

UNC aims to improve night safety

A new working group is looking into campus lighting needs.

By Colleen Moir
Senior Writer

Campus will get darker earlier when daylight saving time ends Sunday, but a group of University and town leaders is getting ready to revisit the issue of night lighting on and around campus.

Vice Chancellors Winston Crisp and Matthew Fajack charged the Nighttime Travel Working Group at the beginning of September. The group includes student government, students, administrators and the chiefs of police for Chapel Hill and the Department of Public Safety.

Student Body Vice President Rachel Gogal, a member of the group, said it's looking at how lighting on and off campus can be improved.

"We recognize that some areas on campus are very well-lit, but others are not, and that's a safety concern for us," Gogal said.

To see where needs for lighting on and around campus are greatest, the group is going on a "lighting tour" in November. Group members will begin at UNC Hospitals and walk through campus and to off-campus neighborhoods populated by students.

DPS spokesperson Randy Young said his department has been going on annual lighting tours since the early 1990s.

He said the tours traditionally looked at areas that needed minor fixes, such as non-functional police call boxes or burned out lights, but this year's tour involves more people and departments and may take on bigger projects.

"It's very early in the process, but if there's new lighting that needs to be put in, and needs that need to be met, we'll certainly look into those," Young said. "Hopefully, some great ideas will rise out of this, and those kinds of things are not out of the question."

Daniel Salgado, SafeWalk program manager, said lighting on campus should be improved.

"Part of the reason why people use SafeWalk is because they feel that parts of campus aren't well-lit, and that contributes a lot to people not feeling safe on campus," he said.

Salgado said even SafeWalk employees don't always feel at ease on campus at night.

"We've talked to a lot of our walkers, and some have expressed concerns in the past that even on campus at night, there are a lot of areas they feel uncomfortable walking by," he said.

Gogal said even though services like the P2P and SafeWalk exist, students have expressed interest in more nighttime safety offerings.

"Off-campus students on campus late studying for exams and students without a car are concerned about their safety," Gogal said.

"We wanted to make sure that we partnered with the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro to make sure that the transition from on campus to off campus — the streets and the pathways they're walking — are well-lit and safe, especially if they're coming back at 2 or 3 a.m."

Junior Jessica Surane said she thinks evening campus security should be increased. "SafeWalk is not enough," Surane said.

"There's only two people standing out there, and depending on the time of year, it might not be sufficient."

She said she thought lighting increases could help fill this void.

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UNC basketball gets defensive at ACC Media Day



DTH/KATIE WILLIAMS

Junior Kennedy Meeks, a forward for the North Carolina men's basketball team, speaks to journalists at Media Day in Charlotte on Wednesday.

The Tar Heels are the preseason favorites to win the conference title.

By Carlos Collazo
Senior Writer

CHARLOTTE — While the North Carolina men's basketball team entered ACC Media Day on Wednesday with as much praise and potential as any team in the country, there are still questions the team will have to answer when the season begins on Nov. 13 against Temple.

There are the obvious ones, like who will be the fifth starter alongside forwards Justin Jackson

"We've had 15 or 16 practices and probably the first 10 were straight defense."

Justin Jackson
North Carolina sophomore forward

and Kennedy Meeks, preseason second-team All-ACC forward Brice Johnson and preseason first-team All-ACC guard Marcus Paige?

While no one — including Coach Roy Williams — knows the answer to that question right now, the answer will come the first game of

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Nobel winner, noble efforts



DTH/LYDIA SHIEL

Nobel Prize winner Aziz Sancar stands in the home he owns and runs for UNC students and scholars from Turkey who are adjusting to campus life.

UNC professors have local house for Turkish scholars

By Katie Reeder
Senior Writer

When Aziz Sancar's wife woke him up at 5 a.m. on Oct. 7, he feared something terrible had happened to one of his family members in Turkey.

But the call was from Stockholm, the home of the Nobel Center. Sancar had just been awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry for his work on DNA repair.

Sancar, a professor of biophysics and biochemistry at UNC, has a deep affection for the UNC community. Posters of the women's soccer and basketball teams are on the wall near his office.

"I love everything about Carolina," he said, standing in a Carolina Blue sweatshirt, pointing to the posters.

Does he always wear Carolina Blue? "I do most times," he said, a smile spreading across his face.

But he still cares deeply for his native country of Turkey. He and his wife Gwen Sancar — also a professor of biophysics and biochemistry — started a foundation to reach out to Turkish students at UNC and educate the larger community about Turkish culture.

The Aziz and Gwen Sancar Foundation was established in 2007 as the fulfillment of a dream Aziz Sancar had since coming to the

United States. When he arrived to study at the University of Texas at Dallas, he had already received his medical degree from Istanbul University's medical school, but he wanted to pursue a Ph.D. in molecular biology.

He spoke no English and knew no one. "I had adjustment problems," he said.

As he spent time in the states, he realized that many Americans knew little to nothing about Turkey besides what they had seen in movies like "Midnight Express" and "Lawrence of Arabia" — where the Turks were the bad guys.

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Early voting in local elections ends Saturday afternoon

Students can vote at Chapel of the Cross near UNC's campus.

By Camila Molina
Staff Writer

There's still time to research, register and vote.

Early voting began on Oct. 22. Compared to the first five days of early voting in 2013 in Orange County, there was a 193 percent increase in early voter turnout this year.

Early voting will last until 1 p.m.

on Saturday.

Any Orange County resident can visit any of the four one-stop voting sites in Orange County to vote early: the Board of Elections Office in Hillsborough, Carrboro Town Hall, Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill or the Seymour Senior Center, also in Chapel Hill.

During the early voting period, registered voters can update their address or change any other information on their registration.

Those who haven't registered to vote in Orange County and are eligible can register at any of these early voting sites.

Students that live in dorms or

"Anything that makes it easier and simpler and more convenient to vote is terrific."

Michael Parker
Candidate for Chapel Hill Town Council

near the University have the opportunity to vote at Chapel of the Cross on Franklin Street, which is walking distance from campus.

"It's important for voters in Chapel Hill to vote," said Michael Parker, a candidate for Chapel Hill Town Council.

"Anything that makes it easier and simpler and more convenient to vote is terrific. I think that early voting

is one of the things that increases turnout (and) is very valuable to our community."

Early voting gives the opportunity to those who cannot vote on Tuesday to vote at a more convenient time. Voters are given the same ballot used on Election Day.

David Schwartz, another candidate for Town Council, said voting early assures that if any surprises

on Election Day happen, they won't prevent voters from casting a vote.

"(There's) always a possibility that Tuesday, your alarm might not go off and you'll sleep all day until the evening," Schwartz said.

"You may have an attack of acute appendicitis, and you might have to rush to the hospital. Or you may find yourself all day at home waiting for a plumber to show up, or your flight back from a business trip on Monday night might be canceled. Any number of things might happen that will interfere

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Early action applicants reach high of 19,682

The number of early action applications reached an all time high with a record number of 19,682 applications. The number of applications is 2,500 higher than the previous year. Steve Farmer, vice provost for enrollment and undergraduate admissions, said both in- and out-of-state increased.

— staff reports

CITY BRIEFS

Suspect arrested in domestic assault case

Police in Oklahoma arrested a Chapel Hill man accused of domestic assault. Kevin Tyler Schuster, 27, was charged with four felonies: assault by strangulation, kidnapping, motor vehicle theft and obtaining property by false pretenses. He was also charged with misdemeanor larceny and interference with emergency communications.

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The best of online

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“WHERE YA AT”

In emails from the Wainstein investigation, there was a reminder to contact people, including Carol Folt and a mysterious “Drake.”

Sorry Carol Folt, but making you the chancellor at UNC was a mistake — it should have been Drake. Drake? Aubrey “Drake” Graham? Wheelchair Jimmy?

To read the full story, head to our View from the Hill blog at dailytarheel.com.

Having it all with a primal scream

By Alice Wilder and Kelsey Weekman
Senior Writers

Sometimes all you need to relax is a hot shower and a cup of tea. Sometimes all it takes to let stress out is a phone call to your mom or best friend. But there are also times when the world is so overwhelming, so much is happening all at once, that only one thing will do the trick: screaming. One sunny morning Kelsey and I were deeply overwhelmed with what the day held for us. So we went to the top of a parking deck and screamed. Don’t get me wrong; we both needed to shower, but this really did the trick.

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Spellings borders on the unfamiliar

A stark transition phase awaits the new UNC-system president.

By Hari Chittilla
Staff Writer

UNC-system President-elect Margaret Spellings has a lot of ground to cover before she takes her post March 1.

Spellings, who was voted in unanimously by the UNC-system Board of Governors Friday, is the second system president from outside North Carolina with no apparent ties to the state.

She also comes to the board on the heels of a controversial, 10-month-long closed-door search process following current system president Tom Ross' forced resignation in January.

David Belcher, chancellor of Western Carolina University, said politics played a role in the ousting of Ross — but he doubts they will contribute to the transition.

"As you look at the UNC-system in this whole last year, it is clear that this transition is playing out within a political environment, it always has," he said. "What you have here is two leaders, President Ross and President-elect Spellings, both of whom are focused on the best UNC-system. The transition needs to be smooth, and I'm sure they'll be working hand in glove to make sure that it is."

He said Spellings reached out to him Saturday afternoon about visiting the campuses.

"I was pleased to hear that she was reaching out to faculty, explicitly acknowledging their importance," Belcher said. "I think she'll be reaching out as fast as she can, realizing it'll take all of us together to do what we do as a system for North Carolina."

Ross is also working hard to prepare the state for the transition, he said.

"He believes in the UNC-system and is working as hard as he can to hand off the system in good shape," he said.

Belcher said he thinks Spellings will continue to work on Ross' priorities, like aiding the system's infrastructure and improving the system's relationship with the Board of Governors.

He also said Spellings will be committed to the University's long-established priorities.

"She's been a champion in focusing on higher education students for low-income and minority students," Belcher said. "That focus is going to be particularly important for North Carolina going forward because our state, like many others, is looking at a pretty dramatic demographic shift in the coming years."

J. Todd Roberts, chancellor of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics, said it will be important for Spellings to understand the system's diversity.

"(The 17 campuses) all have their own unique missions and the only way to really understand them is talking to the people," he said.

Peter Mucha, UNC's interim chair of the faculty assembly, said while faculty had concerns with the selection process, many are now congratulating Spellings' selection.

"We look forward to sharing with her the many great things our students, staff and faculty do here every day," he said.

But Mucha emphasized the faculty and higher education overall still face obstacles.

"Certainly, the UNC-system and its individual campuses have challenges ahead with regards to affordability and accessibility, in all of its forms including admissions process, tuition, financial aid, state support," he said. "There are a lot of things looking forward in terms of best practices and curricular design; the research we do and the freedom of inquiry is essential to the identity of the faculty."

He said Spellings will have to work to gain the faculty's trust.

"That trust is like any relationship — if you want to build trust you have to put time into that relationship," he said.

Roberts said faculty members hope the Spellings administration continues to support student instruction and research interests.

"One of the big things is everybody hopes that there'll be a collaborative working relationship between all parties of the University."

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From country music to college



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Junior Austin Rick, 28, comes to UNC-CH after several other career paths, one of which was being a country musician who toured with artists like Jason Aldean.

Austin Rick toured as a country music singer before UNC

By Dylan Tastet
Staff Writer

At 28 years old, junior sociology major Austin Rick is not the average undergraduate.

In the years between graduating from high school and coming to UNC, Rick toured as a country music artist, went to community college twice, served in the military and worked both in law enforcement and as a senior manager at Target.

After Rick graduated high school, he enrolled part-time at the College of Southern Maryland and began traveling back and forth to Nashville to record his first album as a country music artist.

The first time around, Rick was less than enthusiastic about academia. "I wasn't focused on (college). All I wanted to do was sing and do

music. So I did," he said.

After two semesters at Southern Maryland, Rick finished his first album, signed his first record deal and began touring. He performed using the stage name Austin Cody.

Rick played shows with artists such as Big & Rich, Jason Aldean, Gretchen Wilson and Trace Adkins. He performed at venues that held over 10,000 people and even performed at the Grand Ole Opry.

"(Touring) was really, really fun. And crazy," he said.

Sharon Wagner was president of Rick's fan club. A close friend of Rick's mother, she had known him since he was born.



"He has taken me places I would have never gone, and experienced so, so much," she said. "This kid has done more than the average kid."

Rick said his career came to an end due to politics in the music industry. "I didn't really have much of a choice in the matter," he said.

Rick worked in law enforcement and eventually joined the military. After being injured in a training exercise, Rick returned to Maryland to find employment. He enrolled at the College of Southern Maryland for a second time, where he was inspired by his professor, Richard Bilsker, to pursue a career in academia.

"He lit a spark for me that I didn't even know was there," Rick said.

Bilsker said Rick was valuable to the class, which didn't usually foster much discussion.

"He seemed to like the idea of

inquiring deeply into things, analyzing and trying to figure out what was the case and what wasn't the case," Bilsker said.

Rick graduated from Southern Maryland as valedictorian with a GPA of 4.0. He said he was first interested in UNC for its aesthetic value.

"I loved Carolina Blue. Then I realized this is a top-tier research university, which is exactly what I now want to do," Rick said.

Rick is now working on his honors thesis on the sociology of religion. He plans to earn a Ph.D. in sociology and aspires to one day become a professor.

"This place, to me, is as close to what people call magic as I think I'll ever experience, because to me it's a gateway to everything else," he said.

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UNC football eyes command of Coastal

North Carolina will face Pittsburgh in a game with divisional ramifications.

By Pat James
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After starting the season 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the ACC, the North Carolina football team enters Thursday's contest at Pittsburgh with a chance to stake its claim for the Coastal Division crown.

The No. 23 Panthers carry a 6-1 overall record and 4-0 ACC record into the nationally televised showdown. With Duke also undefeated in ACC play, Thursday's game has significant divisional implications.

"If we just keep taking care of our business, we should be OK," Coach Larry Fedora said. "I haven't even really looked at the standings to see where everybody is. I just know we

have a good team coming up."

Here are three things to know ahead of Thursday's game, which kicks off at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

'Sped up'

Coming off Saturday's win over Virginia, Fedora said he and his staff started their short week that night and spent all day Sunday developing a game plan for the Panthers — a process that usually would have occurred during the preseason.

Because Pittsburgh entered the season under new head coach Pat Narduzzi, Michigan State's former defensive coordinator, the Tar Heels had no chance of knowing how the Panthers would look at this point in the season.

"Everything's got to be sped up," Fedora said. "Normally what you do on Sunday, we have to do on Saturday night and after our game. And then you come in on Sunday,

early in the morning, and you try to get everything done for Monday what you would normally do on a Monday."

With only four full days to cram in as much planning and practicing for Pittsburgh as possible, it will be interesting to see how the short week affects the Tar Heels.

On the prowl

When evaluating the Panthers' defense, UNC offensive players and coaches have noted Pittsburgh's variety of exotic blitzes.

The Panthers' defense ranks 16th nationally, and their incessant defensive pressure has helped them accumulate 22 sacks — which is tied for 12th in the country and equates to 3.14 sacks per game.

North Carolina has only allowed nine sacks this season and no more than two sacks in a game. But the Panthers pose a true test for the Tar Heels' experienced offensive line.

"They have a great defensive scheme to throw you off," said junior offensive guard Caleb Peterson.

"They run a lot of different things, and they do a good job of disguising it. Some teams, they have some tendencies. But they do some good things to throw their tendencies off and keep things disguised."

Coastal conundrum

Thursday's game marks the first in a three-week, three-game round-robin between UNC, Pittsburgh and Duke that could help decide the Coastal Division, as every other team in the division has two or more losses.

If each team finishes the series at 1-1, then the division will likely remain up for grabs. But a 2-0 record for the Tar Heels could provide them with the leverage needed to seize the division title.

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Northside open house brings up proposed regulations

Some worry regulations could harm Neighborhood Conservation Districts.

By John Foulkes
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James Pendergraft and his family have lived in the historic Chapel Hill Northside neighborhood his entire life. He claims he is descended from a slave of Joseph Caldwell, the first president of UNC.

And on Wednesday, Pendergraft found himself at a meeting about proposed changes to zoning regulation and programs designed to help his troubled neighborhood.

"Why am I here today? 'Cause I'm interested in my property and what I can do with it," he said.

This open house informed the public about proposed changes to development regulation and explained programs designed to assist the Northside and Pine Knolls Neighborhood Conservation Districts.

The meeting drew citizens from conservation districts seeking more affordable housing and developers concerned that new regulation would harm their projects.

One developer, Mark Patmore, director of Mercia Residential Properties, said the current regulation limiting floor area to 1,750 square feet discourages families from moving

into the neighborhood.

"I am not a proponent of the conservation district," he said. "By encouraging these regulations they are actually taking away wealth from these families by devaluing their properties."

The Northside neighborhood is historically one of the largest African-American communities in Chapel Hill but has seen a slow, but steady, uptick in gentrification brought on by a larger student population seeking better housing.

The number of African-Americans living in Northside has decreased from 1,159 in 1980 to 690 in 2010.

To mitigate this trend, the town made the Northside neighborhood a conservation district with a different set of zoning laws, including prohibiting most new duplexes with the goal of preserving homes for working-class families.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Maria Palmer said she was at the open house to hear residents' feedback.

"I have to vote on all these regulations, and so I wanted to hear from the neighbors and investors — from the nonprofits," she said.

Palmer said she was still unsure of how she would vote on the proposed changes.

Tyler Momsen-Hudson, construction director of the Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, explained how his organization was planning on developing three properties in Northside.



DTH/LOUISE MCDONALD

Attendees at an open house held by the town of Chapel Hill are updated on initiatives and partnerships in the Northside neighborhood on Wednesday.

Momsen-Hudson said these houses, which range from duplexes to single-family residences, would service people living on 30 to 60 percent of the average median income and that his goal was to provide more affordable housing.

"Northside is like any other neighborhood," he said. "There's always room for more affordable housing."

Members of Self-Help, a Durham-based nonprofit, were there as well. Self-Help is one organization work-

ing alongside the Jackson Center and the Northside Neighborhood Initiative to use a \$3 million loan from UNC to begin a program that purchases at-risk properties until they can be given to new homeowners or renters.

Input from neighborhood residents at this meeting could help town officials make decisions about what will happen to the property.

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Candidate debate attracts UNC students

By Burhan Kadibhai
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In a forum on UNC's campus Wednesday, Chapel Hill Town Council and Mayoral candidates debated and answered questions for students.

The forum was held in the Student Union. Topics covered included affordable student housing, commercialized property in the town and student safety in light of the Chapel Hill shooting in February.

Diana Dayal, a senior and the director of state and external affairs of student government, was one of the organizers of the event.

"I think it's really important to bring candidates to campus," Dayal said. "Historically, university students have not been very engaged in local politics, but they have an immense need to be involved in these conversations. So bringing the conversations right into the Student Union is a great way to inform students of the upcoming election."

Dianne Heath, a senior and another organizer of the forum, said her new organization Tar Heel Town will allow students to get involved with town issues more actively throughout the year.

"Students should be interested in city government because healthy civic engagement keeps them updated about the issues," Heath said. "When you're disconnected from the issues in your town you're disconnected from the global issues that connect to your town."

Organizations, including the Resident Hall Association and Campus Y, brought up student housing, downtown development, transit, youth involvement in the community and the deficit in Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill Town Council candidate Michael Parker attended the debate, and said he encourages students to vote.

"We have (29,000) university students in Chapel Hill, and that is an immense latent power," Parker said. "It's the people who vote who get the goodies. Many issues

with university budgets occur because students do not vote in large numbers."

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt talked about his connection to the University as a former student, and how he and current town council members represent students.

"I'm really proud of the great work we've been doing in this community with the most diverse council we've ever had in this town," Kleinschmidt said. "I think we have set ourselves on the best path. We are a place where other communities come to learn."

Mayoral candidate Pam Hemminger expressed her commitment to keeping Chapel Hill affordable and creating opportunities for commercial business.

"I care about the students of Chapel Hill," Hemminger said. "I'm connected to the University, and I want to see us tie in together with the students to make their voices heard."

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Are ghosts real?

Compiled by Cate Alspaugh
Photos by Zoe Rosen

In the spirit of Halloween, staff writer Cate Alspaugh asked UNC community members whether or not they believe in ghosts.

Sophomore Perry Carter heard that Alderman Residence Hall has a ghost who sits in a rocking chair.

She's not the only one with a UNC ghost story. From the Carolina Inn to Gimghoul Castle, there are multiple places on campus rumored to be haunted. But this interest with the paranormal isn't specific to UNC.

Religious studies professor Barbara Ambros said she has noticed scholars approaching ghosts in three ways.

"On the one hand, there are those who try to debunk them, and they try to provide some kind of scientific theory to show that they're not really there," she said. "Others have turned to psychology and have said, 'It's about the power of suggestiveness.' The third approach studies ghost stories as folklore."

"Not many of us try to prove that Bigfoot exists, but we may study the people who try to," Ambros said.



"I believe in energy. Since the beginning of Earth, there's been no input or output of energy. And I think when you go into a room and someone's had a fight there, there are pheromones and a little extra charge in the room."

Eva Johnson
junior, Romance language major



"I do not believe in ghosts. Being dead's the easy part. You got to fear the living. There's too many other things to be worried about other than the dead."

Chris McGough
senior, information science major



"Not like Halloween-y ghosts, if that makes sense. I think spirits could be a real thing."

Terhass Yosief
junior, global studies and anthropology major



"Not really, but I know my stepmom does because the house that she lives in ... they experience weird things, and they'll try to do things that appease the ghost. I haven't lived there, but I think that is one thing that would change my mind."

Beth Sherling
Campus Recreation business and sport clubs operations assistant



"I don't believe in ghosts. I haven't had any reason to believe in ghosts. At night, I never think about ghosts being in houses, and I think scary movies play it up. I don't think they exist, but, you know, I haven't experienced paranormal activity."

Skye Westra
senior, psychology and sociology major

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11 Time when Franklin Street will reopen to vehicular traffic


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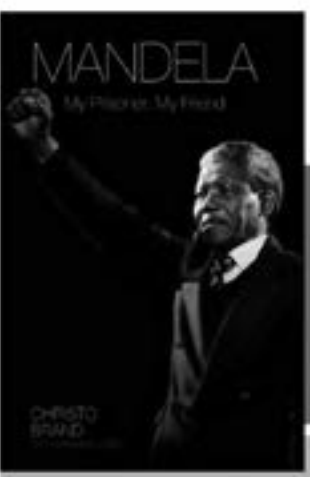
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31 SA: THE DISTRICTS w/Lady Lamb , Sun Club(\$15)

NOVEMBER

2 MO: GOVERNMENT ISSUE
w/ War On Women, Totally Sow (\$12/\$15)

3 TU: YOUTH LAGOON w/ Moon King (\$17/\$19)

4 WE: MINUS THE BEAR w /O'Brother and Aero Flynn (\$23/\$25)

5 TH: DIIV w/ No Joy, Sunflower Beam (\$15/\$17)

6 FR: COPELAND w/ EISLEY, We Are The City

7 SA: THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE w/ Phonte, Nicolay (\$25/\$30)

8 SU: DEAFHEAVEN w/ Tribulation (\$18/ \$20)

10 TU: NATHANIEL RATELIFF & THE NIGHT SWEATS (Sold Out)

11 WE: THE STORY SO FAR w/ Basement, Turnover

12 TH: CHAPEL HILL'S COMEDY FOR THE CLIMATE;
Randy Lietke, Joe Zimmerman, MC Kaze (\$20)

13 FR: IDLEWILD SOUTH (ALLMAN BROS TRIBUTE) and BETTER OFF DEAD (\$8/\$10)

14 SA: **MUSIC For Fences benefit:**
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20 FR: **LIZZ WINSTEAD** (\$20; SEATED SHOW)

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27 FR: THE SWORD w/ Royal Thunder (\$17/\$19)

DECEMBER

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SANCAR

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“That’s their exposure,” he said. “And we have a thousand-year history.”

It was these two factors — knowing how difficult the transition can be and that Americans often do not have an accurate perception of Turks — that led him and his wife to establish a house in Chapel Hill for Turkish scholars. They call it the “Türk Evi,” which translates to the “Turk house.”

Both the American and Turkish flags fly from the front porch. Beside the door is a Carolina Blue octagon with the red Turkish emblem from the country’s flag.

The house is primarily designed to help scholars with adjustment, but there is no limit on how long they can stay. It has space for four residents, but only two live there now.

“Our desire is that after a year they move into the community,” Gwen Sancar said. “It’s designed to be a transition.”

Aziz Sancar has even greater hopes. The residents have been predominantly male, and because he believes in the value of women’s education, he wants to see more women move in.

“I want it to be a Turkish sorority,” he said.

The walls of one room of the Türk Evi are a testament to Aziz Sancar’s love for his country. A shelf holds several plaques from the Bridge to Türkiye Fund that thank him and his wife for various donations. Maps of Turkey and the Ottoman Empire. A picture of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the first Turkish president who did much to modernize Turkey after World War I.

Aziz Sancar traces the map of Turkey. There’s Istanbul, where he went to medical school, in the northwest. There’s his home in Mardin, in the southeast. He grew up close to the Syrian border. He said in the summer, he could sleep on the rooftop and see the Syrian lights.

He often speaks in low tones, but there’s a quality of deep concern when he speaks of Syria. He worries about the people he knows there. He worries about friends and family in Turkey.

“We’re surrounded really by trouble,” he said. “And of course you worry about what’s going to happen.”

He speaks of how good the Syrian people are. He speaks of the tragedy happening so close to home.

“It’s a major source of...” he trails off. “I can’t explain it — pain for me.”

Those who have worked in his lab describe him as focused and driven. When he took a three-month sabbatical, he left a sign on his door that simply said, “Work hard.” “If there’s two words that sum him up, it’s that,” said Michael Kemp, an associate professor and a member of Aziz Sancar’s lab.

But his drive seems to apply to how he cares for people as well. He speaks of how he wants to help Americans learn about Turks.

“Most conflicts, wars, et cetera, arise from not knowing one another,” he said. “If you know the other person, that’s a human being. We’re all the same.”

And he holds a special place in his heart for children. Though he and his wife have no children of their own, they do have goddaughters, and he makes a point to keep up with the children of his colleagues.

The bookshelf inside his office is marked with height measurements from some of the children of his colleagues, and their artwork congratulating him for the Nobel Prize hangs outside his door.

For years, Turkish journalists have written that he was the Turkish person closest to winning a Nobel Prize. He took that to heart.

“I think he felt it was important to help bring back Turkish pride because he still believes Turkey is a great country,” Gwen Sancar said.

After learning he had won a Nobel Prize, he told his wife he felt like a burden had been lifted from his shoulders. He is now the second Turkish person to win a Nobel Prize. It saddens him that so few from his country have achieved this distinction.

“It’s great to be acknowledged,” he said. “But we’ve not done our job as a country.”

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MEDIA DAY

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the season.

A question that isn’t so easily answered, though, is what the defensive makeup of this North Carolina squad will be.

“We’ve had 15 or 16 practices and probably the first 10 were straight defense,” said Jackson, who was present at media day along with Meeks. “Obviously, seeing that, Coach’s mindset is: we have to be better on defense.”

And based on the topics of conversation throughout the day, from Williams and his two players, that’s been a big point of emphasis for the team so far.

“I think this year Coach has really been focusing more on (defense),” Meeks said. “If we don’t get a stop or something like that we’ll run, or just little simple things like that to make us better defensively. “We run a lot.”

Williams pointed to fellow ACC coach Tony Bennett of Virginia to show the importance of strong defensive play.

“I asked the players the other day, who was the best defensive team in our league last year?” Williams said. “Everybody said Virginia. I said, ‘They’ve won it the last two years in a row, doesn’t that tell you something?’”

After holding opponents to just 53.6 points per game over the past two seasons — due to an extremely slow tempo — Bennett and the Cavaliers have been the ACC regular season champions in back-to-back years.

The Tar Heels appear to be a talented offensive team, but the defensive side of the game is what could put them over the top — what could help them compete for a national championship — which Meeks made clear is the goal.

But the issue is that J.P. Tokoto, arguably UNC’s top defender from the 2014-15 season, is no longer with the team. “I don’t know that I have anybody right now that I would say, ‘I’m going to put so-and-so on him,’” said Williams, referring to how Tokoto would often guard the opposing team’s top-scoring threat a season ago.

When Meeks was asked who could fill that void this season, he immediately named sophomore swingman Theo Pinson and first-year Kenny Williams — the former coming back from foot surgery and the latter unproven at the collegiate level.

But regardless of who that person winds up being, if anyone, it’s clear it will be a key factor for the Tar Heels’ success this season.

“I’d like to have somebody step forward and take that spot,” Williams said. “Because I think it’s crucial to how good you can be.”

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EARLY VOTING

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to vote on Tuesday. So if you have the opportunity to go ahead and vote early and leave that uncertainty, you should take it.”

On the ballot, there are three candidates for mayor, including incumbent Mark Kleinschmidt, nine for Town Council and eight for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education. Voters will also vote either “yes” or “no” to approve five bonds for the town.

Pam Hemminger, one of the three candidates running for Chapel Hill mayor, said students who can vote

can still research the candidates to make an informed decision.

“I would suggest to either look at the democratic voter guide or go to the websites of the candidates they’re interested in,” Hemminger said.

“The democratic voter guide has everybody listed so that might be one place to go.”

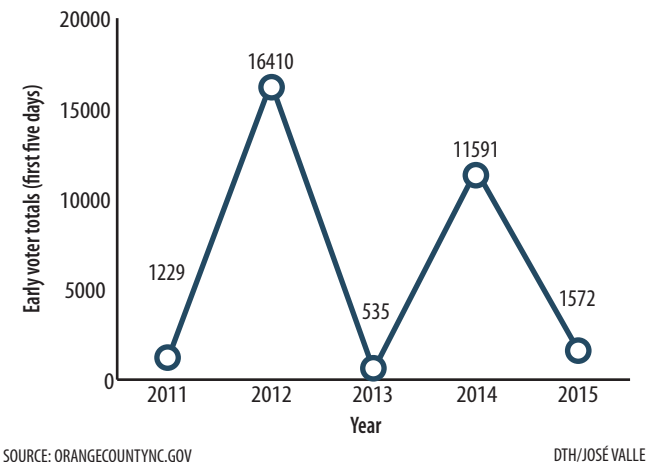
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Early voting in Chapel Hill elections

Early voting rates in Chapel Hill peaked during presidential election years, but remained significantly lower in other years. The following represents the totals for first the five days of each election period.



Local nonprofit funds education in Kenya

By Robin O’ Luanaigh
Staff Writer

One Durham-based nonprofit is helping to bring Kenyans out of poverty through employment and education.

Tensions in Kenya escalated into violence in 2007, after incumbent President Mwai Kibaki was re-elected despite numerous international and domestic allegations of election tampering. This led to the “Kenyan Crisis,” which ended in 1,200 people killed.

But the violence in Kenya did not only claim the lives of its citizens. It also contributed to the destruction of their economy.

Then in 2010, Brad Brown and Joe Heritage founded Uhuru Child, a Durham-based nonprofit dedicated to helping the Kenyan people who were still reeling from the fighting of three years before, all while spreading Christian beliefs. The organization creates local businesses and puts the profit from these businesses toward building and running secondary schools.

Brown and his wife were living in Uganda at the time of the 2007 elections in Kenya and saw the consequences of the fighting as well as the need for both employment and education.

“We came back to the States with the vision to start a school,” Brown said. “Getting started was just seeing a need.”

Uhuru Child currently has three UNC students working as interns.

One of these students is junior Sierra Fender, who started working with Uhuru Child at the beginning of the school year. Her responsibilities involve planning the organization’s black-tie fundraiser, the Valentine’s Day Masquerade.

“This is an annual event that Uhuru Child hosts in order to raise funds for their

projects in Kenya, such as providing a secondary education for young women and expanding upon their sustainable business opportunities there,” Fender said.

Marian Gibson helps run Uhuru Child’s new business endeavor, Uhuru Threads, which sells Kenyan-made goods in the United States.

Gibson started officially working for Uhuru Child in January, but she has been involved with the nonprofit since 2013 after she went on a week-long service trip to Kenya.

“On these trips, you see the way Uhuru translates love into action by creating jobs where there had been none and providing the opportunity for education for kids who could not afford it,” Gibson said. “I knew this was an organization I wanted to be a part of long term.”

Although one of Uhuru Child’s three main goals is Christian discipleship, Brown said he is adamant that they address the needs of the Kenyan people first, before they begin to speak about Christianity.

“Ultimately we want to love people who are living in extreme poverty so well that they would come to know Jesus Christ as their lord and savior,” Brown said. “But we don’t want to just preach at people; we

want to meet their needs.”

Uhuru Child is just getting started, and as the organization grows, sights are being set on expansion into other African countries that could benefit from increased

employment and education.

“Uhuru Child’s future is exceedingly bright,” Fender said. “Kenya is only the beginning.”

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All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses.

Compiled by staff writer Carolyn Paletta.



Top Dog Training & Resort

A luxury resort and training facility for canines is holding its grand opening on Nov. 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Hillsborough.

Top Dog Training & Resort gives dogs the five-star experience, owner Jennie Fuller said. Fuller is a certified K-9 police instructor and professional behavior and modification trainer, and her staff are all certified trainers.

The company will offer a day school for dogs, where owners can drop off their dogs at the facility for six hours of structured curriculum in agility, searching games, basic manners, socialization and more.

“We recognize each dog as an individual and we build their confidence through positive reinforcement,” Fuller said.

Top Dog also has a boarding school, where owners can put their dogs in one of four luxury housing units. Fuller lives on-site to allow 24-hour supervision.

For canines that require extra training, Top Dog also offers a three-week intensive boarding school.

Top Dog is the only training facility in the area to offer classes in search-and-rescue and cross fit training.

“We would like to make it a professional class where we actually go out on searches,” Fuller said.



Waterless Buddy’s relaunches

UNC seniors Austin Helms and Randy Short are relaunching their mobile waterless car washing service, Waterless Buddy’s.

Customers can schedule a wash on the Waterless Buddy’s website and a trained student will come and wash their cars.

“You can basically think of it as Uber meets car washing,” Short said.

The company washes cars using a waterless polyseal product. The product is sprayed directly onto the car and then wiped off with a towel, generating no run-off and a 100 percent eco-friendly wash. Each wash saves 45 gallons of water.

Helms originally came up with the idea for the business after a trip to England.

There, he visited Tesco, a British grocery and general merchandise store, which offered a wash-while-you-shop service. When Helms returned to Chapel Hill, he partnered with Short to get the business off the ground.

Right now, the business is only servicing the Chapel Hill area.

The company is running a launch promotion this week where customers can get a wash for \$10 instead of the usual \$20.



New restaurant replaces Industry

The former owners of Underground Chapel Hill opened a new restaurant Friday on West Rosemary Street.

This restaurant took over the spot previously occupied by Industry, a club and restaurant that opened back in 2014.

The Northside District is a late-night restaurant that specializes in what owner Eddie Sanchez calls “international bar food.”

“We do variations on old classics like tacos, sliders and other things like that,” Sanchez said.

Other menu items include sweet and salty plantains, seared pork belly and a carnitas noodle bowl, which has rice noodles and carnitas.

One of their dishes, North Fried, features fries, hoisin, quail eggs, bonito and scallions.

The restaurant features a fully stocked bar and is open daily for dinner and late night until 2 a.m. It also holds karaoke night every Monday and will host other special events in the future.

“Eventually we’ll have some DJs and smaller live bands,” Sanchez said.

Anyone looking for a new late-night spot can find it at 403 W. Rosemary St. and learn more on the restaurant’s website.

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Horoscopes

If October 29th is Your Birthday...

There's strength in numbers this year. Friends amplify your efforts in profitable ways. Make powerful requests, and support collaborative efforts. Passion, creativity and love flower in springtime, before a fork in the road appears. Your crew is there for you next autumn, as your game changes. Practice together.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 —Get into the books for the next few days. Handle practical matters first. Shyness, money problems, or trouble at work keep your mood quiet. Stay respectful. Proceed like nothing has happened. Don't get controversial now.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 9 —Things can get profitable. Schedule for efficiency. Entertain and host. Leave your inhibitions behind without losing your good sense. And don't forget your toothbrush. You have obligations to your public. Back up important files. Stand for your principles.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 7 —Energy surges are predicted. You're more assertive now. Get innovative at work. Postpone travel and fantasizing. Get into a budget review habit. Self-discipline pays in cash. Defer payment when possible. Wait to share results.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 5 —Finish your work in private now. Ignore distractions. Slow down and consider your options. Stick to practical plans. Avoid risky business or great expense. See yourself winning. If you have bad dreams, ask the monster for a gift.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 5 —Don't encourage mischief when you all should be quiet and respectful. Your team could get distracted by fantasies, or could pull together for a shared goal. Pay attention and adapt to circumstances quickly. Strengthen your infrastructure. Provide leadership.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 —Stick to practical professional objectives. Postpone brainstorming and dreaming. Don't react blindly. Think over your moves. Play by the rules. Choose private over public engagements. Travel would interfere with your work. Advance methodically. Avoid tricks or illusion.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 —Don't let a windfall slip through your fingers. Traveling appeals. Resist the temptation to wander far. News may affect your plans. Keep organized, and don't get mad when reminded to stay on task. Postpone buying unnecessary stuff.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 —Spend more time with your partner. Be receptive to their view. Compromise on previously stuck issues. Determine what repairs are needed. Hire a professional, maybe. Mystery and mirages could obscure your practical focus. Keep on track. Patience serves you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 —Focus on work, as there's plenty to manage. Distractions flirt and tempt you. Stick to keeping your promises. Clean up messes. Money slips away if allowed. Don't shop on an empty stomach. Make a list and stick to it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 —Go ahead and play. Romance is a priority. Imagination and creativity swirl. Cutting corners costs you. The person yelling loudest isn't always right. Maintain decorum and avoid provoking trouble. A change to the status quo requires adaptation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 —You're in for a busy spell at home. A loved one would get upset if you're late, so watch the time. Distractions abound. Handle family responsibilities. Carve some private time for yourself. Discuss spiritual ideas. Share sweet words.

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Making the right vote

Last October, I was mid-way through my first semester of college. I was walking through the Pit when I saw a slew of students holding posters and flyers. One of them was a Black guy wearing a button-down shirt and holding a poster.

I had never seen him before, but he was Black so I signed his petition to be on the Mr. UNC ballot. I didn't ask what his platform was, and I'm not sure if I even asked for his name. I only voted for him because he, like me, was a Black student at a predominately white institution.

Afterwards, I struggled with my decision. I thought about what "only" voting for him because he was Black meant.

With so many constant reminders of my race and its impact on my life, it can be difficult to navigate. I find that my race has had a pivotal role in how I developed my self-identity and has shaped how I view the world. While in many situations it is significant, race isn't everything.

I've kept the assumption that other Black students also had a wired consciousness of the "Black vs. white" vote, however. In my mind, I thought students — especially Black candidates — may share the same mentality. I figured Black candidates might be reluctant to run or doubtful of their chances due to being minorities. So I asked.

Elton Rodgers, a communications major, is running for Mr. UNC because he knew he wanted to make a significant impact on the community. His passion for community service led him to create "HEEL" Your Mind — an initiative that strives to raise awareness for mental illness. He believes that the campus will choose whoever they see is best fit for the title, regardless of race.

Other candidates, like Megan Stanley, chose to address more specific communities. Stanley, a psychology major, was nervous about how her platform would be received. The basis of her initiative, Showcasing My Identities and Lived Experience, known as SMILE, is diversity and identities.

Although she worried about how people would read the word "race" in her platform, she has been overwhelmed by the support and receptiveness she has received.

Rachel McGirt, a student athlete and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Incorporated, is running for more than herself. McGirt, who transferred to UNC from UNC-Asheville, is running for those who don't believe they can be successful as a student of color at a PWI, and to show that any student that enters Carolina can be successful.

Her platform, Health, Education, Awareness, Leadership and Service, known as HEALS, is an extension of Healthy Girls Save the World, which strives to promote healthy lifestyles for young girls.

Qualifications and passion should precede race in any voting situation whether it be for Mr. UNC or for the presidency of the United States. Elton, Megan and Rachel are all passionate students.

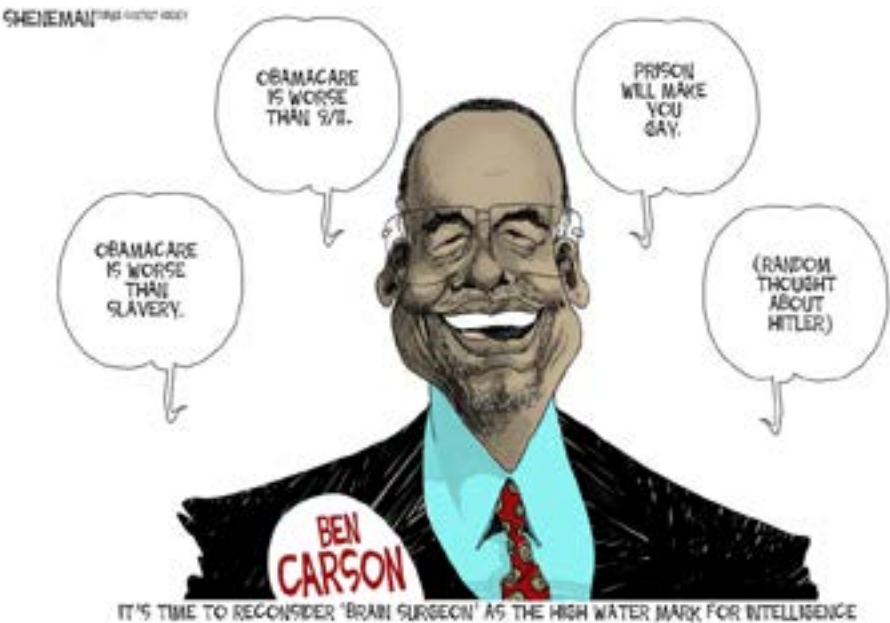
I encourage you to visit the candidates' websites, even if you don't plan on voting, just to support your fellow students, their passions and their aspirations.

Brown Noise
Jaslina Paintal tells you not to dress offensively on Halloween.

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EDITORIAL

A false equivalency

The University failed to promote its own scholarship.

On Sunday, a number of individuals sporting Confederate flags sauntered over here to campus for a demonstration in support of Silent Sam. These individuals were met by vociferous opposition by counter-demonstrators.

In preparation for these events, the chancellor's office released a message, signed by Chancellor Carol Folt, Provost Jim Dean, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp and Department of Public Safety Director Jeff McCracken.

The message contained useful public safety information, but ultimately, its framing of the event failed to uphold the most sacred values of the University.

The message said, "We want to do everything possible to make sure that such debate takes place in a safe and democratic fashion as has been the tradition on our campus for decades. How our past is remembered and represented on our campus is important to us all, and people have different opinions about how best to do it."

It went on to say, "We truly believe differing views can and should be shared in open debate and discourse and we hope all participants will honor this aspiration."

This statement fails to pass the standards of the University and the scholarship it must promote.

Several UNC professors

have made their conclusions about the historical meaning of Silent Sam and the display of the Confederate flag public. According to historical scholarship, these symbols are shrouded in a history of racial violence, white supremacy and public intimidation of black people.

On these facts, there is no real "debate" to be had.

In an statement to The Daily Tar Heel defending the message from the chancellor's office, University spokesperson Jim Gregory argued "extreme points of view" are often shared on the grounds of the University, and the University doesn't have a responsibility to choose sides.

But this isn't just any case. Students have been campaigning for greater understanding of the historically racist meaning of monuments on this campus for years now. The chancellor and her office have had plenty of opportunities to hear the evidence for what these monuments actually represent. Indeed, Crisp is on the task force charged with contextualizing campus history.

It is the job of the University and its leaders to seek and promote truth. When the scholarship generated by the University's own researchers supports one side's interpretation so strongly, the University can no longer be neutral or fall back on vacuous statements of public relations.

A group of people waving Confederate flags on UNC's campus cannot be

looked at in a vacuum.

It's true the message from the chancellor's office was rightfully focused on safety. Safety must be a top priority. It should be said the University did a good job of ensuring everyone's physical safety, but physical safety isn't everything.

The historical meaning of people waving Confederate flags rallying around a statue raised in an era of resurgent white supremacy also has its effects on the mental safety of students. This isn't to say the University could have or should have barred Silent Sam supporters from campus. While inequities in the availability of free speech to different groups should be noted, clearly the University should not attempt to restrict the speech of any group.

Still, the pro-Confederate protestors were not benign, and it behooves the University to make clear it has mental health resources available for people who reasonably feel their personhood is under attack from people defending the vestiges of a rebel state that fought for racialized slavery. And again, on that point, the historical record is clear.

Pretending otherwise is analogous to pretending man-made climate change isn't real.

At its core, a university doesn't exist to pacify people, it exists to discover and promote truth. When UNC's leaders remain neutral on the issues generated by its own scholarship, they fail the core values of the University.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This place, to me, is as close to what people call magic as I think I'll ever experience, because to me it's a gateway to everything else."

Austin Rick, on his experiences at UNC

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"I ignored the pro-Confederate hate parade, personally, I have better things to occupy my time with."

Olivia, on the protests and counter-protests on campus on Sunday

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Activists correctly call Silent Sam racist

TO THE EDITOR:

We are faculty members who specialize in the study of the American South. We support students who are both educating the UNC community about its past and pushing the University to take appropriate actions for our collective future.

Their argument that the monument to Confederate soldiers was an integral part of the white supremacy campaign that swept the South in the late 19th and early 20th centuries is historically sound.

Students here join in a region-wide movement that this summer resulted in the elected representatives of the people of South Carolina voting overwhelmingly to remove the "Confederate battle flag" from statehouse grounds.

Now, students at the University of Mississippi, joined by faculty there, have just voted to move the state flag, with its representation of a battle flag, to the university archives. Student action here reflects the best of Southern and university cultures.

Prof. Elizabeth S. D. Engelhardt
American Studies

Prof. Kenneth Janken
African, African American and Diaspora Studies

Signing on behalf of 14 others; please visit
dailytarheel.com to view the full list.

College Republicans are blind to reality

TO THE EDITOR:

I am super curious to know how any person who is a student at this University can support and defend a Republican Party whose candidates, to be the leader of our country, have had quite a long and sorted record in the last six years of totally outlandish, un-Democratic, anti-women, anti-LGBTQ, anti-Science, anti-facts and anti-Liberal Arts or any other form of free public education?

As students at a public university that prides itself on diversity and tolerance, and as Americans who are supposed to do the same ... How is that?

How do you stand by, silent?

How do you stand by while people like Trump and Carson, your two current candidate leaders in the poll, say awful things almost daily about the poor, about women, about religions other than Christianity and about those of color?

How does any woman with any sense support any of these candidates?

I am 57 years old. I have seen many candidates and elections in my lifetime

from all parties.

I can honestly say that I have never seen anything like what is going on now in our government and our political races. It is no longer important to be factual.

It is no longer important to be civil. The GOP debate, tell the truth people, was nothing but a bash-each-other-and-avoid-the-facts-and-real-policies show. Their debates basically are a reality show where we know facts aren't important. Just drama is.

Wake the hell up young people.

You put one of these GOP candidates in office, you can kiss your public education funding goodbye, you can kiss your equal and fair treatment laws goodbye, you will walk around in fear because every moron can carry a gun on their hip and you can kiss your beautiful Earth goodbye.

Kathy D. Morgan
Chapel Hill

LGBT candidates have unique perspectives

TO THE EDITOR:

Straight progressive allies are crucial to advancing the rights of gay and transgender North Carolinians, as well as citizens of towns and cities across the state.

At Equality N.C., we value straight allies tremendously. But a fact remains — in order to have a serious conversation about LGBT rights, we must have LGBT elected leaders.

Two of these crucial leaders — not just for the town, but for all of North Carolina — are right here in Chapel Hill.

I understand that many in the race for mayor and council are in favor of LGBT rights. But just as women should be leading the debate around women's health and people of color should be leading the conversation around racial justice with the rest of us following, LGBT elected officials must be leading a conversation about fair and inclusive communities.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and council member Lee Storrow have been thoughtful leaders for all of Chapel Hill, and they also provide critical leadership in Chapel Hill, the Triangle and beyond for LGBT people.

They are tireless advocates for Chapel Hill to the rest of the state, and for gay and transgender people throughout North Carolina. Equality N.C. has endorsed both for reelection, as we absolutely need their leadership as out-LGBT elected officials to continue to advance a sustainable community and state of equality.

We only have a handful of out elected officials across the state, and Mark and Lee are two of the very best.

Chris Sgro
Executive director
Equality N.C.

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QuickHits



Gov. F*ckboy

F*ck you, Gov. Pat McCrory, for signing HB 318. It is obviously racist and xenophobic — also it is just embarrassing. Honestly, f*ck every person who supported it. Think we are being a little rude? It is probably because no one taught us manners in elementary school due to the massive budget cuts.



Voting Heels

It is early voting time in Chapel Hill and Carrboro! Please take the time to go to a voting office and cast a ballot. The Chapel Hill town government does a lot that affects students, so the UNC community should have interest in this election. Do not know who to vote for? Check out our endorsements.



Problematic hats

The Democratic Party has been selling "America is Already Great" merchandise on its website, based off Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" hat. This is problematic because it implies that over two centuries of systemic racism and imperialism are "great." Come on Dems, you're supposedly liberal.



Most wonderful time

Basketball season is upon us once again. Within the past week, we were treated to Late Night with Roy and the kick-off of a brand new NBA season. The UNC team looks to be one of the best in the country and did you all see Stephen Curry's 24 points in the first quarter of his first game back? Damn.



Racist dogs

The pro-Confederate people on Sunday were promoting racism and white supremacy — which is entirely inexcusable. However, they also forced otherwise benevolent dogs into the hatred — that too is wrong. Why must they ruin our Sunday morning and tarnish one of the best creatures alive?



Our Halloween

Halloween in Chapel Hill was made famous by college students for college students. We are not saying that students behave well on Halloween, but can't we have this one night to ourselves? We understand families want to enjoy Halloween too, but can't they do it elsewhere and leave our debauchery alone?

