

It’s more than the Covenant

Shirley Ort, financial aid director and friend to all, is retiring

By Katie Reeder
Senior Writer

Former Chancellor James Moeser remembers the day Shirley Ort came into his office and told him she had a plan for converting loans to grants to combat the perception that UNC’s selectivity was correlated with unaffordability.

“I think that shows you where her heart is,” Moeser said.

But Ort’s vision for the University was always bigger than the Carolina Covenant.

“It was just one part of what I’ve always tried to do is to keep our policies and practices on the needs of students so that we could remove the financial barriers so they could soar,” she said.

After 18 years as director of scholarships and student aid — a job she loves — Ort has decided to retire this summer to see what lies outside the boundaries of a career.

There’s a trip to Rome on the horizon and a trip to Paris with her siblings in September. She also plans to organize her house, get new carpets and paint. She’ll figure it out as she goes.

“I’m going to take my time and see what it’s like not to have to get on the school bus,” she said.

Before she came to Chapel Hill to interview for her current job, Ort had never visited North Carolina. She was having breakfast at the Carolina Inn when her interviewers told her they wanted her to make the move in two weeks.

It was November, and Ort had expected the job to start in February, but she had already fallen in love with UNC’s community.

“I was sitting there thinking, ‘They’re my future. If that’s part of the deal, then I’ll make it work,’” she said.



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Shirley Ort, current director of scholarships and student aid at UNC, is going to retire from her job this summer.

After returning to her home on the West Coast, she sent her dog to stay with her sister, grabbed enough clothes to last until Christmas and boarded a plane with a one-way ticket to North Carolina. She spent her first Christmas in Chapel Hill with a tiny tree and a string of blue Tar Heel lights.

Ort attended Spring Arbor College and received a job offer from the school upon graduation, which introduced her to careers in the realm of higher education.

“Nobody goes to school to become a financial aid administrator,” she said.

But Ort had experienced firsthand what financial aid could do for a student. As a student, she served as a resident adviser all four years in exchange for free room and board. She also worked full-time for two years.

“I was one of those kids that always owed something on their student account at the end of the year,” she said.

She recognizes the uniqueness of her situation, noting that research shows working full-time usually indicates a student will not do well in school. “It mattered to

me so much to be there,” she said.

Although she didn’t originally have student loans, she took one out after starting college and became the third person to get a student loan from a small community bank near her college. She still has the letter the bank sent her when she finished paying off the loan, and she kept all the promissory notes as well.

She beat the odds by working and still succeeding in school, but she still knows what it’s like to worry about how to pay next semester’s bills and to never have extra money. “That stays with you,” she said.

It is this awareness, coupled with a genuine care for students, that has made her a trusted friend for many students at UNC.

Ort was one of the reasons sophomore Andrea Barnes decided to stay at UNC when she considered transferring in her first year. A professor introduced her to Ort. “From then on it was kind of amazing,” Barnes said.

Barnes and Ort meet once a month for lunch. Ort assists Barnes with networking and sends along articles she thinks Barnes will be interested in. She also

makes sure to ask Barnes about her life and how she is doing.

“More than just a mentor, she’s really become a friend to me,” Barnes said.

Although Ort said the future of financial aid in higher education is less clear now than anytime she’s been in the profession, she thinks the nation will continue to have a strong federal loan program.

She is also optimistic about the future of financial aid at UNC and proud of what programs like the Covenant say about the University.

“More than just a communications device, it’s become a hallmark of what the University stands for,” she said.

“It’s not just a policy; the University owns it.”

While she is confident the financial aid department will be left in good hands, those who have worked with her speak of how much she and the passion she has for her job will be missed.

“We’re all sad. It’s hard to imagine this university without her,” Moeser said. “I think she embodies the Carolina spirit more than anyone else I know.”

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Spellings gets to know UNC campus, community

The UNC-system president met with students and faculty.

By Mali Khan
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Making another stop in her UNC-system road trip, President Margaret Spellings met with students and faculty in Chapel Hill Tuesday.

Like many visitors to Chapel Hill, Spellings’ trip began with a tour of campus — which included a closed-door meeting with faculty members and a lunch with students at Gerrard Hall.

But not all students were welcoming, as a small group protested outside Gerrard Hall and other buildings hosting Spellings throughout the day.

Though Rosa Perelmuter expressed concerns for the discussion with Spellings in Monday’s Faculty Executive Committee meeting, the UNC-Chapel Hill Spanish professor said the system president was very receptive.

“There were no feelings of conflict, and the faculty and staff (were) warmly greeted by her,” Perelmuter said.

She said she is hopeful the visit indicates Spellings’ intent to keep an open door policy.

“She is the person who will be presenting us to the Board of Governors and the general administration, so I hope this is an indication of other meetings to come,” she said.

Spellings said she appreciated the faculty’s focus on the student body and its needs.

“What I’ve been impressed with everywhere I’ve gone is the humility, kind of the servant educator idea,” she said.

Following lunch, Spellings headed to the 1789 Venture Lab on Franklin Street, accompanied by Chancellor Carol Folt, to meet with student and faculty innovators who take part in Innovate Carolina.

The visit included presentations equipped with prototypes, videos and even an interactive portion — where Spellings showed her potential as a DJ.

Senior Alsey Davidson shared her project, an effort to keep bees from dying off called

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Marquise Williams fulfills his dream

The former UNC quarterback impressed in the Tar Heels’ Pro Day.

By Mohammed Hedadji
Senior Writer

On Monday night, Marquise Williams had a dream.

The former North Carolina quarterback dreamed he would prove his naysayers wrong and excel as a passer at UNC’s Pro Day.

When Williams awoke Tuesday, he knew the day was his.

“I dreamt that I was going to throw every ball that I needed to throw on the money,” he said.

As UNC’s career leader among quarterbacks in rushing touchdowns (35) and rushing yards (2,458), Williams’ versatility has never been in question.

But there’s been speculation about his passing ability and how his style of play would translate to the NFL.

“If I want to be compared to anybody, it would be Cam (Newton),” Williams said. “He was (also) criticized because he couldn’t throw the ball coming out of college.”

But Williams wanted to use Pro Day to remove any doubt about what he could do with his arm.

The former Tar Heel spent the past few months training with Tom Shaw at the ESPN Wide World of



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Marquise Williams, former quarterback on the UNC Football team, runs a 40 yard dash during Pro Day on Tuesday at Navy Field in front of scouts.

Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla., improving his skills and draft stock.

Williams and his teammates used their training to prepare for any drills the scouts might request.

“It’s all about just being prepared and being ready to show my skills,” said tailback Romar Morris. “I just wanted to show the scouts that I can move, I can flow, I can function and I can perform.”

Williams trained alongside other former UNC players and other NFL prospects — including former Alabama running back Derrick Henry and former Mississippi State quarterback Dak Prescott — and focused on improving as a passer.

And when it came time to spin the ball downfield, Williams delivered strike after strike.

The Charlotte native put on a show, mixing up his passes between short and intermediate routes and showing off the long ball.

“That was my main focus,” he said. “Just coming out here and letting the scouts know that I could do anything that other quarterbacks can do. Today, I proved that I can make any throw.”

On Tuesday, Williams joined 12 other UNC players who were not invited to the NFL combine,

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Renovations planned for Rosemary Street

Construction is slated to begin after UNC Spring Commencement in May.

By Ben Albano
Staff Writer

Renovations to Rosemary Street and its uneven sections of sidewalk are planned to begin this spring.

About \$1.6 million in improvements are planned to match the surrounding luxury apartment aesthetic in the area around Shortbread Lofts and 140 West Franklin.

The improvements will also address current Accessibility with Disabilities Act accessibility challenges to ensure compliance with federal regulations and ease of access to people with disabilities.

UNC first-year Evan Thompson said he is excited about the new renovations.

“My parents will probably be happy too that the street will be better lit. When I walk on that sidewalk it doesn’t feel very safe, and I think lights will help that.”

While the section of sidewalk in front of Shortbread Lofts will remain unchanged, the rest of the sidewalk will be drastically improved.

Emily Cameron, project manager

PROJECT COMPONENTS

- Acquisition of right-of-way or public sidewalk easements
- Curb and gutter, driveway aprons and accessible crosswalk ramps
- Walls, sidewalks and amenity strips
- Lighting and utilities
- Street repaving and pavement markings

for the curb, gutter and streetscape improvements to Rosemary Street, said this plan has been in the works for quite some time.

Cameron also said other improvements in the plan, like the addition of sidewalk accessibility and renovation, was a logical next step.

“It’s kind of like replacing furniture or painting a wall in your home,” she said.

“While we are doing this, we can make some other repairs or corrections, so, in this case, it is pretty extensive.”

The entire project includes new curbs and gutters, driveway aprons, accessible crosswalk ramps, walls, sidewalk sections, amenity strips,

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UNC continues to come out swinging

The Tar Heels scored 4 runs in the first inning

BASEBALL

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By Jeremy Vernon
Assistant Sports Editor

When the North Carolina baseball team trailed after five innings a season ago, the team never won — posting a 0-16 record during a season that saw the Tar Heels miss the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001.

But so far in 2016, the Tar Heels have been determined to produce in the earlier parts of games.

Before UNC's Tuesday night tilt at Boshamer Stadium with Western Carolina, the team had outscored its opponents 74-17 in the first three innings.

The matchup with the Catamounts was more of the same for the No. 7 Tar Heels, as they posted six runs in the first three frames en route to a 10-2 victory.

Coming into the game against Western Carolina (9-11), UNC (18-2) had scored in the first inning of a game 12 times and accrued a 12-0 record in those contests.

In the bottom of the first inning against the Catamounts, North Carolina was set on quickly putting the game out of reach. Nine Tar Heel batters saw at-bats during the inning, as four infield singles and two walks led to four runs.

"Tonight was just luck. Pure luck," Coach Mike Fox said. "I don't think I've seen four infield hits in one inning before."

Coming into 2016, there were concerns among fans of the program that UNC wouldn't



Sophomore Brian Miller (5) follows through on a swing in the bottom of the seventh inning during North Carolina's 10-2 victory over Western Carolina.

be able to manufacture runs on a consistent basis.

But rather than play to its level of experience, North Carolina has put together one of the top offensive units in Division-I baseball. Coming into Tuesday's game, the Tar Heels ranked in the top-20 nationally in runs, on-base percentage, stolen bases, sacrifice bunts and sacrifice flies.

And it has been the underclassmen who have made perhaps the biggest impact.

Sophomore Brian Miller, who went 3-for-4 on Tuesday night, currently ranks second on the Tar Heels in batting average. First-year

Brandon Riley has overcome early-season struggles to see his average climb north of .300.

"Once the game starts it doesn't matter what age you are," Miller said.

"It definitely helps to have experiences, but the past two years we haven't been very good, so it's kind of like, just flush that away and take stuff that was really good from those years ... the success that sophomores in my class had last year and just kind of helping the younger guys get going where they're ready to come in to play."

And while the first-year players have no

doubt benefited from the teachings of their older teammates, they have also thrived working and growing together as a unit.

"Everybody for the most part is in the same boat," Riley said.

"We had a good group go through the fall, come through the preseason and then into the season. We've all been kind of learning the same stuff as we've been through the journey and I think that's helped a lot that its not just one or two guys going through it alone."

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More to UNC's 3-point defense than statistics

Limiting Indiana's 3-point attempts on Friday will be a priority.

By Pat James
Sports Editor

The North Carolina men's basketball team's biggest problem against Indiana might not be a problem at all when the teams meet in the Sweet 16 on Friday in Philadelphia.

At least that's what Marcus Paige's most recent reading material indicates.

As the senior guard sat in the Student Union on Tuesday, he started Googling information about 3-point field goal defense — which the Tar Heels rank 232nd in the country in, allowing opponents to shoot 35.4 percent from behind the arc.

Paige's perusing led him to an article by basketball statistician Ken Pomeroy, whose 2012 piece titled "'3-point defense' should not be defined by opponents' 3P%" questioned the entire premise of 3-point field goal defense.

"Three-point field goal defense is not something that's always the control of the defense," said Paige, as he summarized the article.

"I don't know if you guys are into statistics and stuff like that. It's definitely a concern of ours, and the only way to really impact that is to limit the number of attempts they get."

Accomplishing this task will be a top priority for the Tar Heels against the Hoosiers.

Indiana is one of the top 3-point shooting teams in the country. The Hoosiers shoot 41.6



UNC basketball player Marcus Paige (5) moves past Virginia's Malcom Brogdon (15) during the ACC Tournament in Washington, D.C.

percent from behind the arc and make 9.8 3-pointers per game.

And among the 16 teams left in the NCAA Tournament, only three shoot 3-pointers more often than Indiana, according to kenpom.com.

"We can't just say, 'They're going to be able to hit shots, so let's not guard them,'" said sophomore wing Justin Jackson. "But we still have to focus in on that. That's what they want to do, so we've got to make everything as hard as possible against them."

Defending opposing players beyond the perimeter isn't something UNC has always struggled with.

In fact, North Carolina ranked 13th in the country in 3-point field goal defense a season ago, allowing teams to make 30 percent of their 3-pointers.

"That's weird, because our defense is better this year than it was last year," said Jackson when he was told the Tar Heels rank lower in 3-point field goal defense

this season.

In many ways, Jackson is right about his team's defense being improved.

After finishing 51st nationally in adjusted defensive efficiency during the 2014-15 campaign, UNC ranks 11th this year. The Tar Heels have also held 27 straight opponents to under 45 percent shooting from the field.

The stats, however, imply North Carolina has struggled defending 3-point shooters.

"I think we had personnel — J.P. (Tokoto) was great last year and our perimeter defense was really good last year," Paige said. "But this year our entire defense is overall better."

"It's hard to explain why our 3-point defense can be 200 spots different from one year to another."

But perhaps, as Pomeroy's article suggests, that stat might not matter come Friday.

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Aldermen vote to allow food services downtown

The board approved a land use ordinance text amendment on Tuesday.

By Megan Royer
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In order to allow the Inter-Faith Council to build a community kitchen for their FoodFirst initiative, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted to allow organizations that provide social services to provide food services to the community.

This change to the land use ordinance could allow the IFC to apply to rezone a property where meals could be served to the community as part of their FoodFirst initiative.

More than 40 members of the community expressed both support and concern during the public forum in Carrboro Elementary School's auditorium.

The text amendment establishes a new use classification that allows facilities to provide social services with dining.

Trish McGuire, a Carrboro planning director, gave a presentation summarizing the process and additional steps the IFC and the town would take to get the land rezoned.

McGuire said the proposed amendment would allow an application to be submitted for the rezoning to be considered, and there would be an additional process to follow after the text amendment is approved.

"The only thing this text amendment does is allow an organization to apply to provide dining as part of social services," Board of Aldermen member Damon Seils said.

Leanne Brown, an attorney representing the IFC, urged the council to approve the application and said it would be an opportunity to talk meaningfully about concerns and needs.

"(We are) asking (the board) to con-

tinue forward in the process to approve a text amendment to allow the IFC to make an application to show you our vision," Brown said.

Many Carrboro residents expressed their support for the text amendment.

"I've been proud to live in a community that works for common good and wants equity for all," Carrboro resident Lucy Lewis said.

Merit Mcmanus, a small business owner in Carrboro, said this text amendment will help the working poor and people who have a hard time even with a job.

Resident Tim West said Carrboro has a communal commitment to kindness and compassion, and allowing social service organizations to serve food downtown is a reflection of who Carrboro residents are.

Despite a majority of support, the text amendment was opposed by some members of the community.

Carrboro business owner Grace Fulton said she opposes the text amendment at this time and does not think the specific location of the kitchen is ideal.

Fulton said social service should be spread throughout the whole community so that one area of town does not bear the cost of providing these services.

Board of Aldermen member Sammy Slade said he thinks most of the concerns of the community lie in the fear of the unknown.

All board members expressed their desire for many more meaningful conversations with the community as the IFC's community kitchen plan unfolds.

Rodney Coleman, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, voiced his support as a member of the faith community.

"We need to help those in need even when it challenges our convenience and comfort," Coleman said. "Feed them here and feed them now."

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Trustees will discuss Hunt Institute's future ties to the University

The institute lost all state funding in July 2015.

By Felicia Bailey
Staff Writer

Today, the University Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees will discuss whether the Hunt Institute will maintain its current collaborative relationship with UNC.

The James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy — a catalyst for transforming public education in the state and the country — lost nearly a quarter of its budget in July 2015, when the state legisla-

ture cut its funding.

In February 2015, the UNC-system Board of Governors had asked the Board of Trustees to put together an extensive review of the institute along with four other UNC centers and institutes to review their purpose and contributions to the University and the state of North Carolina, Board of Trustees Chairperson Dwight Stone said.

The decision to review the institute wasn't meant to assess how much funding it should receive, Stone said.

"It wasn't from a funding standpoint," Stone said. "It was from a purpose standpoint."

The review committee for

the Hunt Institute suggested it could be integrated more into UNC through "formal affiliations with the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education or the School of Government," according to a memo from Carol Tresolini, Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives, to Provost Jim Dean last month.

However, the review committee also said if the institute did not integrate more into UNC, it should "affiliate with a university or organization outside the UNC system or to pursue independent nonprofit status."

Tresolini said the Hunt Institute will continue to grow and do great things whether it's separated from

"We expect our partnership with Carolina to continue."

April White Henderson
Hunt Institute interim director

the University or not.

"I think the Hunt Institute will continue to do the good work that it has been doing whether it's a part of the University or as a separate entity altogether," she said.

The committee was chaired by Kevin FitzGerald, who is now retired from the UNC-system General Administration.

"This is a great time for the leaders of the Hunt Institute

and the University to examine where's the best place for the Hunt Institute to flourish," FitzGerald said.

April White Henderson, interim director of the Hunt Institute, said a separation would not mean that the institute would no longer be affiliated with the University.

"We expect our partnership with Carolina to continue, whether that's through the School of Education, the Department of Public Policy, Kenan-Flagler (Business School) or the Center for Public Service," she said in an email.

"The Institute's Foundation Board feels very strongly about continued collaboration."

Stone said because the

report on all five centers is 143 pages long, there is a possibility that the Board will not make a decision tomorrow and will have to wait until its next meeting in May.

Henderson said no matter what the Board of Trustees decides, the Hunt institute will continue to value its relationship with UNC.

"The recommendations presented were logical and, we believe, in no way specifically targeted the Institute. The Hunt Foundation Board is now considering the best options and opportunities for the Institute and its future, and that includes the recommendations set forth in the report," she said.

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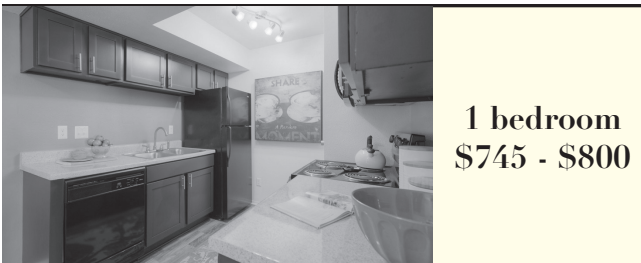
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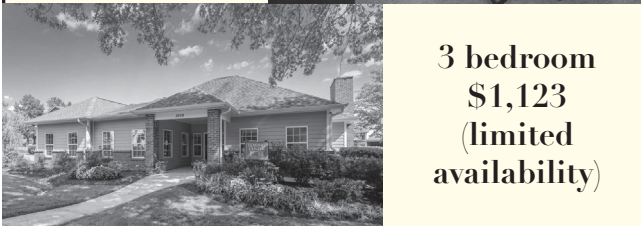
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Moving out for summer

By Breanna Kerr

With spring break over, we have reached the point in the semester where time starts to fly by. The end of the school year marks the end of another year living in Chapel Hill. It's time to move out.

One recommendation for moving, especially from a dorm, where most of what you have are clothes, are large heavy duty garbage bags. They are easy to just throw mass amounts of clothes into and pack well into the car.

If you are an out of state student, sometimes bringing all your stuff all the way home is not a reasonable option. There are many storage services around Chapel Hill and Carrboro, but another cheaper option would be finding a friend who is staying in town for the summer who has extra space at their house to leave your stuff.

Summer in Chapel Hill: to sublet or not to sublet?

Trying to find someone to sublease your room for the summer is an age old Chapel Hill problem. There is always more supply than demand.

Before finding a sublesser, there are some important things to consider about your lease and how a sublesser would affect it.

Carolina Student Legal Services attorney J. Tristan Routh said the first thing to understand is what subleasing is.

"When you sublease, you are still obligated to the terms under your lease," Routh said. "You become a miniature landlord yourself to the person who is subleasing from you: you owe that person statutory duties, and they owe you rent money."

Keep in mind: just because you have a someone to sublease your apartment does not mean you are excused from your lease. If the person does not pay you rent one month, for example, you still owe money to your landlord.

Another important thing to remember is some landlords will specify whether you can sublease or assign your lease — meaning the name is replaced on the lease for a set period of time — and

this difference should be noted in your lease. Routh said the most important thing to remember is make sure you trust the person you are subleasing to. "Rent to someone you know and trust because you should be keeping track of things with the sub-leasee," he said. "Rent money, for one, as well as maintenance and relations with the other tenants."

If you have found someone to sublease for the summer, get everything in writing before the end of the year. Routh recommends visiting Carolina Student Legal Services. A meeting with all the people involved can help the staff lawyers draw up a document that everyone agrees with before signing.

CSLS is located in Union Suite 3512; 919-962-1303.

By Breanna Kerr

Having a cute puppy in the house seems like a great idea: constant attention and affection from a cute animal, nice walks around the neighborhood and companionship all the time.

But before you take a trip to the Orange County Animal Shelter, it's important to know what you're getting yourself into as a college student and pet owner.

Check your lease: Many landlords have a no pets rule in order to keep their homes clean. You shouldn't break this rule unless you prematurely want to say goodbye to your security deposit. Even if the lease does not explicitly ban pets, Carolina Student Legal Services staff attorney J. Tristan Routh recommends getting your landlord's approval first.

Thinking of getting a pet in college? Things to consider

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

Check with your roommates: Always find out how your roommates will feel about having a puppy running around the house, and potentially into their rooms. It is hard enough to live with roommates given the shared cleaning responsibilities and communal

areas, but a pet will put even more pressure on the situation.

Make sure to ask every other tenant and be considerate of their needs and desires. First and foremost, respect pet allergies.

Consider the cost: After the adoption fee, pets require certain vaccinations and medicine before you can take them home, as well as food and other toys.

As a college student, it is important to ask yourself: do you have enough time, attention and money to take care of yourself and a pet?

Consider your post-grad hopes and dreams: Once you decide you can fit a pet into your college lifestyle, consider whether a pet would be compatible with your post-grad plans.

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Faculty: Post-victory bonfires are a safety risk

By Erin Friederichs
Staff Writer

Students jumped over Franklin Street bonfires — a UNC tradition — after the March 5 basketball victory over Duke, but experts worry about the risk posed to students for future victories.

Bruce Cairns, faculty chairperson and director of the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center, brought up his safety concerns at the Faculty Executive Committee meeting on March 6. He said bonfires are very dangerous.

“My bigger concern always is when you have a large number of people on Franklin Street, multiple fires and crowds so large, people can’t control if they get pushed in or not.”

Rosa Perelmutter, a mem-

ber of the Faculty Executive Committee, said she agrees.

“Students don’t realize how many burns result from these bonfires,” Perelmutter said.

Since the bonfires occur on Franklin Street and not on campus, they are not within the University’s jurisdiction.

“I’m very concerned that there apparently is no ordinance that prohibits creation of the bonfires in the town of Chapel Hill,” Perelmutter said. “I would have thought it would be rather simple or logical for the town of Chapel Hill to have this, but there isn’t one.”

Chapel Hill Police Department spokesperson Joshua Mecimore said the Chapel Hill Fire Department regulates bonfires and a permit is necessary for open flame.

“Clearly, the bonfires are

already unlawful. Once it is safe to do so, the fire department extinguishes bonfires. However, given the crowd sizes, it is not feasible to put out or stop every fire immediately,” he said in an email.

Laura Fellwock, a student co-chairperson of Carolina Fever, said she understands safety concerns.

“When you’re celebrating your victory over your greatest rivalry, safety really isn’t your first concern,” Fellwock said. “I mean I know it’s been a Carolina tradition, but it is a serious issue.”

Fellwock said she believes students would not be thrilled if the fires were prohibited.

“From a student perspective, students would say ‘Hey, they’re taking away our fun, we’re just trying to

celebrate here.”

But she said students might gradually become more receptive to the change.

“If it was brought up in the right way and a real conversation was had ... I think we could come to some kind of conclusion across the board that could help us ease into the decision,” Fellwock said.

Cairns said he thinks the administration should work with students and the town to come up with a solution.

“I’ve always been struck by the capacity of the student body to be leaders in their fields,” Cairns said. “I just can’t imagine that people wouldn’t work for a reasonable solution.”

Cairns said the images of celebration make him scared rather than excited.

“When I look at the



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Students and North Carolina basketball fans rush Franklin Street after defeating Duke. The students set bonfires to jump over.

pictures on the front page of The Daily Tar Heel, people jumping over the bonfire, I just see injury, I see tragedy. If something was to happen, we

would not be asking what to do, we would be asking ‘how did we let this happen?’”

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Q&A with US-Cuba relations expert, professor Lars Schoultz

President Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Cuba in 88 years this week. He met with the country’s leader, Raúl Castro, and the two held a joint press conference.

Daily Tar Heel reporter Danielle Chemtob sat down with Lars Schoultz, a UNC political science professor and expert in U.S.-Cuba relations, to discuss the United States’ historical precedence in Cuba and the potential impact of the president’s visit.

The Daily Tar Heel: The last president to visit was Coolidge in 1928. Why now?

Lars Schoultz : If you ask why

now, I think in large measure the answer is because there is so much else on the president’s plate. It really takes a big effort. He has gone to Panama to meet Raúl Castro, he has had to get all the legal advice that he possibly could because the embargo is codified as part of law. The question is what can he adjust without getting Congress to change its mind, and he will never get this current Congress to change its mind.

DTH: How should the United States address human rights concerns in Cuba?

LS: We have been addressing them. We have been funding

the Agency for International Development and the National Endowment for Democracy ... Until 1991 when the Soviet Union disappeared, our complaint about Cuba was that it was communist ... Then in 1991, the Soviet Union disappeared, so as a result, our reason for hostility disappeared. So in 1992 we came up with a new reason, which is that Cuba is not sufficiently democratic ... First of all, it’s very hard to change another country, but second it’s very hard to be friends with a government, the government of Raúl Castro, without somehow acknowledging its legitimacy.

DTH: What effects would lifting

the embargo have?

LS: For the foreseeable future, Cuba is going to live off of tourism. They need hard currency to buy anything — Cuba doesn’t make automobiles, it doesn’t make refrigerators, it doesn’t make a lot of drugs that are necessary ... There’s an awful lot of money to be made in people coming and



Lars Schoultz is a UNC political science professor who specializes in U.S. policy with Latin America and Cuba.

investing in hotels.

DTH: How would opening up relations with Cuba impact U.S. foreign policy, given the country’s history of promoting democracy?

LS: The question is how is the next (Cuban) generation going to respond ... When we give 20 million dollars to hasten Cuba’s revolution, our behavior is saying something. I think the next generation is not going to lose that — I think they may try and accommodate us more than this current generation, but we just don’t understand that Cubans think of themselves as every bit of as good as we are ... All of Latin America has typi-

cally felt that the United States holds them as their inferiors.

DTH: What can Obama do?

LS: He can’t eliminate the embargo so all he can do is fidget around the edges. He can do a lot and he’s done a lot ... He’s saying you can have these people-to-people exchanges, but until last week the people-to-people exchanges had to be an organized group. Now, if you’re interested today you can buy a ticket and go to Cuba, but you can’t say you’re going for tourism because tourism is part of the embargo. So we’ve got a long way to go.”

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 7 – A turning point arises in a partnership, with this Full Moon lunar eclipse in Libra. Balance old responsibilities with new ones. It could get spicy. Compromise and work together for shared commitments.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 – Get creative at work under the Libra Full Moon eclipse. Apply artistry to your efforts. Hold off on making decisions. A turning point arises in service, health and labors. Embrace a new direction.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is an 8 – Embark down a new road for love and family. One game folds as another begins under this Libra Full Moon eclipse. Reach a turning point in a romance, passion or creative endeavor. Keep confidences.

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Today is a 7 – Public obligations interfere with private time. New possibilities stretch old boundaries. Begin a new phase at home and with family under this Libra Full Moon eclipse. Domestic changes require adaptation. Renovate, remodel and tend your garden.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 – Opportunity calls. A new phase in communications, intellectual discovery and travel dawns with this Full Moon eclipse. Shift your research in a new direction. Learning and creative expression flower. Start a new chapter.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 9 – This Full Moon eclipse in your sign illuminates a new personal direction. Push your own boundaries and limitations. It could get exciting! Push a passion project with confidence and fresh inspiration. Creativity blossoms.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 – This Libra Full Moon eclipse shines on a spiritual fork in the road. Transitions require adaptation. Love's a requirement, not an option. Begin a phase of introspection, deep thought and spiritual discovery. Ritual and symbolism provide comfort.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 – This Libra Full Moon eclipse illuminates a new social phase. Doors close and open with friendships and group projects. Share appreciations. An exciting development unlocks new possibilities. Listen carefully. Introduce new people.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 – This Libra Full Moon eclipse sparks a turning point in your career. Responsibilities could weigh heavily. Shift focus toward current passions. Expect a test. Consider new opportunities. Begin a new professional phase.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 9 – Plot your course before taking off. The Libra Full Moon eclipse illuminates a new educational direction. Begin a new phase in an exploration. Experiment with new concepts. To really learn, visit the source.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is an 8 – Shift direction with your shared finances over the next six months, under this Libra Full Moon eclipse. Balance old responsibilities with new. The stakes could seem high. Work out the next phase together.

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Helicopter soars as sign of safety and school spirit

UNC Hospitals' helicopters feature heel print designs.

By Maria Mullis
Staff Writer

Even UNC Hospitals shows its school spirit — in the form of a heel print design on the bottom of the helicopters.

Carolina Air Care provides critical care transport for patients around North Carolina to UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill by air operation and provides ground transport as well.

Currently, there are two helicopters operating 24/7, with one based out of Siler City and the other out of Fayetteville to better provide services for the entire state.

Besides the Carolina blue, white and navy colors on the body of the helicopter, there is a distinctive heel design on the bottom.

Last month, UNC graduate Jason Smith posted a photo of one of the helicopters on the Facebook group Overheard at UNC after the heel print design piqued his interest.

"I think I took that picture last fall. I've had it in my stash of images for a while and was going through old pictures the other day and saw that one," he said. "I had never really seen the bottom of it."

Smith said he didn't realize the helicopter had a heel print design on the bottom until he looked back at the photo.

"I think it's interesting," he said. "I don't know that most people would notice it or ever see that it was there."

Derek Chrisco, a Carolina



COURTESY OF JASON SMITH

Air Care flight nurse and UNC graduate, said nearly 30 years ago the bottom of the helicopters used to be a solid white color until a mechanic decided to add a unique design.

"The mechanic said, 'Well, we need to have something on there,'" Chrisco said.

This mechanic hand painted a Tar Heel heel print on the bottom, inspired by designs he had seen from Wake Forest and Duke hospitals.

The design now appears on every new helicopter since the late 1980s, although it is done professionally.

Chrisco said the design reinforces the hospitals' connection to UNC and makes the helicopters recognizable.

"It's largely decorative," he said. "But it's the thought that that's what people see when

"It's the thought that that's what people see when it's landing. You recognize it's UNC."

Derek Chrisco
Carolina Air Care flight nurse

it's landing," he said. "You recognize it's UNC."

The two helicopters in Carolina Air Care's fleet are called A61 and A62 but are more commonly known as Tar Heel 1 and Tar Heel 2, respectively.

Despite the design not being very noticeable, many are still able to associate it with the University.

First-year Tamara Royster said the design shows school spirit and solidarity.

"I automatically think back to here," she said.

Royster said she also credits

the helicopters and UNC for saving her young niece who was airlifted to UNC Hospitals for a medical complication.

"Even when I wasn't a student here, I could recognize it," she said. "I affiliated it with the University."

Chrisco said the heel print has become a recognizable trademark.

"These's always that connection between health care and the schools," he said.

"You have pride for where you work and who you work for."

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Hundreds petition for town gender-neutral bathrooms

By Nicole Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Carolina Advocating for Gender Equality has collected more than 400 signatures on its petition to bring gender-neutral bathrooms to Chapel Hill businesses.

Rachel Allen, a UNC student and co-chairperson of CAGE, which is a Campus Y committee, said gender-neutral bathrooms are an easy fix to a problem that affects a lot of people.

"Gender-neutral bathrooms would not only benefit transgender and gender nonconforming people," Allen said.

"It is also really, really helpful for differently-abled people or parents with a child of a different gender."

Allen said single-stall bathrooms in businesses could have "all-gender" restrooms signs that would make the lives of transgender people much easier.

She said transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals face a lot of discrimination when using their assigned bathrooms.

"The goal is not to eliminate gender from bathrooms," Allen said.

"Right now where we are, a lot of people would feel unsafe doing that in multi-stall bathrooms."

Allison Eames, a UNC student and another of CAGE's chairpeople, said gendered bathrooms can be a very dangerous place for transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

She said though the petition was initiated for the town of Chapel Hill, CAGE plans to bring the issue to UNC's student government.

"I think gender-neutral bathrooms will bring the community together more," Eames said.

"I think it will create a safer place at Carolina and Chapel Hill in general."

Eames said when the petition gets 500 signatures, CAGE will present it to local businesses.

CAGE will then allow these businesses to decide if they want to implement their own gender-neutral bathrooms.

Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger said in an email that the state legislature has called for a special session on the issue.

She said she will keep a close eye as they address the gender-neutral issue.

"Chapel Hill is committed to making sure that our town is a place for everyone," Hemminger said.

Allen said establishing gender-neutral bathrooms would allow the voices of transgender and gender-nonconforming people to be heard.

"I think it is very important for us to be aware of the needs of transgender and gender-nonconforming people because their voices are so often silenced in our society," Allen said.

"So I think this is a really, really good step for us to be taking, but there is still a lot that needs to be done."

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ROSEMARY STREET

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lighting and utilities and street repaving.

Cameron said construction for the curbs, gutters and sidewalks is anticipated to start in mid-May directly following UNC's Spring Commencement and pending the town council's approval.

The construction will continue through the summer into the fall, when a separate contract for the street resurfacing will begin.

"We hope that it will be consistent with what was built in 2011 across from Shortbread, which included a brick strip behind the curb, along with trees, a

5-inch concrete sidewalk, lighting, trash cans and bike racks," she said.

"That is what most of the renovations will look like."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Michael Parker said he is confident a bid will be achieved. The council will vote to approve the renovations May 9.

"I think Rosemary Street should be one of the most important streets in the town, certainly the second most important street in downtown, and I think for far too long it has been neglected," he said.

But in order to move forward with the project, the town needs to gain permission from property

owners behind the curb.

Acquiring the permissions will give the town the right to work on and maintain the sidewalks, notably during snow and ice storms.

Under this provision, Chapel Hill will be able to clear the new Rosemary Street sidewalks in the event of a winter storm, instead of relying on the property owners to remove the slippery mess that typically results.

The town is in the process of releasing public information about the project, and will begin to update its residents regularly as the start of construction gets closer.

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PRO DAY

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meaning Pro Day was their only chance to prove what they could do.

"This is the biggest interview of my life," said linebacker Jeff Schoettmer. "My goal, first and foremost, is to get to

the next level, and (Pro Day) is a huge step toward that goal."

Knowing this was his opportunity, Williams shined when it mattered most. And despite being surrounded by scouts, the quarterback said he didn't let himself feel any pressure.

"I just looked at it like backyard football," Williams

said. "Because if I put pressure on myself, I would have just come out here and thrown the ball in the dirt."

Now, with Pro Day behind him, Williams has a new dream — hearing his name called at the NFL Draft.

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SPELLINGS

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"Honey Halo," with Spellings.

Davidson said Spellings' meeting with campus innovators could improve her relations with students.

"She's really making an effort to meet students to get to know what we need and what we want," she said. "I think if people see the interview she just gave and her reaction to these projects that it would improve their relationship with her."

Spellings addressed existing tension between herself and the students with the media, allowing reporters to ask about her trips to campuses and plans for the future.

"I want to hear from everyone with a different point of view and, you know, we'll attend to their concerns or issues as best we can," Spellings said.

She said she aims to share her experiences at each institution with the legislature.


"What I'm hoping to do is be able to tell the legislature about what I'm seeing, about what we have to be proud of as an institution, and what we have to invest in and cherish these institutions," she said.

Spellings will continue her tour in the coming weeks.

"I'm looking forward to meeting the people and hearing what they value and what they think I ought to know to advocate on their behalf," she said.


"I view myself as a conduit between policymakers and the legislature who are about to be here for a budget session and the people working every day to serve students and citizens of the state."

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1 Tatum O'Neal played one in "The Bad News Bears"

7 Burn a tad

11 Keystone bumbler

14 Running by itself

15 Drought-ridden

16 Suffix with infant

17 *Freebie with fries

19 Woodworking tool

20 Kosher deli offering

21 Sipped sherry, say

23 Nails, as a test

24 Baptism receptacle

25 How some Bibles present Jesus' words

28 Secure with a seat belt

30 Stool pigeon

32 Barrister's topper

33 Playing card symbol

34 Chief Valhalla god

35 Whiskey barrel wood

38 *Spicy Chinese dish with chicken and peanuts

41 Big name in ice cream

42 It may be gray

44 In medias —

45 Dr. Mom's forte

47 Source of early clothing?

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56-Across, blamed for

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54 Heavy hauler

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60 Part of dpi

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species, only the emperor is larger

64 747, e.g.

65 Cyberzine

66 Inner strength

67 Wily

68 Very best

69 Verne __, Mini-Me portrayer in Austin Powers films

Down

1 Gertrude Stein confidante

Alice B. __

2 Like Chekhov's "A Marriage Proposal"

3 "As a __ of fact ..."

4 Firewood-sizing tool

5 Will-wisp link

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7 Political channel

8 Intellectually stimulating experience

9 Conquistador's chest

10 Weave anew

11 *South Korean

subcompact

12 Antique

13 Brick-shaped candy

18 Unit of loudness

22 It may be supplied at a booth, briefly

24 Work (out)

26 Writer Bagnold

27 Seventh Avenue fashion initials

29 Water __: oral irrigator

31 "So what?" feeling

33 Family-friendly ratings

35 Big galoots

36 Grammy winner India. __

37 *Beer pong venue

39 "Ready for forty winks?"

40 Portuguese hi

43 Symptom ending

46 Held fast

48 Dishonest activity

49 Kid's summer spot

50 Mil. grunt work, and a hint to the answers to starred clues

51 French star

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55 Gibson's "Lethal Weapon" role

58 Stretch __

59 Cabinet dept.

60 Nightcap complement

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Don't stand by the Clock Kid

Last September, a Muslim kid in Texas was arrested after the clock he built and brought to show his schoolteachers was mistaken for a bomb. Most people cried foul. President Barack Obama invited Ahmed "Clock Kid" Mohamed to visit. The "IStandWithAhmed" Twitter account took off.

Afterwards, Ahmed's daddy took his son back to their native Sudan where the pair visited and took chummy public pictures with Sudan's president, Omar al-Bashir — a man indicted with killing his own people, of genocide in Darfur. How could you? You made a big fuss when a school with a stupid principal called the cops because they wouldn't believe your clock was just a clock. You screamed injustice and (almost) all of America was there with you. You asked us to stand with you, and we did.

Then you dare stand with a man who oppresses millions. Darfur is home to millions of displaced, hundreds of thousands of dead, thousands of raped women, according to a United Nations report. Bashir risks expulsion to the International Criminal Court every time he leaves Sudan — but that's okay, why leave when Clock Kid makes house calls and smiles sweetly?

To be sure, Ahmed is a teen, but his older sisters should know better, and his father — some sort of opposition politician — has no excuse.

The same American Muslim activists outraged over his clock arrest — "I imagined Ahmed was my child!" — suddenly had nothing to say. I know, because I searched Twitter and Facebook, praying that some holy, righteous imam shouting about how women shouldn't wear nail polish would speak out. Ha!

Why don't we also imagine, as the BBC reported in 2004, "stick-thin infants" who died in refugee camps due to the man Clock Kid cuddled, why not imagine them "throwing up their food because they are too weak to eat it"? Don't claim ignorance — Clock Kid's photo-op with Mr. Genocide was splashed over world headlines.

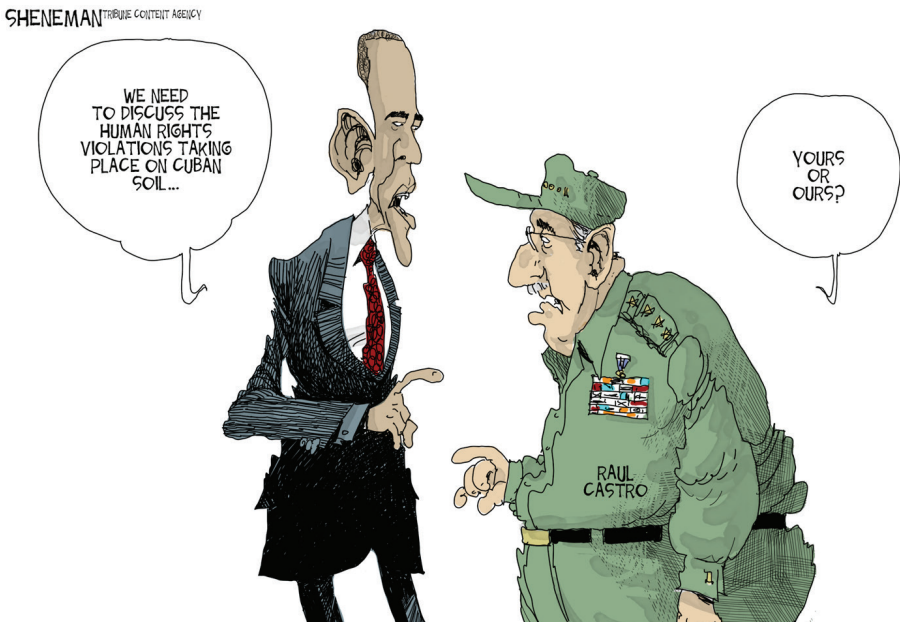
Many American Muslim activists these days have aligned themselves with Black Lives Matter. So let's compare. Black Lives Matter supports an oppressed Black and partly Muslim minority; Darfur's population is mainly Muslim, considered Black and oppressed. Why not stand with both?

Perhaps it's that Black Lives Matter protests a mostly white power structure, a cause we Muslims are happy to join. But in Darfur, it means protesting Arab Muslim power structures; hence, silence.

Well, you say, Black Lives Matter is flaring before our eyes; Darfur is thousands of miles away. Yes, but Iraq, Syria, Palestine are just as far, and we know all about injustices there. So the difference now becomes some ugly compound of whether the killers or the killed are Arab, Black, Muslim, the right kind of Muslim — who knows.

And to those dead set on blowing up Brussels, Baghdad and others to avenge whatever grievance, know your huge double standard of our own Muslim Arab crimes in Darfur is noted. Please lose your underdog hero schtick, you're just stone-hearted, unjust hypocrites.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Drew Sheneman, The Star-Ledger



EDITORIAL

Iraq, a forgotten war

13 years later, Americans cannot forget war's cost.

This week marks the 13th anniversary of the disastrous U.S. invasion of Iraq, an occasion that has slipped past largely unnoticed, with nary a mention in the national conversation.

Given the scope of this calamity, this apathetic amnesia seems hard to believe. How could such a calamity, one that happened not so long ago, and is arguably still ongoing, have been so completely forgotten?

After trillions of dollars spent, thousands of American soldier's casualties, hundreds of thousands of civilian deaths and a shattering of America's reputation, what was the result of President George W. Bush's crusade? Iraq now is a broken state in disarray; wracked by ultraviolent extremism and hellish ethno-religious strife; its "democratic" successor government is a corrupt, divided sham; and the supposedly imminent threat of Saddam's weapons program was just another naked lie.

An unhinged death cult now controls half the country. Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator — but at least Iraq was not a base of operations for the most virulent jihadist group in history, as is the case today. The recent tragedy in Belgium

underscores this cruel, unintended consequence.

Or perhaps even more cynically, Americans are simply resigned to the fact that their government will involve itself in every quagmire in the Middle East no matter the cost.

So far, this narrative of the war's anniversary has been withering and depressing — and given the subject matter, such is, frankly, warranted. The pre-emptive aggression against Iraq was a great blunder of the 21st century — and hopefully not to be surpassed. But Americans must do more if they want to avoid another Iraq.

The blunder of Iraq is not doomed to be an endless string of death and folly as Washington continues its involvement in the Middle East. This will only happen if we let it. There are countless avenues we can pursue to prevent endless wars from happening again.

Americans could hold politicians, like Hillary Clinton, accountable for their reckless actions, who not only pushed for the invasion of Iraq but continued to start new disastrous interventions in Libya and Syria. Washington's disease of warmongering is, unfortunately, bipartisan.

American students could resume their historic role of protesting international injustice by our government and the harm endless war and unwise intervention cause our nation physically, financially and spiritually. The Vietnam

War, perhaps even more of a disaster than that in Iraq, was ended by the staunch resistance of largely youth protestors.

Americans could start fighting more for their hard-won constitutional freedoms like privacy and religious freedom, and not surrender them whenever the government invokes a foreign bogeyman.

Americans could educate themselves about the sordid background of the war, how Bush's administration started planning the attack on Iraq before Sept. 11, 2001, how administration insiders used the war for personal gain and how the national media and political opposition did little to stop them from (or worst, helped) lying the nation into war.

The American news media could stop lending credence to the discredited hacks and neocon talking heads whose quackery pushed America into the Iraq disaster, but who still continue to cheer for more wars in the Middle East.

American liberals could stop pretending like it's okay for President Obama to lie about his promises to end the Iraq War and to kill civilians with drones.

American conservatives could discover the long constitutionalist heritage of opposing foreign entanglements that only grow government power and extort the taxpayer.

There is a lot Americans could do — it remains to be seen if they will.

SPORTS COLUMN

Johnson deserves praise

The senior should have been considered for Player of the Year.

Where do I start? No, really, where? Is it his 21 double-doubles this season? What about the 39-point, 23-rebound outing against Florida State? Or is it any number of his rim-rattling alley-oops, sending the Smith Center crowd to its feet?

Brice Johnson was left off the finalist list for the Naismith Player of the Year this weekend. Was he going to win? Maybe. Did he deserve to make the list? Absolutely.

When word got out that Marcus Paige was going to miss the first four weeks of the season with a broken hand, some Tar Heel fans were worried. Who will lead the team in his absence?

Johnson answered the call. And he has done so in a resounding fashion.

He has averaged 16.8 points and 10.5 rebounds thus far, both team highs. He leads the team in field goal percentage, blocks and free-throw percentage.

When the guards are strug-



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gling, Johnson has proved to be an easy two points in the post, with a quick spin and jump shot. His ability to take over a game has been key for the Tar Heels late in games.

Amazingly, he has more rebounds than Kennedy Meeks and Isaiah Hicks combined, though the pair have played about 300 more total minutes than him.

And in a sport filled with one-and-dones and players running to the NBA, Johnson improved in nearly every statistical category in each of his four seasons, with his most drastic up-tick coming in this

season, his senior campaign.

But Johnson has been more than just a shot blocker and offensive presence. He's been the player little kids pretend to be in their backyard. He's been the man that can bring Roy Williams, the faithful Tar Heel, to tears when he recounts on his career in Carolina Blue.

We have grown to love Brice. His roar. His grin. His chest beating.

Even though Johnson was named to the United States Basketball Writers Association first team All-American, it isn't enough.

Don't get me wrong, each of the finalists for the Naismith Player of the Year have had incredible seasons in their own regard. But what Brice Johnson has done for UNC this year, nobody fully expected. When I look back on this season, a national title or not, I will remember Brice. The dunks. The blocks into press row.

The biggest force in college basketball.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If something was to happen, we would not be asking what to do, we would be asking 'how did we let this happen?'"

Bruce Cairns, on the danger of celebratory bonfires on Franklin Street.

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"While activists play a strong role, they should never think they're representing the student body as a whole."

BikiniMire, on a claim student government doesn't represent students.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The confessions of a CDS employee

TO THE EDITOR:

Hi, my name is Lucy, and you might know me. I'm the student cashier at Mainstreet Lenoir on the Chick-fil-A side. However, as of 3 p.m. today I am quitting, so here are my not-so-secret confessions, including all the dirty details of the place you eat every day ...

Confession 1:

I check out/attempt to flirt with every cute boy who comes through my line. One time, somebody even asked for my number after I rung up his food... score!

Confession 2:

I'm not gonna bust you for putting soda in your water cup. I really don't care.

Confession 3:

Whenever the credit card machines go down and you have to write your PID or swipe your One Card (that doesn't have any money on it), you aren't actually getting charged. It's just a façade so you don't tell all your friends about the #phreefood.

Confession 4:

My coworkers and I love you. We all have our favorite customers, and you make our day when you know our names and ask how we're doing. We may even give you special treat on the sly. Keep doing what you're doing and being super nice and patient. It really means a lot.

Confession 5:

I've learned more about institutional racism at the dining hall than anywhere else in my time at UNC. I could give you at least five concrete examples on the spot, but the point is, white privilege is alive and well.

Confession 6:

I secretly judge those people who get Chick-fil-a every day. I also judge those people who spend over \$10 on lunch every day ... that stuff is expensive!

Confession 7:

Every time some of your waffle fries fall on the counter and you don't want them, I eat them. A hungry girl's gotta do what she's gotta do.

Confession 8: My biggest pet peeve is when "gyro" is pronounced wrong (it's pronounced "yee-roh").

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DTH piece on RTPs lacked information

TO THE EDITOR:

Your fluff piece in Monday's paper, "13 UNC leaders will advise administrators on the future of Student Stores" reads like pure window dressing and is full of contradictions.

Two questions that have not been addressed in this ongoing saga by The Daily Tar Heel are 1) Is there a level playing field among the submissions regarding the

debt service that the current store is paying toward the building renovations from five years ago?

How will the competing private parties cover the debt service in addition to earning a profit for their shareholders and still make a larger contribution to the University than the current management?

2) Why has the Chancellor not recused the Vice Chancellor from the selection process since there is clearly a perceived conflict of interest since he has privatized two previous campus stores before coming to UNC? What is Follett paying him under the table?

All the studies and committee suggestions are meaningless if the final decision is ultimately made behind closed doors in South Building, if it hasn't been made already while we go through this charade.

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E-cigs ought to stay banned in Chapel Hill

TO THE EDITOR:

Although the editorial written against the ban on vaping indoors includes flowery language about the "freedom of choice and property rights" of business owners, it seems that the rights of everyone else have been completely forgotten.

As a former smoker who struggled before quitting, I can say from experience that whether someone is smoking traditional cigarettes, hookah or electronic cigarettes, the effect is the same on those around you.

I started smoking before I was eighteen, like many smokers, because it was so normalized by the people around me, and it was especially hard to quit when everyone else is doing it.

I still get an itch to smoke whenever I get a whiff of secondhand smoke in the street, or smell the flavors coming off a portable hookah.

The author has suggested, anecdotally, that banning e-cigs in businesses will have negative public health effects because people will switch back to using traditional cigarettes, but this ignores the plurality of patrons who don't smoke at all.

One of the most successful ways that Americans have decreased the number of smokers, as opposed to other Western countries in Europe, has been through the campaign to stop smoking in public; if we allow vaping where we used to ban smoking, then it won't replace the smoking of today, but the smoking of the 1950s.

The author said that it is "well-established" that e-cigs are safer, but remember that it took generations before it was well-established that cigarettes weren't safe to begin with.

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