir Drive because there was unknown piping found in the path of where we were laying our pipes so we had to clean up some abandoned utilities,” Mullen said.

Emerson Drive — between Hamilton Hall and the Olde Campus Upper Quad dorms — has been changed to allow two-way traffic so people can still have access to the area.

People with permits to park in these areas have been directed to park in overflow parking areas such as Cobb Deck and the N3 Zone, which is near

Bynum Hall.

While parking will soon return to normal, this is only the beginning of several construction projects that will be taking place on campus.

Dana Leeson, associate director of construction management, said there are eight phases to the construction.

“The area they’re doing now is just phase two and then there’s another phase further west of Emerson Drive and it goes in front of the tunnel going down underneath the library and an area in front of Lenoir, the cafeteria,” Leeson said.

Leeson said the final phase will be finished in September 2017, but that a lot of the future construction is directly on campus.

“There will be construction fences set up in areas, like the piece that goes from Murphey to Carolina (Hall), that will impact the side walk that’s in front of Manning, but there will also be access to the buildings,” Leeson said.

Sophomore Hiba Alzoubi said the current construction has caused her to change how she walks to class.

“I can’t walk from behind Davis to get to my classes,” Alzoubi said. “I get dropped off by the ATM but I have to go around to get to class.”

Sophomore Zareen Farooqui said the construction seemed to just show up.

“It would have been nice if we had gotten a little bit of a warning,” Farooqui said.

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BOT discusses Silicon Valley, orientation

The full board will meet in the Carolina Inn today, starting at 8 a.m.

By **Jamie Gwaltney, Natalie Conti, Aaron Redus and Nic Rardin**
Senior Writers

The Board of Trustees met in committees Wednesday for the first time since President Donald Trump’s inauguration.

Clayton Somers, vice chancellor for public affairs, said federal relations with the University are uncertain — and important, since they can determine UNC’s funding.

“We don’t know what’s going to happen with the next president and his administration, no one does, I don’t even think the president does,” Somers said. “But the point is, we’re going to have to adapt.”

University affairs

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp said his department is working on an extensive review of the orientation program for new students, looking at the length, efficiency and effectiveness of the program.

“We want to make sure that this time around as we go forward that everything that we do has a very clear purpose and is set up to be as effective as it can

be, so that we can really truly get the transition for our students that we want out of orientation,” Crisp said.

He also said he hopes to make changes in the structure of student government before Student Body President Bradley Opere leaves office. Crisp said he wants graduate and undergraduate students to each get the appropriate level of attention.

Chancellor Carol Folt introduced five initiatives to support UNC’s strategic framework — to support nontraditional students, to focus on where disciplines intersect, to promote innovation, to ensure healthcare across the state and to stimulate the economy.

“This framework is really the direct result of almost two years of hard work and some very creative thinking and inputs from literally thousands of people,” Folt said.

Finance, infrastructure, audit

Anna Wu, associate vice chancellor for facilities services, presented three items for action: a site approval for the women’s field hockey stadium, a demolition approval for Henry Stadium and firms to manage construction at Kenan Labs and the Medical Education Building. The committee approved each item.

David Routh, vice chancellor for university development,

informed the committee of a recent donation valued at \$25 million dollars to Ackland Art Museum. The donation includes seven works by Rembrandt van Rijn.

“That was a fun announcement to make. It was powerful on a lot of different levels, for those of you (who) were here, a very emotional thing for the donor to be able to do for the University that he attended and they love,” he said.

External relations

Routh said the University is leasing a place for temporary use by entrepreneurship students in Silicon Valley. He said the University is on the waiting list for a more permanent co-working space in San Francisco.

“It’s a pretty neat concept,” Routh said. “What we’re hoping is that we have use and an option and if we do we’ll continue to grow it.”

Joel Curran, vice chancellor of university communications, said he has been tasked with looking into future uses of the Old Town Hall at Rosemary and Columbia streets.

“Things that we’re evaluating it for is could it be the new home of the Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Orange County visitors center and perhaps a civil rights museum,” Curran said.

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Faculty and staff find time to exercise

Campus recreation offers a class just for faculty and staff.

By Nic Rardin
Staff Writer

Making it to the gym can be tough, but UNC faculty and staff have their very own group fitness course.

Campus Recreation offers “Get Fit from Head to Heel” to all UNC faculty and staff members. Katie Turner, who works in the Office of Faculty Governance, has taken the class the last four times it has been offered, and said it helped her get in the gym.

“It’s almost like a CrossFit style class, but without Olympic weightlifting,” she said. “You could say it’s body-weight strength training exercises, kettle bell exercises, TRX and cardio.”

Turner said that besides finding it strange to exercise with their students, faculty and staff don’t have time to attend classes while they’re working.

“It was really great,” she

said. “It’s a 45-minute class which gives the staff enough time to leave our offices, go to the gym, change and make it to the class.”

Turner said having a fitness class on campus was something she appreciated, but not always something she had access to because of her schedule.

“Most of us are hourly employees,” she said. “We get two fifteen-minute breaks a day, and most of the time we work through lunch.”

Turner said she believes the University has a responsibility to provide things like fitness and wellness classes that are accessible.

“Part of that accountability for the staff and faculty is having a place where you can go once a week and see your colleagues and friends,” she said.

Campus Recreation Fitness Coordinator Liz Walz said the classes are usually small, with roughly eight employees enrolling in each one.

“It is a five-week, once a week training program that’s open to employees only,” she said. “Think of it as small



Students, faculty and employees participate in exercise classes in the Student Recreation Center.

group personalized training, sort of a mixture between personal training and group fitness.”

Walz said this class is usually pretty small because of the time it’s offered and the type of exercise done.

“More so than the small groups, a lot of our faculty and staff take part in mind-body classes like yoga and

Pilates, especially around noon,” she said.

Walz said Campus Recreation is now focusing on creating fitness programming for graduate students.

“They’re TAs, they want things that fit in their schedules,” she said. “Graduate students work crazy hours — they don’t have a lot of time for health and wellness, but they do place it as a high priority.”

Associate Director for Parking and Strategy Wilhelmina Steen teaches a step class at the Student Recreation Center.

“When we moved here 13 years ago I knew I wanted to work out, and I knew campus had the most accessible classes,” she said.

Unlike Turner and Walz, Steen thinks there’s plenty of time for faculty and students to make it to the gym.

“If you look at the group exercise schedule for this spring, there are pretty much classes from six in the morning to ten at night, Monday through Friday,” she said.

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UNC men’s basketball takes on Virginia Tech

By Blake Richardson
Assistant Sports Editor

Riding a six-game winning streak in ACC play, the No. 9 North Carolina men’s basketball team will take on Virginia Tech at the Smith Center tonight at 8 p.m. Here’s what to expect heading into the matchup.

How do they play?

Virginia Tech (15-4, 4-3 ACC) excels behind a deep roster of talented scorers, with five players averaging more than 10 points per game — and in the team’s win over Duke on Dec. 31, six players scored double-digit points.

While the Hokies are not as explosive as UNC (18-3,

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6-1 ACC), they still tend to play in high-scoring affairs, ranking fifth in the ACC in scoring offense (81.5 points per game). This will pose an interesting matchup for the Tar Heels, who also boast depth and lead the ACC in scoring offense (89.4 points per game).

The Hokies have also consistently beat their opponents on the glass — outrebounding all but six of their opponents. However, the Hokies haven’t

crashed the boards as hard in ACC play, ranking eighth in the conference in defensive rebounds and 13th in offensive boards.

Who stands out?

Zach LeDay is Virginia Tech’s consistent leader. The redshirt senior forward leads the Hokies in scoring (16.3 points per game), but he also contributes on the boards (7.1 rebounds per game).

Seth Allen is coming into the matchup on a hot streak, leading his team with back-to-back 17-point games in wins over Georgia Tech and Clemson. The redshirt senior guard averages 11.7 points per game and could pose a threat for the Tar Heels.

Chris Clarke is Virginia Tech’s rebounding leader, averaging 7.8 boards per game. He has led the Hokies on the glass in the last five games, but with 12.5 points per game, he has also proved himself as an offensive presence. In conference play, Clarke has stepped up his scoring, averaging 15.3 points in ACC games. Clarke will be a tough test for the Tar Heels, as his offensive efficiency — he’s making 60.7 percent of his attempted shots — will make him challenging to defend.

What’s their weakness?

Virginia Tech might be able to keep pace with UNC’s offense, but the Hokies will

likely have trouble trying to slow down the Tar Heels. The Hokies rank last in the ACC in blocked shots, second-to-last in steals and fifth-to-last in scoring defense. It will be tough for Virginia Tech to stand a chance against UNC if the Hokies cannot find a way to stifle North Carolina’s potent offense, which ranks fourth in the nation.

How could they win?

The Hokies do not let scoring opportunities slip away, ranking third in the ACC in field goal percentage (.487). They have shot 40 percent or higher from the 3-point line in nine games this season, and they shot 61.5 percent from beyond

the arc in the upset win over then-No. 5 Duke.

Virginia Tech ranks 46th nationally and fourth in the ACC in 3-point percentage — for comparison, North Carolina ranks 77th in the nation and seventh in the ACC. If the Hokies can have a good shooting day, they could pull ahead of the Tar Heels.

Virginia Tech also has the chance to capitalize on UNC’s thin frontcourt. Having first-year Tony Bradley available will help the Tar Heels in this area, but if the Hokies can tempt Isaiah Hicks to commit silly fouls and keep Kennedy Meeks off the offensive glass, they could pull off the upset.

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Play explores human side of Martin Luther King

By Erik Beene
Staff Writer

Legendary civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. will come to life at the Carrboro ArtsCenter for the next six months beginning Saturday.

“Martin Luther King, An Interpretation” explores a side of Dr. King that many don’t see — his human side, according to playwright and director Ira Knight.

Knight said his inspiration for writing a play about King’s human side came after hearing one of King’s speeches. It

struck him differently than it had before.

“I thought about him in a different way,” Knight said. “As a father myself, thinking of some of the things he may have gone through and thinking of him as a human being instead of some icon or an alien creature from outer space that we can’t really relate to.”

The play is a one-man show featuring John Ivey as King. The character of King was intriguing to Ivey.

“The introspection of King had a great, great appeal to

me because I grew up in the era where he kind of made his mark,” Ivey said.

The production originally premiered in November, following the election. At the end of each performance, there is a question and answer session with the audience where King’s legacy and relevancy are discussed. Following one of the question and answer sessions, Knight was approached by a member of the audience.

“There was actually an anonymous benefactor that I met with afterwards that

said, “This work right here, this can’t stop here. It has to be continued.” So they actually underwrote the cost of doing this six-month residency at the ArtsCenter,” Knight said.

Patrick Phelps-McKeown, the marketing director at the ArtsCenter, said that the ArtsCenter was proud to host the play.

“Ira is a leading member of the local theater community and has presented several great shows at The ArtsCenter before, so partnering with him for this produc-

tion was a natural fit,” he said.

Phelps-McKeown also said that the ArtsCenter is dedicated to providing a platform for a diverse range of creative voices. Knight’s play fit that mold as a powerful look at the iconic civil rights leader and provided insight into the fight for civil right both in King’s day and our own time.

Knight said that after the election many people were feeling powerless, so he thought a look at King would benefit those feeling hurt by the election.

“It’s designed to really

provoke though, to inspire, and the human condition is what it is and it’s not worse today than it was,” he said.

“There are some things that may get us down, but actually if you see part of the play, it’s going to put into context that what we are facing right now, is nowhere near as bad as it has been in the past. So it’s to inspire and uplift us as individuals and not as a collective, but each of us, because we each have a responsibility.”

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State hog farms spread uneven burdens, EPA says

By Olivia Slagle
Senior Writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's civil rights office sent a 25-page letter to regulators of the hog farming industry in North Carolina this month, expressing health and environmental concerns affecting nearby minority communities.

The letter follows a 2014 Title VI complaint filed by the Waterkeeper Alliance, the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network and REACH NC.

Naeema Muhammad, co-director for the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network, said the EPA came to the state in late October to speak to 85 community members affected by the hog industry.

"They had great concern with the Department of Environmental Quality's ability to fix the problem, and they wanted to encourage them to," Muhammad said. "(The EPA was) concerned that the community members had experienced intimidation at the hands of this industry."

Muhammad said the original complaint cited numerous environmental and health

problems, including upper respiratory issues, high blood pressure and a higher rate of asthma in children within a two and a half mile radius.

"They told us they feel like prisoners in their own homes, and they feel like they have to negotiate with the air," Muhammad said.

Geoff Gisler, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center, said hog farms in eastern North Carolina are concentrated in areas with communities of color. These populations are therefore disproportionately bearing the burdens of the industry.

"This was an effort to take a little different approach to bring this to light and show how the state is not protecting its citizens," Gisler said. "They can't hang their clothes out to dry, they can't open their windows, they can't play in their yards, in some cases they can't drink the water."

Will Hendrick, staff attorney at the Waterkeeper Alliance, said the unequal distribution of burdens suggests the Department of Environmental Quality violates civil rights law.

"Federal law will remain on the books and the (depart-

ment) will be required to comply with it," he said.

Andy Curliss, chief executive officer of the North Carolina Pork Council, said hog farms are often located in rural areas because that's where land is available.

"North Carolina hog farmers are good neighbors who care deeply about protecting our water and air," Curliss said. "We welcome the opportunity to sit down with state regulators and those who live near our farms to address any concerns they may have."

Hendrick said the Waterkeeper Alliance hopes Gov. Roy Cooper's administration will address the issues.

"The Cooper administration has a real opportunity to take meaningful action to address this," he said. "It doesn't need a commandment from the EPA to come into compliance with federal law."

Muhammad said farms' lagoon waste systems are problematic, causing odor and air quality problems — and are a top priority. Although other waste systems are available, Muhammad said the farms say they are not economical options.

The Pork Council's statement said permits prohibit



John Wadsworth from Myakka City, Fla. poses for a photo with Bubba the pig, whom he cares for.

dumping waste into waterways and require annual inspections of farms.

"A careful review of how North Carolina regulates hog farms will show that we already have the toughest environmental regulations in the nation," Curliss said.

Muhammad said there is also concern for the state's poultry industry.

"We're preparing for when they can no longer have their way with the pigs, that they'll have the poultry to fall back on," Muhammad said. "When we

meet with the (Department of Environmental Quality) and the governor, we want to talk about environmental justice all around and the health of our communities from all perspectives."

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On-campus, off-campus housing compete

After two dorms were closed last year, applications are up.

By Lorcan Farrell
Staff Writer

After closing Stacy and Everett residence halls last year due to low occupancy, the Housing and Residential Education Department has been working to retain juniors and seniors.

The dorms reopened for the current school year after an uptick in first-year enroll-

ment. The housing department has taken steps this year in order to prevent such a shortage from occurring again. One such step was moving the housing enrollment date up to November.

"We moved our reapplication process from February, March to November to line up more with some of the choices people were making in the off-campus market," said Allan Blattner, director of Housing and Residential Education.

Prior to the shift in dates, students considering off-campus housing would have to make their decision without

knowing all the on-campus options. As of now, applications are up 300 from last year, which Blattner says is at least in part due to the new date.

Rick Bradley, associate director of Housing and Residential Education, said the housing department pays close attention to student feedback on why they choose to live off campus each year.

"There are so many different reasons why a student stays and why a student leaves that it's been tough. So we've focused more on that we know there is an increased desire for privacy," Bradley said. "We upped the

number of single rooms in five buildings, we increased singles by 20 percent of capacity in that building and they sold instantly."

While the department is making changes to increase enrollment, their current numbers are not disappointing, Bradley said.

"Many schools would be jealous of our first to second year retention. We hover at about 70 percent of first-years that stay with us. The challenge for us is that it's a highly competitive market and we still need a number of juniors and seniors to stay on campus, and that's the population that

has a plethora of options now."

It can be difficult for the University to compete with off-campus complexes that are newer, offer more privacy and have more amenities. Blattner said they know the department cannot compete amenity for amenity, but uses the connection to the educational mission of the University as a selling point. They have also taken steps to ensure on-campus living remains a competitive option, such as renovating and re-branding multiple dorms.

The steps taken by the Housing Department have been successful in encourag-

ing students like Amol Garg, a first-year biology major, to stay on campus. He preferred the idea of living in an apartment rather than a dorm, but instead of going off-campus he chose to live in Ram Village.

"I chose to stay in Rams because you not only have more space but also you'd have a full kitchen, room for furniture and just in general it has a homier feel," Garg said. "I chose to live in Rams opposed to a real apartment because I'd still be on campus and could more easily partake in activities going on."

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tant to women's health, and those protections are certainly vulnerable, and some of them are likely to be repealed," Oberlander said.

UNC sophomore Carley West recently began paying for her own insurance, and she said she wasn't sure if her plan would change under the Trump administration — so she switched from birth control pills to an IUD.

"I wasn't sure if my policy would pay for my birth control, and I was afraid of how the election might affect my ability to get access to the pills," West said in a Facebook message.

Ken Pittman, director of UNC Campus Health Services, said the ACA repeal will not affect its offerings, but might change what services are covered by insurance plans.

He said the best thing students can do is familiarize themselves with their insurance coverage.

Jamie Ramos, a UNC sophomore, said she is concerned about how her coverage might shift. Medicaid is the only reason she can afford her current birth control.

Ramos said when she went to campus health and explained her situation, her

“We’re at the beginning of the end of the Affordable Care Act.”

Jonathan Oberlander

Professor at the Gillings School of Global Public Health

doctor wasn't concerned by the ACA repeals' effect on her coverage and recommended against switching to an IUD.

"I'm going to have to go to a doctor off campus and hope that they are more willing to listen to my concerns, and switch me over," Ramos said.

She said the reality of a Trump administration and potential health impacts has not quite set in yet.

"I'm just thinking, 'what could he possibly be signing right now that's going to affect me,' and I'm not getting any form of say in this."

Defunding Planned Parenthood, a resource outside of the campus system, has been a goal for some Republican legislators.

Sarah Eldred, a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, said millions of women would be affected by a loss in funding.

"When politicians try to play with real people's health by denying patients access to the healthcare they need, they suffer real consequences," Eldred said in an email.

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Choice North Carolina, said targeted regulation of abortion providers could be a factor in the decrease of abortion clinics in North Carolina.

"Clinics might need to have hallways that are a certain length because ambulatory centers have to be long enough for gurneys to go through," said Orlovsky-Schnitzler. "Those kind of repair changes are so expensive that sometimes clinics have to close based on that."

Barbara Holt, state president of North Carolina Right to Life, said because reporting

“Declines in abortion aren’t necessarily a good thing.”

Rachel Jones

Lead author of the Guttmacher Institute study

state-related action.

Orlovsky-Schnitzler said more restrictive laws would prevent people from exercising their rights given under Roe v. Wade.

"There is no sense in having abortion legal if we can't access it readily," she said.

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of abortions that are for poor people," Hagstrom said.

Echoing some of the concerns of pro-abortion groups, Hagstrom said the bill targets minority and low-income populations.

"It really just takes away reproductive health care from those who need it most," she said. "It increases inequality of access."

Hagstrom said the bill brings up more philosophical questions about choice.

“At the end of the day, it just gets rid of abortions that are federally subsidized.”

Emily Hagstrom

Co-chair of Carolina Advocating for Gender Equality

"It's really a discussion, in the end, of choices," she said. "You know, whether or not you have the right to make that decision for yourself and your body."

The legislation is identical to bills the House passed in 2014 and 2015, both of which were under the threat of veto from then-President Barack

COMPASS

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which we've seen is super crucial in this time right now, with all the women's rights protests and marches around the world," Rogers said.

"It's important for our community to support all people of all genders and make sure that every person can live a rich, fulfilling, sup

ported life.”

Rogers said the choice to perform in the benefit was obvious.

“When Julia asked us to perform in this benefit, it was a no-brainer,” she said. “I really stand behind what the Compass Center is doing to help women with a broad range of things — job searches and self-care — all the things that can help a

woman become self-sufficient.”

Local 506 General Manager Stephen Mooneyhan said that this will not be their first benefit night for the Compass Center.

“We’ve done a few events in the past with the Compass Center, and we are actually already working on one for the future,” Mooneyhan said.

On the wire: national and world news

»» All bodies recovered from Italian hotel struck by avalanche

(TNS) ROME — Rescue workers have recovered the bodies of all of those missing after an avalanche struck a mountainside hotel in central Italy, the fire service said early Thursday, bringing the death toll to 29.

The four-star Rigopiano Hotel was struck by a massive avalanche last week, after a powerful magnitude 5 earthquake shook the same region.

Eleven people survived, including four children and two people who were outside at the time the avalanche struck.

Russia presented the document in Arabic during a meeting with the chief rebel negotiator, Mohammed Alloush, at peace talks this week in the capital of Kazakhstan, Astana. Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Wednesday that the blueprint written by Russian experts was based on ideas from the Syrian government, opposition and regional powers.

UK’s May gets first crack at coaxing Trump to engage abroad

(TNS) LONDON — Theresa May will provide the first test for how world

leaders can deal with Donald Trump when she arrives in the U.S. to welcome the new president to the global stage and lay the groundwork for a U.S.-U.K. trade deal.

“As we rediscover our confidence together — as you renew your nation just as we renew ours — we have the opportunity, indeed the responsibility, to renew the special relationship for this new age,” the U.K. prime minister will tell Republican lawmakers gathered in Philadelphia on Thursday, according to excerpts from her prepared remarks. “We have the opportunity to lead, together, again.”

In final insult, Gambia’s ex-leader looted millions of dollars, his successor says

(TNS) JOHANNESBURG — The last act of a dictator who ruled his country for 22 years was massive embezzlement, according to the new government of Gambia, where Yahya Jammeh was forced to give up power under West African military and diplomatic pressure.

Jammeh tried to cling to power after losing elections last month, but neighboring West African leaders wouldn't allow it. Their intervention represented a significant

boost for democracy on a continent where many presidents try to rule for life.

But Mai Ahmed Fatty, adviser to the new president, Adama Barrow, said at a news conference Sunday that experts in the ministry of finance had determined that Jammeh withdrew more than \$11.4 million from banks in the past two weeks before fleeing to exile in neighboring Equatorial Guinea.

“As we take over the new government, the Gambia is in financial distress. The coffers are virtually empty,” he said. Fatty said Jammeh also managed to squeeze numerous luxury cars onto his plane.

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 -- Take time out for fun with friends and family. Relaxation leads to romance. Your sympathy calms another's anxiety. Soothe and comfort the ones you love.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Family matters have your focus. Collaborate on a project. Don't forget an important job. Clean closets, drawers and attics. Find support from far away.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8 -- Practice your creative skills. Don't gamble with an upcoming deadline. Edit your words carefully and get done early. Share and publish your strongest work.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 -- Pass on being a party animal. There's extra income available, if you work for it. Your morale rises with your account balance. Your discipline is admirable.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 -- Launch a personal venture. Not everyone will like it. New ideas don't always work. Each mistake leads to deeper understanding. Do the groundwork for unfolding success.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 -- Slow down, and take time to contemplate your next move. Gathering with loved ones is highly recommended. Share photos and memories. Remember what's really important.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 -- Adjust to changes with a group effort. Remain flexible, and assume new responsibility. Invite participation. Keep the project's vision in mind. Work out details together.

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What is the future for women’s health?

Compiled by assistant city editor Kiana Cole

Since President Donald Trump was elected, women across the country have marched for their rights, questioning what will happen to their health care. The Daily Tar Heel asked people how they feel about the future of women's health issues during Trump's presidency.

Cory Spencer

UNC sophomore



"I'd say I am definitely concerned about women's health in the country."

Brandon Jacobs

Chapel Hill



"I think there's going to be a lot of pandemonium about women's health these coming years."

Cymry Sydow

Chapel Hill



"It doesn't really make me nervous because I'm covered by military insurance and I've never really been denied anything because I'm a female before."

Melisa Soland

Mebane



"I probably don't feel very good about women's health because we have a president who doesn't treat women as equals."

Diandra Dwyer

UNC junior



"A lot of issues resolved for women's health could possibly be diminished by a leader who doesn't place a lot of value in women's health care."

Keegan Hines

UNC junior



"Given the current political climate ... I'm not optimistic about the future of women's health."

UNC football hires new assistants

Compiled by C Jackson Cowart and Jeremy Vernon

Deke Adams, defensive line coach

Adams reunites with Larry Fedora after leaving UNC in 2012.

After four years away from North Carolina, defensive line coach Deke Adams rejoins the UNC coaching staff in the same capacity after a one-year stint at East Carolina and three years at South Carolina.

Adams, a Southern Miss graduate, coached the Golden Eagles' defensive line for three years under Larry Fedora before following the UNC head coach to Chapel Hill for the 2012 season.



But after spending one year with North Carolina, Adams left for the same position at South Carolina — which beat UNC in two of Adams' three years on the staff.

Outside of his one season

in Chapel Hill, Adams has prior experience in the state of North Carolina. He spent two seasons with North Carolina A&T, coaching the defensive line in 2006 and the linebackers in 2007 while serving as the defensive coordinator for the majority of both seasons.

Adams replaces former UNC defensive line coach Tray Scott, who returned to coach his alma mater (Ole Miss) after two years with the Tar Heels.

Scott joined the North Carolina coaching staff when defensive coordinator Gene Chizik was hired in 2015.

Terry Joseph, defensive backs coach

Joseph coached the Texas A&M secondary the past three years.

Terry Joseph will be tasked with continuing the improvement of the North Carolina secondary, which has blossomed from a unit full of holes to arguably the best of the Tar Heels' defensive position groups. And if his past is any indicator, Joseph should be up to the task.

After significantly improving Louisiana Tech's defense from 2007-09, the New Orleans native became the



defensive backs coach at Tennessee, where he served from 2010-11. In his final year with the Volunteers, he helped Tennessee put together the 12th best passing defense in the country.

Prior to being hired at UNC, Joseph spent two seasons with Nebraska before moving to Texas A&M. There, Joseph continued to prove his worth. In 2015, the Aggies ranked fourth nationally in pass defense behind his leadership.

Joseph takes over for Charlton Warren, who left UNC this offseason to become the defensive backs coach at Tennessee.

Warren came to Chapel Hill in 2015. In his first season with UNC, the Tar Heels allowed 14.5 less points per game than it did the season before.



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That's some pretty art

The Ackland got its biggest donation ever and a bunch of new art for the walls. See pg. 3 for story.

Our trusty trustees

The Board of Trustees talked about orientation, student government, and more. See pg. 3 for story.

Pigs and civil rights

The EPA is getting involved in N.C. hog farms' impact on minority-heavy areas. See pg. 5 for story.

Really smart workouts

Campus Recreation offers a group exercise class just for faculty and staff. See pg. 4 for story.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Hindu noble

5 Like pastrami

10 Rum cake

14 "O no! it is an ___-fixed mark ...": Shak.

15 "SNL" alum Cheri

16 Restaurant in the same corporate group as Applebee's

17 What rattlers that never bask in the sun may get?

19 Pool element

20 Vegetable ___

21 Sore

22 Oaf

24 Careless

26 "This ___ test"

27 Strikebreakers at a brewery?

34 "Curb Your Enthusiasm" creator

37 Different

38 By way of

39 Controversial sightings

40 Demonstrators, often

41 Grammy category

42 Budgetary waste

43 Allen who managed the Beatles and Stones

44 Farmyard noises

45 What berets cover?

48 Wee battery

49 Odorless gas

53 Declare

56 Comic actor

58 Words in praiseful

titles

59 Track component

60 Angry looks in the hayloft?

63 Military wind

64 African herbivore

65 Lot

66 Lost traction

67 Quaker in the forest

68 Adele's brother

Down

1 They get carried away

2 Be of use to

3 Pudding snack cup maker

4 It may come after you

5 Bone below the sacrum

6 State on the Colorado Plateau

7 Fall back (on)

8 Before, in verse

9 Doesn't care for

10 Lunch order with "special sauce"

11 "May I speak?"

12 Pro ___

13 High point

18 Flavorful

23 Cold War letters

25 Trident-shaped letters

28 Johnnycakes

29 Top story

30 Fine ___

31 Lady's company?

32 Take to the cleaners

33 Fifth Avenue store

34 Keister

35 Miles off

36 Suffrage, with "the"

40 Moorish palace of southern Spain

41 Sneakily seek, with "for"

43 Dodge Aries, e.g.

44 Eye-related

46 Aced

47 Shows one's feelings

50 Battling

51 "48 HRS." co-star

52 Moved carefully

53 Stray sounds?

54 Epic ___

55 Name for a poodle

56 Vacation plan

57 Diarist Frank

61 "I get it" sounds

62 Not quite right

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The power of the queen

As unlikely as it might seem, chess games actually used to be longer than they are now. Our modern version of chess was invented in 16th century Spain and included, among other rule changes designed to quicken the pace of the game, the development of the queen as the most powerful and efficient piece on the board.

Chess is about metaphors and games of strategy, and the significance of the only female piece on the board being promoted to a position of power was not lost on the Spaniards. They called the new version of chess “Mad Woman’s Chess.”

If chess was often considered to be a metaphor for war, the queen emerged as the victor, imbuing the battleground with gendered warfare. Contemporary female artists cleverly used this newly feminized game to their advantage, including it in their arsenal of iconographic images.

The world of female painters during the Renaissance was fairly limited. Women were considered incapable of “pure creation” by their male counterparts, and successful female painters were often described as “marvels,” relegating them to a zone of artistry far outside the expected realm of female creativity.

So when artists like Sofonisba Anguissola, a prominent female painter in Bologna in the 16th and 17th centuries, painted a group of women playing chess, it wasn’t simply a genre painting of women idly engaged in a board game. It was a multi-faceted commentary on female intelligence and the incremental empowerment of women in a thoroughly male-dominated society.

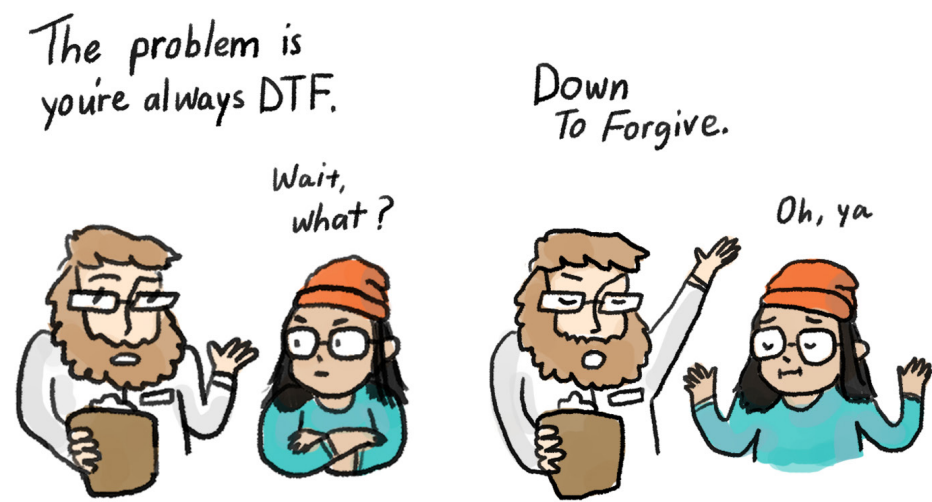
Anguissola and her fellow Renaissance female artists relied on subtly subversive iconography. Proud statements of female strength would have been considered an unacceptable negation of femininity — instead, seemingly mundane objects contained elaborate codes, indicating, when analyzed critically, a desire to depict smart, strong women.

Let’s compare this hidden, coded version of feminism, accessible only through deep iconographic analysis, to the exuberantly public symbols of our recent Women’s March. Consider the beauty of millions of people — women specifically, for the purposes of this comparison — deciding, collectively, that they were unhappy with the present state of things. There were no veiled criticisms or coded metaphors: the protestors screamed their dissatisfaction, demanding, by the sheer force of their presence, to be heard.

The iconography of female power has changed so drastically as to be unrecognizable by most modern standards. Imagine, in that field of signs decrying President Trump and proclaiming the future as female, a sign with a picture of four women playing chess. Not quite the same impact.

I wish that millions of women didn’t feel like they had to protest — that they felt like their interests were being fairly represented by our current political regime. But as it is, it’s amazing that people have the option to protest, loudly and explicitly. Sofonisba Anguissola would be proud.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Emily Yue, emyue@email.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

Good job, keep going

Orange County is stepping toward a living wage.

News that 100 businesses in Orange County have been certified by the Orange County Living Wage initiative program ought to be met with both enthusiasm and attentiveness.

Although signing 100 businesses to the agreement is an achievement that deserves to be lauded, the success of the initiative will ultimately come down to whether these businesses can remain competitive while achieving their upstanding goal.

Members of the Chapel

Hill and Carrboro communities should make a conscious effort to support local businesses that pay a living wage, when it is reasonable for them to do so.

Given the state and national political climate, it is unlikely that either the state or federal minimum wages will see significant increases in the next four years — despite the fact that the real value of the minimum wage has deteriorated over the last few years due to inflation.

As a result, it is incumbent upon businesses to provide their employees with compensation that allows them to live in a

dignified manner and for customers to support such businesses.

Until legislators take initiative to raise the minimum wage to a living wage, it is on us to encourage businesses to do so.

The Orange County Living Wage initiative clearly marks a step toward promoting a living wage in the area.

But in order for it to expand well beyond the 100 businesses that have already signed the initiative, residents of Orange County must back the existing businesses to prove that profit-seeking and fair compensation are not mutually exclusive goals.

EDITORIAL

In the public eye

Our public schools are integral to our democracy.

UNC is a public institution — in fact, it was the first of its kind.

To this day, UNC enjoys outstanding public support and funding from the taxpayers of this state.

Even with recent budget cuts, North Carolina still manages to fund its schools more than other states. This is great, and it enables more students to access education and opportunities.

Sadly, it seems the University faces the same treatment as public high, middle and elementary schools — budget cuts, decreasing respect and

increased scrutiny from the public. This anti-public school sentiment is coming to a head in the national debate over Betsy DeVos, the nominated Secretary of Education in the Trump administration. It is becoming abundantly clear that the current Republican agenda is anti-public education as we know it. Which is a shame.

Clearly, the public education system is not perfect. The reason it is worth fixing has less to do with the current model — we have to evaluate its original purpose. When Thomas Jefferson initially argued for public education, he said it was inherently linked to democracy. Well-educated kids grow into informed voters.

While there is still much to be researched about char-

ter schools and other school choice programs, they can lead to resegregation if not held accountable. In North Carolina, charter schools are becoming increasingly segregated in both economic and racial terms.

In this state at least, the charter program is not a good enough alternative to the current public school system. No one should be denied their right to learn.

Given the uncomfortable relationship President Trump and a few Republican leaders have with the truth, this is not the time to further decrease access to education. For every lie the Trump administration spews, we need more educated people to call bullshit.

If we let our public schools die, that might not be true in the future.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“They told us they feel like prisoners in their own homes, and they feel like they have to negotiate with the air.”

Naeema Muhammad, on people affected by the hog industry

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Wonderfully answered. Oddly relieved that I failed to absorb any of this wisdom.”

Mike Sochacki, on the advice given by You Asked for It

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republicans in the GA can make things right

TO THE EDITOR:

This week, the North Carolina General Assembly is returning for its “Long Session.” It goes without saying that the General Assembly has had a shameful track record over the last year. From passing House Bill 2 to using back room partisan maneuvering to try to strip Governor Cooper of his power, Republicans in Raleigh have made our state a national laughing-stock.

With this new session, the Republican leadership in the General Assembly has an opportunity to make things right. They can accept Governor Cooper’s outstretched hand, and work with him to move our state forward on key issues.

They can join states across the country in expanding Medicaid, bringing health coverage to over 500,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors. They can restore our reputation and end the economic damage by repealing House Bill 2. And they can support our world-class public schools and universities by giving them the resources they need.

Governor Cooper’s election last November showed clearly that North Carolinians are tired of the partisan games and divisive policies coming from Republican leaders in Raleigh. As they return to session, Republican legislation would do well to remember that, and work with Governor Cooper on common sense solutions to get our state on the right track again.

Sharon Goldenberg
Chapel Hill

Discourse is really cool if done well

TO THE EDITOR:

For millennia, people have congregated in bath-houses or in the coffee house to exchange ideas. Public exchange of ideas has always been a necessity.

Thanks to social media, we are becoming more isolated. Our virtual public spheres are curated by us, tailored to our preferences. Which has its benefits, don’t get me wrong, but at some point we do need to bring back an unregulated, open public space for respectful discourse.

That is what this letter section should be, and in many instances, still is.

We always try to prioritize voices that need a platform in this section. Here the famous alumni and the first-year are given an equal voice. With this new semester, I want to encourage you all to reach out.

I would especially encourage our conservative readers to write us. Our let-

ter sections are often one-sided, which can become boring over time.

We want to see more opinions represented, we just need your help.

Together we can maybe start to pop these bubbles and gain a better understanding of each other. Even if we disagree.

Tyler Fleming
Opinion editor
2016-17

Trump’s border policy will hurt immigrants

TO THE EDITOR:

President Donald Trump took immediate and counterproductive steps on day six of his administration to appease the hateful, anti-immigrant faction among his supporters by announcing immediate and rapid changes to U.S. border security and immigration enforcement.

Expanding the use of local law enforcement as a tool for mass deportations of immigrants runs counter to our nation’s highest ideals and eviscerates the trust local law enforcement has cultivated and needs to keep our communities safe. North Carolina has seen this picture before, and it ends in racial profiling and violation of civil rights.

The President’s announcement of the immediate construction of a costly, ineffective, and unnecessary wall for our southern border is a sledgehammer to the Statue of Liberty and an affront to our core principles of protecting those who are fleeing unspeakable violence and persecution. This wall invites ridicule from the rest of the world as well as long-lasting animosity from our allies.

This approach, quite simply, will not work. It will have dire consequences for our nation. The right approach: living up to our tradition as a nation of immigrants and refugees. Rather than taking a conciliatory step of protecting some of the most vulnerable communities, the Trump administration is choosing fear over facts and demonizing our neighbors. In the coming days, we expect additional actions from the administration that further target these communities.

The North Carolina Justice Center will be vigilant in monitoring the impact of this executive order, especially with regards to community policing and due process rights.

Regardless of who is in the White House, no one should be targeted by acts of hate or violence because of their religion, national origin, the language they speak or their immigration status.

No wall or policy from this administration will be high enough to keep out those who seek safety and economic justice in the United States.

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