

IN THE
BALANCE

With presidential polls even, North Carolina plays a key role nationally

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By Olivia Slagle
Staff Writer

With three races too close to predict before Election Day, North Carolina has emerged as one of the most watched — and important — swing states of 2016.

A New York Times Upshot and Siena College poll released Monday

morning had presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton in a dead heat in the state, with each candidate tied at 44 percent.

Without North Carolina, Donald Trump has a very difficult path to the White House, said Francis De Luca, president of the conservative-leaning Civitas Institute.

“Trump needs North Carolina

to get to 270 electoral votes,” said Ferrel Guillory, professor at the UNC School of Media and Journalism. “If Clinton can deprive him of those votes, she’s on her way to victory.”

Guillory said the state reached battle ground designation only after 2008 when then-Sen. Obama became the first Democratic

presidential candidate since 1976 to win the state’s electoral votes.

“As recently as 2004, there were no commercials in this state,” he said. “Republicans won this state easily. North Carolina as a swing state in presidential elections is a rather recent phenomenon.”

Guillory said the swing-state designation is in part due to

changing demographics. Growing metropolitan areas like Raleigh and Charlotte have seen a surge of migration from other states, often creating areas of Democratic strength, he said.

“The electorate in North Carolina is half native North Carolinians and

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Trump rallies day before close N.C. election

Trump called Clinton corrupt and the system rigged.

By Kent McDonald
Assistant State & National Editor

On the eve of the election, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump addressed an audience at the J.S. Dorton Arena at the NC State Fairgrounds, making his final claim for why North Carolina should stay red this election and elect him president of the United States.

“I’m not a politician, I can say proudly — my only special interest is you,” he told the crowd.

Trump said ending government corruption and eliminating the power of

special interest groups are goals of his presidency.

“Real change also means restoring honesty to our government,” he said.

Trump said his opponent, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, is unfit to be president.

“Hillary Clinton is the most corrupt person to ever seek the office of president of the United States,” he said.

Trump criticized Clinton’s support of the NAFTA trade deal and said that her policies will damage the North Carolina economy.

Trump said Clinton’s policies on immigration endanger the American people.

“Hillary supports open borders — there goes your country,” he said.

Trump said if he is elected, he will eliminate all govern-

ment funding for sanctuary citizens and build a wall along the southwestern U.S. border to prevent illegal immigrants from entering the country.

Trump also praised Gov. Pat McCrory and his work, encouraging the audience to vote for McCrory and support the Republican party.

“He’s in a tough fight, but he’s going to win that fight,” Trump said.

McCrory attended the event to show his support for Trump and said the audience should not allow liberal ideals to hurt the state.

McCrory defended House Bill 2 as a necessary measure to protect the safety of N.C. women and children.

“We’re going to stick up for the taxpayers of North Carolina,” he said. “Are you with me, North Carolina?”

North Carolina native and N.C. State alumna Lara Trump, daughter-in-law of Donald Trump, said she was glad to see the number of women in the audience supporting Trump.

“Don’t believe anything the media says folks, you know what, they won’t try and stop a loser, but they will try and stop a winner and Donald Trump is a winner,” she said.

Lara Trump said this election is important because the people have the chance to exercise their political power.

“This is the election where we decide whether our country is run by the politicians or the people, and Donald Trump is giving it back to the people,” she said.

Trump said he wants to bring back manufacturing and industrial jobs to North Carolina and repeal and



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump held a rally in Raleigh at the J.S. Dorton Arena on Monday afternoon.

replace the Affordable Care Act.

Trump said this election is an opportunity to rebuild the nation and its infrastructure.

“And now it’s up to

the American people to deliver the justice that we deserve in the ballot boxes tomorrow,” he said.

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Orange County swings Democrat thanks to UNC

The county has voted for Democrats in presidential elections since 1928.

By Ryan Salchert
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To say Orange County has historically been a bit liberal is like saying the five-term United States Senator Jesse Helms was a bit conservative.

The outspoken Republican senator once famously asked why the state would build a zoo when it could just put a fence around Chapel Hill.

While there is luckily no fence around Chapel Hill today, the area most certainly has a

history of voting for Democrats in presidential elections. When asked why Chapel Hill and Orange County have historically voted so liberally, experts came to the same conclusion.

“Because it’s the home of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,” said Ferrel Guillory, UNC journalism professor.

UNC history professor Benjamin Waterhouse agreed.

“I suspect there’s a general tendency for places with higher education to have a more liberal political bend,” Waterhouse said. “Throughout the last 100 years, Orange County and Chapel Hill have been very liberal.”

The last recorded instance of Orange County

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Intimidation and fraud loom over election

Observers have noted more cases of voter intimidation in 2016.

By Sam Killenberg
Staff Writer

With millions of voters in this crucial swing state casting their ballots today, both sides of the political spectrum will be watching the polls for electoral tampering.

Republican leaders and independent groups worry widespread voter fraud could sway election results away from Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump —

while Democrats and voting rights groups fear Trump is promoting voter intimidation targeted at black voters, who overwhelmingly support Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Since mid-October, Trump has questioned the legitimacy of the election and has urged his supporters to monitor polling sites for fraud.

“Go and vote and then go and check out (polling) areas, because a lot of bad things happen,” Trump told supporters at a Pennsylvania rally last month. “We don’t want to lose for that reason.”

But Democrats and voting rights organizations claim

Trump and the Republicans are promoting illegal voter intimidation.

Although there are usually very few instances of voter harassment at the polls during early voting, this year has been the exception, said Anita Earls, the executive director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice.

And the majority of voter intimidation is expected today, said Allison Riggs, a staff attorney for the SCSJ.

“We’ve always been most focused on and worried about Election Day,” she said.

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I love sushi, you should too and here’s where to go

Ordering sushi is fun and easy when you know what to get.

By Alexandra Blazevich
Staff Writer

Come on y’all, even Blake Shelton has tried it. My love for sushi has grown since transferring to UNC this semester, thanks to Spicy 9 and Kurama Sushi and Noodle Express on Franklin Street. For the love of journalism and sushi, I restaurant-hopped

for lunch on Monday afternoon to make a definitive list of sushi restaurants on campus. Little did I know, there are only two. My first stop on this sushi-eating adventure was Spicy 9, where I ordered my usual — a buy one-get one free Veggie Roll and some edamame. This is a pretty boring meal in the realm of sushi-eating, but I can thank my diet for that one (gluten-free vegetarian problems, am I right?) But, a major plus of Spicy 9 is that they have BOGO sushi all day, every day. My Veggie Roll had

avocado, pickled veggies and cucumber, wrapped in seaweed, rolled with rice and topped with sesame seeds. It was delicious. Sophomores Zac Lynch and Kayla Greenwood were eating at the table beside mine. A fellow sushi-lover, Greenwood usually has the Rainbow Roll, a California roll topped with assorted fish, or the Sexy Girl Roll — shrimp tempura, cucumber and avocado topped with spicy crab mix. Today, though, she tried the Volcano Roll — a baked California Roll topped with spicy scallops.

For Greenwood, it was more of a Volca-No. From now on, she said she will probably stick with her favorites. Lynch said he enjoyed his lunch, too. “You cannot beat the lunch \$5.99 Sesame Chicken special,” Lynch said. My next stop was Kurama, because yes, I did eat all this sushi within a two-hour period. If that’s wrong, I don’t want to be right. At Kurama, the sushi is made just like it is in Japan. Once it’s made, the sushi is put on a moving belt around the center of the restaurant, where diners can pick what they want and go. It’s like fast food but so much better. And the best part? Kurama also has low prices. That’s right folks — you can get a sushi roll for two bucks, and

“You cannot beat the lunch \$5.99 Sesame Chicken special.”

Zac Lynch
UNC sophomore

it’s delicious as ever. Sushi chef, Hiro Osada has been making sushi for 25 years, said his wife, Vickie, who works as a waitress at Kurama. He was making baked salmon rolls on Monday morning to prepare for the lunch hour rush. Both of these sushi havens have delicious food, so it is really hard to choose which one I like better. I’ll let you try them out for yourselves.

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UNC finds cohesion in exhibition win

Twelve Tar Heels saw the court in Monday's easy 115-51 victory.

By **Jonah Lossiah**
Staff Writer

The North Carolina women's basketball team has eight first-years who have only played two games together, but this squad is already making strides.

While the Tar Heels took time to establish a rhythm against Carson-Newman, UNC looked like an entirely different team against Elizabeth City State, cruising to a 115-51 victory.

The difference was clear when sophomore guard Stephanie Watts coasted down the court with a smile on her face. But it's easy to smile after scoring 23 points in the first half.

"We all just really do have fun out there; it's a big thing on our team," Watts said. "Play basketball and win the game, but have fun while you're doing it."

The 2016 ACC Freshman of the Year led all players with 35 points and eight rebounds. Watts was also impressive on defense, notching four steals on the night.

"Defense was a really big emphasis this year," Watts said. "It's something

"We all just really do have fun out there; it's a big thing on our team."

Stephanie Watts
Sophomore guard

my coaches have definitely helped me with and something I've been working on personally."

UNC is a young team, much like last year. A primary difference this season is the depth of the bench, with this year's recruiting class ranking No. 13 nationally. Twelve Tar Heels got playing time against Elizabeth City State, while North Carolina usually stuck to a six-player rotation last year.

And while teams typically empty their bench in exhibition games, it's a good sign for a UNC team that was plagued with depth concerns a season ago.

"It's good to have enough kids out there, so that we can do things that we want to do, like play transition and fast break ... not having to worry about getting in foul trouble and stuff like that," Head Coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "We can play some basketball."

Hatchell emphasized the development of the inside game for North Carolina.



DTH/GABI PALACIO
Sophomore guard Stephanie Watts (5) defends an Elizabeth City State player during the game at Carmichael Arena on Monday night.

She said that's the weakest part of the team's game right now, especially considering redshirt senior Hillary Fuller is the only returning player in the frontcourt.

With the start of the regular season only days away,

North Carolina's younger players gained valuable experience in these exhibition games.

"Being out here, I've noticed that 'Oh, I do have to shoot faster,' or 'Oh, I can swing this real quick when

they close out too hard,'" first-year guard Olivia Smith said.

Smith's improvement showed, as 18 of her 21 points came in the second half. She said while it has been tough, she is adjusting to the college game.

The Tar Heels look comfortable now, which is important for the long season ahead. And for a team with so many new pieces, chemistry is everything.

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Kerry Scott has to find a bigger rock climbing goal

Scott is the second woman to complete the 5.14a climb.

By **Madeleine Fraley**
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Junior Kerry Scott became just the second female rock climber to complete the rock climb route Proper Soul at New River Gorge in West Virginia on Sunday.

Proper Soul is ranked 5.14a in difficulty. The hardest climbing route completed in the world is a 5.15c.

"It was an unreal experience," Scott said.

Scott, who is also the president and co-founder of the Carolina Climbing Club, said she has been working on accomplishing Proper Soul since her former coach, Will Anglin, suggested she try it in her first year at UNC.

Anglin said he was excited to hear Scott completed the climb. The route — over 110 feet with difficult moves and sections to maneuver — has not been completed by many people, he said.

Scott said the climb was too hard for her when she first tried it, but during her

"I got to the top and was like, 'How did this happen?' It was very unreal."

Kerry Scott
UNC junior and rock climber

sophomore year she decided to get serious about completing the climb.

Scott said she tried the route a couple of times on Sunday, and when she finally worked past the one place she kept falling, she did it.

"I got on it one last time and did it," she said. "I got to the top and was like 'how did this happen?' It was very unreal."

Carolyn Tiller, a sophomore in the Carolina Climbing Club and friend of Scott's, said Scott was in total disbelief that she had completed this climb.

"She was so excited," Tiller said. "It wasn't only a huge accomplishment for her and the UNC climbing community, but for climbers in general. Not many people in the world can climb a 5.14a and she is only the second woman ever to climb that particular route."

Scott said completing Proper Soul was a dream come true.

"A lot of climbers dream of climbing a 5.12, some get up to 5.13, and me dreaming about a 5.14 is something I never would've imagined I would accomplish when I was a kid," she said.

Scott said she has been climbing since she was three years old, getting her start climbing the rock walls at Dick's Sporting Goods with her dad and brother on the weekends. At age ten, she started climbing competitively in her hometown in Maryland, where Anglin was her coach.

Anglin said even as a kid, Scott was very self-motivated.

"I've coached a lot of kids and one of the things that not very many kids have that Kerry did have is not getting discouraged," he said. "She had that from a very young age. Day after day, she was willing to try even if she couldn't do something."

That quality in Scott proved itself this weekend. "Climbing Proper Soul



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Junior Kerry Scott scales the Scenic Adult at the New River Gorge in Glen Jean, WV.

and climbing a 5.14 has been the big goal that I wanted to accomplish in my life and I didn't think I would do it this fast," Scott said. "So now I have to come up with a bigger goal."

Anglin said he is looking forward to seeing what Scott

will accomplish next and watching her realize her capability as a climber.

Scott said she is excited for what the future has in store for her.

"Being a female who has done it means a lot to me as

well," she said. "I'm really big on women in the sport. It means a lot to me that I could be the reason that women are psyched about being in the sport."

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DOJ officials to monitor five N.C. county voting sites

The department monitors voting sites each election cycle.

By **Kelsey Mason**
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The U.S. Department of Justice announced Monday it will send federal officials to monitor 28 states on Election Day, including five counties in North Carolina.

The officials will monitor voting sites to determine if these areas are complying with federal voting rights laws, according to a press release by the DOJ.

Anita Earls, executive director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, said this operation happens each election cycle.

"And obviously, North Carolina being a battleground state, where the presidential contest is very close — that by itself would be some indication of why it would be useful to have monitors in North Carolina," she said.

Gary Sims, director of the Wake County Board of Elections, said North Carolina's importance in this election will not affect Wake County's Election Day proce-

dures. "We do have a heightened focus on North Carolina, but that doesn't mean things are really different as far as how we're doing business, you know, working with voters," he said.

The DOJ's announcement follows a lawsuit filed by the North Carolina NAACP on Oct. 31, which said the state is suppressing thousands of black voters in the state by attempting to cancel voter registrations.

On Nov. 1, the DOJ filed a statement of interest, which said the attempt to remove voters at this rate violated the National Voter Registration Act.

Earls said she does not think it is significant that the lawsuit was filed around the same time as the DOJ's decision to send federal monitors to North Carolina.

She also said out of all the counties that will be monitored, only one of them — Cumberland County — was involved in the NAACP lawsuit.

Sims said the officials monitoring voting sites on Election Day will not affect voters in any way.

"I've already spoken with them, as a matter of fact, I'll be

meeting with them before they actually go out," he said. "We're not talking about an army of people here, we're just talking about, you know, a few people coming and visiting."

Earls said she likes the idea of federal officials monitoring jurisdictions on voting day and said she thinks having officials there to enforce federal laws is important to the democratic process.

"I think it's actually a very useful public service because at least one campaign has been raising this specter of: 'Our elections are rigged, and there's fraud everywhere,'" she said.

"And I think it would be useful to have federal monitors who can say, 'Nope, we were there on the ground, we didn't see any fraud, we didn't see any rigging, this was a fair election process.'"

Sims also said he is satisfied about DOJ officials monitoring his jurisdiction.

"I am kind of happy that the Department of Justice is coming, simply because I like to show off what we do and how we do it," he said. "I think we have a good process, and that's always been the case in the past whenever they come."

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IFC hosts RSVP day to curb hunger

Local restaurants will donate 10 percent of proceeds to IFC.

By **Hannah Wall**
Staff Writer

By eating out today you are not just curbing your appetite, you're helping relieve hunger in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

On Tuesday, the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service will be holding their 28th annual RSVP Day at local restaurants for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

RSVVP is an acronym for Restaurants Sharing 10 Percent, where each V stands for a Roman numeral five.

Today all participating restaurants will donate 10 percent of their proceeds to the IFC's FoodFirst hunger relief programs: a food pantry and community kitchen.

FoodFirst is a program designed to help curb food insecurity, hunger and homelessness in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

In 2015, the IFC raised \$24,019.23 for hunger-relief programs, for a total of \$481,405 across 27 years of RSVVP days.

This year, they are hoping to reach half a million dollars raised overall. RSVVP Day is the IFC's single largest fundraiser.

There are more than 100 restaurants participating in the event this year from Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, Carrboro and Raleigh.

Participating restaurants include Mediterranean Deli, Armadillo Grill, Elmo's diner, 411 West, Elaine's, Franklin, Mama Dip's, Elaine's, Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen and Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe.

Jamil Kadoura, owner of Mediterranean Deli, has been participating in the event since it began.

He said 20 years ago, there used to be a lot of foot traffic brought in by the event and he hopes that this year the community will come out and eat.

"It is such a wonderful thing and I will do it 'til the day I die," Kadoura said.

Cindy McMahan, the owner of Elmo's Diner in Carrboro, believes Tuesday should be busy due to the election.

She said in the past most people who go out to eat make a conscious effort to go to restaurants participating in RSVVP Day.

"It's such a great program and we really enjoy serving the community," McMahan said.

Erika Wright, the director of operations at Armadillo Grill, said the restaurant has been participating in RSVVP since it opened.

"We love it, that's why we continue to participate," Wright said. "We really stand behind the cause."

On Sept. 20, the IFC recognized restaurants for their participation at a ceremony at Top of the Hill.

Three restaurants in Chapel Hill and Carrboro — Armadillo Grill, Mediterranean Deli and Elmo's Diner — won awards for participating in RSVVP Day for at least 20 years.

Elizabeth Garfunkel, IFC executive assistant, said a lot of hard work goes into the event including signing up restaurants, putting up flyers and designing graphics.

She said this event could not have been put together without the dedication of Irene Briggaman, the RSVVP Day founder and an IFC volunteer.

"It is such a fun and easy way to fight hunger," Garfunkel said.

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2016 ELECTIONS

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Today, Americans in 50 states will go to the ballot to choose a new president, Americans in 24 states will have to make a choice for their representation in the U.S. Senate and Americans in 12 states will choose a new governor.

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Benji Schwartz
State & National Editor

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT



Democrat: Hillary Clinton

The U.S. Presidential election is teetering between Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, with the outcome of the election resting on swing states, including North Carolina.

The RealClearPolitics polling average released Monday showed Clinton leading Trump nationally by 3.3 percentage points.

The FiveThirtyEight polling average on Monday had Clinton ahead of Trump across the country by 3.6 percentage points.

Jacob Smith, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Political Science, said in an email the race is close, but Clinton holds an edge in the electoral college.

“There are more plausible maps that could result in a Clinton victory than in a Trump victory — Clinton could afford to lose all of Florida, Ohio and North Carolina, while Donald Trump needs to win all three of these states,” he said. “This isn’t to say that Donald Trump cannot win, but that he faces an uphill battle to do so.”

As of now, FiveThirtyEight shows that New Hampshire is leaning toward Clinton, and a victory there would all but grant her electoral victory, barring an upset in one of her safer states.

David McLennan, a political science professor at Meredith College, said in an email he recommended people look to polling aggregations rather than individual polls for

accurate information.

“I expect that Hillary Clinton will win enough states to comfortably win the electoral votes necessary to win the presidency,” McLennan said. “She has consistently led in states, including North Carolina, and I expect that the final vote will reflect the poll results from recent weeks.”

North Carolina is one of the election’s crucial battleground states, and both candidates have intensified their campaigning all over the Tar Heel state in the push leading up to Election Day.

FiveThirtyEight polling average shows Clinton having a 54.8 percent chance of winning the state compared to Trump’s 45.2 percent chance for victory. The candidates or

vice presidential nominees for each party have been in the state every week since the conventions.

Smith said there is a thin margin between Clinton and Trump in North Carolina.

“The presidential race in North Carolina is very close, with perhaps the slightest of advantages to Hillary Clinton,” he said.

McLennan said he is worried about the aftermath of the election and the potential for ill will. He said Trump’s claims about a rigged election have caused people to question the democratic process.

“If the results are close, we may have many legal challenges filed in individual states contesting the results, or at least the legitimacy of some votes,” McLennan said.



Republican: Donald Trump

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR



Democrat: Roy Cooper

Polls are showing North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory and Democratic challenger Roy Cooper are set for a close election.

According to a Quinnipiac poll released Monday, Cooper is up three points on McCrory, leading 50 to 47 percent.

Meanwhile, a poll released by Elon University Nov. 1 showed a tie.

Gary Pearce, a Democratic political analyst from North Carolina, said the state is one of few with a competitive gubernatorial race.

“We’re a Southern state where an incumbent Republican governor could lose for re-election, and that

is a pretty remarkable thing,” he said.

Carter Wrenn, a Republican political analyst from North Carolina, said this election will be decided by unaffiliated voters.

Pearce said this election is all about how people feel about McCrory’s performance as governor.

Wrenn said the race was very different a few months ago. He said McCrory was handicapped early on by a large disapproval rating, and Cooper was not widely known.

“Pat had a lead, but it wasn’t 50 percent of the vote, it was like 40 percent,” he said. “As Cooper has become better known, he has picked

up votes pretty steadily until he moved into the lead, and he’s sort of held onto it for the last couple of months.”

Pearce said McCrory seems to have closed in on Cooper’s lead following Hurricane Matthew, but Cooper remains ahead by enough points to feel confident about his chances.

“There are only two ways to keep score in politics: money and polls, and Cooper is leading in both of them,” he said.

Pearce said one of Cooper’s strengths is that he might be one of the last Democratic candidates in North Carolina hailing from a rural background. If Cooper can win a few points in Eastern North Carolina that

would normally go to McCrory, that would be huge in a race this close, he said.

He said because Donald Trump is a nontraditional candidate, Republicans have fallen behind Democrats in voter mobilization efforts, and he expects Cooper to win by five points.

Wrenn said voter turnout is impossible to predict, but Republicans have already been turning out for early voting at a higher rate than four years ago at this point. McCrory won 54.7 percent of the vote in 2012.

“If Democrats vote a little less than Republicans, well, that can make up two points pretty quickly,” he said.



Republican: Pat McCrory

UNITED STATES SENATE



Democrat: Deborah Ross

Democratic senatorial candidate Deborah Ross has provided Sen. Richard Burr with a surprisingly close race in his bid for reelection, though recent polls still show Burr holding onto his lead.

According to the Real Clear Politics poll average, Burr is leading Ross by two points, 47 to 45. FiveThirtyEight gives Burr a 73.4 percent chance of keeping his seat based off the polls.

Michael Bitzer, political science professor at Catawba College, said the polling results point to a base elec-

tion, in which few voters stray from their party affiliations.

“I think both of them are just naturally appealing to their respective partisan voters — you know, I think Burr’s attack on Ross’ ACLU connections is kind of a classic ‘She’s too liberal for North Carolina,’” he said. “I think Ross is trying to claim he’s been in Washington too long, and it’s time for a change.”

A Quinnipiac poll released Sunday showed Burr and Ross caught in a virtual tie — 47 to 47, while a NY Times and Siena poll showed Burr

leading Ross 46 to 45.

In 2010, Burr won by a large margin — keeping his U.S. Senate seat with a lead of over 10 percent.

Bitzer said this election cycle, early voting has presented unique data that may affect the race between Ross and Burr.

Compared to the 2008 and 2012 elections, the number of registered Republican and unaffiliated voters who have voted early in 2016 has increased, while the number of African Americans who have voted early this year has

decreased, he said.

The candidates have reacted differently to their party’s nominee. While Ross has been seen with Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and her surrogates across the state, Burr has mostly avoided appearing with Republican nominee Donald Trump.

“It is a very close race with a slight edge to Sen. Burr,” Bitzer said. “I think it has become much more close than most folks would have thought, but he’s managing to hold a slight lead in terms of an average of the polls.”



Republican: Richard Burr

NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL



Democrat: Josh Stein

Voters casting their ballots today in the race for attorney general will be deciding a close race between Republican candidate and N.C. Sen. Buck Newton and Democratic candidate and former N.C. Sen. Josh Stein.

In a SurveyUSA poll conducted from Oct. 28 to Oct. 31, Stein led Newton 47 percent to 43 percent. In another NC Civitas poll, from two weeks prior on Oct. 16, Newton was leading with

40 percent to 38 percent for Stein.

Peter Francia, political science professor at East Carolina University, said this race may be affected by more prominent races at the top of the ballot.

“I think that the top of the ticket always has an impact on down-ballot races,” he said.

He described this as a coat-tail effect, a phenomenon wherein popular candidates

may sway voters in their political party’s direction in other ongoing races. Thomas Eamon, associate political professor at ECU, agreed.

“If this was an election where the top Democratic candidates won by several percentage points or more, I think that Stein would win,” he said. “If this was an election where the top Republican candidates won, I suspect Newton would win.”

Eamon said this race does

offer a significant choice because the candidates are starkly different. He said it was uncommon to have two completely new candidates run for this office in the same election year.

If Newton wins, he will be the first Republican to hold the position in over a century.

“It’s probably going to be a pretty close race,” Eamon said. “Too close for anyone who has stake in it to feel comfortable.”



Republican: Buck Newton

UNITED STATES HOUSE

The U.S. House of Representatives race in North Carolina’s 4th district seems to heavily favor another win by incumbent Democrat David Price.

The Republican challenger,

Sue Googe, is unlikely to win in a district that favors Democrats so strongly and has a congressman who has represented them for such a long time.

John Davis, a North

Carolina political analyst, said he believes that the result of this race will not change the balance or majority of the House of Representatives.

“It’s going to be very, very

difficult for Democrats to overcome the numerical advantage that Republicans started with,” he said.

Davis also said Price has raised \$675,901 compared to Googe, who has raised

\$110,258. This and his incumbency advantage make Price hard to beat.

“He’s the perfect representative for district four and the makeup of the people in that district. So all of those — the

financial relationship, the personal relationship — have been built over two decades, all of that in an algorithm equals a very successful day for David Price tomorrow,” he said.



(From left): Professor Rebecka Rutledge Fisher speaks to the audience at the Crossroads panel as Vice Chancellor Winston Crisp and Professor Hong-an Truong look on. The panel discussed diversity on UNC's campus at the Stone Center on Monday night.

Intersectionality event discusses minority issues

The event focused on Asian-Americans and African-Americans.

By Paige Nehls
Staff Writer

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp asked students to question their differences and institutions of racism. "I live a lot of this stuff both in my own sect of intersectionality, but also in the job that I do," Crisp said. "And I just think now more than ever these questions of, 'How are we the same?' 'How are we different?' 'How do we reconcile these things?' 'How do we move forward together?' are just so important." Alpha Kappa Delta Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha hosted Crossroads: A Stance on Solidarity, a panel focusing on issues of the African-American and Asian-American communities. "The cultural chair of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi reached out to me a couple months ago and expressed the need for an event that would allow two independent communities, namely the African-American and Asian-American communi-

ties, to come together and ally toward a common goal that is the uplift of oppressed minorities," said Embee Kanu, president of the Mu Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. The main topic of discussion was around the ways different parts of identity interact. "When we speak of oppression, we're speaking of racial oppression, but at the same time we are talking about oppression that takes place at the level of ethnicity, at the level of gender, at the level of sexuality and sexual orientation, at the level of national belonging and at the social-economic strata," Rebecka Rutledge Fisher, English and comparative literature professor and panelist, said. Fisher encouraged the audience to acknowledge each other's oppression, instead of quantifying their own against another's actions. She said this prevents the liberation of both oppressed parties. "One can think of one's activism in that fashion — to take what you love, to take what you're passionate about, to take the inequities that you see before you that you hope to change to align your own desires ... with those of others who, while they might not be facing oppressions and

"One of the principles of power is you maintain it by dividing that which could take you away from it."

Winston Crisp
Vice chancellor for student affairs

difficulties and obstacles as high a difficulty as yours, they are still facing difficulties, they are still facing obstacles," Fisher said. Crisp said the concept of intersectionality is important because, without it, people who face oppression are under the impression that they compete with other minorities for power. He said this is counterproductive to both groups' liberation. "One of the principles of power is you maintain it by dividing that which could take you away from it," Crisp said. The panelists urged the students to make connections to their peers in other communities and bring their activist beliefs into every aspect of their daily lives. "I encourage you to build your activism, not only on the knowledge that you acquire, but also, and possibly more importantly, your critical understanding of this knowledge as well as the optimum ways in which the best of this knowledge can be applied in your daily actions and activism," Fisher said.

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Burr prepared to delay justice for four years

The senator has vowed to block Clinton nominees.

By Vincent Veerbeek
Staff Writer

Sen. Richard Burr of North Carolina said last month he will continue to block any Supreme Court justice nominations by Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton if she is elected. "If Hillary Clinton becomes president, I'm going to do everything I can do to make sure that four years from now we've still got an opening on the Supreme Court," Burr told supporters in a private meeting in Mooresville Oct. 29. Michael Gerhardt, a professor at the UNC School of Law, said this would leave the Court with eight or fewer justices for the next four years, which could have negative effects. "The Court is not fully staffed and thus not capable of being able to do all the things that a nine-member court could do, which is definitely decide every case that comes to it," he said. Gerhardt said during that period many major cases have the potential to come up, including ones on basic democratic values such as freedom of speech and religion. Bill Marshall, a professor in the UNC School of Law, said the Supreme Court has already been affected by its one-person vacancy. "I think that part of the problem is that the Supreme Court now seems to be not taking important issues that they might otherwise take, or even not giving a hearing to some issues," he said. Gerhardt said Burr's own re-election campaign has much to do with his decision to take this position. "He's trying to turn his re-election campaign into a referendum on whether or not the next senator from North Carolina should be voting on the next Supreme Court nominee," he said. Burr's main opponent, Democratic senatorial candidate Deborah Ross, has addressed the issue at multiple campaign events. "He does not respect our Constitution," she said at a rally for Hillary Clinton in Raleigh on Thursday. "When you put your hand on that Bible and swear an oath to the Constitution, you have got to do your job and have advice and consent for those Supreme Court justices." Marshall said the major issue is these senators are refusing to even hold a hearing on a potential Supreme Court nominee. "I do think that a senator, any senator, Democrat or Republican, has a responsibility to provide a hearing to a judicial nominee," he said. Jason Roberts, associate professor in the UNC Department of Political Science, said in an email if Democrats win both the presidential and the senatorial elections, they will likely change this procedure. "I think it is inevitable that if the Democrats take the Senate and Clinton wins the presidency they will eliminate the filibuster on Supreme Court nominations like they did for other positions back in 2013," he said. Marshall said it is crucial to have a working Supreme Court. "We look to the Supreme Court to help us decide our most contestable issues and it's the interest of everybody to have a functioning and vibrant Supreme Court," he said.

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N.C. early voting surges to historic level

Statewide early turnout exceeds three million votes

Unaffiliated voters' turnout had an especially big jump.

By Cole Stanley
Senior Writer

As of Monday, the Tar Heel state set a new record in early voting with over three million early votes cast for Tuesday's general election.

"Around 60,000 people early voted in Orange County alone," Tracy Reams, director of the Orange County Board of Elections, said. "Overall, the turnout in the state has been tremendous."

The total number of early ballots has surpassed 2012 numbers by 12.2 percent. The increase has been driven largely by high turnout among unaffiliated voters, who saw a 41.2 percent growth in their early turnout over 2012.

"The early voting numbers we've seen this year are historic," Ferrel Guillory, a professor at UNC, said. "And a big part of that was the landmark court decision in July that undid a lot of the damage done by the legislature in restricting the Voting Rights Act and enabling voter ID laws."

That decision, made by U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, overturned photo ID laws, expanded early voting and reinstated same-day registration. The decision has been praised as lifting unfair burdens on voters, said Bryan Warner, spokesperson for Common Cause N.C.

"This year should be evidence to everyone of the effects of fair election laws," Warner said. "Certainly there have been issues here and there, but this early voting process has been run efficiently and the effect is we have unprecedented

turnout. Forty-five percent of registered voters voted early."

Jen Jones, spokesperson for Democracy N.C., said more could still be done to increase turnout.

"We could have seen these already historic levels rise even higher if not for some problems that have yet to be addressed," Jones said. "Lines in certain precincts are still over an hour long, and there's still a major disconnect in terms of getting voters information on changes to election law."

Jones said many voting issues seemed to be handled more efficiently over time.

"We have a voter hotline open during all voting hours — voters can call us and report any problems at the polls," Jones said. "Eighty percent of the calls we got during this early voting period were during the first week that early voting was open. The election administration seemed to get better throughout the weeks."

Warner said voter education was key, adding that if he could ensure every voter had one piece of information, it would be that they no longer need to present photo identification, such as a driver's license, if they planned to vote on Tuesday — also a result from the 4th Circuit Court ruling.

Democratic turnout has been higher than that of the GOP by about 10 percentage points. In 2012, this difference was about 16 points, in favor of the Democrats.

As of Monday, the Quinnipiac Poll had Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton ahead by three points in North Carolina, but The New York Times polling had the state in a statistical tie between Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump.

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Chapel of the Cross on Franklin Street offered early voting near campus. Voting all over Orange County was up by 19 percent this year. DTH FILE/ISABEL DONOLO

Early voters in Orange County up by nearly 10,000

By Molly Horak
Staff Writer

Orange County has seen a 19-percent increase in early voting turnout rates between the 2012 and 2016 presidential elections.

According to Orange County's early voting statistics, the current election drew just under 60,000 early voters to polling stations, an increase of 9,532 voters when compared to 2012.

Tracy Reams, the director of the Orange County Board of Elections, said she's pleased by the high voter turnout. She thinks the larger numbers are due in part to people wanting to ensure their vote is cast.

"There hasn't really been any changes in what we have done," Reams said. "We do offer early voting hours late in the evening in addition to Saturday hours

and I think these various hours made it more convenient for the voters."

Orange County offered five early voting locations at heavily populated centers throughout the county.

"We did not experience lines in Orange County like those that were reported by other counties," Reams said.

Graeme Strickland, a UNC first-year and member of Young Democrats, said the club pushed early voting by handing out sample ballots, placing flyers in dorm rooms and providing a rickshaw to the Chapel of the Cross.

According to the United States Census, the voting rate of adults aged 18-24 years old dropped to 38 percent in 2012. Strickland said they've increased efforts to get young voters to the polls.

"There's a huge ground

effort to get out and vote, especially among millennials," Strickland said. "That's been the main focus — to get out the millennial vote, because it's always so low."

UNC first-year Calissa Andersen voted for the first time during early voting at Chapel of the Cross.

"I voted early because I expected a lot of people to wait until the actual election day to vote, so I thought that voting early would be convenient to me and save time," Andersen said. "My advice is definitely vote early and don't wait and try and get to know all your candidates, even the local ones so that when you go into the ballot box you know which candidates support your ideals."

Regardless of political party affiliation or preference, Strickland said it

is important to vote.

"There are people that have literally sacrificed their lives for our right to vote and for our democracy and we don't want that sacrifice to go to waste," Strickland said. "This is an American value, having your voice heard. Even if you don't like the candidates, politicians will still see this demographic voting and make legislation that will help us to move forward."

On election day, Reams said she hopes the high voter turnout will continue.

"I'm hoping to get a minimum of 75 percent out there voting, but I guess we'll have to wait and see," Reams said. "If they haven't already voted, we hope that the voters are going to come out and vote tomorrow."

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Higher education divides gubernatorial candidates

By Paige Colpo
Staff Writer

Higher education funding has become a central issue to the gubernatorial race on which Democratic candidate and Attorney General Roy Cooper and Gov. Pat McCrory strongly disagree and have different approaches.

As the incumbent, McCrory must run against his education record while Cooper is allowed largely to run on his campaign promises.

McCrory has said he will increase state funding for universities with respect to enrollment but will not support additional funding. Cooper, meanwhile, plans to increase funding for state universities across the board.

Cooper's only reputation for higher education comes from his time in the state legislature, where he proposed budgets supporting higher education.

McCrory's reputation comes from the cuts in funding he made throughout the course of his first gubernatorial term. During the budget year of 2013-2014, the McCrory administration proposed cutting roughly \$140 million from existing higher education funding and \$26 million in the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Jacob Smith, a doctoral candidate in the department of political science at UNC, is concerned that another McCrory term would have serious repercussions for funding in the UNC system.

"I think that the University of North Carolina is unlikely to be able to retain its current position as a treasure under a second McCrory administration," he said.

Smith said university flexibility over course offerings, quality and tuition are threatened by a second McCrory term.

He said the university would have to cut many faculty from their current payroll if there were additional cuts to funding.

Students will also have to worry about tuition, Smith said — though tuition increases are obviously very bad, stagnant tuition is also troublesome. When tuition doesn't increase, cuts are often made that decrease the

quality of education offered.

Regardless of the proposed cuts, McCrory hasn't ignored higher education entirely.

"McCrory has had a strong focus during his years as governor on non-traditional routes to getting a degree," said Jenna Robinson, president of the John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy.

She said McCrory has worked to provide a college and vocational track for high school students so they will be both college and career ready. She praised McCrory for devoting attention to the state's community colleges.

Even with the attention devoted to non-traditional routes of education, Smith said he is still concerned.

He said even within the Republican party, McCrory is an outlier when it comes to funding for education.

"North Carolina governors before McCrory, from both parties, were pro-higher education — pro-education in general," Smith said.

Smith said the UNC sys-

tem's reputation is at risk.

"North Carolina has one of the five best public universities in the United States, and that doesn't happen by accident, and once that's gone it'll take a long time to get it back," he said.

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Website to combat Islamophobia

The website will collect local reports of Islamophobia.

By Eva Ellenburg
Staff Writer

After the shooting of Muslim students Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha in February of 2015, Hamza Butler knew he had to fight Islamophobia in Chapel Hill and the broader community.

Butler, the former vice president of the UNC Muslim Students Association, came up with the idea of a web-based reporting application, Project Mawla, that provides a space for private reports of Islamophobic experiences. He said it is important for these victims of discrimination to create their own narratives of their own truths.

"I want people to look at this or even look back at this and say that this was a moment where Muslims created that space, where they created their respective tools to empower themselves,"

Butler said.

Rachel Pappalardo, the website's front-end developer, said Project Mawla aims to provide a platform for those who are marginalized, especially Muslims.

"This is to help them have a voice through a community and to document the travesties that occur against them," Pappalardo said.

Raza Samimy, the website's full stack developer and UNC graduate, said he hopes enough people will report their experiences to the website, so data can be collected and analyzed.

Samimy and Butler said a goal of Project Mawla includes bringing software and coding access to local organizations and communities. This would allow for the development of location-based Project Mawla websites.

Samimy said the project is important in combating the idea that Islamophobia is not a reality in Muslims' lives.

"Saying that it's not a prevalent issue is very dismissive especially in our society now, specifically where our belief

"For some people, it might just be a slur and for others, it may be a bullet in the head ..."

Hamza Butler
Project Mawla creator

system is under constant scrutiny due to the media as well as misunderstanding," Samimy said. "Just dismissing it inherently causes more a distance between us, so the more we can bridge that the better."

Butler said if Muslims want to report their experiences to the police or news agency, Project Mawla will allow them to download their reports as PDFs. He said he wants Muslims and other people to have access to the project, so they can easily communicate their stories if necessary, but some have claimed the website will not do anything to combat Islamophobia.

"While that is definitely a valid critique, from my stance as a paralegal, I know what it looks like for cases to take months and months to go through the court system, and I know what it looks like for

a defendant to get up on a stand and they don't remember what happened since they haven't equipped themselves with sort of like a clean and concise documentation of what may have occurred to them," Butler said.

Butler said he wants people to stop thinking acts of Islamophobia — like the deaths of Deah, Yusor and Razan — are random and isolated.

"No matter how seemingly small the discrimination is, it's still connected to this larger institution or system of violence," Butler said. "For some people, it might just be a slur and for others, it may be a bullet in the head, but at the end of the day these are not isolated incidents."

Butler said the website should be running by the end of November.

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Guarding against fraud

Trump's official campaign website features a page where his supporters can sign up to be volunteer election observers — labeled “Help Me Stop Crooked Hillary From Rigging This Election!”

And a variety of independent groups have pledged to send people to monitor the polls in hopes of spotting and preventing fraud.

Roger Stone, former Trump adviser, founded Stop the Steal to organize poll-watching efforts. The group conducts its own exit polling in order

to verify the integrity of the election, according to its website.

And the Oath Keepers, a group of active military personnel, police, first responders and veterans, has called their members to covertly film and photograph suspected acts of voter fraud at the polls today.

“One of the major political parties... (is) conducting voter fraud operations on an industrial scale...” the group wrote on its website.

Dallas Woodhouse, executive director of the North Carolina Republican Party, said in an email voter fraud is of serious concern in this election. Woodhouse said while

Republican Party poll watchers will also be present on Election Day, they are highly trained and vetted to comply with state laws.

“We never interfere with the voting process and do not allow engagement with voters in the secured voting area,” he said.

Tracy Reams, director of the Orange County Board of Elections, said both parties can send official observers to each precinct — but the observers are barred from engaging with voters.

She said there have been no known cases of voter fraud in Orange County.

A nationwide study by Justin Levitt, professor at Loyola Law School, found 31

credible cases of voter fraud between 2000 and 2014 out of more than one billion votes cast.

Voter intimidation

Democrats and nonpartisan voting rights groups believe the more prevalent problem at the polls is voter intimidation.

The N.C. Democratic Party has sued Stop the Steal, along with the Trump campaign in the state and the N.C. GOP, for engaging in intimidation efforts against minorities.

U.S. District Judge Catherine Eagles ruled Monday there was insufficient evidence to back these claims.

The NAACP issued a statement last week saying black voters are particularly vulnerable to voter intimidation — especially after the 2013 Supreme Court decision striking down provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

“The kinds of threats we have heard in recent months — ID checks, voter intimidation, misinformation campaigns — harken back to the first half of the 20th century,” said NAACP President Cornell Brooks in the statement.

“These practices are illegal, and they are wrong,”

Instances of voter intimidation by apparent Trump supporters have

been reported in counties throughout the state, said Isela Gutiérrez, associate research director for Democracy NC.

And Reams said an aggressive Republican campaigner was removed from a polling place in Chapel Hill during the early voting period.

Observers are unsure of what voters will encounter today at the polls — but Earls said some of the damage might have already been done.

“In some ways, the real impact of the threat happens by just making the threat,” she said. “Hearing that this might happen could discourage people from voting.”

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half people from elsewhere who have brought their political views in here,” Guillory said. A presidential candidate or running mate has visited the state every week since the Republican and Democratic conventions this summer.

“If Donald Trump wins comfortably, I think you’ll see people saying, ‘Well, North Carolina has returned to its past voting pattern,’” De Luca said. “If it goes the other way, people will say the state is still transitioning, because in the last three cycles, it would have flip-flopped twice.”

Guillory said North Carolina’s political leanings

after the election will depend in part on how the Republican party recovers from this cycle. He said the party is likely to be fractured after the election.

“(North Carolina) is one of the 10 largest states in population now,” he said. “It’s going to remain central to the American political dynamic.”

Dave Miranda, spokesper-

son for the North Carolina Democratic Party, said North Carolina is getting national attention for its other two close races this cycle.

“Part of the reason that (voting efforts) are so big is because we know how important the state is to the election,” Miranda said. “And we have our own important races here trying to take

back the Senate by ousting Richard Burr, trying to put our state back on track by electing Roy Cooper.”

The Quinnipiac University Poll released on Nov. 7 has Sen. Burr and Democratic senatorial candidate Deborah Ross deadlocked at 47 percent. The same poll shows Democratic gubernatorial candidate Roy Cooper leading

Gov. Pat McCrory 50 percent to 47 percent.

De Luca said North Carolina’s voting patterns were no longer stable, both on the state and national level.

“We’re kind of in a state of transition, and there’s no telling where we’ll end up,” De Luca said.

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voting for a Republican presidential nominee was 1928, when the county and the state voted for Herbert Hoover.

Matt Hughes, chairperson of the Orange County Democratic Party, said the 1928 election saw a massive anti-Catholic movement in North Carolina.

In 1928, Democratic nominee Al Smith identified as Catholic, and lost to Hoover in an Electoral College landslide.

Liberalism and higher education

Waterhouse said the trend of higher learning institutions attracting more liberal people can be seen throughout the country, not just in Orange County.

“There is a general correlation with advanced degrees and a more liberal leaning,” Waterhouse said. “It’s not an absolute, but a correlation.”

Guillory said UNC’s public status makes a difference.

“As a public university, it’s part of the governmental structure,” he said. “People in institutions see a need for government and vote for like-minded people.”

Daniel Ashley, county chairperson of the Orange County Republican Party, agreed that the University plays a big role in the county’s liberalism, but he said it’s potentially problematic.

“There are conservative students at UNC-Chapel Hill, but if they want to get an ‘A’ in class and all their professors are liberal, how much discussion does that allow

them?” Ashley said.

Still, Guillory said Chapel Hill and Orange County have become leaders in progressive and social change for others in the state and the country.

“The presence of UNC in the state has meant a lot to North Carolina’s reputation around the country,” Guillory said. “More progressive forces in the South through the Great Depression and civil rights movement have looked at Chapel Hill as a beacon. While Orange County and Chapel Hill stand out, it’s important to realize how much Chapel Hill has influenced North Carolina’s brand across the South and across the nation.”

A progressive history

Chapel Hill’s historical liberalism goes hand-in-hand with its social progressiveness.

Former Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee agreed.

“In 1966, I tried to buy a house outside of the black section of town,” Lee said. “I had an extremely difficult time finding a realtor who would sell me a house.”

Lee eventually bought the house, and three years later, he was elected as Chapel Hill’s first African-American mayor and the first African-American mayor of a majority white town in the South.

Lee said he was elected mayor mainly due to involvement by students and others who had connections with the University. Lee said it’s the county’s cooperation that makes it so unique.

“This area embodies what communities can do when we can reach across divides to connect with each other,” he said.

For Hughes, the description of Orange County as historically liberal isn’t necessarily correct.

“I wouldn’t say historically liberal, I would say historically democratic,” he said. “Philosophies have ebbed and flowed over the years.”

Lee ran for mayor as a Democrat, but he said party ideology has since changed.

“The Democratic party was controlled by conservative things,” Lee said. “We were progressive, fighting for access to be a part of the party. The party was more conservative back then. It began to take a turn in the early 1970s as more new people moved in, along with more educated people.”

Ashley said there are about 115,000 registered voters in Orange County, including about 18,000 registered

Republicans and a growing number of unaffiliated voters.

“They’re the fastest growing segment right now,” Ashley said. “Democrats have lost just as many, if not more people, than Republicans have. It’s the first time they’ve fallen below 50 percent registered Democrats. You’ve got to be unaffiliated to have any say in races because of the way the system is set up.”

Matt Hughes said the number of registered Democrats in Orange County — about 54,000 — has fallen slightly, but he said he’s not worried.

“Two-thirds of unaffiliated voters (in Orange County) vote Democratic,” Hughes said. “Maybe folks just don’t like to be partisan.”

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New Carrboro ordinance will address abandoned CVS space

By Meghana Srikrishna
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On Nov. 1 the town of Carrboro passed an ordinance that gives town officials the authority to ask landowners of vacant non-residential properties to inspect the premises if the town is concerned.

The ordinance was created with a specific building in mind: the abandoned building owned by CVS at the intersection of North Greensboro Street and West Weaver Street.

The building has become

infamous in Carrboro for its dilapidated state. In a phone interview, Board of Aldermen member Bethany Chaney called the building an eyesore.

“It is a wasteful use of prime real estate in the town of Carrboro,” she said. “It could be put to good use.”

Since Carrboro does not own the property, the town has faced difficulty figuring out a way to fix the appearance and potential safety hazards associated with the building. Town officials hope that the ordinance will ease the process.

Chaney said she hopes

the town might be able to turn the building into a more welcoming symbol of Carrboro.

“We don’t own the land so we don’t have any plans for it,” she said. “We are hoping that whatever gets built there in the future is something that is a suitable gateway for the town of Carrboro. We want it to be representative of the town’s aesthetic and values.”

Town of Carrboro Planning Director Trish McGuire said town officials receive regular feedback about the negative conditions of the property.

Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle said that since she became mayor three years ago, the appearance of the abandoned building has been a primary concern in the town.

“It’s an eyesore and it looks terrible and it’s the building that I get the most complaints about over everything in the town,” she said.

Lavelle said CVS has been uncooperative and unwilling to communicate when the town tried to contact them about doing something with the building.

“After I was elected mayor,

I ... tried to get in contact with CVS, even offered to clean it up, but I got no response,” she said.

CVS originally planned to build a CVS store on the property in 2013, but the town ultimately rejected their proposal because of parking and buffering concerns. Since then, CVS has left the building abandoned.

Lavelle said frustration with CVS’s unwillingness to communicate and cooperate with the town led to the idea of the ordinance.

“This is an option our

attorney gave to us, to adopt this ordinance, so we have a mechanism by which we can go and investigate the situation ourselves,” she said.

Lavelle hopes, however, that CVS will be more cooperative in the future.

“I would really encourage them to consider the community and really, you know, be responsive and reach out and try to make this corner a little nicer,” she said. “That’s what I’ve been trying to do since I became mayor three years ago.”

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The UNC football team celebrates with the Victory Bell after defeating Duke 66-31 this past season.

UNC hopes to repeat short-week success

By John Bauman
Staff Writer

The North Carolina football team is dealing with a short turnaround this week because of a Thursday night road showdown against Duke. That means less time to prepare and practice before a pivotal conference contest.

“I think we’ve got a good plan for short weeks and what we do with our guys, try to keep them fresh so they are ready to go on Thursday,” Coach Larry Fedora said. “Everybody knows their bodies have to peak on 7:30 on Thursday, so their clocks have to change in their heads.”

Two seasons ago, the Tar Heels were faced with a similar situation. On Nov. 20, 2014, UNC beat Duke 45-20 on a Thursday night game in Wallace Wade Stadium.

It was a dominant win and a memorable night. North Carolina notably broke out chrome helmets before the Duke game, to the delight of the players and the hearty pro-UNC contingent in attendance.

“I just remember two years ago, before I got here, that Thursday night game,” said sophomore linebacker Andre Smith. “I’ve been thinking about that a lot lately. I don’t think we are going to get chrome helmets, but just go down there, whoop some behind, whoop some Dukies.”

The game two years ago was memorable not only for the chrome helmets, but also the spray paint celebration afterward. Following the win, North Carolina’s players rushed to the Duke side of the field, grabbed the Victory Bell — the trophy for the UNC-Duke football rivalry — and spray-painted it Carolina Blue.

“That was crazy,” defensive tackle Naz Jones said. “I still have the spray-paint can from that game in my room. It was ridiculous. We brought out the chrome, and I think we did a great job with just doing what we had to do to win the game.”

At practice Monday, the Victory Bell was on display, but something was off. One side of the newly painted bell

stand was Carolina Blue, but the other was Duke Blue, with both schools’ logos appearing on the bell.

Usually, the tradition is that the bell stays the color of the victor throughout the entire school year.

“I don’t know if it’s for ESPN guys — we usually don’t do that,” senior Des Lawrence said. “It’s supposed to stay our color. But now that I’m thinking about it, I really wouldn’t mind painting it Carolina Blue again. We are going to do it. We may bring our own spray paint.”

Fedora said there won’t be any painting of the bell following the 2014 postgame incident, when the Tar Heels spray-painted the Duke locker room and practice facility turf.

But his players seemed excited about the prospect of repainting the bell again this year.

“Yeah, 100 percent,” Jones said. “That blue is going to get gone within a minute of the victory.”

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5 Throw in the towel

9 Former "Idol" judge Paula

14 Old music halls

15 Loosen, as laces

16 Author John le ____

17 Out of control

18 Road in old Rome

19 Martial arts-based fitness routine

20 "Old West transport

23 British brew with a red triangle in its logo

24 "Oops, almost forgot"

25 Captain Marvel's magic word

27 Felt sorry about

29 Workable, as an alternative

32 Good-and bad-dietary substances

35 Consumed

38 Jiffy lube supply

39 ____ Fail: Irish "stone of destiny"

40 "Trailways, for one

42 Big fuss

43 Pennysaver contents

44 "Family Matters" nerd

45 Kenton of jazz

46 Making a cake, say

48 DVR pioneer

51 Charlatans

54 Shoe polish targets

58 Molecule part

60 Having financial

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64 Retail complex

65 Took a tumble

66 One sent back down the river?

67 "Metamorphoses" poet

68 Russian river

69 Loses on purpose?

70 Nickname for José

71 A great deal

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1 "In what way?"

2 Novelist Wharton

3 Race with batons

4 Annoys persistently

5 Pielike brunch serving

6 Golden rule word

7 "Any more bright ____?"

8 Olympic symbol

9 Play a part

10 Words to a black sheep

11 * Handsome guy or

gorgeous gal

12 Metro regions

13 Many August babies

21 Water in the Seine

22 Place of safety

26 Kindle read, briefly

28 Furniture with a lock, maybe

30 ____ Rose": "The Music Man" song

31 North Carolina campus

32 Personal trainer's target

33 Verdi princess

34 * Temporary group for a specific job

36 23-Across, e.g.

37 Lean

40 Camp bed

41 Impulses

45 Deeply expressive

47 Emphatic denial

49 Wagner princess

50 48-Across ancestor

52 Swab again

53 Avoid, with "off"

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America is not going to be out

The Chicago Cubs' victory in the 112th World Series was refreshing to watch. Historic underdogs, even if they weren't this year, finally had their time to make baseball history.

Baseball is an old sport, one that Americans have followed for over a century now. As with any piece of history, a lot can be learned from it.

There is no clock in baseball. That is just one small part of what makes the sport beautiful. A team can be down by nine in the ninth and can still rally — granted that they haven't given up.

Some players, mostly from the New York Yankees, are timeless household names whose fame will never run out: Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron. It's a lot more fun to focus on the bright side of baseball history.

But over its century-long story, baseball has had its darker moments.

The 1919 World Series ultimately ended not in celebration, but in a large number of people losing faith in the sport. The series that year was tainted when a group of Chicago White Sox players teamed up with gamblers to purposefully lose.

The White Sox were coming off a World Series win the year before and seemed to be an elite contender to win again when they took the field against the historically mediocre Cincinnati Reds. The White Sox lost the series 3-5.

When news broke of gamblers and players controlling the outcome in this "Black Sox Scandal", baseball became corrupt in the eyes of the public. Most baseball fans alive today can remember a similar situation after the fallout of the steroid years in baseball.

The sport took a hit, and it would go on to take many more, but people kept playing and fans kept watching despite all the negative sentiments at the time.

After all, baseball clearly didn't die in 1919.

Today is Election Day. 2016 has been a year in which it seems like we all are in the ninth with little chance of making a comeback. But that mindset has not been productive and will not be productive moving forward. What is worthwhile is to keep heart and remember that no matter how this year ends, only we decide when to give up.

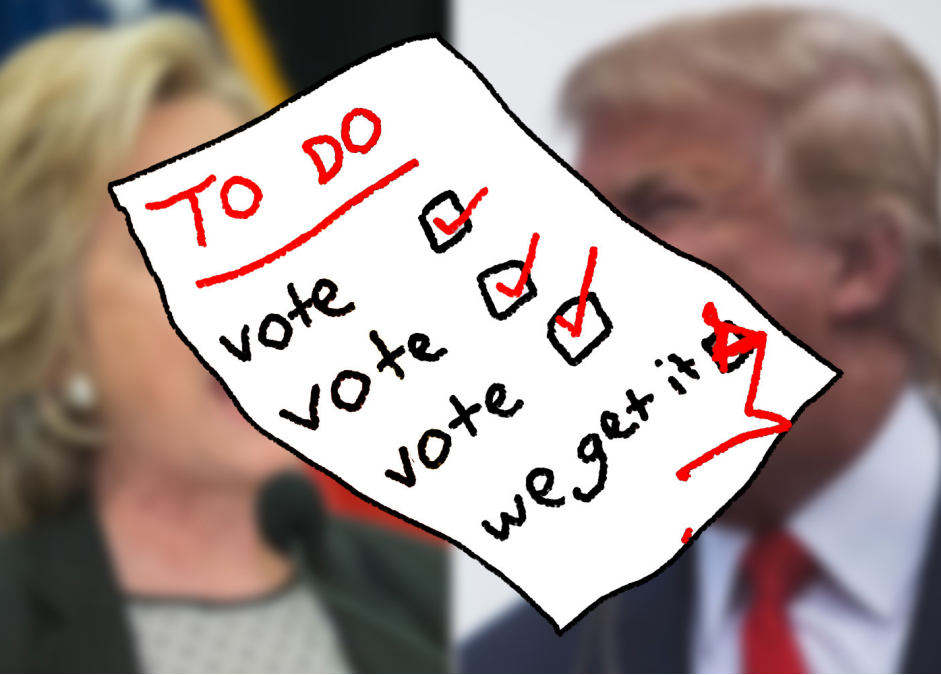
The United States has faced challenges and taken hits to its reputation like baseball did in 1919. Donald Trump's attempts to derail so much of what Americans believe in is nothing new, and this won't be the last time we are going to see people like him.

If he is permitted to run this country and so many of the values we hold dear are betrayed, what is there to do moving forward?

Well, take a lesson from the Chicago Cubs' franchise history. Even if your ideology fails every year for over a century, you should keep going forward with high spirits. Take every at bat, field a team, continue fighting and never stop advocating for your cause.

Societal progress doesn't have a clock, either. It only stops if we stop.

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EDITORIAL

Private or public?

Elections collapse the divide between these two.

While it may strike one as perverse that the email travails of Anthony Weiner punctuate one of the great philosophical and moral issues of this election cycle and public life in general, please hear this board out.

You might have heard about those pesky Clinton emails and that rather gauche Trump "Access Hollywood" audio. The two single biggest damaging revelations in this presidential election regard communications that contained some expectation of privacy. Clinton tried both to hide and then to erase the existence of her communications. Trump dismissed his as "locker room talk." Both acts implicitly assert that the publicly presented face of candidates merits attention, not the one behind closed doors (or passwords).

But what is a reasonable expectation of privacy as a public figure? We as a board talked at some length about what a reasonable expectation of privacy should be for public officials and for citizens running for public office, but almost all of us have skin in this game.

The planted idea that authority can supervise us functions to keep contingently undesirable behavior in check. Email, once sent, can propagate endlessly and nest any-

where. Smartphones might have put a recording device in the hands of more people, and most of us now might have the power to record each other without consent, upload moments of indiscretion and mobilize a viral witnessing and shaming of one another on a global scale.

Smartphones, audio and video recordings might be new, but the use of surveillance to regulate behavior is not, and communication always entails risk of disapproval accruing to both the message and the messenger. While the space for private sayings and acts rapidly continues to shrink, it was never absolute. Many tales of intrigue involve compromised letters or servants overhearing private conversations of the masters. And almost always these acts and the tales that envelope them push the point that those in power often embody hypocrisy in its most naked extreme.

Like it or not, the walls of privacy public officials recently enjoyed may be demolished by the wrecking ball of technologies swung by our peers. If that invasion keeps coming, and the urge to that invasion is historically constant, then perhaps we should not only be talking about ratcheting pressure to maintain integrity, but also a gentle increase of empathy and forgiveness.

The board discussed an old but generationally growing notion that we have observed in student community members: That

if you don't want to be shown doing or saying something embarrassing, maybe you should not perform that action in the first place. Integrity can be defined as doing the right thing even when you know no one is looking. Particularly if one is planning a move into public life, integrity should be an internalized practice.

On the other side, we are all human, and all contain potential for both heroic and despicable acts. Brutal and ethically compromised acts occur, more often than not with internal guilt attached. Compromises to achieve things may as a matter of course need to work out and maintain terms nauseating to each side, whether planned as transparent or not. And to be fair, the generations that are not digital natives did not plan for this collapse of privacy. They, along with younger people who have made mistakes, need to be given some allowance for those things said and done behind reasonably assumed closed doors years ago.

If people honestly and without qualification own and disavow unseemly things in their past, we owe it to ourselves to move past such things. But the sincerity of such disavowals cannot be considered without also considering the motive behind them. Between integrity and begging public forgiveness, we might need to start living constantly by the maxim that it is better to be safe than sorry.

EDITORIAL

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

We would rather you vote than read this editorial.

At this point you have probably heard from everyone and their grandmother about why you should vote. There is nothing new we can do or say to highlight voting's importance. So do it.

If you have voted, we here at The Daily Tar Heel thank you.

If you have not voted and are eligible to do so, that is okay! Find your polling place here: http://vt.ncsbe.gov/pollingplace_search/ and take the time you might have otherwise spent reading the rest of this editorial to go vote.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Two-thirds of unaffiliated voters (in Orange County) vote Democratic. Maybe folks just don't like to be partisan."

Matt Hughes, on rising numbers of unaffiliated voters

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"LMAO! I didn't realize The DTH was sourcing content from The Onion!"

GeorgeJ., on UNC's plans for a new course on diversity

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Votes matter a lot in contested N.C.

TO THE EDITOR:

It's finally here. After a year and a half of campaigning and vitriol, Election Day 2016 has arrived.

And your vote matters more than ever. North Carolina is a pivotal swing state, with the outcome here possibly deciding control of both the White House and the Senate.

Add in state and local races like the governorship, State Supreme Court and bond referendums, and the 2016 election has the potential to reshape the town, state and country for years to come.

Fortunately, many students have already voted. Nearly 10,000 more Orange County ballots were cast during Early Voting in 2016 than in 2012.

But for those of you who have yet to cast a ballot, from 6:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8th is your last chance. You can find your voting location here: bit.ly/Find2016.

If you can't get to your own precinct location, you can cast an out-of-precinct ballot. The location closest to campus is the Center for Dramatic Arts/Paul Green Theatre, 120 Country Club Road, Chapel Hill.

Student government tries to represent student interests and advocate for Carolina at all levels of government. However, the best advocate for you is yourself. In a democratic society, nothing offers as direct and powerful a tool for representation as your vote. Don't let others drown out your voice.

Speak up!
Vote.

Bradley Opere
Student body president

Wilson Sink
Director of state and external affairs

U.S. voters need a reality check

TO THE EDITOR:

When Bailey Aldridge of The Daily Tar Heel recapped the recent Saturday Night Live skit of the first presidential debate between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, both the article and the Saturday Night Live skit were more or less accurate about the events of the debate; however, they also provided insight into a modern trend in American politics.

As evidenced by the Saturday Night Live skit, the United States presidential election is the most publicized and satirized election in the entire world.

Consequently, people have become preoccupied with the entertainment quality of politics (who is the loudest and most controversial), while forgetting that the election

has major implications in determining the future of our nation.

In truth, I, too, plead guilty to modern influences. Prior to watching the two presidential debates, I had already given up hope in both the candidates; however, I still decided to watch and laugh at the debate's stupidity.

In an era where the presidential debates are accessible to almost every citizen, one would think that today's American voters would be able to make the most informed political decisions in history.

However, this ideal is far from the truth as the candidates cater to what the people want to see rather than focus on the real issues.

In conclusion, I believe that we, the American people, need a reality check. The election is not a two-year long joke; rather it is arguably the most important decision in our society and possibly the world.

David Tan
First-year
Undecided

Vote because being a citizen is a privilege

TO THE EDITOR:

As the daughter of an elected official, I understand the direct impact that voting can have on someone's life, and the truth behind the statement that every vote counts.

The pride and excitement I felt while casting a vote for my mother is similar to the joy expressed by the subjects in your Oct. 31, 2016, article titled, "Newly naturalized citizens recognize power of voting" by reporter Samantha Scott.

This article, however, reminded me of the many conveniences I am fortunate enough to have because I was born in the United States.

The focus of many campaigns recently has been the encouragement of citizens to vote.

These campaigns, however, fail to focus on an underlying issue: the difficulty of becoming a naturalized citizen in the United States.

On average, 91 percent of applicants pass the naturalization test each year. This is compared to the 65 percent of native-born Americans who passed the same test during a 2012 telephone poll (covered) by USA Today.

I believe that we, as a nation, should try harder in the future to remind ourselves of these conveniences and work toward combatting this issue together.

I applaud your article for bringing this topic to light. In a presidential election cycle that seems to be marred with unhappiness, it was uplifting to see citizens who were excited to vote.

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Public relations and public policy

SPEAK OUT

WRITING GUIDELINES

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- Faculty/staff: Include your department and phone number.
- Edit: The DTH edits for space, clarity, accuracy and vulgarity. Limit letters to 250 words.

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