

2016: The good, the bad, the ugly



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Bradley Opere became student body president.



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He's Not Here temporarily shut down.



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The men's basketball team, led by then-senior Marcus Paige (5), lost the NCAA Tournament final.



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The Student Stores were privatized in July.



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Chase Rice performed at Jubilee on April 16.



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Women's Lacrosse: NCAA champions



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The men's lacrosse team won a national championship.



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Sylvan Esso's Amelia Meath performed at Hopscotch.



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People marched after a Charlotte police shooting.



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Margaret Spellings took office.



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Rosemary Street was shut down for construction.



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Hurricane Matthew caused damage across the state.



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Former UNC student Chandler Kania was convicted of involuntary manslaughter.



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President Obama spoke on campus in November.



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Donald Trump was elected president.



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Governor-elect Roy Cooper celebrated his victory at N.C. State's McKimmon Center.

“ If you're not ready to go home, can I get a hell no ... ”

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Obi-Wan Kenobi is the perfect Jedi

We pay homage to the perfect Jedi: Obi-Wan Kenobi.

By Alex Kormann
Co-Photo Editor

Alex Kormann loves the Star Wars universe. In honor of the upcoming “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story,” debuting Dec. 16, he discusses the man he called “the best undisputed Jedi in the galaxy.”

Everyone has a favorite Jedi. Some people like the strength and badass-ness of Mace Windu. Others are drawn to the wisdom and acrobatic lightsaber skills of Yoda. I am here to argue that regardless of who your favorite is, the best — nay, the perfect Jedi — is Obi-Wan Kenobi. I’m an expert in my field. I might as well have a Ph.D. in Lucasology.

So fight me if you want, hate him or love him — I will argue that Obi-Wan single-handedly saved the entire galaxy.

OK, so let’s zoom out for a second. The Jedi Order follows a very strict code that governs every fiber of every being. This code is all levels of wrong, but we won’t get into that. Let’s just discuss the first line.

“There is no emotion, there is peace.” Have you ever noticed all the main protagonists in the films have all kinds of emotion? Mace Windu is always angry, Yoda is seen feeling love and sadness and Luke and Anakin are both angry bitches for the most part. And then we have the curious case of Obi-Wan Kenobi.

This man is literally

described on Wookieepedia as “a legendary Jedi Master.” Now, let’s explore why.

Obi-Wan was taught by Qui-Gon Jinn, aka Liam Neeson. Qui-Gon taught Obi-Wan to trust in the Living Force and to be defiant when needed. Many Jedi fall short because they don’t do what needs to be done in the moment because those actions go against the code.

Now you could go to the other end of the spectrum and you’ll find yourself listening to Anakin bitch about sand as he breaks every rule in the book. And we all know how that turned out.

Obi-Wan found that elusive, perfect balance of emotion and restraint. He fed off pure emotions as he duelled Darth Maul and became the first Jedi to defeat a Sith in battle in over a thousand years. This came after witnessing Maul kill Qui-Gon just moments before. His master’s dying request was for Obi-Wan to train Anakin, reiterating his unwavering belief that Anakin is the chosen one and will bring balance to the Force.

Now that’s funny. Anakin turned to the dark side and killed hundreds of Jedi. After the start of the Jedi Purge and Anakin’s tenure as Darth Vader, Yoda, the Grand Master of the Order, determined that Anakin needed to be killed. Obi-Wan had a different plan in mind.

Many fans will argue that Obi-Wan was weak and could not bring himself to kill his pupil or that he was a failure of a mentor. But what these plebes do not understand is that Obi-Wan simply had so much faith in his master’s final

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An early concept drawing for the robes for Obi-Wan Kenobi that was displayed at a traveling Star Wars costume exhibit at Discovery Times Square in New York City in August.

words that he decided to leave Anakin to the will of the Force.

After de-limbing him, Obi-Wan easily could have ended Anakin’s life on the spot — but deep down, he knew Anakin would eventually bring balance even though it seemed impossible in the moment. Obi-Wan made an emotion-based decision while the logical move would have been to kill Anakin. If that had happened, then who knows what would have happened to the galaxy.

Let’s not forget that the Emperor was wrecking Luke with force lightning before Vader stepped in. It was Anakin that technically killed three of the four traditional Sith Lords we meet in the films (Dooku, Sidious and Vader). If that isn’t enough to

convince you, consider that Obi-Wan stayed in exile on Tatooine for nearly two decades to watch over Luke as he grew up. By allowing himself to be struck down by Vader in Episode IV, he showed Luke that death is not the end and to not fear it. He started Luke’s training, then continued post-mortem as the Force ghost who guided Luke through his journey. And it was only because he was dead that he was able to speak to Luke in the cockpit of his X-Wing moving through the trench on the Death Star.

It was only because he was dead that he was able to appear to Luke on Hoth and guide him to Yoda.

Obi-Wan was instrumental in the teaching of both

Skywalkers, and, without him, Luke would have ended up as just another pilot in the rebellion. And, for the sake of keeping this from becoming a novel, I’ll just list a few more notable things that Obi-Wan did to literally change the fate of the galaxy. He: helped rescue Queen Amidala from the forces of the Trade Federation; defeated General Grievous; served as a lead general in the Clone Wars; recruited Han and Chewbacca as pilots, which led to them joining the rebellion; and lowered the shields on the death star so Luke, Han, Chewie, Leia, R2D2 and C3PO could escape.

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POLICE LOG

• Someone committed alcohol violations on the 400 block of West Rosemary Street at 12:07 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person had an open beer container, reports state.

• Someone committed alcohol violations on the 700 block of North Columbia Street at 12:42 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone broke into and entered the Persian Carpet

Store at 5634 Fordham Blvd. at 1:42 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole a camera, valued at \$100, and damaged a shipping container, valued at \$50, reports state.

• Someone shoplifted from the Stein Mart at 1800 E. Franklin St. at 4:34 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel

Hill police reports.

The person stole five camera drones, valued at \$159.98 total, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny at the Food Lion at 1129 Weaver Dairy Road at 5:23 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person consumed chocolate fudge, valued at

\$3.99, in the store, and left without paying, reports state.

• Someone damaged property on the 200 block of Perkins Drive at 6:10 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person scratched the paint of a vehicle, causing \$250 in damage, with a sharp object, reports state.

• Someone reported a breaking and entering of a vehicle on the 300 block of McDade Street at 6:18 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole a camera, valued at \$600, reports state.

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DEATH VALLEY – ARTIST’S PALETTE

Nyla Numan

Pealing laughter in pastel lace and Mary Janes
as I peer out the back window of our forest green Ford,
low chuckles in black suits and shined leather—
all I know of Easter when my teacher asks us
to share how our families celebrated that weekend.

I ask my father, *Do you believe in God?* He continues
folding my omelet in a crackling cast-iron skillet, says that
this is not a question that can be answered over orange juice
and a plate of eggs. He suggests we start private lessons on
Islam each week, but those Sunday afternoons escape us.

My aunt wraps a gauzy gold scarf around her hennaed hair,
her forehead grazing the edge of a turquoise rug. She loves
to tell the story of how, when I was five, I would tumble
around the front of her rug, not understanding her bowed head
or my father’s rug, rolled up behind his office book case.

I pull at the stray threads of my red salwar kameez
as my father is asked to lead the *Eid-ul-Adha* prayer.
The room fills with his voice, oblivious to nights he
serves himself a bowl of my mother’s stir-fried pork,
just browned and sizzling in chili-flaked bitter gourd rings.

I sit in the backseat of a rental Honda SUV for a nine mile
scenic drive of Death Valley; scorched depths and barren plains
until we reach the Artist’s Palette. A splash of sunset in the
heat of noon. As I stand in silence, I consider that
had I grown up valuing the Five Pillars or just once
picked up the book Muhammad off the living room coffee table
I would think this must be the canvas of *Allah’s* artistry,
painted with purpose on these California rocks.

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Carrboro residents rally behind El Centro after incident

A brick was thrown through the back door of the nonprofit Dec. 3.

By Molly Horak
Staff Writer

Glass was shattered and the security of many Carrboro residents was shaken on Saturday when a brick was thrown through the back door of El Centro Hispano, a non-profit that serves the Hispanic and Latino community in the Triangle area.

The incident was first reported at 6:57 a.m. and is listed as an injury to real property, said Capt. Chris Attack, spokesperson for the Carrboro Police Department.

"There was nothing taken from the building and there was no note or other information to give us some idea of what someone was thinking when they threw it through the door," Attack said. "We don't know motivations at this point."

Pilar Rocha-Goldberg, CEO and president of El Centro Hispano, said the event raised new questions about safety.

"We don't really know what motivated the person who did it, but of course for everyone it was shocking to find out,"

she said.

The incident was discovered as the center was preparing to host an ID drive for members of the community. The event was held as planned.

Tizzy Giordano, a Carrboro resident, was on her way back from an anti-KKK march held in Danville, Virginia, on Saturday when she heard about the incident. Giordano said she was moved to create a post on Pantsuit Nation, a private Facebook group intended to serve as a platform for storytelling and social justice.

Giordano's post described the El Centro incident as a hate crime, and she created a GoFundMe page to raise money to support the non-profit. Within 10 minutes, the post had 11,000 likes and in 24 hours, the GoFundMe page had raised over \$6,000.

"Thousands of people were commenting and saying the most beautiful things," Giordano said. "I knew that social media was really instrumental, but I don't think I realized until right now how impactful social media can really be."

Messages of support have poured in from across the nation with comments on Giordano's Facebook post from as far as Ireland. Yet

Giordano said she still hopes to see similar levels of support from the local community.

"I work at Weaver Street Market and I know a lot of people in the community, so I've been putting the word out and having people share the GoFundMe link and we've started getting local responses," Giordano said. "It's really important to me that the money gets matched by our community."

Specific details are still being discussed as to the best use of the donations raised by the GoFundMe page. Rocha-Goldberg said that greater security measures and additional resources for many of their works are possibilities.

Judith Montenegro, the board chairperson of El Centro Hispano, said she has been moved by the support.

"Everything has happened so suddenly and we're still trying to figure everything out," Montenegro said. "We've received flowers, donations – it's just been really, really great how the community has come together to support us and make us feel welcome."

Lydia Lavelle, mayor of Carrboro, has reached out to El Centro Hispano, and discussions will be held to help make Carrboro a safe space



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El Centro Hispano, on Weaver Street, reported damage after a brick was thrown through a door.

for people of all backgrounds, Montenegro said.

Giordano said she is grateful for the welcoming, accepting community Carrboro offers, but she is heartbroken that it is not a safe space for everyone.

"It's meant the world to me

to have this little corner of the world where I feel protected from the hate," Giordano said. "It's really, really necessary for us to fight back against this kind of hatred and bigotry."

Attack asked that anyone with information about the

incident reach out to law enforcement.

To help support El Centro Hispano, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/standwithel-centro>.

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Law limiting sex offenders' movement overturned

The appeals court found the law too restrictive and vague.

By Bailey Aldridge
Staff Writer

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling declaring a North Carolina law restricting the movement of sex offenders unconstitutional on Nov. 30.

The court issued its opinion on Doe v. Cooper and unanimously ruled two sections of the law were unconstitutional.

Subsection (a)(2), which was ruled in violation of the First Amendment, said sex offenders could not be within 300 feet of places that were primarily meant for the use, care or supervision of minors if those places were on the premises of areas not focused on minors.

Subdivision (a)(3) prevented certain sex offenders from going near places where minors gather for regular programs and was ruled unconstitutionally vague, and thus considered a violation of due process.

Jamie Markham, an

associate professor at the UNC School of Government, said the intent of the law was to protect children.

"I think it was out of a sense that somebody who is a sex offender, regardless of what they were on the sex offender registry for, might be perceived as posing a risk to children, and so I think it was an effort to be as protective as possible," he said.

Chapel Hill attorney Amos Tyndall said the law limited many forms of free speech because it is impractical to avoid going near any location intended for minors.

"... It includes all kinds of

activity that's associated with First Amendment, including free speech in public places as well as religious freedom – attending church," he said.

The lawsuit was brought against then-Attorney General Roy Cooper, who is now governor-elect, and all North Carolina district attorneys by a group of registered sex offenders, who argued the law was broad, vague and a violation of due process.

"I mean, the government's trying to protect kids but the issue is that the restriction they put in place applies to lots of sex offenders, including some whose crimes were not

against children," Markham said.

He said the N.C. legislature changed subsection (a)(2) before the ruling to no longer apply to individuals who didn't commit crimes against minors.

Morgan Davis, an associate at Hatch, Little & Bunn, said although the law was changed, the court's ruling is still important.

"So the legislature did go back before Doe v. Cooper and change the law, but it sets a precedent that there needs to be a higher standard of scrutiny than has been required before when crafting

these laws," she said.

Chapel Hill Attorney Taylor Hastings said the problem with the subdivision is it infringed on the constitutional rights of sex offenders whose victims were not minors.

"That doesn't mean that if you committed sex offenses against a minor that that law wouldn't still be constitutional – it would be – it's just the fact that it's too broad against those individuals that didn't commit crimes against minors and it takes away an extremely important constitutional right," he said.

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UNC medical student combines creative writing and healing

Survivors of domestic violence will write their stories to heal.

By Natalie Conti
Staff Writer

A UNC medical student created an eight-week support group at the Compass Center to help domestic violence victims heal through writing.

Neha Verma, a second-year medical student, said she has always been interested in creative writing and women's health. When she was an undergraduate student at UNC, she was a creative writing minor and a volunteer doula.

"I think that these women have such important stories and I think that with domestic violence, people don't often think about how long the consequences extend," Verma said.

"Survivors of domestic violence often have higher rates of depression, they

feel socially isolated and so I think it's been great to see these women writing their stories but also forming a community amongst themselves and providing support to each other."

Dr. Amy Weil, a professor in the medical school, said she became close with Verma after Verma took her course called The Healer's Art.

"She's passionate about writing and I can imagine from knowing her and hearing what she had written that she would be wonderful at drawing that out of people and being supportive of them," Weil said.

Connie Carringer, support group coordinator at the Compass Center, said she was excited when Verma reached out to her about the group.

"I knew that a writing group was something that quite a few of our clients would get something out of and were interested in doing," Carringer said.

Carringer said in the past, the group hosted a peer-led writing support group for

victims of domestic violence.

"I had a couple of clients who had participated as group members in domestic violence support groups in the past who had experience using writing for their own healing process, and also teaching writing or were writers in a professional way, and they wanted to offer a peer group for other survivors using writing," Carringer said.

Carringer said the peer-led group created a book called "A War Against the Mirror" from a compilation of writings done by participants over the course of the group.

Verma also hopes to create a publication at the end of her group.

"I want to distribute it for free at places like the Chapel Hill Public Library or the Women's Health Information Center at the hospital," she said.

"Just to increase awareness about the Compass Center and the resources offered there as well as just letting survivors of domestic violence



DTH/GABRIELLE THOMPSON
Medical student Neha Verma started the writing program for survivors of domestic violence.

know that they're not alone."

Carringer said the writing and healing support group is going well.

"Group members are continuing to come to group

which is a good indicator that they're getting something out of it," Carringer said.

Carringer said the center is fortunate to have student volunteers like Verma.

"We work with a ton of students," Carringer said. "We really couldn't do what we do here without them."

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Opening the door to NC through food

By Molly Looman
Staff Writer

Professors and students from UNC helped create a compilation of stories about North Carolina food called “The Carolina Table.”

English professor Randall Kenan was the editor of the anthology.

“It’s not an academic book — it’s very much about the way we live and eat now,” Kenan said.

The anthology consists of a series of essays, compiled and edited by Kenan, each telling a different story about food in North Carolina.

“I was more interested in a more diverse and fuller vision of what food in North Carolina represents,” Kenan said.

He said he reached out to prominent food writers and enthusiasts all around the state in order to collect stories about food and life in different regions of North Carolina.

Several of those voices were found on UNC’s campus. Paul Cuadros, an associate professor in the School of Media and Journalism, contributed an essay about a family attempting to bring South American-style barbecue to a state strict about its barbecue style.

“It seeks to talk about food from North Carolina and our culture here and how food brings us together,” Cuadros said.

Cuadros was invited to participate by Eno Publishers and said his subject represents a new North Carolina. He calls the book a showcase of the state’s connection to food and culture.

Both Kenan and Cuadros spoke to how that was a testament to the talent and diversity among the staff at UNC.

“We have attracted a significant pool of talent around here ... so it behooves us to take advantage of that” Kenan said.

Stories include a man who found a halal butcher in Sanford, North Carolina, and a woman who worked with a family of Syrian refugees discussing how they bonded through food.

Kenan said he chose these kinds of stories to show readers more than the clichés.

“I was trying not to go for the stereotypes: fried chicken, barbecue, overcooked greens, fried anything really” he said.

American studies professor Marcie Cohen Ferris, who wrote the afterword, said she was inspired by the many



English and creative writing professor Randall Kenan talks about the new NC food anthology he edited, called “The Carolina Table.”
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different voices in the book.

“It’s great to hear North Carolina voices who open a door into the state through the lens of food,” she said.

Ferris said she hopes this book will encourage studies on this topic throughout UNC and she plans to use this book in future classes.

“It takes us to another level of understanding about what the state is and who North Carolinians are,” Ferris said.

Ferris said she loves the anthology because of its exploration of memory, childhood, farming and the table itself.

“There’s a lot of faculty that speak to and help us understand this kind of beautiful and contested and difficult and beloved state of North Carolina that we all love and hate.”

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North Carolina faces lawsuit over 20-week abortion ban

By Parker Marshall
Staff Writer

North Carolina is being sued by women’s health groups and civil liberties groups over a law restricting abortions.

The American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of North Carolina Legal Foundation, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic and the Center for Reproductive Rights are filing the lawsuit because they view the abortion law

as unconstitutional, a press release from the N.C. ACLU said.

House Bill 465, passed in June 2015, bans abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy with some exceptions for medical emergencies.

Molly Rivera, spokesperson for the N.C. ACLU, said the legislation does not provide women with their constitutional right to an abortion because of the ban after the 20th week.

“Viability in a pregnancy typically happens around 24 weeks — it can vary from

pregnancy to pregnancy, but in general it’s about 24,” she said.

“So again, this 20-week ban that has been created and imposed by politicians is completely arbitrary, with no medical evidence to back it up.”

Irena Como, staff attorney for the N.C. ACLU, said in the ACLU press release that it is wrong to prevent a woman from receiving abortion medical care.

“A woman must be able to make health decisions at different points in her preg-

nancy that are best for her circumstances, including whether to end a pregnancy, without interference from politicians,” she said.

A press release from the N.C. Values Coalition, an anti-abortion group, said there are numerous medical studies to support the 20-week ban.

Tami Fitzgerald, executive director of the N.C. Values Coalition, said the group sees an abortion as a violation of the constitutional rights of the unborn child.

“There is new scientific evi-

dence that shows that babies feel pain when they’re at least 20 weeks old — there’s a lot of evidence that shows they can feel it earlier than that,” she said.

The ACLU press release also said the law puts doctors with patients seeking abortions in a difficult place, potentially leading to delayed care until the woman faces an emergency.

“Doctors will tell you that they never want to delay medical care that someone has already decided to have, especially if they get in cases with

fetal anomalies, or a complex diagnosis,” Rivera said. “It’s really important that doctors are able to provide that care as soon as possible for the health of the woman.”

Fitzgerald and Rivera both said recent developments in the nationwide abortion debate have been in favor of the anti-abortion side, with North Carolina’s law as an example.

“It’s part of a larger trend to block abortion access,” Rivera said.

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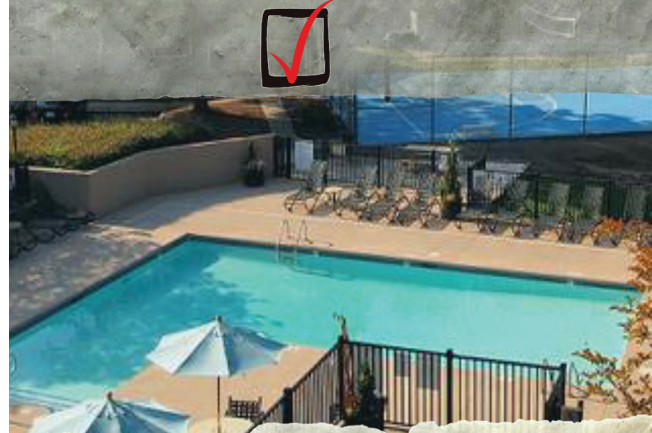
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turely want to say goodbye to your security deposit. Even if the lease does not explicitly ban pets, Carolina Student Legal Services staff attorney J. Tristan Routh recommends getting your landlord's approval first.

"Even if the lease is silent, it is always better to have the landlord's consent," Routh said.

Check with your roommates: Always find out how your roommates will feel about having a puppy running around the house, and potentially into their rooms. It is hard

enough to live with roommates given the shared cleaning responsibilities and communal areas, but a pet will add pressure.

Make sure to ask every other tenant and be considerate of their needs and desires. Respect pet allergies.

Consider the cost: After the adoption fee, pets require certain vaccinations and medicine before you can take them home, as well as food and other toys. Ask yourself: do you have enough time, attention and money to take care of yourself and a

pet?

Consider your post-grad hopes and dreams: Once you decide you can fit a pet into your college lifestyle, consider whether a pet would be compatible with your post-grad plans. International travel or work wouldn't be possible with a pet; neither would moving to New York City to live in a tiny apartment with roommates.

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Gourmet Ramen: Cook the noodles but ditch the sodium flavor packet. Try adding a different kind of soup broth or cut up fresh veggies or pre-cooked chicken to add some natural (rather than artificial) ingredients to this college meal favorite.

Microwaved Potato: Take a small sweet potato, poke with a fork, then microwave for about 5 minutes. Get creative and add butter, sugar and cinnamon, or go for a more savory

flavor, adding the potato to rice, black beans, and salsa.

Flavored Popcorn: Why call it quits on cooking your popcorn when the microwave beeps? Get creative and add different flavors to this snack until you find the perfect combination. Try garlic salt or powdered cheese, or for a sweeter snack, try chocolate or cinnamon and sugar!

Trail Mix: A summer camp classic, this snack can be surprisingly expensive in the grocery store, so make your own instead! This way you can customize it with all your favorite ingredients – even if that means taking out the raisins and tripling the M&Ms. Try different combinations of nuts, dried fruits, coconut flakes, and yogurt covered raisins!

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NC gives 19 public schools charter-like freedom

By Davis McKinney
Staff Writer

Beginning next school year, 19 low-performing public schools in North Carolina will operate with the flexibility usually given only to charter schools. The schools will have more freedom in determining regulations like school calendar dates and budgeting.

Following a vote from the State Board of Education Thursday, the schools will no longer be required to adhere to state laws that provide some non-negotiable guidelines on school operations.

Of the 19 schools with the new flexibility, 10 are located in Wake County and nine are in Warren and Cabarrus counties.

Tim Simmons, spokesperson for the Wake County Public School System, said the schools look forward to implementing some changes.

“We’d like to have this kind of flexibility for lots of schools, but the state limits who can apply,” he said. “So those schools were selected, at least in part, based on the state’s criteria.”

Simmons said the schools will now be able to decide for themselves how best to budget their money.

“Traditional schools are allotted certain dollars for certain purposes,” he said. “The restart model allows you to use that money more flexibly across lines.”

The low-performing Wake County schools do not have a specific plan for how they will use their new flexibility, Simmons said, but hope to increase the skill level of their students.

“You can’t assume all of last year’s third graders are this year’s fourth graders, but you do have control over how much they learn in a year,” he said.

Lee Teague, executive director of N.C. Public Charter Schools Association, said it is important to understand the new flexibility does not mean the 19 schools will become charter schools.

“The key thing that a charter school has is independent governance, which these schools won’t have,” he said.

A law passed by the N.C. General Assembly in 2010 allowed low-performing schools to apply for this flexibility, but Teague said the 19 schools are the first to use this law. He said he didn’t know if the program has been proven to be successful, since it is relatively new in the state.

Matt Ellinwood, director



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The State Board of Education approved plans to give 19 public schools some added flexibility to operate more like charter schools.

of the Education and Law Project at the North Carolina Justice Center, said reforms are needed in many of the schools that applied.

“When you have low-performing schools, you often do need to change something,”

he said.

“You can’t just keep doing the same thing over and over again and expect different results.”

Ellinwood said giving low-performing schools flexibility is a good solution

because it combines the resources of a public school system with the freedoms of a charter school.

“Public schools are the local agencies that are closest to the students and have the best sense of what

they need,” he said.

“They really are in the best position to come up with the specifics on how the educational model ought to look.”

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GPSF supports UNC as a sanctuary campus

The federation passed all eight bills presented on Tuesday.

By Danielle Bush
Staff Writer

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation senate met for the last meeting of its 47th session of the calendar year on Tuesday to vote on upcoming resolutions.

What happened?

GPSF senator Anissa Neal tried to enlist support from her fellow members for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center companion training. Companions are responsible for talking to survivors over the phone, providing legal help

and language services.

Members were then introduced to eight bills addressing issues ranging from the senate election process to the recognition of UNC as a sanctuary university. All bills and resolutions were passed.

Who spoke?

Each bill was introduced by Vice President for Internal Affairs Brian Coussens, who invited the respective committee representatives, if they were present, to speak on the resolution.

Among the bills introduced was a resolution asking UNC to look further into the incident of a defaced poster honoring the first African-American woman accepted to Black Mountain College, and conduct a thorough investigation of this and future incidents.

“I know if someone did that to one of my pieces of property, I don’t know how safe I would feel on this campus,” said Senator Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, University Research Day chairperson.

President Dylan Russell recounted a conversation he had with Chancellor Carol Folt over the weekend about the progress that has been made within the organization.

“Graduate professional students are coming together to represent graduate professional students and that’s what we’re supposed to do,” he said.

Why was this meeting important?

Coussens felt it was important to have an open discourse between graduate and professional students because it is

“ ... so together we can come to a consensus about where we stand ... ”

David Greenawald
GPSF senator

one of the only times to get together and discuss issues that affect everyone in the room.

David Greenawald, senator from the Geological Sciences department, said by coming to meetings, he is able to represent his constituency in a collective governance.

“Each individual student doesn’t have a really loud voice and so together we can come to a consensus about where we stand on different issues,” he said.

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Senators from the different departments of GPSF listen to the presentation of the bills before casting their vote.



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UNC system implements tuition freeze

By Cole Stanley
Senior Writer

The UNC system implemented a tuition freeze Monday after the N.C. General Assembly passed the freeze via the state budget in July.

Pursuant to the new policy, tuition rates at all UNC institutions will be fixed for eight consecutive semesters for all resident bachelor's degree seeking first-years. Student fee increases will also be capped at 3 percent per year, using current rates as a baseline.

"When you start college, you'll know what your costs are going to be for all four years — and families take comfort in that kind of stability," said Joe Knott, a member of the UNC Board of Governors.

N.C. Rep. Verla Insko, D.-Orange, said the state doesn't need to charge students more money, but the new policy has met some criticism.

"By fixing the tuition at current rates, you can't make college more affordable for our students and that limits the access certain groups of students have to the university," she said.

According to a report released by the UNC system Sunday, students whose consecutive semesters of enrollment are interrupted because of military service, medical issues or disabilities are exempt from changes in their tuition rates, which will remain the same as at the time of interruption.

Student groups excluded

from the policy include continuing education students, non-degree seeking students, second degree seeking students and high school students enrolled through a dual-degree program.

"The whole purpose of the policy is to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to complete their degrees in an efficient, affordable and timely manner," said Lou Bissette, chairperson of the Board of Governors.

Insko said another problem with the policy is it reduces revenue by precluding any additional spending, including spending by the state.

"Educational costs will continue to rise," Insko said. "And when they do, there's not going to be a corresponding increase in revenue to pay for it."

Bissette said the bill should incentivize students to finish their degrees quickly, which will bring costs down.

"Students and families want that stability," he said. "If you get a fixed rate by finishing in four years, most folks will finish in four years."

Insko said she questions whether the quality of education will be maintained if spending decreases and students are pushed to complete their education quickly.

"Education is an investment," she said. "Spending on education always decreases costs in the long run. It is the most crucial infrastructure of our society."

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Students studying abroad increases

The study abroad office is available 24/7 for emergencies.

By Alexis Bell
Staff Writer

The terrorist attack in Paris in 2015 is still a strong memory for Bob Miles, associate dean of study abroad and international exchanges.

He immediately contacted UNC students who were studying abroad in France.

"It was a Friday afternoon. It was around about 4:30 when the combined incidents in Paris occurred," Miles said.

Despite recent events such as this, numbers for students studying abroad continue to increase at an average of 81 students per year from 2014 to 2016.

Junior Seteena Turner, who is traveling abroad to Seville, Spain, in the spring, said her biggest concern is being gone for the first six months of Donald Trump's presidency.

"The first thought that popped into my head is, 'Will I be allowed back to my home country, the United States, just because I was visiting outside?,'" Turner said. "Especially in terms of the walls he was talking about putting up and not letting people back in who don't belong."

"I can easily be viewed as someone like that and that's the only place where I don't feel safe. In terms of everything else, I feel like everything else is beyond my control."

Junior Jasmin Brooks is studying abroad next semester and said she was not concerned about terrorist attacks.

"Going to Barcelona, I wouldn't say that's at the top of my concern list, but it definitely is in the back of my mind," Brooks said.

Miles confirmed not a lot of students are worrying about traveling abroad and said there is no consistent expression of fear of terrorist attacks.

"Terrorism (is) like earthquakes — very difficult to predict an earthquake," Miles said.

Miles said if there is reason to believe there will be an attack in a given country, a travel alert with advice from the Department of State will be sent to students in an effort to be proactive.

Students are not alone during these unpredictable events, but Miles said they do share the responsibility of keeping themselves safe, especially when it comes to general safety and security.

"Anyone, whether they be on Franklin Street on a Saturday night or whether they be on one of the main streets of Sydney, Australia, on a Saturday night, there are things that you can do to put yourself at risk," Miles said.

Before traveling abroad, UNC students, faculty and staff are required to register with the Global Travel Registry and submit their itinerary. Even after taking these precautions, students are encouraged to never travel alone.

"You really have to be aware of your surroundings and the environment that you place yourself in," Turner said. "It'll be very different than our home country, but using those same precautionary measures and just heightening them basically."

Brooks said as a woman she will have her guard up while studying abroad.

While abroad, students have immediate access to their exchange university.

"The student is not alone, even when they are on an exchange program where they may be the only UNC student," Miles said. "They have that administrative structure that's available."

Miles said he and his staff are always on call for extreme cases such as rape, natural disasters or terrorist attacks and they recognize and understand this to be part of their jobs.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to last puzzle

7	4	2	3	9	1	6	8	5
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Kind of basin
6 State secrets?
9 Intense dislike
14 Act poorly?
15 Run a tab, say
16 Words between two "thanks"
17 Chef protector
18 See 8-Down
19 Floorboard support
20 Many a Sundance film
22 Rent payer
23 Registered names: Abbr.
25 Action at the front
28 H.S. hurdle
29 Adorn
32 Comical punctuation marks from the drummer
34 Marshy lowland
35 Chihuahua, por ejemplo
36 "___ Eyes": Eagles hit
37 '60s campus gp.
38 Hieroglyphics reptiles
41 "Do __, not ..."
43 Work on, as a stubborn squeak
45 Tablets' kin
48 Swingline insert
49 2,170-mi. trail terminus
50 Walk with style
52 Luau music provider
53 Wanting too much
55 Pry
58 Cookie named for its

flavor
59 Aromatic necklace
61 Stage performances
64 Words after miss or skip
65 Resting place
66 Down source
67 Singer Bruni married to Nicolas Sarkozy
68 Morning cuppa
69 Amounts to

Down

1 Leaves in a bag
2 Prankster
3 "Pillow Talk" actress
4 Lots
5 Provide with for a time
6 Montague lad
7 Blow away
8 With 18-Across, Southwestern cuisine
9 Museum pieces
10 Lucy and Ethel and Thelma and Louise
11 "Indeed!"
12 Oust, in a way
13 Church choral works

21 "Eww!"
22 Tibetan title
23 "Angie Tribeca" channel
24 Weak cry
26 Brand of blended seasonings
27 Itsy-___
30 Inventor Howe
31 Population information
33 Book after Daniel
35 Ulysses threesome?
39 Web irritants ... and what appears in each set of puzzle circles?
40 ___-screen printing
42 Faulkner's "As ___ Dying"
44 Actor Marvin of "Cat Ballou"
45 Courvoisier, e.g.

46 Speedy Gonzales cry
47 Kitchen gadget
48 OED entry
51 Words for the audience
54 Hebrew for "skyward"
56 Oil bloc
57 Hodgepodge
59 Pres. sworn in on Air Force One
60 Job listing ltrsr.
62 "Is it soup ___?"
63 Fourth-yr. students

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Another ode to the Varsity

I love Christmastime. Even though, in college, exams often overshadow the joy of the season, I still manage to get excited for the holidays here in Chapel Hill.

From the decorations on the streets of Carrboro to the “Twelve Days of Christmas” display in the Carolina Inn to even, yes, the “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” -worthy decorations on Frat Court, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area breathes Christmas while its students try to just breathe during finals.

Between the aesthetic glimmer of UNC and the impending doom of finals, one of my favorite UNC traditions is one of the most underrated.

I’m talking about the showing of “It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Varsity Theatre on Franklin Street every December.

If I could write the rest of my opinion columns on the wonders of the Varsity, I would (in fact, my first column ever for the DTH was about the theater), but I want to focus on this special showing of the film.

I first visited the Varsity my first year specifically for this movie.

A group of my closest friends and I hopped on the P2P bus in the first week of December and curled up together, hidden in the warmth of the little theater.

I’ve always loved “It’s a Wonderful Life,” and my family watches it every single year together during the holiday season.

But watching it with my friends in the middle of exams and at the end of a revelatory semester made the film take on a new meaning. I was at home.

I won’t spoil the film, but the gist of it is the hero realizes how good life is despite hardships.

It takes the intervention of an angel to get him there, but nonetheless it’s a classic holiday movie and it makes even the most stoic viewers feel warm inside.

Perhaps the Varsity is that angel for me.

Its shining, fluorescent marquee is my own green light at the end of the dock.

The film is also a wonderful reminder to enjoy the time you have and to not let distractions take away from the gifts that are your friends and family.

And now, two years after my first time in the Varsity, I sat in the theater with nearly the same group of friends as I did then, and knew for sure, once again, that home is a feeling, not a place.

It’s also the people around you and the events you share with them.

I’ve written a lot about the meaning of home in various columns, but it’s something I keep returning to because it’s always changing.

And I’m learning to appreciate it in its various forms.

I think I fell in love at the Varsity multiple times — with the theater, with a person, with my friends, with Chapel Hill.

Catch “It’s a Wonderful Life” before Dec. 8 and maybe you’ll feel the same thing I do every time I watch it at the Varsity.

There are some things that don’t lose their magic despite their frequency.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Alison Krug, akrug@live.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

A year in review

2016 was pretty bad, but let’s find something good.

2016 was awful. No matter who you are, you probably have a reason to hate 2016.

This board has not been quiet about what we found to be the most troubling in 2016. Rest assured, dear reader — we will continue boldly into the coming year.

There was some good, and we would be remiss to not reflect on all we observed this year.

For every story of hate, we saw stories of people helping each other out. We need to remember going forward that common decency only leaves the public sphere if we allow it to.

2016 was a hard year to be in opinion writing. This board had its faults, but in every instance we tried to be a voice of reason — even if it didn’t make us any friends in the process.

We hope you didn’t always agree with us, but we also hope you got something out of it.

Going into 2017,

remember to not let 2016 stop you from being engaged and advocating for the causes you hold dear. We cannot express this enough.

Well, that is it for this semester. It was fun.

We will be back next year with more thoughts, hot takes and poorly thought-out jokes due to days of sleep deprivation.

Good luck on your exams.

Try to help someone else out who needs it.

And finally, have a good break, Tar Heels. Thank you for reading.

EDITORIAL

Let us speak

Graduation needs a student speaker competition.

It is May 2017. You’re about to graduate from these halls and go out from Chapel Hill to make something of yourself.

You’re trying not to cry and you’re trying not to die from heat exhaustion. Then, the master of ceremonies announces that one of your classmates is about to speak about their time at UNC.

The speech is fine, if you were interviewing for a consulting job, but a somewhat boring way to end your time at UNC.

No graduation should be like this. UNC ought to hold a student speaker competition to encourage UNC’s best orators to give a speech for the ages.

It is no secret that UNC has some talented people who love to rise to a challenge, and if capitalist theory has any merit, we know competition is a good way to increase the quality of an end product.

How would this look, you ask? Starting in January, UNC should start their holding open calls for any students wanting to be the speaker. Maybe start by just having applicants submit written work.

Then narrow it down to

a few, film them speaking and let the students decide who they want to speak.

Graduation is easily one of the most important moments in our lives. It is when we finally get to celebrate surviving college.

If students worked that hard to get there, they deserve to hear something special at their graduation.

So, let’s make it happen! All students wanting to make a better graduation should let the University know they are on board with this plan.

We are confident, if asked, the administration will enact some graduation reforms.

COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we make Christmas shoes and celebrate LDOC.

Alison Krug (Christmas Elf) and Kiana Cole (parents didn’t let her believe in Santa) are the writers of UNC’s premier (only!) satirical advice column. Results may vary.

You: How do I spread holiday cheer in the midst of finals?

You Asked for It: The go-to is taking Buddy the Elf up on singing loud for all to hear, but if you try that in the middle of Davis Library, you’ll be quickly reprimanded and it’ll turn once again into a Silent Night.

So get inventive. Remember the smash hit of the early 2000s, “The Christmas Shoes?” Make your own! This could involve gift-wrapping your favorite pair of sneakers, wearing presents as shoes or painting little mistles on your toes.

Avoid the essay prompts assigned by your professors and instead turn in some analytical ponderings of seasonal relevance. Is “reindeer games” a euphemism? Is Santa Claus the manifestation of our



Kiana Cole and Alison Krug

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societal desperation to escape the literal world and embark upon the metaphysical? What chromosomal abnormality could have possibly occurred in Rudolph’s embryonic development to produce a red nose with seemingly electric properties?

You: I have a packed exam schedule and don’t have time to celebrate LDOC. How can I have a fun yet productive last day of class?

YAFI: With finals just a day away, LDOC is the one day of the year where you know for sure that every single student is going to get wasted

... opportunities and chances from during the semester following them with a sense of culminating and compound dread.

Find a sense of closure by finishing your semester bucket list. Haven’t high-fived every member of the field hockey team, shared a meal with a UNC garbage squirrel, stolen Larry Fedora’s fedora, ridden a unicycle across a slackline or other things we’re assuming are on the UNC bucket list? You have one wild day left to figure it out.

Close your day by preparing yourself for the hustle and bustle of finals. Get a good night’s sleep. Switch out your writing utensils for waterproof pens that won’t be budged by tears or coffee. Change your email signature to Enya lyrics ruminating on the transience of our beings and the great mysteries of time before you email your TAs to ask for an extension.

As Enya crooned, “Who can say where the road goes? Where the day flows?” Not Sakai. “Only time.”

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We celebrate because with this election, we have made decisions about who we are as North Carolinians.”

Roy Cooper, who celebrated his election in Raleigh on Tuesday

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“The only students whose money goes to the DTH are those who choose to donate to its mission.”

UNC207, on the DTH not using UNC money to sue UNC

GUEST OP-ED

The fight for Hurston Hall is not over

On May 28, 2015, the University of North Carolina’s Board of Trustees (BOT) voted in favor of creating a team of scholars to curate a history of William Saunders and the building formerly known as Saunders Hall. Chancellor Carol Folt commissioned The Task Force on UNC-Chapel Hill History to create an exhibit inside of Hurston Hall — what you may know now as Carolina Hall.

On Friday, Nov. 11, the Task Force unveiled the long-awaited results of its research, in fulfillment of a BOT resolution. The display, set within the lobby of Hurston Hall, includes a history of William Saunders, the naming of the building, and the violent takedown of Reconstruction in North Carolina, followed by a brief acknowledgement of the student activism that led to the building’s renaming.

During the unveiling, a co-president of the Graduate Association for Geography Students challenged key omissions in the University’s “official” narrative on display. Most notably, it did not include the BOT’s 16-year moratorium on changing the names of further buildings. When Dr. James Leloudis, the Task Force’s lead researcher, was told the omission of the 16-year moratorium was unacceptable, his response was, “the moratorium is irrelevant.” Apparently, what is important is that the building’s name was changed.

What Dr. Leloudis fails to see is that the imposition of a moratorium in the face of an inevitable victory by students mobilizing for reparation and racial justice is a tactic by which white supremacy is re-inscribed and student movements are neutralized, now and in the future. “Don’t stop fighting,” he said. As if our co-president’s existence on campus as a Black woman is not fraught with tension.

This comment exhibits an ignorance illustrated by the display: the opinions of students who dissent have little to no academic import. “Don’t stop fighting” is the equivalent of the BOT repeatedly lauding the Real Silent Sam Coalition’s “passion” as they were presented scores of evidence — archival and experiential — of William Saunders’ white supremacist past, the sociopolitical period in which the building was named in his honor and the assaults truth-seekers received from fellow students via anonymous websites like YikYak.

There are no student members of the Task Force, particularly those directly impacted by our campus’ racist memorials and who have been involved in movements to have them removed and

renamed. How can a team of “experts” present this recent struggle — mind you, we are but a year and some change removed from the day students wore nooses declaring, “This is what Saunders would do to me!” — if they were not personally involved?

The composition of this commission acknowledges a misguided belief within academia that those most equipped to gather and disseminate knowledge have Ph.D.s. It was not until scores of information had been gathered and students’ bodies — quite literally — were on the line did graduate students and faculty from geography, religious studies and communication studies join their ranks. So, we ask, who are UNC’s scholars and educators?

The Task Force made little effort to publicize the unveiling of the display.

If the intent were to interest people in the building and its history, one would think the Task Force would have taken this opportunity to promote the result of their research. However, we are well aware the BOT and Chancellor Folt did not want the unveiling to be a public event. By not announcing its completion early on, they avoided the possibility of an open challenge to their narrative before local media outlets. This exhibit is not for the “Carolina community.” It is an effort by UNC administrators to “get over” this “controversy” once and for all.

Prior to departing, Cecelia Moore, project manager for the Task Force, insinuated students should accept this token because no other university is going through such pains to address its racial history. Comments like this confirm that some educators are disconnected from a history of the present. Let it be known, UNC undertook this endeavor following an extensive public education and shaming campaign led by students.

And, might we add, after Duke University and East Carolina University took the lead in renaming buildings named after the racist North Carolina Governor Charles Brantley Aycock. Furthermore, throughout the nation, universities — no doubt prompted by civil unrest in cities and on campuses — are scrambling to add “diversity hires” to the ranks of its professoriate by employing scholars whose research is often passed over in general job hires. And, in an unprecedented move, the President of Georgetown University committed the university’s financial and academic resources to addressing racial injustice in America. Yet, somehow, UNC’s leadership is to be viewed as exemplars of restorative justice.

Willie Jamaal Wright
On behalf of the Graduate
Association for Geography
Students

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