

‘They expect us to still go on’



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Senior Logan Gin said he had a difficult journey to the Smith Center for the N.C. State game Sunday after snow and ice covered campus.

Icy weather makes mobility hard for disabled students

By Colleen Moir
Senior Writer

For junior Chris Corsi, snow-fall means extra effort. “There have been times when I stayed in Koury and Ram Village, where I was snowed in my dorm, and it was a nightmare getting out and getting around,”

Corsi said.

Corsi, who has used a wheel-chair since his junior year of high school, said that while he didn’t have much trouble getting around during this most recent snowfall, he has had trouble in the past and isn’t satisfied with UNC’s efforts. “While they spend a lot of

time clearing the roads and clearing the paths, they do a half-hearted job, especially when it comes to the curb cutouts,” Corsi said. “Especially if you use a manual chair, it’s sort of just like when you get stuck on ice, you just spin.”

Logan Gin, a senior who uses both a scooter and crutches to

navigate campus, said his travel time was doubled as he made his way to the Smith Center for Sunday’s men’s basketball game against N.C. State due to icy conditions.

He said he and his friends sometimes talk about how

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Cold streak at Duke hurts UNC women’s basketball

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

DUKE 70
NORTH CAROLINA 58

By David Allen Jr.
Senior Writer

For the North Carolina women’s basketball team, the short trip from Carmichael Arena to Cameron Indoor Stadium has been challenging of late. The team has lost seven of its last nine at Duke.

And the story was no different on Thursday, as the Tar Heels (12-5, 1-3 ACC) had a case of the second-quarter woes in a 70-58 loss to the No. 12 Blue Devils (15-2, 3-1 ACC).

The first quarter of play was promising for UNC, as sharp-shooting sophomore Stephanie Watts and do-it-all redshirt sophomore Paris Kea — the team’s two leading scorers — finished the period with 13 of the Tar Heels’ 17 points.

Watts brought some finesse to her scoring, with an impressive behind-the-back move into a right hook shot off the glass. Kea, meanwhile, found her mid-range shooting stroke, scoring UNC’s first seven points to give North Carolina an early lead despite its 3-point shooting drought.

But as the first quarter clock wound down, the holes in the Tar Heels’ four-guard lineup began to grow. Duke pounded the ball into the post — scoring 24 of its 36 first-half points in the paint — and relied on the strength of its forwards to beat a smaller North Carolina frontcourt.

“Paris started off so great for us, and it’s such a great key for us,” Watts said. “We knew when they were playing zone that she can explode the game because that’s kind of her game — mid range.”

Kea went back to her sweet spot, making a mid-range jumper 11 seconds into the period. But that was the only field goal UNC made in the entire second quarter. The Blue

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Cooper aims to expand Medicaid as governor

The governor seeks to expand without the legislature’s OK.

By Carina McDermed
Staff Writer

Gov. Roy Cooper announced on Jan. 6 his plan to expand Medicaid coverage to more than 500,000 people in North Carolina, despite state law requiring legislative approval to do so.

Cooper submitted the expansion proposal to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Washington, D.C., saying it will create jobs and support state hospitals.

Republicans condemned the move and urged federal regulators to reject the proposal. U.S. Rep. Robert Pittenger, R-N.C., and Rep. Richard Hudson, R-N.C., sent a letter to federal regulators opposing the expansion.

“(It) would only further frustrate patients who have clearly rejected President (Barack) Obama’s healthcare takeover,” Pittenger stated.

Medicaid expansion

Thirty-one states and Washington, D.C. have expanded their Medicaid coverage since the Affordable Care Act increased eligibility for the program in 2010 — but North Carolina has yet to do so.

Those states pay 5 percent of the annual

costs until 2020, which would be up to \$600 million per year in North Carolina. Federal funds cover the rest, totaling over \$70 billion nationwide every year, according to Cooper.

“Right now, North Carolina tax dollars are going to Washington, where they are being redistributed to states that have expanded Medicaid,” Cooper said in the statement.

Ciara Zachary, a political analyst from the N.C. Justice Center, said expansion will help reach workers in the “coverage gap” who don’t have access to healthcare.

“A lot of times opponents are opposed to Medicaid because they think it is an entitlement or that people are lazy, and that is a huge misconception,” she said.

Andrea Callow, a senior policy analyst from the healthcare advocacy group Families USA, said emergency rooms and free clinics aren’t enough to keep residents healthy.

“With expansion, very low-income people who are in the coverage gap can access preventative services like mammograms, colonoscopies and cancer screenings, which save lives,” she said.

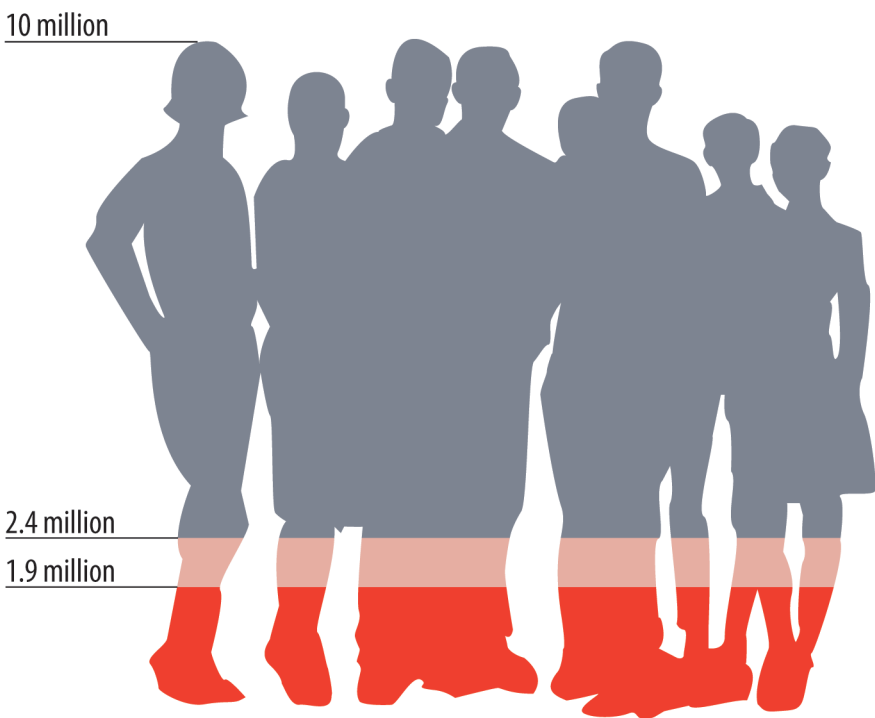
Expanding Medicaid could prompt a \$3 billion to \$4 billion increase in federal funds for health coverage state-wide, according to Cooper’s statement.

This money could be used to make up uncompensated care costs, which occur when

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Cooper dips toes in Medicaid expansion without legislative approval

The below graphic depicts the approximately 1.9 million North Carolinians covered by Medicaid in deep red, as well as the potential increase pending the expansion of Medicaid. The gray area includes both those with private or no health coverage.



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Q&A with MLK Keynote student coordinator Jay Peterkin

During the week of Jan. 15, UNC will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with several events and activities. Staff writer Anish Bhatia spoke with Jay Peterkin, the student coordinator overseeing the MLK Keynote Lecture and Ceremony, to be held Tuesday night.

The Daily Tar Heel: Tell me a little about the University’s history of celebrating MLK Day. Why is the keynote speech particularly important to the celebration?

MLK KEYNOTE SPEECH

Time: Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Memorial Hall

Info: Tickets are free, but require reservation

Jay Peterkin: UNC’s MLK Jr. Celebration is part of a campus-wide initiative to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his ideals and his legacy. Carolina began its celebrations of Dr. King’s life and legacy in 1983, long before there was even a federal holiday, and UNC is the only uni-

versity ever to be awarded the “Making of the King Holiday Award” by the former MLK Federal Holiday Commission. Just like Dr. King did famously on many occasions, this lecture is an important method for inspiring attendees to be active social change-agents. This lecture’s purpose is to highlight the progress that we as a nation have made on the path to a more equitable world, while not ignoring the fallacies we have yet to address.

DTH: How did Soledad O’Brien (and the speakers in general)

get involved with the MLK Day events and what will be discussed? How do speakers like him uphold the legacy of MLK?

JP: The MLK Lecture is planned by a conglomeration of student leaders who sit on the MLK Planning committee. Examples include the BSM, CHisPA, CIC and IFC presidents, etc. along with myself. These students are the ones responsible for selecting the speaker and helping fund this event. Soledad O’Brien was the favorite from this year and

she was willing to come. We cannot yet confirm the topic of her speech; however, speakers in the past have talked about a range of issues from student activism to the importance of representation in the media. Each of these topics at their very core aims at inspiring everyone to take charge and recognize their role in making the world a better place.

DTH: Why should students, community members and faculty attend the lecture?

JP: In general, Soledad

O’Brien is a renowned journalist and author, who has served in a number of very public spaces, including CNN. This is a rare opportunity to hear from one of the national thought leaders in social justice and media and to learn from her experiences. In addition, this speech will be tailored specifically for our UNC community, meaning that our community can expect to learn about tangible ways to become active in our local community in whatever capacity.

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“There are people in the country besides politicians, entertainers and criminals.”

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Waka Flocka Flame and Well\$ return to Cat’s Cradle

This is the first time
Well\$ will perform
with Waka Flocka.

By Nicola McIrvine
Staff Writer

Unlike the weather this past week, Chapel Hill is in for a hot weekend at Cat’s Cradle.

Waka Flocka Flame and Well\$ are taking the stage this weekend in a two night event — one of which is already sold out.

Rising star Well\$ first performed in Chapel Hill two years ago at the 2015 Spring Jubilee Concert, and said the experience was one of the most memorable shows he has performed.

The Charlotte native started rapping at a young age, freestyling with friends for fun.

“Every kid in the hood raps,” he said. “Hip-hop is culture; it’s community. It’s not like golf where you have to go somewhere to do it. I just did it as a child, you know, free-style raps. And I was kind of good at it.”

While fame has negative repercussions for some,

Well\$ handles it well and said he uses it for personal growth.

“Rap has made me grow tenfold,” he said. “Honestly, getting big has really made me mature as a person.”

Well\$ has performed at Cat’s Cradle before, but he has never performed with Waka, and said he is excited for the crowd expected at the show.

“I think that this show is going to be different because more people are familiar with who I am,” he said. “You know, you grow and you learn better tricks, better ways to start. It’s more professional with the actual performance. I now have a light guy, sound guy, to make sure I get the same quality every time.”

While not everyone is very familiar with the rapper, many are excited to have a Charlotte native performing in the area.

Sophomore Kate Nieri, a political science and peace, war and defense major, said it is important to have North Carolina represented in such a way.

“It’s important for a lot of reasons,” she said. “We want to have a good reputation as a state and a university.



DTH FILE/SARAH DWYER

Charlotte native Well\$ will be opening for Waka Flocka Flame at Cat’s Cradle next weekend.

We want to produce cultural content that impacts lots of people around the country.”

Nieri’s friend Julia Maguire, a sophomore chemistry major, said she has been to Cat’s Cradle for shows before and loves the intimacy of the venue.

“I’m really excited because I was supposed to come when (Waka) came last year,

but I couldn’t because of class. But I can actually go this year so I’m really excited about that.”

Nieri and Maguire said they are going to the concert together along with a large group of friends.

According to the event’s Facebook page, over 200 people are attending while over 800 are interested in the

Saturday night concert. About 50 are attending Sunday night’s performance and another 190 are interested.

Both Saturday and Sunday’s shows begin at 9 p.m. with doors opening at 8 p.m. Tickets are available on the Cat’s Cradle website, cats-cradle.com.

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Q&A with Friday the 13th nonbeliever Stuart Vyse

Behavioral psychologist Stuart Vyse is an expert on superstition and irrational behavior who has been published on The Atlantic, the Observer and Medium. Staff writer Krupa Kaneria spoke with him about psychology, his new book “Believing in Magic: The Psychology of Superstition” and Friday the 13th.

The Daily Tar Heel: Why do people believe in Friday the 13th?

Stuart Vyse: There is history behind it — this is an old, traditional superstition. Superstitions come in different forms. This is one that is usually referred to as a socially shared superstition. It’s one

that you learn just by growing up and being in the culture. Everybody knows about Friday the 13th, and it has an old origin. There have been a number of conflicting stories about how it might have started, but the one that seems to have the most evidence behind it is that it is tied to The Last Supper and the idea that 13 people sitting at a table is unlucky. There are quite a few stories that involve a group of 13 people being unlucky. It’s bad to have 13 people at the same dinner table, for example. And also, the crucifixion, I believe, was supposed to have been on a Friday.

DTH: How do you think people who are superstitious should

deal with Friday the 13th?

SV: The way to deal with it is to not change your patterns. Once you begin to avoid things because it’s Friday the 13th or because it’s the thirteenth day or some other superstition applies, then you are, in a way, reinforcing the anxiety about it. For example, studies have been done about hotels that are over 13 floors high, and something like 13 percent of Americans said that they would be bothered by being given a hotel room on the 13th floor of a hotel. And something like 9 percent of them said that they would be bothered badly enough that they would ask for a different room. I would recommend that you

go ahead and just take that room, despite the fact that it may make you a little nervous. Confront the fear, and go ahead and make the same plans that you would normally make for that Friday.

DTH: Were you ever superstitious?

SV: No, I am not at all. I never have been, but I will tell you that I think we are all susceptible to it. I don’t think that there is anything special about the people who are — it’s just the luck of the draw. I did not grow up in a superstitious family. I think that makes a difference.

DTH: What is the most bizarre superstition that you have ever

come across in your career?

SV: There are a fair number of exam-related superstitions. One person that I heard about had a superstition that they had to go out and find a penny before they took an exam. And this sometimes meant the time spent looking for the penny could have been spent studying for the exam or resting. Another example like that was someone who, for luck, bought a lottery ticket before taking an exam. The idea was that, by scratching off the ticket, they would have used up their bad luck for the day and then they would go into the exam and have good luck.

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POLICE LOG

• Someone reported larceny from a vehicle on the 200 block of South Estes Drive at 12:58 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole a wallet, which contained \$65,000 in

non-negotiable instruments and \$45 in cash and credit cards, from an unlocked van, reports state.

• Someone reported breaking and entering with force

on the 100 block of Timber Hollow Court at 5:02 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person broke into the balcony door and stole a television and a laptop computer, valued at \$900 total, reports state.

• Someone reported loud music and a party on the 300 block of Rosemary Street at 10:53 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone possessed stolen property on the 5600 block of

Fordham Boulevard at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person possessed a stolen motor vehicle, valued at \$3,000, reports state.

• Someone reported property damage at MacNider Hall at 2:56 p.m. Thursday, according to UNC Department of Public Safety reports.

• Someone reported vandalism and property damage at McGraven-Greenberg Hall at 9:09 a.m.

Thursday, according to UNC Department of Public Safety reports.

• Someone reported property damage at the Public Safety parking lot at 1:52 p.m. Wednesday, according to UNC Department of Public Safety reports.

• Someone reported underage consumption of alcohol at Ehringhaus Residence Hall at 2:26 a.m. Tuesday, according to UNC Department of Public Safety reports.

• Someone reported fraud on the 70 block of South Elliott Road at 3:53 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person said someone attempted to purchase \$2,758 worth of jewelry with a stolen credit card, reports state.

• Someone reported larceny at Lowe’s Home Improvement at 1801 Fordham Blvd. at 9:07 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole tools valued at \$461.18, reports state.

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New crosswalks aim to improve safety

Local artists designed five colorful crosswalks

By Lauren Talley
Staff Writer

New colorful crosswalks designed by local artists are coming to five locations in Chapel Hill — hoping to increase pedestrian visibility. “There’s a team of individuals—mostly house staff—that are sort of tasked with looking at pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle safety, and one of the issues unfortunately is that a lot of drivers aren’t paying attention to the crosswalks,” said Jeffrey York, the public arts administrator for the town of Chapel Hill. The town has already implemented flashing lights to grab drivers’ attention on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Franklin Street, but the team was looking for other innovative ways to attract attention to pedestrians crossing the road. “Other communities in the U.S. and Europe have implemented more colorful and artist-designed crosswalks and have had good success with them,” York said. “The team thought this would be a good time to try that and then also provides a nice aesthetic look to the street scape.”

As with all public art projects, York said a request for artist applications was sent out, and the request was limited to a five county area of Durham, Wake, Orange, Alamance and Chatham. The town received 35 applications for potential designs, and an eight person selection committee made up of UNC art department personnel, interested citizens and a police officer narrowed the applications down to five. Lope Max Diaz, one of the chosen artists whose crosswalk design will go near the Shortbread Lofts, simply took inspiration from the word walk. His design uses basic geometric shapes and high contrasting colors like black and white and blue and orange to make out the word ‘walk.’ Diaz said the colors complement one another because the pairings are opposites on the color wheel. “What the pedestrian has at hand when he reaches that point is he wants to go to the other side,” he said. “He wants to go to the opposite sidewalk so that is the sort of framework behind the work.” Rachel Herrick, another



The crosswalk on Willow Drive has been painted as part of an initiative to make crosswalks around Chapel Hill more noticeable.

chosen artist, took inspiration from UNC’s unique architecture when designing her crosswalk, which will go near Granville Towers. “A lot of the buildings on campus are full of history, and one of my favorite things to do on campus is to just walk around and look at these amazing buildings,” she said. Herrick’s design features the Old Well which she said is iconic to UNC. Some of the crosswalks were expected to be finished by Dec. 29, but there was an issue with the paint supply as they are all custom colors and not something you can

buy in a store. The weather has also hindered completion, as the crosswalks cannot be installed when the roads are damp. Despite the setbacks, York is confident the new crosswalks will serve their purpose well. “I’m thinking this will be a wonderful edition to the streetscape on Rosemary Street, and I think the design we have selected for Cameron Avenue and Wilson is very apropos to UNC,” York said.

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Electoral College considered after the 2016 elections

Experts discussed the Electoral College and personal vote systems.

By Vincent Veerbeek
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The Electoral College cast their ballots Dec. 19 to make the nomination of Donald Trump as President-elect official, leaving some to question the importance of the individual vote. Trump secured the nomination by winning 304 out of 538 total electors, while Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by around 3 million votes. William Marshall, a professor at the UNC School of Law, said while

some might believe the Electoral College to be undemocratic, the election was never about winning the popular vote. “You can’t judge this election by what happened to the popular vote because neither campaign’s strategy was aimed at winning the popular vote,” he said. Despite criticism of the electoral college, Timothy Ryan, an assistant professor in UNC’s department of political science, said a popular vote alone might be problematic. “I don’t really see that as politically feasible, certainly not in the short term,” Ryan said. “But it’s something that’s worth discussing, if only to highlight why the other possibility, that of only having the popular vote, may have some problematic features.”

Mike Burns, national director of the Campus Vote Project — an organization that works to educate and help students register to vote — said he is very interested to see how the outcome of this election will affect young people. “For a lot of (young voters), this has been the first election they ever had the chance to vote in,” he said. “I mean obviously it’s not a monolith that the under-30 crowd voted a lot more in one direction, but I’d be interested to see how they respond to the outcome of this election.” Ryan said it is unlikely this election will change much about the public’s interest in the electoral process. “We still have a lot of energy and so forth surrounding each presidential election, even though we’ve had

the Electoral College for as long as we’ve had presidential elections. So I don’t see any big change in that coming from the most recent election,” he said. Faithless electors are uncommon and rarely affect the outcome of an election, Ryan said. “Although we’ve had a number of faithless electors over the years, including this year, it has never been close enough to be pivotal,” he said. This election, one faithless elector cast their ballot for Faith Spotted Eagle, the first Native American in American history to receive a vote in the Electoral College. Burns said suggesting a certain candidate won the popular vote is not enough because they might not have gained a majority in a system

without an Electoral College. “People in other states felt like their vote mattered more or that they needed to turn it out because every individual vote was being counted, as opposed to you know even some of the smaller states that might feel like they don’t need to go out and vote because their state is going one way or the other,” he said. Marshall said he thinks it is unlikely there will be any fundamental changes as a result of this election. “I think that usually what happens after an election like this is that the issue is salient for a while and then it kind of disappears, so I don’t expect that there will be much in the way of comprehensive reform.”

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Puppeteer is new maker-in-residence for spring

Donovan Zimmerman is co-director of Paperhand Puppets.

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This semester, UNC’s Be A Maker program is welcoming puppet-making master Donovan Zimmerman as its Maker-In-Residence. Each semester BeAM welcomes a new Maker-In-Residence, an expert who teaches students his or her craft and guides them in the creation of individual and group projects. Zimmerman said he will apply his puppetry expertise with BeAM at UNC. As this spring’s Maker, Zimmerman will help students create puppets like those used in the Paperhand Puppet Intervention, a group of artists Zimmerman co-directs who promote social change and creative expression through puppetry. They have an annual show in

Forest Theatre in the summer. The Paperhand puppeteers create massive puppets and masks from things like cornstarch, bamboo and cardboard. “I’m here to share my experience and help everyone see that puppetry truly is a people’s art form,” Zimmerman said. “Anybody who puts their mind to it can do it.” Zimmerman said he founded Paperhand in Saxapahaw, N.C. in 1999. He discovered puppetry at age 19 through Bread and Puppet Theater in Vermont, and it has been his passion ever since. “Puppetry allows for you to make many different things,” Zimmerman said. “There really aren’t any limitations to what you can do because it involves so many different art forms — dance, theater, fine arts, design, writing.” Zimmerman said he has done many artist-in-residence programs all over North Carolina and recently taught puppetry to students in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Charlie Cummings, the

Makerspace program director for BeAM, said he looks forward to Zimmerman bringing his expertise to UNC’s program. “I think he is very talented and I’m excited to work with him this semester,” Cummings said. Zimmerman is BeAM’s third full-time Maker-In-Residence, Cummings said. Past Makers-In-Residence have directed similarly unusual projects, including creating fully-functional telescopes and a giant metal bee habitat. BeAM Program Associate Drew Robertson said he is excited for how Zimmerman’s larger-than-life ideas will inspire students to collaborate. “I feel like with these large-scale puppets people will hopefully start designing together as teams,” Robertson said. “That really goes with BeAM’s goal of trying to get people from different backgrounds to come together and work as a unit.” Zimmerman’s work with



Donovan Zimmerman is the new Maker-In-Residence for the Be A Maker program. He uses recycled materials to make puppets for performances like the annual Paperhand Puppet Intervention show.

BeAM will conclude with a capstone event at the end of the semester, which will include a performance showcasing the puppets created by students through the six-week program. “The UNC campus has a special place in my heart from my past experience,” Zimmerman said. “It’ll be good to be there to do some more work.”

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Q&A with Teach For America alum Jackson Olsen

Jackson Olsen is the founding principal of Henderson Collegiate High School, a former teacher with Teach for America and a doctoral student at the UNC School of Education. He recently wrote a book, “Teaching for America: Life in the Struggle for ‘One Day,’” about his experience with the education system in North Carolina. Olsen spoke with staff writer Johanna Cano.

The Daily Tar Heel: Could you talk about the Henderson Collegiate High School and how you became the founding principal?

Jackson Olsen: I saw that as a

really great opportunity to be able to build something from the ground up that matched my vision for what a college preparatory school should look like in a low-income community, where most students are going to be first-generation college students and most students come from low-income households.

DTH: What inspired you to write your book?

JO: I had a hard time conveying to my family and friends back home the challenges that I was facing as a public school teacher, and I think most public school teachers feel that way. You are in

a really difficult position to be a teacher, to be a mentor, to be a counselor, to be a social worker in some cases ... Throughout that entire teaching experience, I kept a pretty detailed journal about some of my experiences, and I decided I could make these journal entries into a compilation of stories that I would then share with my parents and my siblings and my close friends.

DTH: What are some of the challenges educators face in North Carolina?

JO: I think teachers are expected to do a lot, and in a lot of cases they are expected

to (do) a lot with very little. ... To be a teacher in this state and in this country, and to do it in the most challenging communities, inner cities or rural, low-income communities, it takes a very special kind of person to say, “Yes, I want to do that and I want to do it long term.”

DTH: In your book, you say the opportunity gap is a “ubiquitous predator.” Could you talk about the opportunity gap and how it affects students?

JO: A student born into the right zip code is presented with so many more opportunities to succeed compared to students born in the zip

code where I live and work, in Vance County ... A lot of schools in low-income neighborhoods, in the low-income communities, are just grossly underperforming, and so students from those schools are not getting a fair shot.

DTH: Are there any solutions?

JO: One of the many solutions that we need to seriously look at in our state of North Carolina is teacher compensation, the way we pay teachers and the way we promote teaching as a viable long-term career path.

DTH: What do you hope will be the biggest takeaway for read-

ers of your book?

JO: I lived most of my life in ignorance of the challenges that teachers faced. Part of why I wrote this book is to raise awareness of the challenges teachers are facing and expose what is happening in our public schools, so that people can rally behind some changes or get fired up about influencing policies that are hurting public schools right now. If I could expose some of the injustices that are happening and just get people to be more aware of what is happening, I think that would be a big success.

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SNOW
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they're expected to go on like any other student in adverse conditions.

"We talk about it, in a way we sort of poke fun at how they expect us to still go on," Gin said. "But at the same time, I know the University can only do so much with the resources that we have."

Stephanie Berrier, spokesperson for Facilities Services, said in an email that, beginning Saturday, more than 140 staff members from grounds, building services, housekeeping and construction services worked to remove ice and snow from campus walkways and roadways through Wednesday.

"Due to extremely low temperatures, refreezing was an ongoing problem, but crews continued to work over the

next several days to make sure that campus would be cleared and ready for the start of spring classes," Berrier said.

Ashish Khanchandani is a co-chairperson of Best Buddies, an organization that pairs students with individuals in the community with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Khanchandani said it's always important to keep the safety of those with disabilities in mind.

He said he observed that some ramps on less-traveled walkways weren't cleared as quickly as major walkways.

"There's accessibility features on most buildings at Carolina, and if those are not accessible to individuals with disabilities, then that's useless," Khanchandani said. "They focus on clearing major paths, and they need to focus on clearing minor ones, too."

Berrier said Americans

with Disabilities Act and ramp entrances were prioritized as work crews cleared campus. She said all these prioritized places were cleared by Tuesday afternoon.

Corsi said he appreciates help he's gotten from friends when there's snow outside.

"My first year, when campus was hit, if it weren't for my friends, I wouldn't have been eating food," he said.

Gin said he's had co-workers reach out, as well. He works as a resident advisor.

"The community director has reached out to me and asked if there are any paths in and around the community that need extra attention," Gin said. "I completely understand the limitations, and it can be challenging, but there are people trying to do the best they can."

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Devils' success in the paint and the Tar Heels' inability to shoot the 3-pointer led to a game-defining second quarter.

The Tar Heels finished 1-for-14 from the field and 0-for-7 from beyond the 3-point arc in the period — tallying just four points and giving Duke a 15-point half-time lead that never dipped below double digits for the remainder of the game.

"They changed their defense and clogged the middle," Kea said.

"Somebody was on me the whole time."

Watts and Kea continued to do the majority of the ball handling and got good looks at the basket, but nothing seemed to fall in place for the Tar Heels. Every oppor-

tunity seemed to clank off the rim or end in an offensive foul.

With just over two minutes left in the half, as Duke turned an 8-0 run into a 12-point lead, UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell called a timeout to regroup.

"Some of it's just maturity," she said of the team's scoring drought.

"Maybe I should have reeled them in a little bit more."

But the message from Hatchell didn't equate to made baskets, as the Tar Heels went 0-for-2 from the field and committed two turnovers to end the half after the timeout.

Coming into Thursday's contest against the Blue Devils, the Tar Heels actually played their best basketball in the second quarter — outscoring their opponents by

"They changed their defense and clogged the middle."

Paris Kea
Redshirt sophomore guard

an average of 5.6 points this season.

The Tar Heels continued to fight through an abnormal second-quarter showing, cutting the lead to 12 points midway through the fourth quarter. But UNC couldn't overcome its abysmal shooting performance, finishing 4-for-26 from the 3-point line.

"We went through a spell there," Hatchell said. "Still, they're learning how to play with each other."

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patients cannot pay for health services. The N.C. Hospitals Association said this costs state hospitals \$1 billion annually.

Callow said many states with expanded coverage end up saving money in the long run.

"It's not quite as simple as having to shell out 5 percent; you're also going to be getting some state benefits and savings," she said.

Political controversy

But Republican politicians in the state adamantly oppose Medicaid expansion.

Permitting Medicaid expansion conflicts with President-elect Trump's platform of repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act.

"(It) would be a slap in the face to North Carolina voters," Pittenger said in the statement.

The letter sent by Pittenger and Hudson cites laws that

forbid the governor from expanding Medicaid without permission from the N.C. General Assembly.

"It is unfortunate that one of Mr. Cooper's first actions as governor is to directly go against the same state law and constitution he swore to uphold," they stated in the letter.

Callow said Medicaid expansion is at risk if the Affordable Care Act is repealed by Congress.

"Republicans have started to say they will replace the ACA, but does that make a provision for states being able to retain their Medicaid expansion?" she said.

Zachary said despite the

political battle, Medicaid expansion is largely a social issue.

"There are too many lives at risk, so this is a life and death situation for some people," she said. "We need to focus on that instead of the political ideological battles."

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North Carolina set for clash with Seminoles

Florida State could hand the Tar Heels their first home loss.

By Jeremy Vernon
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 11 North Carolina men's basketball team takes on No. 9 Florida State at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Smith Center. After a close call at Wake Forest on Wednesday, the Tar Heels (15-3, 3-1 ACC) will look to prove they can hang with some of the conference's tougher teams.

UNC met the Seminoles (16-1, 4-0 ACC) just once last season — a barn-burner that saw Brice Johnson put up 39 points and 23 rebounds in a 106-90 North Carolina win.

Here's what to watch for as North Carolina takes on Florida State.

How do they play?

Florida State is led by the three-headed monster of junior Xavier Rathan-

UNC-FSU

Time: 2 p.m. on Saturday

Location: Smith Center

Info: dailytarheel.com and follow @dthsports on Twitter

Mayes, sophomore Dwayne Bacon and first-year phenom Jonathan Isaac. Together, the trio lead an offensive attack that can give any team in the country trouble.

Bacon, Isaac and Rathan-Mayes combine for 41 points per game and are a big reason why the Seminoles are No. 20 in the country in offensive efficiency, according to kenpom.com.

But what separates this year's team from the one that gave up 106 points to the Tar Heels last season is an improved defense. In 2015-16, Florida State gave up 74 points per game. This year, the Seminoles have cut that down to 68.9 points per game, and they have held four opponents who rank in the top-25 of offensive efficiency

to less than 80 points.

Part of what has allowed Florida State to do this is its size. The Seminoles — who feature nine players who stand 6-foot-6 or taller — are No. 2 in the country in average height.

This could pose problems for North Carolina, which has often held the height advantage over its opponents so far this season.

Who stands out?

While Bacon and Isaac are first and second on the team in points per game, Rathan-Mayes can often be the most dangerous player on the floor for the Seminoles.

The guard lit up UNC last season, shooting 7-of-9 from 3-point range on the way to a 30-point performance. In 2016-17, Rathan-Mayes has raised both his field goal percentage and his 3-point percentage. He also has a 2.52 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Rathan-Mayes can give opponents problems from anywhere on the court. At

6-foot-4, he is taller than most average point guards, allowing him to bully his way inside and get high-percentage shots right at the basket.

Biggest weakness?

The Seminoles are a fairly young team, coming in at No. 306 in the country with an average experience level of 1.26 years.

Florida State's starting lineup this season has mainly consisted of three underclassmen. And while those younger players are obviously talented, experience is a key factor when taking on tough conference opponents.

North Carolina is one of the most experienced teams in the country, and in a game of two very good teams, experience could be what ultimately affects the outcome of the game.

Why could they win?

The Seminoles defeated two of the ACC's best — Duke



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UNC forward Justin Jackson (44) dribbles around an N.C. State defender. The Tar Heels face Florida State on Saturday in Chapel Hill.

and Virginia — in their last three games. With that in mind, Florida State should be completely confident in its own abilities as it travels to Chapel Hill.

The length Florida State brings could also be a deciding factor. Rathan-Mayes is tall enough to bother Joel

Berry on the defensive end. And with two 7-footers, the Seminoles should be able to hold their own on the glass against Kennedy Meeks and Isaiah Hicks, something not many teams have done this season.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 9 -- Speak with professionally influential people, with Mercury in Capricorn. Discuss passions and causes. Someone special wants attention. Romance ignites with half a spark.
Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 -- Get your household in order before an educational three-week phase, with Mercury in Capricorn. Travel, research and studies flourish. Talk about your plans.
Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is an 8 -- You're especially clever with words and numbers. Learn new financial management strategies over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Capricorn. Get down to practical work.
Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is a 9 -- Shop for bargains. Let your mate do the talking. A three-week partnership phase begins, with Mercury in Capricorn. Solve problems through logic. Collaborate on solutions.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 9 -- Discussion about health and work benefits you over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Capricorn. You're getting stronger, physically, mentally and spiritually.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 -- Creativity sparks, with Mercury in Capricorn, especially regarding artistic or editorial expression. Look back for insight for the road ahead. Pay attention to your dreams.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 7 -- Beautification projects coalesce, with Mercury in Capricorn over three weeks. Make decisions regarding color, texture and use of space. Share memories and traditions with family.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8 -- Generate some buzz over three weeks, with Mercury in Capricorn. Write, broadcast and get your message out. Your career benefits from networking and promotions.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 7 -- Try new flavors. Travel and explore. An investigation leads to intriguing discovery. Communications leads to profit, with Mercury in Capricorn over the next three weeks.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 9 -- Coordinate what you love, with Mercury in your sign for the next three weeks. Push your personal projects forward while managing financial matters. Strategize carefully.
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UNC students form un-bee-lievable new club

The beekeeping club creators hope to sell honey in the Pit.

By Nic Rardin
Staff Writer

Sophomores Nissa Coit and Marc Brunton plan to cause quite the buzz with their new organization, the Carolina Beekeeping Club.

“Right now everything we are doing is in the early stages,” Coit said. “We don’t have any bees yet, but we sure hope to in the spring.”

The Carolina Beekeeping Club is recognized by the University.

Coit said she got the idea to form a beekeeping club after attending a summer program at Cornell University where she first began learning about bees.

“I went to a summer program at Cornell about conservation medicine and veterinary studies, and they incorporated a day about honey bees,” she said. “I found that they are very fascinating and are in dire need of our

“I found that (bees) are very fascinating and are in dire need of our help.”

Nissa Coit
Carolina Beekeeping Club founder

help.”

Coit herself had help from her friend and fellow bee-enthusiast, Brunton.

“Nissa is really obsessed with bees,” he said. “The first time I met her, we had an hour long conversation about them. She definitely tapped our friend group pretty heavily for people. There are a ton of biologists so we had some people interested in research.”

A member of the newly formed club, Brunton said he already had some ideas in the works for the future of beekeeping club, one of them being selling honey in the pit.

“I think it would be really cool to establish something that could carry on after the group of us who created it graduate,” he said.

Coit said it could provide an excellent fundraising opportunity for the club.

“The cool thing about honey bees is that they are

really self-sustaining,” she said. “We can use what the bees produce to keep us running. We’re still thinking about fundraising opportunities, but eventually we plan to sell the honey we produce.”

She and a group of fellow students have been working with Catherine Lohmann, a professor in the biology department, to obtain a hive of bees and the means to care for it.

“Well my role was merely to encourage Nissa when she told me (what) she wanted to do,” Lohmann said. “I also have a strong interest in beekeeping for my animal behavior class.”

Lohmann said she plans to use any bees the club acquires for her research, but hopes the club will oversee all of the upkeep on the hives.

“What I’m hoping is that my basic role as a faculty adviser will just be to be in



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The Carolina Beekeeping Club allows students to get involved with all parts of beekeeping.

the background, but since I have a distinct interest in bees that I can be involved to provide educational activities,” she said.

Lohmann said she hopes to keep the bees in an observation lab in Wilson Hall, where

she and students interested in independent studies could watch them.

While Lohmann said she is rather interested in animal behavior, and the communication between bees in particular, she has not seen the

“Bee Movie.”

“I have not seen the ‘Bee Movie,’ but my opinion is anytime they make a movie about bees that’s a good thing,” she said.

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NC researchers test hypoallergenic peanuts

Hypoallergenic peanuts could expand therapy options.

By Neecole Bostick
Staff Writer

North Carolina researchers are developing innovative solutions for peanut allergies.

Researchers at North Carolina A&T State University are working toward creating a hypoallergenic peanut for consumption.

A group of scientists led by Jianmei Yu, a research scientist at the university, have created a process known as peanut cleansing that breaks down the allergenic enzymes

of the peanut. The project is managed by food-tech start-up Alrgn Bio.

Yu said the process produces peanuts with significant decreases in the four most prominent potential allergens within peanuts. While there is a loss of protein during the treatment, its food value remains unchanged.

Rather than altering the peanut, researchers at UNC-Chapel Hill have gone down the path of conditioning the human immune system.

Brian Vickery, a professor of pediatrics in the UNC School of Medicine, and Wesley Burks, the school’s executive dean, along with a team of researchers have explored peanut oral immunotherapy. The

therapy is a process of exposing patients allergic to peanuts in small amounts, gradually increasing them over time to eventually build immunity to the allergen.

Vickery said peanut allergies are lifelong for 80 percent of patients. The antibody IGE, a molecule that reacts with allergen agents in peanuts, increases over time and causes the allergy to worsen over time.

The team started the therapy on patients at the age when peanut allergies are first diagnosed and the IGE antibody is lowest in amount. The study included mixing a peanut protein powder in with food, such as applesauce or pudding, to feed it to the patients for about

29 months, and to reintroduce it after four weeks in a controlled setting.

“Over 80 percent achieved a result to eat peanuts without any side effects, but we are still unsure,” Vickery said. “We don’t know if they are cured, so we will follow up to see if it continues.”

Burks said there have not been enough studies to determine the long term effectiveness of the therapy. The process needs to be studied for years to see definitive results.

UNC researchers will be collaborating with the N.C. A&T research team to help provide reliable evidence about the reduced allergenic properties of allergen reduced peanuts, Dr. Yu said.

“I’m a little less optimistic about two different types of peanut butter on the shelf.”

Brian Vickery
Professor of pediatrics at the UNC School of Medicine

The team will use a group of mice that are allergic to peanuts to test their reactions with the hypoallergenic peanut. This testing process will help them understand how it biologically interacts with the immune system.

Burks said the hypoallergenic peanuts could be a safer replacement for normal peanuts in the oral immunotherapy process.

“Phase three (Food and Drug Administration) options could be viable options used

in the next five years,” he said.

While Vickery said the potential to use hypoallergenic peanuts in the therapy seems useful, he wonders what that might mean for commercial production.

“I’m a little less optimistic about two different types of peanut butter on the shelf, one Jif and the other a hypoallergenic variant,” Vickery said. “That’s harder for me to envision.”

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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The final days of President Obama

On Jan. 20, business-man and former reality television host Donald Trump will be sworn in as the 45th President of the United States. I cannot overstate how terrifying and dangerous this is. If at this point, you cannot understand why the reality of a Donald Trump presidency is terrifying to some people, I'll let the next four years show you. But I digress, as we still have a little bit of time left with President Obama.

Earlier this week, President Obama gave his farewell address in his home city of Chicago. This was one of his final public appearances as President. As of today, the United States have seven days left of Barack Hussein Obama II as the first Black president of the United States.

For the last eight years, a Black man has served as president; even at the young age of 12, I never thought this to be possible.

Growing up in the age of George W. Bush, 9/11 and the Iraq War, seeing President Obama enter the highest office was a remarkable moment. Words cannot accurately describe what seeing a Black man as President meant for a young Black boy growing up in North Carolina. I remember election night 2008 as a 7th grader, rejoicing with my family as something we thought would never happen actually came to fruition.

I remember the morning of his inauguration, and being fearful that he would be shot by an assassin. Seeing him being sworn in, and watching it all take place again as a junior in high school in 2012, were highlights of my adolescence.

As the first Black president, President Obama and his family have faced scrutiny and persecution like no other first family. From critics alleging that he was an undercover Muslim extremist, to questioning if he really attended Columbia University and Harvard Law School, his ability and legitimacy have been questioned since before he was even elected president.

There was a full fledged movement, led by incoming President Donald Trump, dedicated to proving that he was born in Kenya and that his birth certificate was fake. Through it all, the president has faced every moment with poise and grace like no one before him.

President Obama was not the perfect president. Not by any means. His stances on drone warfare were atrocious. Although he is the first president since the 1970s to preside over the reduction of the federal prison population, I would still argue that he should have done more to end the war on drugs, which contributed greatly to mass incarceration. In addition, I believe that he should have been more overtly critical of systemic racial disparities.

Regardless, President Obama made the impossible possible for Black Americans during his time in office. His presidency was nowhere near flawless, but his status as a symbolic and cultural figure will have a lasting influence for generations to come.

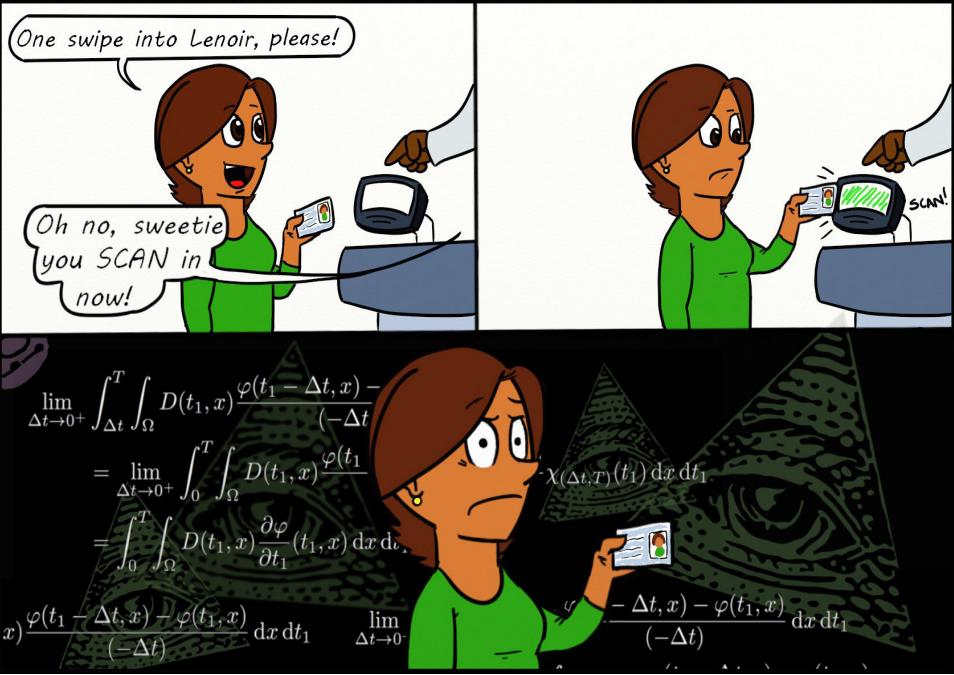
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EDITORIAL

The future of the press

When the press dies, where does the power go?

In high school, civics students learn that the press is a “fourth estate” — while not an official component of the government system, this term suggests the press is effectively a fourth branch of government, carrying influence and checking power in our political system. But that power is on the line.

Winter break was a time to eat and rewatch Spotlight, a film that details the trials and ultimate success of the investigative reporting team at the Boston Globe as they challenged the Catholic Church's deeply entrenched system of sexual abuse.

Watching the film for the first time since the results of the United States presidential election, members of our board could not help but feel inauspicious chills. In Spotlight, a newspaper takes on systems bigger than its publication on behalf of its readers and people everywhere to make social change, an act that now seems increasingly implausible.

Newspapers are on the decline —that's old news. According to the Pew

Research Center, over the last 20 years, the newspaper workforce has shrunk by 39 percent. The industry is dramatically consolidating while revenues are dropping. In 2015, newspaper circulation on weekdays fell seven percent and Sunday circulation fell four percent — the greatest decline since the Great Recession's rough aftermath in 2010. Digital subscriptions hardly compensated, increasing only two percent in 2015.

This downward trend leads to the creation of news deserts, with no local issues coverage. Many small towns across North Carolina have seen their local papers shut down for good — giving the municipal government little to no accountability.

As the line between real journalism and “fake news” blurs, the trustworthiness and very essence of journalism is undermined. In a December Pew Research Center poll of over 1,000 U.S. adults, 64 percent said that fake news has caused “a great deal of confusion about the basic facts of current events.” Fake news, such as the “Pizzagate” story, threatens newspapers' credibility and thereby weakens their position as a checking body for politicians.

In his press conference

on Wednesday, Trump exemplified how fake news incidents can fuel sweeping invalidation of the press as a whole. If our new president continues to paint himself as a victim of the press, it will only make it easier for his supporters to sympathize with him when valid claims are brought against him by journalists.

As newspapers become increasingly strapped for cash, they're forced to do what they can get clicks, likes and advertising revenue. The result is a tendency to publish information quickly. While readers deserve to know what's out there, news dumping is also dangerous — the big picture gets lost. By failing to place news in a larger context, papers risk misconstruing information and losing credibility.

The Daily Tar Heel, along with other regional news organizations, is in the process of suing UNC for sexual assault records. This board would like to commend and encourage newspapers that use their resources to do investigative journalism as well as the lawyers who support journalists in fighting legal battles. Only with an empowered press can our society challenge institutions engaging in unethical behavior.

EDITORIAL

Stay angry

2017 will only be a better year if we make it better.

Last year was bad. The Panthers lost the Super Bowl, UNC lost the NCAA tournament and America seemingly lost its mind. It is now 2017, and the future looks bleak. President Obama is leaving, the election led to anything but unity and House Bill 2 may survive long enough to have its first birthday.

Yes, 2016 is over, but the issues that arose last year are still here. Having hope for the New Year is good, but hoping for a better 2017 is meaningless without subsequent action.

A society is nothing more than a collection of individuals working within a similar climate, and those individuals have no obligation to blindly follow their leaders. This country is moving in a direction that is terrifying to many. Don't follow it.

Be better than the loud mouths promoting hate in the public sphere.

Be bold as we move into 2017.

In North Carolina, we have some major improvements to make. Now the redrawing of our districts to correct gerrymandering issues has been delayed, which will affect our elections this year. The possibility of special elections is a small glimmer of hope, but without them, half of Roy Cooper's term will be made incredibly difficult by the strikingly conservative composition of the General Assembly.

Obviously, since the state elected a Democratic governor, many people are angered by the limitations the mostly Republican General Assembly can have on Cooper's abilities to improve the state of North Carolina.

The two glimmers of hope for those upset include: their voices have been heard with the election of Gov. Cooper, so further damage by former Gov. McCrory can be pre-

vented.

Even though we're facing an incredibly frustrating political time while ringing in the new year, the passion and anger you are feeling is not going to be ignored with Cooper in office.

We must study hard, work hard and organize effectively and as a united front of concerned, diverse individuals.

We may not all agree on every policy point, but we share a lot by default. Most of us are students. North Carolina is our shared climate, and no matter how discouraged we may feel at times, we do have the power to effect change here. Looking at history, we see how young people empowered with a strong education have led some of the greatest cultural and political revolutions of all time.

Even with Cooper as Governor, the Republicans are still our leaders. Let's use this New Year and all the opportunities it holds to show them we will not blindly follow their lead.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Confront the fear, and go ahead and make the same plans that you would normally make for that Friday.”

Behavioral psychologist Stuart Vyse, on Friday the 13th

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“DTH changed ‘Chairman’ to ‘Chairperson.’ Why? The statute says ‘Chairman.’ You can probably guess who Farmer Don is.”

Farmer Don, on Don Dotson's letter to the editor about the NLRB

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump's pick for labor secretary is all wrong

TO THE EDITOR:

Donald Trump has nominated fast-food CEO Andrew Puzder to lead the Labor Department. This is a bad choice for working people.

This pick betrays the spirit of the Trump campaign and threatens to leave working people more vulnerable to abusive employers.

Puzder has used his position and authority as a fast-food CEO to enrich himself at the expense of working people by violating labor law.

He refused to pay his managers the overtime they earned and said he'd like to replace human workers with machines, because machines “never take a vacation ... there's never a slip-and-fall, or an age, sex or race discrimination case.”

People who work at his restaurants make poverty wages, while he made more money last year in one day than one of his full-time minimum wage workers makes in a year.

Ophelia Marcus-Taylor
Raleigh

Stop Sessions from being appointed

TO THE EDITOR:

With confirmation hearings now underway for cabinet appointees of President-elect Trump, today I joined the NAACP in delivering a letter to Senator Thom Tillis' Raleigh office expressing concern over the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) to the position of Attorney General.

This is a uniquely powerful cabinet position given its oversight of the Department of Justice as well as legal representation of the government.

Federal oversight has protected voting rights, assisted police departments in eliminating biases, protected trans rights and facilitated state-level marijuana decriminalization under the Obama administration.

I along with many other Americans oppose the nomination of Sessions because of his consistent history of racism and racial insensitivity, demonization of civil rights causes and groups and callous attitudes toward women and the LGBT community.

Senator Tillis sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee that must approve Sessions before the Senate may vote to confirm him.

I urge North Carolinians to contact Tillis' office at (202) 224-6342 and urge him to demand a more appropriate nominee.

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kvetch:

v.1 (Yiddish) to complain

Can I complain about big swings in temperature from morning to afternoon, even when we keep having 75 degree days? Yes.

Dear bicyclists, I know saying “on the left” is polite when passing someone on the left. But since that phrase always causes me to jump left as you're passing me, can you pick another one?

Can't commit in my real relationships, but I told a dog on Franklin Street I loved him within 30 seconds

FedEx has forgotten my humanity. My bed has taken 10 days to arrive. Where shall I sleep?

To the professor who in the course of an example let out that Jon Snow had been killed in “Game of Thrones”: you fail in my gradebook for not including a spoiler alert.

I am from New York. Thanks, winter snow, for at least giving UNC one day where undergrads dressed like grown ups that save their sweats for the bedroom or gym.

If R. Kelly is playing the inauguration, I would personally pledge him a million dollars he does not need if he will be true to form and piss in Trump's face.

Rogue One was significantly better than The Force Awakens and if you disagree with me you're wrong.

Hey students, I know I might be about to blow your conception of reality out of the water multiple times over, but did you know using computers in class is actually proven to be less effective for learning?

What sort of astrologically ignorant goat is writing the Quick Hits column? Rameses has his own Zodiac sign — Aries, The Ram — and leads off the celestial parade March 21-April 20. The first out of the gate even before the race has begun.

Damn, Lenoir, back at it again with that serving hot chocolate on a 70-degree day.

Yesterday's Quick Hits section left me aghast and had me clutching my pearls. In what world does the goat-mermaid Capricorn look more like Rameses than the actual ram Aries???

It's FDOC and I have already identified The Man Who Talks Without Raising His Hand in my feminist philosophy class.

I hate people who talk about their social capital all the time. Like damn, find something better to do.

Send your one-to-two sentence entries to opinion@dailytarheel.com, subject line 'kvetch.'

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