

Office space leaves room for growth

Empty space provides incentive for startup businesses to stay local.

By Mary Taylor Renfro
Staff Writer

For business owners looking to move into office spaces in Chapel Hill, there is no time like the present.

According to the Chapel Hill Department of Economic Development, more than 900,000 square feet of approved office space exists in Chapel Hill.

Approved but not-yet-built development projects contain most of that space, Chapel Hill economic development officer Dwight Bassett said in an email.

In downtown, 123 W. Franklin St., the current location of University Square, will offer up 150,000 square feet of available office space.

The Glen Lennox development at the intersection of U.S. 15-501 and N.C. 54 will offer 600,000 square feet. Earlier this year, a plan was also approved to reconstruct the area at the intersection of Ephesus Church Road and Fordham Boulevard, adding 200,000 square feet of office space in new developments.

Bassett said 200,000 square feet of the empty office space already exists. He said the town's goal is to lower the vacancy rate of available space from 12.7 percent to 10 percent.

Jim Kitchen, founder of business incubator 1789 Venture Lab and mentor at Launch Chapel Hill, said it is important to have available office space to keep local startups in the area.

"Our goal in general is not only to improve the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Chapel Hill, but also to retain some of those ventures that before now would have created, seeded and expanded in Chapel Hill and then left and gone on to RTP or Durham or Raleigh, et cetera," Kitchen said.

Oakkar Oakkar, chief executive officer of Keona Health — a business providing health care companies with software that allows patients to communicate directly with health care professionals online — said after six months of working with Launch Chapel Hill, the company was already outgrowing the incubator program, and he and his co-workers had to start looking for an office space of their own.

Oakkar said they explored options in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Raleigh and Durham and eventually settled on their current location at 510 Meadowmont Village Circle in Chapel Hill.

"I wouldn't say there's an abundance of space, but there is enough space for people who really want to stay here, and I think you also have to know the right people," Oakkar said.

Oakkar said the abundance of approved office space in Chapel Hill is an opportunity for the town.

"I think it's a good thing if we have more companies coming here and coming out of UNC, and if Launch has a bunch of companies coming out of it, too," Oakkar said.

"If they do well, they need a place to actually grow, so I think it's a really good thing."

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Lost scholarship a 'shock to the system'



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Anna Yudina, a second-year UNC graduate student, recently lost her funding from the FLAS scholarship program due to budgeting issues.

UNC center tries to recoup lost scholarship money

By Ashlen Renner
Staff Writer

Anna Yudina traveled more than 5,000 miles from Moscow to study at the UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies. She didn't expect the center would fail to get the money that would have paid her tuition.

Even though the center has received Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships since 1991, the center found itself empty-handed.

"We're not sure what happened," Yudina, who is studying Czech, said. "Everyone was very optimistic, and everyone was expecting to get FLAS."

About 12 students were affected by the decision, said Robert Jenkins, the director of the center.

Every four years, global centers compete for the money, which is funded by the U.S.

Department of Education. Awards are given to graduate and advanced undergraduate students pursuing foreign language for professional purposes.

Nationally, global centers have struggled to balance their budgets as the Department of Education hasn't awarded as many of the Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships. Slavic and East European studies departments across the country saw budget cuts of 18.5 percent from four years ago, Jenkins said.

Between 2010 and 2014, Jenkins' center received the highest amount of money for the Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships compared to other centers that received funding. Jenkins said he expected less money, but the complete elimination of the fellowships was unexpected.

"This is a major shock to the system," he said. "We had been building our budget around this

grant for more than 20 years."

Award recipients were informed in May that their fellowships would be contingent on the Department of Education's decision. The center is now working to assist students who would have received the award.

"The center is trying to make sure the FLAS recipients have some sort of funding or at least make sure their tuitions are covered," Yudina said. "I'm not sure how doable this is ... but I know that they're trying hard."

Jenkins said he is unsure of how exactly his center will make up the shortfall — he said the UNC Center for Global Initiatives might help in the long term.

UNC didn't hear the news until Oct. 1 — months after it expected to — and the department hasn't heard why it didn't receive funding, Jenkins said.

"Competitions are competitions," he said. "I understand there are going to be winners and

losers, but the procedure this year left us no option to plan."

Lynn Virgil, who studied Russian and East European studies in 2002, used the Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships to study Serbo-Croatian and get an internship in Bosnia. Virgil now works as a foreign service officer at the U.S. Department of State.

"FLAS is incredibly important," she said. "I wouldn't have had the same opportunities or could have studied Slavic languages as proficiently without it."

Yudina said studying Slavic and East European languages is important given current events.

"It's really sad that we didn't get it just because of what is going on in Russia and the Ukraine," she said. "You would expect that people who specialize in Russian studies would really be in demand."

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Court lets marriage rulings stand

The decision will likely clear the way for gay marriage in N.C.

By Mary Tyler March
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In a landmark decision for gay rights, the U.S. Supreme Court decided on Monday to let stand rulings in five states striking down gay marriage bans — likely clearing the way for same-sex marriage in North Carolina.

The move specifically affected Indiana, Utah, Oklahoma, Virginia and Wisconsin. But since the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in July ruled Virginia's ban unconstitutional — and North Carolina falls under the 4th Circuit's jurisdiction — the decision is legally binding as a precedent in the state's federal courts.

Mike Meno, spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, said there are currently 19 states with the freedom to marry — but after the Court's decision, that number is likely to jump to 30 states.

"This is a very big day, but for a lot of families, it can't come soon enough," he said. "Couples being able to have the freedom to marry in their own state would be nothing short of life-changing."

Marriage for gay couples, Meno said, would allow them to raise a family as they wish and to have full legal custody over their children, among other benefits.

Chris Sgro, executive director of gay rights group Equality N.C., said there is no longer a question of whether North Carolina will have marriage equality, because the state's ban — known as Amendment One — stands on shaky legal ground.

"It will not be an extended timeline, and we're certainly not talking a year," he said. "It could be a matter of days."

Sgro said he hadn't anticipated a move from the court this soon.

Experts had speculated for months that the justices would take up one of the five gay marriage cases for review this term, with a final ruling coming before the end of June 2015.

"It is momentous and so unexpected," Sgro said. "It is something that many couples have been waiting for a lifetime and many have been working on for a generation."

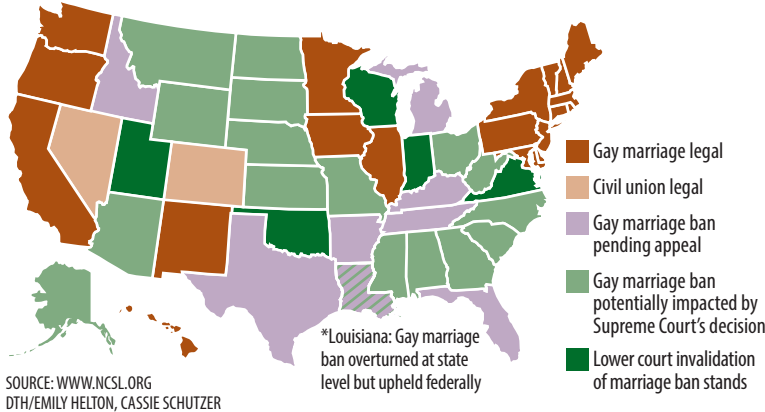
Meno said nationwide chapters of the ACLU and other groups are now asking federal courts to strike down bans immediately.

North Carolina's ACLU chapter is trying to push forward its two federal lawsuits that are currently pending in the U.S. District Court in Greensboro.

Meno said the organization is

Gay marriage affected by US Supreme Court precedent

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court let lower court rulings in five states stand without further review, which impacts North Carolina and is likely to increase the number of states where gay marriage is legal.



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also filing for a summary judgment that could invalidate the state's marriage ban.

"There's nothing that should delay committed couples in North Carolina from being able to marry the person they love," he said.

Still, Lydia Lavelle, Carrboro mayor and an assistant law professor at N.C. Central University, said gay marriage would not be the end of the equality push for the LGBT community.

"There are other areas of law where people are treated unfairly, such as in employment and housing discrimination," she said. "We'll see some rise and evolution of case laws

in those issues."

Businesses in some states aren't complying with public accommodation laws prohibiting discrimination against customers for attributes like sexuality, she said.

Brian Beaman, co-president of UNC's Sexuality and Gender Alliance, said the court's decision was just a beginning platform for LGBT-related issues.

"I'm glad this decision happened," he said. "But marriage equality isn't the end-all, be-all. It's the starting point of further discussions of LGBT rights."

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Campus Rec entertains building lazy river

Campus Recreation is using a survey to gauge students' wants.

By Danny Nett
Staff Writer

Potential renovations to UNC's recreation facilities might be making a splash on campus in 2015.

Campus Recreation is partnering with 360 Architecture to get input regarding the changes students would like to see in indoor and outdoor facilities.

Campus Recreation staff created a survey to gather feedback from a random sample of UNC students. The survey's suggestions for change range from more cardiovascular equipment to a lazy river and water slides.

"This is kind of a one-time, maybe once every 10 years, type of thing,"

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“I’d rather be the shortest player in the majors than the tallest player in the minors.”

FREDERICK JOSEPH PATEK

DAILY DOSE

Stock up the diapers

From staff and wire reports

You know the saying “one in a million”? Well, one Utah couple is now one in 70 million. The couple went through in vitro fertilization because of fertility complications. When they went to the doctor to check on the progress, they were flabbergasted. The couple found out they were expecting quadruplets, which is a feat in and of itself. But the story gets even crazier. The quadruplets are actually two sets of identical twins, which apparently is a complete statistical anomaly. Mind = blown.

NOTED. Of all the reasons for a flight delay, we think this is the strangest. Live crabs escaped in the cargo hold of a New York plane. Luckily, the delay was only 30 minutes. Let's hope the passengers weren't too crabby about it. Ha, get it?

QUOTED. “10,000 pigeons go through anal security check for suspicious objects ...” — A tweet by The People's Daily on how the Chinese government thoroughly check the birds that were released on China's National Day. Wow.

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WEDNESDAY
Capitalism with a Human

Face (lecture): John Komlos, a University of Munich professor and visiting professor at Duke University, will discuss how capitalism can help the poor. Tickets are \$18 for the general public.
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: Flyleaf Books

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (concert): Fifteen soloists will perform jazz music led by artistic director Wynton Marsalis.
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall

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The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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- Someone drove with a revoked license on Fordham Boulevard at 11:05 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The driver also had marijuana in the vehicle, reports state.
- Someone stole from a pile of coats and purses at 201 E. Main St. at 12:27 a.m. Sunday, according to Carrboro police reports. The person stole cash, a purse and several wallets, IDs and credit and debit cards. The stolen items were valued at \$142, reports state.
- Someone reported that a friend stole his iPhone 4 at 105 Christine Court at 10 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The phone was valued at \$300, reports state.
- Someone reported credit card fraud at 529 Hillsborough St. at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported breaking and entering without force into a residence at 131 E. Rosemary St. at 4:04 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone stole property in the parking lot of Fraternity Court at 9 p.m. Saturday, according to Department of Public Safety police reports.
- Someone damaged property at Hanes Hall at 8 a.m. Sunday, according to Department of Public Safety police reports.

STUDENTS STAND WITH HONG KONG



(From left to right) Sam Lin, Kathleen Cheng, Christie Leung, Tim Kang and Kiko Wong stand together in the Pit in support of democracy in Hong Kong. DTH/SAMANTHA TAYLOR

Hong Kong’s pro-democracy protests started Sept. 22

By Brielle Kronstedt
Staff Writer

The UNC Asian Students Association filled the Pit with yellow ribbons and umbrellas Monday in support of the current protests in Hong Kong calling for democracy.

The protests, nicknamed the Umbrella Revolution, earned their name because protesters had to shield themselves from onslaughts of tear gas and pepper spray.

Kiko Wong, an exchange student from Hong Kong, has a personal connection with the protests. “Most of my friends are going on the street,” Wong said. “My sister is on the street.”

“All my friends are just being attacked all day, and I can do nothing,” he said.

Students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong are leading the occupation, protesting the Chinese government’s recent encroachment on Hong Kong’s promised 50 years of political autonomy, an infringement which began when the

government announced in August that it would pre-select candidates for the upcoming election.

The Asian Students Association wanted to raise awareness and educate students about the protest.

“We all noticed that other schools around the nation have been doing these sort of demonstrations, so we thought it would be good for UNC to have some sort of voice, especially in the Asian community,” said Tim Kang, public relations chairman for the group.

Kang said many students who visited the table in the Pit were unaware of the protests.

“A lot of people that we approached didn’t even know this was happening, and it’s something that is going to impact Hong Kong in the future,” Kang said.

Asian Students Association president Jasmin Huang said the group also wanted to present both sides of the issue.

The conflict is mostly between the people of Hong Kong — who have grown accustomed to 17 years of democracy — and the Chinese govern-

ment. However, Huang said it is not that simple.

“It’s a very complicated issue, and it’s not just an issue of whether or not Hong Kong will get its democracy,” Huang said.

She said she sees parallels between the Umbrella Revolution and the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, and she hopes for a brighter resolution for the current protests.

The instability is causing tension between mainland citizens and the Hong Kong people, Kang said.

“Hong Kong’s fate is really up in the air, and mainland people in China are scared because Hong Kong is like family to them,” he said.

Wong said he is eager to spread this message through campus.

“We must take the initiative if we are going to influence the system in China,” Wong said.

“We cannot lose our character and our identity as a Hong Kong people.”

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Student groups argue politics at forum

The College Republicans and Young Democrats debated policy Monday.

By Kate Grise
Senior Writer

UNC’s two major political student groups sparred in a debate on Monday, defending the respective positions of U.S. Senate candidates Kay Hagan and Thom Tillis.

The UNC College Republicans and UNC Young Democrats discussed issues such as health care, education and immigration in front of more than 35 students.

The Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. hosted the event to educate students on the candidates before the midterm election. Early voting begins Oct. 23.

“It is important for students to be informed so each vote that is cast is an informed one,” said Brandon Napier, president of the fraternity.

During her opening remarks, Kathryn Walker, chairwoman of UNC College Republicans, said Tillis believes in a smaller government that does not interfere in people’s lives when it’s unnecessary.

But Hagan is focused on building an economy that supports people at

all income levels, said UNC Young Democrats fundraising chairman Tanner Glenn.

“Tonight is about a choice, and it is a choice that you’ll have to make in November,” he said.

The Affordable Care Act, passed in 2010, is President Barack Obama’s signature achievement in office — but Walker said Tillis is not satisfied with the law and would likely try to replace it with a law providing subsidies to qualifying individuals for health insurance, but without an individual mandate.

The UNC Young Democrats attacked Tillis’ record on education funding, saying that he has lowered the state’s per-pupil spending as a lawmaker.

Walker emphasized Tillis’ commitment to providing students a quality education by raising teacher pay while balancing the state’s budget.

Both groups agreed that the immigration system is broken.

“It’s not safe to not know who is coming into the country,” Walker said in defense of securing the border.

The UNC College Republicans accused the UNC Young Democrats of using extreme language about the Republican platform to scare people, while the Democrats painted Tillis as a politician who has voted in favor of policies that only help the wealthy.



College Republicans chairwoman Kathryn Walker speaks at the voter education forum held by the UNC chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. DTH/ ZACH ALDRIDGE

Walker concluded that Tillis understands parents who want to provide for their families.

“He understands opportunity in America. He will lower taxes and increase opportunities,” she said.

Wilson Parker, president of the UNC Young Democrats and director of state and external relations for student government, said Hagan has been working toward solutions during her time in Congress.

“She doesn’t believe it has to be her ideology every time. She doesn’t want the Senate to be a place with

more people like Thom Tillis — people who say, ‘It is my way or the highway,’” he said.

The debate provided students with information on both candidates and their views on major issues.

“I didn’t do as much research on Thom Tillis as I did on Kay Hagan, so I think it was really interesting to see what he has actually supported in the N.C. legislature,” said Grace Buie, a freshman and member of the UNC Young Democrats.

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School of Law still needs space

The school was planning to move to Carolina North, but those plans have stalled.

By Harvey Ye
Staff Writer

UNC’s School of Law is still calling for a larger space after the legislative appropriation for the construction of a new building at Carolina North was withdrawn six years ago.

Carolina North was proposed as a prospective satellite campus located approximately 2 miles north of UNC’s main campus. For the time being, the plan for relocation is on hold.

The school has remained at the top of the University’s construction priority list, said Jack Boger, the law school’s dean. However, he said he is not optimistic for a new construction project any time soon.

“I was told we are not going to be confident any more, because the legislature is currently interested in innovation projects as the top priority more than construction,” said Boger, who originally announced the planned move in February of 2008.

The school is faced with the challenge of accommodating smaller, more collaborative classes, rather than the typical large lectures law schools employed when the building first opened in 1968, said Paul Rollins, the school’s associate dean for student affairs.

“We also have significantly more student organizations and legal journals,” Rollins said. “Those groups need space to meet for activities and projects.”

Due to the lack of space and the suspension of the construction plan, the school has been upgrading its facilities to better incorporate modern legal education styles. Over the summer, the school invested in renovating a courtroom that was more than 40 years old and out of compliance with modern court procedures.

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities services, said at a September meeting that there are no firm plans for the development of Carolina North. The plans for a new law school building have stalled as a result.

Some law school faculty members are skeptical of the plan to relocate to Carolina North, even though the school needs more space.

Law professor Mark Weisburd said the school will need more space if student enrollment stays consistent, but he would rather not move so far from campus.

“I am uneasy about moving to Carolina North because I fear that the result will be a reduction in the interaction between the School of Law and the rest of the University,” Weisburd said in an email.

Professor Donald Hornstein, who teaches an undergraduate class of around 150 students from different disciplines who are interested in law, said the law school’s ability to be interdisciplinary requires them to stay on the main campus.

Law student John Harris, the third-year class president of the Student Bar Association, said he felt the current building is very functional but that moving wouldn’t cause a disconnect from the rest of campus.

“We will make do in the space we have, and our faculty, students and staff have been very cooperative,” Boger said.

“But we very much need a 21st century space in which to teach and do our research.”

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Fedora begs the football team to fine-tune the small details

UNC has just three days to make adjustments before Notre Dame.

By Grace Raynor
Sports Editor

It’s the little things, Larry Fedora says.

It’s a slight flinch that lasts for just a fraction of a second, yet punishes the North Carolina football team with five yards and another dreaded penalty. It’s lining up a mere inches away from your designated spot and ruining the entire play in the process. It’s the smallest, most technical tweaks that Fedora is begging his team to correct. But after another double digit loss Saturday — a 34-17 defeat to Virginia Tech — it’s evident UNC isn’t quite there yet.

Fedora said it himself to open his press conference.

“If we could get all of our mistakes corrected, if we could take care of the things within our team right now, we could be a decent football team,” he said. “But until we do that, it’s going to be tough.”

He said it in the middle of his press conference.

“We take turns shooting ourselves in the foot right now.”

And then he stressed it one more time at the end for good measure.

“Sometimes as an individual, you’re worried about all the big things and the big picture, and you forget about the smallest detail,” he said. “Every detail is very important, or we wouldn’t give you the detail.”

But at least through five games — two wins to open the season and now three consecutive

double-digit losses — Fedora’s plan to correct the little things has been easier said than done.

After amassing 15 penalties for 130 yards in Death Valley against Clemson, the Tar Heels turned around Saturday and followed it with 10 penalties for 62 yards in Chapel Hill.

Against the Tigers, the offensive line gave up three sacks, and against the Hokies they nearly doubled it with five.

Also on Saturday, UNC fumbled four times.

Fedora said he’s harped on the same things every week, urging his players to pore over the intricate details that ultimately end up morphing into game-changing mistakes.

“It’s just the smallest things,” he said. “The way we go on the field, the way we come off the field. Every detail.”

But junior guard Landon Turner suggested that words can only do so much. At some point,

UNC has to make it a priority to find the discipline to actually execute and flip that switch.

Perhaps that process starts with more trust.

“I think moving forward, we’ve got to find a way to have more confidence in each other,” Turner said. “Part of the little things is not trusting the guy next to you. That can kill us.”

Regardless, it’s creating self-inflicted adversity for the Tar Heels, whose battle is only uphill as they take on No. 5 Notre Dame Saturday. By then, the regular season will be halfway over, which leaves Turner hoping the progress comes sooner rather than later.

“Anybody can win on any given Saturday,” Tuner said. “I think we have the team to beat anyone in the country. We just have to find a way to pull it all together.”

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Clay Aiken, Renee Ellmers square off

By Sarah Brown
State & National Editor

PINEHURST — The dynamic of Monday's televised debate between Republican Rep. Renee Ellmers and Democratic challenger Clay Aiken was clear: the congressional veteran versus the political rookie, one with an inherent reputation as a celebrity singer.

"It's almost as if, as an entertainer, you think that means we can just go in with a song and dance and change the minds of our military leaders because you're going to impress them so much," Ellmers said in a jab at Aiken's statements on the Veterans Affairs scandal.

"Congresswoman Ellmers is good at talking points, good at calling me an entertainer — that's great, I'm sure you've practiced on that. But the most embarrassing reality show right now in the country is Congress," Aiken shot back, citing lawmakers' slow action on the VA's documented delays in processing veterans' claims.

Aiken, a former "American Idol" contestant, is considered the underdog candidate in the right-leaning 2nd Congressional District, which includes Fort Bragg, Asheboro, Pinehurst and parts of Cary.

A recent Elon University poll found him eight points behind Ellmers.

With less than a month to go before Election Day, Aiken needed to prove his political mettle beyond his image as a



Clay Aiken is the 2nd Congressional District Democratic candidate and an 'American Idol' runner-up.

celebrity, said Mitch Kokai, an analyst at the right-leaning John Locke Foundation.

"He has to show a command of the issues and that he is a serious individual and not just someone using this campaign as another way to drum up publicity," Kokai said.

During the hourlong exchange, which became heated at times, Ellmers stood behind her two-term record in Congress, dismissing Aiken as a "rubber stamp" for Obama on foreign policy, health care and economic policy.

"This Obama-Aiken economy is just killing us," she said.

"I have nothing to do with President Obama," Aiken countered. "I can count several places where I disagree."

Aiken on multiple occasions emphasized Ellmers' role in a "do-nothing Congress," criticizing lawmakers of both parties for failing to compromise on immigration reform. After the Senate passed an immigration bill with bipartisan support in 2013, he said House Speaker John Boehner refused to allow his chamber to vote on it.

"I'd love to hear Congresswoman Ellmers stand up to John Boehner right now," he said. "The bot-



Renee Ellmers is the two-term Republican incumbent in the 2nd Congressional District.

tom line is, we've been talking about this for far too long."

Ellmers said most of the blame for inaction rests with the Democrat-led Senate and Majority Leader Harry Reid.

"We (in the House of Representatives) have done everything we can," she said.

Aiken also spoke conservatively on several issues, voicing support for protecting the Second Amendment rights of responsible gun owners and for securing the border.

Both candidates avoided strong stances on a question of gay marriage coming to North Carolina. The Supreme Court on Monday let stand five rulings striking down gay marriage bans, clearing the way for gay marriage in those states, and potentially North Carolina.

"I can't predict the future. I don't have a crystal ball," Ellmers said.

The race would not be a prominent contest on political radars if Aiken weren't a candidate, Kokai said.

"Except for the fact that Clay Aiken is a celebrity, this would not only be a slam dunk for the Republicans, but it wouldn't even draw much attention."

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CAMPUS REC

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said director of Campus Recreation Bill Goa.

Additional methods to compile feedback included focus groups and Campus Recreation open houses.

Goa said the purpose of the assessments is to ensure that the facilities are meeting the needs of students and staff.

"We thought we'd get a baseline of what we have and then recommendations and a five- or 10-year roadmap to determine what the facilities need to start programming," he said.

Goa said Campus Recreation will receive recommendations from the results of the survey after Jan. 1.

A course of action and a budget will be determined based on feedback from students and from 360 Architecture, Goa said.

"We definitely need more cardiovascular equipment, multipurpose space for

aerobics classes and different things like that," he said.

Chelsea Rush, Campus Recreation marketing and special events coordinator, said there might be room to expand on the role and image of Campus Recreation.

"I think it can be a huge social space on campus," she said. "You're going to be much more likely to continue living a more fit and healthy lifestyle when you're also incorporating more leisure-based and social-based things into that."

Rush said she does not think Campus Recreation currently has a place for students who are not solely coming to lift weights or have an intense workout.

"I think we just generally need more space that's more welcoming and allows people to come and just play," she said.

"If on the survey, one of the results is people are really, really interested in having a water park or in having a bowling alley, that's some-

thing we'll move forward with assessing the feasibility of doing in the design."

Sarah Koucheiki, a sophomore and member of the swim team, said the incorporation of a leisure pool at the Student Recreation Center might influence her to start going to different gyms on campus.

"Since I'm an athlete, I use the Loudermilk facilities," she said.

"I haven't really felt a need to go to the SRC, but if there was a pool with slides or a fun area like that, I would definitely be more inclined."

The goal of the renovation project is to provide UNC with the indoor and outdoor facilities that meet the needs and desires of students, Goa said.

"Being a top-five public institution, that's the type of facility our students definitely deserve and want, as we're finding out," he said.

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CITY BRIEFS

Victim identified in fatal cyclist-vehicle accident

The Chapel Hill Police Department has released more information about a cyclist who was struck and killed by a vehicle on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Friday.

The victim has been identified as Pamela Lane, 57, of Durham, according to a release sent by police Monday.

Police investigators believe Lane was driving her bicycle south at the time of the accident, the release states. They concluded the vehicle was exiting a gas station parking lot

at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Hillsborough Street. The investigation is ongoing.

No one injured in Finley Forest house fire Sunday

An overheated dryer caused a structure fire in Chapel Hill's Finley Forest neighborhood Sunday afternoon.

The Chapel Hill Fire Department, Durham Fire Department and Durham County EMS responded to 413 Summerwalk Circle, according to a Monday press release from the Chapel Hill Fire Department. No injuries were reported. The fire department

determined the fire was caused by an overheated dryer vent.

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Play with puppies in the Pit for stress relief

As a part of UNC's Mental Health Awareness Week, the Class of 2015 Senior Marshals will be in the Pit with puppies to relieve midterm stress.

Mental Health Awareness Week runs until Saturday, Oct. 11. The week's events are put on by UNC Class of 2015, Stigma Free UNC, Rethink: Psychiatric Illness and Active Minds at UNC.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 9 – You're distracted from work. Expect transformations today and tomorrow. Wear your confidence with aplomb. Check to see if the orders have changed. Check your course, then full speed ahead. Suddenly you know. This could be comforting.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 9 – Schedule carefully. Something's coming due. Over the next two days, clean up old messes. Creative insight fixes them secretly... you don't need to take credit. Just make it happen. You can get through where a nervous friend can't.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a 9 – A new money-making scheme occurs to you. Your friends are a big help over the next few days. Listen carefully. Together, you can move mountains. Don't act in haste. Test the limits first. Divvy the spoils.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is a 9 – Consider career advancement today and tomorrow. Plan every move before launching. Give thanks for willing hands. Stick with the basics. Insight illuminates your studies, and angels guide your actions. Avoid somebody else's argument. Prepare.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 9 – The next two days are good for travel. Clean and organize. Don't touch backs. Chart your course, and get feedback from companions before spending. Rebellions could flare. Expect the unexpected, but don't let it stop you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 9 – Take on more responsibility. Publicize your efforts today and tomorrow. Prayer and meditation are powerful tools. They can cool a chaotic moment. Weave inspiration and passion into a romantic spark. Get inspired by the competition.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 9 – Partnership negotiations occur today and tomorrow. Recognize your own stubbornness, and let go some. Compromise. Accept an idea from someone else. Get transparent with agendas. It's possible for both parties to win. Work the situation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 – Focus on your work today and tomorrow. It could get busy and even intense. Meetings conflict with family time. Put love into your efforts and team. Don't get into a silly argument. Provide excellence.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 9 – Get into a two-day luxuriously lovely phase. You're looking especially good. Public duties or even a confrontation could take from private time. Sense the tension around you, and defuse it with subtle touches. Play a fun game.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 9 – Share feelings over the next two days. Unexpected costs could alter a plan. You're exceptionally intelligent, and can find the perfect solution. Revolutionize your attitude. Re-assess your budget. Guard against waste, and shift methods or materials.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 9 – Things could get lucrative today and tomorrow. Contemplate the costs before buying new stuff. With fierce competition, quality materials do matter. Compromise to fit the budget. Make sure more money comes in than goes out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
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UNC professor Tara Bohley joins in on a panel discussion at the Carolina Inn launching Mental Health Awareness Week on campus.

Experts talk mental health

The panel kicked off UNC's Mental Health Awareness Week.

By Sam Shaw
Staff Writer

It's the stigma around mental health that makes it so hard to treat. At least, that's what UNC professors and mental health professionals said in a panel discussion Monday. "The stigma of a mental health diagnosis lowers self-esteem, contributes to disrupted family relationships and it certainly negatively impacts individuals' ability to socialize, find housing and secure employment," said Maureen Windle, associate director and clinical director of Counseling and Psychological Services. At UNC, only seven percent of students reported they think less of person who has received mental health treatment, but

50 percent of students thought that most people do, according to the 2014 Healthy Minds Study led by the University of Michigan. "The shame means that people with a diagnosis don't go for treatment," said Deby Dihoff, executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in North Carolina. Shelby Dawkins-Law, a second-year Ph.D. student and president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, told the panel about how disclosing a mental health diagnosis can impact students academically. "It's not uncommon for someone to say 'maybe this isn't the program for you,'" she said, contrasting the treatment of students with physical handicaps with that of students who have had a mental health diagnosis. Windle said UNC is ahead of the curve on supporting students with mental health issues.

"The shame means that people with a diagnosis don't go for treatment."

Deby Dihoff,
Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in North Carolina

"I am not aware of any other college or university that has funding to support students' out-of-pocket costs for treatment," she said. Windle said students referred to outside specialists are eligible for aid from the University to pay for these treatments. Properly treating mental health in conjunction with other conditions decreases length of stay and reduces hospital readmissions, said Dr. Bruce Cairns, faculty chairman and director of the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center. Dihoff also talked about the state of mental treatment in prison, saying that punitive solitary confinement of inmates with mental health issues is especially inappropriate. "It is the worst kind of

torture for someone with a mental illness," she said. In March, a mentally ill inmate in the care of the N.C. Department of Public Safety died of dehydration after being held in solitary confinement for 35 days. The U.S. Department of Justice has opened a criminal investigation into the episode. Speakers also brought up the threat of involuntary commitment. "Anyone for any reason can call a magistrate and say (someone) needs to be hospitalized, and they will be hospitalized and won't see a judge for 10 days," said Martha Brock, an advocate for individuals with disabilities.

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Aiken takes on Ellmers
"American Idol" star turned political candidate Aiken debates his opponent. See pg. 4 for story.

Democracy protests
UNC's Asian Students Association weighs in on the Hong Kong democracy protests. See pg. 3 for story.

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Alice Wilder
Feminist Killjoy

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No such thing as a ‘real’ man

On Oct. 1, performance artist Taylor Mac took the stage at Memorial Hall. Just minutes in, I watched as students stood up and walked out of the performance. It wasn't just rude; it was an indicator of homophobia and unhealthy ideas about masculinity still held by UNC students.

Mac, who performs in drag and whose work acknowledges queer sexuality, is working on a "24-Decade History of Popular Music." He's scheduled one concert for each decade of popular music from the 1910s at Memorial Hall as part of the University's commemoration of World War I's centennial. Mac focused the performance on war, sexuality and gender.

Midway through the show, Mac picked a tall, bearded man as the audience participant for one number. The audience member announced to the crowd that he had served in Afghanistan, to a long round of applause. The audience participant was warm and enthusiastic, game for everything Mac threw at him.

But not all of the audience members were as enthusiastic. Some were required to be there for a class. I saw at least six male students stand up and walk out of the theater in the middle of the performance. As the UNC Clef Hangers carried Mac and the audience volunteer towards each other, where the two exchanged a quick peek, the audience members turned to each other, whispered and left.

To keep having conversations about what it means to be a man, we must continue to bring performers like Taylor Mac to campus, and we must allow all students to express gender how they see fit.

The image of masculinity presented by Mac's performance is much more healthy and nurturing than the one our culture currently promotes. In the show, Mac discussed the cost of war for veterans who suffer post-traumatic stress disorder and never fully heal from the horror of war. Meanwhile, much of mainstream media defines masculinity as expressing no emotion and never asking for help.

The actions of these students represent a much wider phenomenon of men being unwilling to have their notions of masculinity challenged.

My friend Wilson attended a party in drag and while walking home, he was catcalled. Men grabbed at his body, and someone yelled out of a car, "Do you want to get killed tonight?"

Their notion of masculinity was apparently so fragile that Wilson's fabulous outfit was enough to make them resort to threats of violence — all so that traditional ideas of masculinity could remain intact.

I don't want to ignore the positivity this performance represents. That Mac even performed at UNC is an indicator of progress. I am grateful to Emil Kang, executive director for the arts, for inviting Mac to UNC. Many male audience members participated with enthusiasm. The Clefs were wonderfully game.

I hope that men like them continue to push at the boundaries of masculinity and challenge all of us to broaden our definition of a "real" man.

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EDITORIAL

Cut the crap

North Carolina should incentivize smaller hog farms.

North Carolina is the second-largest hog farming state in the country. Since the 1970s, the hog farming industry has been changing — shifting from many smaller operations into consolidations resulting in fewer but larger farms.

This shift in the nature of the hog industry has been bad for the health of North Carolinians. To combat this change, the state should favor subsidies for smaller community farms to allow them to compete with federally subsidized factory farms.

The introduction of

industrial-scale hog farming in North Carolina was accompanied by a 14.1 percent rise in employment in the hog farming industry during the past two decades. This growth has stimulated North Carolina's economy, but only at an unacceptable cost to health.

Hog farms in North Carolina use the lagoon-and-spray-field method, in which hog waste is funneled into lagoons and then sprayed onto the land. The Environmental Protection Agency suggests that lagoons reduce waste odors, but evidently not enough to satisfy nearby residents.

Odors are not the only problems hog farms cause for their neighbors. Breathing in gases and fecal particles can lead to chronic

health problems.

Manure runoff from the fields can leach into groundwater and streams, destroying aquatic ecosystems and potentially harming infants who are exposed to it in drinking water.

Large-scale operations in the industry have had their places in the market reinforced because they are able to keep the price of pork low while providing high-quality meat. As a result, many smaller farms have been crowded out.

Past efforts to address the problems, such as a moratorium on new hog farms, have been ineffective. Incentivizing smaller, community farms would promote social responsibility and mitigate the public health hazard of lagoons.

EDITORIAL

Right side of the law

UNC benefits from its law school's honest actions.

The UNC School of Law deserves credit for leading a nationwide movement for greater transparency among law schools.

The movement concerns the way in which law schools disclose their graduates' long-term employment rates and market themselves to potential law school candidates. Many law schools artificially inflate employment rates by hiring their own students immediately after graduation for yearlong fellowships paid for by the school or university. This job meets the American Bar

Association's definition of long-term employment as a one-year minimum. UNC's law school, however, boasts a 69 percent employment rate, ranking 33rd, without a fellowship program.

At a time when much of the media's coverage of UNC's academics has been fairly negative, the law school deserves an honorable commendation for its efforts to be more honest about its graduates' prospects. In doing so, the school has made a sacrifice and suffered a marginal dip in rankings — a testament to the school's commitment to integrity and honesty.

The University of Virginia, UNC's pretentious cousin to the north, boasts an employment rate of 95.6 percent, the highest

in the country. This statistic factors into its law school's overall ranking — eighth in the country. Unfortunately, this number does not reflect the true long-term employment from UVa's law school, as 15.9 percent of the school's employed graduates are hired by the University's one-year fellowship programs.

UNC's law school's dedication to transparency is evidence of its dedication to its students. The school is choosing to provide honest information to prospective students, even at the risk of losing marketability in the form of deceiving national rankings.

The broader University should be willing to make similar sacrifices for the sake of integrity.

ADVICE COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we learn to manage our grief in an earth-friendly way

Drew Goins (almost as funny as Bobby Frasier) and Kelsey Weekman (almost as emotional as Kennedy Meeks singing Whitney) are "You Asked for It," a column in which the two experts give you their rarely helpful advice. Results may vary.

You: How do I get over a breakup with my boyfriend?

YAFI: Five steps, y'all:
1. Denial — You and Jason were destined to be since you locked eyes across the Pit. He had just lied about being registered to vote, and you were painting a cube for the TEDx talk on the gender politics of Azerbaijani water parks. But now he's moved on to a more committed relationship with his fantasy football team. Accept it.
2. Anger — Play Taylor



Kelsey Weekman and Drew Goins

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Swift's "Picture to Burn." Let America's breakup queen fuel your rage. Gather all of the pictures of you and Jason and ignite them with the linen-scented candle you're not allowed to have in your dorm. Or throw them in the dumpster. Remember to recycle.
3. Bargaining — You'll start wondering what you could've done differently.

"Maybe if I hadn't taken him to Late Night with Roy, he wouldn't have realized I'll never be as pure of heart as Sylvia Hatchell."

"Jason, if you give me another chance, I'll watch you play 'Grand Theft Auto XXVII,' and I won't even talk about the implicated frightening moral decay. It matters not in the eternity I shall spend at your side."

4. Eating those microwave coffee mug desserts you saw on Pinterest — You re-pinned the brownie because it was super cute (and you love, love, love tiny stuff), but you never thought you'd need it like this.
5. Downloading Tinder.

You: How do I get over a breakup with my girlfriend?

YAFI: Same thing. Just more T. Swift; less recycling.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is a major shock to the system. We had been building our budget around this grant for more than 20 years."

Robert Jenkins, Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Fedora is too focused on getting a player that he recruited (Trubisky) reps and playing time ..."

Philip Brooks, on football coach Larry Fedora's strategy in football

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNC should lead in diversity initiatives

TO THE EDITOR:

Decision-makers in UNC-CH's College of Arts and Sciences recently created a full-time position in the Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling that brings together efforts supporting males of color across campus. Within the last year, we have begun initiatives around mentoring-coaching, an educational and service summer experience and a fall retreat for freshman male students of all racial backgrounds to create personal eight-semester success plans.

The four-year graduation rates for UNC-CH underrepresented undergraduate males of color who entered in 2010 are as follows: Latino males, 77 percent; American Indian males, 75 percent; and African American males, 61.1 percent. While these figures represent improvement over the past four years, UNC-CH should settle for no less than leading the UNC system and others throughout the country in the rates of admission, retention and completion of undergraduate men of color. To improve our standing, we have to be strategic, learning from our past successes and missteps and incorporating best practices. We are making progress and innovating.

In addition to supporting individual males' development, we need to address the structures, policies and systems that cause the very outcomes UNC-CH does not want. To this end, a group of 40 students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni are starting to craft a five-year strategic plan. One of the leading researchers on this topic, Shaun Harper, suggested a strategy document as one of eight critical steps toward institutional responsibility for this population. Stay tuned at least. Get involved at best. Please visit our website at minoritymales.web.unc.edu.

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Shout out to protect your clean water

TO THE EDITOR:

If someone threatened your fundamental right to have clean drinking water, what would you do?

I'd hope that everyone would respond — no, shout — in opposition. Especially with the number of water contamination stories in the last year, I would expect people to be fuming on the issue. In the last couple of weeks, I have been working to gain support for the EPA's initiative to close loopholes in the Clean Water Act — loopholes that leave more than 4.5 million North Carolinians' water at risk.

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The EPA will be making a decision this month on the issue, yet the public seems dangerously in the dark.

Guess who has been sure to make their voice heard on the issue? The biggest polluters in the country. The campaign, dubbed as "Ditch the Rule," is supported by big agriculture, big developers and oil industries. This campaign aims to cloud the issue, arguing that the new rule would regulate puddles and ditches. As someone who knows that streams flow into rivers that flow into lakes, it's alarming that these polluters are trying to ensure that our waterways won't receive the protections they deserve. As empty as some of their arguments are, the "Ditch the Rule" campaign threatens the biggest victory for clean water in a decade.

The EPA is making a decision soon, and we need to overcome the garble of industry polluters. The public comment period ends Oct. 20, so if ever there were a time to act, it would be now.

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Alcohol abuse needs smarter solutions

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to "Combating alcohol abuse requires nuanced tactics" and as an underage person myself:

Alcohol abuse is much more than an educational problem. From my own experience, teens are well aware of the dangers of alcohol — they drink anyway. In doing so, they consume alcohol not to drink but to get drunk; the concept of a casual beer is relatively unheard of in favor of a casual teen. Herein lies the issue: Alcohol is a social issue much more than an awareness one. Teens see drunkenness as a way to fit in and have fun. To them, that trumps any negatives.

The United States' drinking age is higher than that of any country in Europe; nonetheless, our underage drinking is a much more pervasive problem. Part of the problem stems from our blanket ban on intoxicating beverages. By treating beer the same as Bacardi, the powers that be actually push imbibers toward spirits for their efficiency and association with fun.

The solution is not to attempt to prevent those under 21 from drinking, but to push them toward drinking more responsibly. Many European countries institute different drinking ages for different beverages — for example, beer and wine at 16 and liquor at 18. A 17-year-old allowed to drink beer is more likely to stay away from hard liquor until the time comes. Accompanied by a campaign targeted toward young people to drink in moderation, change may yet be possible.

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