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WHY VOTE?



Candidate for Chapel Hill Town Council Paul Neebe (right) and Chapel Hill constituents sign in before a public information meeting Monday. DTH/CALLAGHAN O'HARE

Students encouraged to vote in local elections

By Davin Eldridge
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill is encouraging its student population to get out and vote today as the town faces contentious municipal issues. "This election does affect the students — on how easily they can stay here and what their choices are while they live here," said Chapel Hill Town Council member Gene Pease, who is not running for re-election. "It comes down to the opportunities they have while they study here. Do they want a say on what those opportunities are?"

Nine locals have filed for four open seats on the Chapel Hill Town Council. Pease said voters of all ages are faced with issues that will affect them directly. "It's not just economic development," he said. "There's several issues related to that, which students in particular should be aware of."

Pease said that living space and afford-

able housing, public transit and the local economy are all factors that should get students out to the polls. "Where will students stay if they decide to live off-campus?" he said. "The University isn't building anymore housing, for instance. How are students going to get around if (the town) cuts certain bus routes, especially with the issues we have with parking?"

Chapel Hill Town Council member Sally Greene, who is a candidate in today's election, said affordable housing emerged as a priority of the town in recent years as part of Chapel Hill's 2020 Comprehensive Plan. "In Chapel Hill, as in other desirable places to live, we've seen the concentration of affluence rise dramatically," Greene said in an email. "And yet we know from well-researched data that neighborhoods of mixed income offer social benefits to people of all income levels."

Greene said UNC students, especially those who live off-campus, should be mind-

ful of this issue. "As renters with little bargaining power in a robust marketplace, students should not be guilt-stricken by what is really a crisis of affordability," Greene said. "Chances are that wherever they go next, there will be similar challenges. We need everyone's help in strategizing solutions."

Dwight Bassett, the town's economic development officer, said Chapel Hill is in need of employment and commercial opportunities. "Students need to buy things in college," said Bassett. "My gut says they are mostly crossing into Durham and Chatham Counties, when they should have those things in city limits."

There were 2,076 votes cast during early voting this year in Orange County. Only 186 early votes were cast at the Rams Head Dining Hall on-campus voting site. Tracy Reams, director of the Orange

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Plans begin for concert

CUAB is planning another major concert for spring of 2014.

By Hunter Toro
Staff Writer

With Wale and Ace Hood's Nov. 2 performance still ringing in the walls of Carmichael Stadium, the Carolina Union Activities Board is already planning another major concert for the spring of 2014. The concert, projected for either March or April, is dependent upon artist and venue availability, said Lauren Sacks, assistant director of student learning and activities for CUAB. "It's our intention to have one. It all depends on what's out there and whether it's worth the money," she said. CUAB's annual budget is approximately \$375,000. There is also a surplus the group can tap into, which accumulated a number of years ago when there was a miscommunication over summer funding, Sacks said. She added that the board does not want to spend all of the surplus money at this time in an effort to use it in the most fiscally responsible way possible. There is approximately \$20,000 of that surplus money that CUAB would be willing to spend this year. CUAB paid about \$90,000 to bring Wale and Ace Hood in for fall's Homecoming concert. That was significantly lower cost-wise than the year before when CUAB brought J. Cole for \$105,000. Sacks said CUAB will meet in mid-November to discuss how to shape the concert and the intention of the program. The organization has already reached out to artist agencies to see who will be touring in the spring. Student Union president Carly Mathews said in an email that she couldn't disclose which artists are being considered, but that the genre of a large spring concert will be different than the genre of the Homecoming concert. "CUAB understands the diverse musical interests of the campus and works to reach all sectors as much as possible," she said. But this does not necessarily mean the exclusion of rap entirely.

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Teachers' walkout turns into a walk-in protest

Teachers express concerns that a walkout could cost them their jobs.

By Mary Tyler March
Staff Writer

Teachers across North Carolina staged a walk-in on Monday to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the condition of the state's public school system. The walk-in was originally intended to be a walkout, where teachers would have abandoned their classroom duties for the day, said Rodney Ellis, president of the N.C. Association of Educators. But some teachers expressed concern that an actual walkout could cost them their jobs — and Ellis said walkout organizers were receptive to the idea of a walk-in, where educators instead would walk alongside students into their schools.

"I don't think they genuinely wanted to walk out," he said. "They just wanted to demonstrate their frustrations." Ellis said the walk-in was a more productive way for educators to express themselves and for parents to engage in the dialogue regarding public schools and education. Educators across the state were also asked to wear red as a sign of solidarity, he said. But not all educators chose to take the walk-in approach. John Steen, a visiting assistant professor at East Carolina University, helped organize a teacher walkout Monday on ECU's campus. Steen said about 70 students and faculty came to the protest, which took place during several of the day's class changes. "Teachers seem to be neglected by the state," he said. N.C. ranks 46th in the nation for teacher salaries. Steen said the emphasis of the rally was to draw a connection

between public school teaching in postsecondary education and funding cuts in university departments. "We wanted to indicate that the state of North Carolina has a strong history of supporting public education and we want to see that continue," he said. N.C. Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, said in a statement that legislators appreciated First Amendment rights but condemned protesters for engaging in the "bully tactics of an organized union." "There is a time and place for everything — our schools are not the place for politics and our children should not be the pawns," he said. Still, students have been involved in the conversation about public education. UNC junior and N.C. Teaching Fellow Julia Hujar is a member of the scholarship's last class, after the

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Kleinschmidt sees write-in competitor

Tom Henkel enters the mayoral election as a last-minute write-in.

By Jordan Nash
Staff Writer



Tom Henkel is a retired college physics professor from New York. He is running a write-in campaign against Mark Kleinschmidt for Chapel Hill mayor.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt might have some competition in today's election. A last-minute write-in candidate has mounted a campaign against the uncontested incumbent mayor. Tom Henkel, a retired college physics professor from New York, has emerged as a write-in contender. Discontent stemming from disagreement with the town's development plans fueled the competition. Henkel said he is unhappy with the plan for Central West Focus Area, which includes those neighborhoods along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between the Carrboro town limits to the west and near Fordham Boulevard to the east. The plan would allow large-scale development in the area. He believes that's too aggressive for the town. "It would create a massive traffic disaster," Henkel said. He supports an alternative plan, which he said would reserve more green space in the area. Henkel said he first thought of the idea of running for mayor when people asked him if they could write in his name. "I think Mark Kleinschmidt ought to have some competition," he said. Debbie Jepson, a Chapel Hill resident who has been vocal during the

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In an inaugural colloquium, the CEO of Hearst Television and president of ABC News talked about the future of television news. **Page 7**



UNIVERSITY NAMES NEW TITLE IX COORDINATOR
Howard Kallem will serve as the new permanent Title IX compliance coordinator as UNC undergoes investigations regarding its treatment of sexual assault cases. Two more positions have also been added to office. **Page 3**

This day in history
NOVEMBER 5, 1994
At the age of 45, George Foreman becomes boxing's oldest heavyweight champion when he defeats 26-year-old Michael Moorer in the 10th round of their fight in Las Vegas.

Today's weather
Soaking up sun, drinking up coffee. **H 60, L 44**

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Do midterms ever end? **H 67, L 54**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

"What are you doing here?"

Book talk with Laina Dawes:
Laina Dawes will talk about how
black women musicians and
fans navigate the metal, hard-
core and punk music worlds,
which are said to block out
many race and gender issues.**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Bulls Head Bookshop**"Metamorphoses":** Set in and
around a pool of water, the Tony
Award-winning play presents
the poetic myths of Midas,Orpheus and Eurydice among
others. The show will run until
Dec. 6.**Time:** 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Location: Paul Green Theatre

WEDNESDAY

Neon Night at the SRC: Turn
your workout into a party with
the help of Neon Night. All
night long, a DJ will prepare
mixes for the weight and cardio
studio. From 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.,
participants can grab a glow
stick and take part in GlowGa,or glowing yoga. Participation
in the GlowGa session caps at
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DAILY DOSE



Sweeper's paradise

From staff and wire reports

Some folks take up a hobby in painting
or playing bridge. McKinley Page, a
Bethlehem, Pa., resident, just likes to
sweep streets. Page has had a fascina-
tion with street sweeper machines since he was
4 or 5. Now 50 years later, he's still the cleanest
vigilante you'll ever meet. He goes around the
streets and cleans them for free.Page likes watching onlookers react to his
hobby. "I would work two jobs just to, you
know, clean it up, and people would clap some-
times, I mean, they like what I did," he said.**NOTED.** Actress Michelle
Pfeiffer may be best known
for her role as Catwoman
in "Batman Returns," but
she's recently made the
revelation she was in a
breatharian cult when she
was first starting out in the
movie industry. OK, then.**QUOTED.** "...If dueling were
legal in Kentucky, if they
keep it up, you know it'd be
a duel challenge."— Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.,
in response to allegations
that he plagiarized large
portions of his book and
speeches. Rough week?

POLICE LOG

- Someone broke and entered and committed vandalism at a medical facility at 401 Providence Road at 4:48 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- The person damaged two doors and ransacked the medical facility, causing damage estimated at \$500 reports state.

- Someone committed fraud at 601 W. Franklin St. at 3:36 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- The person sold vehicles without paying the wholesale dealer and changed paper-work, reports state.

- Someone committed vandalism at 2701 Homestead Road between 6 p.m. Thursday and noon Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- The person used markers to draw images on the hood of a car, reports state.

- Someone committed larceny from a motor vehicle at 233 McCauley St. between 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- The person stole a MacBook Pro laptop computer valued at \$1,000, reports state.

- Someone committed larceny on West Franklin Street between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- The person stole an iPhone, phone case and driver's license, reports state.

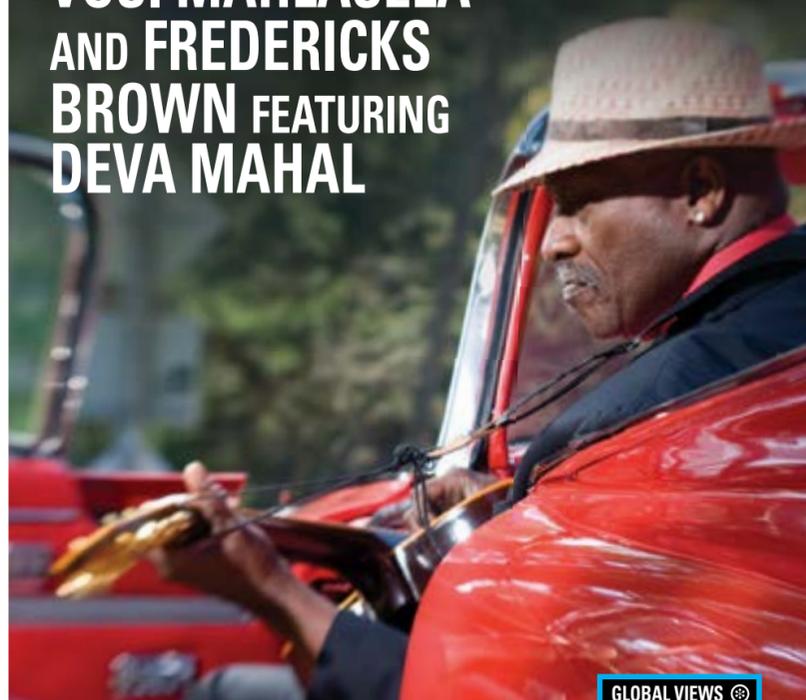
- Someone committed larceny from a motor vehicle at 123 E. Longview St. between 10 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- The person stole a book bag, MacBook laptop computer and an iPhone, valued at \$2,190, reports state.

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Howard Kallem to be Title IX coordinator

Kallem will replace interim coordinator Christie Hurt in January.

By Amanda Albright
University Editor

UNC's Title IX office will expand again this year — and the University has chosen the office's leader after a monthslong search.

Howard Kallem, the District of Columbia Enforcement Office's chief regional attorney for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, will hold the position beginning Jan. 2.

Brenda Malone, vice chancellor for human resources and interim director of the Equal Opportunity/Americans with Disabilities Act Office, said Kallem was the "perfect person" for the position because of his experience.

The University faces three federal investigations into its handling of sexual assault, including one that alleges UNC violated the rights of sexual assault victims and created a hostile environment for students reporting sexual assault.

As Title IX coordinator, Kallem will coordinate UNC's compliance with federal guidelines and will oversee campus training, education and outreach on Title IX issues, including sexual assault on campus.

Kallem has 19 years of experience with the Office for Civil Rights as well as 14 years with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Christi Hurt, director of the Carolina Women's Center, has held the position during the search for a permanent hire and has chaired the University's sexual assault task force, which is rewriting UNC's policies relating to sexual assault.



Howard Kallem is an attorney for the U.S. DOE and will serve as the University's Title IX Coordinator beginning Jan. 2.

Chancellor Carol Folt will also hire two more positions geared towards sexual assault: an additional Title IX investigator and a communications position for the department.

These would be the fourth and fifth positions that UNC has created this year to target sexual violence on campus.

Jayne Grandes, an investigator for the Equal Opportunity/ADA office who was hired this year, said Kallem impressed her when he spoke at UNC's public forum for candidates in September.

"He has a great sensitivity for Title IX issues, plus he has the compli-

ance experience, so he knows what's expected of universities very clearly," she said. "I remember him articulating that in a very reasonable way."

Before UNC's deputy title IX coordinator, Ew Quimbaya-Winship, was hired last year, the University faced criticism for not seeking public input in its search.

UNC held two public forums in September for the two Title IX coordinator candidates, and about 20 people attended each forum.

Junior Sarah-Kathryn Bryan, a member of the sexual assault task force, said the forums were beneficial.

"I would have liked for there to have been another set of interviews and better publicized," she said. "Students have irregular and generally very busy schedules, it makes it very difficult to show up."

Bryan said she hopes Kallem approaches the position similarly to Hurt.

SEXUAL ASSAULT CHANGES

The University has made several changes since federal complaints were filed this year:

- UNC hired a Title IX coordinator and Deputy Title IX coordinator.
- A sexual assault task force was formed to examine UNC's policies.
- UNC will hire an additional Title IX investigator and a communications position for the Title IX office.

"(Hurt) comes to her position with a background in sexual assault survivor advocacy. She thinks about the bigger picture at play ... She approaches policy work and dealing with individuals from a holistic perspective."

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KEEPING IT GREEN ON FRAT COURT

A Greek recycling intern focuses on sustainability in fraternities



DTH/CATHERINE HEMMER

Global studies major Elly Withers stands with one of the recycling bins she has decorated in hopes of encouraging all of the fraternities on campus to join her recycling campaign.

By Keaton Green
Staff Writer

Appalled by the huge amount of waste fraternities produced at tailgates and parties, senior Hannah Choueke took action.

Last year, Choueke created the UNC Greek recycling intern position — a project that has continued to grow and is using creative ways to encourage fraternities to recycle.

"The sheer volume of aluminum cans was stunning to me," said Choueke, who is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.

She contacted UNC's Sustainability Office about creating and getting credit hours for the position. Then she went door-to-door asking fraternities to recycle.

"Most fraternities did not know they had recycling bins," Choueke said.

She said when she first attended fraternity chapter meetings, she was frustrated and disappointed because no one seemed to care.

She worked with the Orange County Solid Waste Management Department in order to get statistics on what fraternities were recycling and how much, and got recycling truck drivers to help keep track of the recycling progress.

What started as a single-semester project turned into a yearlong enterprise, which has since been passed to a new UNC Greek recycling intern, junior

Elly Withers.

Withers, a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, has continued Choueke's work by making recycling bins with basketball backboards to put in the individual fraternity houses.

The backboards, which she got from the UNC Surplus Property Retail Store, were made from the original backboards used in Carmichael Arena.

She said the backboards are intended to make it easier for the men in the fraternities to recycle. "I compare it to beer pong," she said. "It's really fun — dunking recycling."

The first recycling bin was placed in Delta Kappa Epsilon's fraternity house during a tailgate and Halloween party, and Withers said it was successful.

Delta Kappa Epsilon leads UNC fraternities in recycling, accounting for 31 percent of all such recycling.

"Recycling is so easy. Everyone is on board," said Delta Kappa Epsilon's president Stephen Stephano. "Elly's idea is great — a fun twist that makes recycling more enjoyable."

Each fraternity has the ability to produce five to six bins of recycling each week if they recycle to capacity. Last week, the houses on Fraternity Court recycled five bins.

Because six fraternities share these bins, Withers said they have the potential to recycle 30 bins.

Withers' second project is creating a UNC Sustainability



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Award for a sorority or fraternity based on efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. Withers said she aims to make recycling a fun competition.

Withers has been working on her ideas with Blair Pollock, a planner for the Orange County Solid Waste Department.

Pollock said one problem Withers faces is the fast turnover rates in the fraternity houses — students quickly arrive and leave, so the fraternities need to educate new students about recycling each year.

Pollock said each year students call him about county recycling programs.

"What they don't realize is that Orange County has had a recycling program for 20 years," Pollock said. "I tell them to look in their backyard."

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Committee looks at athlete admissions

UNC might not accept high risk special talent applicants in the future.

By Sara Salinas
Staff Writer

The conversation surrounding UNC's athlete admissions, which has dominated faculty and administrative discussions this fall, continued Monday as leaders examined athletics policies.

Members of the Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group focused on the admissions of athletes and contextualized grading in their second meeting of the year.

"Recruited student athletes don't receive any less scrutiny (than the general study body)," said Steve Farmer, vice provost for enrollment and undergraduate admissions. "In some cases they receive more."

Farmer said that student athlete applications are subject to the Subcommittee on Special Talent, which determines whether the student qualifies for special admission.

Special talent admissions include students admitted to the athletic, dramatic arts or music departments.

Each year, there is a small group of students that are accepted despite red flags on their applications, each with a certain level of risk, said sociology professor Andrew Perrin, a member of the working group.

There are 160 specially admitted athletes each year, and 14 students are predicted to have a GPA of below 2.3. "I am quite concerned that the small numbers have a potentially large impact," he said.

Perrin said that he would like to

see the number of these admitted students fall to zero.

Perrin said the main risk in accepting these students is that they might be isolated from their peers.

Lissa Broome, professor at UNC's School of Law, said it is important to monitor the success of specially admitted students.

"If all 14 of those students are performing well, then that's good information," she said. "If 13 of the 14 are out after their first semester, that's information we need to know too."

The working group discussed the importance of a balance between quantitative and qualitative information in evaluating an applicant — especially a special talent applicant.

"The students we're talking about are capable of more than their numbers represent," said Farmer.

The working group also discussed a new method for contextualized grading to be implemented fall 2014. Perrin said UNC will start measuring the strength of a student's schedule in combination with the student's traditional GPA.

Perrin said the new system will take into account class size and the average course grade to better represent a student's academic performance.

"It does give us the possibility of understanding where a student or student group falls within the context of the university," said provost Jim Dean. "It's a useful addition and a good tool for us."

Dean added that the system will address the problem of students taking easy courses to boost their GPA.

The working group will discuss athletic recruitment at their next scheduled meeting in two weeks.

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Natura Magazine expands at UNC

The publication targets African-American women with natural hair.

By Jaleesa Jones
Staff Writer

There is a dearth of publications targeted toward minority women — but UNC sophomore Malia Brown is hoping to change that with her online publication, Natura Magazine.

Launched in the latter part of 2011, Natura Magazine was created to celebrate and provide hair care tips for African-American women's natural hair, or hair that has not been chemically straightened.

The magazine has since expanded to cover myriad subjects, including beauty, health, fitness, entertainment, fashion, body and soul.

"I wanted to create a publication that inspired women and allowed them to be confident in their skin," Brown said.

Given the homogeneous images of beauty in the media, sophomore Resita Cox, associate editor of Natura, said this message particularly resonated with her.

"In our society, it seems that 'beautiful' can only mean one thing, and that's the models you see on TV," Cox said. "Our goal is to make 'beautiful' more diverse."

In its stride to redefine the ideals of beauty, Natura is also establishing a nexus between minority women on campus. Writing for the magazine and reaching out to people, junior Brianna Rhodes said, makes you realize that your struggles are not insular — they are shared.

While building the magazine, the women of the staff have also had a chance to reflect on their own feelings about their natural hair.

Brown said that she was not always confident to wear her hair in a natural style.

"I have always been natural, but it wasn't until recently that I actually started wearing, being comfortable with my own hair and my own texture. For years, I used to always wear weaves because I wasn't comfortable with my hair texture," she said.

"But now I do it for a style, but not as a crutch."

Wearing hair in a natural style also enables African-American women to experiment with styles more freely, Rhodes said.

"It was something about relaxed hair, and you can't do that much with it," she said. "It doesn't hold different styles well. I said I would rather go back to my natural journey of doing braids and tracks — I did box braids, Senegalese twists, tracks."

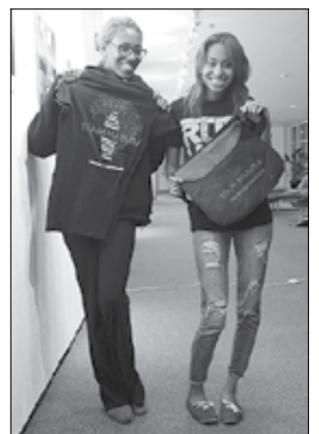
While the versatility of natural hair is a subject Natura Magazine emphasizes, the magazine is open to all minority women — not just those who wear their hair in untreated styles.

"The magazine was founded on the tenet of going natural, staying natural, being natural," Cox said. "But since its beginning, we've added an entertainment section, a health and fitness section, we've added mind, body and soul. It's so much more than just hair. So, we don't want people to feel like I'm not natural so I can't pick up this publication. No. You can learn so much more from it."

Natura is still in the developmental process and just selected its trial team for the UNC campus.

"What the team is going to help us do is market and get the word out about the magazine. We're trying to get teams started around North Carolina but ultimately, around the United States," Cox said.

In addition to campus char-



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Editor-in-Chief Malia Brown and Associate Editor Resita Cox of Natura Magazine hold brand merchandise.

ters, Natura is also working on disseminating its content across media platforms, including Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest.

"We're working on Natura TV, which will be broadcasted on YouTube, so we'll be bringing our magazine into a visual format," Brown said.

Despite still being in the early stages, Natura has already featured interviews with some prominent "naturalistas," including natural hair guru Curly Nikki and singer Elle Varner.

But Brown says the best is yet to come.

"You can look forward to exciting stories, more information to help you with your natural hair, different angles as far as who are we reaching, and just for us to grow and have a larger presence in different markets," Brown said.

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Unopposed and optimistic



Mark Kleinschmidt is running unopposed in the Chapel Hill mayoral race today.



Tom Stevens is running unopposed in the Hillsborough mayoral race today.



Lydia Lavelle is running unopposed in the Carrboro mayoral race today.

Incumbent Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said he was optimistic about moving forward with his youth initiative plans, and he was also looking forward to creating a responsive land use management ordinance.

Kleinschmidt said he will help guide the next stage of the Chapel Hill 2020 process.

Incumbent Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens said he was looking forward to handling the increased development activity in Hillsborough and seeing approved projects through to completion.

He also said he was happy to have new people elected to the board and was optimistic about creating a functioning team.

Lydia Lavelle said she was excited about the direction in which Aldermen have taken the town over the past couple of years.

She said she is looking forward to working on initiatives, development plans and several new projects that will add to Carrboro's artistic vibe.

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What do you see as the next step in improving affordable housing in Chapel Hill?	implementing the project proposed by DHIC Inc. for affordable family and senior housing	using the DHIC plan and tackling the many factors that contribute to the affordability equation	implementing ideas from the committee on affordable rental housing, including the DHIC plan	implementing the ideas proposed by the committee on affordable rental housing	creating public-private partnerships in which the town gives money or land assets to housing projects	approving the DHIC plan; push UNC to put affordable housing at Carolina North	committing to the DHIC proposal; support nonprofits that help provide affordable housing	getting the town to acquire land for low-income housing; seriously considering the DHIC plan	proceeding with DHIC plan; streamlining development process; determining where it can be built
What's your vision for development in downtown Chapel Hill?	build up with reasonable limits on height and emphasis on sustainability and energy efficiency	more downtown housing; make downtown a permanent home for innovative startups	strengthen the visibility and viability of downtown Chapel Hill as a cultural arts destination	build up University Square area; diversify Rosemary Street	affordable offices on Franklin Street to increase shop traffic; build up with varying verticality	residential units, office space and "third place" (not housing and not work) places; nontourist retail	pedestrian mall, grocery store and adequate parking to bring in more business	focus on building up downtown in any way possible	redeveloping what's there with higher-rise buildings; redevelop Rosemary Street
What is the biggest issue facing the town?	responding to sexual assault issues by collaborating with Carrboro and the University	choosing a plan for the growth of the town that doesn't degrade its character	accommodate the pressures of growth responsibly while not leaving folks behind	implementation of the ideas put forth in the Chapel Hill 2020 Comprehensive Plan	cost of living has increased faster than revenue and taxes; need to increase the tax base	lack of revenue; need to expand the commercial tax base and build up in places where we can do so	increased taxes, which decreases affordability and pushes people out of town	where and what to develop; looking at development as a positive change	accepting land use change and development to ensure a steady stream of revenue

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Carrboro Board of Aldermen

What is the biggest issue facing the town?



Jacquelyn Gist is a seven-term incumbent on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Gist said the biggest issue facing the town is recent legislation passed by the General Assembly that prevents the town from passing ordinances related to concealed weapons and environmental standards.



Kurt Stolka is a challenger in the Carrboro Board of Alderman race. Stolka served on the Carrboro Transportation Advisory Board.

Stolka said the biggest issue facing the town is the lack of quality employers for the well-educated populous.



Randeel Haven-O'Donnell is a four-term incumbent on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Haven-O'Donnell said the biggest issue facing the town is balancing the expansion of the town's tax base with keeping housing affordable.



Sammy Slade is a two-term incumbent on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Slade said the biggest issues facing the town are dealing with climate change, which he said isn't being handled on the national or state level, and ensuring the affordability of housing in the town.



Al Vickers is a challenger in the Carrboro Board of Alderman race. He was a member of the Orange County Solid Waste Advisory Board.

Vickers said the biggest issue facing the town is maintaining affordability and limiting the tax burden for Carrboro residents.

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Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education

What should the school district do to close the achievement gap?



Incumbent James Barrett said the best way to close the gap is by improving instruction and ensuring annual improvement for every child.

He said CHCCS should enlist training coaches who can perform ongoing development with teachers, which will cost less and fit the district's budget.



Newcomer Ignacio Tzoumas said ending disproportionate discipline against minorities should be the top priority for closing the achievement gap.

He said it is much easier to prevent the gap in elementary school, but that the district doesn't have any preventative programs in place.



Newcomer Andrew Davidson said culturally specific programs, like the dual language magnet program for Latino students, help minority students succeed.

He said the district should also work to combat summer learning loss, which affects less privileged students especially.



Incumbent Michelle Brownstein said parents, teachers and students need to work together to close the achievement gap.

She said dual-language and mentoring programs, as well as high-quality literacy and evidence-based instruction are crucial to success.

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Special teams stout against NC State

The squad thwarted a Wolfpack fake punt to swing momentum.

By Daniel Wilco
Assistant Sports Editor

For North Carolina football coach Larry Fedora, special teams is just that. Special.

It's something that he drills into his players from day one of training camp. If you want to start on offense or defense, you better start with special teams.

The unit is a proving ground for new players and a venue for veterans to make a lasting impact.

"That's important to them," Fedora said. "It's a matter of pride here. You better fight and scratch and claw to get on special teams because it's important to us."

But senior cornerback Jabari Price said the unit is not always glamorous.

"I didn't pick punt return, I didn't pick kickoff, I didn't pick kick return, so punt (coverage) was left for me."

Yet when junior punter Tommy Hibbard lofted a 2nd-quarter punt so deep into the N.C. State red zone that it was optimistically flirting with the goal line, Price was there to down it.

The play pinned the Wolfpack on their 2-yard line. Hibbard would go on to place three more punts inside the 20-yard line in UNC's 27-19 win Saturday after only having nine in the past seven games.

"Tommy's been getting a good hit on the ball all year," Price said. "That's a great hit. Tommy's doing all the dirty work. I'm just there to help."

Those perfect placements of punts — three inside the 12-yard line — gave UNC's defense a bit of much-appreciated breathing room.

UNC has allowed the second-most yards in the ACC this season, but the special teams' performance Saturday set the defense up for success.

"That's four possessions that they've got to go over 90 yards or 89 or whatever that is," Fedora said. "That's tough on offense, it really is, and

unless you're getting some big, explosive plays ... That is a huge weapon for us."

Earlier in the season, those big, explosive plays were far too common for North Carolina's opponents.

Though the Tar Heels were consistently beaten for long gains earlier in the season, UNC allowed only one play for more than 25 yards against N.C. State, and it was on a last-second Hail Mary with the Tar Heels in prevent coverage.

But the special teams wasn't just specialized to downing deep punts.

Late in the first quarter, up 10-7, N.C. State faced a fourth-and-eight on their 30-yard line. On a questionable call, the Wolfpack lined up in a punt formation but snapped the ball to a linebacker instead.

The Tar Heels quickly got wind of the ruse and smothered the attempt for a loss of a yard and a turnover on downs.

It wasn't a last-second, game-winning punt return, yet Fedora said it was the type of monumental moment he had been calling for.



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North Carolina junior Tommy Hibbard (30) punts the ball during UNC's 27-19 win over N.C. State Saturday in Raleigh. Hibbard pinned the Wolfpack inside the 20-yard line four times in the win.

"To stop them on a fake punt ... that was a game-changing play," he said. "That's what we're looking for."

Both the players and coach agree that the past three weeks have been more of what they were looking for since August. "We feel like we're finally

kind of reaching our potential that we might not have in the earlier part of the season," senior offensive lineman James Hurst said.

The Tar Heels were potent with potential in the beginning of the season but seemed to have squandered it early.

Now, with four games left on the schedule, the Tar Heels are focused on proving that those preseason predictions weren't completely misguided — something that will certainly take a special effort.

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Today is a 9 -- Participate socially this month, and get lost in fascinating philosophical conversation. Others are looking to you for a decision. Once you commit you'll find freedom, and release. And others can make their own. Perform an anonymous good deed.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 -- Travel looks tempting, but postpone until tomorrow, if possible (or just dance with some surprises). Ignore someone who says you'll fail, and make a list of goals. Plan actions and strategies to support your team.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a 9 -- Don't let obstacles slow you down. Practice with your teammate to break records. Get old business handled. The next month is good for saving money and handling finances. Go for fast, fun productivity.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is a 8 -- Female magnetism pays a big role in today's successes. Strengthen partnerships this month. Costs may be higher than expected. Proceed with caution, but you can handle it. Compromise, delegate and don't underestimate the power of cookies.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 9 -- Be careful. For four weeks, work gets exceptionally fun. Don't get distracted while chopping. What could thrive in such a creative environment? Make a mess and find out. Spend time in contemplation. Keep it practical.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 -- Luscious romance takes center stage. Dance your way into the spotlight. Others give you support in your career, but you have to be willing to receive it. Postpone travel for now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 9 -- Opposition to your ideas could arise. They probably have a good reason. Try their shoes on, and walk a mile, before responding. At least you'll get some exercise and learn something new. Make your own choices.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 -- You're even smarter than usual. A conflict of interests shows up at your door. Try to understand other people's feelings and it goes easier. Get outside perspectives. Keep your finances ethical.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 9 -- At first, the task may seem impossible. Looking at it more closely or from a different angle reveals new data. Gather new income now. You find your comfort zone, and confidence soars.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 -- Don't throw money at the problem or you could very well make it worse. Worrying about it won't take you anywhere. Use patience and brains. Define how you'd like it to go. Someone finds that very romantic.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 -- Finish old jobs and new ones flourish and spark over the next month. Pad the schedule for setbacks. Decline an expensive invitation. Listen to a wise relative or a realistic friend. Spice your creation with subtlety.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 7 -- Imagine yourself in an earlier time. You're especially popular, but your social life could cause a problem at home. Find the perfect balance by communicating your passion and acknowledging your support team.

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ELECTIONS

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County Board of Elections, said the early voter turnout is comparable to — albeit slightly lower than — levels in previous election cycles.

She said a countywide referendum on a quarter-cent sales tax increase during that election contributed to the large turnout. In the municipal election in 2009, there were 2,344 ballots cast during early voting.

Reams said she would like to see more people voting, particularly young people. "It's a way to have your voice heard," she said.

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CUAB

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If the budget permits, CUAB is considering hosting multiple artists, which would allow for a more diverse range of performers and genres, said Khalani James, special events coordinator of CUAB.

"We're going to be open-minded," James said.

He said CUAB was considering doing a smaller-scale contemporary festival inspired by events such as Lollapalooza.

Whatever artist CUAB contracts will join the legacy of former spring concert performers such as 2 Chainz and Juicy J in 2012, and Boys II Men in 2009.

In the process of planning the spring concert, CUAB leaders are hoping for student input by conducting polls on social media and using white boards to solicit ideas in the Union, continuing the emphasis CUAB has put on students' opinions recently.

"We welcome any feedback on who they'd like to see and how they'd like to see it," Sacks said.

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WALK-IN

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N.C. General Assembly chose not to restore funding in the 2013-15 state budget.

"Unfortunately, with all of the issues in the North Carolina education policy, it makes me wish I could teach in a different state upon graduation," she said.

Hujar said she showed her support for public education by attending a protest at Durham School of the Arts on Monday.

"I feel that it is important that we as future teachers stand up for our profession and make lawmakers know that we expect to be treated better."

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WRITE-IN

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Central West input process, said she supports Henkel's views against the current plan.

Jepson cannot vote because she's not an American citizen, but she still supports Henkel's efforts.

"Tom is standing to say we really don't like what you're doing," she said.

Henkel said he also wants to see the town invest more in sustainable energy.

"I know a few things about leadership and I think I could bring some leadership to the town," Henkel said.

Will Raymond, Henkel's neighbor, said he supports him because he thinks problems in Town Hall require new leadership. Raymond said he also supports the idea of write-ins in general.

"I encourage people who think there are things fundamentally wrong," Raymond said. "This is a way to send a message."

Raymond said he doesn't know what the outcome of tomorrow's election will be, but he hopes there will be enough support for write-ins to get the attention of the council and mayor.

Kleinschmidt said he hopes his record in the town will help him keep the mayor seat. He said he wishes Henkel the best of luck as citizens go to the polls tomorrow.

"I think I've provided strong leadership in our community," said Kleinschmidt. "I'm looking forward to another two years as mayor."

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News, law honor media lawyer

The Hargrove Colloquium was held on Monday night.

By Amy Watson Staff Writer

Journalism and law joined forces Monday to fulfill the dream of the former chairman of the UNC Board of Trustees.

The president of ABC News and the chairman and CEO of Hearst Television Inc. spoke about the future of television news at the Hargrove Communications Law and Policy Colloquium, named in honor of former board chairman and nationally recognized media lawyer Wade Hargrove.

David Barrett, with Hearst Television Inc., said being a part of the journalism and law school's inaugural event was an opportunity to fulfill the dream of a friend.

"This has been something that's been on (Hargrove's) mind for years," Barrett said.

Barrett recalled many late night conversations when Hargrove would share his vision for UNC and the two schools he loved — the journalism and law schools.

"When Wade calls, we jump on planes. We'll fly anywhere, and especially to this wonderful institution, Chapel Hill," said Ben Sherwood, speaker and president of ABC News.

The event drew professors, broadcasters and students.

Barrett said the world of news has undergone vast changes in the past few years and journalists must continually adapt to new technologies and audience expectations.

While young people may be engaged less with traditional media, Barrett said they are migrating to new places. The challenge of the upcoming years is to remain relevant as these patterns change, he said.

"We've got to go there for them," Barrett said.

Sherwood said more and more people are consuming video journalism, which is increasingly being spread across new technology.

New devices such as phones and iPads require their own content, not just news pulled

off the television, he said.

But though the technologies and mediums continue to change, the desire for the essence of journalism — story telling — is never going to go away, Sherwood said.

"There will always be a need for story telling. It doesn't matter what device it's on," he said. Barrett said people care about what happens in their towns and want journalists to tell the stories.

"The gift that storytellers have is very important to the people we interact with," Barrett said.

Barrett said today there are so many more screens on which to tell these stories people want to hear.

Susan King, dean of UNC's

School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said UNC is a great place to explore the future of television news.

King said UNC has always had a large footprint on the world of television.

"If I could do it all over again, I wish I could start right here, right now," Sherwood said.

Hargrove said there is always more to do.

"This institution is a 200-plus year institution and our work is never done here," Hargrove said.

"It's always challenging to continue to be the best in a highly competitive environment."

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Professor questions party platforms

More people are identifying as independent voters.

By Mary Tyler March Staff Writer

A UNC-Greensboro professor aims to encourage a new political dialogue in North Carolina as the country becomes increasingly skeptical about party politics.

The number of voters registered as unaffiliated has continued to rise recently, with 40 percent of voters nationally and 26 percent in the state now identifying outside of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Omar Ali, co-founder of N.C. Independents and a UNC-G history professor, is using that momentum to try to change the conversation from purely partisan views on politics.

"I truly despise politics. I have for the last 25 years, ever

since I was in college," Ali said.

A study released by Ali in August found that about 75 percent of college-aged students at the 16 public and private N.C. schools surveyed identified as independent — regardless of how they were registered as voters.

"One thing they share in common is that more and more people feel that the parties are actually the primary obstacle to progress in America," Ali said.

UNC senior Kevin McCaffrey said he identifies as an independent because he feels voters are forced to align with all of one party's ideology.

"I never wanted to be tied down," he said.

Despite the increased presence of independent voters in the state, there are no registered independents serving in the N.C. General Assembly.

Ali said independent candidates have been hindered by rules dictated by the dominant

parties — for example, independents running for county boards of election seats must acquire 100,000 signatures to get their name on the ballot.

Bob Hall, executive director of Democracy North Carolina, said the increase in independents could have varied effects on voter turnout.

"If the trend increases overall participation, then it's a positive one, but if it becomes an excuse for people not to participate in elections, then it's a negative," he said.

Ali said N.C. Independents try to connect independents because most feel they have no sense of fellowship.

Andrew Sleeth, a graduate admissions specialist at N.C. State University who is involved with N.C. Independents, said he was glad to be in touch with like-minded people.

"I'm very disturbed by the way in which political parties have hijacked the political and policy-making process in North Carolina," he said.

But Hall said independent voters need to stay involved in the political process.

"If they become disenchanted with politics altogether, then it becomes a problem," he said.

Still, Sleeth said he was hopeful that the future of the major party system could change.

"Maybe I'm being naively optimistic in that regard, but to me that is one of the things that gives me hope ... that this chokehold the parties have can change."

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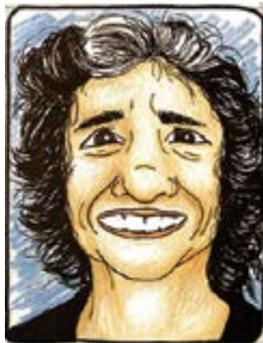
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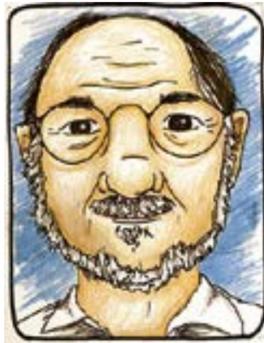
Maria Palmer

Palmer was a co-chair of the Chapel Hill 2020 transportation committee.



Amy Ryan

Ryan is a co-chair of the Central West Steering Committee.



Ed Harrison

Harrison is a three-term incumbent.



Sally Greene

Greene is an incumbent and filled Penny Rich's vacated seat in 2013.

EDITORIAL

The 2013 endorsements

Maria Palmer

Maria Palmer has continually put others ahead of herself during her time in Chapel Hill and should be given the chance to continue to do so as part of the Town Council.

Having started the first Hispanic congregation in the area, as well as serving as a representative of minority communities, Palmer believes that all voices in Chapel Hill should be heard.

Palmer brings a fresh perspective that may not otherwise present itself on the Town Council. She has extensive experience with the school system as well as with generally under-represented Chapel Hill residents.

Additionally, Palmer will impact the Town Council in a positive way by encouraging council members to solicit input in various locations. It is important to remember that the whole city should not be treated as one homogenous group.

Palmer knows the town and the constituencies that she will serve. She has worked to reach out to underrepresented minorities, and with her on the Town Council, a sense of inclusion should be felt throughout the entire community.

Amy Ryan

After working on the planning committee for the Central West Area's development, Amy Ryan may have suffered the vitriol of some of the most impassioned this town has to offer.

Despite this, she has looked to be more involved in the town and should be rewarded with the opportunity to do so.

While voices from every corner seem to be crying for development in all shapes and sizes, Ryan's tempered caution is needed on the Town Council. She seems to realize more than any other that much of the value this town offers is in its small town atmosphere and its connection to the University.

She is also the only voice that has shown some dissent on the planned light rail, citing its large costs and the fact that it would largely only cater to those affiliated with the University.

Though she may be outnumbered during council meetings, her views must be heard. They will force the other council members to confront opposing views and, in the end, craft stronger legislation.

Ed Harrison

Ed Harrison has been an integral member of the Chapel Hill community for many years. He's been working on long-range projects as a member of the Town Council for more than a decade, and to see him leave now would be detrimental to the town's progress.

Harrison has been pushing for the implementation of transportation projects, such as the light rail line and the town's plan to increase bike safety. Because he has been here for the history surrounding all of these important issues, he has a well-rounded and informed view of the problems facing Chapel Hill today.

Harrison was raised to always answer phone calls and as a result, he has a reputation for being extremely accessible and he stresses his commitment to constituent service. Over the years, he has learned a lot about the University and understands that the student body often shapes many aspects of the way Chapel Hill grows — he respects its input as a whole.

If re-elected, he would provide consistency during a time when Chapel Hill is in the midst of a number of long-range developments.

Sally Greene

After a brief recess from the Town Council, Sally Greene now has a better perspective on her position.

You don't have to look long to find one of this incumbent's many accomplishments.

She was instrumental in creating the town's first neighborhood conservation districts and she served on the 140 West Franklin development negotiating committee. She has also been a strong advocate for homelessness programs in the town.

Greene has shown a tremendous commitment to affordable housing. Since heading up the committee on affordable rental housing, the Downtown Housing Improvement Corporation, a local non-profit, is set to partner with the town and make 140 rentable units available to the area.

Receiving her Ph.D. in English from UNC, Greene values the importance of student input and their role in the Chapel Hill community.

With her combination of experience, commitment and success, Greene has the know-how to meet these challenges.

Who we didn't endorse

George Cianciolo

After heading the mammoth project that has been Chapel Hill 2020, few can say they have devoted more time to this town than George Cianciolo. This has given him a deep knowledge of Chapel Hill and the bureaucracy that governs it, as well as a clear insight to the growth that the town will eventually undergo. However, this knowledge and perspective seem to already be shared by some on the board. Given this, the editorial board felt some of the perspectives available were more valuable. There is no doubt Cianciolo would fit on Town Council, however others

may just fit a bit better.

Loren Hintz

Loren Hintz is a qualified candidate for Town Council — his strong emphasis on the environment is a significant advantage. However, it is not enough to distinguish him from the other qualified candidates. While it is very valuable, the movement to "Go Green" is not unheard in the community. Chapel Hill is currently facing problems that go beyond the environment and the scope of Hintz's expertise.

D.C. Swinton

D.C. Swinton is a true breath of fresh air in the Town Council discussion. He is genuine, speaks from

the heart and is adept at connecting with people, particularly young adults. Swinton is certainly in a position to be an extremely valuable member of the Chapel Hill community, perhaps even as a Town Council member in the future, but we view him in more of a social activist role for the time being. His emphasis on combatting sexual assault is well-founded but isn't adequate as a platform headliner.

Gary Kahn

Gary Kahn has a strong understanding of the issues that the Chapel Hill Town Council is facing, but he lacks many essential characteristics of a politician. Specifically, he is unable to

empathize with people of a different opinion, show any concrete plans concerning the future of Chapel Hill or garner support from his constituents.

Paul Neebe

Paul Neebe was raised in Chapel Hill, and his passion for the city is undeniable. He is especially conscious of problems unique to a college town, such as high levels of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. However, his preparation for the political field is lacking, as he was less than familiar with the basic points of his platform. His ideas for expanding the light rail and maintaining the quality of life in town were also vague and financially infeasible.

Kleinschmidt should be re-elected and held accountable.

While he is running unopposed, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt is the best person to fill the position of mayor for an additional four years.

When first elected, Kleinschmidt was handed a town trying to survive a nationwide recession and by the end of his second term, the recovering economy shifted the council's focus towards improving the overall Chapel Hill experience.

Chapel Hill needs Kleinschmidt in his third term to oversee the implementation of Design Chapel Hill and the town's Youth Initiative he was so proud to finally see get off the ground.

As the council faces criticisms from stakeholders in the various development plans, it is important that Kleinschmidt not only lead the council in holding public forums but also reach out to stakeholders that have been unrepresented and unheard in the past.

A proponent of municipal authority, Kleinschmidt and the council has revised town ordinances to protect the

safety and welfare of citizens. Yet the N.C. Supreme Court has issued temporary stays on both the stricter regulations on towing practices and the ban on cell-phone use while driving.

As the future of these ordinances comes to light, the town needs to solicit public feedback. Depending on the support shown, the town should either dedicate itself to the implementation of the bills or let them go.

Chapel Hill shouldn't look to someone other than Mayor Kleinschmidt to carry out everything the town has been working on, and Kleinschmidt shouldn't



Mark Kleinschmidt

Kleinschmidt is the current mayor and is running for his third term.

wane on the solicitation of public feedback throughout Town Council proceedings.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you don't participate, you have no right to complain if things don't go your way, in my opinion."

Tracy Reams, on voting in municipal elections

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Even young adults have a good chance of going to the ER. Not being insured, or being underinsured, can devastate you financially."

RalphUNC, on the importance of quality health insurance

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rethinking diversity and UNC's culture

TO THE EDITOR:

Why are some fraternity brothers and sorority sisters so obsessed with throwing racially insensitive parties? What is so celebratory about the Vietnam War?

Last week, Delta Kappa Epsilon threw a "Vietnam Cocktail" party, where Carolina students wore Vietnamese straw hats, Viet Cong flags and other racially insensitive garments.

The Vietnam War is a bitter part of both Vietnamese and American history. As a Viet, I have personally experienced how my country and my family have been torn apart and damaged by the Vietnam War. As an immigrant in America, I know that thousands of Americans lost their parents, their partners and their children. Three hundred thousand casualties are nothing to celebrate.

As a UNC student, I am worried about what our fellow students are doing to our beloved University. At Carolina, we boast about diversity to our students and to our prospective students. However, allowing these types of parties to occur are disrespectful to Vietnamese culture and our Carolina culture at large. Such parties threaten the diversity of Carolina and compromise our culture of excellence.

No, this is not just one fraternity party. This is one of many consistent examples of cultural discriminations that marginalized identities must face on our campus. This is a disappointing and alarming reminder that Carolina is not as culturally and socially conscious as we claim ourselves to be.

This is not the time to be offended or to be defensive. It is time to rethink our actions and the messages we embody. It is time to rethink our Carolina culture of acceptance and excellence.

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Vote no on the ASG referendum this week

TO THE EDITOR:

Why should UNC leave the Association of Student Governments? Advocates say ASG wastes money and time, while doing very little advocacy. I am not here to argue against these charges — in fact, ASG has numerous flaws. But leaving the association will not fix any of these problems while simultaneously maintaining students' presence on the state level.

If UNC left ASG, we would no longer have a voice on the Board of Governors. There is absolutely no guarantee we can create an alternative association if we leave. Statewide advocacy is not something we should take "a leap of faith" for. In all likelihood, the BOG will never allow us to leave or create an alternative associa-

tion with the same power as ASG. Students do not wield the power in this situation, and further talk of leaving only causes BOG members to think of us as infantile. Threatening to leave when we do not get our way is the very definition of immature!

The onus of reform, then, is on UNC's delegation. If they cannot convince other delegates that reform is needed, either the reforms are not persuasive enough or the delegates need to put more effort into ASG.

Full disclosure: I have never been to an ASG meeting, but I know ASG has the potential to do amazing things. It is the only organization with a non-appointed seat on the BOG. University faculty do not even have a seat on the Board. By voting "yes" this Friday, you will in effect take away the most powerful tool students have for advocacy — our voice.

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Do something real to recognize veterans

TO THE EDITOR:

With Veteran's Day right around the corner, I would like to share some thoughts on ways in which one can give back to our nation's veterans. In my time here at UNC it seems that the only effort made by the university to recognize those who have served in America's armed forces is to designate one home football game annually as "Military Appreciation Day." On this day, at half-time, UNC ROTC cadets are brought onto the field, their names announced, and we all cheer. The applause given to these cadets, who have never served a day in our armed forces, is the only recognition veterans receive at UNC.

As a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, it sickens me to think of the many veteran UNC alumni and students standing to applaud ROTC cadets while the university profits off of the sale of Military Appreciation Day T-shirts and memorabilia. So, if you would like to give back and recognize a veteran this Veteran's Day, take the time to say "thanks" to a veteran you know, give a few dollars or a sandwich to a homeless veteran on Franklin Street or contribute to organizations such as the VFW, DAV, IAVA, Wounded Warrior Project or Team Rubicon.

Many take for granted the freedom our nation enjoys and the sacrifices of those who have volunteered to protect it. While this university makes almost no attempt to recognize these sacrifices, the students of this university can make an impact in a veteran's life. With more than 200,000 homeless veterans on any given night in America, there is ample opportunity to do something more for veterans in the Chapel Hill community than simply applauding cadets at an annual football game.

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