

Protections for trans students cut

Students worry about safety under Trump's leadership

By Becca Heilman
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The Donald Trump administration revoked protections for transgender students Wednesday, ordering schools to disregard memos from former President Barack Obama's White House — which said prohibiting transgender students from using bathrooms aligning with their gender identities violates anti-discrimination laws.

Meanwhile, North Carolina legislators continue attempts to reach a compromise regarding House Bill 2. The Trump administration's shift away from federal transgender protections raises questions about whether HB2 could exist on a national scale.

Renee Wells, director of N.C. State University's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Center, said similar bills are being introduced across the country.

"I don't think it's inconceivable, given the current tone of our Congress and federal administration, that similar legislation at the federal level could be introduced," Wells said.

Legislation like HB2 could potentially exist within a limited context federally, such as legislation requiring bathroom usage consistent with one's sex at birth in public schools, said Shannon Gilreath, a law professor at Wake Forest University. "They can do those sorts of things in areas over which they have some ability to regulate, but I don't see a national policy that says that, in every bathroom everywhere, this sort of consideration would be put into place," he said.

Ames Simmons, director of transgender policy at Equality NC, said the Trump administration's change of course on transgender protections doesn't necessarily guarantee that a law like HB2 could exist nationwide.

"We definitely know that the public sentiment is against HB2 here in North Carolina, and the attempts to have similar bills in other states have met with public concern," he said.

Simmons stated that it's important to remember Title IX still exists and still protects students. But signals and policy from the Trump



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Brennan Lewis, a sophomore at UNC, discussed the repercussions of House Bill 2 on LGBTQ high school students in North Carolina.

administration could make school districts less certain.

Simmons said local school districts often determine for themselves how to implement policies.

"It makes the waters much muddier for them as far as

if they do decide to let trans students use the bathroom in accordance with their gender identity," he said. "But they aren't sure that they aren't gonna be subject to some other liability by parents who are objecting to that."

Brennan Lewis, a sophomore at UNC who identifies as genderqueer, said HB2 has had the largest impact on high school students.

"Just having trans issues on people's radars has brought a lot of really intense

pushback," they said. "People are less afraid to say really terrible things to each other." Nikolai Mather, a senior at Northwood High School in Pittsboro who identifies

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Students petition for active disability sign

The proposed symbol has already been adopted in New York.

By Jackson Liu
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A committee of UNC students started a petition to change the accessibility signs around campus to show the Alternative Symbol of Accessibility.

The Alternative Symbol of Accessibility shows an active person with a disability, rather than the current accessibility symbol which shows a static person.

Senior Taylor Emory said the group of students have been working since October 2016 to bring the new signs to UNC's campus.

"The whole purpose of the accessibility icon is to bring forth, you know, a new symbol, a new alternative to the current handicapped sign," Emory said. "You know, the current handicapped sign is very immobile, upright and that symbol can create, you know, negative,

implicit stereotype throughout certain people."

Emory said the new accessibility icon would help to change the negative stereotypes of handicapped individuals by incorporating motions and independence.

The Alternative Symbol of Accessibility was introduced in 2010 and since then has spread through media campaigns and activism said Chris Corsi, another member of the committee. The sign has been officially adopted in New York and Connecticut.

"Hopefully with that momentum we can sort of carry it on here and contribute to that momentum," Emory said.

By the end of the spring 2017 semester, the committee hopes to acquire the approval of University officials to adopt the Alternative Symbol of Accessibility on UNC's campus. They hope to get funding from student government and other student fundraising resources, Corsi said.

"Starting with the Union, we are trying to implement and we are trying to take it

to the Board of Directors and basically convince them to change the old accessibility icon to the new accessibility icon," Marie Payne, another member of the campaign, said.

Things are easier said than done — Emory said identifying the costs could be a problem.

"We are still trying to figure that out because there's a lot to go in the cost, so we have to figure out when the signs are needed to be updated, how much money we can get and there's a lot of stuff to consider there that we are still trying to bring together," Emory said.

Tiffany Bailey, the director of Accessibility Resources and Service, said there are many unknown factors related to changing the accessibility signs, including the costs or timeline of the project. She said it would be a gradual project.

"We are talking about signs in every academic building, in every residential building," Bailey said. "We are talking about handicapped parking spots. We are talking about a



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(From left) Students Mark Ellard, Marie Payne and Chris Corsi stood in the Pit on Thursday, trying to gain signatures in order to change accessibility signs on campus to a more active looking sign.

number of different things, so I don't know the cost of it."

Despite all the difficulties, the committee still wants to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for people with disabilities. "Everyone has ability,"

Emory said. "Everyone brings something to the table, no matter, you know, race, gender, whether you get handicapped, whether it's a cognitive disabilities, physical disabilities, you know ... We are all equal as human beings

and, you know, this is just a way for us to enhance our equalities here at UNC and build on the message that our University has done a great job."

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Third rabies case reminds pet owners to vaccinate

A rabid skunk gave an Orange County resident and her dog a scare.

By Kaia Findlay
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It all happened in a blur.

Susan Gladin entered her yard in rural Orange County Monday to see her dog playing with a skunk. At first she thought it was cute, beautiful even, and snapped a picture of it. Then she called her dog and stepped off the porch. That's when the skunk attacked.

"I'm a very experienced animal person and I was just blindsided by how quickly the thing moved," she said.

The skunk scratched Gladin on the ankle, so she called 911. They put her through to Orange County Animal Services, who brought the animal to their lab. The skunk tested

positive for rabies — the third positive test case this year.

Seeing this third case isn't cause for alarm, said Orange County Community Relations Director Todd McGee. Instead, it provides an opportunity for education and awareness in the community about rabies, vaccinations and what to do after an encounter with a rabid animal.

Rabies affects the nervous system and gets transmitted through saliva or contact with nervous system tissue. In the southeastern United States, raccoons act as the host animal for the rabies virus. Other animals that contract the disease get infected due to scratches or bites from an infected host.

The number of rabies cases ebbs and flows, said Bob Marotto, director of Animal Services.

The lab saw six positive cases in 2016 and 10 positives in 2015. These

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Candidates react to election freeze

Candidates for student body president have not been able to campaign.

By Celia McRae
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With an injunction on student body presidential elections, candidates have had to adjust their strategies.

The freeze will end Thursday at 5 p.m. when the UNC Board of Elections announces which candidates received the required 1,250 signatures.

Candidate Elizabeth Adkins said the hold on campaigning has given her team the chance to take a deep breath, catch up on school work and prepare to campaign again.

"For us, the break — it's been interesting to say the least, but I think that this hold has been beneficial for all of us," she said.

"Everything was very crazy there for a period of time, and very hectic."

Another candidate, Maurice

Grier, said he has also used the time to focus on school.

"The majority of the time, I've advised my team to kind of use it to focus on schoolwork, make sure that grades are good and that we're not falling behind on the number one priority, which is our education," Grier said.

Travis Broadhurst, another candidate, said the hold has been positive in that it allows for a break from the time-consuming campaigning.

"Particularly for our campaign, the freeze has kind of been a good thing," he said. "Running a campaign is a great experience, but it really takes a toll on your grades. I've been able to catch a break on that, and I think the rest of my team has too."

Adkins said her team is excited to start campaigning again on Thursday.

"We were going very hard and, you know, everyone was hitting the ground and then we kind of just had to stop because the injunction was in place," she said.

"So we've all been kind of waiting

"Everything was very crazy there for a period of time, and very hectic."

Elizabeth Adkins
Candidate for student body president

around, but we're very excited to be able to get back started tomorrow and get the ball rolling and start talking debates and, you know, talking to voters and things of that nature to get ready for the election next week."

Broadhurst said he is happy with the way the election process has worked, and that the hold was not a bad thing.

"I think although many people see it in a negative way, there is a positive side to it," he said. "I think the fact that since the (Student) Code is being enforced, and being enforced on all candidates, it really adds a sense of efficacy to the process."

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“As it turns out, I am perfect just the way I am.”

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Students create storytelling podcast

By Kaitlyn Green
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Humans have been telling stories for thousands of years, constantly passing down tales to the next generation. A few UNC students are channeling this timeless power of storytelling into their new literary podcast, Mnemosyne. Sophomores India Mackinson, Erin Scannell and Kieran Hodnett came up with the idea last semester, wanting a new platform for creative writers on campus to showcase their work. “We really want it to be an outlet for UNC students who may not necessarily be majoring in literature or English to give their stories,” Hodnett said. “Everyone is really interested and has their own tales to tell.” Scannell wanted to give the podcast a name related to nonfiction — Mnemosyne was the Greek goddess of

memory, and was believed to be the inventress of speech and writings. Mackinson said she loves creative writing and felt compelled to start a new creative platform due to the exclusive nature of some of the big student literary and art publications on campus. She said they can be difficult to become involved with, and hopes Mnemosyne will provide a more accessible outlet for creative students. “We wanted to make a place where it’s easy to get on and just share what you’re doing,” Mackinson said. “We just wanted an extra place for creative writers to showcase their work.” The group said they’re hoping students will submit nonfiction pieces, spoken word and memoirs to Mnemosyne. They are currently looking for serious or entertaining nonfiction pieces, but said they might like to showcase

some fiction in the future. The theme for the upcoming podcast is “Strangers.” Students are encouraged to submit writings about their interactions with strangers, or their own personal interpretation of what the word “stranger” could mean. Once Mnemosyne is running, the students hope to come out with an episode every month, hopefully building up to one or two episodes a week. They hope for the first episode to come out in March. The deadline for student submissions for the March podcast is March 1. Scannell said she thinks storytelling has the power to create bonds through the sharing of common human experiences. She hopes Mnemosyne will help foster this connection on campus and encourage students to share these experiences.

“Storytelling is a means of connection,” Scannell said. “I think it’d be great if the podcast contributed to that on this campus, and just

acknowledging how cool and complex everyone’s lives are around us.” @kaitlymbgreen swerve@dailytarheel.com

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- Someone reported trespassing at The Library on the 100 block of East Franklin Street at 1:09 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported an abandoned vehicle on US 15-501 South and Fordham Boulevard at 9:27 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported damage to property on the 3000 block of Environ Way at 12:48 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
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Town talk: Whose line is it anyway?

The line between Carrboro and Chapel Hill meanders

By Lauren Talley
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Many local residents walk their dogs and ride their bikes without knowing if they are in Chapel Hill or Carrboro.

“I’m not too positive where one begins and the other ends, but I think I would be exiting Chapel Hill once I reach Papa Johns on Franklin,” UNC senior Deonta Woods said.

Serena Singh, a first-year and member of UNC’s marathon team, often runs between the two towns, but said if she wasn’t a member of the marathon team, she really wouldn’t know where the border is.

“When I’m running down Rosemary Street, if I keep going onto East Weaver Street and onto North Greensboro Street, then I know I’m entering the Carrboro area,” Singh said. “Oftentimes, though, I only know I’m in Carrboro if buildings around me have signs with the word ‘Carrboro’ in it.”

Although the two towns sometimes appear connected, there is a definitive, legal boundary between them.

“The jurisdictional boundary as well as the extra-territorial jurisdiction (between Chapel Hill and Carrboro) is clearly demarcated,” said Nikhil Kaza, professor in UNC’s Department of City and Regional Planning.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Bethany Chaney said the line between the two meanders a little bit. It’s not just one simple straight line from the northern part to the southern part of the town.

“If you were just talking about downtown, it would be about where Merritt Mill Road is and it goes through the Northside neighborhood and it sort of curves around certain parts of neighborhoods, so it gets a little messy,” Chaney said.

“We’re not neatly divided by Merritt Mill Road either — between Crook’s Corner and St. Paul AME church, St. Paul actually straddles the line.”

There are also signs on Estes Drive and on Homestead Road marking the line dividing the two towns as well as a big, swirly Carrboro sign on the corner of Merritt Mill Road next to St. Paul AME Church.

Singh said she likes how the two towns flow together, but it’d be nice if there was more distinction.



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The boundary line separating Chapel Hill and Carrboro is not entirely clear, though there are a few city limit signs.

“Chapel Hill and Carrboro work great together, but it’d be nice to be able to tell them apart because they are different places with their own qualities that draw people in to visit both,” she said.

Chaney said the closeness of the towns wasn’t intentional and that Carrboro actually

used to be considered rural.

She said the downtown part of Carrboro didn’t always reach the Chapel Hill border.

“The two towns just began to grow together; it’s not that they were built right next to each other with a boundary, but more so that the two towns grew toward each

other,” Chaney said. “As we built more roads and neighborhoods and streets and such it just turned out that they began to touch over time.”

Chaney said every so often the thought comes up to merge the two municipalities, but Carrboro isn’t interested.

“We like the seamless,

being able to walk from Carrboro to Chapel Hill and the other way around, and we like how the town cultures vary,” Chaney said. “It’s unique enough and it makes sense to keep our small town a small town.”

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Roe v. Wade plaintiff dies, leaves complicated legacy

Norma McCorvey was a symbol for both pro- and anti-abortion groups.

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Dubbed “Jane Roe,” Norma McCorvey gained notoriety as the anonymous plaintiff in the 1973 decision which legalized abortion — but she became symbolically important to both pro-abortion rights and anti-abortion groups in the next decades.

McCorvey, the plaintiff in the landmark Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade, died of heart failure Saturday in Katy, Texas at 69.

Out of the public eye until the early 1980s, she advocated for pro-abortion rights causes and began to talk to news media. But after two religious conversions, she became a fervent opponent of abortion rights, said Rebecca Kreitzer, a professor of public policy at UNC.

“She played an important role in that she was a rallying point and a significant figure for people on the right, but she was really vilified by those same people at earlier points in her life,” Kreitzer said.

Some historians think McCorvey might have condemned abortion in order to gain acceptance from conservatives, she said.

“Other people might say that’s a cynical take on what happened,” she said. “Some say she had a conversion, and that pro-life people in the movement were people who accepted her.”

Austin Anthis, a senior at Duke University who opposes abortion, said McCorvey’s story bridges the two movements.

“Her legacy can cause both sides to empathize with the other side,” he said. “So hers is a really unique story in a way but also representative of the complex issue of abortion in America.”

Lisa Levenstein, a history professor at UNC-Greensboro, said in an email that McCorvey’s story is not representative of most women who have legal abortions.

“The vast majority of people who have abortions do not regret them and remain pro-choice,” she said. “That doesn’t mean it’s an easy decision, but her situation definitely isn’t typical.”

Overall public opinion on legal abortion has remained relatively consistent since the 1960s, she said.

Kreitzer said a large majority of Americans support access to abortion in cases of protecting the life of the mother, rape or incest. But support dramatically decreases if motivations for the abortion are economic or due to preference.

“The reality is that far more

women have abortions because of economic reasons than the number of women who have an abortion because of rape or incest,” she said. “But if you look at public opinion, (support for abortion) is very susceptible to the way you word the question.”

Anthis said he hopes the new administration will propose limits on abortion rights.

“Having a Republican majority in both houses of Congress and a Republican president gives me some hope,” he said. “But I’m not super confident about what President (Donald) Trump himself will do. It seems lower on his priority list, and he’s made pro-choice comments in the past.”

Levenstein said anti-abortion strategists have tried to circumvent Roe v. Wade to find alternative ways to restrict access to abortion.

“Legislative action undermining Roe began almost immediately after Roe passed in 1973,” Levenstein said. “In 1976, Congress passed the Hyde Amendment, which made it illegal to use federal monies to fund abortions. This meant that poor women who depended on Medicaid could not get their abortions paid for, essentially robbing them of the ‘right to choose.’”

It’s increasingly difficult to get an abortion in states like North Carolina, especially for women without financial resources, she said.



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Norma McCorvey (left), the plaintiff of Roe v. Wade, died at age 69. Here, McCorvey (Jane Roe) and her lawyer stand on the steps of the Supreme Court in 1989.

“States like (North Carolina) have also given government money to fund Crisis Pregnancy Centers, (which) are not staffed by medical personnel,” she said. “The people who work at CPCs try to convince pregnant women not to get abortions.”

Kreitzer said ultimately McCorvey was a complicated woman, and her prominence in both movements

waxed and waned over time. “I think she was more of a symbol to the pro-life movement than to the pro-choice movement,” she said. “I’m not sure she converted anybody to change their mind about any issues, but she rallied people around viewpoints they already had.”

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Phones abuzz with sexual health

Initiatives from SHIFT NC aim to educate youth through texts.

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BrdsNBz, a North Carolina-based text message service, provides teenagers with a private and credible source of sexual health information.

Sexual Health Initiatives for Teens in North Carolina, the nonprofit which offers BrdsNBz, announced earlier this month that its services would expand to cater to an older population.

Xs N Os, the new initiative, is being piloted in northeastern Florida among 19-24 year-olds, SHIFT NC said in a press release.

“Xs N Os has the same easy-to-use format and benefits of BrdsNBz but will have a slightly older feel for ‘older’ young adults,” the press release said.

Kennon Jackson Jr., director of technology for SHIFT NC and the project manager for BrdsNBz said the programs continue to evolve as new areas of interest like sexuality become more mainstream.

“Relationships and development and sexuality are very fluid, and so we’re finding that there are a lot more questions around those domains than

when we started the service around sex, pregnancy and contraception,” Jackson said.

Jackson said the text services function much like a normal call center.

“There’s a very small group of us, with probably about collectively anywhere from 60 to 80 years of experience in adolescent sexual health and working directly with adolescents,” he said.

A teenager who has opted into the service can text the designated number any question relating to sexual health, and one of the health professionals on Jackson’s team will respond within 24 hours — though Jackson said responses are often almost instantaneous.

“Depending on the nature of the question, we will loop them back either to a parent or a trusted adult, if that is required,” Jackson said. “But we also then can make referrals so that if someone feels like they need to get tested, whether it’s an STD, or pregnancy or if they want information on contraception, we can loop them back around to a local resource.”

BrdsNBz has been asked over 8,000 questions since its inception in 2009, and the service has since expanded to seven additional states, Jackson said.

Jessica Willoughby, an assistant professor of health communication at Washington State

University, wrote her dissertation at UNC on research she did promoting BrdsNBz to adolescents in 2013.

“I recognized what a great opportunity it was to work on a project that had a real impact on young people’s lives,” she said.

She conducted interviews and focus groups with teenagers before creating a campaign to market BrdsNBz directly to adolescents in schools.

“We had to find out what teens liked about the service, what they thought was interesting and if our messages were good,” Willoughby said.

She continues to collaborate with Jackson, and they are hoping to conduct an analysis of all the data collected by the program.

Jackson said while SHIFT NC was already gathering feedback from parents, legislators and health educators about how to better educate adolescents on sexual health, the nonprofit felt an important voice was missing — the teenagers themselves.

“Our thought was we need information from adolescents to help guide what we provide as programming to our health educators and information to our legislators and information to our statewide partners, so let’s talk to them and see what their questions are,” he said.

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Homestead pool still closed

Town officials aren’t sure when the pool will open.

By Sarah Cheek
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The Homestead Aquatic Center will remain closed while continuing to search for the water leak that has prevented guests from using the pool since Jan. 17.

“We have not been able to locate the leak, and it’s not because of the lack of trying with two consultants,” said Jim Orr, director of the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department.

“We’re just going through the possible options and at this point we have not isolated the leak.”

The closure was originally expected to last two to three weeks but is now extending past the original deadline. The leak is the largest the pool has ever had.

The leak was found after the Homestead Aquatic Center’s water bill was significantly higher in November.

According to a Jan. 27 press release, the pool was scheduled to reopen in mid-February after the delays, but the Feb. 17 press release now says there is no definite schedule for the reopening.

Michael Linnane, a community user of the pool, said he uses Homestead Aquatic Center because of its convenience and price.

He typically swims there three times per week.

“Since it closed, because of the schedules of the community center pool, I haven’t been able to do my swim at all, basically,” he said.

Homestead pool users have been able to use their community pass at other

pools during the temporary closure, including the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, the UNC Campus Recreation Bowman Gray Memorial Pool, Hollow Rock Racquet and Swim Club and the Orange County Sportsplex.

Orr said the center has not received a lot of complaints from the community other than people asking when the pool will reopen.

No one from the aquatic center was available for comment.

According to a Feb. 17 statement from the Town of Chapel Hill, several areas of concern were identified and necessary repairs were made, though the water loss in the lap pool has not completely stopped.

Greg Lee, spokesperson for the YMCA of the Triangle, said Homestead Pool has not reached out about how much longer the repair will take, but the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA is happy to support Homestead swimmers as long as it is necessary.

“We are fortunate that we’ve got the opportunity to share the space when needed and it hasn’t affected our members’ ability to use the pool at all,” Lee said.

Lee said that Homestead Aquatic Center has always supported the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA during their pool closures and that it has fostered a good relationship between the two pools.

“We are always happy to support the Homestead Aquatic Center and the Recreation Department in Chapel Hill when they are doing work on their pools and welcome their swimmers as our guests,” he said.

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Chancellor's response lands on campus fliers

The fliers were put near other anti-Trump materials.

By Sofia Edelman
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Fliers with quotes from Chancellor Carol Folt, images of a pig in a police hat and warnings of Nazi propaganda were put up around the quad area — some seemingly in response to a statement made by Chancellor Carol Folt regarding previous anti-fascist fliers.

The new fliers included warnings to wear gloves while taking down or covering up Nazi propaganda, a statement that “Democrats will not save us,” and a quote taken from Folt’s email response commenting on the anti-fascist fliers placed under an image of a pig in a police hat.

First-year Georgia Cassidy said quoting Folt near a picture of a pig was wrong.

“I think it makes sense for a chancellor to say that shouldn’t be posted because it is promoting hurting people and violence,” Cassidy said. “But at the same time, people are just trying to strongly voice their opinions, so there is a reason for it, but probably not on a campus.”

Unlike Cassidy, senior Hollie Shelton thought the fliers were appropriate for a college campus. She said it is important for these issues to be visible.

“I think people should see that these opinions are out there and that people do feel this way,” Shelton said.

In a statement, University spokesperson Joanne Peters said Folt’s email response to the anti-fascist fliers last Thursday was in line with their prior approaches to these situations



Fliers around campus quoted Chancellor Carol Folt below an image of a pig. The quote came from Folt’s response to another set of fliers, which she said incited violence.

“I think people should see that these opinions are out there ...”
Hollie Shelton
Senior

— creating a response that is appropriate for the event.

“To be clear, Chancellor Folt tries to treat all students with the same compassionate approach,” Peters said in the statement. “We always support free speech on this campus, even when we find those views objectionable. However, in the instance of the flyer, there was a threat of a specific form of violence to members of our community and it was our responsibility to make clear that we do not tolerate violence at Carolina.”

Shelton said she thought

the pig flier was childish, but as long as no violence occurs, she said everyone should be able to voice their opinion.

“People put up anti-Semitic things, people put up things challenging that, I mean, from both sides it happens,” she said. “I’m not saying it’s necessarily right or wrong either way, people just do have the right to do that as long as they are not actually harming someone.”

Junior Tavares Bush said he was shocked by the first flier, which he saw on Twitter. As for the subsequent fliers, he said he didn’t think they

were appropriate.

“I didn’t think it was really appropriate just because the Chancellor is such a great figure at this University, and even if you disagree with her, it’s just kind of, I’m not sure if you should basically put that quote on that type of picture,” he said.

He said the posters, which he considers protected by free speech, do serve a purpose in today’s political climate.

“It doesn’t matter what side of the court you are, I think (for) both it’s going to make a difference. I’m the type of person that literally enjoys hearing both sides and then making opinions,” he said. “I’m always saying I like to see stuff like this, but at least they have an opinion about something.”

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‘A story of people who remained’

By Cy Neff
Staff Writer

Duke professor emeritus Sydney Nathans’s book, “A Mind to Stay: White Plantation, Black Homeland” chronicles the story of the Hargress family’s unlikely centuries-long ownership of a property in cotton-country Alabama.

Nathans gave a talk on Wednesday that touched on black settlement in the South and the legacy of slavery.

Nathans said the Hargress family came to own the property under an unusual set of circumstances. Sent westward in 1844 by slave-owner Paul Cameron, of the Cameron family after which Cameron Avenue is named, the Hargress family was able to buy the property from Cameron after emancipation.

“As one descendant put it, ‘The Camerons stole your labor, but they kept you together,’” Nathans said.

The family has held onto the property in the century and a half since, which is different from the predominant narrative of black settlement after the Civil War.

“A Mind to Stay,” is, instead, a story of people who remained on the land, and in fact the very plantation in western Alabama in which their forebears were enslaved,” Nathans said. “It’s an account of what it took for them to acquire land, and how and why they held onto it.”

The story held personal significance for some of the audience members.

“I was inspired by some of the parallels within my own family history back in Georgia, because the land-

owners who my great-grandfather worked for, he worked to gain that land back as a sharecropper,” sophomore and sociology and African, African American and diaspora studies major Miriam Madison said. “And to this day we still have that land in our family.”

Nathans worked on the project for 40 years, taking trips to the property near Greensboro, Alabama and commuting to UNC’s libraries while teaching as a professor at Duke.

“Between Duke and the University of North Carolina, the Southern Historical Collection, you have the two greatest treasure chests of Southern history in the world,” Nathans said. “When I first started teaching there was only one traffic light between here and Durham.”

Nathans said as the years went on, he delved deeper into oral histories and old documents, from slave transcripts to interviews with members of the Hargress family on their cabin’s back porch in Alabama.

Research manager at Northwestern University Parks Dunlap said they were interested in the narrative and research methods.

“I think that any work that an academic can put towards, specifically white academics, towards prioritizing voices of color is incredibly compelling and necessary,” Dunlap said. “So I thought that the fact that there was so much focus on storytelling and reiterating direct quotes and talking about the primary documents, that was very compelling.”

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 -- Collaborate with teams over the next two days. Share what you're learning. Discuss what's needed to get the job done. Find resources and solutions in your circles.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 -- Take on new responsibility today and tomorrow. Forge ahead with new energy. Talk about what you'd like to create. Craft your communications with care to win.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 7 -- Investigate possibilities and discuss plans and itineraries over the next few days. Travel opportunities arise in conversation. Make promises for what you will accomplish.

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 -- Talk to your partner today and tomorrow. Invent how you'd like things to go. Determine milestones, and who will do what. Solutions arise in conversation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 -- Get physical today and tomorrow. Make promises and pledges regarding your health, fitness and work. Discipline with communications produces results.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 -- Relax and play with family and friends today and tomorrow. Discuss the finer points of the game. Practice your favorite activities with your favorite people.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 6 -- Discuss changes you'd like to make at home with your family through tomorrow. Fantasize together, and develop the ideas with most votes. Increase beauty and comfort. Don't forget to pamper yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 -- Discipline with communications pays off in multiple ways over the next few days. Get creative, and craft a persuasive pitch. Go public with recent research.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 9 -- Your morale gets a boost along with your wallet over the next two days. Now you're cooking! Negotiate deals, deliver services and goods, and send invoices.

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Today is a 9 -- You're even more powerful than usual for the next two days. Prepare to launch. Talk about personal dreams and passions. Make plans and promises. Be unexpectedly kind.

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RABIES

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totals are a significant decline from the 23 laboratory-positive cases in 2014.

The fluctuations are a result of changes in the racoon population and therefore the genetic diversity, Marotto said. Changes in diversity include changes in the number of traits governing sufficient immunity to

diseases like rabies.

Marotto said monitoring pets outside and getting them vaccinated will help with any size population of rabies-positive animals.

Animal Services requires rabies vaccinations for pets aged 4 months and older. The center offers \$10 vaccinations at clinics throughout the year.

“We usually provide more than 1,000 vaccinations to dogs and cats through those

clinics,” Marotto said.

If a vaccinated pet interacts with a potentially rabid animal, it receives a booster shot and is quarantined from other animals. In the same situation, an unvaccinated pet must be quarantined for four months or euthanized.

Humans who think they’ve been exposed to rabies should call 911. Seeing a bat flying around the house or shooting a wild animal can indicate

exposure. Taking action is key, for though symptoms only show after three to eight weeks, the first preventative shot must be taken within 48 hours of exposure.

Gladin said she was pleased with the immediacy and thoroughness of the response she got from Animal Services and the Orange County Health Department. After the incident, her dog, which was

already vaccinated, got a booster shot. Gladin began her own series of shots Tuesday, a treatment called post-exposure prophylaxis.

The Orange County Health Department does not administer the PEP treatment, so patients must go to the emergency room at the hospital.

Stacy Shelp, communications manager of the Orange County Health Department,

said the cost of the treatment depends on a patient’s insurance, but hospitals in the area have programs to help with bills.

Overall, Shelp and Marotto stressed the importance of vaccination to keeping rabies cases at bay in the community.

“It keeps your pets with you,” Shelp said.

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PROTECTIONS

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as a transgender male, said provisions of HB2 have had dangerous and detrimental effects on his environment.

“There is a lot of hatred; there is a lot of bigotry, and it’s generally not safe at all for a transgender person,” he said.

Mather said the law has affected more than his ability to use the bathroom that reflects his gender identity.

“After HB2, there was a definite increase in the amount of hatred and transgender-related bullying that

I experienced and that my friends experienced,” he said.

Lewis said transgender students are vulnerable and that instances of self-harm and suicide could increase as a result of the current political climate.

“The biggest thing that I could wish for people at a community level is to start protecting these students, and a push from the national government would really help to make that happen,” they said.

Wells said people are feeling emboldened to verbally and physically confront people in ways that they didn’t

“Just having trans issues on people’s radar has brought a lot of really intense pushback.”

Brennan Lewis
UNC-CH sophomore

before the law was passed.

“I think it’s a larger message about who is valued, who is welcome, who is included, whose life matters, whose safety matters, whose security matters,” Wells said.

The Obama administration previously issued executive orders requiring any company doing business with the federal government to abide by nondiscrimination measures.

Gilreath said Trump has said he has no intention of repealing those orders, despite what the media says.

“Now the question is, will, at some point in the future, he decide he’s changed his mind and those kinds of orders should be repealed,” Gilreath said.

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DELAY

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Grier said the complications with the elections and the way that candidates have been running their campaign has proven why he decided to run and what he is running against.

“There’s been a lot of dishonesty and ambiguity with what’s been going on,” Grier said, “and as an outsider, as a candidate that’s running who hasn’t been a part of student government in the past year, it’s been very difficult to navigate — especially when I’m given misinformation and I’m kind of kept out of the loop, and then in addition to that, just noticing all the politics that are being played.”

Grier said he has been disappointed in the way that student government has been run, especially in regards to the recent hearings and injunction.

“The entire hold has been about (Joe Nail), so for two and a half weeks, if that were

“Particularly for our campaign, the freeze has kind of been a good thing.”

Travis Broadhurst
Candidate for student body president

me, this wouldn’t be the case — like I would have been disqualified and they would have moved forward with or without me,” Grier said. “So that just goes to show the elitism that we have in student government and it goes to show the privileges that a lot of people have.”

Broadhurst said student government has tried to abide by Title VI, the election regulations, and hopes they can just have a fair election.

“I mean, we’re all running to make Carolina a better place,” he said, “so the sooner we can get to that, the better.”

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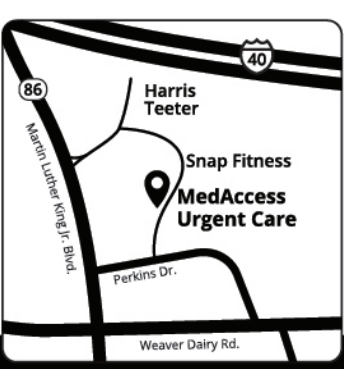
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1 Oldest U.S. capital

8 Spade creator

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17 Is serious

18 Impulse conductors

19 Much toothpaste

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22 Letter between November and Papa

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26 Indy-winning family name

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29 66, e.g.: Abbr.

30 Metaphor for jobs

31 Lav, in London

32 Singer Kitt

36 "... quit!"

37 Kind of bath

39 "Just like that!"

40 Sign-off words

42 Director Lupino

43 Corny state?

44 MSN, for one

45 "I'm good"

47 Jazzy Jones

50 Miracle Mets manager

51 Frozen fruit-flavored drinks

52 Slanted piece

53 Sounds at spas

54 2017 Rock

and Roll Hall of Fame inductee

55 Enchant

57 Blog comment format usually interpreted as the word spelled by eight aptly circled puzzle letters

61 Norse explorer

62 Daughter of Agamemnon

63 End of a baseball game, usually

64 Like siblings

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1 Adams

2 "Who ___ you kidding?"

3 Actress Vardalos

4 Polynesian archipelago natives

5 State as fact

6 Impede, as a plot

7 Guinness suffix

8 ___ Her Way

9 "A Clockwork Orange" narrator

10 2015 Big Ten champs: Abbr.

11 Siren's victim

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13 Faint trace

14 Trademarked weapon

20 One-piece beachwear

22 Former #1 golfer

Lorena who hosts an annual Guadalajara LPGA event

23 Heads up

24 Adorable one

25 Screen ___

26 Four Corners state

28 Openly enjoy, as soup

29 Convened again

33 Rib eye alternative

34 Ethan of "Boyhood"

35 Gather up

37 John who composed the "NBA on NBC" theme song

38 Much-followed star

41 Gorge crosser

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46 Early Jewish scholar

47 116-year-old prize

48 Philip Glass' "Einstein on the Beach," e.g.

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Column, columns, art and the NEA

The genesis of my love for studying art can be traced pretty concretely, in my mind, to a moment during my senior year of high school. We were learning about classical column styles in my art history class — Ionic, Doric, Corinthian. As I was driving through D.C. the following weekend with my family, I glanced at the Supreme Court building and was shocked to discover that I recognized the elaborately designed, carefully fluted pillars adorning its front. I started babbling about Corinthian column and how the levels on the Colosseum had pillars of varying intricacy and why that was significant and how amazing it was, honestly, that the Colosseum was still standing 2000 years later? My family was confused — I was enraptured. For the first time, I felt ownership of the seemingly archaic and obscure architecture that characterized the city around me. Studying the history and iconography of art was, suddenly, a game — cracking a secret code that I hadn't previously known existed. It imbued everyday structures with meanings that I could now decipher.

Visual cues abound in daily life, and visual literacy changed the way I experienced said daily life. This isn't meant as a love letter to art history. It's about the importance of art as a subject, as a means of discovery and in a more nuanced and poignant way, the details of the world around us. Every person deserves to experience a similar moment of awe and ownership and understanding — to feel in tune, if only momentarily, with the visions of fellow humans both modern and ancient. Art, in all its forms, can seem unnecessary. It's not. I can say that with certainty. It might not be entirely necessary, in strictly pragmatic terms, but it is, I believe, utterly essential. The existence of the National Endowment for the Arts shouldn't be up for debate, especially when the proposed cut — a package deal including the Corporation for Public Broadcasting — constitutes 0.0625 percent of the federal budget. Side note about the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which partially funds PBS: I didn't have cable as a child, presumably because my parents hated me. What I did have was a plethora of subversively educational programming through PBS Kids. I learned fractions and decimals from Cyberchase, basic reading skills from Reading Rainbow and the joys of travel from Postcards from Buster. A world without PBS Kids is not one I particularly want to witness. Programs like NPR and PBS — democratized education programs that educate for the sake of education— should not be up for debate. National Endowment for the Arts-funded arts education programs, which strive to establish a creative, imaginative education system, should not be up for debate. Now, more than ever, when citizens are feeling disempowered and frustrated and confused, art, along with the federal programs that support its existence and production, must be readily available as a creative outlet.

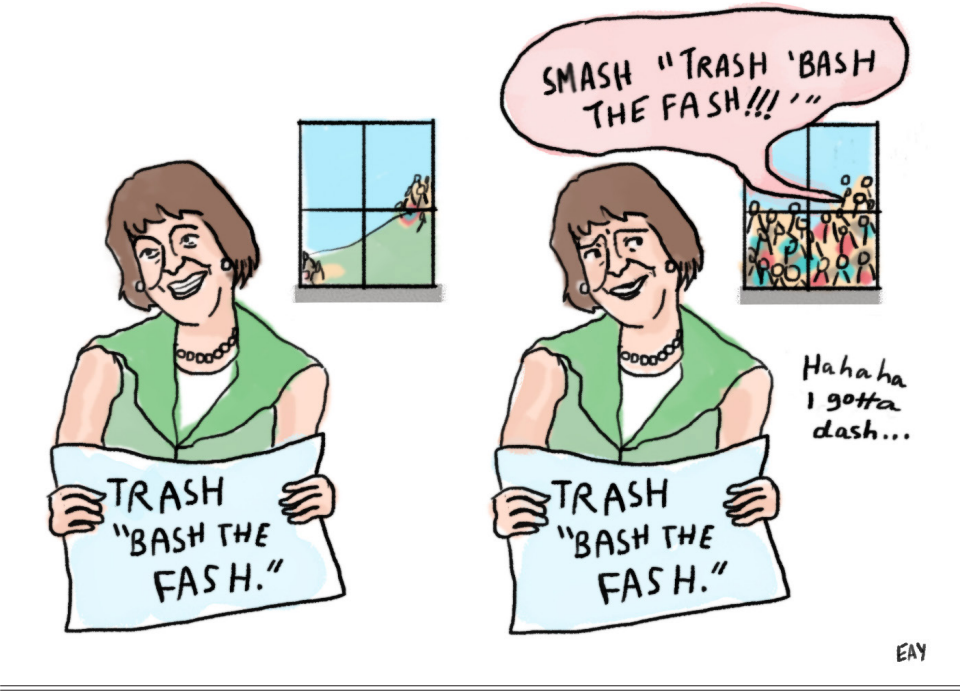
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EDITORIAL

College: a struggle

We generally love college, but not at this moment.

You can be anything you want to be when you grow up,” we declare to children as they enter kindergarten. What we forget to mention is you can be anything you want to be as long as you spend at least four years at an institution of higher learning competing with those around you in terms of who is the most stressed, who can consume the most caffeine in a 24-hour period and who attends the most prestigious of universities.

If you don't go to college, many teachers would say, you will end up without money and depressed. To the wide-eyed youngster we convey the message that they can be an astronaut, but that'll be four years in physics classrooms to start. Or they could be a princess, but they can't be a successful one without (at least) a bachelor's degree in How To Wear a Crown. There's only one route to success: elementary school, middle school, high school, college — wait, and don't forget graduate school. Don't think you're done being rejected from universities

after high school. You get to go through the pain all over again. If you're not on the way to putting a Dr. in front of your name and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a piece of paper — what's the point? It isn't until after nearly two decades in school that you are fully capable of being a living, breathing, productive, decent human being. Now you have to make those big bucks, and as we all know, money makes you happier than anything else in life. Hold up, you're still not done. Cheers to the next 30 years of paying off student loans.

EDITORIAL

Help at home

Consider spending your money to help organizations here.

Donations give organizations the financial resources to survive and operate. While giving money should never be the only form of activism one takes, it certainly is helpful. As of late, we've seen a rise in donations to national organizations like Planned Parenthood and the ACLU — which is great. Yet there are plenty of local organizations that need your help, too. Here are a few of the local advocacy groups we think do great work: The Orange County

Rape Crisis Center offers therapy and support to survivors of sexual violence. Donations go to helping pay for community education programs, keeping a 24-hour hotline open and providing resources for Spanish-speaking community members. Maybe now more than ever, the Refugee Community Partnership needs community support. Located in Carrboro, the RCP helps refugees transition into American society through educational events and local support. Donations help keep the RCP operating and expanding its capacity for helping families. Paws4Ever helps

Triangle area people find their new furry best friends. They help cats and dogs find safe homes where they will be loved and looked after. Donations go to the medical costs of getting animals ready to be adopted. TABLE strives to make sure no child goes hungry in the Chapel Hill area. While many kids are fed during school hours, TABLE makes sure they are fed on weekends and the summer. Donations go mostly to providing food, but also to support educational opportunities. These are just a few places to consider donating. Together, we can afford a better local community.

QuickHits

Please stop

Is the student body president election drama over? Or is it just beginning? Like, we want to write something snarky about it, but we don't know what the heck is going on anymore. All we know is that the pettiness makes all of us look bad. At least our "student leaders" do represent how trash we can be at times.

A kinder trash talk

March Madness is coming up, and we dedicate this up thumb to all the people who do trash talk well. Insulting people, the academics and other non-athletic parts of a rival university is just wrong. There is plenty to hate about Duke or State without hurting fellow college kids. Please trash talk — just be kind, too.

Conspiracy theory

It is time we expose something we have long believed to be true — professors are working together to make sure all tests and due dates happen on the same day. We have no actual proof for this claim, but it might be true. To any faculty claiming this isn't true, well, I guess we just have alternative facts.

Praise Overheard

Citizen journalism sometimes gets a bad reputation. But here at UNC, the Overheard Facebook page almost works as a news outlet. While we still have a bias toward the DTH, we think it is super cool that people use Overheard to inform others. Great work, Tar Heels. P.S. Overheard sometimes makes our jobs a lot easier.

1984

As of late, we now have a system of "see something, say something" on campus. You know, every college student LOVES calling the police. Maybe we should go a step further. If you see an anti-fascist flier just skip the police and call N.C. Rep. Tim Moore's office. He seems to be calling the shots.

Too warm? Nah

The weather is beautiful outside. On first thought, this seems great. Warm weather 365 days a year! Wait. This is bad. It shouldn't be this warm. It should be cold. Was Al Gore right? Are we going to slowly burn alive in the coffin we currently call earth? It seems likely at this point. Enjoy it while it lasts, friends.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They can enjoy more family time, can coach a Little League baseball team or do volunteer work in community."

Susan Romaine, on the benefits of providing a living wage

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Better idea to get rid of sexism in sports - make all college sports unisex."

Marcedward, on DTH sexist sports coverage

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

affecting them on a personal level.
Kent McKane
NCPIRG

It's on men to learn about consent

TO THE EDITOR:
One in five. Those are the odds of a young woman being sexually assaulted during her four years in college. Less than ten percent of these assaults are reported. Less than one percent of these reports lead to conviction. Yet we wonder why women don't report their assault; reliving the experience painstakingly, only to not see justice. There are no "partisan" sides on this matter; there is simply right and wrong. It is wrong to say that there is not a problem. What's even more inexcusable is to blame the victim in ANY way for what has been done to them. Telling women not to dress a certain way, or drink or go out alone is not going to fix this issue. What is going to solve this atrocity is educating men that "no means no." Educating men that inability to give consent is never consent. Educating men that clothing is not consent; alcohol is not consent; relationship status is not consent. Consent is a clear and conscious "yes." Educating men that without that consent; that uninfluenced, unforced, unimpaired "yes": proceeding is a crime. It's time to end blaming the victim. It's time to end "boys will be boys." It's time to fight until that one in five becomes zero. And, men, Joe Biden is right: It's on us.

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HKonJ showed strength in numbers

TO THE EDITOR:
I was proud of my home state of North Carolina after reading about the record attendance for the HKonJ. The diversity of the advocacy groups in attendance speaks of how power lies in numbers. Positive change can only be accomplished when it is initiated multilaterally. Advocates for keeping mental illness care in the Affordable Care Act walked alongside pro-immigration supporters, showing how groups with distinct political goals can promote their causes to a wide range of people at the same platform. More so than recent years, the actions of the current administration have had a tangible impact on citizens, pushing them to march for their interests more than ever. The record crowds at the march reveal an increased sense of civic duty among the citizens of North Carolina and the rest of the South, which has been lacking in the previous five years. Civic duty is an essential element of a successful democracy because it ensures that citizens are aware of political issues

Competition seeks best senior orator

TO THE EDITOR:
Seniors with speaking skills, pay attention! The Mangum Medal Competition is a historical speech competition for best orator of the senior class, hosted by the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies every spring semester. Started in 1877, this is UNC's oldest Chancellor's Award, given in memory of Willie P. Mangum. The winner will receive the medal and participate in the Chancellor's Award ceremony. This year's competition will be held on March 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the top of New West. This year's prompt is: "The best thing about graduating from the university was that I finally had time to sit on a log and read a good book." — Edward Abbey Has university brought you freedom or constraint? Why? Have you benefitted from either? Please get in contact with the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies before Feb. 26 if you intend on participating: diphil.web.unc.edu/contact

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N.C. voters should determine elections

TO THE EDITOR:
Your readers should know there's a statewide movement afoot — for the voters to determine who controls our elections. The question for readers is: do you agree, or disagree, that North Carolina voters should have a chance to join with the overwhelming national majority who've already approved that: A. Artificial entities such as corporations do not have constitutional rights. B. Money is property — not free speech; it must not be used to determine the outcome of elections. Our intent is to engage enough public support that the legislators in Raleigh will recognize the wisdom in allowing "The People" to vote in November 2018 on a ballot measure. N.C. residents can participate at various levels: (1) Sign a petition: <http://www.ncwethepeople.org/ncwtp-online-petition.php> (2) Send persuasive emails to their legislators (3) Attend press conferences (4) Recruit a favorite nonprofit organization to become a co-sponsor with the current 18 sponsoring groups in our coalition.

Lucy Christopher
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Western North Carolina

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