



## A LIGHT AT THE END

This calendar year brought the first comprehensive report on the University's decades-long athletic-academic scandal. Students saw the release of a sexual assault policy two years in the making — one replete with new definitions for words like "consent" and harsher punishments for assailants. The University says it's ready to move forward with positive reform, and students are hopeful it will be able to do so.

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### ATHLETIC-ACADEMIC SCANDAL

## Donations continue after scandal report

**There is no proof that donations to the University have declined.**

By Cain Twyman  
Staff Writer

Despite the negative press UNC received from the Wainstein report, there is little evidence to show it has affected donations to the University. Overall donations from July to November were up 6 percent from the previous donation year, according to a recent report. However, this only factors in a few weeks after the Wainstein report was published. The University asks for donations from alumni and parents of students by email, mail and phone calls. In the weeks following the report, there has not been a significant decline in donations, said David Routh, vice chancellor for development. Routh said the development office's alumni newsletter was changed to incorporate information about the Wainstein report after the report was released. At the University's calling center, students ask alumni and parents of students for donations. To combat questions from prospective donors, the student employees are asked to add a personal touch to positive responses about the report. Junior Tyra Pearson said the center brought in an expert to speak about the Wainstein report and how to respond to people

who have concerns. She said when people have concerns about the report, she talks about being an African-American at the University. She said her perspective on the scandal, which happened in the former Department of African and Afro-American Studies, sometimes helps settle the prospective donors. Pearson has worked at the calling center for two months and has come across five people who refused to donate because of the report. She said she does not think the report diminishes the integrity of the entire school. "Only one in 1,000 people were involved in the scandal. (On the phone), I discuss how a small number impacted the University," Pearson said. The center encourages employees to remind donors that the scandal ended in 2011. Routh said alumni sometimes have questions about the report because they do not have a lot of information on what it is. "Most of it is just giving information over the phone and once they get the information, they can understand," Routh said. Routh said people can get the most information if they read the entire Wainstein report, but he said many people watched the press conference in October to learn more about the report. Routh said the University is working with an outside public relations group called Edelman to reduce fallout from the report.

"We are working to communicate with more transparency, and people really appreciate that," he said. Douglas Shackelford, dean of the Kenan-Flagler Business School, said the Wainstein report has not substantially affected the business school. Shackelford said they have not changed their donor relation strategy because of the report. Their strategy has been to build relationships with alumni of the school to get donations. In order to build relationships, he arranges meals and meetings with alumni of the business school. Shackelford said he most recently went to breakfast with two alumni of the school to talk about their current careers. When meeting with alumni of the school, Shackelford said there have been conversations about the report, but it has little to do with the business school. "I would say the Wainstein report, in my mind, is just the latest episode in a long, developing story," he said. Shackelford said donors tend to focus on the Kenan-Flagler Business School in particular, and so far, there have not been any differences in the amount of significant donations. "I don't think it has a big effect on what we're doing down here, and I don't think there will be a long term effect on fundraising at the business school."

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## ConnectCarolina faces hacking woes

**A student said financial and academic information is not protected.**

By Rebecca Brickner  
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A UNC student claims he has identified a number of weaknesses in the ConnectCarolina system that threaten the privacy of students and faculty alike. Senior Winston Howes has pinpointed three major issues he worries could be exploited by hackers. "It's possible for anyone to see anyone's grades across campus. It's possible to change anyone's grades on campus. On top of that, it's also possible to view anyone's financial information, from financial aid to information that parents or whoever are using to pay tuition," he said. Howes said he first noticed the issues in August 2013 while working on creating a new version of ConnectCarolina, known as ConnectCarolina 2.0, as a personal project. "In order to build ConnectCarolina 2.0, I had to really dig around inside ConnectCarolina to learn how it's working from the inside out," Howes said. "The issues) I found sort of spooked me." Howes said the University didn't believe the weaknesses existed until he showed them how they could be exploited. "I reported a bunch of security holes to UNC, and they told me they were working on them," he said. "But when I came back around Christmastime, I had a meeting with ITS and the Dean of Students and I realized that none of these security

holes that I'd brought up had been fixed at all." Susan Kellogg, deputy chief information officer for ITS, emphasized that while ITS takes all security concerns seriously, Howes' accusations were "quite strong." "We're also not aware that someone can view a student's financial information unless that student has given them access to do so," Kellogg said. "People who aren't supposed to be changing grades are not. They can't." Howes said he believes that though the security holes are in an obscure part of ConnectCarolina, they still pose a real threat. "There was confusion about who was at fault and who would be able to take ownership in fixing these things. Unfortunately, some of these things are related to core ConnectCarolina functionality, so fixing them without care could break a lot of other things," he said. Student Body President Andrew Powell recognized that it can take a while for issues to be fixed within large university systems. He and Howes have been collaborating with Information Technology Services over the past few months to work on closing security holes. "When Winston approached me a few weeks ago, he still had concerns about security vulnerabilities," Powell said. "He's very knowledgeable about these things, so I asked him to keep me posted." Howes maintains that the weaknesses do exist and are not yet closed. "I checked earlier (Tuesday) and the security holes are still open and not fixed."

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Random acts of pasta

From staff and wire reports

With a lot of negativity in the world lately, it's nice to be reminded that there is still good in humanity. Meet Matt Tribe from Utah who decided to use his unlimited pasta pass from Olive Garden to make a few lives just a little better. OK, let's be honest — whenever Olive Garden breadsticks are involved, lives can get a lot better.

Tribe drove to Olive Garden twice a day to pick up food and then delivered it to family, friends and strangers. He also decided to give meals away to the homeless. At the end of his unlimited pass in November, Tribe gave meals to about 135 people. He documented the whole experience on his website. If this doesn't warm your heart, you don't have a heart.

**NOTED.** In the list of things to do when getting jumped, this one is pretty far up there.

A woman was attacked in a mall parking lot Georgia by a man wearing a ski mask. The man then tried to take her purse. In the struggle for her purse, the woman vomited on the man and then escaped. You go, girl.

**QUOTED.** "We just got talking in the hotel and I thought he seemed friendly enough."

— Susan Boyle, the singer who became famous after her performance on Britain's Got Talent, about her first boyfriend. She is now dating an American doctor whom she met during a six-week U.S. promotional tour. Better late than never!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- TODAY**

**Carolina Science Cafe:** The More-head Planetarium and Science Center is hosting a discussion of science in the news and trends in technology. This month's meeting will feature David McNelis, an expert in environmental science. The event is free and open to the public. Free appetizers are provided by Sigma Xi.  
**Time:** 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Back Bar

**UNC Men's Basketball vs Iowa:** The men's basketball team, ranked No. 12 in the nation, will take on Iowa hoping to improve its record to 6-1. UNC Athletics is joining REPREVE on #TurnIt-

Green to raise awareness about the environment and recycling. More than 22,000 green shirts will be distributed to fans. The game is free to UNC students with a ticket through the student lottery.  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Location:** Smith Center

**THURSDAY**

**22nd Annual Winter Stories for Children of All Ages:** UNC School of Information and Library Science staff members will lead a storytelling session of winter stories for children of all ages. The event is free and open to the public. Snacks will be provided.

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Wilson Library

**A Post Script – Art, Ideas, and Carolina Undergraduates:** UNC students will be presenting the art pieces they have worked on throughout the semester. The event is free and open to the public.  
**Time:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Location:** Ackland Art Museum

*To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.*

CORRECTIONS

- Due to a reporting error, Tuesday's front page story "High school students are calling for neutral bathrooms" incorrectly stated where the first gender-neutral bathrooms on UNC's campus were located. The Campus Y created gender-neutral bathrooms in January, but the LGBTQ Center has kept a list of the gender-neutral bathrooms on campus since 2010. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.
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Bull's Head Bookshop in UNC Student Stores hosted its annual reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Tuesday. Professor Tom Stumpf read the book in English and Student Stores employee George Morgan read it in Latin.

POLICE LOG

- Someone committed first degree burglary on the 400 block of N.C. Highway 54 between midnight and 4:28 p.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports.  
The person stole an Apple iPhone 5s.
- Someone broke and entered a property on the 200 block of Greensboro Street at 2:02 a.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports.  
The person broke a glass door, reports state.
- Someone broke and entered and committed larceny on the 100 block of Elm Street between 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and 3:50 p.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.  
The person stole an Apple Macbook Air valued at \$1,500, a Lenovo XI Carbon laptop, valued at \$1,400, one Apple laptop charger, a Kindle Fire, valued at \$100, a Macbook Pro, valued at \$1,600, a hard drive, valued at \$100, a leather wallet, valued at \$10, an Ogio backpack, valued at \$80, a Neoprene laptop case, valued at \$50, a pocket watch, valued at \$200, and \$4,050 in various jewelry items, reports state.
- Someone reported loud noise and stomping on the 600 block of Jones Ferry Road at 2:53 p.m. Friday, according to Carrboro police reports.  
The person showed officers where paint chipped off their ceiling from the stomping, reports state.
- Someone committed second degree burglary on the 100 block of Waverly Forest Lane at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, according to Carrboro police reports.  
The person stole a bottle of Cognac, valued at \$45, a bottle of Tequila, valued at \$25, Adderall, valued at \$20, and broke a window lock, valued at \$20, reports state.

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# Mediterranean restaurant to open in Qdoba spot

**The family-owned eatery plans to open in February 2015.**

**By Marisa Bakker**  
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill is hungry for a fresh take on Franklin Street dining. Jasmin Mediterranean Bistro, a Greek-Lebanese fusion restaurant, is tentatively set to open in February 2015, filling the space formerly occupied by Qdoba Mexican Grill at the intersection of Franklin Street and Columbia Street. "It's a family-owned, family-operated restaurant," said Nawwaf Said, who co-owns the restaurant chain with his wife, Bayan. "All the recipes, all the food, it's who we are." Said and his wife opened their first Jasmin restaurant on campus at N.C. State University in 2004 — the first of four restaurants in Cary and Raleigh. The Franklin

Street location will be the fifth, with a sixth in the works for mid-2015. "Nowhere else could we get the visibility that we need than Franklin, especially at the intersection of Franklin and Columbia," Said said. The pair said they have wanted to open a Chapel Hill location for a while now, but were waiting for the ideal spot — which they found when Qdoba Mexican Grill closed its doors on Halloween night, he said. Said said what sets Jasmin apart from other eateries on Franklin is the ingredients used in their Mediterranean-inspired dishes. "We use homegrown recipes, fresh ingredients — in the Triangle and over here — we try to do our best to source all of our ingredients from local markets," he said. The restaurant is a chance for students to eat healthy, high-quality food that fits their budgets, said Said. It's a welcome change in what he calls a "hamburger town."

"Up and down Franklin Street, all the food is either Mexican or hamburgers or pizza," he said. UNC students have only gotten a small preview of what Jasmin has to offer, but several say they are optimistic about its opening. "I'm excited for it, because I really love Mediterranean food, and Med Deli is great, but it would be great to have other options as well, especially for vegetarians," said junior Lucy Thomas. Said said he is not expecting to compete with Mediterranean Deli, another Franklin Street restaurant offering comparable cuisine. "There's no reason why Jasmin and Mediterranean Deli can't coexist nicely," he said. Dominic Corwin, a senior, said a restaurant like Jasmin might draw him to Franklin Street more often. "I grew up in Chapel Hill and I've maybe been to Med Deli four times in 22 years — I don't go to West Franklin a



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Jasmin Bistro is set to move into Qdoba Grill's old space on West Franklin Street in early 2015.

lot, but if Jasmin is anything decent I would probably frequent it more than some others," he said. "And if they have delivery, that will help."

Said said he is hopeful that Chapel Hill students will benefit from the healthy, delicious option his restaurant will present come opening day. "I just want everybody to

come and try us — give us an opportunity, give us a chance to make Franklin Street a new home for Jasmin," he said.

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# Folt postpones contextualized transcripts over student concerns

**By Bradley Saacks**  
University Editor

Contextualized transcripts will not be implemented for at least another semester, after Chancellor Carol Folt decided there were too many concerns about the change — both logistically and conceptually. In an emergency meeting of the Faculty Executive Committee, Student Body Vice President Kyle Villemain requested a delay of the new transcripts after student focus groups raised concerns about students' knowledge of the

impending change. "I would say 98 percent of students in the current population do not know what it means, and they are the ones who will have it on their transcripts in three weeks," he said. The transcript would include a median grade for each course, a schedule point average that shows the GPA of the average person in the course and the percentile range of where one's course grade fell compared to the median grade. Folt, who heard the concerns from Villemain and freshman Eliza Filene during

the scheduled Chancellor's Advisory Committee meeting Tuesday, decided to delay the contextualized switch. She cited student concerns, the time since the policy was originally voted to be implemented in 2011 and the technical issues raised by University Registrar Chris Derickson. Derickson, whose office was in charge of creating the new contextualized transcripts for students, had concerns about his office being ready to put the change into action in just a few weeks, mentioning that the most recent draft of the new

transcript shown at the Faculty Council meeting less than a week ago had an error with the schedule point average. "I can find a way to make it work if it's for what is best for the University, but I do wish there was more time," he said. Evelyne Huber, a political science professor, echoed Derickson's sentiments. "It could delegitimize the whole enterprise," said Huber, a Chancellor's Advisory Committee member, about an error in the new transcripts. Andrew Perrin, a professor of sociology, who has been the

driving force of the change, agreed that if the system is not ready to implement the new transcripts, UNC should wait, but he did not think the student concerns were legitimate. "I think this (change) has been communicated again and again. If students do not know about it then they are not paying attention," Perrin said. Concerns over the future of small seminar classes and liberal arts degrees have been discussed ad nauseam, he said. "To say we are readdressing the question (of using contextualized grading) is inappropriate," said Laurie McNeil, a professor and member of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee. Jennifer Coble, a professor of biology and chairwoman of the Education Policy Committee, said she was not around for the initial transcript discussions, but the group should give more weight to student concerns. "Personally, my instinct is that, even if they are late in the game, their concerns are important," she said.

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# Developments spur debate around town

**Four mixed-use developments were the centers of controversy.**

**By Holly West and Jasmin Singh**  
Senior Writers

A handful of major developments made progress in Chapel Hill this year, contributing the growing residential and commercial space in the town.

## LUX Apartments

With move-in delays, hotel stays and terminated leases, LUX residents had a bumpy start to their first semester.

LUX at Central Park, an apartment complex on a 9.13-acre site along Martin Luther King Jr.

Boulevard, did not finish construction in time for students to move in on Aug. 17. The complex said bad weather and problems with permits and inspections caused the delays.

Some residents had their leases terminated outright, while others stayed in hotels and campus residence halls for the first few weeks of the school year.

LUX residents received mixed emails from LUX, some saying that their units would be move-in ready by Sept. 5 while others said they couldn't move in by the date.

Students who took the on-campus housing offer received \$400 Visa gift cards each week to pay for expenses and free moving services.

Leaseholders were also given the option to terminate their leases at no cost.

On Sept. 5, 19 days after the original move-in date, 160 residents were finally able to move-in.

## The Graduate

The Graduate, Chapel Hill's graduate student-oriented housing project, will be located downtown at 105 Kenan St., next to the Franklin Hotel.

A special use permit for the seven-story complex was approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council in October.

The project's developers, Wintergreen Hospitality, which also owns the Franklin Hotel, say it satisfies a previously unmet need for housing for UNC graduate students.

## Village Plaza

Village Plaza, a proposed mixed-use apartment complex on South Elliott Road, is the first development planned under the town's Ephesus-Fordham Form-Based Code.

The development would include

new streets and sidewalks, bike lanes, shared lane bicycle marking and 168 bike parking spaces.

It has sparked heated debate among residents, who have expressed concern that the plan doesn't include sufficient affordable housing provisions and that the building does not fit the character of the East Franklin Street area.

## The Edge

A mixed-use development proposed for Eubanks Road, called The Edge, would include more than 900,000 square feet of residential, retail and office space in at least 23 buildings.

Developer Northwood Ravin has asked the town to make multi-million dollar road improvements to the area.

The town started a public hearing on the property in mid-November

and will continue it today.

## Rosemary Hotel

Chapel Hill's hotel market could grow with the development of the Rosemary Street Hotel, which would be located at 210 W. Rosemary St.

The hotel would be a Marriott AC Hotel, a new urban hotel design developed in Spain.

The proposed four-story hotel would include more than 115 rooms, a swimming pool, outdoor eating area, a library, small media salons, a meeting room and more than 100 underground parking spaces.

Though the hotel will be the second non-residential facility in the Northside Neighborhood Conservation District, developers are working to include residents in the design and development process.

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# McCants allegations taint basketball team

**The former player said he didn't receive a real education.**

**By Pat James and Paige Ladisic**  
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The involvement of the North Carolina men's basketball team in the athletic-academic scandal at UNC had rarely before come under scrutiny when Rashad McCants voiced his concerns in June.

The former guard sat down with ESPN's "Outside the Lines" on June 6 and claimed that he took many paper classes in the former Department of African and Afro-American Studies, in which widespread academic fraud was later discovered by the independent investigation of Kenneth

Wainstein, who was hired by the University.

McCants, who played on the 2005 national championship team at UNC, said in the ESPN interview that he rarely had to go to class and was given papers already written by his tutors — and he claimed that head coach Roy Williams knew about the paper class system.

"It's hard for anybody not to know about the fact that we're taking African-American studies courses and we don't have to go to class," McCants said in the interview.

"That's very obvious, especially when (Williams) has his coaches checking our classes and checking our schedules and checking our grades. It was something that was a part of the program."

On Oct. 29, Williams told journalists at ACC Basketball Media Day that he had always emphasized academics as a coach. He told Wainstein during the investigation that

he was unaware of the fake classes orchestrated for athletes.

In interviews with Wainstein, Williams also denied McCants' allegations against him. He said that he knew McCants was taking AFAM classes in his last semester at UNC and that he had spoken with McCants about taking his final semester seriously.

According to the Wainstein report, McCants did not respond to requests to assist the investigation, which left Wainstein's team with no evidence to support his claims.

"You're not there to get an education, though they tell you that," McCants said in the "Outside the Lines" interview.

"You're there to make revenue for the college. You're there to put fans in the seats. You're there to bring prestige to the University by winning games."

Following the interview, other members of the 2005 national championship team issued a statement and said collectively that they were proud of their achievements at UNC, where they said they did their own academic work.

Wainstein's team interviewed seven of the players who had played with McCants between 2002 and 2005. They said the classes they took, though easy, were not in any way fraudulent.

Following McCants interview with ESPN, the University announced its plans for the Complete Carolina program, which allows former athletes to come back and complete their degree at any time for no additional charge. The program will begin during the 2015-16 academic year.

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# WAINSTEIN WEIGHS IN



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Thomas Ross, the president of the University of North Carolina system, opens up the Wainstein report release press conference held on Oct. 22, 2014. The investigation cost the University \$3.1 million.

## The report was the latest to chronicle the University’s longtime academic fraud

By **Bradley Saacks**  
University Editor

In October, the grim details of the academic-athletic scandal that has plagued the University since 2010 were revealed by the Wainstein report. The investigation by former federal prosecutor Kenneth Wainstein and his team of Washington, D.C., lawyers took eight months and \$3.1 million to complete and uncovered what happened in the former Department of African and Afro-American Studies between 1993 and 2011. Former secretary Deborah Crowder and former African and Afro-American studies department chairman Julius Nyang’oro created thousands of paper classes that more than 3,100 students enrolled in. The classes did not require students to attend class or complete any assignments, except one — a paper due at the end of the semester that Crowder, a nonfaculty member, would grade extremely leniently. Wainstein, who was retained by the University in February for an

hourly rate of \$990, found that student-athletes accounted for nearly half of the enrollments in these fake classes for the nearly two decades in which they existed. “Was this an academic or an athletic issue? Clearly it was an issue in both areas. It was a University issue,” Chancellor Carol Folt said at the Oct. 22 report release press conference. At the press conference, Folt announced that nine University employees would face disciplinary action, including four who were already terminated. UNC-system President Tom Ross also said an employee at another university in the system would face disciplinary action — an employee who was later identified by a source close to the situation as Beth Bridger, a former associate director of the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes who was working at UNC-Wilmington. “We’re being described by a set of actions that took place in our history, but I’m not going to accept that,” Folt said in an October interview. But the University has not

released any official word on the nine employees or named them publicly. In November, 10 media organizations, including The Daily Tar Heel, filed a suit against the University for the information. The report followed a year filled with new subplots to the ever-growing athletic scandal. This year started with former athletic tutor Mary Willingham’s study, which she released to CNN in January, revealing 60 percent of 183 student-athletes she tested could only read between a fourth- and eighth-grade level. Following the publication of her study, Willingham met with Provost Jim Dean to discuss her findings — research that Willingham said she had already shown the University. “I know that they’re going to come back and tell me that it’s wrong,” Willingham said in January. “They deny and they deny, and that’s not helping students.” “There’s a pretty good track record of how many times this data, the data that the athletic depart-

ment fought and paid for. There’s a pretty good track record of all the times it’s been given back to them, so here’s one more time.” Willingham’s research was reviewed by a board of three outside professors from the University of Minnesota, Georgia State University and University of Virginia. The board determined the processes in which Willingham used to determine the athletes’ literacy did not accurately gauge the reading ability. Willingham used the Scholastic Abilities Test for Adults and SAT scores to evaluate literacy levels, as well as ACT scores, grade point averages, credit hours and academic standing information. “While SATA RV (the 25-question, multiple choice vocabulary subtest) results can be informative as part of screening for learning differences and/or disabilities, they are not accepted by the psychological community as an appropriate measure of reading grade level and literacy,” the board’s press release said in April. In April, Willingham resigned after

an hour-long meeting with Folt. “I’ve been thinking all along about how hard it is to come to work every day, you know there’s always the whisper campaign around you, there’s people who are for you but they don’t want to say,” she said. “There’s people who are against you who don’t want to say.” Willingham eventually sued the University at the end of June, saying UNC violated her First Amendment rights, did not provide her protection under the state’s whistleblower protection law and created a hostile working environment for her. “We respect the right of any current or former employee to speak out on important University and national issues,” said Joel Curran, vice chancellor for communication and public affairs. “We believe the facts will demonstrate that Ms. Willingham was treated fairly and appropriately while she was employed at Carolina.” The lawsuit said Willingham wants to be reinstated at her old position.

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## Court decisions bring gay marriage to NC, other states

By **Lindsey Brunson**  
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A tidal wave of federal court decisions during fall 2014 led to legal gay marriage in North Carolina — just over two years after voters in the state banned same-sex couples from marrying. Gay marriage is now legal in 35 states and Washington, D.C. After the passage of N.C. Amendment One in May 2012, North Carolina’s gay marriage ban was challenged in district court by four lawsuits. One of those challenges, initiated by the United Church of Christ, led to a decision in October that struck down the ban. N.C. Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger and Speaker of the N.C. House Thom Tillis, who is now a U.S. senator-elect, released a statement in December 2013 announcing they had retained outside legal counsel to help them defend the state’s gay marriage ban. In February, Virginia’s ban on gay marriage was struck down by a federal judge. The decision was put on hold and appealed to the 4th Circuit. Because North Carolina also falls under the jurisdiction of the 4th Circuit, a decision in that case would become a precedent in the state. “Virginia’s holding that overrides the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage is really and truly the first victory in the South,” said Jen Jones, spokeswoman for the LGBT advocacy group Equality N.C., in February. Federal judges in the 4th Circuit upheld the decision overturning Virginia’s ban in July. N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper announced at a news conference after the ruling



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Kyle Kufert, a junior Biology major from Charlotte, rides on the UNC LGBTQ Center float at the NC Pride Parade in Durham held during September. that he would no longer defend North Carolina’s ban in court. In October, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand rulings in five states that had struck down gay marriage bans, including Virginia — which legal experts said would likely clear the way for same-sex marriage in North Carolina. Two days later, a North Carolina district court judge lifted his stay on the four lawsuits challenging the state’s gay marriage ban. “This is a very big day, but for a lot of families, it can’t come soon enough,” Mike Meno, spokesman for the N.C. American Civil Liberties Union, said at the time. A federal judge struck down the gay marriage ban on Oct. 10 — and dozens of couples around the state sped to register of deeds offices to tie the knot. In November, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the trend of federal court rulings against gay marriage bans — a panel of judges upheld bans in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee. Tillis and Berger responded by appealing to the 4th Circuit to reverse the North Carolina decision that legalized gay marriage. UNC law professor Maxine Eichner said a final decision on gay marriage is now likely to go to the Supreme Court, since there is a split in the circuit courts. “Then the question is what they’ll do with it.”

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## University released sexual assault policy

**The policy was the result of months of work and task force meetings.**

By **Jane Wester**  
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In January 2014, the Sexual Assault Task Force was only about halfway through its work. Throughout the spring and summer, members convened as often as once a week to wrestle with definitions, sanctions and the structure of the disciplinary process. On Aug. 28, nine days after the 2014-15 school year began, the University had a new and more thorough sexual assault policy. The new policy spends six paragraphs defining consent as an affirmative “yes.” “Absence of a ‘no’ does not mean consent. The presence of a ‘yes’ means consent,” Christi Hurt, chairwoman of the task force, said in a June interview. The policy stipulates that the person consenting must not be incapacitated, although he or she might be intoxicated. This issue was particularly challenging for the task force. “It feels to me that we are trying to catch a greased pig with (consent when intoxicated), because it comes down to the intent of an individual,” Allen O’Barr, director of counseling and wellness services, said at a June task force meeting. Under the new policy, investigators make a preliminary judgment on a case. Students may then appeal to a hearing panel. Possible sanctions for the responding party include housing and class schedule changes, no-contact orders,

a voluntary leave of absence or suspension and expulsion from all UNC system schools. “There are new terms that are defined, that students asked for — they wanted to see stalking, for example,” Hurt said. At the time of her graduation in May, a few months before the policy was finalized, survivor and activist Andrea Pino said the new policy would not signal the end of necessary reforms. “I think the policy is really only step one here at Carolina,” she said. “I think we need students who are willing to and are going to hold this University accountable and demand transparency.” Chancellor Carol Folt reviewed the policy before its implementation and said she made no changes. She said the policy will be subject to annual review by an advisory group. On June 2, Gender Violence Services Coordinator Cassidy Johnson began work in a new position funded by a grant through the U.S. Department of Justice. “(Sexual assault survivors) can come to me, and I can provide a safe space for them to talk,” Johnson said. “I can link them to other support organizations and services.” Hurt, director of the Carolina Women’s Center, became assistant vice chancellor and chief of staff for student affairs July. The search for a replacement director is ongoing. On Jan. 2, after a months-long search, Howard Kallem began work as Title IX compliance coordinator, as part of an expansion of the Title IX office. Kallem, who also served on the Sexual Assault Task Force, left UNC for Duke University on Dec. 1.

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# Adolescents suffer in adult NC prisons

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North Carolina is one of two states that tries 16- and 17-year-olds as adult offenders — and some advocates want to change a state law they call harmful to adolescents.

A November study from the New York City Department of Health's Bureau of Correctional Health Services found that adolescents in adult prisons are twice as likely to be placed in solitary confinement.

Adolescents sent to adult facilities tend to be more at risk for developing psychological disorders and experiencing physical and sexual assault.

Sarah Preston, policy director of the N.C. American Civil Liberties Union, said the ACLU's recent research on state prison conditions shows adverse conditions for adolescent inmates in adult prison.

Preston said the ACLU sought to find out whether jails were complying with guidelines passed by the

U.S. government in 2012 to improve prison conditions.

She said a resulting report found that many jails were not in compliance with federal guidelines — including a rule mandating that juveniles kept in adult facilities must be separated from older inmates.

"If they are in the juvenile system, they're in a system that's actually designed for them," she said.

Tamar Birkhead, associate professor and director of clinical programs at UNC School of Law, said North Carolina has had its current law for about 100 years, and various attempts to pass new legislation have failed over the years.

The ACLU supported the Young Offender Rehabilitation Act, the most recent attempt to change the law, during the 2014 legislative session.

Birkhead said the bill passed the N.C. House of Representatives with strong support — 77 to 39 votes — but never made it to the Senate.

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She said the bill was a watered-down version of what organizations like the ACLU want, as the bill would have allowed the first court appearance of 16- and 17-year-olds tried for misdemeanors to be in a juvenile court.

Barbara Fedders, a clinical associate professor at UNC School of Law and co-director of its Youth Justice Clinic, said the legislature has often claimed cost as a factor for not changing the law — lawmakers have said it's less expensive to try 16- and 17-year-olds through the adult system.

Fedders said studies have been done that show juvenile offenders persecuted through the adult system are more likely to go back to jail than their juvenile system counterparts, a process that ultimately ends up costing the state more.

A judge in Durham recently launched a pilot misdemeanor diversion project — which puts 16- and 17-year-old first-time offenders charged with misdemeanors into an alternative program. Offenders can complete activities like community service instead of going to jail.

Birkhead said she is working to implement a similar program in Orange County.

"I try to remain optimistic that change will come," she said.

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# Fraternity hosts sleep-in event to support homeless

**By Wei Zhou**  
Staff Writer

As temperatures dropped Tuesday, UNC students spent the night outdoors to raise awareness for the homeless.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. hosted the event, Sleep Out for the Homeless, as part of the fraternity's national initiative. The fraternity organizes the program to show support for the millions of homeless people in the U.S.

The event started at 9:14 p.m. Tuesday at SASB plaza to celebrate the establishment of the fraternity in 1914.

It lasted until 6 a.m. today. Students slept outside while people could drop by to donate clothes, food and other items. The donations will go to the Inter-Faith Council's Community House, a homeless shelter located on West Rosemary Street.

Frank Tillman, the president of the fraternity, said this is the third year the chapter has held the event. He said the chapter hosts it at UNC every semester, and last semester about 75 people came to the event.

He said the chapter also has other service events and weekly volunteer activities to help disadvantaged teens throughout the year.

The Xi Gamma Chapter was founded in 1982 at UNC and currently has four members.

Junior Danny Davenport, a member of Kappa Alpha



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Frank Tillman, president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., sleeps out in the SASB Plaza to ask for donations for the homeless.

Psi Fraternity, Inc., said he attended the event to support fraternity camaraderie. He also said he wanted to show support for those who have to sleep outside everyday.

"I just want to come out and show my support to these matters," he said.

Davenport also participated in the event last semester. He said, although it's freezing outside, being able to stay with friends and talk with each other is a valuable experience.

Senior Phi Beta Sigma member Juderius Henderson said the chapter hosts the event because they want to let people know how it feels like to be homeless.

"We want to place ourselves in the places of the homeless, so that's why we are sleeping out here in the

cold, and we are also raising money, canned food, gently worn clothes," he said.

Although weather was colder this year, he said he expected the same number of people to attend the event as did in the spring because many students pass by the event.

The National Weather Service forecasted that Tuesday night's temperature would be as low as 42 degrees and there would be patchy fog after 1 a.m.

Tillman said they intentionally pick a colder day to sleep outside.

"What we typically do is that we pick a split that is relatively cold so that we can really, I guess, experience what it would be like to be homeless."

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# Lesser bowl will not affect UNC's bottom line

**By Olivia Bane**  
Staff Writer

After the UNC football team's crushing defeat by N.C. State on Saturday, UNC lost its chance to play in a Tier 2 bowl game, leaving it with the possibility of playing in a Tier 3 bowl game or none at all.

There are four ACC teams that are 6-6 — UNC, Miami, Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh — but only three guaranteed bowl slots for them. An extra bowl game might become available for an ACC team depending on where bowl-eligible teams from the Big 12 conference end up.

"We put so much work in, so I'll feel pretty bad if

we don't get to play in a bowl game," said Kendrick Singleton, a junior wide receiver.

While UNC fans and players could potentially be disappointed, dropping down a tier or not going to a bowl at all will not significantly affect UNC financially.

"We set our budget in February, March or April, the year before, based on a projected amount of money that the ACC tells us we'll get, regardless of if we're in a bowl game," said Rick Steinbacher, the senior associate athletic director for external communications.

The bowl games are a major source of revenue for the ACC and its schools, and

each school receives the same bowl payout amount from the ACC if it plays in a Tier 1 bowl, Tier 2 bowl or no bowl at all.

Steinbacher said each of the 14 ACC schools receives an equal split of the bowl revenue allotment. This year, each school received slightly less than \$5 million for a bowl payout.

Each school that makes it to a bowl game also receives an expense allotment to cover its travel costs, but the expense allotment is not intended to be a financial gain. All bowl teams receive the same expense funding, except for the teams that make it to the college playoffs and the Orange Bowl — they receive more funding.

The biggest concern with UNC potentially playing in a Tier 3 bowl is that fewer students and alumni will attend because the game will be farther away. In 2013, UNC played the University of Cincinnati in the Belk Bowl in Charlotte, giving nearby alumni and students a chance to attend.

"It's been a while since we played a bowl game that wasn't really a drivable distance," Steinbacher said. "Certainly, playing a bowl game farther away will have lesser amounts of fans."

Sports business scholar Marc Edelman said while a faraway game does not necessarily guarantee low fan attendance, in UNC's case, it likely does.

"For a school like UNC, a lot of graduates stay in the area, so the farther the team travels, the harder it'd be to find fans," Edelman said.

"The University of Michigan is a perfect example of a school that has a strong alumni base nationwide. In Michigan, Florida, California, they're going to have a strong base anywhere."

Due to the timing of the bowl games, as well as the likelihood of the game being far away, it might be difficult for UNC students to attend.

"A lot of the bowl games are during Christmas break, and people have family plans, so it's hard to travel far," said freshman Abbey Rogers. She said she is from Charlotte and would have liked to go if the game had been held there again this year.

The announcement of bowl assignments on Dec. 7 will determine if UNC will play in a bowl.

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## The Truth about the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Movement

**Does it stand for Middle East peace or does it seek Israel's destruction?**

Leaders of the effort to boycott, divest from and apply sanctions against Israel—the so-called BDS movement—say they stand for an “end to the occupation of the Palestinian territories,” “justice in Palestine” and “freedom for the Palestinian people.” But what are the real motives of BDS leaders—do they really want peace between Israel and the Palestinian people?

**What are the facts?**

While the BDS movement uses highly emotive language in their appeals for support—such as “ending repression” and “Israeli war crimes”—a closer look at the real motives of the movement reveals a more sinister goal.

First, note that the BDS movement focuses only on alleged war crimes and repression by Israel—and ignores real war crimes and tyrannical repression by other Middle Eastern nations and terrorist organizations. When Hamas and Hizbollah target thousands of rockets at Israeli civilian populations in violation of international law, BDS utters not a word of criticism, let alone a call for boycotts or sanctions. When Iran's government violently crushes peaceful protests and Egypt stifles its press and political opposition with a dictatorial hand, BDS is likewise silent. Why?

**By singling out Israel for criticism and economic pressure,** BDS employs a double standard—a hypocritical and dishonest tactic frequently used by anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hate groups.

The reason, as we'll see, is that the BDS movement is not really interested in alleged war crimes or repression. Rather its purpose is to delegitimize and then destroy Israel.

The second critical fact about the BDS movement is that while it masquerades behind words like “freedom” and “occupation,” one need only listen closely to its rhetoric to realize that these are code words for the elimination of Israel.

**BDS leaders oppose a two-state solution—why?** While the United States, Western European powers, Israel and the U.N. Security Council have embraced a “two-state solution” as the basis for peace in the Middle East, BDS leaders, such as Ali Abunimah and Omar Barghouti, are clear: They openly and outspokenly *oppose* a two-state solution. Why?

Because when BDS supporters talk about “the occupation of Palestine,” they refer not to disputed West Bank territories, but to *all* the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea—including all of Israel. When they talk about “freedom,” they don't mean freedom from security roadblocks, they mean freedom from Jews in their midst. When they talk about “occupation,” they mean *not just* Israeli

security forces in the West Bank, they also mean Israelis “occupying” the state of Israel.

The third telling fact about the BDS movement is that it consistently and vehemently opposes any efforts to bring Israelis and Palestinians together to work in peace and on peace. For example, BDS leaders advocate boycotting cultural exchanges between Israelis and Palestinian artists. They condemn educational cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian universities. Most revealingly, they *oppose peace talks* between Israel and the Palestinian leadership, calling them “collaborationist.”

**BDS is not about “occupation.”** In short, BDS is not about peaceful coexistence or ending the “occupation” of the West Bank. Indeed, Omar Barghouti, a graduate student at Tel Aviv University and BDS founder, admits, “If the occupation ends . . . would that end support for BDS? No it wouldn't—no.”

Not only do BDS leaders admit this, but they implacably support the “return” of nearly five million *descendants* of Arab refugees who left during Israel's war of independence in 1947. In fact, most of these Palestinians are not truly refugees—fully 95 percent of them have never set foot in Israel.

Most importantly, the immigration of millions of Arab refugees' descendants to Israel would make Jews a minority in their own state. As President Obama has correctly noted, “The ‘right of return’ would extinguish Israel as a Jewish state, and that's not an option.” Yet destroying Israel by flooding it with millions of Palestinians is precisely what BDS leader Barghouti insists upon: “This (the right of return) is something we cannot compromise on.”

**BDS's goal: “Extinguish Israel as a Jewish state.”** BDS unequivocally rejects Israel's many peace offers—including numerous land-for-peace proposals supported by the United States—and rejects Israel's willingness to sit down to direct peace talks without preconditions.

Thus, the facts make BDS's intentions clear: Rather than being a movement that seeks peace and freedom, it is a movement motivated by an obsessive hate of Zionism and Jews and opposition to the Jewish state—one bent on fomenting strife, conflict and enmity until Israel is utterly defeated.

*If you support peace between Israel and the Palestinians, if you support two states for two peoples—living side by side in cultural, social and economic harmony—please oppose the ill-intentioned BDS movement in your community. Speak out against hateful, one-sided campaigns to boycott Israeli goods, to divest from companies that do business with Israel and to enact sanctions against the state of Israel. This is not the path to peace!*

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# Congress vetoes hardship parking bill

**Student Congress also tabled a One Act bill until the spring.**

**By Tyler Fleming**  
Staff Writer

Hardship parking and the possibility of rewriting the Student Code dominated Student Congress' last meeting of the semester Tuesday.

Shelby Dawkins-Law, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, discussed the recent vote by the graduate senate to rewrite the Student Code.

"The code is in desperate need of rewriting," she said. "My position is referred to in three different ways in the Student Code."

Speaker Ivy Hardy expressed some concerns with the proposal.

First, she brought up the

fact that the Student Code was completely rewritten three years ago and in her opinion does not need an overhaul.

The second point of contention was over the possibility of a referendum to allow students to decide on changes to the code.

Hardy expressed fears of allowing students who may not be knowledgeable on the topic to make such a major decision.

"What I am afraid of is that people will just check yes and not even know what it is about," she said.

Dawkins-Law said she is confident in the student body and Congress' ability to educate the populace.

"We are making a lot of assumptions about the naivety of our student body and their willingness to engage," she said.

The Congress then moved on to discuss a recent bill proposed by Representative Maria Moore that would require all

Student Congress members to attend One Act training.

"We are having a huge scandal, and I think it would look very good that Congress is taking decisive steps," she said.

Hardy does not believe the bill is necessary for Congress members to do their jobs.

"One Act training is very good, but it is not necessary to be in Congress," she said.

The bill was tabled and will be voted on next semester.

The final speaker of the night was Student Body Vice President Kyle Villemain, who had to present his bill on hardship parking.

Hardship parking provides

spots to students who need a car on campus for medical, family or working conditions.

Villemain wants to address inefficiencies and improve the current system.

"It is not a system that is good for students, and it is not a system good for this University," he said.

Villemain said he hopes to streamline the process so anyone with a displayed need can get a parking pass, even if they are not the actual owner of the car.

He proposed that as long as you are able to drive, it does not matter if the person parking necessarily owns the car.

*"It is not a system that is good for students, and it is not a system good for this University."*

**Kyle Villemain,**  
Student Body Vice President

Congress had many points of contention with Villemain's proposal, including concerns about the involvement of faculty in student government.

The original bill said two faculty advisers would sit on the committee that decides who receives passes.

Speaker Pro Tempore Peter McClelland said allowing advisors in student government would set a massive precedent

that could devalue student government's autonomy.

"I think it would be a huge mistake," he said.

The bill was voted down, but Villemain said student government will need to work with faculty in the future.

"Going forward, we should really think about what shared governance means," he said.

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# New abortion clinic rules proposed in NC

**By Sara Svehla**  
Staff Writer

New regulations on North Carolina abortion clinics — mandated by a controversial law passed by the N.C. General Assembly over a year ago — are finally starting to take shape.

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services released a proposed set of guidelines for abortion clinics Monday. The law gave DHHS the authority to develop rules using the same standards that regulate outpatient surgery centers.

Some groups have seen the regulations as a means to limit abortion access for women — and they’ve said the rules could hinder the ability of abortion clinics to remain open.

“Make no mistake about it. The law that forced these rules to be written was backed by politicians with a single goal — to prevent women in North Carolina from accessing safe, legal abortion care,” said Suzanne Buckley, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, in a statement.

The group is supportive of regulations that would help protect patients, but the restrictions passed by

the N.C. General Assembly are not medically necessary, Buckley said.

Sarah Eldred, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina, said the group will continue to work for abortion access in the state.

“Planned Parenthood’s top priority is the health and safety of our patients, and we continually seek ways to improve patient services and our already high standard of care,” she said in an email.

As DHHS was drafting the new guidelines, they consulted Planned Parenthood and sought its input as a health care provider and a women’s health care expert, Eldred said.

Before the new guidelines are approved, DHHS will have a 60-day public comment period and a public hearing. Buckley said NARAL representatives are planning to have their voices heard.

“NARAL Pro-Choice N.C. will do everything possible to amplify the perspectives of women’s health experts, abortion providers and concerned citizens who believe that women’s health, safety and wellbeing — not a political agenda — should come first in North Carolina,” Buckley said.

*“Women’s health, safety and wellbeing ... should come first in N.C.”*

**Suzanne Buckley**  
of NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina

Mara Buchbinder, a UNC assistant professor of social medicine, has conducted research surrounding the Woman’s Right to Know Act. She said her research suggests that complying with new laws can be costly and time-consuming for abortion clinics.

“I know from the work that I did with the Woman’s Right to Know Act that providers had to devote a lot of critical resources, time and money to comply with the law,” said Buchbinder.

Buchbinder said the regulations are a drain on clinics’ ability to provide abortion care.

“The law had nothing to do with keeping women safe, and everything to do with making it practically impossible for North Carolina women to access abortion care,” Buckley said.

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# UNC students to sell their art to the community

**By Morgan Vickers**  
Staff Writer

Student artists will transform the third floor of Hanes Art Center into a sales floor Friday.

Students and community members will have the opportunity to view, explore and purchase student artwork unique enough to serve as holiday gifts or dorm decor.

Three student-artists participating in the 8th Annual UNC Art Department Student Print + Art Sale — Kerry O’Shea, Shelby Bass and Karishma Lalchandani — say they believe the greatest benefit to this event is creating a connection between artists, UNC and the greater community of Chapel Hill.

O’Shea, a senior studio art major, has never sold her artwork before, but said she is hopeful that the art show will help her to gain artistic exposure.

“The print show is another good way to sort of get involved with the community,” she said. “People will see the work and want to buy it.”

O’Shea said she hopes to sell 30 to 40 pieces of artwork that she made in classes taken throughout her time spent at

UNC. She said the majority of the artwork that she will be selling is print work, so if one piece is purchased, there will still be other copies of that same piece for other interested shoppers to buy.

“It is definitely a bridge between the community and the students,” she said.

Bass, a senior studio art major and president of the Undergraduate Art Association, entered UNC on the pre-medical track, but changed her major to studio art in order to pursue her passions.

As president of the UAA — the organization responsible for running the event annually — Bass spends much of her time both creating artwork and promoting the sales of student art.

“Not only do I like to make art, I like to give other people the chance to show their art, get their art out there,” she said.

Bass said she believes that selling one’s own art is rewarding and creates accessibility for upcoming student-artists.

“People have made hundreds of dollars in sales in the past years,” she said. “The art world focuses on making art and making good art, but this is sort of a crash course in

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how to sell it.”

Lalchandani, a senior psychology major, is experienced in art sales. She owns her own design business called Karishma’s Art where she currently sells apparel and merchandise with henna-style prints on them.

Lalchandani believes that the time of year will have an impact on the event’s turnout.

“Since it’s exam time, I’m not expecting too many people to come out,” she said. “But it’s the holiday season, so people will want to get prints.”

Lalchandani said the Print + Art Sale will create a sense of confidence and validation for student artists.

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**2. Draft a Budget:** Living off campus comes with more expenses than just rent. There's the internet bill, utilities, groceries, and the cab fare to get back from a night on the town! It's easy to lose track of all the money going out, so make sure you're tracking what you spend and setting limits. The Office of the Dean of Students offers a financial literacy workshop that could help with this, or you could download a phone app like Mint to keep track of your money. Your bank likely offers an online service to help you track expenses – get used to checking your account balances on a regular basis.

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# Board of Governors cap need-based aid

## The Board approved the freeze and cap proposal in August.

By Amanda Albright  
Senior Writer

UNC Chapel Hill is often ranked as a price-conscious college, and both administrators and students are fighting to keep it that way.

The UNC-System Board of Governors voted unanimously in August — before classes had begun — to cap the tuition revenue used toward need-based aid at 15 percent.

UNC-CH is one of six schools which meets or exceeds the cap of 15 percent of tuition revenue used for need-based aid.

For the schools that meet or exceed the cap, the amount of tuition revenue used for need-based aid will be frozen at its current level.

## Why it's an issue

Forty-three percent of UNC-CH students receive need-based aid, according to a 2012-13 report by the University's Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Student Aid.

It's a form of financial aid that is partly funded by other students' tuition dollars — which some Board of Governors members said unfairly burdens working families with paying for others' tuition.

"To continually allocate the burden on working families who have to borrow money to send students to college is not a fair way," said W.G. Champion Mitchell, a Board of Governors member who advocated for the cap.

"In many cases, if you look at the amount of debt, it's about the same amount that's being taken to give to other people. Is that fair to

working families? I don't think it is."

The median parental income of need-based aid recipients is \$59,630, according to the report by the University's Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Student Aid.

In response to criticisms that the cap was rushed through, UNC-system President Tom Ross said the program was rolled out thoughtfully.

"The board is trying to protect need-based aid," Ross said. "It's not going to go away. Schools that are over that cap are not required to drop to that cap."

Board of Governors members have also said schools above the 15 percent cap could pursue other funding sources or consider campus fundraising.

In response to the cap, North Carolina State University, one of the schools above the 15 percent cap, is implementing financial literacy programs on loan repayment, said Krista Domnick, director of North Carolina State's financial aid office.

Four of the UNC-system's historically black colleges are also above the 15 percent cap.

## UNC-CH view

UNC-CH is getting increasingly expensive for both in-state and out-of-state students. The percentage of people receiving need-based in turn has slightly increased by 6 percentage points since 2009.

In-state tuition increased 87 percent in 10 years while out-of-state tuition increased 90 percent — and UNC-CH administrators say they worry the need-based aid cap will add to students' debt burden.

The Office of Scholarship and Student Aid said the need-based aid cap would cause the average student's debt to almost double — from \$17,000 in loans to \$33,000 — within three to



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Austin Glock Andrews, Grace Lane and Yuman Wang sit and stand on the steps of South Building on Aug. 15, 2014. They each say they could not have attended UNC without need-based aid.

four years, said Shirley Ort, the office's associate provost and director, in an interview earlier this year.

Despite this increased debt and cost to the University, UNC-CH administrators say they are committed to meeting 100 percent of students' demonstrated need — a promise that they say is key to the University's diversity.

Chancellor Carol Folt said she's considering using the University's endowment to protect the Carolina Covenant, a need-based aid program.

Additionally, UNC-CH's Student Government Executive Branch, led by Student Body President Andrew Powell, also partnered with Multicultural Affairs and Diversity Outreach and the Campus Y to raise awareness. They held the event "Student Stories: A 100% Need-Based Event" earlier this year.

Many students at the event expressed how need-based

*"I wouldn't be able to go to college at all if it weren't for my need-based aid."*

Austin Andrews,  
UNC student who receives need-based aid

aid changed their ability to attend to UNC-CH.

Powell said there are many misconceptions about how need-based aid works.

"There was an idea that we were content with raising the overall price of tuition, if we would keep increasing aid incrementally, and they thought that's a problem," he said.

"Aid doesn't drive tuition increases. Tuition increases drive requisite aid increases," he said.

Student Congress and other members of Student Government have also been involved.

"Financial aid and need-based financial aid at UNC is essentially a public good," said Student Body Vice President Kyle Villemain, who sat in on the discussion about need-

based aid in October.

"It helps every single student here, not just the students who are receiving it."

For Austin Glock Andrews, a UNC-CH student who is a Carolina Covenant scholar, the issue came down to accessibility.

"I come from a really rural community and an economically disadvantaged family," he said.

"Basically I spent my entire senior year in high school filling out applications and trying to get any kind of scholarship... When I got into Carolina, obviously yay, but they met 100 percent of demonstrable need.

"I wouldn't be able to go to college at all if it weren't for my need-based aid."

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# Still no charges in Hedgepeth homicide

Faith Hedgepeth's family is still waiting for a conclusion.

By Jenny Surane  
Editor-in-Chief

It's been 26 months since Faith Hedgepeth was found dead in her one-bedroom, off-campus apartment.

More than two years since her family and members of her native Haliwa-Saponi tribe have seen Faith Hedgepeth's infectious smile.

One million minutes since Roland Hedgepeth, Faith Hedgepeth's father, last received a text from her, telling him to have faith.

Eight hundred and seventeen days since someone killed the UNC junior, a Gates Millennium scholar and a biology major, and then roamed free.

This calendar year brought more information, but few answers for her grieving family. Police have made no arrests in connection to Faith Hedgepeth's homicide.

### New information

On Sept. 4, two years after Faith Hedgepeth was found dead in her Durham County apartment, Chapel Hill Police released her autopsy, confirming she was beaten to death.

Police also released several pieces of gruesome evidence they believed were key to finding answers in the case.

Copies of a note found at the scene, which had the words "I'M NOT STUPID," "BITCH" and "JEALOUS" written on a fast food bag, were disseminated.

Police believe the note was written by Faith Hedgepeth's killer.

While curating a sexual assault kit at the scene, police also recovered DNA samples from semen.

"It is our belief that the DNA belongs to Faith's killer," Chapel Hill Police Chief Chris Blue said in a press conference in September.

Police also detailed Faith Hedgepeth's last night.

Shortly before 1 a.m. on Sept. 7, 2012, Faith Hedgepeth and her roommate Karena Rosario went to a Rosemary Street nightclub. They left the bar at 2:38 a.m. and returned home.

Police believe Rosario left again at 4:27 a.m. When she returned home at 11 a.m. she found Faith Hedgepeth unconscious.

### Suing for access

The decision to release the autopsy and other pieces of evidence came after several media outlets — including The Daily Tar Heel — sued for access to the search warrants and the 911 calls related to Hedgepeth's case in March.

During hearings for the case, Durham County Assistant District Attorney Charlene Coggins-Franks said releasing would endanger the police department's developing leads.

"It's not that it might hinder this investigation," it will hinder this investigation" Coggins-Franks said. "It is not a cold case."

In July, Superior Court Judge Howard Manning ordered the Durham County District Attorney's office to unseal all of the documents.

The 911 call, placed by Rosario, came in at 11:01 a.m. on Sept. 7, 2012.

Rosario told the operator she found Faith Hedgepeth unconscious and it looked like someone had been in the apartment.

"There's stuff in my room that wasn't here before," she said in the 911 call. "It looks like someone came in here. It really does."

Search warrants showed that Chapel Hill police searched both Faith Hedgepeth's and Rosario's Facebook accounts and laptops. They also searched the apartment they shared and seized clothes, bedding, pillows and paperwork.

Police also searched a 2012



Rolanda Hedgepeth visits her sister Faith's grave one year after Faith's homicide. Another year has passed with no charges filed.

Jeep, seizing clothing, shoes, bedding and papers.

Sgt. Bryan Walker, a spokesman for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said there is no new information available since the department's release of the autopsy.

"We're still thinking there may be somebody out there that holds some piece of information that they may think might not be important but it would break the case wide open," Walker said in a phone interview Tuesday.

"We've got a lot of evidence, we just need someone to tie it to."

In January 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Behavioral Analysis Unit assisted Chapel Hill Police with creating a profile of the suspect.

Police believe Faith Hedgepeth's killer might have known her and lived

near her in the past.

The person might have also said things about Faith Hedgepeth in the past and his behavior might have changed immediately following the homicide.

### 'It's not right'

This year, Faith Hedgepeth's friends and family launched a social media campaign to keep her case relevant.

At a memorial for Faith Hedgepeth in September, dozens gathered to remember her life and call for police to keep pushing for answers in her case.

Senior Lindsey Hooker, a native of the Lumbee tribe, attended the September rally.

"It's not right that the person that killed her is still walking free," Hooker said.

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# NC Senate race an expensive affair

By Nick Niedzwiedek  
Senior Writer

A barrage of political spending and a Republican surprise defined the 2014 U.S. Senate election in North Carolina.

Senator-elect Thom Tillis, formerly speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives, took 48.9 percent of the vote and narrowly defeated incumbent Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan, who had 47 percent of the vote. Tillis's election was the win that secured control of the Senate for Republicans.

Libertarian candidate Sean

Haugh, who gained national fame for his occupation as a pizza delivery man and his low-budget campaign of YouTube videos, finished with more than 3 percent of the vote.

"America is made great when we let Americans make America great, not government," said Tillis in his victory speech on Nov. 4. "There's only one thing the government can provide that doesn't come at the expense of anyone else, and that's freedom."

The contest was the nation's most expensive Senate race, with around \$110 million spent by candidates and out-

side groups, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

The amount of political spending was so high that a conservative group — American Future Fund — spent \$225,000 running ads trying to persuade young voters to support the Libertarian Haugh instead of Hagan.

Hagan had held a small, yet consistent, lead in polls throughout the campaign, but she was ultimately defeated, say political analysts, because of North Carolina voters' dissatisfaction with President Barack Obama. Republicans also tend to turn out in higher

numbers than Democrats for midterm elections.

Hagan conceded just before midnight on Election Day after losing an early lead and failing to regain ground.

"I will always be grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the chance to serve our great state," she said in her concession speech. "You weren't just standing with me. You were standing with working class families all across North Carolina. Those are the families that still need a voice."

The campaign for Hagan's seat has been running virtually nonstop since the start of

2014, as Hagan was targeted early by Republicans as a vulnerable Democratic incumbent senator. Thirteen candidates vied for their respective party nominations in the May primary elections.

Tillis had the most difficult contest, defeating seven challengers to secure the Republican candidacy. He received endorsements during the primary campaign from powerful Republicans including Burr, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell and former President George W. Bush adviser Karl Rove.

Democrats ended up los-

ing eight Senate seats on Nov. 4, including in Colorado, Iowa and South Dakota. Sen. Mary Landrieu, Louisiana's Democratic incumbent, is expected to lose a Dec. 6 runoff election against her Republican opponent, Bill Cassidy.

Tillis will join fellow North Carolina Republican Richard Burr in the Senate in January. Tillis has served in the state House of Representatives since 2006 and became speaker of the N.C. House after the 2010 election.

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## A year of change for off-campus arts scene

By Paige Connelly  
Staff Writer

The greater Chapel Hill arts community experienced a year of flux in 2014.

Dirty South Comedy Theater, home of the local improv all-stars, relocated to 462 W. Franklin St. in May, moving from its original home in Carrboro. The move gave DSI almost 7,200 square feet — which means more room for comedy classes.

Ashley Melzer, associate artistic director for DSI, said the new space is better.

"Our old space was a performing theater," she said in May. "You came in and saw a show, and maybe you stayed for a couple of shows but it didn't feel as much like a place you could come any time you wanted and hang out."

### N.C. film incentives cut

North Carolina's 25 percent

### Carrboro denied grant

Carrboro faced another

tax rebate incentive for movies filmed in North Carolina will end this year. The program has been replaced by a \$10 million incentives fund.

The cuts have disappointed students hoping to enter the film industry, who thought they'd be able to stay in the state after graduation. It's also left people concerned about diminishing job opportunities.

Rick Eldrige, the CEO of the Charlotte-based ReelWorks Studios, which is responsible for hiring workers in productions, said he remains optimistic about the future of film in N.C.

"It is my desire that we can continue to work and build the industry here, which has gotten very strong over the past several years, and I'd hate to see that abandoned," he said in August.

obstacle in the town's long-running plan to establish an arts and creativity district downtown.

In August, Carrboro was denied a \$75,000 grant from the National Endowment of the Arts that would have gone toward cultivating arts-based community development.

"We're very creative. We can figure things out," said Carrboro Recreation and Parks Director Anita Jones-McNair at the time.

And they did. In late October at the Carrboro Farmers' Market, Creative Carrboro, the group spearheading the project, gave residents an outlet to share how they felt about the possibility of establishing an arts and creativity district.

Creative Carrboro hopes to present its findings to the Board of Aldermen early next year.

"It could, way down the road, become a special tax

district, but that's way, way off in the future," said Art Menius, former Carrboro ArtsCenter executive director, in October.

### Protests of sexist bars

In August, Chapel Hill disc jockeys Trevor Dougherty and Rob Sekay made known their objection to lower cover charges for women at bars.

"By advertising ladies night or by offering no cover to women, that tells the male audience that this is where all the women are going to be," Sekay said in August. "And not only is that objectifying the women, but it's also commodifying them as well."

The duo has since organized two silent protests at Chapel Hill bar Deep End, which offered a lower cover charge for women under 21 for its weekly "Country Night."

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UNC student disk jockeys Rob Sekay (left) and Trevor Dougherty led student protests of what they called a sexist bar culture.

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## HOROSCOPES

If December 3rd is Your Birthday...

Fun, creativity and adventure are key themes this year. Articulate a bold vision before 12/23, and launch after that. This next Saturn phase in your sign (until 12/19/17) illuminates your confidence and power. Travels and creative arts keep you busy through August, when your professional status rises. Expect home changes after 3/20. Magic moments abound.

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
Today is a 9 – You can make extra cash over the next two days. Get creative! Then focus on your next gig. Check the path ahead. You're on top of the world. Plan an exciting trip, and get your ducks in a row. Confirm reservations.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is a 7 – Work out the numbers and sign papers today and tomorrow. Don't buy toys. You theory could get challenged. Think of possible back doors and come at the idea from different angles. Figure out your plan today for action tomorrow.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is an 8 – Take charge... no more procrastination. Let someone know what (or whom) you need. You're gaining authority today and tomorrow. Prove you know what you're doing. Your power is increasing. Team up for success. Clarify your plans before launching. Ensure all the pieces are in place.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is an 8 – You have more help over the next two days. Try to understand other people's feelings. Learn by listening. Enjoy a partnership phase. Put energy into a team effort. Delegate what you can. Talk gets farther than action today. Take passion behind closed doors.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
Today is a 7 – Deadlines are looming, so better get back to it. Work slowly and methodically. Changes are required. Talk in generalities at first. Choose boldly, after consideration. Be sensitive to a loved one's wishes. Don't throw your money around. Think over repercussions and outcomes before acting.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is a 9 – Postpone expansion for now. Focus on finishing old projects for the next two days. Lay the groundwork and clear space for the future. Work could interfere with playtime. It's possible to have it all... juggle the schedule. Help someone else to do the same.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**  
Today is a 7 – Don't go anywhere. Slow down and take it easy. Stay calm. Talking with friends today and tomorrow clears up a concern. Emotions could overflow. Moderate a clash between normally gentle souls. Your team comes to your rescue. Sometimes the best action is no action.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 7 – Plan some fun for today and tomorrow. Don't be wasteful... get only what you need. Clean up communal living spaces. Schedule some time for romance. Don't take action yet. The beauty is in the details. Think of how to delight someone.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is a 7 – There's fun and positive career mojo ahead. Move quickly to stay in the loop. Listen to the unspoken as well as what gets said. Take on new responsibilities today and tomorrow. Avoid arguing over silly stuff. Social events capture your attention now. Share private information.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 7 – You're in for a busy few days at home. Conserve resources, even if money is tight. The next two days are good for renovation and reorganization. Distant goals are attainable. Friends are happy to help. Do what you said you would. Walk the walk.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is an 8 – You can take new ground over the next two days, but you may not follow the route originally intended. Remember to consult with your partner. Look before leaping. Expenses may be higher than expected. Plan a bold adventure from the comforts of home.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Today is a 7 – You're extra brilliant for the next two days. Don't believe everything you've learned... you don't have the full story yet. Tempers could get short. Curb snarky commentary. There's no such thing as a stupid question, but your timing could be off.

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# With great power comes...

This holiday season, smartphones, video-game consoles and other high-tech gifts will likely top the wish lists of many UNC students. This is for good reason — many of these coveted gadgets have the potential to improve the lives of their users throughout the year. But despite these advantages, history shows us that technologies can have drawbacks.

These have been observed for millennia, beginning with the first hominid ancestor to smash his thumb with a crude stone axe and the Roman legionary who cut himself with his newfangled double-edged sword. Negative consequences have followed technologies into modern times, with possibilities for abuse keeping pace with the escalating impact of new inventions. One of the most striking examples of this is a chemical reaction vital to life as we know it — the Haber-Bosch process.

Invented in 1908 by German chemist Fritz Haber and scaled up by German engineer Carl Bosch, this process was the first practical method for industrially synthesizing ammonia, a nitrogen-containing compound used in the production of fertilizers. In nature, the nitrogen that composes 78 percent of air can only be converted to a usable form by bacteria in the soil and lighting. Lack of available nitrogen is one factor that can limit plant growth, especially in the context of agriculture.

The Haber-Bosch process changed this overnight, making possible the production of nitrogenous fertilizers on a massive scale (176 million metric tons in 2013). This has contributed to the increase in agricultural productivity and subsequent population growth known as the “Green Revolution.” It has been estimated that the Haber-Bosch process indirectly supports around 40 percent of the world’s current population.

Now for the downside: Ammonia made from the Haber-Bosch process is essential for the mass production of high explosives and has been used to gruesome effect in the wars of the last century. The same technology that helped feed billions of people has enabled their slaughter on a previously unimaginable scale.

So what relevance could this admittedly melodramatic tale have to those among us who are not German industrial chemists? Every day, we are faced with decisions about how to best use technology. Social media can nurture relationships or breed envy; smartphones can foster or inhibit communication. A camera can detract from a moment or immortalize it, and a video-game console can provide hours of heart-pounding excitement or soul-destroying monotony.

To be sure, I am no Luddite. I do not yearn for a return to “simpler times” as envisioned through the rose-colored glasses of history. The progression of technology is as inevitable as it is exciting (pizza by drone, anyone?) and has the possibility to change the world for the better. A humble plea from your friendly local science columnist: This holiday season, take stock of what is important, and use technology to enhance rather than detract from it.

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EDITORIAL

## Keep moving forward

### Immigration policy needs protection and expansion.

President Obama’s long-anticipated set of executive actions are designed to assist many undocumented residents and their families. Collectively, they will provide temporary relief from the threat of deportation for five million Americans, including as many as 114,000 North Carolinians. Though more could have been done, we applaud his action.

Some components of the President’s plan should be uncontroversial. He is redirecting enforcement resources toward deporting high-level criminals, making it easier for international students educated in the United States to stay here, and facilitating the immi-

gration of highly skilled entrepreneurs.

Beyond this, the consensus breaks down. Executive actions of this kind are temporary. Undocumented immigrants granted reprieves for the next three years could lose protection after the 2016 elections. To prevent this, Congress should reform the nation’s immigration system to offer an expedient path to citizenship for people already living in the United States.

More realistically, immigration activists should work to make repealing these measures politically unthinkable. They should also ensure that as many eligible residents as possible sign up for protections, a task complicated by a well-earned distrust and fear of the government.

But this cannot be a fight for immigration

activists alone. The North Carolina Democratic Party, including current Attorney General and likely gubernatorial candidate Roy Cooper, should recognize the value of keeping families whole, letting residents lawfully work and reprioritizing the deportation of the tiny fraction of undocumented immigrants who pose a substantial threat.

Republicans in turn ought to recall that, on balance, the free supply of labor helps markets function. Immigrants, legal or not, are generally good for the economy. Obama’s plan is imperfect, but its difficult to imagine a better option that would still be constitutional. Any action that helps five million Americans — and, make no mistake, this is what they are — is a step forward.

COLUMN

## Confronting our shame

### We must not let conversation around the Wainstein report die

I remember my throat burning. I was 10 years old and I was yelling louder than I had ever yelled in my life.

The clock was running out on UNC basketball’s victory against Illinois in the 2005 championship game. I whooped and jumped around my living room as Sean May enveloped Roy Williams in a bear hug.

I’m part of a blue-blood Carolina family. My grandfather is a Professor Emeritus of this university. My parents, my older brother, an aunt and an uncle graduated from here, and I’ve lived in Chapel Hill my entire life.

For all that time, I’ve wanted to be part of this community that has shaped my family’s destiny and, for more than 100 years, this community has unified around UNC basketball. I never had any reason to question my firm belief that UNC basketball was a force for good that reflected the values of this University.

But my family also taught me to commit myself to living ethically, and it taught me to be skeptical — values that this University actively promotes.

So for the last few years, as a scandal has shaken this University to its core, my memories have become tainted. Unethical behavior existed in the very programs that provided the University with a common culture.

But this scandal has not sprung up as an isolated event. Deborah Crowder, Jan Boxill and Julius Nyang’oro did a host of things wrong, but placing the blame for this scandal at their feet and their feet only is an act of cowardice. We must examine more closely why they did what they did. A large part of that answer will come from an



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examination of a collegiate model that encourages contradictions and hypocrisies — a system my fandom has been complicit in promoting.

It is indicative of just how flawed our system of college athletics is that well-meaning and formerly respected members of our University broke ethical boundaries and ignored rules in an attempt to prop up our collective illusion of “The Carolina Way,” and help athletes attempting to succeed in a system rigged against them.

This scandal has come at a time when, nationally, the model of big-time college athletics has come under attack for being exploitative. Some of the key members of this movement have been members of our community: Mary Willingham blew the whistle on the fake classes at UNC and has tirelessly advocated for athletes, even as she was forced out of her job. Taylor Branch, a UNC alumnus and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, helped to spark the national conversation around this issue with an incisive piece in The Atlantic.

Yet I don’t feel that we have collectively taken full stock of why wrongdoing happened at this University, and I am disturbed. We seem to be heading into basketball season ready to retire this discussion

and pass the scandal off as the actions of a few individuals.

We are all responsible if we let this happen. But the greatest responsibility for action should fall on the University’s administration, which has unfortunately helped to promote a narrative of events that de-emphasizes their national context, proposed instituting only minor reforms, disproportionately blamed the former department of African and Afro-American Studies and has failed to apologize for bullying Willingham.

I recognize that administrators are in a tough spot. These issues present the possibility of hard choices, and they are dealing with pressures from outside institutions that are difficult to comprehend. But there are some important ways that they have not lived up to their responsibility of upholding this University’s mission to be an honorable institution.

I cannot totally reject the central cultural role athletics play at our University — they have been an essential part of my identity for my entire life — nor can I dishonor the admirable and backbreaking work our athletes perform for this community. But I can’t watch UNC basketball with a totally clear conscience anymore.

Tonight, I’m going to be at the game against Iowa, and I am going to cheer on our team as loud as I ever have. But I’m going to try to be cognizant of what, exactly, I’m watching, and I’m not going to stop talking about these issues until we embrace our University’s responsibility to lead the movement for a much-needed overhaul of college athletics. I hope I am joined by more voices in our community in doing so.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It’s possible for anyone to see anyone’s grades across campus. It’s possible to change anyone’s grades on campus.”

Winston Howes, on the holes in Connect Carolina’s system

### FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Listening isn’t this campus’ strong point. We would rather use cute and easy slogans to put down opposition.”

Charlie, on listening to students of color for their opinions

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Obama’s immigration solution shortsighted

TO THE EDITOR:

On March 17, 2014, in response to my letter addressed to the White House about my immigration case, President Obama wrote back in an email message: “America’s immigration system is badly broken, and I know many people are hurting because of it.”

Yes, President Obama is right. However, he offers a short-term solution, as any president who is elected to run the Oval Office after him will have a chance to overrule his executive order.

In the past, Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush also granted amnesty to illegal immigrants. But decades later, the problem of illegal immigration has not been solved by their executive orders. On the contrary, at an estimated 11.7 million individuals, the number of undocumented aliens is on the rise.

And our immigration system already runs at its maximum capacity. For example, more than 40,000 asylum applicants — those who take a legal path to stay in the U.S. — live in legal limbo waiting for decisions on their cases.

I have personally waited for almost two years now because the resources of the federal government to handle immigration petitions are already stretched.

In order to process millions of new applications, the immigration authorities will have to draw tremendous administrative resources. This will happen at the expense of other applicants who are already waiting in a queue and are oftentimes backlogged in the system.

In other words, by granting paperwork to millions of undocumented immigrants, we treat unfairly those immigrants who come to the U.S. legally: their paperwork will experience significantly more delays and any incentives for them to stay here legally will be diminished.

We will be better off if we identify a middle ground in our otherwise radical approaches to illegal immigration, one that would make legal immigration easier and illegal crossings a less desirable course of action.

And any policies in this regard must be long-term solutions driven by our commitment to serve the American citizenry — not by political ambitions of those in the nation’s capital.

We are a nation of immigrants and America is a country of opportunities, but we are also a nation of laws. And it is our system based on law abiding behavior that sets us apart from other nations across the globe.

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### Kvetching board™

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The one time of year when humanities students all use our algebra skills — to calculate the minimum exam grade needed to pass.

To Dissection Haters: If I were a cadaver and I didn’t have at least one student cut out my heart, hold it above their head, and chant “Kali Ma Shakti De,” I would feel disrespected.

A Taylor Swift ode to course evaluations: “I Wish You Wouldn’t”

Wait, we have exams? My N.C. State friend assured me we wouldn’t!

Currently using my textbooks to trap a rat, so I’d say exam season is off to a good start.

During my senior year at Carolina, I’ve spent more face-to-face time with my Toppers delivery driver than with my professors.

Mammoth Monday at the Student Stores: The only day of the year when you don’t have to take out another student loan to buy their stuff.

Dear Santa Bubba: All I want for Christmas is a defense.

I wrote this kvetch on Monday. It’s to myself during exams: See? Everything’s not so bad after all. You’ve got this. I’m rooting for you.

To the ONE guy in my class who voted against having a take-home final: Could you not?

Is this new wi-fi being out after a certain hour at night UNC’s way of inflicting a curfew on our Netflix binges?

This one goes out to my hall mate who was playing banjo at 3 a.m. Thanks for keeping me entertained during my all-nighter.

Between heel\_snaps and the trashing of Duke’s locker room by our athletes, we’re acting like children. This isn’t ECU!

To my professor: I know exactly zero French, but am still fairly confident that Poiseuille’s Law is not pronounced “Pussy’s Law.”

Chancellor Folt, if I spray paint your office in celebration of the wonderful semester I’ve had, will I get off without punishment if my parents pay for the damage?

To the adorable couple chilling in a pile of leaves on the quad: I swear, if you two start making out, I’m going to ask you to make like a tree.

How am I supposed to enter exam hibernation mode when it’s 70 degrees outside?

Between Thanksgiving and an overabundance of swipes, life is rough for those of us preparing to streak in Davis.

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