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Jenny Justice, the artistic director of Hamlet Project Durham, does vocal exercises with students in the E.K. Powe Elementary School auditorium.

5 YEARS OF ‘HAMLET’

A Durham director is fighting systemic racism with theater

By Katie Reilly
Managing Editor

Jenny Justice's goals are big. She wants to combat what she sees as a declining appreciation of the arts in education and fight systems of oppressive poverty and racism. She believes deeply in the powers of learning and language. She speaks wistfully about Shakespeare.

And for the next five years, she'll be teaching her students to do the same.

A five-year time period likely means more to preteens than it does to their elders. It represents about half their life. It's the length of time they spend in elementary school and more time than they'll spend in high school.

For 12-year-old Micah Hall, it's the amount of time he'll spend learning to play the lead role in William Shakespeare's "Hamlet," an acting endeavor he took on with as much seriousness as excitement.

"I like how I can be a completely different person for a while — like going into a different world," he said.

He's never done anything like this before — and neither has Justice, the artistic director of Hamlet Project Durham.

The project, part of the Durham Regional Theatre, aims to create new educational opportunities for children and transform racial patterns of poverty through a production that will have been six years in the making by the time it's performed in 2020.

Justice is compiling a diverse cast — one that's currently 50 percent black — and she's translated all of her instructional materials into Spanish in the hopes of including students who are often underrepresented in similar programs.

The idea for the project came to her three years ago, when she saw Micah perform.

"He was 8 at the time, and I heard him do one scene on stage and said, 'I'm going to direct him as Hamlet one day,'" she said.

There are currently 10 students — ages 7 through 12 — who've committed to the project. Justice hopes to expand that core group in both the acting and technical theater tracks.

She hopes to involve 100 students in total. "She really does seek out to make it multicultural and multinational, and I really like that," said Amy Reed, whose 10-year-old daughter, Alana, is performing in the play.

Reed says she's seen Alana develop her confidence and creativity through acting, and she's inspired by the energy of the rehearsals.

'That ever I was born to set it right'

Justice says the Hamlet project is the summation of her life of learning and professional work. In 2010, she founded the Durham Regional Theatre to be a community theater that promotes diversity.

"I've had this definition of how to overturn racism for 30 or 40 years, and we've been building our company based on this definition," she said. "Because I'm a white woman leading an intentionally multiracial organization, we have to have clear definitions of terms. We can't just say we're nice people and everybody's welcome because that doesn't work."

George Noblit, a UNC professor who studies art and education, said it's hard to know if an achievement gap exists in arts education because tests don't measure art achievement.

But he said minority students tend to be more limited in their access to the arts.

"To the extent to which schools are not equally funded — and in North Carolina they're not — it's more likely that low-income students — and since there's a correlation between income and race in North Carolina — low-income, minority students are less likely to have access to the arts," Noblit said.

Mary Casey, director of K-12 arts education for Durham Public Schools, said in an email the school system values art, and she's witnessed the impact it can have on children, including its role in closing the racial achievement gap.

"Through the arts and extracurricular activities, the students make strong connections to their teachers and find a sense of belonging which aids in keeping students in school while engaged in a positive activity," Casey said.

While all students participate in art pro-

grams in school, she said she's noticed a gap in access for low-income students, who might be unable to participate in extracurricular activities if working parents can't provide transportation or if the program is too expensive.

Justice was aware of those barriers when she started Hamlet Project Durham.

"One of the destabilizing things about poverty is: How do you get transportation to places, what do you do to get home when your mom and dad both have to be working? And we'll start setting those things up," she said. "It'll become our responsibility to help supply support structures."

The initial Introduction to Hamlet class costs \$125, but Justice said it's the theater's policy to never deny participation because of lack of financial resources.

"To be intentionally multiracial in this country, which is systemically racist, you have to be financially accessible, so we have an unlimited scholarship promise," she said. "No one is ever turned away."

'The play's the thing'

Justice fell in love with "Hamlet" when she was 12. It was the first play she acted in professionally. She's seen every production possible.

"I've been obsessed with the play my whole life," she said.

She's trying to pass that obsession on to her students, whose questions during rehearsal — "How do four lines become a sentence?," "How is he both wise and selfish?" — reveal they're wrestling with the words and their meaning.

"My goal for you is that you will fall in love with the words of Shakespeare this spring," Justice tells them.

She instructs them to breathe in, speak in a full voice and pronounce the words out loud. They write down an unfamiliar few — harrow, discretion, ecstasy — in word journals they're required to keep for the purpose of looking up and writing down definitions.

On the inside cover of her journal, Alana has

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Student-athlete pay bill fails

It would've required most NC universities to offer a stipend.

By Lauren Hong
Staff Writer

An N.C. General Assembly bill that would have required most of the state's universities to pay student-athletes failed to pass a House of Representatives committee on Tuesday.

The bill would have applied to athletes in revenue-generating sports — football and basketball. It would've been subject to a ruling in favor of student-athlete pay in the historic O'Bannon v. NCAA case.

A U.S. District Court ruled in favor of O'Bannon, but the case remains in court. In that particular case, the district court judges ruled that the NCAA's limits on what major college football and men's basketball players can receive for playing sports "unreasonably restrain(s) trade" in violation of antitrust laws.

The N.C. bill would have required Division I and FBS football schools — both public universities and private universities receiving public funds — to pay football and basketball student-athletes stipends and hold certain funds in trust for them until after graduation or after their university enrollments had expired.

"This is an important step in reforming the much troubled NCAA rules environment," said Rep. Brian Brown, R-Pitt and one of the bill's sponsors.

The stipends would have covered the full cost of tuition, room and board. The bill also would have allowed each student-athlete to receive in a trust fund a maximum of \$5,000 per year in proceeds generated from the likeness of their name, appearance and licensing agreement used by the NCAA.

Brown said the bill was essentially challenging the Sherman Antitrust Act, which prohibits student-athletes from engaging in their own corporate deals and licensing their name and likeness to companies like Nike.

The bill sparked lively debate. Rep. Becky Carney, D-Mecklenburg, asked why the bill was needed when it wouldn't take effect until appeals in the O'Bannon case go through, which could take years.

But Brown said the decision on the first appeal could become law any day now, and the bill was needed to start the process of allowing the UNC-system Board of Governors and private universities to start the process of defining rules for payment.

Rep. Rayne Brown, R-Davidson, questioned why athletes in other sports, like swimming and golf, weren't included.

Rep. Ted Davis, R-New Hanover, said student-athletes would likely choose some schools over others based on the stipend because only public universities and private schools receiving public funds would be required to pay their athletes.

But it's likely that private universities would follow suit to remain competitive, Brown said.

The student-athlete pay debate has recently gained steam, with college athletics officials, university administrators, professors and others taking stands on the issue. President Barack Obama said at the end of March that he doesn't support it, saying it could lead to "bidding wars" in an interview with the Huffington Post.

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With Section 8 issues, housing still uncertain

Many local low-income residents are still trying to find a place to live.

By Zoe Schaver
Assistant City Editor

Patricia Jones must leave her Chapel Hill apartment by May 1 to avoid eviction — but after weeks of searching, she still has no place to go.

Jones, 59, moved to Chapel Hill a year ago with her 19-year-old daughter, who has Down syndrome. Jones moved to the town from Asheville to be treated for pancreatic cancer at UNC Hospitals.

"Asheville told me I was inoperable," she said. "They called me on Christmas Eve, and they told me I was inoperable."

Jones is now cancer-free — but because she has a housing choice

voucher, otherwise known as Section 8, she can't find a place for her and her daughter to live in Chapel Hill, where properties that rent to Section 8 tenants are few and far between.

"Really, we've been camping for the last year," she said.

Jones said the landlord for the property where she is living now, Camelot Village, asked her to leave. She said she made several complaints that the apartments are crawling with bugs.

"They told me I don't fit in — which is sort of a good thing," she said.

"My house is clean, I've never been late on my rent, I've never had a problem with a landlord. They don't like that I keep complaining."

Joel Duvall of Joel Duvall Properties, which manages Camelot Village, said the property houses about 30 Section 8 tenants. Duvall declined to comment on Jones' specific complaints.

The federal housing choice voucher

program provides rental assistance to more than two million low-income people across the country.

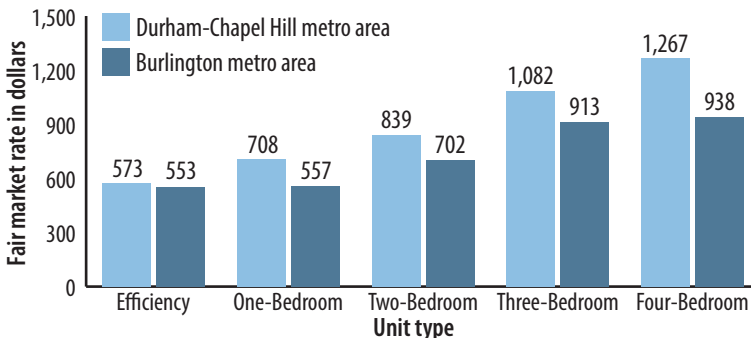
To be eligible for the program, a person must make less than 50 percent of the area median income. In Orange County, the wait to receive a voucher can be anywhere from five to eight years, said James Davis, interim director of the Orange County Housing, Human Rights and Community Development and Human Relations Commission.

According to the town of Chapel Hill, 89 housing choice voucher holders have faced the threat of displacement after two major Section 8 housing providers in Orange County stopped accepting the vouchers, eliminating about 20 percent of available Section 8 housing in Chapel Hill.

Bill Rohe, director of UNC's Center for Urban and Regional Studies and an expert in housing

Strong Chapel Hill housing market keeps rent high

Rent prices in the Durham-Chapel Hill metro area are higher than prices in the Burlington metro area, according to 2013 data. High rent in Chapel Hill has made it more difficult to find affordable housing.



SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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policy, said the voucher program struggles most in communities with a strong housing market.

"If you can get a high rent without having to participate, there's not a whole lot of incentive to put up with the inspections and other program

requirements," he said.

Alex Biggers, savings program coordinator at the Community Empowerment Fund, said the problem is closely tied to issues of race, income

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“Brevity is the soul of wit.”

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, 'HAMLET'

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY
Exploring Majors at UNC: University Career Services is hosting a session for students to help them choose a major. The event is free and open to all UNC students.
Time: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Hardin Hub

Health Informatics Seminar Series: Xinghua Mindy Shi will be delivering a talk, entitled "Genetic Privacy in the Era of Personal Genomics."
Time: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Health Sciences Library, room 328

with the audience. The event is free and open to the public.
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium

Class of 2015: Senior Class Last Lecture: Matt Andrews, a history department lecturer, will give the last lecture for the senior class.
Time: 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Morehead Planetarium and Science Center

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BICYCLE BUSINESS



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Patrick White, a senior business major, tests out an alternative form of transportation, a one-person-electrical bicycle called an ELF, in the parking lot of Kenan-Flagler on Monday afternoon. For the full story, head to dailytarheel.com.

POLICE LOG

- Someone was drunk and disruptive at 205 E. Franklin St. at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported loud music at a fraternity party on the 100 block of West Cameron Avenue at 10:10 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a breaking and entering of a vehicle in a parking lot located at 940 Carmichael St. between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person pried open the window of the vehicle, causing \$500 in damages, and stole a purse and wallet, valued at \$80, reports state.
- Someone damaged property at the James A. Taylor Building, where Campus Health Services is located, at 3:37 p.m. Monday, according to reports from the UNC Department of Public Safety.
- Someone filed a drug complaint in Teague Residence Hall on Monday at 7:36 p.m., according to reports from the UNC Department of Public Safety.
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(Wednesday - Thursday)

In-Store9:00am – 5:00pm

Student strives to impact lives of American Indians



DTH/CATHERINE HEMMER
Joseph Locklear, a sophomore studying health care, won the Udall Scholarship last week. He belongs to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

Sophomore is UNC’s first American Indian Udall Scholar

By Carly Berkenblit
Staff Writer

When Sophomore Joseph Locklear was named the 15th UNC student to earn the Udall Scholarship, it meant far more to him because of his family heritage. Locklear became UNC’s first American Indian Udall Scholar on Friday. The Udall Foundation, which funds the national scholarship, is named after Morris and Stewart Udall. The three scholarship categories cater to specific student interests, including the environment and tribal policy. “Our UNC committee selected and nominated Joseph, in particular, for the Udall Scholarship in native health care,” said Mary Floyd-Wilson, director of the Office of Distinguished Scholarships. Some of the scholarships are awarded specifically to American Indian sophomores and juniors for their commitment to working toward a career that will enable them to impact native health care or tribal policy. “I have always had an interest in working in health/medicine,” Locklear said in

an email. “I aspire to work in healthcare because I grew up in a family where health issues were prominent.” He said growing up, he felt powerless while he watched his grandparents endure diabetes. “The thought of being able to ameliorate the health of my own family and future generations has inspired me,” he said. Locklear hopes to pursue a medical career in order to help address the problems within the American Indian community. Locklear also works to build relations between the American Indian communities at UNC. “It is his hope to positively impact American Indian awareness and education while a student and beyond,” said Marcus Collins, the assistant dean for the Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling and an Indian American. “Joseph combined his personal passions for American Indian issues and advocacy with his desire for campus involvement.” Locklear, a Lumbee tribe member, became involved with the Carolina Indian Circle and UNC’s chapter of Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity,

the country’s first American Indian fraternity. Collins said those organizations align with the issues that Locklear values and allow Locklear and other Indian American students to live out their values in a culturally relevant way. “By contributing to the community here, they are also giving back to their home communities,” Collins said. “This is an important component of our identity as Native people.” Locklear said through his involvement in those organizations, he has received support and formed a rapport and long-term relationships with American Indian faculty members. “Through CIC and some of the classes I’ve taken here, I’ve come to realize that being Native is less about visibility and more about mentality,” Locklear said. “I specifically tell Native students, though, to be prepared to join a community where you’re needed ... a community that needs your involvement in order to increase the essence of the Native American life, not only here at UNC, but potentially on a nationwide scale.”

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Construction impacts access to Carolina Square site

The project near Granville Towers is expected to be done in spring 2017.

By Erin Kolstad
Staff Writer

The first step in transforming University Square to Carolina Square took place on Tuesday as fences went up around the construction site. Kelly Stasko, the Granville Towers general manager, said once the fencing is built, access to Granville will be limited to the entry point closest to Columbia Street by University Baptist Church. To preserve access, Stasko said a new entrance will be constructed on Cameron Avenue around the end of May. The new entrance point will be behind Granville’s South Tower, and the development of the entrance will take place throughout the summer. “The primary impact that we foresee in these beginning stages is getting students, particularly those living in East and West Towers, used to slightly different walking patterns around the property,” Stasko said. Gordon Merklein, executive director of real estate for UNC, said once the new access point is made on Cameron Avenue, no pedestrian or vehicular traffic will be allowed through the Franklin Street entrances for safety reasons. “It will be inconvenient, especially now that it is at exam time,” said Abby Pressley, a freshman Granville resident, of the fenced-in construction zone. She said residents got an email saying that fences would be going up around the construction, but she would like more information. “It was considerate to email us, but it would be nice to know a little bit more about what the actual project is since it is right outside my window.” Stasko said Granville Towers has been transparent about the construction and will continue to update students as they receive more information. “We expect that the impact to Granville residents and neighbors will be the same as it’s been on and around campus during other various construction projects, including those that have happened close to other residen(ce) halls,” Stasko said. “Except for the pool and basketball court going away, the amenities and services we offer to make this a great community for students won’t change.” The first step of the construction process, Merklein said, is to clear the building of asbestos, which will begin either this week or next. “Once abatement (of asbestos) is completed, then demolition of the structures will begin,” he said. “We are estimating five months to complete the abatement and demolition.” Jeff Furman — vice president of development for Northwood Ravin, one of the project’s developers — said UNC is in charge of the demolition and abatement process. Once the demolition is completed, construction will begin. Furman said the project is supposed to be finished in spring 2017.

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Congress creates Saunders committee

The special committee will do its own research and talk to student groups.

By Victoria Mirian
Staff Writer

Student Congress is the latest group that will try to tackle the Saunders Hall issue next school year. The group formed the select committee at its meeting Tuesday, after first discussing it at a rules and judiciary committee meeting on April 14. “I believe that Student Congress has beat around the bush enough on this issue and it’s time to take a stand,” said Speaker David Joyner, who proposed the committee. The committee will research the history of Saunders Hall and ask for student opinions about what should be done. “My desired outcome is for students to have a place to voice their opinions within Student Congress,” Joyner said. JoJo Drake was appointed chairwoman of the committee. “It’s clearly an issue that’s making waves across campus,” she said. “I think we really need to bring in and hear the opinion of others to continue to make waves.” Drake said she is currently in favor of renaming Saunders Hall, but she wants to provide a contextualized history if the decision is made. “I think you need to gather information and go about it in that manner,” she said. “You can’t be a committee member and say ‘this is our stance’ until you gather all of the information and look at it that way.” Drake wants the committee to attend student organization meetings in addition to asking student leaders to attend congressional meetings. She said student involve-

ment is key, but congress has not taken stances on issues in the past. “When I went out to Saunders Hall when they were picketing one day, I found that some of them did not even know that congress existed or that congress cared,” she said. Drake said she has seen protests first hand but is eager to garner student input. “I just felt inundated by it,” Drake said. “While I might not feel personally oppressed, I do in the sense that I’m witnessing others being oppressed.” The committee is made up of six other members: Travis Broadhurst, Tyler Sharp, Geoffrey McGee, Cole Simons, Benjamin Albert and Youssef Zarrouk. “We can’t say that there’s not a division of ideas, and I think it’s time that we embrace that,” McGee said. “For congress to go a whole year without hearing anything about this ... I think that’s irresponsible.” The committee will start next semester and can only be dissolved if members vote unanimously to do so. At the meeting, Student Body Vice President Rachel Gogal discussed longtime proposals that would replace the Student Supreme Court with campus district courts and give Student Congress members a stipend. A student referendum struck down the amendments, but Gogal wants to hold another referendum by the end of the school year in order to enact the changes in the coming year. Congress hopes to hold a vote on April 29, but will publish a fact sheet about the changes beforehand. “The longer we put this off, the longer we are working without meeting our max efficiency, and I think that’s more wrong than trying to pass this in the last week of class,” said Simons, the chairman of the oversight and advocacy committee.

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Session tackles intricacies of Islamophobia

At Tuesday’s teach-in, a religious expert called the term misleading.

By Emily Lowe
Staff Writer

Professor Juliane Hammer wants students to know that Islamophobia is not a disease. On Tuesday, Hammer spoke about Muslim women, Islamophobia and resistance as the final part of the Muslim Student Association’s teach-in series. She began her speech by addressing the complications of the definition of “Islamophobia.” “What I find most misleading about it is that calling something a phobia makes it sound like it just somehow happens to people,” Hammer said. She said there is a problem with American misconceptions of Islam, referencing recent opinion polls that said many Americans don’t believe Muslims are trustworthy. “Those are staggering numbers. What’s interesting about this is those numbers have grown incrementally across the decade,” Hammer said, “It might mean that these Islamophobic systems are working.” Hammer criticized polarized beliefs toward Muslim women that are common among Americans. One is that many Americans feel the need to liberate women from both the Islamic religion and Muslim men. Americans also lie on the opposite side of the spectrum and target Muslim women as the main source of hate crimes because they are easily distinguishable when wearing a hijab. Hammer criticized both extremes, explaining that for those who want to “liberate” women, they must consider the recurring consequences when outsiders intervene with affairs unrelated to them. To emphasize this belief, she ref-



DTH/KYLE HODGES
Juliane Hammer discusses gender, Muslim women and Islamophobia on Monday evening in the Student Union as the final part of a teach-in series.

erenced Lila Abu-Lughod’s novel, “Do Muslim Women Need Saving?”, which addresses the complications of foreign interference and military intervention to end oppression of Muslim women. She discussed the problems with foreign interference, receiving snaps of approval from the enthusiastic crowd when she expressed her view on military intervention. “I think that we don’t have a track record that justifies in any way us intervening,” Hammer said. During the question and answer session after the presentation, several students engaged in the conversation surrounding better integration and respect for Muslims in society. Freshman Amina Khan suggested recognition of Muslim holidays and other practices. “It has to start with allowing for major institutions to start recognizing the little parts of our

“... calling something a phobia makes it sound like it just somehow happens to people.”
Juliane Hammer, religious studies professor

religion that we incorporate into our everyday lives. We need to work on incorporating those structures so that they can exist in discourse.” Khan said. Tazeen Farooque said it’s important for students to take part in the teach-in series. “Only when we have that conversation do we actually come to conclusions. If we are only throwing out facts or pointing fingers, we won’t get anywhere.”

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BSM sends off seniors, looks to future

By Mona Bazzaz
Staff Writer

For many members of the Black Student Movement, the Umoja Awards are a time to not only reflect on the accomplishments of the past, but also look forward to what

the next year will hold. “These awards are a celebration of the end of a successful calendar year for BSM and celebrating the accomplishments of not only members of BSM, but also people of the University community in general,” said

Trey Mangum, former president of the BSM. “We want to recognize members of BSM for each class, community members and faculty and staff so it’s kind of like a coming together of the school year.”

Mangum was presented with the Black Student Movement Leadership Award, which recognizes the member who strives to fulfill the mission of BSM the most.

“It is good to know that people thought the work that I did through BSM was good,” Mangum said. “I think the most we’ve accomplished this past year is campus visibility. If anything, more people know about BSM and what we’ve been doing this year.”

Chancellor Carol Folt presented the opening remarks for the ceremony and said she tries to take every opportunity to say goodbye to people who are graduating and recognize those taking on new positions.

“I will say this,” said Folt to the graduating seniors. “You’ve made a really big difference in Carolina in the time that you have been here, and we will be turning to you as you leave campus to keep giving us the information and the encouragement that we need to continue to make things even better.”

“I think we’re in a great moment when what we see today may be very different than what we see in two years, three years, five years.”

There were 14 awards given out on Tuesday afternoon. The graduating seniors were also presented with



DTH/JOHANNA FEREBEE
Chancellor Carol Folt makes opening remarks at the Umoja Awards ceremony in the Stone Center.

their stoles, and the new executive officers, central committee and subgroup members were inducted into their positions.

Kiyah McDermid and Brandon Napier were named the most outstanding seniors in BSM.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by my peers for the work I have done through BSM,” McDermid said. “BSM is a family and a community

that supports its members and celebrates our achievements and history as African-American students.”

McDermid said she believes being a member of BSM is about being proactive when it comes to black ideals and black issues and sharing them with the community at large.

Jeremy McKellar, the new president of BSM, ended the ceremony with his goals for

next year. “I’m definitely looking forward to next year and continuing to move in the right direction. I feel like one of the big things we need to work on is building up that family and that community within our own black community, and that we can continue to move forward together.”

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Black Irish (Hip Hop Dance)

April 17 Wilton Dubois & Co (World Music)
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Supreme Court rejects NC’s districts

By Grant Masini
Staff Writer

Republican state lawmakers in North Carolina will continue to deal with accusations of racial gerrymandering follow-

ing a decision Monday from the nation’s highest court. The U.S. Supreme Court vacated the North Carolina Supreme Court’s decision to uphold the GOP-drawn congressional map, which must now be re-examined at the state level.

One of the bill’s sponsors, North Carolina Sen. Bob Rucho, R-Mecklenburg, said he thinks the state Supreme Court will uphold its decision.

“North Carolina’s redistricting maps are constitutional,” he said in a statement Monday. “Today’s procedural ruling is not unexpected, and we are confident that our state Supreme Court will once again arrive at the same result.”

Rucho and his supporters face opposition from critics who say race was used as a factor in drawing some districts and that the map has reduced competition in elections.

“The practice makes for legislative and congressional races that are completely non-competitive,” said Bob Phillips, executive director of Common Cause North Carolina. “Issues don’t get discussed, extremes of both parties are rewarded and people come together who can’t work with each other.”

The legislative team working against North Carolina’s map isn’t backing down.

“We’re very pleased,” said Allison Riggs, a staff attorney with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice. “States cannot use the Voting Rights Act in a cynical way to undermine and destroy political power amongst protected voters.”

North Carolina’s case is similar to Alabama’s, another state with a history of gerrymandering on both sides of the aisle. The Supreme Court in March rejected Alabama’s decision to uphold their districts — and they cited the case as the reason for throwing out North Carolina’s maps.

While Rucho said Alabama and North Carolina have very different cases, Riggs said the difference is immaterial.

“Both are wrong. Both legislatures used race in a way that is distasteful to the Supreme Court and is inconsistent with that court’s previous decisions,” Riggs said.

Opponents of the map hope nonpartisan districting will emerge as a solution. A bill that would create an independent commission to oversee redistricting is currently in a North Carolina House committee.

“States cannot ... destroy political power amongst protected voters.”

Allison Riggs,
Southern Coalition for Social Justice

“It’s unhealthy for democracy to have legislators draw their own districts. We need a new process that removes partisan politics completely out of the map-drawing,” Phillips said.

“You get a legislature that is very unresponsive to what the people want,” Riggs said.

The outcome now will depend on the North Carolina Supreme Court. It can either remand the case, sending it back to the trial courts, or begin conducting arguments immediately.

“We’ve conducted two election cycles under an unconstitutional plan already and need to move quickly in order to have a fair election in 2016,” Riggs said. “Depending on whether the court remands the case, we hope to have a decision from the N.C. Supreme Court by October.”

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and privilege. She said people with disabilities and people of color are disproportionately represented among housing choice voucher holders.

“In the midst of a huge housing crisis for long-time residents of this community, mostly white wealthy people are able to buy land and build luxury apartments catered to mostly white wealthy students who will most likely be here for only four years,” she said in an email.

Jones said that to find housing over the 17 years she’s had a housing choice voucher, she’s developed a strategy so landlords won’t immediately turn her away.

“I never tell anybody I have Section 8 until I’ve met them in person and talked to them and told them what I am and what I’m about, and they can see me and see my daughter,” she said. “You have to wait, and then drop the bomb.”

What landlords say

Amanda Lieth is a local property manager who recently decided to stop accepting housing choice vouchers.

“I had a 10- to 15-year relationship with Section 8. I never had any problems with my Section 8 residents,” she said.

But Lieth said the problem started when two tenants within a three-month period did not notify her they would be moving out according to the notice period stipulated in the lease. She said this cost her a month’s rent for each property.

Lieth said when she spoke to a Section 8 caseworker, she was told nothing could be done.

“Section 8 recipients need to be following the same exact rules as everybody else,” she said.

Daniel Eller, president and CEO of Eller Capital Partners, a major property owner in Orange County, said many people who manage properties run into problems with Section 8.

“The costs, regulations and duplicative requirements imposed on apartment companies that accept vouchers discourage them from participating in the program,” he said in an email.

Rohe said it’s not uncommon for landlords and property managers to take issue with Section 8 inspections.

“Sometimes they think the property inspections are too strict — they’re asked to fix things that don’t need fixing, and if there’s a problem, they come back for a reinspection,” he said.

Something similar happened when Jones was living in Asheville, she said.

“They can be intense, they can be very nitpicky — for example, at my house in Asheville, the paint was peel-

ing. Section 8 required that they repaint them. When they did that, they took the storm windows out, and they were never replaced. I ended up in a less insulated place.”

Fred Walker, a caseworker for voucher holders in Orange County, said inspectors must juggle the needs of tenants and landlords.

“The more we find, the more the landlord’s going to have to do — the more investment they’re going to have to put in. The tenant doesn’t want to pay an extra month or partial month where they are — they want to get their stuff moved in,” he said.

He said Section 8 inspectors take certification classes and are trained to follow specific requirements when inspecting new properties.

“If that process is not adhered to, what we find, my inspector’s rushing, rushing, and he misses something,” Walker said. “Then down the road is where now the tenant’s settled in, and they’re complaining.”

‘A more normal life’

Jones said she understands why some people are wary of people receiving government assistance.

“If things are too easy for somebody, they don’t care about it, and they don’t treat it right. I would never give a kid a car, for example, because unless they put their blood, sweat and tears into it, they don’t appreciate it,” she said.

“But I do appreciate having Section 8.”

Jones said getting on the housing choice voucher program when her daughter was 2 years old changed both their lives for the better.

“My other two kids, I had no child support, I raised them, we always were broke — they missed out on so many things that normal

children should have opportunities to do. And they never were able to,” she said.

Jones said she supports the principles behind the Section 8 program because it has given her and her daughter the chance to have a real, stable home.

“Generally, when you’re low-income, you’re forced into an apartment, because that’s all that’s available. It gives you the opportunity to have a more normal life,” she said.

Fixing the problem

Walker said he’s seen how the difficulties of the voucher program are affecting residents.

“I have an elderly gentleman who was working at a fraternity house. Thirty years he put in at that fraternity house. One day he passed out, just fell down. He went to the doctor, and they said, ‘Your blood pressure shot up.’ Well, the guy’s now into his 60s. Frat brothers come back to the old guy and say, ‘Listen, pops, your service is no longer needed.’ So now he’s down to a \$700 a month check. He shows me, ‘Mr. Walker, I’m juggling between my light bill and my food.’”

Chapel Hill has several programs and efforts aimed at increasing affordable housing. These include the penny for housing program, which puts a penny of the Chapel Hill’s tax rate toward affordable housing and is expected to generate more than \$700,000 annually.

The town also has inclusionary zoning requirements for developers, meaning new commercial residential properties must allocate a certain number of units as affordable.

In addition, several housing organizations serve Orange County, helping low-income residents find housing, including the Community Empowerment Fund;

EmPOWERment, Inc.; and the Community Home Trust.

But as rents rise each year, many individuals and families are still left without an affordable place to stay.

Lynn, 45, has five boys, two who are still in high school. She did not want her full name used to protect the privacy of her younger sons.

Lynn has lived in Chapel Hill her whole life but said she might be forced to move

because she cannot find a rental property owner who will accept her housing choice voucher. She said she and the boys often stay with family in Cary but sometimes have to stay at a hotel or sleep in their car.

“People don’t understand how hard that is,” she said.

Lynn, who copes with chronic illness, said she doesn’t understand why some people think voucher holders are lazy or unwilling to work.

“Most people would not be on Section 8 if they didn’t have to. I don’t know if the community knows that. I don’t know of any person who wouldn’t rather just get out here and work than go through what I’m going through,” she said.

“You cannot live off that. You cannot. I don’t know why people think it’s a free ride — it isn’t.”

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Student contests law school election

A former candidate filed a complaint about the campaign.

By Jenn Morrison
Staff Writer

The loser of the Student Bar Association presidential election is challenging the results in the Student Supreme Court.

Former presidential candidate Billy Piontek claims the elections committee failed to hold a fair, unbiased election.

On April 14, Piontek filed the complaint about the tactics of the winning write-in candidates. Piontek also objected to an email Jack Boger, dean of the law school, sent to the student body that Piontek said disparaged his platform.

Piontek was the only candidate on the ballot for Student Bar Association president when he won in March, but the elections committee called for a new election in April because of procedural errors. Piontek had broken Student Bar Association bylaws by campaigning via the class of 2017 listserv.

Write-in candidates won the April election for president and six other positions, but Piontek said in his motion for injunction they had not

expressed interest in running until 24 hours prior.

According to an email from John Harris, elections committee chairman and president of the class of 2016, the April election had a record turnout. Nana Asante, the write-in presidential candidate, received 259 votes, and Piontek received 120.

The night before the election, Boger emailed the classes of 2016 and 2017 to advise against supporting the “25 by 2025” plan that Piontek and other candidates pushed for. The platform centered on elevating the law school’s U.S. News and World Report ranking into the top 25 schools by 2025.

In his email, Boger said the plan contradicted the school’s values and motto, “to be rather than to seem.”

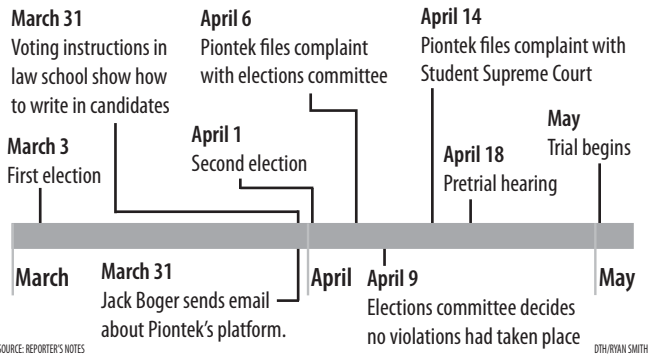
Piontek had said the plan had the support of administration and faculty. He later apologized for the ambiguous language.

Piontek and Boger would not comment on the matter.

The write-in candidates, under the slogan of “Fresh and Honest Leadership,” distributed campaign materials the day before the election, which Piontek argued were presented as voting instructions. Flyers and mes-

Election results challenged after write-in win

Law school elections for offices in the Student Bar Association have been contested by former presidential candidate Billy Piontek. His complaint will be heard in early May.



sages written on whiteboards throughout the law school listed steps for how to vote for the write-in candidates.

Piontek also questioned the lack of response from these candidates when non-candidates posted disparaging comments to the campaign's Facebook page.

Boger's email was disallowed Monday, but the case will continue to trial to determine if the flyers and whiteboard messages constituted campaigning and if the candidates are responsible for the actions of third parties who support them.

Harris commended the Student Supreme Court's dismissal of the allegations about Boger's email.

“Whenever you’re in a situation where you’re setting up a potential confrontation between student government and administrative action, I think you’re probably overstepping your bounds and risk compromising your legitimacy,” Harris said in an email.

“That’s not to say that the administration is infallible, but there are other venues for addressing concerns with a particular action than in student government quasi-legal proceedings.”

Harris said the trial is expected to be held in the beginning of May, but the date has not yet been set.

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religion, complexities in ethnicity, complications of what counts for history and what doesn’t, about government and rule, about emotional excesses, revenge, forgiveness,” said UNC English professor Mary Floyd-Wilson. “There are lots of things, I think, in the play that people today can find correspondences with their own struggles and their own life.”

Justice has recruited professors from universities in the Triangle to serve as advisers on the project, and she plans to spend the spring and summer recruiting more participants.

“With this intro class, I’ve got something to point to. And it’ll help me do my outreach,” she said.

Baker said “Hamlet” includes the consistently relevant themes of identity, change and political legitimacy.

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BASEBALL: NORTH CAROLINA 8, CAMPBELL 3

Fifth-inning flurry seals win for UNC

By Brendan Marks
Assistant Sports Editor

Everything changed in an instant — or more like three. Down 3-2 to Campbell heading into the bottom of the fifth inning Tuesday night, the North Carolina baseball team was desperate for offense. Both of the Tar Heels' runs to that point had come in the first inning, first on a balk and then on a walk with the bases loaded. But after that, nothing. At least not until the bottom of the fifth.

With runners on the corners and no outs, Korey Dunbar stepped to the plate. Then, with a two-RBI double to left-center, the onslaught began. It was the first of three consecutive doubles for UNC, who went on to win 8-3 on Tuesday night. "I think we kind of caught a second wind," Dunbar said. Dunbar's double scored Landon Lassiter — who doubled to start the inning — and Tyler Ramirez, giving UNC a 4-3 lead it would never relin-



DTH/KATIE WILLIAMS
North Carolina outfielder Tyler Ramirez hits a foul ball in the bottom of the third inning. Ramirez went 3-for-5 with a home run.

quish. The Tar Heels would go on to rack up five of their 11 hits in the fifth inning alone. "Me and Landon knew we were up, so we were kind of talking in the outfield," Ramirez said. "We were like, 'Let's just get it going, let's see if we can get something started,' and luckily we did.

"It's been a while since we've had that many hits in one inning before, so its good to get the offense going." After Dunbar's two-RBI hit, Joe Dudek and Skye Bolt fired doubles of their own to keep the scoring going. By the end of the inning — which both started and ended with

a Lassiter at-bat — the Tar Heels had scored four runs. The team took advantage of Camels pitcher Coley Thompkins, who relieved starter Heath Bowers in the bottom of the fifth. Thompkins threw only seven pitches all night, but in his limited appearance, the senior gave up all three doubles and two earned runs. And while the team wouldn't have another outburst like it did in the bottom of the fifth, UNC still managed to rack up a few more runs. Dunbar hit a solo shot in the sixth, but not to be outdone, Ramirez popped a dinger over the center field wall in the eighth. The homer, Ramirez's fifth of the season, would be UNC's last hit of the night. Trevor Kelly earned the win over the Camels, pitching 4.1 innings in relief and conceding no runs. Starter Benton Moss gave up two earned runs in his 4.2 innings of work. But in a season where offensive inconsistency has plagued UNC, Tuesday's fifth-inning

outburst proved decisive. The team finished the night with 11 hits, a mark that gave Coach Mike Fox some reassurance. "Success breeds confidence a little bit, so its nice to see some balls go out of the park

tonight," Fox said. "A big inning for us recently has been two runs, so it's nice to see us have a big one. "We needed it."

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Big night for the birthday boy

By Mohammed Hedadji
Staff Writer

If you told Korey Dunbar 21 years ago that he would one day lead the North Carolina baseball team to a commanding 8-3 win over Campbell, the newborn Dunbar probably wouldn't have understood what you were saying. Twenty-one years later, on his birthday Tuesday night, Dunbar understood the gravity of the situation as his team trailed 3-2 to Campbell in the fifth inning. Dunbar responded and snatched at the opportunity to lead his team to victory — the junior finished the night with a home run, two runs scored and three RBIs. "I texted him this morning and said, 'Happy birthday, and I hope you have a good

day,'" Coach Mike Fox said. "That was at about 7:30 this morning, so he had a good day I think." Dunbar slugged a two-RBI double in the bottom of the fifth inning, which put his team back on top of Campbell 4-3. His hit sparked a four-run inning that helped the Tar Heels power forward after a sluggish start to the game. "We definitely needed that in the fifth inning," said sophomore outfielder Tyler Ramirez. "That double was huge. I think Korey definitely stepped up." UNC had planned on playing small-ball in the fifth inning after falling behind by one earlier in the inning. But after Dunbar's double, the hits and runs began pouring in. The Tar Heels recorded five hits in the inning.

"Hitting is contagious," Dunbar said, "And you saw that tonight." Just an inning later, Dunbar left his mark one last time for the night. The junior blasted a home run off a pitch from Campbell pitcher Bobby Thorson — it was his fifth home run of the season. But for Dunbar, this home run was just as special as all the others. "It's cool any day, it just happened to be on my birthday I guess," Dunbar said. Dunbar's birthday performance has been part of a special season for the West Virginia native. Dunbar has recorded a solid 25 runs and 18 RBIs for the Tar Heels this season. He said his success this season has been a result of

his renewed health and an improved mentality. After suffering a concussion in the fall, Dunbar took a medical leave to get back to his old self. "I just got back to my kind of ball," Dunbar said. "I think I really needed that for my body and for me mentally." After spending some time in his hometown of Charleston, West Virginia, Dunbar returned to UNC to continue practicing and to refine his fundamentals as a catcher and batter. And now, it's made all the difference. "I think that's been the huge thing for me is just having fun," Dunbar said. "Because it is just a game after all."

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Islamophobia teach-in

A religious studies professor spoke at the Muslim Students Association's event. See pg. 3 for story.

A send-off for seniors

The Black Student Movement sent its seniors off in a special awards ceremony. See pg. 4 for story.

Law student sues

A law student believes he lost an election after his opponents illegally campaigned. See pg. 8 for story.

Saunders Hall group

Student Congress formed a committee to look at the Saunders Hall renaming debate. See pg. 4 for story.



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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14 Thingamabob

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22 Assuage

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31 One working in a studio

32 Like a ballerina

34 38th-parallel land

35 Classic cop show catchphrase

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40 Set of moral precepts

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66 Word on some family business signs

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Scientist: embrace the liberal arts

Due to the hours of commitment required to be successful in science classes, it can be easy for science majors to develop apathy toward the liberal arts.

Sometimes it seems like our campus is divided along an imaginary line running from the Genome Science Building to Phillips Hall, with science majors crossing only to fulfill general education requirements.

Four years at UNC tell me this is a mistake; we should actively engage with the liberal arts in order to further our own disciplines and appreciate aspects of life beyond the empirical.

First, a shout out to the journalists. Science does not exist in a vacuum; it depends on extensive communication between researchers and the general public.

The continued progress of science and existence of public research universities like UNC depends on a popular appreciation of how both basic and applied research are responsible investments of tax dollars. When scientists study and practice journalism and other forms of communication, we facilitate these critical functions.

We also benefit from having an understanding of ethics, philosophy and politics to gather and apply knowledge in a socially responsible manner. From the Tuskegee Institute's syphilis studies to the widespread usage of DDT, our past is littered with failures in this regard.

Questions of social responsibility will only multiply as we continue to learn more, and we must be proactive to understand the implications of our new discoveries.

A knowledge of history and social studies reminds us that despite our emphasis on objectivity, science remains a human endeavor and can sometimes reflect our personal biases. Our efforts to make science a more diverse and inclusive institution depend on our comprehension of social issues pervasive in society at large.

Lastly and most importantly, the liberal arts help us appreciate life outside of the lab. From the fine arts to music and literature, much of what it means to be human can't be found by looking through a microscope. While the scientific method remains the undisputed champion for discovering knowledge about the natural world, there remain many facets of our existence that science can't explain.

Science tells us how we see colors — from the photons of light reflecting off an object to the photoreceptors in our eyes — but it can't tell us why a Carolina Blue sky is so beautiful. Science tells us how we hear music — from the patterns of compression in the air to the vibrations in our ears — but it can't tell us why singing the alma mater alongside thousands of fellow Tar Heels tugs at the heartstrings.

This recognition is enshrined in the motto of our university: Lux Libertas — "light and liberty." By studying the liberal arts alongside the sciences, we see the world in a brighter light and are free to experience all that life has to offer. Thanks for reading, hark the sound.

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COURT OF CULTURE
Meredith Shutt examines her time at UNC through music.

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Do activities that broaden your view



Trey Flowers
Editorial Board Member

As someone who spent his first 14 years in the state of North Carolina, I am intensely proud of this state and this University's place in the history of American higher education. I was so proud that when I moved abroad, I wouldn't shut up about it, causing my friends to nickname me "Banjo."

Despite my enthusiasm for anything UNC-related, I can't help but feel disappointed by our campus' lack of concern for perspectives that fall outside of our own purview.

Given the University's status as a public school, it clearly has an obligation to serve the citizens of North Carolina. But global awareness and public service should not be mutually exclusive. The reality is that the world is becoming increasingly interconnected, and as a result the ability to not only handle but also thrive in a culturally heterogeneous workplace is more vital than ever.

If UNC is to continue producing leaders prepared for the challenges they will face after graduation, it should require its students to address views that transcend their own culture.

We do have a variety of programs, like study abroad, that promise to do just that, but these are not options for all students for a variety of reasons, ranging from financial to academic. If the problem is to truly be solved, it must be with a solution that includes every student accepted into our University.

The first step to solving this problem is to acknowledge that it is one. The process of stepping out of our cultural comfort zone is too important to ignore, even if it involves getting called "Banjo" every once in a while.

Small departments need support



Colin Kantor
Editorial Board Member

Earlier this year, I wrote a column in defense of UNC's Slavic, Eurasian and East European studies, which faced budget cuts due to a loss of federal funding.

This caused the center to have to scramble to find funding for some of its students this year and is one of many contributing factors to a reorganization of the Russian and East European studies master's program into a concentration of the global studies master's program beginning in the 2014-15 academic year.

Though the issue of funding was eventually resolved, it is not the first time nor will it be the last that a highly specialized program like this that does not necessarily attract many students faces financial or logistical hardships. In 2011, the Germanic languages and Slavic languages and literatures departments merged to be protected from cuts and to streamline the administrative structure of both departments.

These examples illustrate the problem small departments have in a large public university. What makes UNC such an attractive school for out-of-state students like me is its unparalleled variety of courses in a wide array of departments. More must be done to protect the programs that add cultural, linguistic and intellectual diversity to UNC.

While the issue of federal funding is out of the University's hands, it is telling that the center was most dependent on a source of funding outside of UNC. Not all of the factors that contribute to difficulties for these departments come from the University, but the more the university can do to protect them, the more secure our vibrant academic climate will be.

Green progress is a necessity



Brian Vaughn
Editorial Board Member

There are some days when being proud of UNC's sustainability initiatives is easy. Watching my peers pedal across the brick paths on Tar Heel Bikes and easily composting organic material through a residence hall program makes me proud of our school's commitment to being green.

But sometimes I'm frustrated by decision-makers' hypocrisy or lack of action taken by the town government.

Though the town has installed more equitable road infrastructure since recent cyclist deaths, statistics show that Chapel Hill has a terribly high bike-car collision rate.

And though former Chancellor Holden Thorp committed UNC's Energy Services to cease burning coal by 2020, the power plant is not on track to reach this goal. Worse, UNC's Board of Trustees have thus far been unwilling to seriously consider divestment from coal companies that create massive environmental health risks.

On campus, UNC's current framework to fund energy efficiency initiatives and renewable energy installation through the Sustainability Seed Fund and the Green Revolving Fund is impressive, but governing bodies should be similarly willing to take a stance for divestment.

The Board of Trustees must seriously consider the broad economic, moral and public relations ticking time bomb that comes with being invested in coal companies.

If I am confident about anything, it is that UNC's student leaders in sustainability and activism will remain steadfast in their campaigns.

Poverty an inherently political topic



Peter Vogel
Editorial Board Member

My neighborhood in Chapel Hill is less a community than two very different societies living next to each other. On one side, my home faces new student housing, but on the other three sides, it borders low-income rental apartments.

I worry that our state is increasingly coming to resemble my neighborhood: separate and unequal.

Thanks in part to the courageous advocacy of Gene Nichol, poverty and inequality in North Carolina have been on the public radar all year. Still, his statistics bear repeating: 1.7 million Tar Heels live in poverty, including 40 percent of our children of color.

According to Robert Korstad and James Leloudis, historians at Duke and UNC respectively, if the 41 counties east of I-95 formed their own state, it would be the least developed in the country by almost every metric.

UNC's approach to anti-poverty advocacy has been strangely bifurcated. On one hand, programs like Carolina Covenant have helped to make UNC one of the most economically diverse elite colleges in the country.

On the other hand, when Nichol and other advocates for those living in poverty spoke out about how poverty is created and sustained, University leaders failed to support them. This divide springs from the false belief that UNC should not be a political space and that its leaders should remain "neutral" in the General Assembly's war on poor North Carolinians.

Until the University closes this artificial divide separating its responsibility to its students from its mandate to advocate for all Tar Heels, the real gap will continue to grow.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They've given themselves five years to learn what Hamlet has to tell us about our world. I'm looking forward to 2020."

David Baker, on the local children learning Hamlet for five years

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"Undocumented workers who work contribute to the economy, afford legitimate avenues to citizenship..."

Dominic Mercurio, on proposals giving undocumented workers licenses

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fraternity members are individuals too

TO THE EDITOR:

Fraternities have been a part of campus life for years, yielding many negative headlines that have caused partially founded animosity.

Greek life has recently become the spotlight for elitists that do not face consequences for their actions. While their is a needed reform in the Greek system on college campuses nationally, we must remember that fraternity members are individuals. I often find myself opposed in class discussions before I have been given a chance to speak, and I purposefully do not wear greek-related shirts in group projects.

Frequently I find myself thinking "I wish I was viewed as an individual, instead of a piece an exaggerated boozing, elite, lazy organization" while speaking in class.

Categorization of each white male wearing a collared shirt and Air Max Nikes as a woman-seeking slacker will only cause kids to grow into their expectations.

We are simply individuals that have joined groups. I hope to rid the Greek system of unproductive individuals, but it will not happen until I am viewed as a human, not a "frat bro."

George Smith
Senior
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DTH editorial was an attack on free speech

TO THE EDITOR:

The Daily Tar Heel editorial espousing the horrors of David Horowitz and Mitt Romney speaking on campuses this past week prompts me to remind those of the value of a "liberal arts" education. "Liberal" meaning the opening of one's mind.

Last time I checked, it wasn't a "progressive arts" education. And if the editorial writer is so threatened by other ideas, then they should examine their own.

Free speech shall not be silenced by you or anyone else.

Jane Wagstaff
Durham

Adjunct professors deserve higher pay

TO THE EDITOR:

A review of my transcript revealed that 75 percent of my classes were taught by graduate students and non-tenured faculty. I was ignorant of how little they earned for providing such high-quality instruction.

As a student, I would have gladly paid an extra fee to boost their compensation. As a state employee, I would gladly pay more taxes for a similar designation.

Paul Atherton
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