

Professor arrested, police seize 25 grams of marijuana

The tenured professor's lawyer said he will appear in court in March.

By Jane Wester
University Editor

Geography professor Aaron Moody will appear in court on drug and traffic charges in March, according to the Orange County Clerk of Superior Court's office. Moody, 53, was arrested Friday and charged with felony possession

of marijuana with intent to distribute, among other charges. His arrest report says officers seized more than 25 grams of marijuana after he was arrested on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. His first appearance was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon in the Orange County Courthouse in Hillsborough. Instead of Moody coming to court, his lawyer, Amos Tyndall, said he entered an appearance on his behalf Tuesday. Moody's court date will now be March 11. Tyndall, of the Chapel Hill firm Parry Tyndall White, said he is still



Aaron Moody was charged with felony possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, among other charges, on Friday. He is a geography professor at UNC.

investigating the case and isn't ready to talk more about it yet. Moody is a tenured associate professor, UNC spokesperson Jim Gregory said. According to the Department of Geography website, Moody is also the department's

director of undergraduate studies. ConnectCarolina doesn't show Moody as the professor for any classes this semester other than an independent study and graduate research work. According to his UNC web page, Moody teaches environmental conservation, biogeography and other courses. Twenty-five grams equates to about 0.8 ounces. In North Carolina, possession of more than 1.5 ounces of marijuana is a felony, but other factors — such as packaging or the circumstances surrounding the

arrest — can result in the felony charge of possession with intent to distribute. Moody's other felony charge is maintenance of a vehicle in connection with keeping, using or selling a controlled substance. He was also charged with three misdemeanors for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and fictitious or expired license or registration. Moody did not respond to a request for comment.

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Margaret Spellings unfazed by critics

UNC's president-elect readies for a daunting role

By Hayley Fowler
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Margaret Spellings is a lot of things, but intimidated is not one of them. Not by the murky future of higher education that is quickly approaching, not by the faculty and students who have called for her resignation and, certainly, not by a reporter from the campus newspaper — as she reminded The Daily Tar Heel over breakfast at the Carolina Inn last week. The 58-year-old UNC system president-elect, who takes the helm March 1, is unabashedly blunt — or, in her own words, “a get-to-the-result kind of person.” “You don't have to guess where you stand with her,” said David Dunn, Spellings' former chief of staff when she served as Secretary of Education for former president George W. Bush. “She's very direct.”

A rough start

A 2005 letter Spellings sent to the president of PBS has become a focal point for many students' discontent with her selection. The letter, which was about an animated children's show called “Postcards from Buster,” said, “Many parents would not want their young children exposed to the lifestyles.” in an episode that would have featured two lesbian couples from Vermont. When asked about the letter at her introductory press conference in October, Spellings said she had “no comments about those lifestyles.” The letter, Spellings notes, was sent more than a decade ago, and she regrets repeating the term lifestyles that a reporter used when phrasing the question. “There's just not a discriminatory bone in my body.” One of her favorite people in Washington, D.C. was Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., according to Dubravka Romano, who worked with Spellings in the '80s on the Texas Association of School Boards. “You don't get confirmed by the United States Senate unanimously with Ted Kennedy



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UNC-system president-elect Margaret Spellings sits in the historic Carolina Inn. Spellings was elected by the Board of Governors in October.

in the chair if you're a hater,” Spellings said. The Campus Y and activists at UNC's town hall on race and inclusion have called for her dismissal because of her perceived stance on LGBT individuals. “She has shown herself to be homophobic,” the activists' list of 55 demands reads. Both have also called attention to Spellings' history on the Board of Directors of the Apollo Group, Inc., the parent company of the for-profit University of Phoenix — an example students and faculty hold up of the imminent corporatization of the system.

“I make no apology for experiences I've had in the private sector to learn about higher education and what customers want. It's not a criminal enterprise,” said Spellings, who left the board in 2013. She's also hired a Boston consulting firm to examine the inner workings of the general administration for the UNC system. Though she won't be auditing individual university performance, she said the 17 campuses will be held to a certain standard. “Do our consumers and customers and students need information and a sound value

proposition at an affordable price that's relevant to their future? Hell yeah,” Spellings said. **A political past** She likes to say education chose her. The oldest of four daughters born to a Canadian father and American mother, Spellings moved to Texas when she was young. “It's five years from me to my youngest sister...which makes for a lot of hair pulling in the

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UNC employee not yet charged in bar incident

He was arrested in November and is away from work indefinitely.

By Felicia Bailey
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On Nov. 4, 55-year-old Eddie Randolph Allen was arrested in Phoenix, Ariz. while attending a conference related to his work at the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine at UNC. He was arrested for “unlawfully administering intoxicating liquors, narcotic drug or dangerous drug,” which is a felony, and was released on Nov. 5, according to the arrest report. Jerry Cobb, spokesperson for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, said there are no formal charges right now because Allen's case is still being reviewed. “Police are no longer investigating it at the moment, and they have submitted their information and the results of their investigation to us,” Cobb said. “We're now looking at that, and we'll have a charging decision shortly.”

According to the probable cause statement provided by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Allen was seen buying beers for other conference members on video footage of the bar in the Hyatt Regency hotel in Phoenix. The statement says Allen was seen stirring one of the beers before handing it to a fellow conference member, who is described as the victim in the police report. The victim went to the bathroom and dumped out his drink to find a white pill in the bottom of the cup. The victim knew Allen and was staying with him at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix, according to the statement. In an interview with the



Eddie Randolph Allen was arrested while attending a conference in Arizona in November.

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Sophomore runs teacher's campaign

Tanner Glenn is running his former APUSH teacher's campaign for N.C. House.

By Haley McDougal
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Three years ago, Rich Nixon, a high school teacher, taught a flipped classroom. Now, Tanner Glenn, one of Rich's students, has flipped the situation and works as Nixon's campaign manager. Glenn, now a UNC sophomore, was one of Nixon's AP U.S. History students at Corinth Holders High School. Nixon has since joined the race for the 26th district seat in the North Carolina House and made national headlines by bringing Glenn on his staff. “I knew how deeply he cares for education and how deep his love was for the state, and that really motivated me to want to get involved,” Glenn said. “I know that someone who cares that much about our education system and our state would be a great force in Raleigh.” Nixon, a Democrat, said even as a high school student, Glenn was very active in local politics and always intellectually curious. “Once he became interested in something, he really kind of dug deeply into it — and once he set his sights on doing something, he vigorously would pursue



COURTESY OF TANNER GLENN

Tanner Glenn with former President Bill Clinton. Glenn is acting as Rich Nixon's campaign manager. Nixon is running for the 26th district seat in the N.C. House.

his objectives,” Nixon said. Glenn had continuing experience within the Democratic Party that Nixon was aware of, and he became intrigued when some local party officials mentioned Glenn would be a good fit for his campaign. “They were saying the same thing over and over — he'll do a great job for you,” Nixon said.

He said even those who didn't know Glenn advised him that when campaigning at this level the need for energy could often outweigh experience, a characteristic that young campaign managers like Glenn bring. But this isn't Glenn's first political experience; he has been a part

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Honeybee mural aims to spread awareness

A new Carrboro mural will show struggles of honeybees.

By Megan Royer
Staff Writer

Fire Station 1 in Carrboro will be the location for one of a series of honeybee murals by an artist who has committed to personally paint 50,000 bees all over the country.

Artist Matthew Willey created The Good of the Hive Initiative, which aims to spread awareness about the struggles honeybees face through a series of murals.

He said he decided to create this initiative after feeling a connection to a honeybee that died on the floor of his studio in New York City about six years ago.

Willey said he began to do extensive research on honeybees and became fascinated with them after this experience.

“I came across a behavior of the honeybee that fascinated me,” Willey said.

“It is called altruistic suicide. When a honeybee feels sick, it will exit the hive and fly off into the abyss in order to keep the hive from getting sick. In essence, they do this for ‘the good of the hive.’ That is where the name eventually came from.”

Willey said he first reached

out to Bee City USA members for potential mural locations and got the most interest from Carrboro.

The Board of Aldermen passed a resolution declaring Carrboro a Bee City USA in October 2014.

Carrboro was the third of 15 cities across the country to be a part of Bee City USA, a designation that the town takes very seriously, Board of Aldermen member Bethany Chaney said.

The city followed in the footsteps of both Asheville, N.C. and Talent, Ore. — two other designated Bee City USA cities.

“We are committing to being active in creating positive pollination opportunities for bees,” Chaney said.

Mayor Lydia Lavelle said in an email that the town is very supportive of the bee and the beekeeping community.

She also said it is important to assist pollinators in creating sustainable habits, since they are vital to feeding the planet.

Chaney said Fire Station 1 is an ideal spot for the honeybee mural.

She said she liked the idea of it being on public property, as well as its proximity to the elementary school.

She thinks this will hopefully attract kids to the fire station.

“(Willey) worked with town staff to locate a visible, high-traffic area in town,”



COURTESY OF MATTHEW WILLEY

Artist Matthew Willey committed to personally paint 50,000 bees all over the country. Fire Station 1 in Carrboro will display a mural.

Lavelle said.

“With the farmer’s market located adjacent to the fire station, it seems like a good fit to help raise awareness to this important topic.”

Willey said he is not able to reveal the specifics of the

mural’s design, but that it will honor the elegance and beauty of the honeybee.

He also said it highlights the connection we have with them as humans.

He said he has 19 potential murals in other areas of the

country.

Carrboro’s mural should begin in the spring.

“By painting these tiny little creatures very large on walls, I am hoping to show their beauty, but also highlight and draw attention to

what is going on with them,” Willey said.

“There is nothing more powerful than art for connecting people to the world around them.”

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of Hillary for America, the Young Democrats of North Carolina, International Youth Council and more.

Glenn also serves as co-founder and executive director of Splash UNC, an organization that aims to teach middle and high school students in a fun way. Glenn said he was inspired to found the program by his classroom experience with Nixon, who used the “flipped” classroom method.

Glenn said even though he is still figuring out how to bal-

ance his new role with his student responsibilities, he is fully dedicated to the campaign.

He will take off the fall 2016 semester to live and work in Johnston County full time once the election revs up in May.

“I have had to attempt to master the art of time management, and I’m still figuring it out for this semester,” Glenn said.

Nixon said Glenn already helps by keeping him on top of all the tasks that need to be completed — a job Glenn can do easily based on his previous knowledge and connections in the political realm.

“He can point those things out to me and he can nag me until I get the things done that I need to do, which is a huge relief because I guess that was my biggest concern getting into this,” Nixon said. “I didn’t know the process, I didn’t know what I needed to do as a campaigner, and that’s what Tanner knows.”

Andrew Barnhill, a Democratic nominee for the N.C. Senate, said the idea of Glenn running Nixon’s campaign is exceptional. Glenn, he said, is able to read and interpret the attitudes of the community — a crucial skill in the political world.

“He is one of the most perceptive and politically savvy people I know of his age group, and that has led him to great success in his volunteer opportunities and internships with the parties so far,” Barnhill said.

He said Glenn saw a void in Johnston County that needed a strong Democratic candidate like Nixon to fill it, and acted upon his civic and personal obligations.

“If we, as Democrats, had more people recognizing that obligation, we would be winning in even some of the most gerrymandered districts in the state,” Barnhill said.

“So I applaud Tanner’s efforts for doing that.”

First-year Gentry Fitch, a friend of Glenn’s, said the new campaign manager position made sense for someone who has worked so hard.

“I think in a broad sense, Tanner just wants to figure out kind of his niche in this world, and his niche seems to be in that politically motivated and active arena,” he said.

But Glenn isn’t just hard working, Fitch said — his personality could sometimes be summed up as goofy.

“If I’m not laughing with Tanner, we’re talking about

like a current event or something, so it’s either really one or the other,” Fitch said.

Nixon said he’s told Glenn that they’re going to work hard, have fun and see what happens in November — but Glenn’s love for the job has, at times, caused Nixon to mute his phone late at night.

“I’ll get up every morning and see all these late night messages and texts from Tanner, and they all say, ‘oh, one more thing,’ and then, ‘oh, one more thing,’” Nixon said. “So, he keeps me hopping.”

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police, the victim said he was suspicious of the drink Allen gave him due to previous incidents involving alcohol with Allen. The previous incidents prompted the victim to look in the glass before drinking, according to the statement.

During his interview with the police recorded in the statement, Allen said he was stirring the beer to remove

the foam head.

Jim Gregory, a UNC spokesperson, said Allen is currently employed as an assistant director for operations within Research Support and the University is aware of his arrest.

On Tuesday, a receptionist at the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine said Allen would be out of the office indefinitely.

Cobb said the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office

does not have a specific timeline for these types of cases because people who commit dangerous and violent crimes have priority on charging decisions.

Allen does not have to stay in Arizona while awaiting his charging decision, Cobb said. Allen did not respond to a note left on the front porch of his Durham home on Thursday.

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short run and good friendships in the long run.”

After college, she went to work at the Texas state legislature where she met George W. Bush, who was thinking of running for governor.

“After he got elected as governor, he stole her permanently,” Romano said.

And once Bush became president, Spellings was chosen as one of his top advisors during his first term.

“It made perfect sense that someone who he trusted more than anyone else on education would run his Domestic Policy Council on education,” said Dunn, who worked on the council.

Spellings recalled meeting the “Big Four” in education in 2001 — Democrats Ted Kennedy and George Miller, and Republicans John Boehner and Jim Jeffords — with Bush in the Oval Office on one of her first days.

They talked education and, two days later, were invited with their spouses to The White House’s movie theater to watch “Thirteen Days,” a film about the Cuban Missile Crisis — one of many “pinch-me” moments for the University of Houston alumna.

Bush named Spellings Secretary of Education at the start of his second term, where she is most remembered for her role in implementing No Child Left Behind — a 2001 policy born from the idea that disadvantaged K-12 students shouldn’t fall through the cracks of public education.

“The core guts, caring enough to find out how poor and minority students are doing, holding ourselves accountable for their progress

and doing something about it when they fail — it’s as sound today as it was then,” she said.

During its implementation, Dunn said he and Spellings were initially criticized for not being conservative enough.

“The whole focus was more increased federal resources, greater accountability at the state and local level — education outcomes for low-income and minority kids,” he said.

He said he expects her focus on these students to carry over to North Carolina.

“(North Carolina) will find her to be fair, engaging and, frankly, fun.”

Her past brings a background rooted in politics, something the UNC system has avoided in the past. But Spellings is not planning on disregarding her experience in the Bush Administration.

“These are all political settings ... and that’s the fun of it,” she said at her introductory press conference in October.

Challenges welcome

Romano was surprised when Spellings accepted the post in North Carolina.

“I didn’t see that coming but, again, Margaret is a person who recognizes opportunities when they present themselves,” she said. “I guess this one did.”

And it came as a bit of a shock to Spellings, too.

“If somebody had told me five months ago, I’d move to North Carolina ... I would have called you crazy,” she said. “But I’m really excited to be doing it.”

Her transition to higher education in North Carolina comes at a time of scrutiny.

In January 2014, former system President Tom Ross was asked to resign his post of five years — and made it clear

it was not his choice.

The search for his successor was dominated by closed-door meetings, legislative intervention and general frustration with the process.

Even once Spellings was named, maligned former chairperson John Fennebresque resigned within three days of her appointment.

But Spellings, despite the outcry to her election, could bring increased openness to the board that underwent government transparency training in December.

In 2006, the Secretary of Education’s Commission on the Future of Higher Education, or the Spellings’ Commission, was released. The report made recommendations that included simplifying the financial aid system and improved transparency on college campuses.

“I think accountability is what the public expects of you in the public sector...” Spellings said. “That’s not a dirty word for me.”

Charles Miller, who chaired the commission, said Spellings’ knowledge of education in a public policy sense is better than most academics and is well-suited for the presidency.

“North Carolina is lucky to have her,” he said. “They don’t seem to be welcoming her with open arms.”

Miller asked those who have protested her appointment who the right person for the job would be, if not Spellings.

“Pick a name,” he said.


Spellings has not been as confrontational with her critics. In fact, she welcomes them.

“I would invite them to get to know me,” she said, unimtimidated.

“I would like to get to know them.”

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25 Make a bet

28 "I don't give ___!"

29 Karachi language

31 Nursery purchase

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33 "Railroad track piece

35 Atlas enlargement

36 Deck honcho, informally

37 Recital highlights

39 Thomas, Dick and Harry

42 "Police surveillance

46 Rations for Rover

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48 Black Hills st.

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50 Unimportant

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58 "Reversed counterpart

63 Towel holder

64 No longer dirt

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3 Twister

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5 Picking out of an LAPD lineup

6 Bar charges

7 Play with robots

8 Ancient

9 One of the Allman Brothers

10 Earth, to Mahler

11 Corrida stars

12 Portland

13 "Daytime observatory sighting

18 Moves effortlessly

22 Kid watchers

23 Jean-___ Picard: "Star Trek:

TNG" captain

24 Make a wrong turn, say

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56 Portent

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60 Gorges oneself (on)

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62 Ike's wartime command

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SPORTS BRIEF

UNC signs on new tight ends coach for football

UNC's football team has hired former UNC football player Chad Scott as its tight ends coach, according to FootballScoop.com.

The position was held by former assistant head coach for offense Seth Littrell.

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CITY BRIEF

Chapel Hill Transit will discuss new bus line

Chapel Hill Transit will host forums to discuss a new bus line.

The forums will be today at N.C. Children's Hospital at 11 a.m., Southern Village at 4 p.m. and the Student Union tomorrow at 11 a.m.

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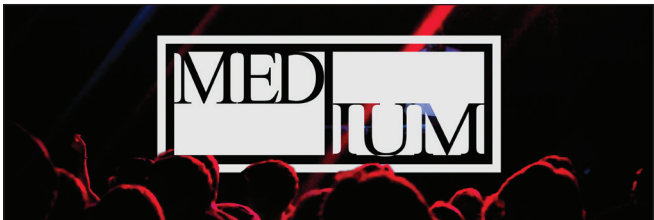
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The best of online



Review: ‘Work Like Any Other’ gives the feels

By Paige Ladisic
Editor in Chief

4 stars

Disclaimer: The Daily Tar Heel received a complimentary copy in exchange for our unbiased review.

“Work Like Any Other” is a beautifully woven tale of Roscoe T Martin, a man who is passionately in love with electricity and less passionately in love with his wife. He moves to his wife’s family farm after her father’s death and has no taste for farmwork, but he finds himself illegally hooking his farm up to the electric lines to keep himself busy. When an electric company employee is electrocuted and killed by Roscoe’s illegal power lines, he’s sent to jail and so is Wilson, the Martins’ helping hand who has kept the farm going over the years.

The good

Roscoe will break your heart. Marie will make you furious. Wilson will bring tears to your eyes.

“Work Like Any Other”

makes you feel so many things. Not all of those things are good. You feel Roscoe’s guilt when he learns that Wilson, a black man, has been shipped off to work in a coal mine for the duration of his sentence — all because Roscoe enticed Wilson to help him hook up the lines. You feel Marie’s disgust with her husband for what he did to Wilson and his family. You feel every single moment of this book.

This is not a fun book, and it will not make you smile. But it is a good book and a thoughtful book, and all around, it is worth reading. It is so worth reading.

The bad

It’s too short. Something I rarely, if ever, say. I wanted more from “Work Like Any Other” and that is genuinely my main problem with it. I needed to know what happened to Roscoe and his relationship with his son.



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INTROVERTS

Staff writer Lydia McInnes discusses the struggles of shopping as an introvert.

It’s early morning. The post-Christmas sales are off the charts and you’re getting ready to cash it in big. You make a quick stop by the food court — those giant pretzels are heaven smothered in salt — and then you’re off, beating the crowds and buying as much stuff as your little hands can carry.

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ONLINE POLL

The Daily Tar Heel asked respondents how they feel about the punishments given to He’s Not Here. Results as of publication.

“I’m just glad they get to stay open!”
— 58 percent

“I think they should have been more strict considering the consequences, but this is fine.”
— 22 percent

“He’s Not should be closed after everything that happened.”
— 20 percent

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POLICE LOG

• Someone committed larceny at the Harris Teeter located at 310 N. Greensboro St. at 3:24 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person stole \$47.97 worth of salmon, reports state.

• Someone drove while impaired on Northfield Drive at 3:09 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person was also charged with failing to maintain lane control, reports state.

• Someone drove while impaired on the 1200 block of Raleigh Road near Hamilton Road at 3:11 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone committed forgery at 130 S. Estes Drive at 7:35 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone committed a hit and run on North Estes Drive at 7:40 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person’s bond is set at \$750, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny on the 300 block of West Rosemary Street at 1:32

a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person is also charged with possessing stolen goods and second degree trespassing, reports state.

• Someone committed injury to real property on the 300 block of Estes Drive at 5:19 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.

• Someone reported loud music on the 100 block of N.C. Highway 54 at 1:45 a.m. Tuesday, according to Carrboro police reports.

• Someone committed felony possession of marijuana at Odum Village at 9:49 p.m. Sunday, according to the UNC Department of Public Safety.

• Someone consumed alcohol at Morrison Residence Hall at 2:09 a.m. Sunday, according to the UNC Department of Public Safety.

• Someone consumed alcohol at Hinton James Residence Hall at 1:49 a.m. Saturday, according to the UNC Department of Public Safety.

• Someone committed larceny from the Knapp Sanders building at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, according to the UNC Department of Public Safety.

Q&A with UNC recruit
Brandon Robinson

Brandon Robinson became the second recruit from the Class of 2016 to commit to the North Carolina men’s basketball team when he chose the Tar Heels over Florida State, Louisville, Georgia Tech and Georgia on Sept. 28.

Ranked by 247Sports as the No. 9 shooting guard and No. 55 overall player in the Class of 2016, Robinson and fellow four-star recruits Tony Bradley and Seventh Woods give UNC the No. 7 recruiting class in the country.

Entering Wednesday’s game, Robinson was averaging 25.1 points per game for Douglas County High School in Douglasville, Ga.

Assistant Sports Editor Jeremy Vernon spoke with Robinson about his decision to commit to North Carolina, his playing style and his relationships with current UNC players and coaches.

The Daily Tar Heel: Why did you commit to North Carolina?

Brandon Robinson: I just felt like that was the best school that fit my style of play, and they have a coaching staff that can help me, with Coach (Roy) Williams and Coach (Hubert) Davis. They coached many guards that have played in the league. And then Coach Davis, he played the same position as me and played it for a long time in the league and had one of the highest 3-point percentages in the league, so I looked at that and put that into consideration when I made my decision.

DTH: What do you think you can bring to the men’s basketball team?

BR: I think I can bring scoring, a lot of defensive intensity and me being locked in and crashing lanes and trying to get a couple of weak-side blocks. And then, I think one part of my game



Brandon Robinson is one of three players in the Class of 2016 committed to the men’s basketball team.

that is very underrated is that I can pass the ball. So I think I can bring all those things to North Carolina next year and I’ll be an immediate impact.

DTH: What was your first impression of Roy Williams when you first met him?

BR: He’s a great guy. He cares about his players and he’d do anything for them, and they all still have great relationships with him, even when they’re done playing for him. That was big for me and my family, just looking at relationships after basketball with the coaches. And players still stay connected with the program and they come back, and it’s very evident that all of them still do that.

DTH: If you were to look at any player in the NBA today, is there anyone that you have modeled your game after or someone who plays in a similar style?

BR: I think a person that I look up to right now is Kevin Durant, just because we kinda have the same body frame. He scores the ball and he can also make plays for his teammates, so that’s the one player that I look at and try to watch.

DTH: How much did you know about the North Carolina program when you first started getting recruited?

BR: I knew a lot. My dad is a big North Carolina basketball fan, so he always liked North Carolina basketball. So just then being recruited by them was exciting for me. I just fell in love with the program from day one when I went on my visit and when they played against Duke.

DTH: Do you know any of the guys on the team now? How do you think the chemistry will be with them once you get to campus?

BR: When I went on my visit, I got connected with all of them pretty good. And they’re all great guys. I’ll talk to Justin Jackson sometimes. I think there is going to be great chemistry. I think I can fit in great with them. When I went on my visit and played pickup with them, I just played great with those guys. They were motivating me to score, because at first I came out very passive, and they were just telling me to score the ball and just to play my game.

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IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

Girl Scout cookies are once again for sale. We've listed a few of the choices you have when you purchase some of these popular treats.

Compiled by Kerry Lengyel
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Thin Mints

These are the popular, round, mint-flavored cookies with a chocolate coating.

Caramel deLites/Samoas

These are caramel and toasted coconut cookies with a hollowed-out center.

Peanut Butter Patties

These are cookies with a layer of peanut butter and a layer of chocolate to coat.

Shortbread

This is the original shortbread cookie with the Girl Scout logo placed right on top.

Do-si-dos

These sandwich cookies have crunchy oatmeal on the outside and creamy peanut butter on the inside.

Cranberry Citrus Crisps

This crispy cookie is made with whole grain and contains cranberry bits and citrus flavor.

Lemonades

These are your original shortbread cookies topped with tangy lemon icing.

Trios

These are gluten-free cookies containing peanut butter and oatmeal, with whole-grain oats.

Thanks-A-Lot

These are your original shortbread cookies with a bottom layer of chocolate.

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Members of Girl Scout Troop 1309 out of Durham stand behind their table ready to sell cookies to students in the Pit Tuesday.

Netflix makes graduate famous

Higher stakes for Orange County primary

Former UNC law student gains fan base after starring in Netflix's "Making a Murderer."

By Jenni Ciesielski
Staff Writer

If UNC's School of Law creates a course on how to deal with being an internet sensation, Jerry Buting might be the perfect professor. The UNC law class of 1981 graduate defended Steven Avery in the Netflix series "Making a Murderer."

The documentary follows the trial of Steven Avery, who was accused, and eventually convicted, of murdering Teresa Halbach. This accusation came just two years after Avery spent 18 years in prison for sexual assault he didn't commit.

"It's a worldwide phenomenon. I've been contacted from South Africa to the U.K. to Australia and New Zealand and almost everything in between," he said.

Luckily, the show wasn't as popular in Italy, which is where Buting was when it started receiving major attention from the media. He was able to walk around with relative anonymity.

That all changed when he got back. "As soon as I got off the plane, immediately people started approaching me and introducing themselves and asking for selfies," he said.

Buting has received thousands of emails and countless tweets since the documentary aired, many of them giving suggestions for potential new leads or evidence for the case. His favorite ones, he said, are the ones from young law students who have become inspired by his and partner Dean Strang's work.

He said the reactions he's received since the documentary aired are different than what he and Strang got from Wisconsin citizens during the trial.

"We were on TV all the time, and Dean and I were sort of the bad guys," he said.

Now, celebrities like Ricky Gervais and Alec Baldwin are praising them.

While UNC may not have prepared him to deal with being in the public eye, Buting said the law school did a great job in preparing him to become a lawyer.

"That was where I had the opportunity to do some court work as a law student, and I think that's an invaluable opportunity for students," he said.

This experience clearly paid off. Buting's courtroom work in the series



COURTESY OF JERRY BUTING

has convinced many viewers of Avery's innocence. Amongst those impressed with his work is Martin Brinkley, the Dean of UNC's School of Law.

"Training law students for public and private service by instilling ethical values and dedication to justice is part of our mission and Jerry is proof that our mission is strong," Brinkley said in an email.

Buting said he found this particular case hard to leave behind after the final verdict declared Avery guilty of murder.

"This has always been a difficult case to live with, especially with the understanding that Mr. Avery has now suffered two tragedies," he said.

Buting said he hopes the documentary makes people aware of

issues in the criminal justice system that transcend Avery's trial, such as illegal juvenile interrogations and lack of funding for criminal defense.

"There are a lot of reforms we need," he said. "There's chronic underfunding of people who defend the poor people — people should be outraged at that."

Although attorney Kathleen Zellner is now representing Avery, Buting said he would be interested in helping his former client again in the future.

"I'm supportive. I'm providing whatever knowledge I have about the case, and I'm willing to assist in any way they think is appropriate."

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All commissioner candidates are running as Democrats.

By Lauren Miller
Staff Writer

While the national election stage is just being set, the upcoming March primary will directly determine who will fill the four seats on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Because no Republicans filed for the Orange County commissioners race, Democratic candidates will only be facing members of their own party for the open seats.

"This is not uncommon because of the political leanings of Orange County residents," said Earl McKee, chairperson of the Board of Commissioners.

As of November 2015, approximately 48 percent of registered voters in Orange County are Democrats, as opposed to the almost 16 percent who are registered Republicans.

"Orange County primaries do have lower turnout than general elections, but nothing that falls short of the ordinary when compared to other areas," said Tracy Reams, director of the Orange County Board of Elections.

Jamezetta Bedford, a candidate for the one of the two seats open in District 1 and a former member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, said she anticipates the presidential primary election will draw more residents to the polls than normal.

"We are all Democrats, so it is harder to distinguish between opponents on some of the issues," Bedford said.

Candidates are now working to bring voters' attention to

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local issues with only two months until the primary race.

"It's really important to have voters at the polls because the race will be decided on March 15," said Mark Dorosin, District 1 incumbent.

Dorosin said the campaigns will start emphasizing the stakes of the primary in the upcoming weeks.

"I think that UNC students only really pay attention when they have really strong opinions," UNC sophomore Laura Perrotta said.

"I would think it's really unlikely that they would know that this local primary would determine what the general election normally would."

The deadline for voter registration is Feb. 19, but early voting commences Mar. 3 and lasts through Mar. 12.

Voters are also able to complete same-day registration during this early voting period.

If completing same-day registration, one must vote at the early voting sites rather than on Election Day, which is March 15.

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Carolina for the Kids clinic hasn't found permanent home

The clinic has been in a temporary location since July.

By Blake Hoarty
Staff Writer

Carolina for the Kids is still looking for a permanent location for its N.C. Children's Hospital primary care clinic, but the temporary location on Franklin Street is working well for the moment.

Meagan Barger, executive director of Carolina for the

Kids, said the organization has not narrowed down a list of potential final locations.

"It's moved to a temporary location currently," Barger said. "While it's there, we'll be able to expand the specialty clinics within the hospital."

Haley Waxman, publicity chairperson for Carolina for the Kids, said there are benefits to the clinic's current location on East Franklin Street near the Estes Drive intersection, which opened in July.

"It's right off Franklin Street, great visibility, lots of windows and we have chil-

dren's books and toys in every room," she said.

There is a long-term plan to finish the necessary fundraising, Barger said.

"Our fundraising commitment is to be completed within the next five years," she said. "It's up to the hospital to make the decision on location, architecture and design. We're more on the fundraising end of the project."

Public transportation is another consideration for the final location.

"We want to make sure the new location is on the bus line

so underprivileged families will have access to the primary care," Barger said.

Michael Steiner, medical director for the N.C. Children's Hospital Clinics, said the placement of the clinic is important because it caters to a large impoverished population.

He said the clinic provides a variety of services for roughly 250 patients each week.

"We provide on-site breastfeeding, breastfeeding assistants, social workers, innovative interpretative services for families that do not speak English as a primary

language," Steiner said.

Waxman said Carolina for the Kids doesn't know how much money it will need to complete the project.

"The number is still up in the air right now," she said. "The money we have to raise will depend upon whether we have to buy land or build on land already owned by the hospital, but we are fully functional out of the new clinic, and we see ourselves being there for probably the next five years or so."

She said UNC Dance Marathon serves as the

primary source of fundraising for Carolina for the Kids, along with smaller events.

"This year we are expecting really great fundraising outcomes," she said. "We have a record number of dancers signed up. Last time I checked, we were just under 2,500, which is the highest number we ever had."

Waxman said it's important for the clinic to find a permanent home. "We just need to find a home that meets all the needs, and not some of them."

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Clef Hangers bring treble to White House

The group sang for President Obama and the first lady.

By Maggie Mouat
Staff Writer

It's not everyday that someone can say they performed for President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama — unless you're a member of the Clef Hangers.

In December, UNC's oldest a cappella group was invited to perform at the White House.

The group sang James Bay's soft rock song "Let It Go."

First-year international student Patrick Dow, who is a member of the Clefs, said it was incredible meeting the president — especially having only been in the United States for a semester.

"We got invited to sing at the White House, and at one point, we were not sure if we were going to actually sing for President Obama," Dow said. "We were told we were going to sing in one room as the president's guests entered for a Christmas party."

Eventually, they were told they would soon perform for the president and first lady.

"They told us he was going to walk in, shake everyone's hands. We would get to meet the first lady as well, and it was going to be a small meeting — just in and out."

But meeting the president was only one of the group's many accomplishments this year.

Sophomore Clefs president Chris Burrus has found that



COURTESY OF CHRIS BURRUS

The Clef Hangers performed for President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama in December.

this year in particular has been a growing one for the Clef Hangers.

The group has expanded their audience base, sold out several shows and performed at new show venues.

"This year, on both a personal level and a group level, is a much bigger and much more involved year," Burrus said.

"Our group has tackled new feats, and we have traveled more than any other Clef group in the past."

Burrus said the experience has been worthwhile and a great means for gaining exposure.

"It's been really rewarding for all of us to be able to see

our hard work have some sort of payoff for people who might not have even known our name before we started traveling on the tour," he said.

But even though the Clefs have been traveling more, senior Channing Mitzell has found that the group finds a piece of UNC wherever they go.

"We can sing in front of a crowd that has over 1,100 people who want to hear us and want to feel some sort of college nostalgia again because obviously 90 percent of our crowd are Tar Heels."

The Clef Hangers try to incorporate classic UNC anthems.

"We are really lucky we get to share the kind of music we love with other people. It's really cool because when we are interacting with the crowd and we are putting on these performances, we always end our concerts with 'Hark the Sound' and 'Carolina in my Mind,'" he said.

In fact, Mitzell said "Carolina in my Mind" typically receives the most attention.

"It makes UNC feel a lot smaller, and it makes the world feel a lot smaller, thanks to the UNC connection."

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NC Botanical Garden saves eastern seeds

By Katie Rice
Staff Writer

The North Carolina Botanical Garden has partnered with two botanical institutions in the northeast to start an eastern branch of the program Seeds of Success.

Seeds of Success is a native seed collection program started by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. It is a young program which has conducted the majority of its seed collection in the western United States — until this year.

John Randall, director of conservation programs at the N.C. Botanical Garden, said it all stemmed from the garden's involvement in the global Millennium Seed Bank project.

"We were chosen to help with the program because we had a long history of seed collection and expertise in that particular activity," he said.

Randall recognized the need for a large-scale seed collection program on the East Coast. He wrote a grant proposal with two other institutions, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank and the New England Wild Flower Society, to help found the Seeds of Success East Project.

The U.S. Department of the Interior approved the Seeds of Success East Project and awarded the program \$3.5 million in order to train collection teams for the next two years of operation.

"One of the large goals for Seeds of Success is to bank — essentially — all wild seeds of the United States for the purpose of conservation, and that's a very large, long-term goal," said Edward Toth,

director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank.

The seeds will be conserved and used in restoration projects on public lands, like national wildlife refuges, Randall said.

Michael Piantedosi, seed bank coordinator for the New England Wild Flower Society, said conserved seeds will ideally be used in local restoration efforts across the nation.

"It's kind of important because there is no other program like it right now that can provide locally adapted seeds of a certain species," he said. "I think that each location has specialists that know the plants of their geographic region."

Toth said it is important for seeds to stay within their geographic area of origin.

"Making the match between locally collected wild seeds within restoration projects is really critical for our long-term goals," he said.

Amanda Faucette, conservation botanist at the N.C. Botanical Garden, said she thinks the public isn't aware of the importance of conservation. "These are plants that most people might consider weeds, and people don't realize how important they are to the whole ecosystem," she said.

The need for conservation of and research about endangered plant species is clear, said Michael Kunz, a conservation ecologist at the Botanical Garden.

"Seed conservation is just one tool on the toolbelt to make sure that we have the ability to protect and save all pieces of that ecosystem."

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is an 8 – Team efforts and projects are favored this month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Your social life is extra fun. Collaborate with friends. Schedule carefully. Call or text if you're going to be late. Play together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 9 – Focus on career, and take advantage of new opportunities. Take on a challenge this month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Advance your position. Your status and influence are on the rise. Showing up is fundamental.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a 9 – Stick to the budget, despite eagerness to leap boundaries, push limitations and discover. Travel beckons over the next month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Conditions are favorable, so go! Higher spiritual values come into play.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is a 7 – Focus on family finances over the next month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Sort, file and organize. You're a genius at building legacies. Discuss long-term goals. Persuade your partner with charm and patience.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 – Partnership grows your efforts over the next month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Collaborate, compromise and negotiate win-win deals. Rely on each other. If you have bad dreams, ask the monster for a gift.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 – Focus on your work over the next month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Mental creativity is at maximum. Grow your professional performance and productivity. Schedule extra rest for balance. Choose private over public engagements.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 – Enter a highly creative period. Don't get mad when others remind you to stay on task. You're lucky in love and games this month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Practice hobbies, sports and talents.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 – Money comes more easily this month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Focus on home and family this month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Nurture your creativity in comfortable surroundings. Take care of household responsibilities. Beautify your own surroundings, and settle in.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 – Write, record and publish over the next month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Learn and retain complex material. Your communications thrive, and words come easily. Don't evade the tough questions. Heed the voice of experience.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 – Focus more easily this month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Balance expenses with income. Move forward with an eclectic idea. Show off your self-discipline. Put in the extra work required. Grow a tidy nest egg.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 – You have the advantage this month, with the Sun in your sign. Put forth your personal best effort. Use your growing power and talent for good. Planning helps keep costs down. Take care of others.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 6 – Finish old projects in peaceful productivity this month, with the Sun in Aquarius. Enter a private intellectual assessment phase. Savor solitude and introspection. Restore mental and physical energy through rest and meditation. Make excellent plans.

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When I laughed with Trump

“Trump? You like Donald Trump?”
“I don’t like him! He’s just entertaining. It’s like a free movie we all get to watch!”
So said I blithely to the group at lunch. I was in Sweden, and they were asking me about American politics.
And I did think Trump was hilarious. Of course, I realized that he had started his campaign by equating Mexico with rapists and criminals. But what of it? Most Americans don’t really think Mexicans are rapists and criminals. They can tell that Trump is exaggerating.
Truthfully, I was inclined to forgive Trump because I loved how he was sinking all other Republicans. I cheered as Trump rose and then looked forward to gloating when the Democrats sent him packing with a flea in his ear.
Then, it started: Thousands of Muslims in New Jersey cheered on 9/11. I will deport Syrian refugees that Obama admits. We should absolutely have a database of Muslims in this country.
Only then did I panic. People underestimate the role the government plays in our lives. Even those who fancy a small government are trained from childhood to listen to the wisdom of authority — first, our parents, then, our teachers, police, and standing behind them all, the government.
This can be good. When businesses refuse maternity leave, the government can step in and say, “No, you have to.” When people write off immigrant kids, the government says, “No, you have to provide English as a Second Language lessons.” When people slide towards tit-for-tat crime, the government says, “We’ll not have mob justice here. We’ll put the people who harmed you on trial, but you as well if you seek revenge.”
When this government, or the most popular candidate running for its highest office, says: “Well! Let’s register all Muslims.” — I panicked.
I know many think we just deserve it. If God made me born with black hair and eyes, that’s proof that even God wants me registered. I understand that we Muslims are not perfect saints. I don’t blame you for being scared.
But when suddenly the finger was pointed so squarely at me — I need *you* to be registered — I panicked. When the government — society’s premier authority — could tell everyone that we Muslims are so bad that we need to be registered, what is the incentive for anyone to treat us fairly?
What incentive will teachers or cops have to treat Muslims gently when they know, “Oh, this one’s registered, they’re dangerous anyway”? How is a jury supposed to care about a murdered Muslim when all the time Trump whispers in their ears, “Don’t forget, this one was registered, their life wasn’t really worth that much?”
It is only now that I can see the wrong in what Trump first said and the panic he must have caused. If illegal immigrants are all rapists and criminals, and the Republican frontrunner said so, then what’s the difference if we treat them as humans or not?
I think back to that lunch in Sweden and realize how stupid they must have thought me, laughing along with Trump.

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Mistress of Quirk
Evana Bodiker reflects on grieving for celebrities.

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No hands

Concerts are spaces to be considerate of others around you.

It is far-fetched to believe that Cat’s Cradle would host rapper Waka Flocka Flame for three days? For the several hundred who attended, going is now a distant memory — logged somewhere between serendipity and some unexplainable desire to scream rap lyrics made popular almost half a decade ago.
Even less surprising than the appearance of Waka Flocka Flame was that each of his three shows sold out relatively quickly, causing a great deal of confusion and an underground market for buying and selling concert tickets. Though Waka Flocka Flame’s coming seemingly came out of nowhere, the performer was able to draw a large and diverse crowd.
More interesting than Waka’s presence was the way in which the crowd moved and interacted with each other. Rap concerts do not necessarily warrant an environment conducive to interpersonal violence,

that is the harmful interactions between two or more people, yet many attendees described their experience as such.
Not all rap is meant to be experienced with a lot of motion, screaming or vulgarity. Waka Flocka Flame and similar rap concerts are not representative of all rap concerts, but a certain genre of rap and such shows will bring out a certain type of crowd and create a certain type of environment. Waka’s performance created an atmosphere of pandemonium, havoc and commotion. Every detail of his show seemed to intensify one or all three. From the ticket sales to the uncertain start time, the crowd flowed in and out of a state of chaos.
It is important to remember the many ways our bodies move throughout space and how easily our actions can be misinterpreted or read as domineering or encroaching upon others. We should carry with us how black men and women are read as threatening even at concerts where the headliner is also black or a person of color.
How is it that we are

mindful of our hands and limbs when we are in intimate settings of two or three people, but we are dismayed by the influence of a large crowd? Disillusioned to the point we resort to violence without consequence.
Editorials like these are not meant to come across as prescriptive, particularly this is not an opinion against typical rambunctiousness or enjoyment of music concerts. But, consider not only your own safety, but the physical and mental safety of those around you. Buying a concert ticket does not equal consent to being touched just as purchasing dinner for a romantic interest does not equal consent to sex.
It’s imperative we consider, then reconsider, how are bodies move in space — at concerts, inside our classrooms or when in a close and personal setting with a friend. We must be cognizant, otherwise we are allowing our bodies to become complicit entities of interpersonal violence. Yes, move and sway with the crowd but don’t force yourself. Keep your head on and importantly ‘do it with no hands.’

ARTS COLUMN

Can’t stop, won’t stop

Miley Cyrus and I have been growing up together.

When Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth started dating, I was just entering high school. It was summer 2009 when they met on the set of “The Last Song,” and it was summer 2009 when I met a guy I soon developed a crush on. When Liam and Miley started dating in October of the same year, I had already met his parents and extended family.
As someone who grew up watching “Hannah Montana,” I was always generally a Miley Cyrus fan, but I really started paying attention to her when she started rebelling. After “The Last Song,” Miley deleted her Twitter account in a search for privacy, especially when it came to her love life. As a generally private person, especially in high school, I understood this.
I don’t know when it happened, exactly, but I became very emotionally invested in Miley and Liam’s relationship. I think it’s because I see so much of myself in Miley Cyrus — we’re both Sagittarius women of approximately the same age who were rebelling at about the same time. In 2010, during the “Can’t Be Tamed” era, we also had similar attitudes. Neither of us were in a relationship, nor did we need to be in order to be happy.
I remember being a little devastated when they announced their split. My



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best friend and I rewatched “The Last Song” — meaning I broke down all of my feelings as the movie played in the background.
When they got back together in mid-2011, I was skeptical. It seemed too soon. They hadn’t worked out their issues yet. I didn’t want Miley to get hurt.
And when engagement rumors started to fly in 2012, I was worried.
When they announced the end of their engagement and, subsequently, their relationship, I was upset but relieved. It was going to hurt, but they needed to figure themselves out before they could even try to be with each other.
Miley dropped “Bangerz” in October 2013, the start of my first year at UNC, and we went through this transitional period together. She was mourning the loss of a deep relationship, and I was just trying to keep my life together in a new environment. She had a new look and sound —

so did I. I started wearing less and going out more. I listened to “Bangerz” on repeat for months.
I will be the first to say that she is a problematic fave. But Miley and I have transitioned through life together, and I genuinely wish her the best (yes, I know I don’t know her).
When the news broke that Miley and Liam might be engaged again, I was truly happy for her. I still am. Both parties have never spoken negatively toward each other, and they’ve both had a chance to grow as people by themselves. If the love is still there, why not? Isn’t a good relationship one in which both people can grow?
Miley and I have not stopped growing together. And in 2016, I’m hoping to follow her lead. At this point, I would never get back together with an ex — but I am trying to be more forgiving. Miley is following her heart and making herself vulnerable, and I respect her for that. That’s what I’m trying to do, too.
Instead of making New Year’s resolutions, I am always trying to be better than I was the day before. I believe that Miley gets this mentality, which is why I identify with her so much.
At the end of the day, I just want her to be happy and to live. That’s what I want for myself, too.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I know that someone who cares that much about our education system and our state would be a great force in Raleigh.”

Tanner Glenn, on supporting Rich Nixon’s campaign for N.C. House

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“What if we accept that all our ‘heroes’ have faults and recognize them for their good points.”

marcedward, on noting the importance of accepting everyone’s faults

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Order of the Bell Tower wants you

TO THE EDITOR:
Order of the Bell Tower serves as the official student ambassadors and tradition keepers of the University. What does that mean? Basically we’re just a bunch of students who love UNC and love to share our passion with Tar Heels from all walks of life.
I joined Order of the Bell Tower my first year. Since then, it’s become my family. I’ve learned so much about UNC’s traditions and history serving the University through OBT, and it has really enriched my college experience. I’ve helped host events from Bell Tower Climbs and celebrations of Hinton James Day to the Dean Smith memorial last year. I’ve traveled across the Southeast to represent OBT and UNC at conferences with student groups from other universities. And all along the way, I’ve gained a tight-knit group of friends across campus who are enthusiastic about the preservation and evolution of UNC’s traditions. Traditions unite past, present and future Tar Heels. I’ve had the opportunity to talk to alumni, current students and future students through the various events OBT puts on each year. I love comparing favorite traditions and memories with alumni, and teaching new and future students about what makes UNC special. While we all have different backgrounds, interests and favorite traditions, we are united by our shared love of UNC and the diversity of traditions that make our alma mater so special. Plus, getting to wear those snazzy Carolina Blue blazers is a nice perk.
We’re currently looking for new members to #JoinTheOrder. The application is open to first-years, sophomores and juniors. Check out our Facebook and Twitter pages for more information. Additionally, we have upcoming info sessions next week in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center — on Tuesday, Jan. 26 from 4-6 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 3-5 p.m. Feel free to reach out with any questions. The application is due Jan. 31 and can be found at <https://alumni.unc.edu/things-to-do-for-students/order-of-the-bell-tower/join-obt/>

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Democrats could take back the vote in 2016

TO THE EDITOR:
Democrats looking toward a spirited 2016 presidential campaign should feel upbeat about statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor, council of state and perhaps the U.S. Senate. But the real seat of power in North Carolina is the Republican-dominated General Assembly.

The (Raleigh) News & Observer recently described Republican-drawn districts as “so aggressively gerrymandered it would take a pitch-fork rebellion by voters to end the GOP majority.” That’s a gentle way of telling Democrats they have virtually no chance of rolling back lopsided GOP majorities (74-45 and 34-16 in the state House and Senate and 10-3 in our U.S. House delegation).
A small ray of hope is that, at any time, the state Supreme Court could issue a redistricting ruling to redraw some districts to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act. But even if ordered to do so, it’s unclear if GOP legislators would make more than superficial revisions. That would likely perpetuate a pattern where Democrats win about half the statewide vote but end up with barely a third of the seats.
Democrats haven’t entirely written off legislative gains for 2016. But an alternate strategy would serve to expose gerrymandering and discredit the GOP’s illegitimate hold on power. Rather than try to “win the election,” they should mobilize to “win the vote” by ensuring that no district is without a Democratic challenger.
In 2012, Democrats won more votes for Congress both nationally and in our state delegation, but Republicans won underserved majorities of seats. Producing a larger overall vote than Republicans showed the level of support Democrats command across North Carolina. It was a powerful political talking point in 2012 and could be again this presidential year when turnout favors Democrats.
Democrats left 28 state House districts and 12 Senate districts uncontested in 2012, compared to 27 House districts and seven Senate districts that Republicans didn’t contest. The vote split across 170 Assembly districts was 48 percent for Democrats and 52 percent for Republicans. If Democrats had contested the 40 districts they left vacant, they would have equaled or surpassed Republicans in the popular vote.
“Win the vote” candidates need not be committed to winning or even to campaigning. In most cases, they will go into it knowing they aren’t going to win. They just need to be willing to have their name on the ballot as a repository for Democratic votes. Each additional ballot name would enable Democrats to add 10,000 to 12,000 votes in a House district and 24,000 to 29,000 votes in a Senate district.
The longer-term strategy would be to mobilize energetic public support to end gerrymandering and demand meaningful redistricting reform. That will be key for Democrats to have any prospect of regaining majorities in Raleigh and Washington.

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Durham

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