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Megachurches attract youth members

The 2,000-plus-congregant churches provide services every day of the week

By **Zoe Schaver**
Senior Writer

The building towers over its sprawling parking lot, its windowless slabs of off-white concrete giving it the authoritative look of a government building. People of all ages trickle into the building seven days a week, sometimes in large crowds. Outside the six floors of the main structure are a number of signs guiding visitors to other parts of the surrounding campus, including a satellite building and a large courtyard. But this isn't any kind of government, school or office building — it's Raleigh's Providence Baptist

Church, one of many megachurches in the Triangle. Findings from the Hartford Institute for Religion Research show these churches attract younger participants to their congregations — more so than many other, smaller churches. That includes college students, who tend to drop out of church for at least part of their college careers, research says. A megachurch is defined as a church hosting more than 2,000 congregants for Sunday worship, offering some kind of programming seven days a week and maintaining a complex organizational structure that houses several different social and outreach ministries, according

to the Hartford Institute. Most megachurch congregations are predominantly white, and a majority are denominationally evangelical. Scott Thumma, director of the Hartford Institute and a specialist in megachurch research, said megachurches are a relatively recent phenomenon and usually come about in one of two ways. "There are some that have been congregations for decades, or even a century, and then something happens. They get a new pastor, or the town grows out to where they are, and all of a sudden, they become a couple thousand rather than a couple hundred," he said.

"There are others that are intentionally planted with a young pastor, and seemingly overnight — say within a year or two — they go from nobody to a couple thousand." Providence, established in 1978, attracts thousands of congregants each week and offers three separate services each Sunday, in addition to small-group "Life Classes" throughout the week. To the right of the church is a separate building with its own parking lot, which houses Providence's college ministry. Walking into the church on a Sunday morning, you'd see "Guest Services" spelled out in giant, silver metal letters over an information kiosk, like a hotel's front desk. To

the left of the guest desk is a glossy, blown-up wall map and directory of the church campus, and farther left is the miniature "Providence Cafe," which offers congregants a free cup of joe with all the fixings. Near the cafe are the church library and a fellowship hall, and back toward the front is the worship space, complete with a sound booth, a stage covered with musical instruments and four separate video screens for watching the Sunday service. Thumma said a big reason megachurches can get more youth through their doors is their size and the resources the size creates. SEE MEGACHURCHES, PAGE 4

COLUMN

Why the religion issue

The Daily Tar Heel dug into religion for year's first themed issue.

I am not religious. I'm not sure if I'm an agnostic or just an atheist in denial, but I definitely do not practice any of the religions covered in The Daily Tar Heel's special projects and investigations team's Religion Issue today. But I am in the minority — both on this campus and in this state. According to a 2013 survey at UNC, only 36 percent of student respondents either don't believe in God, don't care about religion or don't associate with a faith.

In July, the I-Team, which I oversee, decided on this theme for our first issue. My first lesson in producing today's issue: Religion is everywhere.

Religion was present in the shootings in Charleston that had happened a few weeks earlier that killed nine people at one of the United States' oldest black churches.

Religion was present in the shootings that killed three Muslim students in Chapel Hill five months earlier.

Religion was present in the protests both for and against Planned Parenthood on campus Tuesday.

So this summer, my reporters drew from the year's major events and dug into the role religion plays on campus, in town and in the state.

They found that a mosque was being built in Chapel Hill after a 17-year struggle, that Christian megachurches



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were increasingly becoming the most effective recruiter for millennial believers and that Carolina Dining Services doesn't offer halal or kosher meat in dining halls.

The rest of The Daily Tar Heel management team and I looked at the list of stories my reporters came up with and the impact they would have on the community.

We knew we had the theme for our first special projects issue of the school year.

This three-month-long issue is my team's passion project. My staff searched high and low for sources who would be willing to talk about the subjects covered today — from same-sex adoptions through religious organizations to interfaith dating on campus.

(A belated apology to all of my Facebook friends for the statuses.)

Every day of this process, I looked through our list of projects and thought about all of the communities who would yell at me for exclud-

COMMUNITY FORUM

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ing them if the issue was to come out that morning. Every day that list got smaller and more justifiable.

Today, I know we didn't cover everything. But the team's themed issues are never intended to cover it all.

The point of today is not to say "On Oct. 7, The Daily Tar Heel talked about religion, and now everyone can quit and go home." Instead, we intend to expose our readers to the wider religious community sitting on the periphery of the UNC bubble.

And each semester, we'll bring you two themed issues just like this one that are aimed at furthering a conversation that is already happening among readers.

So today, I give you my background to help you understand where the issue's editorial leadership comes from. I was out of my comfort zone but driven to learn more. I learned a lot, and I hope you do, too.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, come to the community forum on Thursday. I'll be there with my team and fellow management members. I hope to see you there.



Steve Richichi (left) picks up his dinner at the Mediterranean Deli Market on Monday evening. DTH/KASIA JORDAN

On campus, religious dietary restrictions hard to meet

Few halal and kosher dining options exist for students.

By **Zhai Yun Tan**
Senior Writer

Saarah Khan's food options in the dining hall are limited.

She mostly eats pasta, salad and the occasional veggie burger. She's delighted when there is breakfast food.

"It kind of sucks having to eat the same thing every day," said Khan, a junior. "I still have a meal plan because when I'm on campus I feel like that's my only option."

Senior Shira Chandler did the same when she was a first-year student.

"I mostly ate salads because I couldn't eat

any of the meat that was in the dining hall," Chandler said.

Khan and Chandler's food options are limited because of their religious beliefs. Khan is a Muslim, and Chandler is a Jew. Both religions have dietary restrictions — ones that UNC students sometimes struggle to follow when they are on campus.

The Islamic religion requires its believers to abide by the halal lifestyle, which means Khan cannot consume pork, and the meat she eats must come from animals that are raised ethically and slaughtered in a specific method that includes invoking the name of God.

The kosher dietary laws for Jews ban its believers from consuming pork and other specific types of meat. Utensils and cooking

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“Think for yourself, and let others enjoy the privilege of doing so, too.”

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The most haunted places in Chapel Hill

By Tiana Attride
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Let me just begin by saying that I am the biggest scaredy-cat ever to grace UNC's fine campus.

I wish I could learn to love creepy little ghost girls that crawl out of wells and nightmare-haunting figures with skin conditions, but for some reason or another, I've just never found the appeal.

In fact, I have a one-horror-movie-per-year limit because it takes me the following 11 months to stop being freaked out. Even if there's one out that interests me, I opt to read the summary on IMDb and allow my imagination to make

me miserable without any visuals to help it along.

With this in mind, imagine my poor blood pressure during this season, especially in a place like Chapel Hill, where Halloween is perhaps one of the biggest events of the year. I love the costumes, I love the parties, but the ghost stories, that others are so interested in, send me crying home to my mommy.

Personally, I'll pass on the "scary" part of Halloween and simply allow myself to enjoy all the Nov. 1 50-percent-off candy I plan on consuming instead.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Redefining Mental Health
— An Expert Panel Event:

Stigma Free Carolina and The Graduate School will host a panel discussing stigmas surrounding mental health. Panelists include a psychology professor and clinical director of Counseling and Psychological Services. This event is free and open to the public.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Hyde Hall

Demystifying the Cover Letter:

Join University Career Services for a session on what cover letters are and what it takes to write a strong one. This event is free and open to students.

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: Sitterson Hall

Sacrificial Poets Touchstone

Open Mic: Youth performance group The Sacrificial Poets will pair up with Flyleaf Books for an open mic night to share poetry, songs and other works. This event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome.
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Flyleaf Books

THURSDAY

Community Forum: The Daily Tar Heel will host an event for community members to discuss Wednesday's special theme issue on religious topics. Editors and reporters will be available

MORE TO SEE ONLINE:

ONLINE POLL

The Daily Tar Heel asked respondents what their opinion is of kava. Results as of publication.

"What now?"
— 52 percent

"Haven't had it, but I want to try!"
— 30 percent

"It makes me sick."
— 16 percent

"Love it!"
— 2 percent

To weigh in on this poll and previous ones, head to dailytarheel.com/poll/archive.

PUMPKINS

A staff writer offers four ways for students to enjoy pumpkins while keeping up a hipster image.

Fall has arrived, and with it comes all of the wonderful things we all look forward to: apples, cool air, hot chocolate and, yes, pumpkins.

Now, I love pumpkin-flavored everything just as much as the next basic white girl. But I also realize that being obsessed with pumpkin is almost as much of a stereotype as wearing Norts and oversized T-shirts.

To read the full story, go to the Tar Heel Life Hacks blog on dailytarheel.com.

in BRIEF

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Police see string of break-ins downtown

Chapel Hill police have seen a string of break-ins over the past two weeks, according to an Alert Carolina message sent out Tuesday afternoon.

According to the police, there have been multiple break-ins and thefts, including vehicle thefts, concentrated along Franklin and Rosemary streets, especially at or near fraternity or sorority houses. These began on Sept. 21 and occurred as recently as Monday.

Two vehicles that were stolen were later recovered in Durham, according to Alert Carolina. The alert said police believe Toyotas are being especially targeted for theft. The police recommend residents secure vehicles and personal items and ensure all doors and windows are locked.

— staff reports

POLICE LOG

• Someone committed larceny on Shepherd Lane between the hours of 8:05 a.m. and 9:05 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole prescription medicine, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny on the 100 block of Johnson Street between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole \$123 in cash from a purse, reports state.

• Someone reported road rage on the 100 block of Mason Farm Road and South Columbia Street at 5:46 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone reported a peeping Tom on the 300 block of West Rosemary Street between the hours

of 12:06 a.m. and 1:06 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person was looking at a female inside her apartment, reports state.

• Someone reported loud music on the 700 block of Trinity Court at 11:22 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone committed larceny on the 300 block of Estes Drive between the hours of 2 a.m. and 3:14 a.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person stole a pit bull, valued at \$100, reports state.

• Someone committed misdemeanor larceny at Food Lion at 104 N.C. Highway 54 at 2:09 p.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person stole a hamburger, valued at \$5.79, reports state.

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Campus debates Planned Parenthood

Students for Life say better options exist for women's health

By Karli Krasnipol
Staff Writer

A big pink bus made a big statement at UNC on Tuesday: The fight to defund Planned Parenthood is strong and present. Students for Life of America is on a weeklong bus tour to college campuses around the country, coordinating with campus Students for Life organizations.

Arina Grossu, director of the Family Research Council's Center for Human Dignity, said this organization reaches a lot of college campuses.

"Students for Life has been doing it since 2013. They've gone to 150 campuses. This fall they're going to 80 campuses, so (they're) raising awareness of what Planned Parenthood is doing and why Planned Parenthood should be defunded, and the money redirected to the 13,500 federally qualified health centers that offer all the services and more of Planned Parenthood, except abortion," Grossu said.

President of Carolina Students for Life Grace Garner, a sophomore, said this event is based on educating students at UNC and around the country.

"We're trying to educate them about the actual services that Planned Parenthood provides," Garner said.

According to Planned Parenthood's website, five of the nine North Carolina Planned Parenthood offices provide abortion services. The other four provide abortion referrals.

Garner and Grossu said they care about the health of women and do not believe Planned Parenthood does.

"We're very concerned about women's health and about the laws Planned Parenthood may be breaking, and we feel that women should have choices from more comprehensive health care," Garner said.

Grossu said Planned Parenthood affiliates are mostly located around college campuses and minority neighborhoods.

"They target students and young people, so we want to let them know about what Planned Parenthood is doing and to give them the information so that they can support health centers that actually care for them and for women and their families," Grossu said.

Senior Aimee Mulligan said she's anti-abortion. "That is a human being," Mulligan said. "That is a person that is guaranteed the rights and liberties that are in our Constitution."

Garner said there are other options for low-income families to receive healthcare.

"We have information for federally qualified health centers — local, here in Chapel Hill. These services are also aimed towards low-income women and families," Garner said.

"They receive the same kind of funding Planned Parenthood does, Title X and Medicaid, and they provide much more comprehensive health care."

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At top, UNC sophomore Rachel Allen protests the anti-abortion bus tour on campus Tuesday. Below, Center for Human Dignity director Arina Grossu urges defunding Planned Parenthood.

Protestors: Planned Parenthood offers array of benefits

By Belle Hillenburg
Staff Writer

Big, pink signs hung outside Wilson Library on Tuesday along with bunches of balloons to promote the benefits of Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood offers a variety of resources to young people, including STI screenings, vaccines and birth control, according to a flyer handed out by demonstrators.

"Personally, I feel attacked and unsafe when UNC administration and student organizations bring anti-choice groups and anti-choice slander campaigns to campus," said Jennifer Myers, co-chairperson of Students United for Reproductive Justice.

Several UNC student organizations, including SURJ, Feminist Students United and Carolina Advocating for Gender Equality, hosted the event, which coincided with the presence of a mobile anti-abortion bus demonstration on campus.

Myers said the groups came together to promote bodily autonomy and access to health care.

"Planned Parenthood offers a lot of different health services, and as college students, these are things that we access frequently," SURJ co-chairperson Serena Ajbani said Tuesday.

Students at the demonstration handed out condoms and fact sheets about Planned Parenthood.

"I'm concerned for safety on campus and the fact that there's an anti-choice slander group allowed to be protesting," Myers said.

Senior Stephanie Tepper said she wanted to make sure the support demonstration stayed positive so students felt safe on campus.

"I know that in the past, other groups have come, and it has been very triggering and creates an unsafe environment on campus. I was really excited when I heard other students wanted to create a positive counterprotest," she said.

Tepper said the goal of the demonstration was to show the other side of the story by promoting the importance of Planned Parenthood.

"We're absolutely just trying to make people feel safe in this space and let people know about the rights people have and the choices they have," said Rachel Allen, co-chairperson of Carolina Advocating for Gender Equality.

Ajbani said protests against Planned Parenthood could be harmful to students who see the bus on the way to class.

"The fact that if someone walking around on campus has had an abortion, and there is a group that is publicly shaming people for having abortions, that can really interfere with education," Ajbani said.

Sophomore Emily Goldstein said she attended the demonstration to promote the safety of all students.

"It isn't even a matter of someone who's for or against abortion," she said. "This is really a matter of students understanding the resources that Planned Parenthood and other health services can provide for them."

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County falls silent to give voice to transplants

Orange County aims to raise awareness for bone marrow donations.

By Alexis Allston
Staff Writer

Orange County plans to go silent Wednesday at noon.

Friends and family of former Orange County Superior Judge Carl Fox called for a moment of silence and prayer in support of his recovery.

Fox, who was diagnosed with blood cancer in April, underwent a cord blood transplant last week.

He is in need of a bone marrow transplant, but there is no match in the registry at this time.

Ever since he was diagnosed, Fox has led a campaign to encourage more people to add themselves to the bone marrow donor registry to help others in need.

The moment of silence today will support Fox and aims to spread awareness about those in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Earl McKee, chairperson of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, said he supports the moment of silence and respects Fox as someone who has served Orange County and the surrounding area for many years.

"He has always impressed me as being someone who is fair," McKee said.

"He is very concerned with individuals in situations whether they are before him in the courtroom or the community. He is very thoughtful in his comments and stances."

McKee said the moment of silence highlights the situation that Fox and others like him are facing.

McKee also hopes that the prayers might do even more for Fox than spread awareness in the community.

"Hopefully miracles happen," McKee said. "Maybe that (moment of silence)

can play into that, and even if it doesn't, it'll create heightened awareness of the difficult situation that he and others are facing."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Lee Storrow said the moment of silence is a great way to raise awareness for increasing the amount of people registered as bone marrow donors.

Storrow mentioned the importance of how Fox has used his influence and prominence in the community to spread awareness about his illness and bring attention to people facing similar challenges as himself.

"I think it's really powerful and really valuable that he's been willing

to be honest in public," Storrow said.

First-year student Alex Vergara supports the moment of silence and said it's important to the community because it spreads awareness.

"That's a pretty amazing thing that he had to retire over something that's taken over his life," Vergara said.

"He's taking a stand to help other people; it's extending beyond himself."

All in the community are encouraged to support Fox and participate in the moment of silence throughout Orange County.

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Zach Wright leads UNC men's soccer to victory

MEN'S SOCCER

NORTH CAROLINA 3
UNC-WILMINGTON 0

By Lindsey Hoover
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Sophomore Zach Wright made all the right moves in Tuesday's match against UNC-Wilmington.

Behind two first-half goals by the forward, the No. 2 North Carolina men's soccer team seized a substantial lead in a 3-0 win over the Seahawks.

Shortly into the first half, UNC (9-0-1) kept a strong hold on the ball, making UNC-W (6-2-2) focus heavily on its defensive players.

The first goal scored by Wright was off of a header from redshirt junior Tucker Hume.

By the end of the first half, UNC had notched 10 shots, with Wright scoring the only two goals.

"I think the one thing he's drastically improved this semester is getting behind and making runs in behind," senior defender Jonathan Campbell said.

"The future, I mean, he's a sophomore playing right now and he's got a leadership chance, where right now he's leading by example, and in the future he's going to have to be a vocal leader for the team."

Campbell assisted on Wright's first goal

after clearing a shot by UNC-W shortly into the first half.

Campbell shared how the team switched it from center back to the right side, where Hume was able to head it over to Wright in order to score the first goal of the game.

About 10 minutes after Wright scored the first goal of the game, he put away a second on a pass up the middle of the field from sophomore David October, to increase the Tar Heels' lead.

"The second goal, it just felt good to put them away because they beat us the last two years, so we really had to get into them," Wright said.

Wright's second goal on Tuesday marked his fourth of the season, which leaves him tied for second on the team with sophomore forward Alan Winn.

According to Coach Carlos Somoano, the chemistry and unity of the forwards has been a work in progress.

But it seems to be paying off as the season continues.

"It's been something that we've really, really focused on. Last year we had Tyler Engel, a fifth-year senior, and we had Andy Craven, a fifth-year senior. So we had a lot of experienced players playing in our front line," he said.

"They were a little bit easier to coach instruction-wise and they were a little bit further ahead in what the expectations of this program are."

"These are younger players, or less expe-



DTH/ALEX KORMANN

Sophomore forward Zach Wright (10) fights a defender for possession. Wright scored two goals.

rienced players, on Fetzer Field, and we had to take a step back and start from a different starting point and really work on some of those things," he said.

Wright's performance on Tuesday and the growth of the younger players around him hints at what the team could become in the future.

"You can only imagine what they will look like two years from now if we keep working," Somoano said.

"You can only imagine Zach and Alan up there running around in two years time; I mean, it'll be phenomenal."

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Muslims find a home in Chapel Hill

By Mary Helen Moore
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Chapel Hill is home to more than 50 churches, a Jewish synagogue and two Buddhist temples — but no mosque.

Members of the town's Muslim community are relegated to praying alone, traveling to mosques in other Triangle cities or meeting at select hours in the rooms of a local church or the Student Union.

But not for long. The Chapel Hill Islamic Society hopes to open Chapel Hill's first mosque in the next few weeks, secretary Sohail Khan said.

"Chapel Hill has been known to welcome different faiths," Khan said. "I think the Muslim community, as such, has been kind of missing. The closest place is in Durham. Some folks go as far as Raleigh."

Omar Rezk, an Egyptian junior majoring in nutrition in the UNC School of Public Health, grew up in Orange County.

He said he has attended a mosque in Durham since he was a kid, though others in the area may not have the same opportunity.

"There are three mosques in Durham, which are acces-

sible to me because I have a car," Rezk said.

"I know for some students on campus who don't have cars, that does affect them to a certain degree."

When CHIS was founded in 2000, Khan said its members initially met in each other's homes. As the society grew, it transitioned into a rented space in United Church of Chapel Hill, where meetings are held every other Saturday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The society — one of two Muslim groups that meet in the church — has used the space for at least 10 years, said United's pastor Richard Edens.

"It's not so strange," Edens said of Islamic groups gathering in a Christian church. "I don't think any of us have an exclusive hold on God. They gather just as other communities of faith gather — to nurture, to pray, to feast, to celebrate holidays together."

Students have access to the UNC Muslim Students' Association's prayer room from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day the Union is open. MSA also holds jumu'ah, the biggest regular congregation for Muslims, on Fridays for two hours.

Khan said he doesn't believe either space adequately serves the town's Muslim

community, and representatives from UNC's MSA agreed in a statement.

Khan said CHIS began creating a new place of worship in late 2010 by buying a four-bedroom home on nearly an acre of land at 103 Stateside Drive.

The Chapel Hill Planning Commission approved the property, which is just off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, for use as a mosque in June 2014. Since it was initially a residential home, a host of changes had to be made, and just identifying those changes cost CHIS more than \$3,500.

The planning commission required CHIS to replace the exterior lighting, make the building and bathrooms wheelchair accessible and create nine parking spaces for vehicles and at least eight for bicycles.

"It's a long, drawn-out process," Khan said. "The fact that we got our primary approval in June of 2014 didn't allow us to start work immediately. It meant a host of other, smaller approvals until we finally got our construction permit a year later."

Khan said a construction permit was issued June 17. Since then, Khan said contractors have knocked down the interior walls to create a prayer space and

worked to meet the Planning Commission's requirements.

"All those changes obviously take time and money," Khan said. "We're a small group. Money is always a challenge."

Khan said the society charges their roughly 60 members a yearly membership fee of \$10, but the rest of the project's estimated \$150,000 price tag came from donations.

Rezk said the relative smallness of Chapel Hill's Muslim community compared to those in Durham and Raleigh has a noticeable effect on attracting donors.

"I think the reason it took so long is because of the size of the community in Chapel Hill. There's not many people to back the effort," Rezk said. "Donations come in constantly in Durham. They just opened a new mosque."

David Owens, a professor in the UNC School of Government, said, "Chapel Hill processing times are almost always substantially longer than other jurisdictions."

Owens said he didn't suspect the lengthiness of the process was related to this particular applicant.

Khan said construction should be completed by the beginning of November, after



DTH/LOUISE MCDONALD

The Chapel Hill Planning Commission just gave approval for a new mosque to be constructed off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

which the town will inspect the property and grant an occupancy permit.

Wyatt McGhee, who works as a planner in eastern North Carolina, said this will likely be the quickest step in the process — estimating only about a week of waiting.

Khan said when the space finally opens, the society will hold jumu'ah each Friday and open the space for prayer at five designated times each day. According to its application submitted to the planning board, CHIS expects no more than 36 worshippers at a given time.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said he was unaware a mosque was com-

ing to Chapel Hill, but he is excited nonetheless.

Kleinschmidt said he meets regularly with members of the town's Muslim community since Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha were fatally shot in February.

"One of things we want to make sure is true is that those crimes are addressed and the community understands they're embraced," he said.

"It pleases me to know that people from all different backgrounds from around the world can find a home in Chapel Hill."

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MEGACHURCHES

FROM PAGE 1

"A typical congregation of 75 people may have a handful of young adults. Unless they're near a university or a military base, there's a good chance that there's only a few young adults, and they're not going to do a whole lot of youth programming," he said.

"That's not the case for very large megachurches. They have staff specifically assigned to the needs of young adults, and they're going to have a contemporary style of worship that is more appealing to millennials and Generation X."

When megachurches crop up, Thumma said, they generate buzz in their communities because, as megachurches are relatively new, they don't fit the mold of a traditional church.

"Ofentimes with young adults, partly because the culture we live in isn't readily conducive to the traditional styles of worship, there's a disconnect," he said.

But megachurches don't create that disconnect, he said.

"When folks that are perhaps spiritual or interested in the church hear that there's something different going on over here, they go, 'Thank

goodness, this isn't my parents' religion,'" he said. "I think there is an attraction there."

At Providence, young volunteers run a carpool that picks North Carolina State University students up at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday at their student union. After regular church service, college students can attend an 11 a.m. college ministry meeting at the satellite building, where a large hall holds dozens of set-up round tables.

The atmosphere in the hall is loud and relaxed on Sundays as students munch on free jelly-filled doughnuts with juice and coffee, mingling with other students and members of their small groups while pop music plays over the loudspeakers.

Ivy Briggs, an N.C. State junior who has attended Providence for three years, said most of her friends go to church, so it's a place she can go to socialize and be part of a community of Christians with others her age.

"It's a multigenerational church," she said. "They do a good job of making sure you're supported in every phase of life."

Thomas West, college pastor at Providence, said the

church's size is both a blessing and a curse, since staff must work hard to make young students feel like they're part of a tight-knit community within the massive congregation.

"We do work really hard to feel small," he said.

With its separate ministries for kids of all ages and its small groups outside regular worship for personal study and discussion, West said Providence does a good job of achieving that goal, a quality that initially drew him to the church when he moved to North Carolina from Alabama.

"I just wanted to be around a multigenerational church, full of people from all different walks of life — white-collar, blue-collar, stay-at-home moms, people from the city," he said. "That's the kind of community that I long for, so that attracted me here."

West is 30 years old and just announced the gender of his second child with his wife, Elizabeth. When he preaches, he talks about biblical morals like the traditional roles for men and women and the importance of accepting the Bible as true — but he also throws in jokes about snapbacks and footie pajamas, Facebook and Instagram.

West speaks passionately, but with a casual, friendly tone. One Sunday in September, he preached to the college ministry group, comprising roughly 200 students, about valuing Scripture over secular traditions.

"Jesus is about to go off on that this morning!" West said, to scattered laughter from the crowd.

Megachurches like Providence, Thumma said, often have extremely engaging church leadership — the kind of people with personalities a large congregation can get behind.

Strong leadership and programming are crucial because megachurches experience so much turnover, he said.

"The larger a congregation is, the harder it is to identify who's visitors, who drifts away from the church," he said.

"Part of the reason they

emphasize having small groups, getting plugged into ministries and being engaged is they realize the challenge is: How do we create intimacy and community so people stay? They don't want people to just come and be spectators."

The scene on Sundays at Providence does make the church feel huge: A full choir, several guitarists and a solo vocalist all gather on the stage during the musical parts of the service, and song lyrics run along the bottom of the four video screens above the stage.

During the sermon itself, captions on the screen summarize the pastor's main points. When the service is over, announcements appear in a professionally designed slideshow.

All this is the result of collaborative work by the church's worship, communications, media and pastoral departments, said David Woodall, the church's media director.

Each week, the teams do a run-thru to check that music, sound and graphics work together for a seamless Sunday presentation, he said.

Despite all the organization and programming, Thumma said, megachurches still have somewhat of a dilemma: turnover.

"In the long run, people will probably be less likely to stay long-term at megachurches, partly because it's just a massive dynamic," he said.

But Thumma said what he's found in his research is that it's not necessarily a bad thing for congregants to leave megachurches after a relatively short time.

"I see (megachurches) almost as a kind of recharging or revitalizing, as if they were the big Christian revival tents of the past," he said. "The individual might be disillusioned with their small church and go into a megachurch, and there's all this stuff happening — missions, ministries, programs — and they get excited about their faith again."

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many say access to halal food has improved over the years.

Before, there was only Mediterranean Deli on West Franklin Street. Now Muslim students can choose from Hummus Cafe, which opened two years ago, and more recently, Jasmin Mediterranean Bistro.

Cholanad and Guru India also said they offer halal food options, while Mint only offers halal beef and lamb. All three are high-end Indian restaurants on West Franklin Street.

Khalid Shahu, an Arabic lecturer at UNC, said it is much easier for him to find halal food now compared to 1995.

"I think back to the time you need to drive at least one hour or so to find halal meat," Shahu said. "Now it's all around, maybe 10 to 15 minutes."

He said his children go to a public school in Wake County and find it harder to cope in the school cafeteria. He tells them to stick to fish and vegetables — and if there are cookies or cakes, to check if it has gelatin, as it is derived from pigskins.

Increasing awareness

Many businesses are beginning to cater to the Muslim population's needs, but it comes with its criticisms. When Whole Foods partnered with Saffron Road, a halal frozen food provider, the company was attacked by bloggers whom the Saffron Road CEO called Islamophobic.

On the other hand, reception toward the Muslim community in Chapel Hill has been relatively welcoming. Jamil Kadoura, owner of Mediterranean Deli, the first halal restaurant on Franklin Street, said after Sept. 11, he received overwhelming support.

"People ask me 10 times more after 9/11 about Islam," he said. "What is this religion that came in here and bombed the hell out of us? I tell them this is not our religion. Islam is a beautiful religion, it's the fanatics that try to translate Islam."

Kadoura said halal meat tastes the same as any other meat — and even though most people don't know about it, they shouldn't have a problem with it just because it's not their religion.

Ari Gauss, executive director of N.C. Hillel, said he hopes one day there can be a meal plan that serves both Jewish and Muslim students' needs. Hillel and Chabad, two Jewish communities, are the only places in Chapel Hill that have kosher kitchens.

Chandler and Thomas said the same.

"Like halal food is offered in Med Deli in Lenoir Main Street," Thomas said. "I can foresee something prepared in a kosher kitchen and then offered for sale on campus."

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Balancing love, religion



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Alex Vasquez (right) was raised in a Catholic family and identifies as Christian. Her boyfriend, Max DePietro, was raised in a Jewish family but now identifies as agnostic.

Hillel opens doors to all

Director Ari Gauss focuses on building community at the N.C. Hillel.

By Trevor Lenzmeier
Staff Writer

Though Ari Gauss, executive director of Jewish campus life foundation N.C. Hillel, has made a home in Chapel Hill since moving to the South in 2009, his work, education and Jewish heritage have taken him from the West Coast to the East and far beyond.

A native of San Francisco, Gauss spent time with Hillel centers at Yale and Tufts universities before heading to New York City for nine years, during which time he earned master's degrees in nonprofit management and Judaic studies from New York University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, respectively.

He also lived in Jerusalem for two years, coaching the Israeli national baseball team and acting as the Jerusalem Little League Baseball Commissioner.

While Gauss has served in different capacities on different continents, his story is bound together by his rich Jewish culture and a tight connection to education that continues to motivate him today.

"The exciting thing about Hillel is that college is such a critical time in people's lives when they're away from home for the first time," Gauss said.

"They're figuring out who they are and what's important to them on their own terms, and to be able to provide students with a Jewish community and a context in which to make Judaism relevant and vibrant to them is exciting to me."

Under Gauss' leadership, N.C. Hillel has grown significantly both at UNC and other campuses across the state. Typically, a Hillel organization will serve a particular college campus or an urban area; though headquartered in Chapel Hill, the Hillel is a statewide organization that currently serves over a dozen campuses across the state.

Gauss said the Jewish population at North Carolina schools starkly contrasts those of schools such as Tufts and Yale, where Jewish students compose about 25 percent of the student population. At some North Carolina universities where N.C. Hillel operates, Gauss said Jewish students make up as little as 1 percent of the population.

For this reason, part of Hillel's mission is to educate non-Jewish students about Judaism. But Gauss said the Hillel's mission expands well beyond worship, too.

"Worship is, relative to the other things we do, a smaller portion of our function," he said. "It's still important, but I think the community piece and the fundamental questions of why being Jewish matters, and how our tradition is

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Couples of different faiths find perspective to make it work

By Cain Twyman
Senior Writer

UNC sophomore Salem Hockett says she's a United Methodist Christian. She was raised in the church, and her father was the preacher.

Growing up, Hockett always wanted to rebel against her father and the expectations she felt the church held her to. But Hockett loved her family — she was conflicted.

So the summer before her first year of high school, she started dating an atheist.

Her boyfriend, raised by Christian parents, does not believe in God.

Hockett says she's struggled with this. Even though she was still trying to figure out if she was Christian when they first started dating, it was something she worried about.

"In the beginning of our relationship, I hadn't made my decision yet," she said. "I didn't know what being a Christian meant for my life or a relationship."

It's been difficult, Hockett says, and she gets frustrated. But at the same time, she said this relationship has helped her grow in her own faith.

Instead of pushing her boyfriend toward Christianity, she said she prays that one day he'll believe in God. Forcing her views would be more harmful than helpful in her relationship, Hockett said.

"Sometimes I get frustrated with God because I'm like, 'I've been praying for this for four years, and you've shown no progress,'" she said.

Hockett and her boyfriend, McCann Sheridan, a sophomore at Duke University, have been together for five years now. When



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Seniors Max DePietro (left) and Alex Vasquez sit together in St. Anthony Hall, a coed art fraternity they are both in.

they talk about the future, they differ on how they would raise their children.

"We've kind of already decided what will happen down the road," she said. "I want my children to go to church with me. I won't give in on that, and he knows that."

'Shares your values'

Stephan Labossiere, a life and

relationship coach in Georgia, has helped many couples of differing religions.

Many times, he said, there can be problems when making decisions because of the different life philosophies the people have.

Labossiere said if those in the relationship don't strongly practice their religions, then the likelihood of clashing is lower.

However, he said, most people

tend to date within their own religions.

"You need to be with someone who shares your values and spiritual beliefs," Labossiere said regarding families. "You can't have the team believing in two different philosophies."

Labossiere said the key components to any healthy and

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Same-sex couples still face obstacles with adoption

State laws can still stop same-sex couples from adopting.

By Nick Niedzwiedek and Lindsey Brunson
Senior Writers

As America grows evermore accepting of the LGBT community, some religious communities have opened their congregations to people of different sexual orientations, but religiously affiliated adoption agencies have been slow to change.

"There are a lot of private organizations that are religiously affiliated that are huge in terms of providing resources for children," said Shawn Long, director of operations for the LGBT advocacy group Equality N.C.

"Clearly if they are unwilling to work with LGBT individuals or couples, then that removes a resource not just for the couple seeking to find a kid, but it also prevents the children from having the possibility of a certain, forever-family."

While same-sex couples have gained the right to marry as part of June's landmark Supreme Court ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, state laws can still leave gay couples open to discrimination.

Without nondiscrimination laws, private

adoption agencies can choose whether to allow same-sex applicants. Religiously affiliated organizations might also have exceptions granted to them based on religious freedom laws, particularly recent ones that have been passed in the wake of court decisions favoring same-sex couples.

Holning Lau, a UNC law professor who studies sexuality and gender laws, said the Supreme Court's decision in June affirmed a "fundamental right to marry," but there has never been any such right to adopt a child.

"Private agencies can still apply their own criteria and discriminate against same-sex couples," said Lau, who is also on the American Civil Liberties Union of N.C. board.

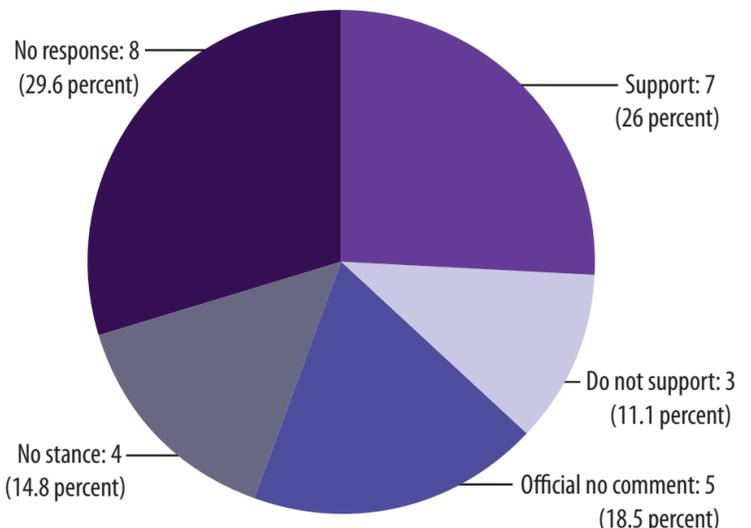
Lutheran Services Carolinas is an adoption agency that has gained a reputation for being welcoming to all applicants, regardless of religious beliefs or sexual orientation.

Mary Ann Johnson, a spokesperson for LSC, said the organization has been placing children with same-sex couples since before 1992, but a definitive date is tough to pin down because it wasn't a formalized policy decision. She attributes the organization's acceptance of capable same-sex couples to

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Does your religious organization support same-sex marriage?

The Daily Tar Heel asked 27 religious organizations on campus the same question: Does your organization support same-sex marriage? Each organization was contacted at least once, whether through email, phone or in person.



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successful relationship are honesty and communication. He said respect plays a big role in all relationships, but it might be more of an issue in interfaith relationships.

"In order to date effectively, you need to be yourself, be honest and be willing to communicate," he said.

Interfaith couples he had coached often had big differences in opinion when it came to their lives. Labossiere said he believes all relationships should benefit both people.

"As long as they are getting what they need ... to keep them happy, then it should not be a problem," he said.

In Hockett's romantic relationship, she said it is important for her to have a relationship with God.

"It's hard because there are a lot of things that say you shouldn't be with someone who is not a Christian," she said. "(But) he in no way wants to hinder my relationship with God."

'Practice love'

Though a relationship between people of different faiths has its fair share of difficulties, it's not always an uphill battle.

UNC senior Resita Cox has been in an interfaith relationship since May. She is a Christian, and her boyfriend, Rohan Smith, who graduated from UNC in 2014, does not believe in God.



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"I know that my family just cares that I'm with someone who cares about me, not so much the religion," Max DePietro (left) said.

"I read my Bible. I go to church. I believe fully," she said. "He doesn't know what he believes in."

Cox said she had reservations about this difference during "the courting stages" in the months before they made their relationship official.

But Cox said that in any relationship, there are going to be two different perspectives coming together.

"I just realized that the

main practice of Christianity is to practice love," she said.

She has been a Christian all her life and was raised by Christian parents.

But one of the things she worries about is raising children, even if she only thinks about it passively.

"The one thing I believe about raising kids is giving them a choice," she said. "(But) as far as raising kids, it's not something I have to worry about now."

UNC senior Alex Vasquez and her partner, senior Max DePietro, have been dating for a year.

Vasquez was raised a strict Catholic, but she lately started identifying as a non-denominational Christian. DePietro was raised Jewish but is now more agnostic.

"We were both raised differently, but if we ever have questions, we can ask," she said. "I didn't know much about the Jewish faith."

She said she was not worried about their religion getting in the way of their relationship and that she and DePietro are still on their respective religious journeys.

"I'm still not fully practicing and am still looking for a denomination that fits me," she said. "It's more faith-based than actual religion."

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relevant to people are just as important."

One piece of Jewish wisdom is encapsulated in the Hebrew phrase "tikkun olam," which literally means "repairing the world." Gauss said the principle suggests that people are obligated to be God's partners in pursuit of healing and perfecting the world.

For many students, the worship aspect of Hillel is not the driving force behind their involvement. Junior Meredith Blumberg, UNC Hillel's vice president of communications and finance, started coming to N.C. Hillel during her first year and found the organization offers far more than simply religious instruction.

"I feel like Hillel is a safe space you can go to for services and a great social network, but also to explore Judaism and what it means to you," she said.

Though students may come to Hillel for a litany of reasons and find meaning in any number of its facets, the promise of a place of belonging for students of any background remains constant.

First-year Hannah Factor said when she arrived at UNC in August, the Hillel welcomed her with open arms.

"They want to encourage students to participate in a Jewish community on campus," she said.

"They're very warm and welcoming, and I definitely felt that immediately."

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Bill Brittain, a UNC-Chapel Hill alumnus who founded the adoption organization in 1976.

"He wanted all children to have a home and that was his only goal was to make sure that children found adoptive homes," she said. "He wanted people to have a good home and that was what guided him, and he set the tone for the agency."

Kimberla Burrows, LSC's

special needs adoption program manager, said the organization averages about 25-30 finalized adoptions a year and restricting who can apply to adopt would mean fewer placements.

"We have adopted children into homes that did not believe in anything — they were atheists; I've placed children into homes with same-sex couples," Burrows said. "As long as they are capable of taking care of a child then that's what's important to us."

Long, of Equality N.C., said overcoming obstacles to gay adoption is a matter of breaking down the stigma around same-sex couples through education and exposure to LGBT families.

"We are all ordinary families," he said. "We all have the same set of problems and issues and challenges. We are all alike. There may be some few differences, but they're all superficial."

Still, challenges to gay adoption in the South are

"We are all ordinary families. We have the same set of problems and issues..."

Shawn Long

director of operations for the LGBT advocacy group Equality N.C.

more pervasive than just stigma. Mississippi, for instance, has an outright ban on adoption by same-sex couples.

A lawsuit challenging the ban was filed in August by four same-sex couples, as well as the Campaign for Southern Equality and the

Family Equality Council. Mississippi's law is such an anachronism that UNC law professor Maxine Eichner was surprised to find out about it.

"Mississippi is the only one of their kind that simply states an outright ban on same-sex couples," Eichner

said. "It seems quite clear how that one will play out in wake of the Obergefell decision."

Mississippi is the only state with such a ban, but it's indicative of a larger trend in the South: a reluctance to step away from traditional beliefs, despite the social, and now legal, push to do so.

"At what point," Long said, "do you side with dogma over just actual humanity?"

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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 7 – Don't be distracted by well-meaning friends. Ask questions to get to the source. Create something new. Clean closets. Find unexpected resources. Trust a crazy hunch. Intuition provides the best timing. Someone brings home a surprise.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 – Devote yourself to your work. Exploit current favorable circumstances. In a disagreement about priorities, listen and wait to decide. Don't push too fast. Your partner understands the group energy. Get advice from friends. Your team provides whatever needed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 7 – Devote your energies to planning. Ask for what you want. A new power suit would be nice. Take care of nearby errands first. All is not as it appears to be. Take what you get.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 – Think it over. Figure out what you really want. Travel flows easily now. There's no need to drain your resources. Avoid getting burned. Look for what's missing to achieve your desired outcome. Listen and learn.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 9 – Organize your finances so you can get something your family needs. Research the best bargain and value. Make sure your savings are secure. Feather your nest without breaking the bank. Provide certainty to someone who has none.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 – Consider your partner's fantastic scheme. Let a complicated subject soak in. Add a water element. You could discuss possibilities poolside or near a river or beach. A hot tub could be especially romantic. Relax together.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 – Accept a challenge if it pays well. Earn extra points for the fun level of the job. Play with tweaking the technology. Invest in efficiency. Discover a stroke of brilliance and pop through to success.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 – Handle household chores before getting outside. An opportunity intrigues your family. Get unfiltered feedback from children. A loved one gives you a great idea. Encourage creativity. Clean old messes before making new. Take decisive action.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 – Settle into a comfortable nest and get lost in your studies. Test your theory before acting. Get alternate views. Meditation amplifies intuition. Try out new ideas in the luxury of your own home. Update your home technology.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 – Abandon expectations and devote time to sales and marketing. An opportunity may land faster than you think. Friends teach you the rules. An intensive team effort makes the difference. Be willing to learn new tricks. Come together.

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The Rev. Beverly Solomon (left) and the Rev. Mary Jane Palmer (right) serve communion at St. Paul AME Church in Chapel Hill on Sunday. DTH/STEPHANIE LAMM

St. Paul AME: Come in to worship, leave to serve

The church hopes to build a multi-use village in Chapel Hill.

By Camila Molina
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill is going to be a town with a village.

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church held its first church service under a grapevine over 150 years ago.

Sitting on the corner of Merritt Mill Road and Franklin Street, the church has undergone multiple renovations over the last century and a half that give it the facade it has today: bricked walls, stained glass windows, blue carpeting, polished wood-pews and a 50-foot annex. Now the church is preparing to build St. Paul Village.

On Sunday morning, despite the misty rain and heavy skies, the congregation gathered to learn from the Rev. Mary Jane Palmer, the associate pastor, about how miracles can still occur. Even more families trickled in after the beginning of the service to hear the sermon.

"You go where the Lord sends you," Palmer said during her service, followed with an occasional "yes" from the congregation as she preached.

She reminded the congregation that miracles won't just occur in the church and that although there are white, black and Latino churches, God called the church to spread the Gospel throughout the world. And the congregation is doing just that.

It is planning on edifying a village, a multipurpose project intended to provide a place for worship, housing and health

wellness. Chapel Hill has approved the project to be built in three phases, each expected to take three or four years.

The village, which will span almost 21 acres of land, is planned to be located on the corner of Rogers Road and Purefoy Drive. It will consist of a 48,000-square-foot housing development, a worship hall, a fellowship hall, a wellness center, a health clinic, an historical museum and a cemetery. In 2007, the church purchased the land this project.

"Our call and our vision is to reach out into the community and make a difference," Palmer said later in an interview.

The Office of Planning and Sustainability of Chapel Hill said once the church submits the final plan application and the building permit, it can proceed with construction. The project is expected to cost between \$25 and \$28 million, which is being raised through community events and fundraising efforts.

"The St. Paul Village project is important to Chapel Hill because it is a worship campus with a mix of uses, providing a vibrant center of community activity for the Rogers Road neighborhood and affordable housing opportunities," said Phil Mason, development manager for the Office of Planning and Sustainability, in an email.

Faye Farrar has been a church member of St. Paul since she was a baby. Her parents and grandparents always worshipped there.

"We were very close-knit," Farrar said of her church growing up. "(Churches) were walking distances because that was one of the few options we had. You're envi-

ronment was limited."

People didn't live as spread out as they do now, she said.

She grew up in Northside, a historically African-American neighborhood in Chapel Hill. During her childhood, she witnessed the desegregation of neighborhoods and schools.

"During that time when we grew up there, there were select places where children and young people would go," Farrar said. "And that would be church and school."

Farrar is now a stewardess at St. Paul, which means she assists with Communion, baptisms and other special events like weddings and funerals.

"Religion was always a place for worship but also a place for learning," Farrar said. "The whole person was the focus of the church."

The church was a community center for African-Americans in town, she said.

Other church members have also been here for almost half a century. Celia Ponder has been a member for 20 years and is also a stewardess. Her late husband's family has been a member at St. Paul for 40 years. Ponder remains a member of the church because the congregation feels like family.

"I feel missed," Ponder said if she does not go to a service.

The AME church was established in Philadelphia in 1787 by slaves and former slaves in pursuit of practicing religion free of discrimination and racism.

Although the origins of the AME church were based on segregation, it now welcomes all people, Farrar said.

"Even though our beginning was because of separation

and the inability to worship in the predominantly white congregations, because of (the AME church's) status being nonwhite, at this time we have relationship with Chapel of the Cross and other congregations. We're not segregated or separated from other denominations," Farrar said.

Toward the end of the Sunday service, the congregation took communion. Rows one by one filed to the front of the church and kneeled to drink and eat the representations of the blood and body of Jesus Christ.

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Shirts helped raise money for Carson 5K

A UNC graduate is making Hawaiian shirts from Bali.

By Kaitlin Barker
Staff Writer

On March 5, 2008, a single event turned UNC on its head: Eve Carson, student body president, was killed just two months shy of graduation. Immediately, UNC students were determined to keep her memory alive.

In November 2008, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Pi Beta Phi sorority established the Eve Carson Memorial 5K for Education, which holds the record for the most attended campus race in history, with more than 2,300 participants in the past. Last year, the 5K raised \$117,836.

Despite the rain, the eighth annual Eve Carson Memorial 5K was held on Oct. 3.

This year, Kenny Haisfield, co-founder of CEO4Teens and UNC graduate, partnered with the 5K in a new way by developing a special T-shirt print, called "Carolina Bloom," through his independent company, Kenny Flowers.

Ten dollars from every purchase of a \$65 shirt will be donated back to the Eve Carson Memorial 5K.

Haisfield, who joined Phi Delta Theta as a first-year, said the 5K is a fantastic way to give back not only to the community, but also to contribute on a national and global scale.

"It just gives me chills realizing that (Carson's) legacy literally impacts on campus, throughout the nation and internationally as well," he said.

One of the main goals of Carson's 2007 campaign for student body president was

to establish a completely student-funded junior merit scholarship.

UNC honored her wishes and established the Eve Carson Scholarship in 2008, which rewards students who show outstanding transformation in social justice, leadership and academics.

Current Phi Delta Theta philanthropy chairperson Parker Yount co-organized the event with Pi Beta Phi philanthropy chairperson Maddie Felton. Yount said although the final numbers aren't in yet, it looks like they might have exceeded last year's proceeds.

"We're at about \$120,000 that we raised this year," he said.

Proceeds from the race go toward three organizations: the Eve Carson Memorial Scholarship, the Pi Beta Phi Literacy Fund and CEO4Teens.

Half the proceeds go toward the scholarship fund, and the remaining half is split between the Literacy Fund and CEO4Teens.

CEO4Teens is currently focused in Bali, where it has managed to fund 85 Indonesian teenagers in a one-year English and computer science program to further their education after high school.

Senior Will Whitehurst co-organized the race last year as a former Phi Delta Theta philanthropy chairperson. He said the 5K is taking on a new significance — one that is appreciated by Carson's parents.

"Something that I really appreciate about them is that they really like that the race is starting to transition from more of a memorial to Eve — and remembering her life — to also a celebration of the scholarship and the foundation," Whitehurst said.

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Finding faith in love

Interfaith couples might face uphill battles, but sometimes it's just smooth sailing. See pg. 5 for story.

Navigating adoption

Some religiously affiliated adoption agencies are slow to embrace adoptions for LGBT couples. See pg. 5 for story.

A moment of silence

Orange County will hold a moment of silence at noon to encourage bone marrow donations. See pg. 3 for story.

Protests have arrived

A pink bus rolled up to UNC promoting Planned Parenthood's defunding. See pg. 3 for story.

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Poetics of AAVE slang

“Black life is not lived in the world that the world lives in, but it is lived underground, in outer space,” Jared Sexton said.

Afro-pessimist thinkers — Frank Wilderson (who will be speaking at the Campus Y on Oct. 21), Saidiya Hartman and Sexton, to name a few — theorize about the fatal positionality of the black self. To be black is to live a stillborn life of social death. To exist as a sentient being but to be written out of modernity’s social codes and society’s conception of subjecthood. Instead Blackness is a perpetual state of objecthood — a condition that positions black bodies as fungible, a commodity, free to be traded, exploited and exchanged for monetary profit.

In social death, European colonial standards demand “civility” through the constant policing of our bodies. It “civilizes” our congregation — for if two or more of us are gathered, we are a riot. It “civilizes” our hair — for a curl pattern not 3B is unprofessional. It “civilizes” our tongues — for a grammar outside of prescriptivism is unintelligent.

Because of this, Black social life — in its death — is inherently resistant. One such way is in our linguistic performance. Though natively alienated from our mother tongues, Africans removed to the Americas have been forced to create new language. Afro-Caribbeans call it “patwa” or “patois.” Afro-Latinos/as call it creole. African-Americans call it African-American Vernacular English.

Slang, defined as “street language,” has historically been the in-group speech of the marginalized. It is a complex socio-linguistic swapping that incorporates cultural references, metaphors, oral traditions, mass media and euphemism, etc., into a complex vocabulary.

AAVE slang, though often rebuked as an unintelligent dialect, reflects the socio-political triumphs and anxieties of black people.

Slang is Black rhythm in verse, a poetic discourse of an exclusive code that is difficult for dominant culture to decode. As Black people do not occupy equal, horizontal alliance with non-Blacks, slang becomes a point of vertical engagement and lateral disruption. Its grammaticisms discomfort academics. Its references confuse white culture. Its elasticity binds Black people.

When I tell my sister, “I am going through it,” I am speaking of what it is to trudge through metaphorical forests of living social death. When I call my brother my “homie,” I acknowledge him as part of the place of my first breaths, as a part of me.

Black names, too, are a type of anti-colonial imaginative space. My name is a hybrid — a homage to ancestral legacies. It is a combination of the last syllable of my paternal grandfather coupled with the first letter of my siblings and cousins.

As a people socialized to disassociate with ourselves, we continue to connect through the linguistic playground of slang. We greet each other in it. We write poems in it. We craft names in it. We continue to seek self-reclamation by reimagining our tongues as they were before being violently ripped away.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Emily Yue, emyue@live.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

Embarrassing holdover

A religious test has no place in the state constitution.

Embedded in the North Carolina Constitution are these deeply unfortunate words: “The following persons shall be disqualified for office: First, any person who shall deny the being of Almighty God.”

This bit of law goes unenforced and would clearly be overruled by the U.S. Constitution if challenged in court. The importance of this bit of medieval thinking enshrined in North Carolina’s highest law

is symbolic more than anything. Nonetheless, it should be wiped from North Carolina’s constitution before a court forces the issue — embarrassing the state once again.

There are certainly more urgent issues facing North Carolina’s General Assembly. The legislature has made more than its fair share of blunders, and the state’s reputation has been severely damaged as a result.

A heavily Republican state legislature was swept into Raleigh on promises of improving North Carolina’s economy. To ensure a robust economy, North Carolina must

attract business.

Making the state a national punch line is not the best way to do so.

The stakes for the Almighty God clause are not high. Addressing the myriad other problems of North Carolina should be higher on the legislature’s list of priorities.

But symbols matter. And a good step toward reversing North Carolina’s lot as a national laughing-stock would be to update its constitution so it is in line with the standards of our times — or at least with those of 1789, the year our country’s Bill of Rights was sent to the states for approval.

EDITORIAL

Printing my grade away

CCI should update campus when printers crash.

You walk into Davis Library and immediately spot a long line at the printer. After waiting a few minutes, you hear a librarian say that the entire Carolina Computing Initiative Printing system is down — this would be inconvenient for some, but for those who have papers due in 5 minutes, this could be ruinous for a grade.

Sure, in an ideal world all papers should be completed and printed

the night before, but for many students, this is just not realistically possible. And in an ideal world, CCI printers would never break, but unfortunately this is not realistic either.

So while the problems themselves cannot be easily fixed, creating a medium to inform the community of a crash would greatly reduce the amount of stress for students and inform professors of why their students’ papers might be late.

This could work similarly to Alert Carolina or simply be a website that constantly updates which printers are connected to the servers

and the ones that are collapsing.

This simple fix would prevent students from running building to building looking for a working printer, fearing the consequences of a late grade.

Printers are going to mess up, and while annoying and possibly panic-inducing, it is a problem that cannot be stopped and no particular group should be blamed. All that can be done is to make sure that every person is informed of what the current state of CCI Printing is so that plans can be made before late points come into effect.

SPORTS COLUMN

Some faith in football?

UNC football has a strong chance to win the Coastal Division.

Don’t look now, but apparently the North Carolina football team is currently the favorite to win the ACC Coastal Division.

No, I’m not lying to you to try to fill up Kenan Memorial Stadium. According to the latest ESPN Football Power Index, your Tar Heels have a 51 percent chance of taking the Coastal Division after Saturday’s 38-31 upset in Atlanta against Georgia Tech.

Which is a bit weird, because normally at this point in the year we’d already be hearing those self-defeating “just wait until basketball season” quips from the UNC faithful. So far though, this hasn’t been the case.

Larry Fedora’s team is currently 4-1, the best start to a season since 2011-12.

This is just the second time in the past 15 years that the Tar Heels have started conference play 1-0.

And before you say, “Wait, dumb amateur sports writer, we’ve seen this movie before. This one where the football



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team gets us excited before winding up in the same pit of mediocrity like last year, and 2013, and 2012, and 2011...

I get that feeling. I understand you, cynical UNC football fan. I truly do. I’m the self-proclaimed cynic of this sports desk, proudly so.

Still, there is something different about this year’s football team. There is a real chance for UNC to take the Coastal Division and challenge for an ACC championship — which UNC hasn’t won since 1980.

Maybe it’s the increased physicality (and, you know, the ability to actually tackle) that we’ve seen with Gene

Chizik’s new defense. Maybe it’s the amount of returning talent Fedora has to play with on the offensive side of the ball. Probably, it’s a combination of these things.

Whatever it is, something is different, and it’s not just me. Just listen to red-shirt senior linebacker Jeff Schoettmer after UNC came back from a 21-point deficit (the largest in school history) to beat the Yellow Jackets in Atlanta for the first time since 1997:

“I love this team, man,” he said. “The chemistry that we’ve built — I think in years past we wouldn’t have been able to get it done, but we believe in each other, want to play for each other and win for each other. That’s what it was.”

That’s fine with me. I would hazard a guess that it’s fine with most UNC fans as well. We’ve all been “just waiting for basketball season” for a long time now.

Maybe this 2015 North Carolina football team will put an end to that.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It’s hard because there are a lot of things that say you shouldn’t be with someone who is not a Christian.”

Salem Hockett, on her interfaith relationship

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“David Price was in Congress during my freshman year ... Isn’t there any fresh blood looking to represent this district?”

W Wolf, on North Carolina Rep. David Price’s tenure

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Pam Hemminger should be mayor

TO THE EDITOR:

We need Pam Hemminger as mayor for Chapel Hill. The present council members and mayor, despite their good intentions and goal setting exercises, have taken us back to an era of local governance when the Town Council says: “Trust us — we know best.”

Recently the Town asked for public comment on major development plans for the Eastgate-Elliott Road area and the Obey Creek development across from Southern Village.

Citizens and advisory boards spent hundreds of hours working to offer careful analysis, ideas and recommendations to improve these project concepts.

In the end, the Town Council majority adopted the plans that the developers had wanted in the beginning. The most important advisory board and public comments, gathered at great expense by the town, were never discussed.

Town Council’s decisions will have serious implications for the future sustainability of our town. Despite the talk about the need for transit and more affordable housing, these flawed town decisions are causing a growing traffic crisis, an increasingly expensive housing market and spiraling costs for town services.

Most people don’t realize that the expenses associated with the 5,000 approved residential units will cost the taxpayers more than tax revenue those projects will bring in.

We cannot build our way to fiscal sustainability by constructing high-rise residential apartments. We need commercial development that benefits the people of Chapel Hill. When someone asks you for your opinion and you take the time to give it, you know how it feels when those comments are thrown away.

When a council majority ignores majority opinion, the only recourse for the electorate is to find a new leader who know how to find consensus among diverse opinions. That is why this Nov. 3 election matters.

The most important local leader is the mayor who sets the agenda and tone of the council’s deliberations — a collaborative leader who can listen and work with groups and individuals of differing opinions and arrive at solutions that reflect the concerns of their advisory committees. I am giving my full-throated support to Pam Hemminger for the mayor of Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill’s future depends on it.

Julie McClintock
 Former Chapel Hill
 Town Council member

Negative side-effects of gun control laws

TO THE EDITOR:

After the tragic shooting in Oregon, progressive gun control advocates took the opportunity to push their agenda — this time, condescendingly phrasing their methods as “common sense” solutions. Yet they seem not to want to face the consequences that will result from their “solutions.”

Progressives have laid out a good argument about voter ID laws disenfranchising poor and minority voters — so by the same logic, stricter licensing laws and more thorough background checks requiring identification would naturally make it harder for the poor and for minorities to purchase firearms for self-defense or sport. There’s little evidence that these laws would stop the average mass shooter, and we know that the Oregon shooter passed several background checks. Why then should we make it harder for minorities and the impoverished to defend their lives and property?

Other “common sense” solutions point towards a more complete gun control — either by mandatory buyback, or, if that doesn’t work, forced confiscation. Yet again, this “common sense” solution is not so common sense. There are roughly 300 million firearms in the United States, and it would be an impossible task to track down and unconstitutionally confiscate these weapons. Buybacks have been tried in several U.S. states, with no evidence that they have reduced homicide rates. Even if buybacks were effective, what about the inevitable hold outs who would not turn in their weapons?

Are progressives comfortable with paramilitary police forces scouring the country looking for these firearms? The same progressives who decry (rightfully) police brutality in our cities? Who decry (rightfully) the disproportionate effects drug prohibition, and the civil rights violations it has encouraged, have on minorities? It must be quite the intellectual leap for them to believe this would be a peaceful endeavor that would not result in similar targeting of underprivileged areas, or would not result in gross civil rights violations, such as no-knock raids being carried out in the dead of night in search of weapons held by innocent citizens. If we want to reduce the amount of police violence in the United States, it makes little sense to create yet another victimless crime that would have to be enforced with similar rights-violating tactics.

A debate must and will be had on what we as a society can do about mass shootings. But, progressives, let’s stop pretending that these “common sense” gun regulations don’t also come with devastating, “common sense” consequences.

Tuck Kennedy
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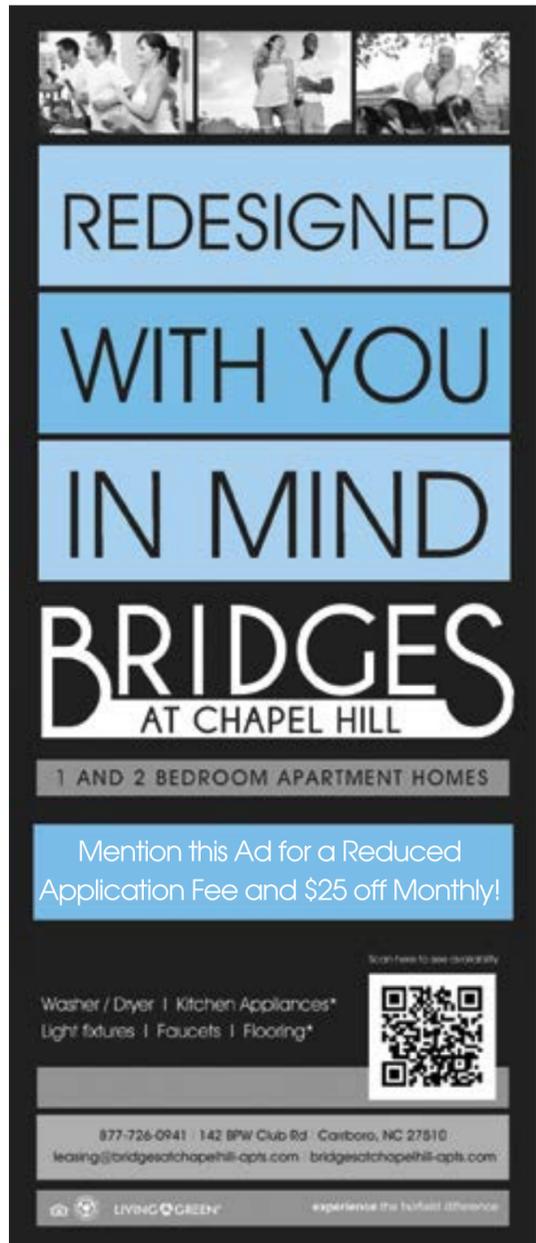


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More students turn to off-campus housing

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For Victoria Sanderford, it just was not enough. She lived in Horton Residence Hall, one of the newest dorms at UNC, for her freshman year with a set of great suitemates. Yet she still chose to live off campus in LUX at Central Park for her sophomore year. “We got the best experience possible, but we just wanted the privacy of having our own bedrooms,” Sanderford, the now junior biology major said.

By moving off campus her sophomore year at UNC, Sanderford is an example of an increasing trend — sophomores being drawn to new apartment complexes instead of staying on campus, where proximity to classes is quickly losing out to more affordable and more private off-campus hot spots.

In the past two to three years, about 500 fewer students are living on campus, which is attributed to the increased off-campus competition of new apartment complexes like LUX and Shortbread Lofts, which were built in the years the numbers have declined.

Aaron Bachenheimer, director of the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life and Community Involvement, said there has been an increase in rising sophomores being pulled off campus. “Most choose to live off campus junior or senior year,” Bachenheimer said. He said there has been a bump in the number of rising sophomores moving off campus.

While Sanderford said she does miss her old suitemates and midnight trips to Rams Head Dining

Hall, she loves the amenities, the independence and the convenience of living in LUX.

“You get the community atmosphere that you get in a dorm because it is mostly undergrads, but you also get the privacy aspect if you want to go sit in your room and close your door,” she said.

“The closer dorms on campus are some of the older dorms, so if you want to be close to campus, you have to give up some of those amenities.”

The decrease in on-campus housing enrollment has led to the repurposing of two residence halls on campus — Stacy and Everett.

“The closings were heavily influenced by the new apartment



complexes off campus,” said Rick Bradley, the associate director of housing and residential education.

Taylor Bates, the president of the Residence Hall Association, said the rise in students living off campus is becoming a problem for the dorms, but it also gives his organization and the University an opportunity to grow.

“We have to take a chance to adapt and realize that housing has changed since the dorms were built,” Bates said.

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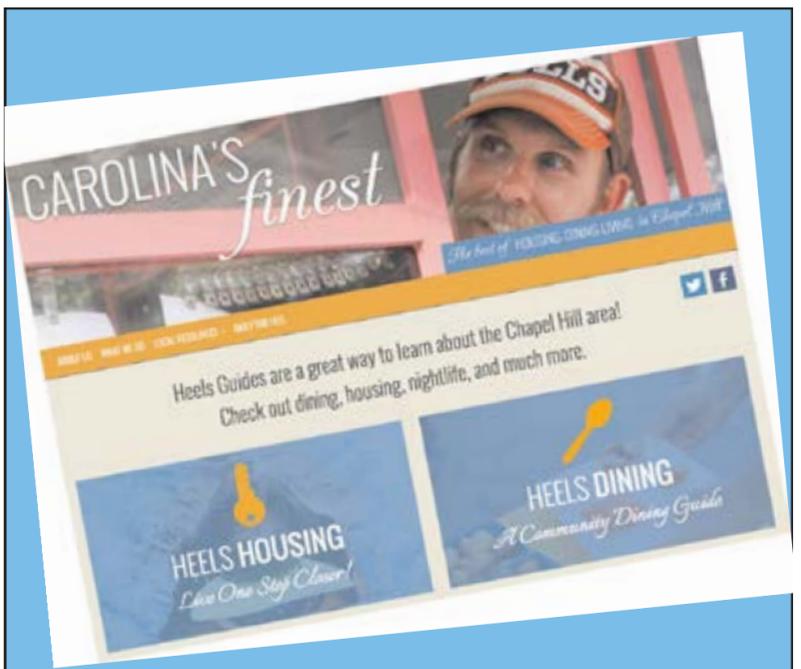
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A previous method to attract students to on-campus housing was a plan to build a new apartment-style dorm on Ridge Road filled with super-suite-style rooms. The proposed dorm would have been located near Ram's Head park deck and built by 2017.

However, the plans were postponed due to an increase in cost and the declining trend of on-campus living. Bradley said he had no doubt that the new building would have been filled had it opened. However, he said it would not have solved the problem of filling other dorms.

"We have to improve the quality of buildings that receive less demand," he said. In the fall, Bradley said that a new plan to improve housing would be put in place by the new director of housing, Allan Blattner.

"Our department will be involved in implementing a strategic plan to make improvements," Bradley said. The strategic plan includes polishing old policies, solving facility issues and creating programs for upper classmen tied to their majors in order to make on-campus living more attractive. Bradley said he does not think the plan would increase student rent, as the cost for the plan would come from fund-balanced money.

Bates said there could be many simple upgrades to improve dorm life. These upgrades include simple changes like more modern ice machines, more hooks in the bathrooms and painting the walls a color other than cream. Bradley said there are still valuable reasons that students choose to live on campus. "There is a greater connection to the culture of the institution," he said.

With the increased desire for off-campus living, most students look for affordable housing. However, this displaces Chapel Hill residents that also need affordable housing, such as those who are now being pushed out of the historically minority community of Northside.

To help slow Northside neighborhood's rent increase from the onslaught of student renters, UNC provided the town and the Jackson Center with a \$3 million no-interest loan. In Carrboro, Bethany Chaney, a member of the Board of Aldermen, said more than 60 percent of the housing stock is rental properties. She said it is assumed that those properties are geared toward students,

which causes problems in the structure of neighborhoods.

"The market is hot for rental, and it makes for a less stable neighborhood," Chaney said. "People don't get to know each other very well. It creates different types of challenges for the economy, as well as social and political challenges."

Marty Mandell, a longtime Carrboro resident, said that her neighborhood on Pine Street has changed drastically since she moved here in 1965.

"Rental property in Carrboro has grown too fast," Mandell said. "It is killing residential areas and making too much money for people living out of town." Due to the scarcity and convenience of Pine Street, Mandell said the value of her house has increased from \$12,000 in 1965 to \$490,000 today.

To strengthen housing opportunities for families and homeowners, the town of Carrboro is increasing its affordable housing fund from less than \$40,000 to around \$760,000.

Chaney said that Carrboro can be more proactive in protecting affordable housing and

improving neighbor relations. "We need homeowners in Carrboro to stay here, to live here, to work here," Chaney said. "It is harder when there is a street with rentals. It becomes less and less like home."

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ELECTION NOTICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 163-33(8), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: to the qualified voters of Orange County that the Municipal and Chapel Hill/Carrboro School Board Elections shall be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015** to vote for local offices. The polls shall be open from **6:30 a.m.** until **7:30 p.m.** on Election Day.

Residents who are not registered to vote must register by **October 9, 2015** to be eligible to vote in this election on **November 3rd**. Registered voters who moved within Orange County should notify the Board of Elections, in writing, of their address change by the same date.

You may also register in-person and vote at one of the One-Stop Early Voting Sites. In order to register and vote prior to Election Day, a citizen must (1) go to a One-Stop Voting site during the one-stop voting period, (2) fill out a voter registration application, and (3) provide proof of residency by showing the elections official an appropriate form of identification with the citizen's current name and current address. The new registrant may vote ONLY at a One-Stop Early Voting site beginning **October 22, 2015 and ending on October 31, 2015**.

LOCATIONS AND TIMES FOR ONE-STOP VOTING SITES

Carrboro Town Hall - 301 W. Main St., Carrboro
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Thursday, October 22	Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 23	Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24	Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday, October 26–29	Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 30	Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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Board of Elections Office - 208 S. Cameron St, Hillsborough

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Registered voters may also request an Absentee Ballot by mail. The request must be submitted on the State Absentee Ballot Request form and sent to the **Orange County Board of Elections, P. O. Box 220, Hillsborough, NC 27278**. The last day to request an absentee ballot is **Tuesday, October 27, 2015**. The deadline to return the ballot is 5:00 p.m. **Tuesday, November 3, 2015**.

Citizens with questions concerning registration, absentee ballots, location of polling sites or other related matters, should call the board office (919-245-2350) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or inquire at our website at <http://www.orangecountync.gov/elect>

The Orange County Board of Elections will hold absentee meetings in the Board office at **208 S. Cameron Street, Hillsborough, NC at 3:30 p.m. on October 20 and October 27 and at 2:00 p.m. on November 3**. Additional absentee meetings will be scheduled if needed.

The Orange County Board of Elections will meet at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015** in the board office at 208 S. Cameron Street, Hillsborough, North Carolina to canvass the results of the **November 3, 2015 Elections**.

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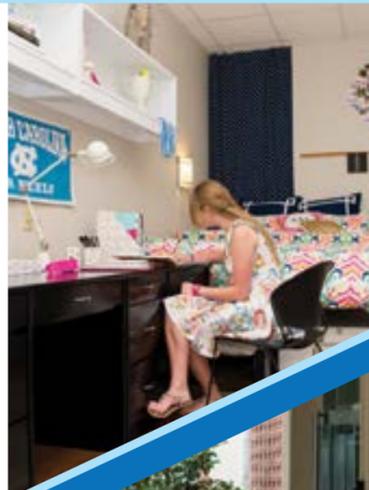
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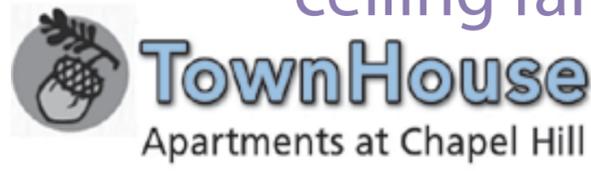
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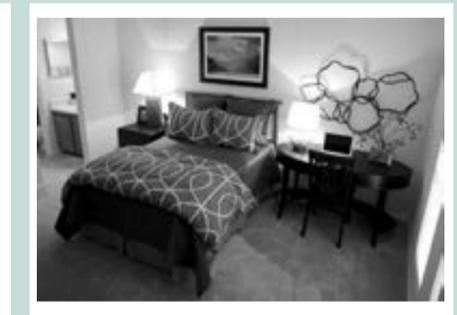


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