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## North Carolina football team's winning ways benefit students, Chapel Hill

**By Jeremy Vernon**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Winning changes everything. It's as simple as that.

Normally by early November, UNC students have retired their football attire in favor of argyle-trimmed basketball jerseys. That's the way it has been for as long as most people can remember — but now the focus has shifted.

The North Carolina football team is the squad to watch as we enter the end of the semester, something that has rarely been the case this millennium. The Tar Heels are 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the ACC, putting them in position to challenge for an ACC title in December.

"Everything is a lot better when you're 7-1, you know. The food tastes better, people are a lot nicer. Shoot, even the water I drink tastes better," said sophomore cornerback M.J.

Stewart. "So, it just feels good to win. It just feels good to bring a winning tradition back to Carolina."

There has been a bit of a culture change on campus, something that started with the players before the season even began.

Following the Tar Heels' 40-21 loss to Rutgers in the Quick Lane Bowl on Dec. 26, North Carolina called a team meeting to address some of the non-football issues that affected the team in 2014. By the end of the day, players and coaches filled a white board with problems that needed fixing. They then set out to correct them one by one.

UNC has no doubt benefited from the arrival of four new defensive coaches, including defensive coordinator Gene Chizik. But the change to the team's mentality has perhaps contributed the most to the Tar Heels' hot start.

"(There's) just more team chemis-

try. More leadership. More continuity within the team," Stewart said. "We're just a bond of brothers — a band of brothers — and we play like that on and off the field."

What has ensued is a case of football fever among the UNC community. While attendance numbers haven't been stellar thus far, the presence of a successful program is something students are ecstatic about.

"I'm excited. I'm from the North so I've been really passionate about football and having a good football team," said senior Alina Wirtz. "And going to a school that now has football and basketball, I think I'm more excited about sports at UNC than I have been in the past."

The effect on the student body has been drastic, but when you look at Chapel Hill as a whole, the outcomes have been even more noticeable.

During a Saturday in which North Carolina has a home game, a

serious economic surge takes over Franklin Street. According to an economic impact study conducted by the UNC Sports Administration Graduate Program, the Tar Heels' 2013 home game against Miami had a total economic impact of approximately \$5.06 million.

The attendance for the Miami game was 56,000. UNC's matchup this Saturday against Duke is sold out, meaning about 63,000 fans could pile into Kenan Stadium for the noon kickoff, and before that, into downtown Chapel Hill.

"I don't know if there has been a sold out noon game since I've been here," said senior linebacker Shakeel Rashad. "So that's gonna be really cool to see."

Don Pinney, owner of Sutton's Drug Store, said home football games have helped keep several Franklin Street businesses, including his own, from going under in the past.

"Basketball is the big draw for the University, but football is the huge draw for the town," he said. "We really live for these home football games. It really gives us enough business to carry us through the summer."

Since the North Carolina men's basketball team won the national championship in 1957, UNC has been considered a basketball school to both those in and outside of the University. Football has experienced its high points over the years — the most recent being the success under Coach Mack Brown in the late 1990s — but its popularity has rarely come close to that of the basketball program.

But as the rest of the season unfolds, the North Carolina football team is trying to change that moniker. And if the wins keep piling up, it might be simpler to do so than people think.

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## Groups warn against Yik Yak

**The groups want schools to protect students from anonymous harassment.**

**By Kent McDonald**  
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Yik Yak is facing non-anonymous criticism from women's and civil rights groups for harassing, threatening content featured on the app.

More than 70 groups, including the Human Rights Campaign and the Feminist Majority Foundation, sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Education encouraging administrators to protect students from vicious posts on anonymous social media sites. According to the letter, anonymous social media sites are often used to engage in discriminatory behavior and are popular on college campuses.

"Social media has become a victim of its own success," said Debashis Aikat, an associate professor in the UNC School of Media and Journalism. "On some days, it does more harm than good."

On Tuesday, UNC received a threat through Yik Yak, one of the anonymous sites the letter mentioned. The post mirrored a bomb threat UNC received last year through Yik Yak.

The anonymity these apps give users can prompt them to misuse the medium and create vicious content at the expense of others, and college students are prime patrons, Aikat said.

"College students are the right audience for social media," he said. "They have devices that enable this communication and they are constantly connected."

But first-year and Yik Yak-user Eugenie Chen said social media

helps her stay informed.

"I probably go on social media now more than I did in high school," she said. "It's almost an equivalent to a newspaper, but for college."

Chen said she uses Yik Yak for entertainment, and it helps her stay involved on a large campus.

"The high school I went to was small, and everyone was sort of able to get up to date based off of what other people were saying," she said. "But college is just so massive that you need something that connects everyone."

While the desire to stay connected is nothing new, anonymity raises concerns when posts become hateful and their online nature increases ambiguity, Aikat said.

"This is creating a little bit of a chaotic situation. You do not know who to believe, who to not believe," he said.

Kyle Asher, a first-year and Yik Yak-user, said it is the responsibility of app users to determine whether a post is credible through the up/down-voting feature on the app.

"As long as there is anonymity, the Yik Yak community as a whole will discern what content is appropriate," he said.

He said he believes the power to decide what is offensive should be left to the student population.

"For the Chapel Hill community, I think the students have the right and possess the ability to decide what content is appropriate," Asher said.

For now, Aikat encourages students and faculty to practice safe computing, be alert and exercise caution when using anonymous applications.

"This is a world where we have to pay attention to every message," Aikat said.

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## Frank Bruni talks risks of tech

**The New York Times columnist gave the Eve Carson lecture Thursday.**

**By Elia Essen**  
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Our use of technology has isolated us from the world and created problems in our political environment, The New York Times op-ed columnist Frank Bruni said Thursday.

Bruni's speech, "Digital Cocoons, Political Polarization and the Path Back to Common Ground," was part of the Eve Marie Carson Lecture Series.

"It's because I've been fortunate enough to have such a wealth of experiences and perspectives that I've become especially concerned about something particular in our country today, which is the way our culture, our campuses, our politics and our discourse



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Frank Bruni answers questions after giving the Eve Carson lecture Thursday.

has become so fragmented and tribal and polarized to an extent that I think our common bonds and common grounds are being eroded," Bruni said.

Bruni began his lecture by encouraging students to appreciate their time at UNC.

He said we as a society have closed ourselves off. He pointed to his recent trip to China, where he found himself in his hotel checking his email and watching his favorite TV shows from home, as an evidence that we are not

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## Admissions lawsuit moving slowly

**A year-old lawsuit alleges UNC uses racial preference in admissions.**

**By Sarah Watson**  
Staff Writer

In November 2014, a lawsuit filed against UNC and Harvard University by the Students for Fair Admissions declared UNC's undergraduate admissions was performing racially and ethnically discriminatory policies in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

Students for Fair Admissions

is a nonprofit organization that says a student's race and ethnicity should not be considered in competitive university admissions.

The suit said white and Asian-American applicants are at a disadvantage, and UNC has a preference for minority students in admissions.

"It is not a lack of non-academic achievement that is keeping them from securing admission. It is UNC-Chapel Hill's dominant use of racial preferences to their detriment," the suit states.

Edward Blum, president of Students for Fair Admissions, said the lawsuit has not progressed much since it was originally filed.

"There's not much to report," Blum said.

"What happened after the lawsuit was filed was the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear another affirmative action lawsuit, and UNC and Harvard argued that the outcome of that particular lawsuit could affect their own lawsuits. So they asked the courts to slow the process down until the Supreme Court ruled in Fisher v. University of Texas."

Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin was a Supreme Court case in which high school senior Abigail Fisher, who is white, sued

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“When you win, nothing hurts.”

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# The best of online



## How to avoid being shamed for your Christmas spirit

By Megan Mallonee  
Staff Writer

There are 50 days until Christmas.  
Yes, Thanksgiving is approaching and the semester is ending, but there is something much more important going on here.  
There are only 50 days

until Christmas!!!  
The Christmas season is never long enough. We aren't supposed to celebrate until after Thanksgiving. What kind of joke is that? Halloween is over; this is our time.



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The Daily Tar Heel asked respondents how they pronounce the word "pecan." Results as of publication.

"Peh-kahn"  
—55 percent

"Pee-can"  
— 45 percent

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## CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, front page story "Gridlock beyond the gridiron" mischaracterized an anecdote told by Brad Ives. The father of a patient was unable to park in his normal lot when he was issued a parking permit.  
The article also incorrectly stated a point of Julia Green's. Green has issued a permit once, but she has not publicized the permits.  
The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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## UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

### Incident report filed for Tuesday's Yik Yak threat

Although no arrests have been made in the case of the Yik Yak threat made Tuesday morning, an incident report has been filed by the Department of Public Safety. The report cites the location of the incident as House Undergraduate Library and the reporting person as Carson Southard. Randy Young, spokesperson for DPS, said the investigation is still ongoing.

— staff reports

## CITY BRIEF

### Town announces new technology director

A new executive director for technology/CIO for Chapel Hill was announced Thursday. Scott Clark will manage the Technology Solutions Department and provide leadership toward meeting the town's needs with digital inclusion and the town's investment into fiber technology.

— staff reports

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## POLICE LOG

- Someone stole a bicycle at 110 W. Cameron Ave. and Pittsboro Street at 8 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone broke into and entered a vehicle at 116 W. Barbee Chapel Road at 8:06 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone spray painted a wall at 503 W. Franklin St. between noon Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone shoplifted at Food Lion at 1720 Fordham Blvd. at 4:22 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone broke into and entered a residence on the 300 block of McCauley Street between 9:15 a.m. and 9:20 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.  
The person stole \$13,700 worth of items, reports state.
- Someone reported a loud party on the 100 block of Shadowood Drive at 3:01 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported loud music on the 200 block of Barnes Street at 11 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone was disturbing the peace on the 700 block of Pritchard Avenue at 10:41 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported loud noise at 107 Albany Point at 3:51 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.  
The person reported that wild fowl was being a nuisance, reports state.
- Someone reported a suspicious person at 1740 Fordham Blvd. at 9:52 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a suspicious vehicle on the 100 block of Daffodil Lane at 7:53 p.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone was peeping at Morrison residence hall at midnight Tuesday, according to Department of Public Safety reports.

- Someone was in possession of marijuana at the intersection of Manning Drive and Hibbard Drive at 3:16 p.m. Wednesday, according to Department of Public Safety reports.
- Someone committed larceny from Chapman Hall at 9 p.m. Tuesday, according to Department of Public Safety reports.
- Someone reported disorderly conduct at the Undergraduate Library at 1:39 a.m. Tuesday, according to Department of Public Safety reports.

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# Canterbury Tales’ rhymes remixed

## Baba Brinkman brings rap show to UNC

By Emily Perry  
Staff Writer

Baba Brinkman’s “The Canterbury Tales Remixed” breathes new life into familiar English texts.

His treatment of “The Canterbury Tales” and “Beowulf” demonstrated the perceptiveness of a literary scholar and the wit of a chart-topping rapper. Full of head-bobbing rhythms and clever rhymes, the show brushed the dust off of literary classics and revealed their modern relevance to a packed house last night.

Brinkman is a Canadian rapper and playwright. His show drew themes that resonate with modern audiences, like relational strife. As a comparative literature student working on his thesis, he said he saw parallels between the rich storytelling of English classics and modern rap.

Phil Lankford, research collaborator in the English and comparative literature department, first saw Brinkman in 2005.

“I was so impressed by his ability,” Lankford said.

He has spent the past two years planning to bring Brinkman to Chapel Hill to expose students to the artistic variety available to them.

Lankford, along with the UNC Carolina Scholars program and literature professor Ted Leinbaugh funded the performance so students could experience the show for free.

For those unfamiliar with the art of literary hip-hop — “lit-hop” — the gulf between 14th-century texts and catchy rap rhymes seem too wide to bridge. Yet Brinkman’s transformation of age-old appeared effortless.

“The things that transfix us and we’re passionate about today are still



Youtuber Baba Brinkman performs portions of “The Canterbury Tales” and “Beowulf” through rapping at the Varsity Theatre on Franklin St. Thursday evening.

relevant and resonate with what was of interest to people 600 years ago,” he said.

The work of Chaucer in particular lends itself to Brinkmanesque retelling. Lines like, “She was supreme as Elena Kagan/ Crossed with Kiera Knightly; Guinevere was rightly,” to describe the queen in the Wife of Bath’s Tale capture the spirit of Chaucer’s original in an exciting way.

“I think Chaucer tapped into

something deep about people’s natural wants and needs, and rappers have that same talent and show that connection,” Brinkman said.

“The Canterbury Tales Remixed” isn’t Brinkman’s only attempt to transform elevated subject matter into catchy beats. Since Lankford first saw him in 2005, Brinkman has written or co-written a total of six rap shows, each of which tackle topics like religion and evolution.

“The Rap Guide to Evolution” earned him a Scotsman Fringe First Award. He has been a featured guest at several regional TEDx performances and has been commissioned for a number of musical projects, including the “The Rap Guide to Business” for New York University Stern School of Business.

Brinkman’s show is a cultural translation of Chaucer’s work. Retaining the spirit of a work is dif-

ficult, but senior Metta Longo said she was impressed with Brinkman’s unique rendition. As a Romance language major, Longo said she confronts the issue of retaining the original connotation of a text.

“I think that’s definitely something that needs to be a discussion, and just his presence on the stage like that is making this a talked about issue.”

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# Mandatory courses change for journalism

## Economics 101 is only required for business journalism now.

By Sarah McAdon  
Staff Writer

Many School of Media and Journalism students who have already worked hard in ECON 101 and POLI 100 are upset those classes are no longer required for their majors.

Academic Advising announced changes in courses required by the media and journalism major in an email sent out Wednesday to stu-

dents enrolled in the School of Media and Journalism. Students in the major are no longer required to take ECON 101, HIST 128, POLI 100 and POLI 101.

Charlie Tuggle, senior associate dean for undergraduate studies at the journalism school, is a member of the curriculum committee that implemented the changes. Tuggle said the committee constantly reviews the curriculum to determine if what is being taught is applicable for the major.

“As we were looking at the courses required outside of the J-School, it occurred to

us that no one really knew why we were requiring HIST 128 or why we were specifically requiring ECON 101,” Tuggle said.

“So we looked at it, and we decided that there are actually several good courses offered by the University that fulfill the historical analysis box or fulfill the social sciences box. Why were we requiring these very specific courses?”

Tuggle said faculty recognized the need for the new changes and approved the new requirements in September. The changes had to go through the University level before they could actu-

ally be made.

He said feedback from senior surveys showed many students thought a lot of the required classes were useless and boring. The new changes are supposed to give students more freedom and flexibility.

Students are now required to take one of five political science courses, and students in the business journalism concentration are still required to take ECON 101.

“We are not lowering our expectations at all inside the school,” Tuggle said. “We still require rigorous classes and expect a lot of our students, but there was no real

reason to be as restrictive as we were.”

Tuggle said he’s heard from many students who were already enrolled in ECON 101 or HIST 128 and were disappointed.

“You have to make the cut off somewhere,” Tuggle said. “I told them, ‘Years from now, you can tell your grandchildren that you were the last group coming through the J-School that had to take that particular class. You can wear it like a war wound.’”

Many journalism majors who have already taken the previously required courses said they do not have a use

for them.

“ECON 101 was the death of me,” junior Ashley Pollard said. “I’m sad that I had to do it, but I’m happy for them not having to do it.”

Junior Vanessa Watson said some of those classes were her least favorite, and she wished the change in course requirements had applied to her earlier.

“I appreciate the change,” Watson said. “I didn’t necessarily think that those classes were necessary but would have liked to have that option too.”

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# Memories of local businesses honored

## Seven business leaders were inducted into the Business Hall of Fame.

By Kiana Cole  
Senior Writer

Decorated with boutonnieres and enveloped in the company of colleagues, the business trailblazers of Chapel Hill and Carrboro were inducted into the Business Hall of Fame for their contributions Thursday night.

“I think that this group of people that we’re celebrating tonight — they worked hard in what they did,” said Chris Hogan, who accepted the award on behalf of his family’s farm, Lake Hogan Farm in Chapel Hill.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce — which includes 1,250 local businesses — created the Business Hall of Fame in 2013 to celebrate its 50th anniversary and honor contributors to the local economy and community.

“They were very dedicated to this community and what it stands for — and they had fun doing it. I think that’s what is most important,” Hogan said.

The honorees included Viking Travel, Sutton’s Drug Store, Lake Hogan Farm, Orange Federal Savings and Loan, Seagroves Insurance Agency, Midway Barber Shop and Eva’s Beauty Shop.

Hosted at the Carolina Inn, the event was brimming with laughter and fellowship as those in attendance encouraged each inductee with a standing ovation, emphasizing the communal spirit of unity and support.

The first honoree was Eva Barnett, who owns and operates Eva’s Beauty Shop.



The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Business Hall of Fame celebrated local business owners Thursday at the Carolina Inn. Seven local business were inducted.

“Miss Eva is an entrepreneur, an astute businesswoman and a woman of God,” said Barbara Foushee from Carrboro Human Services Commission. “Miss Eva offers keen insights and a helping hand to community members,” she said.

Barnett still operates her shop after over 40 years, but only serves her oldest customers and closest friends.

“If I had any (hair), I’d come see you about it,” said Aaron Nelson, CEO and president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Though united in their dedication to quality service, the honorees were individually highlighted for their remarkable gifts to Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

“The memories and stories here are priceless,” said Marc Pons, who introduced John Woodard of Sutton’s Drug Store, one of the inductees.

Pons said Woodard illustrated the secret to building a sustainable business — by being present,

which shows people how much they are appreciated.

“It’s so funny, when I meet new people I tell them I own a pharmacy, and they say ‘Oh it’s not Sutton’s is it?’” Woodard said.

Sutton’s Drug Store operated as a pharmacy until 2014 and now serves as only a restaurant and shop.

“They say ‘Gosh I love your cheeseburgers!’ and I say ‘Well, you know, we’ve got some really good drugs too,’” he said.

Jean Holcomb — founder of the Chapel Hill-based Viking Travel agency — was introduced as a pioneer for professional women.

“We started at a time when a number of people said to me ‘You’ll never make it, you can’t succeed because you’re a woman,’” Holcomb said.

“But I’m one of those women that would say ‘I’ll show you.’”

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# DPS, local bank have tips for avoiding check fraud

## Several students have complained about an email check scam.

By Jane Wester  
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Students looking for a part-time job should be careful if a dream gig seems to appear randomly in their HeelMail inboxes.

A check-cashing scam may be targeting UNC students looking for part-time jobs through email and Craigslist, Department of Public Safety spokesperson Randy Young said.

Though the scam is probably not targeting UNC specifically, DPS has heard from several people about the suspicious online behavior in the past few days, Young said. Students, faculty and staff received an Alert Carolina email warning about the scam Thursday afternoon.

“Victims have been contacted through University email and Craigslist job postings through the guise of requests for babysitting and/or personal assistant work,” the message read.

Young said the scammers sometimes pretend they’re responding to an earlier email from the victim.

“Often the text is in broken English, so that’s a telltale,” he said.

If the victim responds, Young said, they’ll get more emails, including messages offering to send a check to pay start-up costs and a salary for the work. Accepting that money — a fraudulent check — is where someone might really get in trouble.

“Once you cash that check, you are responsible for that money,”

Young said.

Young said anyone who’s gotten far enough along in the scam to cash a check should contact DPS.

“If they’ve been victimized financially, there may be things we can do,” he said.

Otherwise, Young recommended deleting suspicious emails and even just destroying any check received through this kind of process.

“We just ask that they don’t cash it, move on, sever ties with the company,” he said.

DPS is ready to help people who’ve been affected by the scam, Young said, but getting to the root of the problem is tough.

“It becomes hard to investigate because it’s usually international,” Young said.

Sandra Jones, senior vice president of member communications for the State Employees’ Credit Union, said she wasn’t familiar with this specific scam, but the credit union tries to be proactive and often notifies its members about possible scams.

“All financial institutions have probably had some type of similar scam that has affected their members or their customers,” she said.

Jones said people can contact local authorities or financial institutions if they’re worried about potential scams. She recommended not responding to suspicious emails because that can help scammers steal personal information.

“Unfortunately, scammers are always looking for new ways to take advantage,” she said.

Overall, just be careful.

“If it sounds too good to be true, it generally is,” Jones said.

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# Hip-hop spotlights in Pit

**Moonlight Hip Hop Dance Crew performs on Fridays.**

By Kaitlin Barker  
Staff Writer

Students know that when in doubt, there is always something going on in the Pit. Friday night is no exception: the UNC Moonlight Hip Hop Dance Crew usually kicks off the weekend with a live performance for anyone who happens to be around.

Founded in 2010, the Moonlight Dance Crew has made it their mission to create a free, safe space for dancers of any experience level to come out and hone their craft. The dance crew holds an open audition in the beginning of both fall and spring semesters. Next semester, spring auditions begin Monday, Jan. 13 and go through Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Dancers will learn choreography on the first day, review the dance on the second day and finally participate in try-outs on the last day.

Li Zhang, senior and director of Moonlight Hip Hop Dance Crew, said the group's style is hip-hop with an urban twist.

"It started out within the hip-hop vein, and we're still



The UNC Moonlight Hip Hop Dance Crew frequently performs on Friday evenings in the Pit.

hip-hop, but I would say we're more urban fusion now," she said.

The dance crew performs frequently around the campus for different charity events, as well as across the East Coast at major dance competitions. The dance crew's two major events of the year include Journey Into

Asia, hosted by the Asian Students Association, and the Prelude Carolinas Urban Dance Competition.

They also hold their own showcase in the spring. The turnout can range anywhere from 20 to 30 people at a Pit performance to a few hundred at events or competitions.

Open classes and work-

shops are also held sporadically throughout the semester. No dance experience is required and the date, time and location are posted on the group's Facebook page weekly.

Moonlight's Assistant Director Nikolaus Gunawan said he was interested in dance in high school, but wasn't very comfortable with himself and how he danced coming into college. He found the Moonlight Hip Hop Dance Crew through a dance interest meeting his first semester and said he's very grateful for it.

"I'm happy to have found a place that focuses on being a perfect dancer," he said. "There's also that family aspect where the people actually want to hang out with you."

Sophomore Christine Zimmerman said she enjoyed attending one of their performances.

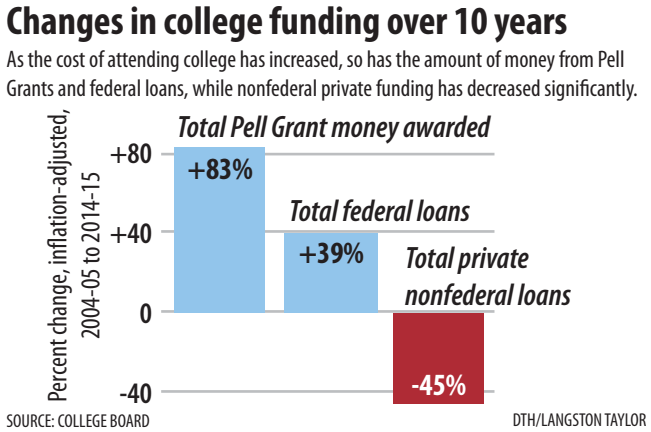
"I went to one of their performances last semester, and they performed, and they were really good," she said.

Zhang said the Moonlight Hip Hop Dance Crew focuses on personal growth as well.

"Moonlight Dance Crew is mainly focused on growth, so we take in a lot of newer and inexperienced dancers who want to explore and grow in dance, but we also believe that dance also helps people grow as people," she said.

"We're not just a team that dances together, but we eat together, we study together, we hang out together."

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## Q&A with the College Board

The College Board released its annual Trends in Higher Education report this week, which outlined the rising cost of college tuition and the importance of financial aid. Staff Writer Anica Midthun sat down with Eric Johnson, a spokesperson for UNC's financial aid office, to talk about the report's takeaways and how these costs are affecting students and the future of higher education.

**The Daily Tar Heel:** Why do these reports matter to students, and what are the usual responses from students and families?

**Eric Johnson:** The reports matter for students because it reflects the reality of rising college costs, and so I think they are valuable because they focus attention on what is clearly a public policy concern.

I don't think that most students and families look closely at these sort of reports. I think they are worried about college costs, and I think they pay attention to how much it is going to cost to go to the schools they are interested in. The value of these reports are less of an individual tool and more of a way to focus public attention on a problem that is so prevalent.

**DTH:** Does UNC-Chapel Hill suffer from the same rising costs that other schools do?

**EJ:** Yes, absolutely. The 10-year tuition and fee report from 2003-04 to 2013-14 shows that the cost of Chapel Hill tuition rose 105 percent. So at a time when most family's incomes have not risen that much, college costs are continuing to rise.

**DTH:** Where do these increased costs stem from?

**EJ:** At least for public institutions, a significant rise has come from public divestment in higher education. The state used to pick up a much larger chunk of what it used

to cost to run a university, and instead of getting cheaper, universities have shifted the cost to students and families.

**DTH:** Do all students utilize financial aid?

**EJ:** Students often turn down the portion of financial aid that is given in loans. But I don't know anyone who would turn down grants and scholarships, and that's the vast majority of what we offer. Seventy-one percent of the financial aid that we offer to undergraduates comes in the form of grants and scholarships. Very few public schools have that kind of mix.

**DTH:** Do you see any particular trends in college costs at UNC?

**EJ:** The cost of college has gone up. But if you look at UNC student debt over the same time, it's barely moved. Even as tuition has increased, UNC students are not borrowing any more than they did ten years ago — which is one way we measure if we are doing a good job protecting the students who need to be protected.

**DTH:** What does this mean for the future of education and how people will finance it?

**EJ:** I think you will see a lot of people finding different ways to pay for college. I don't think you will see significantly fewer amounts of people going to college because it is becoming more and more of a requirement for successful economic life. Whether that's a good idea is a broader question.

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## New P2Ps might roll out on campus

**Some old P2Ps have more than 110,000 miles on them.**

By Elizabeth Barbour  
Staff Writer

Three new P2P buses, equipped with new technology such as cameras and GPS, might soon be rolling around campus.

Several of the current P2P

buses are due to retire soon.

Than Austin, Transportation and Parking's associate director for transportation planning and strategy, said the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Parking is trying to find the best deal, which would include the new buses and technology.

"We are talking to a few different vendors to see what kind of systems are available," he said.

He said they are looking to lease the buses to a vendor who can offer the most features for the least amount of money. The committee hopes to include a camera and GPS tracker on each new bus, an automatic passenger counter and an app with access to real-time location software, similar to NextBus, to streamline the experience of riding the P2P.

Randy Young, spokesperson for the Department of Public Safety, said the expenses for the new buses fall into the pre-existing budget for P2P repairs and replacements.

"There's reflected to be no increase in the student fees," he said.

Young said in an email that purchasing three buses at \$290,000 each would cost \$870,000, but leasing three buses would cost an estimated \$110,000 a year for five years.

Austin said the committee hopes a new reservation feature will be able to help members of the community who have disabilities or are mobility impaired.

Currently, to be picked up

by the P2P, students have to call the P2P dispatch, give their PID, explain where they are and request a pickup time. A P2P app is expected to allow students to only have to enter their information online.

Austin said not everyone will have to reserve a spot on the P2P — this feature is just to help students needing additional assistance get picked up quickly and efficiently.

Young said the buses aren't being replaced due to any technical or safety issues, but some of them are simply too old.

"The general understanding of use of these is that they last; their efficacy is about 7 to 8 years," Young said. "That's essentially what the federal government bureau said."

He said one P2P bus with 93,000 miles is only used when one of the other buses is in the shop. Some of the other buses have anywhere from 112,000 to 122,000 miles on them.

First-year student Nancy Goodes said she has never been concerned about safety while riding the P2P. She said she hasn't noticed any obvious signs that the buses are too old.

"I guess when you're used to riding on school buses in high school, the P2P seems pretty technologically advanced," Goodes said.

The Advisory Committee on Transportation and Parking is currently looking at the affordability of bus vendors and does not have a planned release date for the buses.

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# Black balances field hockey, academics

The redshirt junior plans to enroll in pharmacy school

By Sam Doughton  
Staff Writer

Walk-on redshirt junior Rachel Black stands at the end of the line of graduating players at the North Carolina field hockey team's end of the season tailgate.

Though she has one year of eligibility remaining, Black plans on leaving UNC after this season to go to pharmacy school. She's always loved math and science, and knows her education has prepared her for when she graduates.

But that's not on her mind now. She has a few thank yous to give before she goes.

Black began her speech thanking everyone from behind the scenes: Yunah and Amy, the student assistants. Kelsee the nutritionist. Tony the academic adviser or, as Black prefers, "life coach." The list goes on and on.

Honoring those behind the scenes comes naturally for Black. As a walk-on in a program consistently competing for national championships, she knows what it's like to be a smaller piece of a much bigger operation.

"As a redshirt, you've got a spot," Black said. "But every day you have to show up and show people why you're here."

"You have to make it clear you're here for a reason and you want to get better."



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Redshirt junior field hockey player Rachel Black is preparing to graduate early and attend pharmacy school. She leaves with a year of eligibility remaining.

### The walk-on experience

Black began her field hockey career early, taking it up in third grade when it was brought to her hometown of Clemmons.

"It was her sport," her mother Tracy Black said. "She tried other sports — soccer, softball and basketball — but nothing kept her attention like field hockey."

Rachel Black played field hockey at West Forsyth High School, making varsity as a freshman and racking up the school's career goals record and three all-state selections in

her four years in the Titan program.

But North Carolina field hockey is a little bit different from field hockey in more established locales.

Club field hockey teams are not as established in North Carolina like they are elsewhere in the country. While athletes in the Northeast had teams right around the corner, Black had to travel to Charlotte, about an hour and half away from home, to practice with her

club team, the Charlotte Ambush, in order to compete at the top tournaments.

Despite her dominance in high school, Black failed to generate much top-level recruiting interest.

"When you put her up with girls who were born with a stick in their hands, it was much more competitive," Tracy Black said.

Rachel Black did garner some looks from smaller Division I schools, but she had her

mind set on playing for the Tar Heels.

"I looked at schools that wanted me for field hockey and I didn't really want to go there academically, and schools for academics that I didn't want to play field hockey at," Black said. "(UNC) had both. It was a perfect match."

Black attended summer camps at UNC her junior and senior year of high school, where

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**LAWSUIT**  
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the University of Texas at Austin for denying her admission on the basis of her race.

UNC spokesperson Jim Gregory said the University filed a friend of the court brief — an application for more information from an outside source — with the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Fisher vs. University of Texas at Austin on Oct. 30 because the ruling in this case will likely impact UNC's suit.

“We believe the Supreme

Court should preserve and reinforce the standards it formulated in earlier cases and should reject efforts to change the law, disguised as arguments about the way in which defined strict scrutiny standards are to be applied in admissions decisions,” Gregory said.

Chapel Hill High School senior Hillary Lin, who is Asian, plans on applying to UNC and said she believes UNC's admission practices will make it more difficult for her and other Asian students to be admitted.

“It definitely makes it

harder for Asian students to be admitted,” Lin said.

“Taking race itself into consideration is just wrong.”

Lin said universities should instead further examine people's backgrounds and current living situations in the admission process.

“Put each person's backgrounds into consideration if possible,” Lin said.

“Even though it might take a lot more time, that's necessary to be done because everyone has their own unique situations.”

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# Israeli writer wants open conversation on conflict

## The lecture drew mixed reactions from the audience.

By Jamie Gwaltney  
Staff Writer

Many filled the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History in anticipation of hearing Ari Shavit, an Israeli columnist and author.

Shavit began with the story of his great-grandfather facing persecution when he left London for Palestine, before discussing the “otherness” dividing Israel and Palestine.

“Israel must be about promoting human rights, about fighting for social justice, about caring about the Third World,” Shavit said.

He said he believes three challenges are preventing peace: deep division, settlement and occupation, and losing alliances with democracies of the world.

“Occupation is unacceptable,” Shavit said to some cheers from the audience.

The audience was tense as Shavit expressed his opinions on the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

While some people gave Shavit a standing ovation, other audience members sat silent.

Sophomore Jamie Mace said he could feel the tension.

“The room was a good snapshot of diversity in the American Jewish community,” Mace said. “You have a very liberal speaker surrounded by even more liberal young students and much more far-right grandparents and parents, and you could sense the divide in the room.”

Some audience members, such as UNC Students for Justice in Palestine President Zaid Khatib, opposed Shavit's opinions.

“He didn't really acknowledge the fact that Palestinians don't have political rights. There are people living under occupation and don't have equal access to water or can't vote for who their occupier is,” he said.

Shavit said he wants to facilitate free conversation about Israel and the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Although he has his own beliefs about the situation occurring in the Middle East, Shavit said he still has empathy for others and believes in

setting his views aside.

“I have no political aim here. I am a free agent, a free spirit, an individual. I am a writer and a journalist. I represent no one. I hardly represent myself,” Shavit said in an interview.

Shavit said his love of writing, paired with his respect for democracy and the need for free press in a democracy, led him to journalism.

“It combines my commitment to free society, and it gives me an ability to have an impact on the public sphere without being in office,” Shavit said.

He said he felt being a journalist was both an expression of freedom and a way for him to contribute to the efforts towards peace in Israel.

“I think the miracle of Israeli democracy — with all its flaws and problems, it is a miraculous achievement. I felt committed to trying to do what I can to contribute,” Shavit said.

Coming to college campuses allows Shavit to speak openly with college students.

“I am very inspired and enriched by the conversation,” he said. “I don't come to teach; I come to talk and to listen.”

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 – Explore new workspace options, with Mercury trine Neptune. It's a lucky moment for expressing dreams. Good news comes from far away. Clarify an obscure message. Talk about desires and intentions. Get the word out.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 9 – Show someone how much you appreciate their attention. Share passionate messages, with Mercury trine Neptune. Discuss fantasies and dreams. Ask for what you want. It's a good time to request money. Play with the ones you love.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 – Think of all the possibilities. Persuade others to go along with your home renovation plans. Write down your dreams. Invest in family comfort. You're surrounded by love. Get the whole gang to help. Soak it up.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 – Your intuition about what needs to be expressed is especially tuned. You sense where things are going. It's a good time to craft mission and vision statements, to articulate dreams. You may get what you ask for.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 9 – You are at your most convincing. It's an excellent time to ask for money. Send invoices. Spend to upgrade infrastructure. Fulfill a dream through communications. Find the facts to fill in the blanks. Generosity gets rewarded.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 – Peaceful introspection reveals hidden creativity. Spin a wild yarn. Take photographs or write. Commit to a romantic dream. Consider imaginative alternatives to the status quo. Draw beautiful fantasies, and implement their practical details. Joy inspires you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 – Get into communication with social networks to find what you need. Gentle persuasion is best. Obtain the desired results easily. Advancement could seem sudden. Discover more options than you knew you had. A new opportunity brings luck.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 9 – Exciting professional opportunities require your attention. Take definitive action. There's more than expected. Keep your feet on the ground. Celebrate after work. Get advice from experienced friends. Outdoor recreation is possible. Gourmet dining is on.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 – Share your dreams publicly and goodness comes your way. An unexpected development draws you out. Opportunities abound. Investigate and explore. Talk to people nearby to uncover a buried truth. Discover wisdom and compassion. Far horizons beckon.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 9 – Talk with your partner about what you would do if money were no object. What creative work would you take on? Raise the passion factor. Speculate with numbers. Go for the big prize, and take notes.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 9 – Imagine your space set to support your collaboration. Talk to your partner about both of your heart's desires. Discuss dreams and ambitions, and think of ways to help each other. Wast everything in sight. Clear windows beautify the view.

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## MJ Stewart returns, leads UNC secondary

By Jeremy Vernon  
Assistant Sports Editor

All M.J. Stewart could do was watch as his teammates took the field.

When the North Carolina football team took on conference opponents Wake Forest and Virginia, the sophomore stood on the UNC sideline without a helmet, shoulder pads or cleats, the repercussions that followed a charge for misdemeanor assault and battery and an indefinite suspension.

“Watching all the boys playing out there, I’ll support them, but in my heart I was like, ‘I knew I should be out there too,’” Stewart said.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound cornerback from Arlington, Va. got the chance to play with his team again on Oct. 29 as the Tar Heels took on the then-No. 23 Pittsburgh Panthers. It was Stewart’s chance for redemption, and when the lights turned on at Heinz Field, it was as if he never left.

In his first game back from suspension, the cornerback compiled six tackles, one sack and three pass breakups while matched up against arguably the best receiver in the country in Pittsburgh’s Tyler Boyd for most of the night.

It was the performance Stewart and the Tar Heels needed, and if you ask his coaches, it was the one he has continued to build toward.

“He’s one of those guys that comes out here — every day you come out here to work, he’s working,” said North Carolina defensive coordinator Gene Chizik. “If you watch him on special teams, he’s working. He never takes any down off.”

According to Chizik, what allows Stewart to perform at a high level on Saturdays is his work ethic in practice. Chizik even shows the rest of the defense practice film of the cornerback as an example of great effort and preparation.

“A lot of people think you can just do it on Saturday ... It doesn’t happen that way,” Chizik said. “You are what you repeatedly do. Well, he repeatedly makes plays in practice, which puts him in a position to make plays in a game.”

When Stewart lined up across from Boyd, it was the preparation that allowed him to make big plays in key situations. In a game in which the North Carolina secondary played a major role, Stewart was at the heart of the unit, making an impact more often than not when given the opportunity.

“You see him productive making tackles in the open field. You see him productive as a blitzing getting a sack. You see him productive on split reductions and passing off routes and making pass breakups,” said defensive backs coach Charlton Warren. “You don’t want to look at a guy that’s played 60 plays and he has no production. I want teams to feel his presence. We want to feel his presence as a defense.”

And as the season progresses, North Carolina hopes its opponents can only sit and watch as Stewart leads the charge from the Tar Heels’ secondary.

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## FIELD HOCKEY

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she reached out to the coaching staff to show her interest in walking on.

“She initiated all of (the recruiting contact),” Coach Karen Shelton said. “We didn’t know that much about her.”

Black impressed the coaches enough to earn an offer.

Make it into the school on your own and we’ll have a spot for you on the team.

“I was like OK, that sounds like a challenge for sure, but something that I was willing to do to be able to do both athletics and academics,” Black said.

### Making the team

Black is now known as one of the top players in fitness training on the team, but that wasn’t always the case. She showed up after her redshirt season “kinda unfit” in the words of Shelton. Black was almost cut from the team right then and there.

“Coming in out of shape wasn’t one of my best moves,” Black said.

Shelton and Black had a talk shortly after she arrived that changed Black’s perspective on the workouts.

“I said, ‘Look, you haven’t demonstrated you want to be on this team,’” Shelton said. “And ever since that moment, she’s been one of the hardest workers.”

Fitness has been a point of pride for Black, as she knows it’s something she can do to get better and get more minutes on the field. She also had some upperclassmen when she was younger push her in those aspects, so she tries to do the same for her teammates now.

“She’s awesome in the weight room and fitness, just pushing everyone to do their best all the time,” redshirt sophomore teammate Sam Night said.

While Black has steadily

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Karen Shelton  
North Carolina field hockey coach

increased her minutes on the field since she walked on, her dedication to interests and academics off the field is where she’s truly made her mark on the program.

Black was a strong student coming into UNC, taking many AP courses throughout her time in high school. Balancing the academics at UNC with her athletic commitments was a challenge for Black when she first arrived on campus.

“It was a really huge adjustment for me, because you come in and you’re like ‘OK, I have all these things that I need to do for classes and also all these things I need to do for field hockey,’” Black said.

“If it’s a day off, then I’ll catch up on my academics and school work. If it’s a day where we have practice and a lift and workout, you have to focus on that that day.”

A self-described math and science person, Black is currently involved with the Dengl Lab for postdoc Tatiana Mucyn investigating plant microbiomes.

Balancing academic work with athletic commitments is difficult for every student athlete, and Black is no different with her lab position.

“I interviewed with five labs before I found one that would work with my practice schedule,” Black said. “Some days I go straight to the lab from practice, which is exhausting, but I am fortunate that Dr. Mucyn works with my schedule even though it is not ideal.”

### The next step

Even with one year of eligibility left, Black decided to go ahead and graduate for pharmacy school. Her mom said she only

needs about two more credits to graduate, so there wasn’t much point in sticking around for much longer.

Black is excited for what the future holds.

“I think my academic skill set just fits really well into pharmacy school,” Black said. “I took organic chemistry and did well in that, and it feeds really well into pharmacy school.”

Shelton said she’ll look back on Black’s career fondly now that it’s nearly over.

“(She’s) everything you want,” Shelton said. “Her future is super bright. She’s always been a great student and now onto pharmacy school.”

“It’s one of the great joys of coaching.”

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Ryan Hoerger is this week’s guest picker. He is the sports editor for The (Duke) Chronicle.

remain deadlocked atop the leaderboard, Assistant Sports Editor Jeremy Vernon is trapped in futility. “It’s not that I’m losing,” Vernon said. “It’s that I’m winning less than I’d like to.” And less than everybody else.

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## games

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to Thursday’s puzzle

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## “War of the Worlds”

UNC’s LAB! Theatre will be performing Orson Welles’ classic radio broadcast tonight. See online for story.

## Major changes

The School of Media and Journalism just revamped its curriculum for the major. See pg. 3 for story.

## New P2Ps might roll out

Students at UNC might see new sets of wheels guiding the University’s nightly P2P route. See pg. 4 for story.

## Take our quiz

Wonder which classic 2000s video game you are? We’ve got you covered. Visit Pit Talk blog to take the quiz.

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS

1 They’re bought and soled  
6 Educational foundation  
10 Lowest part  
15 Make like a tree, facetiously  
16 “Uh-huh”  
17 Butyl acetate, e.g.  
18 AAEGIMRR  
21 Balkan region  
22 Wild period  
23 Edible tuber  
24 \_\_\_ Plantation, site of the world’s largest maze  
26 Sun Valley locale  
28 AACDEINNV  
35 Sea sound  
36 One of Suetonius’ “Twelve Caesars”  
37 Actor Hawke  
38 Youngest March sister  
39 Sent away  
42 Make a selection  
43 “I’ve got this one”  
45 Wax on an envelope, say  
46 Robert of “The Sopranos”  
47 ADEHLNRTUY  
51 Structural opening?  
52 Angler’s prize  
53 Lack of continuity  
55 Old painting sites  
58 More pinlike?  
62 ILST ... and each of three other puzzle clues  
65 Not hold one’s peace

### DOWN

1 Thick mass  
2 Rescuer, often  
3 Marine propulsion aids  
4 Heavyweight champ between Buster and Riddick  
5 \_\_\_ citizen  
6 Mate’s affirmative  
7 Garden spots  
8 Like-minded group  
9 Islamic law  
10 Mourning  
11 “Take me \_\_\_ am”  
12 Wait for help, perhaps too long  
13 Genesis creator  
14 Home of Utah Valley University  
19 Lead ore

20 Comedian Foxx  
25 First place?  
27 Porkpie, for one  
28 Advanced tests  
29 “What light through yonder window breaks?” speaker  
30 Other side of “We Can Work It Out”  
31 Like Jameson whiskey  
32 Long time ending?  
33 Heist, say  
34 Contest form  
39 “Magic Mike” feature  
40 “... on the sand, / \_\_\_ sunk, a shattered visage lies”: “Ozymandias”  
41 Paige of British musical

theatre  
44 Map feature with an elev.  
46 Asthma sufferer’s relief  
48 Boring  
49 Ale seller  
50 No longer bothered by  
53 Severe wound  
54 Dinner for Spot  
56 Little case  
57 Window frame part  
59 Weary  
60 Canadian gas brand  
61 GPS info  
63 Is down with  
64 Zipper opening



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# Anti-Black and unequal

Shock, outrage and then silence — such characterized the mainstream response to a school resource officer assaulting a Black female student and dragging her out of the classroom in handcuffs. Media sensationalized the event and in doing so masked the systemic issue: how schools are not only pipelining Black and brown students into prisons but also operating as spaces of racial violence.

Growing up in an immigrant household, my brother and I are reminded constantly of how education is our “golden ticket.” These ticketed dreams are grounded in the belief that education is an accessible path to upward mobility for all children. As an advocate for education reform, I have often preached this narrative of education as a fabled, great equalizer.

But for far too long we have been conditioned to regard education as a benign agent of justice and equality in the white imagination, rather than as propagators of state violence. Schools are not just failing Black students but are intrinsically involved in their oppression.

The Spring Valley assault was not an isolated incident. Rather, it is evidence of what many refer to as the school-to-prison pipeline. “Zero tolerance” policies have resulted in the disproportionate — and thus racialized — discipline and punishment of Black and Latino/a students. Black students are three times more likely to be expelled from school than white students. These disparities in school punishment mirror disparities in incarceration rates whereby Black people are incarcerated at six times the rate of whites.

Schools as racialized spaces perpetuate the containment and criminalization of Black youth through surveillance and policing. Schools in Black and brown urban communities have experienced an alarming rise in the presence of law enforcement and surveillance in the form of metal detector checks, random sweeps and searches and restricted movement on school grounds. Schools are inherently connected to other sites of criminalization in our society.

Yet the school-to-prison pipeline narrative operates within the same white imagination. It attributes the racialization of schools to policy and prejudices, not the structure of anti-Blackness rooted within our school system. The pipeline requires the narrative of Black helplessness, as Africana studies scholar Damien Sojoyner points out, by mischaracterizing racial violence as an ahistorical phenomenon that “happens” to Black youth.

In reality, the expansion of policing and surveillance in schools is a concerted response to organized Black struggles against systemic injustice. In this light, schools, prisons and police do not create “safety” as much as they discipline, contain and commit violence against Black people.

Efforts to reform education must work to dismantle the white imagination that not only detaches schools from the policing, surveillance and criminalization of Black youth but also disassociates racial violence from its historical roots in suppressing Black agency. Until then, we will keep living a “golden ticket” lie.

NEXT

**Brown Noise**  
Jaslina Paintal writes the public health field is rife with racism.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Jamal Rogers, jmlrgs@gmail.com



## Speaking of free speech

### Debate over free speech does not end conversations.

The summer of 1963, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the colloquial “Speaker Ban Law,” forbidding certain speakers from speaking on any public university campus, including UNC.

Chancellor William B. Aycock and system President William Friday struck back against such an assault upon academic and personal freedoms.

Prior to the signing of the bill, Aycock spoke in opposition to the speaker ban, saying “(This institution) has become an instrument of democracy and a place in which the weak can grow strong and the strong can grow great.” Aycock continued, “We shall not sit idly by and permit (this ban) to occur.”

In light of these words and a post-ban University, it was disconcerting to hear some of today’s more prominent social activists calling for more than a counter protest, but a prohibition of Confederate sympathizers’ activities that took place on Oct. 25.

We believe that the right to free speech is a right worth protecting for ourselves and for others. We also posit that the concerns brought forward by activism demand that we reconsider our positions and push us to form new ideas. In specific discourse, we may not always agree, but we should always strive to understand.

In defending free speech, we must articulate without hesitation how we can be critical of speech values when it turns into hate speech or vitriolic speech. It is a perversion of our right to free speech to argue all speech is created equal or should be used as a tool of violence.

### The University should not ban speech

Even though we may disagree vehemently with what is being said, the University must not fall into the practice of attempting to ban speech on this campus. Peer institutions, including the University of California system, have made this mistake.

People who call upon the University to ban certain kinds of speech should seriously consider whether they think it’s a good idea to empower any government entity to ban or censor speech.

This does not mean that students or stakeholders must accept all speech

without vigorous debate and pushback. In fact, the University’s administration should stand in solidarity with students when the situation requires it.

### UNC should push for informed consent

While the University must protect and allow free speech to flow, it cannot ignore that some speech is inherently harmful or degrading to students.

The University must work toward making sure that where hate speech occurs, students are informed and able to consent to being confronted by such speech. University leaders should be capable of making these judgments.

This does not mean that free speech is not allowed. On the contrary, this means students are aware of how and when to engage.

This is not a ruse telling students they do not have to engage in hard discussions because inevitably we all do, some more than others.

### Free speech is not equally available to all

The ability to speak, to challenge authority, is often a privilege instead of a right. Free speech is not as available to immigrant day laborers and refugees who not only invisibly maintain our public spaces, but also cook, clean and fulfill our basic necessities.

When people argue for free speech as a right, they often mischaracterize it as something that we all have the ability to exercise freely with impunity. This has never been the case since the enshrinement of the Bill of Rights in our constitution.

The administration, to the best of its ability, should therefore keep in mind the voices that cannot easily speak and attempt to give space for their speech. It should also be made clear that systemic marginalization of certain voices is not the same as unpopular opinion.

### Speech has trajectory

State law prohibiting the removal of, among other items, Confederate memorabilia across North Carolina, and the University’s 16-year moratorium on the renaming of buildings, while not explicit, are measures to cease conversation. These actions limit speech in roundabout ways, and should be opposed vociferously.

Both of these instances are examples of the administration and state

telling students to end their discussion — to disengage. When a conversation is occurring, taking actions to stop the conversation is contrary to the values of free speech.

While the only clear rule is that the University should not ban speech, it should consider promoting speech and its own scholarship as well. For instance, Chancellor Carol Folt failed in her responsibility as an advocate for students by not coming to or speaking against the Confederate rally.

Folt does not harm the right to free speech by acknowledging the scholarship of her peers and formulating an opinion. As Desmond Tutu once said, “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”

### If we can, we should speak forcefully

Debate the issue, not the person. The epitome of debate is to locate understanding and new information useful to either strengthen an opinion or capitulate and agree with the other side. In the arena of debate we shouldn’t be concerned with negotiating one’s personhood. When we debate the Confederate memorial, sympathizers of the Confederacy would be wise to drop all mention of the pathology, personhood or presence of Black students on this campus. All students must recognize that engaging in speech different from their own opinions is a part of growing and learning. It is important even if we disagree strongly.

We are privileged to attend a place of higher learning that, despite its many flaws, has maintained its position among the very best not only in the country, but also in the world.

Such an environment has been especially groomed by a long lineage of free, intelligent and critical thinkers, activists, and idealists who fought for free and fair speech.

But when vitriolic speech happens on our campus, it tests these values. If we accept use of hate speech without contesting it, it is assumed that this speech is culturally acceptable or permissible.

As the saying goes, free speech does not mean we should say whatever, whenever. We should push back against speech that is uninformed, hateful or violent. Doing so is ultimately vital to protecting the value of free speech.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We still require rigorous classes and expect a lot of our students, but there was no real reason to be as restrictive as we were.”

Charlie Tuggle, on major requirement changes for journalism school

### FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“As someone (with a degree) in the humanities, I can definitely think of a few faculty who are well-deserving of a raise.”

Observer, on raises for UNC-system chancellors

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Ryan Switzer should be a mayor for a day

TO THE EDITOR:

To say that I love Ryan Switzer, or rather watching him zig and zag across the football field, is an understatement. His love for the game is obvious. His love of UNC even more apparent! I know it warms the hearts of all who bleed Carolina Blue.

By all accounts from those who broadcast UNC football, I imagine Ryan to be kind, loving and as we all know by now ... a hopeless romantic. To honor this child and pay tribute to his talent, grace and shining example of the “Carolina Way,” I would like The Daily Tar Heel to reach out to the Mayor of Little Switzerland, N.C. Little Switzerland is a self-described colony set high above, along the Blue Ridge Parkway with stunning vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

How amazing it would be if Ryan were made Mayor for a Day, presented the key to this city and given a day declared Ryan Switzer Day?

Carol Freedman  
Chapel Hill

#### The future of UNC should be concerning

TO THE EDITOR:

A troubling thought occurred to me this week: I am glad to be graduating from UNC when I am.

I am extremely concerned about the future of this university in the hands of the current Board of Governors that has recently been loaded with conservatives and has made education a partisan issue in this state.

It started with the firing of Tom Ross, a champion of higher education, for the crime of being liberal-leaning. It has culminated with the hiring of a career politician and homophobe Margaret Spellings, who has no other degree beyond a bachelor’s.

UNC is a liberal arts university, and one of the greatest in the country at that. Our university is not a factory for employees of a corporate workforce, as the N.C. General Assembly seems to believe.

As they continue to politicize education in this state, it is at the detriment of the quality of education. Professors have not received raises in years, and many are already leaving. In my many conversations with some of my professors, I have learned that the future of this university is bleak if we continue on this partisan track.

I am challenging the Board of Governors and Margaret Spellings to listen to your professors and students. I want many generations of motivated scholars to have the chance to go to the same great liberal arts university that I’ve been lucky enough to attend.

Hayden Saunders  
Senior  
Biology

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Who else thinks Marcus broke his hand in a tragic DTH-dispenser accident?

Adele: Hello. How are you? Marcus Paige: Pretty terrible, actually.

Shameless promo to check out the album of the year coming out tomorrow, “Get Weird” by Little Mix. You won’t regret it. And if you do, you like Duke.

The day after Halloween, the worst day of the whole year to do the walk of shame.

To the student who just complained about having to wake up early to go to office hours at noon, there is probably a good reason why you have to go to those office hours.

Good luck to our Heels against the David Duke Blue Devils this Saturday.

No offense Carol, but the BOG could have saved some money. 9.6 percent of what I make is a helluva lot less than \$50,000.

\$300 for one gender-neutral bathroom sign? We don’t need these things to be gold plated, Summers.

Believe it or not, the Dook FOOTBALL game is actually a big game! If you call yourself a true Tar Heel, you need to show up BEFORE kickoff and be VERY LOUD. Go Heels! Beat Dook!

Chancellor Folt gets a pay raise equal to one or two times the annual salary of the vast majority of her employees — in the same year that those employees get no pay raise!

Sometimes, it’s NOT all about The U ... can we please rename Fantasy Football. I’ve never invested so much time, thought and passion in repeatedly getting screwed.

Granville Towers used to promote a sense of community. This year they are doing everything they can to crush it. What happened?

The time to turn my grades around has passed, so I might as well keep on going on my current trajectory.

I hate to break it to y’all, but George Lucas isn’t smart enough to meticulously plant clues that Jar Jar Binks is evil. Remember, this is the guy who wrote, “Love won’t save you, Padme. Only my new powers can do that,” and thought it was a good idea to have Darth Vader scream “NOOOOOOOOOO!”

My two roommates watch cooking shows basically all night long. Now not only do I have a hard time going to bed, but I also dream of various types of cake.

Why is class registration in the middle of my current class? I do not even know what classes I am taking yet, and not being able to frantically search two minutes before my time is going to really set me back.

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