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## Bye, bye business: Franklin sees change



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Linda's Bar and Grill is a historic favorite for food and drinks among students and local residents.



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A Franklin Street frozen yogurt establishment, Sweet Frog, has permanently closed its doors.



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Jasmin Mediterranean has officially gone out of business.



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A new pizzeria, Benny Cappella's, has had a successful start.



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The Bookshop, with its famous cat window, will close soon.

## Business cycle fluctuations, student shopping habits cause closures

By **Meghana Srikrishna**  
Assistant City Editor

The start of a new semester usually means that Franklin Street is bustling with activity: businesses with doors

wide open, students roaming the street looking for a good deal and plenty of people walking their dogs.

This semester, however, has been a little different. In the past few months, sev-

eral notable businesses on Franklin Street have closed their doors or announced relocations. McAlister's Deli, previously located on East Franklin Street, closed Nov. 20. Other prominent Franklin

Street restaurants that have closed recently include Jasmin Mediterranean Bistro and Khushi Salads and Wraps.

The business turnover encompasses more than just restaurants. The Bookshop

announced on Jan. 5 that it will close in July.

"The building was up for sale and our lease is up in August," The Bookshop manager Betty Schumacher said. "It's not that we're losing

money. It's that we haven't grown enough."

Schumacher said business for The Bookshop, which has been operating on Franklin

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## Nobel prize winner dies at 91

**Oliver Smithies won the prize for his work with cell modification.**

By **Acy Jackson**  
University Editor

For Oliver Smithies, UNC's first Nobel Prize-winning full time faculty member, science was not just a job.

"His whole life was devoted to science both as a profession, his vocation, but it was also his hobby, avocation as well," said Dr. Charles Jennette, chairperson of the department of pathology and laboratory medicine, who has known Smithies for about 30 years.

The distinguished professor of pathology and laboratory medicine died on Tuesday at 91 after a short illness.

"Well of course it's a great loss for Oliver to pass away, but he's left a tremendous legacy here that will continue and a research program that will be continued by his wife and other faculty," Jennette said.

Smithies won the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine in 2007 for his work targeting genetic modification of cells. He also developed the gel electrophoresis technique which



DTH FILE/JULIA KLIEN

Oliver Smithies, Nobel Prize winner and UNC professor, died Tuesday at UNC Hospitals. He was 91.

allows scientists to better study blood cells. He received a doctoral degree from Oxford University, and Jennette said he has spent 70 years as a scientist.

"When he came to UNC in 1988, we were sort of a middle-of-the-pack research University, and in 2017 we're one of the top research universities in the

world," said Ned Sharpless, director of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. "And if you think about who was important to that expansion of the research effort I would say Oliver was one of the very most important people because he really defined the standard of research excellence

for the University."

Dedicated to his work, Smithies worked every day in his lab.

"He was working in the lab up until the day he died virtually," Sharpless said. "He washed his

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## Patient assault records detail 'crime of power'

**State laws vary in the investigation of assault by medical professionals.**

By **Lauren Kent**  
Senior Writer

Seven out of 10 sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). A relative. A spouse. A date.

A doctor?  
A 2016 investigation conducted by the Atlanta Journal Constitution analyzed public records from the last two decades and found more than 3,100 doctors nationwide had been publicly disciplined after accusations of sexual misconduct. It also found many violations were never reported publicly or uncovered by state medical boards.

RAINN and Women's Health Magazine surveyed nearly 500 women and found reports of sexual misconduct by a doctor — reported by 27 percent of the women — ranged from inappropriate touching and sexual comments to masturbation during an exam and rape.

The Daily Tar Heel conducted a local investigation and found no physicians in Orange or Durham counties with public sexual misconduct violations on their record. But due to underreporting and private records, records may not give

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## Trump-Russia relations questioned after documents released

**The documents allege Russia could compromise Trump.**

By **Becca Heilman**  
Staff Writer

President-elect Donald Trump's ties to Russia were

further complicated Tuesday when CNN released a report related to classified documents presented to Trump and President Barack Obama last week. According to CNN, the documents included allegations that Russian operatives claim to have compromising information about Trump.

BuzzFeed published the 35-page classified document Tuesday. According to BuzzFeed, the memos and their allegations are unverified and include errors.

Republican National Committee spokesperson Sean Spicer criticized both BuzzFeed and CNN in Trump's first press

conference since July on Wednesday morning.

"The fact that BuzzFeed and CNN made the decision to run with this unsubstantiated claim is a sad and pathetic attempt to get clicks," he said.

Trump also addressed the reports at the press conference, questioning the validity

of allegations against him.

"I think it was disgraceful — disgraceful that the intelligence agencies allowed any information that turned out to be so false and fake out," Trump said. "I think it's a disgrace, and I say that, and that's something that Nazi Germany would have done and did do."

CNN released a statement Wednesday defending its decision to release the report, saying it did not publish any details of the 35-page document because it could not corroborate the allegations.

Benjamin Friedman, a research fellow at the Cato

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“My coach said I ran like a girl, I said if he could run a little faster he could too.”

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SWERVE

A UNC graduate gave birth to a Tar Heel

Over 2,000 people  
liked a picture of her  
daughter’s sonogram.

By Lily Lou  
Staff Writer

Ellie Pierce is Tar Heel born and Tar Heel bred. On Dec. 27, UNC class of 2007 graduate Lauren Pierce posted a picture of her daughter’s sonogram in the “Overheard at UNC” Facebook group, where it received more than 2,000 likes. Pierce said the dark spot on her baby’s foot in the sonogram showed she would be a Tar Heel. The post resonated with many, especially those like UNC class of 2013 graduate Kiara Palmer, who is expecting a baby. “It’s exciting when you bring new life to the world, especially someone who is destined to go to Carolina,”

Palmer said. “I think during the time that so much has happened in politics in the United States, even at Carolina, I think that it’s cool to see something that was a little more uplifting at the time, and I was really glad she shared that. I just hope one day that my baby looks like that too.” The post was originally on Pierce’s personal Facebook, but she decided to post on Overheard after a Facebook friend suggested it. “I had never actually heard of that Facebook group,” Pierce said. “So, after joining and seeing what other people were posting, I thought it would be cute to post the ultrasound.” UNC School of Education student Nestor Ramirez said he thought the post was cute. “It was a nice break from memes and links, especially given how happy she must be about expecting a child,”

he said. Pierce gave birth to Ellie, her first child, in November. “Lauren has always been someone that I’ve looked up to, and now Ellie has that same great role model,” Lauren’s younger sister Chelsea Pierce said. “Ellie is perfect. She already has so much sass and personality, and is a spitting image of Lauren.” Lauren currently works as a school psychologist in Greensboro. While at UNC, she studied abroad in Florence, Italy and was an active member of Phi Beta Chi, a Christian sorority. “I would love for her to be a Tar Heel and go to Carolina one day,” Lauren said. “I loved Carolina and had a great experience when I was there. I always wanted to go to that school, so it would mean a lot for her to go too because my experience was so awesome, and I would want her to be able to have that as well.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAUREN PRICE  
Lauren Pierce posted a photo on Facebook of her daughter’s sonogram, because the baby’s foot looked like a Tar Heel.

Chelsea, meanwhile, went to cosmetology school at Roanoke-Chowan Community College and is a Duke fan. “I think with all of Lauren’s Carolina pride, I’ve lost the Tobacco Road battle when it comes to Ellie,” Chelsea said. Rivalries aside, Lauren also hopes to instill a love of travel in Ellie. “I want (Ellie) to become a well-rounded woman and to be successful in school and life,” Lauren said. “I hope she will want to travel with me — I like to travel a lot, so I want us to travel together when she gets older.” @countingteacups swerve@dailytarheel.com

Company Carolina explores love and loss in ‘Tender Napalm’ play

The UNC company is  
partnering with the  
University of Iowa.

By Taylor Mabrey  
Staff Writer

One actor in Company Carolina’s latest production — Philip Ridley’s “Tender Napalm” — says he’s still learning from each performance, and he wants the audience to join in. “I picked this show ultimately because I didn’t understand it and I wanted to,” said Skyler Matthias, a senior theater arts major

at the University of Iowa. “Every time we go through it, there is another thing to pick up.” On Friday and Saturday, Company Carolina will perform “Tender Napalm” in partnership with the University of Iowa’s Lightswitch Theater Company. The actors in this piece are Matthias and sophomore University of Iowa theater arts major Aimee Townsend, though the title of “actor” means little to them as they see the audience as a part of the show. “We are allowing the audience to create their own experience,” Matthias said. “We allow the audience to create as much as the actor. We want them as much involved as we are.” UNC junior Kate Jones, who serves as the producer for the show, said the show is a nice break for typical audiences. “Audiences come in and they’re allowed to stand, allowed to sit, or they can roll around on the floor,” she said. The original play follows two people on their journeys through loss and love while struggling to live together as well as apart. It highlights the allure of togetherness through

poetry and visuals, and Jones said they hope the show provokes audience engagement. Matthias said getting to explore the script was his favorite part of this experience, because Ridley’s work tries to explain the unexplainable throughout the storyline. Company Carolina has been around since 1994 with a mission to encourage its audiences to think and participate as well as to showcase student talent while exposing audiences to different genres and performance styles. “Theater is all about relationships,” Jones said.

Company Carolina has teamed up and built a relationship with Townsend and Matthias, who will perform Ridley’s play, and they will continue performances in Iowa City later in January. “I really enjoyed the experience of working in a collaboration type of experience,” Townsend said. “It is something that pushed me a lot as an actor that I felt I needed.” What may be perceived as unusual subject matter is a way to explore a topic that is often hard to describe. “It’s an adventure,” Matthias said. @taygreymay swerve@dailytarheel.com

POLICE LOG

- Someone trespassed at the Chapel Hill Public Library at 100 Library Dr. at 12:07 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill Police reports.
- Someone vandalized the Red Roof Inn at 5623 Fordham Blvd. at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person hit a panel of glass with a blunt object and broke it, reports state.
- Someone possessed stolen property at the Red Roof Inn at 5623 Fordham Blvd. at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person possessed a stolen motor vehicle valued at \$3,000, reports state.
- Someone attempted fraud at Grimball Jewelers at 79 South Elliot Rd. at 3:53 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone committed larceny from a vehicle on the 300 block of West Rosemary Street at 11:31 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole a Macbook Pro, two watches, one Apple watch, cash, one Fitbit watch, a book bag, boots and one laptop. The total value of the stolen goods was \$6,010, reports state.
- Someone vandalized a vehicle at the 500 block of Cosgrove Avenue at 1:00 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
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# Franklin Street bar to open this month

## Might as Well will offer late night food and drink specials

**By Olivia Schaber**  
Senior Writer

Might as Well Bar and Grill – a popular spot for college students in Wilmington – is opening a new location on West Franklin Street.

Erik Horbacz, co-founder of Might as Well, said the restaurant hopes to open the week of Jan. 22, but that’s an estimate. He said they’re still waiting for permits.

“We’re hoping to start training our employees next week and we’re going to hurry up and try to get open,” Horbacz said.

The founders chose Chapel Hill as the spot for their second location because it was a perfect demographic fit for what they we’re looking for, Horbacz said. The restaurant and bar has taken over the space that Fitzgerald’s previously occupied.

“We generally like to stick next to college campuses,” he said. “We

had the Triangle to choose from and thought Chapel Hill would be a better fit.”

The bar plans to hold multiple events over the semester that align with holidays and the school’s schedule.

“We’ll have parties for all the games, a Valentine’s Day party, a St. Patrick’s Day party – we have several events set up with local charities and different organizations, some of them out of Durham and Raleigh,” he said.

Horbacz said the news of the restaurant’s new location has been received with excitement from UNC students.

“We get people popping in there all the time – it’s great,” he said. “People just tell us all the time how excited they are.”

UNC junior Madison Godfrey said she’s excited for the restaurant to open. Godfrey is from Wilmington and said it’s a pretty popular spot in town.

“I think it’s cool and it’ll be really interesting to see if it’s similar to the one in Wilmington or if it does its own thing,” she said.

Horbacz said the menu and atmosphere at the Chapel Hill location will be the same as the original but the venue will be slightly bigger.

“I’ll be curious to see how it does in comparison to all the other bars



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Once open, Might As Well Bar & Grill will offer inexpensive weekly deals on food and drinks and a lively ambiance for students.

that are already established here,” Godfrey said.

UNC junior Lindsay McConnell, said she really liked Fitzgerald’s but thinks that Might as Well will be a good replacement.

“I’m excited about a new bar

opening because, being 21, sometimes the options seem kind of limited,” she said. “Having another one will add to my options when going out.”

McConnell said she is also excited about the restaurant’s food because

not all bars offer food at night.

The restaurant’s Wilmington location also offers delivery – a feature which “might as well” be available at the Chapel Hill location.

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# Update to Sakai makes the site more mobile friendly

## ITS waited to update Sakai until winter break to avoid inconvenience.

**By Kayla Drake**  
Staff Writer

UNC Information Technology Services gave Sakai an update on Dec. 20 to include new features to improve efficiency and help users navigate the website.

Among the many changes, a new Sakai feature includes the capability to organize class sites within Sakai. A mobile-friendly inter-

phase design was the most significant change.

“That was really one of our largest factors in deciding to go ahead and upgrade,” said Suzanne Cadwell, ITS director of teaching and learning.

“That and the new gradebook tool that works much more like a spreadsheet and is really much more intuitive for faculty and TAs to be able to use.”

This gradebook tool includes new gradebook analytics and a drag-and-drop feature.

Sakai now has an auto-save feature to prevent words from being deleted when you type, as well as a feature that allows people to post

comments anonymously on discussion posts.

Cadwell said the update took place over winter break so that students and faculty would not be barred from accessing the website during the semester.

Cadwell said it took a little over nine hours to update the Sakai site.

“It took dozens of people’s time and some time over the summer and fall to really be able to get Sakai to that day when we upgraded,” Cadwell said.

Cadwell said ITS has been hosting sessions for faculty members to learn how to use the site and its new features.

“We have had a number of workshops and drop-in sessions and opportunities for one-on-one consultation,” she said.

“Our team will make arrangements to actually go and meet a faculty member in his or her office to help them as well.”

Students have responded positively to the changes after using the site through the first day of class.

First-year Jenny Montoya said she thinks the website is a lot more organized.

“I like it a lot, especially the section where you can star what classes you want and don’t want,” Montoya said.

“As a first-year student, I haven’t been exposed to many prior versions of Sakai, like other students have, but I’m sure that as I use it throughout the semester I will notice things that could be improved.”

Tarik Woods, a first-year student, said he thinks the update looks great so far.

“Using it last semester and coming in new, there was a lot of trouble finding things that were hidden that are now open tabs,” Woods said.

“I like how it sends you more notifications to your email when things are updated by teachers.”

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# 5 takeaways from Trump’s news conference

**Compiled by Assistant State & National Editor Sam Killenberg**  
**Photo by Aramide Gbadamosi**

President-elect Donald Trump gave his first press conference since July on Wednesday in Manhattan. Much of the conference related to Trump’s relationship with Russia, which was put into question after a Tuesday CNN report. Here are some of the top takeaways:

**1. Trump answered some questions about relations with Russia, but avoided others.**

Trump dismissed the accuracy of the reports claiming Russian intelligence had collected compromising information about his personal life and finances, and he renewed his criticism of intelligence agencies who let the information slip.

“I think it was disgraceful — disgraceful that the intelligence agencies allowed any information that turned out to be so false and fake out,” he said.

But Trump refused to answer questions about

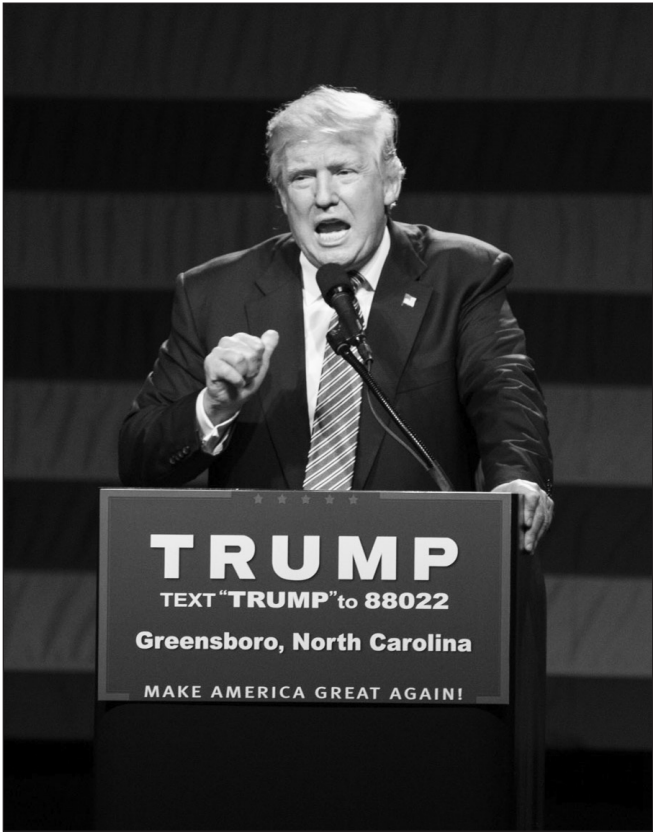
alleged ties between former campaign staffers and Russian intelligence operatives.

Trump also conceded that reports of Russian hacking into the DNC database were true, a position he had previously rejected. If he and Russian president Vladimir Putin were to develop a positive relationship, he said “that is called an asset, not a liability.”

**2. Trump continued his criticism of the news media and “fake news.”**

Trump lashed out against CNN and BuzzFeed, the organizations that first reported on the Russian allegations.

At one point, the president-elect engaged in a shouting match with a CNN reporter. Trump refused to take questions from CNN’s Jim Acosta, saying “your organization is terrible” and “you are fake news” as the reporter repeated his question.



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President-elect Donald Trump speaks in Greensboro on June 14. Trump gave his first press conference in six months on Wednesday.

**3. He will not divest from his companies, instead turning over control to his sons.**

Trump, accompanied by his financial lawyer, Sheri Dillon, announced he would turn control of his companies over to his oldest sons, Eric Trump and Donald Trump Jr.

“President-elect Trump wants there to be no doubt in the minds of the American public that he is completely isolating himself from his business interests,” Dillon said.

But Trump said he will not divest from his companies or create a blind trust — drawing criticism from the director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics director Walter Shaub, who called Trump’s plan “meaningless from a conflict of interest perspective” at a Washington, D.C. forum.

**4. He appointed his chief of the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

Trump announced he would appoint David Shulkin, the current Veterans Affairs undersecretary for health and an Obama appointee, as the secretary of the VA.

Trump promised to “straighten out” the VA, saying the department’s mismanagement has caused veterans to be “treated horribly.”

**5. He called on Congress to repeal Obamacare, but replace it quickly.**

Trump said he would encourage Congressional leaders to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act “essentially simultaneously.”

Republican leaders in Congress have yet to put a plan in place for Obamacare’s replacement.

“It is our goal to bring it all together concurrently,” said Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-WI, after a meeting with members of the GOP caucus.

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# Research Roundup

**Part of a periodic update on UNC research.** | **Compiled by staff writers Sofia Edelman and Jamie Gwaltney.**

## Light as new technique for medicating

UNC researchers have developed a medicine delivery technique using light that can target specific parts of the body.

David Lawrence, a professor in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy and a member of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, led a team of researchers in developing the technique.

The system works by initially binding medicine to red blood cells using vitamin B12, then releasing them into the body using light. The bond between the B12 and medicine is made just weak enough so long-wavelength light — which is low in energy and less damaging than short-wavelength light — can separate the blood cells from the medicine.

From there, the medicine can be released into the body at specific areas and times. Since the cells can circulate in the body for up to four months, the technique could decrease the amount of medicine needed for individuals.

## Stem cells used to carry cancer drugs

UNC pharmacoeengineer Shawn Hingtgen has developed a new technique to treat glioblastoma, an aggressive brain tumor. He uses stem cells carrying anti-cancer drugs that can seek out cancer cells and deliver the drugs.

While surgery can remove most of the tumor, some parts of the cancer can remain in inaccessible parts of the brain. Hingtgen transforms the gene expression of skin cells into brain stem cells. These new stem cells can sense the cancer cells and then deploy the anti-cancer drugs.

These drugs contain both clinical and experimental candidates that can slow the growth and lead to cancer cell death. The stem cells carrying the drugs are inserted directly into the brain after surgery to remove the tumor.

The joint UNC and NC State University Biomedical Engineering department partnered to create a scaffold, holding the stem cells, which keeps them in place until the cancer cells can be destroyed.

## Religious protection from gang violence

Religious studies professor Brendan Thornton completed research on gang and church membership in the Dominican Republic and the power of Pentecostalism to change individual’s lives in his book, “Negotiating Respect: Pentecostalism, Masculinity and the Politics of Spiritual Authority in the Dominican Republic.”

After nine months regularly attending a Pentecostal church in Villa Altigracia, Thornton began recording people’s accounts of their experience in the church — many telling him the most viable way to leave a gang was to convert to Pentecostalism. When Thornton asked a 19-year-old active gang member in the Dominican Republic what his plans for his life were, the teenager told Thornton he would eventually convert.

Thornton said so long as converts maintained a pious life and did not return to areas the gang controlled, they would not have to fear violence from their respective gang or rival gang. Then, Thornton said, these individuals could pursue leadership opportunities in the church.

## BUSINESS

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for over thirty years, goes up and down depending on the season.

“Our best months were always July and August, when townspeople came back to town,” she said. “We get a lot of students during the year, but most of our revenue comes from townspeople first, then professors.”

Ted Zoller is the director of the Center of Entrepreneurial Studies at Kenan-Flagler Business School. He agreed seasonal business is one reason behind the business turnover.

“You’d be shocked at how many businesses operate in the fourth quarter,” he said. “They get all their money right before the holi-

days. They lose money after because there’s not a lot of profitability.”

Zoller also said high rent and student mindsets toward spending contribute to the business turnover.

“The real issue for the retail restaurant business is the rents, which remain high,” he said. “The problems are also that businesses are highly seasonal and that students operate on the margin so they don’t want to spend a lot of money.”

In the midst of this business turnover, some restaurants have found long-term success on Franklin Street. Linda’s Bar and Grill has been on Franklin for forty years.

Linda’s owner Christopher Carini said business has been continually better since he took ownership of the bar and

grill in August 2011. He said there is no secret formula or strategy to maintaining good business.

“I have to caution you with trying to look for a silver bullet,” he said. “It does not exist. Good value, quality product, excellent service. Those are the things you do.”

Benny Cappella’s has managed to escape the recent business turnover as well, despite it only having been open for nine months.

Benny’s owner Chris Brown attributes part of the new restaurant’s success to the way they target customers. He said their late hours and accommodations have helped business.

“It’s who you’re catering to — students versus families,” he said. “We try to cater towards students. We have

*“We try to cater towards students. We have patience for drunk people ...”*

**Chris Brown**  
Owner of Benny Cappella’s

patience for drunk people whereas some businesses do not.”

Brown also said that the specific location on Franklin Street, near Top Of The Hill Restaurant, Brewery and Distillery, has helped Benny’s.

“We wanted to be near TOPO because it’s iconic and it’s the best bar in town,” he said. “I think it’s just the fun college atmosphere in the place. When you come in here, it’s like the party continues.”

Brown is not the only one who thinks certain parts of Franklin Street provide better

business than others. Trolley Stop Hot Dogs is moving this weekend from 306 West Franklin St. to 104 West Franklin St., next to Benny’s and in order to attract more business.

The Trolley Stop employee Eric Martin said that while the rent is higher in the new location, he thinks the move is better for business.

“We think it’s worth it because it’s a larger place, and we feel like the foot traffic is gonna be a lot better there,” he said. “We want to do a game room — pool table, pingpong, because we want to

appeal to the students.”

Zoller said that despite the business turnover on Franklin, the Carolina Square Project — a mixed-use development that will bring offices, residential space and a Target to Franklin Street — would ultimately help keep businesses on Franklin Street.

Zoller said students patron downtown Chapel Hill while townspeople go to Durham to do their shopping. With Target moving to downtown Chapel Hill, he said the area will attract more shoppers.

“My impression is that Franklin Street is gonna go through the renaissance,” he said. “I think that downtown Chapel Hill will become a destination again.”

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## DOCTOR

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the whole story.

Bethany Wichman-Buescher, client services director at Orange County Rape Crisis Center, said in ten years she has met several survivors who experienced sexual violence at the hands of the medical professional.

“Sexual assault is a crime of power and control,” Wichman-Buescher said. “I think it happens a lot that the perpetrator is in a position of power.”

In December 2015, a family care physician in Charlotte was charged with three counts of second-degree sexual assault.

In November 2016, the North Carolina Medical Board suspended a medical resident in Winston-Salem who was

found to have inappropriately touched and exchanged explicit messages on social media with a patient.

In November 2015, a physician assistant surrendered his license in Wake County following allegations that he took photos of a patient’s body.

In all three cases, the N.C. Medical Board conducted investigations that resulted in revocations of the professionals’ medical licenses. But in the interim, there is no way for patients to know if their doctor is being investigated.

“By law, the board can’t take action based on allegations alone,” said medical board spokesperson Jean Brinkley. “The board has to take action based on evidence. And evidence takes time to collect.”

Several investigations in North Carolina were resolved within six months.

Brinkley said in certain circumstances, the board may suspend a doctor or physician assistant’s license before an investigation is complete.

“In cases like that there does have to be rock solid evidence. Like they would have to say, ‘Yes I sexually assaulted these patients, and I’m glad I did it,’” said Brinkley.

Brinkley said in many cases, board action is not required to prevent a physician accused of sexual misconduct from practicing.

Depending on the allegations, UNC Health Care will put employees accused of sexual assault on administrative leave or reassign them until an investigation is complete, spokesperson Tom Hughes

said in an email.

### Little information

According to a 2015 ethics report by the American Medical Association, 42 licensed physicians in the United States were disciplined for sexual misconduct in 1989; in 1996 the number jumped to 147. Current numbers from the AMA are unavailable.

In 2000, Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., sponsored a bill to allow public access to the National Practitioner Data Bank, a federal database of physicians’ disciplinary histories originally intended to be open but later exempted from the Freedom of Information Act. Bliley’s bill to make the data public failed, in part due to AMA lobbying to keep the disciplinary information sealed.

## SMITHIES

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own glassware, this was a guy who really liked science.”

On Nov. 7, Smithies donated his notebooks to the University. The notebooks, which he started when he was an undergraduate, outline his research throughout

his career. They were digitized and put on the Oliver Smithies Research Archive website.

His wife, Dr. Nobuyo Maeda, continues to work as a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine in the School of Medicine. She and Smithies joined the UNC faculty in 1988.

Jennette said when Smithies wasn’t working, he was either going on vacations with Maeda or flying his power glider around Chapel Hill.

Sharpless said Smithies worked on problems that some could consider technical or not very interesting. He wanted to learn new

*“He was working in the lab seven days a week up until the day he died, virtually.”*

**Ned Sharpless**  
Director of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

systems.

“He was one of those people who really liked to solve things,” he said.

Jennette said Smithies was a kind person who was always enjoyable to talk to. He said whenever someone

talked to Smithies they were energized.

“Oliver was just a really great thinker who followed things to their conclusion,” Sharpless said. “So when there’s someone in your midst like that you try to be like that person.”

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## TRUMP

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Institute, said these reports could have serious consequences if they are proven to be true.

“It’s potentially a bombshell for Trump, although not totally surprising when given all the bits and pieces of information that have come out about his campaign and its connections to people in Russia,” he said.

Donald Raleigh, a profes-

*“There has been plenty of evidence that Russia has tried to interfere in other elections.”*

**Donald Raleigh**  
UNC history professor

sor in the UNC Department of History, said Russia has a history of election interference.

“There has been plenty of evidence that Russia has tried to interfere in other elections, in the Baltic, for instance, and in Ukraine,” he said.

Jonathan Weiler, a UNC global studies professor, said it is not unprecedented for major intelligence agencies to gather information on other world leaders.

“I think what’s worrisome is if this stuff is substantiated — whether Trump’s

judgment and ability to act independently when it comes to Russia is in any way compromised,” he said.

Weiler said these reports could affect United States foreign policy regarding Russia.

“I think that there will be a growing force in Congress, including among certain Republican senators, like John McCain and Lindsey Graham, who are really bothered by what they perceive as Russia’s interference or influence over our election

processes,” he said.

Weiler also said the reports could cause conflict internally in the United States between intelligence agencies and the executive branch.

“We’re entering into a dangerous phase here where at least some of the intelligence agencies like the CIA appear, even before he’s been inaugurated, to have something of an antagonistic relationship with the guy who’s about to become president of the United States,” he said.

Regardless of the accuracy of the reports, Friedman said their content could have long-term effects.

“It’s likely that to the extent that it can be verified, it will be, and it’s going to remain an issue,” Friedman said.

“I guess it’s obvious, but it’s not going anywhere. This is a cloud that’s going to hang over the Trump administration from its start, among other clouds.”

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
Today is an 8 -- Career opportunities multiply, with Mercury in Capricorn. Reach a Full Moon turning point in a romance, passion or creative endeavor. Begin a new phase.  
**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is an 8 -- Begin a new domestic phase under this Full Moon. Adapt to family changes. Broaden your horizons, with Mercury in Capricorn. Write, research and study.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
Today is an 8 -- Shift your research in a new direction. Creative expression flowers under this Full Moon. Start a new chapter. Budget for growth, with Mercury in Capricorn.  
**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**  
Today is a 9 -- Collaborative discussions produce results, with Mercury in Capricorn. Reach a Full Moon shift around cash flow. A busy phase generates pasta, yet requires expenses. Keep track.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is a 9 -- Learn healthy practices. This Full Moon in your sign illuminates a new personal direction. Push boundaries and limitations. It could get exciting, after you're used to the idea.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is a 7 -- It's easy to express your feelings, with Mercury in Capricorn. This Full Moon shines on a spiritual fork in the road. Ritual and symbolism provide comfort.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is an 8 -- Beautify and decorate your home over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Capricorn. This Full Moon illuminates a new social phase. Share appreciations.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is an 8 -- This Full Moon shines on a fork in your professional path. Shift toward current passions. Expect a test. Practice and learn voraciously, with Mercury in Capricorn.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is an 8 -- This Full Moon illuminates a new educational direction. Begin a new phase in an exploration. Experiment with new concepts. Communications get profitable, with Mercury in Capricorn.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 9 -- Begin a three-week intellectual phase, with Mercury in your sign. Change directions with shared finances under this Full Moon. Balance old and new responsibilities. Work it out together.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is an 8 -- Compromise for shared commitments with a partner this Full Moon. Reach a resolution, launching a new phase. Organize, plan and strategize, with Mercury in Capricorn.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Today is a 7 -- Group discussions get productive, with Mercury in Capricorn. Exercise, eat well, and rest under the Cancer Full Moon. Shift strategies to balance health and work.  
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# Balanced scoring leads Tar Heels against Wake Forest

**All five starters scored at least 10 points Wednesday.**

By David Adler  
Senior Writer

WINSTON SALEM — With Wake Forest down 84-81 and needing a stop, the Demon Deacons had no clue who the No. 11 North Carolina men's basketball team would turn to down the stretch.

Juniors Joel Berry and Justin Jackson were playing well on the perimeter, but Wake Forest couldn't ignore senior forwards Kennedy Meeks and Isaiah Hicks when they were both in double figures.

"I've always felt that if you have every body in your club that can score, it's harder to guard you," head coach Roy Williams said. "Then the other team's defense can't focus on one guy."

Berry found Jackson coming off a screen, and the wing hit a 3-pointer to put the Tar Heels up six points to fend off the Wake Forest comeback attempt and leave Winston-Salem with a 93-87 victory on Wednesday.

Although North Carolina (15-3, 3-1 ACC) has won games during the 2016-17 season when one player was able to shoulder the scoring load, the Tar Heels are at their best when all five starters are a threat to score at any point in the game. Against the Demon Deacons, all five starters finished in double digits.

Instead of relying on players to score in isolation, North Carolina had 22 assists on its 33 baskets on Wednesday night.

Even when the Demon Deacons (10-7, 1-4 ACC) cut a 19-point deficit all the way down to one late in the second half, North Carolina was able to maintain its poise under pressure.

"It's a basketball; it's a game of runs," Berry said. "I think that especially down the stretch where sometimes you can get a little rattled."

"But I think that with the experience that we have, we're gonna get a good shot at the end of the day."

While the Tar Heels would have preferred to put it away earlier — especially against an inferior opponent — they kept the game from getting away from them.

"I would say it's our

*"We're a deep team and we have a lot of guys that can contribute."*

Justin Jackson  
Junior wing

experience and not getting overwhelmed when a team starts to make a run," Hicks said. "We can just take a deep breath and get back to doing what we were doing."

On Jackson's 3-pointer, the Tar Heels didn't have to panic trying to get him an open look.

They just had to execute a play they've run countless times.

"Coach just called 'box right,'" Jackson said. "I got in that spot and guys set good screens. And J.B. hit me and I shot it, and it felt good coming out of my hand."

Jackson said the balanced scoring is ultimately what can take North Carolina as far as it wants.

"It's huge," Jackson said. "That's what we know we can have. We're not a team that will have three guys in double figures."

"We're a deep team and we have a lot of guys that can



DTH/NATHAN KLIMA

UNC guard Joel Berry (2) goes up to lay the ball against Wake Forest on Wednesday night.

contribute."

The North Carolina depth was on full display when the team needed it the most. The Tar Heels forced Wake Forest to constantly switch its defenses and guard every

player on the floor.

"When you have balance like that, the defense can't be concerned with one guy," Hicks said. "We took them out of man and they don't know what to do because a lot

of people are scoring."

But whenever the Demon Deacons left a player unguarded, North Carolina made sure they paid for it.

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# Obama bids farewell with messages of hope, unity

By Corey Risinger  
State & National Editor

Speaking to a Chicago crowd dotted with family members and colleagues, President Barack Obama called for hope and solidarity in his farewell address.

"I thought it was very much in keeping with a statesman approach who is concerned about the future of small 'd' democracy in the United States and on a non-partisan basis," said Daniel Kreiss, a UNC journalism professor who researches political communication.

U.S. Press Secretary Josh

Earnest said Obama hoped to share optimism in democracy.

"The President retains profound confidence in our country and in our citizens and in our system of democracy," Earnest said Tuesday.

He said Obama recognizes the need for engaged citizens in a healthy democracy.

"It's not blind faith, so you'll hear the president once again encourage the American people to take an active role in their democracy not just in the run-up to elections, but every day, in engaging in their communities, in being educated on the issues and making their voice heard and engaging in a

broader public debate about what's best for the country," Earnest said.

Despite distinct political priorities and philosophies, Kreiss said Americans have to have a democratic imagination that includes those who are different from them, too.

"There is still solidarity that makes us all American, and we have to honor the institutions that allow us to have political conflict but in an organized way," he said, analyzing Obama's rhetoric.

Obama said democracy requires basic solidarity but not uniformity — showcasing his respect for the political

process.

"In 10 days the world will witness a hallmark of our democracy," Obama said in his speech. "... The peaceful transfer of power from one freely elected president to the next. I committed to President-elect Trump that my administration would ensure the smoothest possible transition, just as President Bush did for me."

Earnest told the press the president's speech was not designed to be a stage to advocate for specific issues.

"There will be a time and a place for the President to speak at more length

about what he intends to do once he leaves office. But today— tonight, the speech will be focused on the future of the country, the future of our democracy, and just how important it is for all Americans to be engaged in the work of building our country and moving it in the direction of a more perfect union," Earnest said.

Kreiss said he drew parallels between the Obama farewell address and a March speech by former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. Both describe living in a democracy and the values Americans hold, he said.

"A number of prominent conservatives who were watching the speech affirmed that Obama had issued a powerful call for civil solidarity for what makes us American for citizenship," he said.

Obama celebrated the potential for the United States to evolve and grow.

"That's what we mean when we say America is exceptional. Not that our nation has been flawless from the start, but that we have shown the capacity to change, and make life better for those who follow."

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# I had the sickest break of all time

You think you know your friends fairly well. You’ve talked through long car drives; you brought them Alpine that one time they were crying (just a little, but still); you’ve slowly adopted their mannerisms, morphing into one indistinguishable presence. Ask yourself, though: do you really — like, really, truly — know your friends until you’ve seen them struck down by a vicious 24-hour stomach bug?

For context: yes, it was entirely my fault — I was patient zero, and I infected, over several days, eight of my friends while on a trip to Montreal. It’s not something I’m proud of. They all succumbed in their own unique ways, but, ultimately, inevitably, they all did succumb to the horror that is gastroenteritis.

Watching my friends projectile vomit, I realized: It’s hard to pretend to be someone else when you’re vigorously emptying your stomach of its contents. All pretenses are dropped pretty quickly. Some people, I found, insist on sleeping on the floor when they’re feeling truly awful, out of a masochistic insistence on containing the illness; some people ask for Gatorade, even though there’s Powerade readily available. To each their own.

What became most apparent throughout this prolonged period of infection, though, was the myriad ways that the people around you can show you they care. Small gestures take on immense meaning when you’re immobilized by nausea. I truly believe that you have not known real gratitude until you’ve woken up to find your best friend handing you two Powerades — not the stupid small ones, either, the good kind with the twisty top — and a cup of ginger tea.

Who takes care of you, and how they do so — things that matter, unceremoniously uncovered by a common stomach bug. Of course, in my last week of break, I got the flu, probably as payback for the scarily aggressive stomach bug I unleashed. The flu is as lazy and meandering as the stomach bug is rapid — I was sick for days. I truly couldn’t leave my bed. I had weird, feverish dreams that involved rotting teeth and deep-sea hunting for fish. I went to urgent care and discovered that they have Bibles in their waiting rooms, which struck me as uncomfortably morbid.

If the stomach bug taught me about the people I surround myself with, the flu taught me, to some degree, about myself. I was quarantined for days — literally, my family sprayed anything I touched with Lysol — and, in those hours upon hours in my bedroom, I was forced to think about myself and my life in an extensive sort of way that doesn’t normally arise.

Let me be clear: the flu is horrible. It’s not a path to enlightenment — it’s painful and really boring. Sometimes, though, forced boredom leads to real clarity of thought. I read, and I wrote and I watched three full seasons of New Girl. And maybe, before delving back into the immersive, enthusiastic, social environment of school, a mandated period of individual reflection was exactly what I needed.

**NEXT**  
01/13: Lens of Oynx  
Cameron Jernigan writes about Black issues on campus.

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



If Sasha Obama stayed home to study instead of going to her dad’s farewell address...  
  
You can go to class.

## EDITORIAL More beer, Governor

**Gov. Cooper, we need to help our microbreweries.**

Dear Governor Roy Cooper,  
We know a lot is playing on your mind right now. The North Carolina General Assembly is giving you a lot of stress, House Bill 2 is still a law (somehow) and pesky student opinion writers are gearing up to nitpick your every move. You need to relax in your new swanky Raleigh mansion with a cold North Carolina brewed beer. The problem is, Mr. Governor, given the current laws limiting alcohol

distribution in this state, you may be hard-pressed to find that beer you love from Asheville when you’re in a Raleigh store. As it stands, breweries must have a third-party distributor if they wish to produce more than 25,000 barrels per year. Yes, that is a lot of beer, but North Carolina brews are becoming increasingly popular. Look up the best cities for microbreweries and you will see at least one North Carolina town on most lists. Mr. Governor, we realize you cannot change this on your own, but your voice matters. This board proposes a deal: Say you support

relaxing North Carolina drinking laws, and we will buy you a case of your favorite North Carolina crafted beer and deliver it to your door. Seriously, we will. Even if it is not local to the Triangle area, we will drive to the brewery and bring it back to Raleigh. Have more than one favorite? We can do a Harris Teeter “create your own six pack” type thing. Once again, we don’t expect you to change the law, we just want to know you care about encouraging entrepreneurship and furthering creation through alcohol in North Carolina. Cheers!

## EDITORIAL A kick of Courage

**Pro women’s soccer is coming back to North Carolina.**

Our state recently gained another helping of a familiar (for UNC) source of pride: excellence in women’s soccer. The North Carolina Football Club has agreed to acquire the Western New York Flash—reigning winners of the professional National Women’s Soccer League — and move them to North Carolina as the Courage. North Carolina had a professional women’s soccer team, the Carolina Courage, but they played their last

season in 2003 before their league shut down. It’s no secret that women’s professional soccer is relatively obscure because it is dwarfed by World Cup play and men’s soccer. From a UNC perspective, however, this has given the sport an intimate accessibility; the original Courage actually played their 2001 season at UNC’s Fetzer Field, the same field where UNC’s women’s soccer team has played during its decades of remarkable success. In April 2001, in fact, former UNC and U.S. women’s national soccer team superstar Mia Hamm (then playing for the Washington Freedom)

hit a game-winning free kick against the original Courage at Fetzer. That’s like the women’s professional soccer equivalent of Michael Jordan hitting a buzzer beater against the Hornets in a pro game at the Smith Center. It fits into an incredible tapestry of N.C. athletic excellence around Fetzer Field, and it makes jogging at Belk Track (which encircles the field) seem a bit more epic. The return of professional women’s soccer, we hope, will help inspire more moments like this for the rest of the state, while continuing a legacy of women’s soccer excellence in North Carolina. Welcome, Courage.

#STATEment

We usually give N.C. State down thumbs, but this one is special. We always knew they were awful at basketball, but the most recent UNC-N.C. State game proves it once and for all. Really, it makes sense. The school’s motto is “Think and Do.” When you go so long knowing you are losers, it affects your performance.

F is for Friends

We lost it when President Obama gave his farewell to Vice President Biden. We lost it even more when Biden winked and pointed back at the president. We all deserve friends like that. What two great leaders. Trump and Pence are nowhere near that cute — does Trump even know Pence’s favorite color?

Divided house

Student Union? More like student disunion, amiright? Looks like student government is now separated. Good riddance. The fight for separation ended in a way fitting the way it was fought. Let’s be real — both sides acted childish. While this certainly sets a dangerous precedent, we brought it on ourselves.

Meet the press

The Daily Tar Worker was disappointed to see it was not invited to the Donald Trump press conference. If the president-elect is so worried about fake news spreading, he needs The Tar Worker. It has never actually published a real story. Our Marxist truth will revolutionize the country.

So long, Capricorns

The arrow shot from Sagittarius’ bow paved the way for Capricorn. Gone is the winter solstice, the symbolic turning of a new leaf for all universal beings. Capricorns, you ambitious, soul-searching children of Saturn, your time is up. You are the zodiac that most closely resembles Rameses, and we’ll see you next year.

Emily likes ANTM

VH1’s current reboot of America’s Next Top Model may not feature Tyra Banks herself, but the show’s redesign elevates its hipness. Supermodel Ashley Graham has already imparted invaluable words of encouragement and body positivity to the aspiring models. The show’s not perfect, but we’re watching.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
“This is a cloud that’s going to hang over the Trump administration from its start, among other clouds.”  
  
Benjamin Friedman, on new reports about Trump and Russia

**FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT**  
“I know one thing you can add, although it’s hard for anything to be longer. The ongoing investigation of UNC’s academic fraud.”  
  
D Davis, on what lasted longer than Grayson Allen’s suspension

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**  
  
**CSLS does offer legal help to students**  
  
TO THE EDITOR:  
I was disappointed to see your headline on Dec. 2 stating “On campus, no legal help.”  
It is true that Carolina Student Legal Services does provide immigration advice. However, it is not true that we do not provide legal help to undocumented students. Immigration is a very specialized area of law. Most immigration lawyers do not practice other types of law and have specialized training in this area. Our prepaid legal services plan with the North Carolina State Bar says, “All immigration and tax matters are highly specialized and the attorneys limit their advice in those matters to referrals only.” This information is also on our website. We are a general practice law firm established by student government in 1976 to meet the wide range of legal services that students need. While we do not advise undocumented students on immigration matters, we advise them on other legal matters and assist them in accessing resources in the local community. We also address the needs of our diverse student population through legal education programs. Due to the concerns of our undocumented students, we have partnered with an immigration attorney to host an information night on immigration laws. We encourage all students to contact us with any legal matter. We understand that legal problems are stressful for our students. If we are not able to provide direct representation or advice, we will try to provide information to help our students make an informed decision about how to handle a legal matter.  
  
Fran Muse  
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CSLS, Inc.

is one of the leading producers of solar energy; let’s build on our growth and add to our wind energy industry.  
4. Continued protection of the Clean Air Act that has prevented thousands of illnesses and saves lives. My greatest wish is that our children can count on clean, healthy air both now and in the future.  
  
Allison Lawrence Jones  
Class of ’95

**Musings and advice from an alum**  
  
*Editor’s note: This letter is satire and is part of a larger story. It will run periodically at the end of the letters section.*  
TO THE EDITOR:  
Right after college I landed a good, cushy job set up for me in Charlotte. But, I was also in a stellar band that played semi-sold out shows at Cat’s Cradle or in someone’s living room or in the dumpster beside Craige dorm. We had this grunge-punk-doo-wop-ballad-timpani-8th grade-shoegaze sound that was real hot. We were told that a few record labels could be interested if we learned how to play our instruments and wrote better songs and stopped breathing hard into the microphone as the vocal track. They also said that we needed some genuine road experience. So, I ditched the job in Charlotte to follow my dreams. The whole gang headed West. Each night we’d play a little show and get to meet some of the local folks at the police station after the bar owner explained to us we could not just come in and start playing music in a private establishment. The bail costs drained us out real fast though, and the rest of the folks just went home. But I’d read about Keith Richards, my favorite guitar player, and decided to dress for the job I wanted. I spent the next few years walking around the city asking for money in a British accent while in a stupor. After about 15 years or so, I saw the lead singer of our band, Scooter, on the corner. I yelled out: “Hey! Hey! Hey, Scoot!” He pretended to not hear me at first. As he turned, I saw a few rascals pulling at his jeans. He twisted their heads around so they could not look at me. “Hey Scoot,” I said. “Where are you going, man?!” Where did y’all go? What happened to the band?” After he scurried off I bought a bottle of liquor and sat on my favorite corner. I drank the thing a bit too quick and blacked out. In the end, I found myself laying facedown in the gutter — the faint taste of vomit in my mouth — and, ultimately, happy I had followed my dreams. Through there was a chill that night in the gutter, one that consumed me and, I now doubt, will ever leave. It stays.  
  
Alumnus

**A wish for clean air in the coming year**  
  
TO THE EDITOR:  
This is the season when we look to the year ahead and make our wish lists. As a mother, I have a special list of wishes, one I think will be helpful for all:  
1. Fewer children suffering from asthma attacks — asthma is (a major) reason why children miss school in North Carolina, and it causes quite a few missed days of work for parents as well. Poor air quality can make breathing disorders worse in both children and adults.  
2. Safe air quality for children playing outside and adults working and exercising outdoors. Too many North Carolinians are at health risk from poor air quality.  
3. Electricity from more clean, renewable energy sources — North Carolina

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