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Families remember fire after 20 years

The fire at a UNC fraternity house took the lives of five students

Katie Reeder and Felicia Bailey
Senior Writers

On May 12, 1996, a day meant for celebration — graduation, Mother's Day — the Phi Gamma Delta house caught fire after a cigarette was thrown in the garbage.

Benjamin Watson Woodruff, Robert Joshua Weaver, Joanna Howell, Mark Briggs Strickland and Anne McBride Smith — all UNC students — lost their lives in the fire.

Ron Binder, director of Greek Affairs in 1996, got a phone calling telling him there had been a fire at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

"It was just burning up the building so fast there wasn't anything left of the building," he said.

Benjamin Watson Woodruff

Ben Woodruff had just finished his sophomore year, and was set to begin an internship at a Raleigh law office the Monday after the fire.

His parents saw on TV there had been a fire in Chapel Hill. His father, Leon Woodruff, got a call telling him their son was missing and that his car was parked outside the Phi Gamma Delta house. He and his wife, Bonnie Woodruff, got in the car and headed to Chapel Hill.

"I think we both expected what was really happening, but we really didn't discuss it," Leon Woodruff said. "We just dealt with the facts and got there as quickly as we could."

Since his death, his parents have done something to honor his memory every year. This year, they celebrated what would have been his 40th birthday.

"We've got friends from out of state and we've got a big crowd coming to celebrate 20 years of life and 20 years of memories," Bonnie Woodruff said.

Robert Joshua Weaver

Jason Hughes still has the letter Josh Weaver sent introducing himself before they started rooming together.

In the letter, Weaver talked about the music he liked — Pearl Jam, Nirvana and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Hughes said Pearl Jam recently performed near him and he thought about how much Weaver would have enjoyed being there.

"I had hoped in my adult life he and I would've had beers together or he would've come to my wedding or I would've visited him," Hughes said. "I never had that chance, and then I think of all the things he didn't have a chance to do. He didn't get

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2016 graduates turn their tassels



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The class of 2016 was celebrated at the spring commencement ceremony at Kenan Memorial Stadium Sunday morning.

35,000 people attended the ceremony on May 8.

Jamie Gwaltney

Summer University Editor

6,029 students officially became graduates on Sunday in the University's 2016 spring commencement ceremony in front of a packed Kenan Stadium. An estimated 35,000 family members, friends and guests attended the ceremony.

Chancellor Folt opened the ceremony after the graduates, faculty and other guests had proceeded onto the field.

"We're lucky to have a piece of blue heaven with us this morning — the perfect counterpart to the sea of Carolina blue I see on the field," Folt said.

The Class of 1966 also attended the ceremony, celebrating their 50th anniversary of graduating from the University.

"They wore miniskirts and bellbottoms," Folt said. "Percy Sledge's 'When a Man Loves a Woman' was No. 1 on their graduation day."

Folt said the Class of 2016 was special to her because she had spent more time with this

class than any other.

"But I truly feel this year was your greatest. Maybe, among the many great years in our University's long history," Folt said.

Anne-Marie Slaughter, popular author and president and CEO of New America, was the commencement speaker. Using stories about her family, Slaughter spoke about the importance of care and career for both men and women.

"It is time for men in this generation, alongside women as equals, to be bold and to break the mold of traditional expectations for how men should lead their lives, just as we have broken those expectations for how women should lead their lives," Slaughter said.

Slaughter said in her speech people need to care for caregivers and work for equality of all people.

"So some things will always be the same. The sky will always be Carolina blue."

Honorary degrees were given to Sandra Cisneros, Paul Fulton,

Nell Irvin Painter and Sister Helen Prejean — along with Slaughter.

Speakers at the ceremony also included Board of Governors member Ann Maxwell, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees Haywood Cochrane, Chair of the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association Dan Myers and President of the Senior Class Ying Lin.

"Although monumental moments are a way to differentiate our years at Carolina, I realized the biggest celebrations were the day-to-day moments spent with our favorite people," Lin said. "It was enjoying a cherry coke at Suttons with best friends. It was catching up with people in the pit who we haven't seen since freshmen year."

A cappella groups UNC Clef Hangers and UNC Harmonyx closed the ceremony with "Carolina in My Mind" and the alma mater "Hark the Sound."

Along with spring commencement, the University held other events to honor graduates.

The Red, White and Carolina

Blue Graduation distributed red, white and blue cords to military-affiliated graduates.

Carolina Firsts celebrated five first generation graduates with a special diploma signing ceremony with Chancellor Folt.

Folt said many administration members were also first generation college students, such as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp and Provost James Dean.

"We share a lot and in many ways, we're just so proud to see all that you've accomplished," Folt said.

Cyndel Brunell, Heather Fairchild, Mina Fouad, Olivia Erin Horton and Candace Jones were recognized at the Carolina Firsts ceremony for excelling during their time at the University, earning them the William C. Friday Award.

"To me personally, it's just this has been one of my biggest goals, as long as I can remember, is graduating college and this is kind of surreal," Brunell said.

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Primary results could have been fraudulent

The U.S. Department of Elections is investigating the Durham primaries.

By Cole Stanley
State National Editor

When new voter-ID laws caused problems at the polls during North Carolina's March 15 primaries, proponents of the laws defended them by claiming they were enacted to protect against voter fraud. On Thursday, electoral fraud was discovered in at least one location, and it is election officials, rather than voters, who have allegedly skewed the results of Durham's primary elections by misreporting and fabricating final vote counts.

"A few days after our canvass, a temporary staff member asked to speak with me privately. She tearfully told me that when tabulating provisional ballots, she was told by a Board of Elections member to run some ballots a second time to get the ballot count number to match," said Michael Perry, director of the Durham County Board of Elections, in an email.

Other staffers confirmed to Perry that they had been given the same instructions. The ballots were counted again, and hundreds were found to be

missing. When asked, the supervisor said he did not know where the ballots had gone. According to Perry, that supervising staff member handed in his resignation two weeks later.

"The director who did this must be held fully accountable — they must be criminally charged for this. They had a sacred responsibility — they were entrusted with the voice of the people," said Bob Hall, executive director of Democracy NC.

"In order to determine if criminal charges would be appropriate, the Durham Board of Elections will defer to the State Board of Elections, who will investigate the individual responsible, as well as the entire electoral procedure, comprehensively in order to check for further inconsistencies," Perry said.

The Durham BOE said in a statement Thursday, "The State Board of Elections has been conducting an investigation, with which the Durham County Board of Elections has been cooperating fully... The Executive Director of the State Board of Elections, Ms. Kim Strach's likely recommendation will be that the Durham County Board of Elections re-canvass the election results, without including the provisional ballots. This then will allow the State Board of Elections to certify the election results. When the investigation

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Should Jackson leave UNC?



DTH FILE/KENDALL BAGELY

Rising junior Justin Jackson (44) goes up for a rebound in the game against Duke on Wednesday Feb. 17.

The rising junior has until May 25 to pull out of the 2016 NBA draft.

By Jeremy Vernon
Sports Editor

The 2016 NBA Combine begins Thursday in Chicago, and Justin Jackson, a rising junior forward

on the North Carolina men's basketball team, will be among the 70-plus participants to showcase their talents in front of professional coaches and scouts.

On April 22, Jackson, along with rising senior Kennedy Meeks, declared for the NBA draft.

Meeks has already withdrawn from the process, but barring any unforeseen circumstances, Jackson will wait until after the combine to

make his decision.

Tar Heel fans are hopeful that Jackson will follow Meeks' lead and potentially help lead a second-straight Final Four run.

But should he?

The fact he got an invite to the combine shows NBA scouts are interested in what he can do at the next-level. At 6-foot-8, Jackson

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7 Authors You Should Read This Summer

By Sarah McCulla
Blog Writer

It's summer and if you're at all like me, you've grabbed every book that you've ever had an inkling to read and put it in your summer reading stack to digest, eventually. Even if you cringe at the sight of F. Scott Fitzgerald's name because of some distant high school required reading trauma, I implore you to reconsider your gut reaction. "The Great Gatsby" is a personal favorite of mine, and rereading its 180 pages always brings something new to its reader. As one of the greatest

American novels, it'll give you some literary street cred. His novel "This Side of Paradise" was a top seller in the 1920s. Fitzgerald's work is entertaining, not a huge commitment and combine to commemorate the Roaring 20s and the Dirty 30s. Khaled Hosseini has written one of the best works of literary merit in the past century called "The Kite Runner." "The Kite Runner," "A Thousand Splendid Suns" and "The Mountains Echoed" are his three major novels.

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MORE TO SEE ONLINE:

- @UNCPROBLEMS**

Quotes from Kelsey Weekman, the anonymous Twitter personality of UNC problems.

"When I was a first-year, anonymous Twitter accounts ran the world. My idols were UNC problems and UNC Memes."

"I have fought N.C. State fans, created a viral hashtag, complained about campus pests and made gifs of the UNC basketball team."

"Twitter banter begets wonderful things."

DRESS CODE

Summer Fashion 101

It's summer time and the living is easy, am I right? Summer living is often times so easy, stress-free students forget that there are other clothing options outside of their Nike shorts and bathing suits. Dressing for summer weather and summer time activities is fun and super versatile. There are multiple tips and tricks to beat the heat and make the most of your summer wardrobe to fully embody the carefree, flirtatious summer vibes. A classic summer go-to will forever be denim shorts.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

- UNC women's soccer finalizes recruiting class**

The North Carolina women's soccer team have put the finishing touches on their 2016 recruiting class. The Tar Heels signed seven players overall.

Two of the players — defender Taylor Otto and forward Zoe Redei — have been a part of the U.S. National Team system. Otto is slated to compete with the U20 team in the FIFA U20 World Cup later this year.

— staff reports
- Lynch named ACC Pitcher of the Week**

Kendra Lynch, a junior pitcher on the North Carolina softball team, earned her third ACC Pitcher of the Week award on Monday.

In UNC's last series against Georgia Tech, she gave up two earned runs over 21 innings.

— staff reports

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- TODAY**

Developing Leadership Presence (Lecture): In this leadership program, participants will explore and refine their leadership presence so that they can lead more effectively in their organizations.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Rizzo Conference Center

Plants We Eat and Wear! (Lecture): Explore the NC Botanical Garden and the fundamental relationship with plants — the foods we eat and the clothes we wear — through a fascinating history of domestication and international sharing across cultures over the past 15,000 years.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: NC Botanical Garden Education Center
- Overeaters Anonymous Meeting (Organization Event):** Overeaters is a 12-step organization for anyone suffering from compulsive overeating, anorexia, bulimia or any food/eating-related issue. There are five meetings every week in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Binkley Baptist Church
- Fridays on the Front Porch (Community):** The Carolina Inn begins the 14th season of its popular end-of-the-work-week celebration. The Inn offers live music, a picnic menu with beer, wine and drink specials, and plenty of comfortable seating under the shady oaks and magnolias on the Inn's front lawn. There's no cover charge or reservation for the events. The band playing will be Counter Clockwise.

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: The Carolina Inn

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POLICE LOG

- Someone reported the theft of a Honda Pilot on the 300 block of Forbush Mountain Drive between 12:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on May 8, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The car is worth \$18,000, the report states.

Someone broke a window and entered a residence on the 400 block of Englewood Drive at 8:45 a.m. on May 10 and stole six keys worth a total of \$25, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone broke down a door and entered a residence on the 100 block of Stateside Drive at 8:01 p.m. on May 10, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole a computer worth \$900 and jewelry worth \$300, the report states.

Someone reported theft by the employees of a restaurant on the 100 block of N.C.
- 54 between 11 p.m. on May 9 and 10:08 a.m. on May 10, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person stole \$592.50 in cash from the restaurant's safe, the report states.

Someone violated a court order by breaking into and entering a residence on the 300 block of Bolin Forest Drive between 3:45 a.m. and 3:50 a.m. on May 10, according to Carrboro police reports.



The person broke into a shed and used a ladder from the shed to climb onto the roof of the house, the report states.

Someone broke the windshield of a Tar Heel Taxi on the 100 block of Hamilton Road at 2:40 a.m. on May 11, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person was involved in a dispute with their significant other, the report states.

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Music and technology unite at Durham festival



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Yacht performs at 2014's Moogfest in Asheville. The four-day music and technology festival will be held in Durham starting May 19.

Moogfest is a four-day festival coming to Durham May 19 through 22.

By Jenni Ciesielski
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Leave the flower crowns and snapchat filters at home because the upcoming Moogfest will not be a typical music festival — or at least that's how UNC graduate Marisa Brickman sees it.

"The festival scene is getting homogenized and tired — Moogfest is fresh and different unique," said Brickman, who is the Festival Director of Moogfest.

Moogfest is a four-day music and technology festival, which starts May 19. The festival will be an all-day event, with modules and educational conferences during each day and nightly music concerts Thursday through Saturday.

"I'm very interested in where culture, education and music intersect so Moogfest was the perfect calling," Brickman said. "It re-imagines the typical musical festival and daytime tech conferences to create best of both worlds."

The inspiration for this combination

comes from the festival's namesake, Bob Moog. Moog was an engineer who many consider a pioneer in the music synthesizing industry.

Edaan Brook, a member of the Carrboro-based electronic duo Earthly that is performing at Moogfest, said he appreciates the festival's emphasis on technology in music.

"I think it's a festival that's all about innovation and change in music which is pretty cool," Brook said. "It's interesting to see how a bunch of different artists go about their processes."

Brint Hansen, the other half of Earthly, said the innovative nature of Moogfest is one of the main reasons they wanted to perform at the festival.

"People here are really pushing the limits of what sound can do, and how it can be performed," Hansen said. "I think that's a really important thing that isn't usually stressed in a music festival."

Moogfest is being held in Durham for the first time this year after spending the past six years in Asheville, where Moog's music factory is located.

"Asheville is the home of Moogfest, but Durham is known for technology and innovation," Brickman said. "We wanted to capitalize on the media — Moogfest is all about bringing people to explore the intersections of music, technology and education."

Moogfest and Durham also have a similar goal — keeping young people interested in technology, particularly in North Carolina.

"We want to keep these young tech graduates from UNC or Duke in the area, instead of relocating to Silicon Valley," Brickman said. "The more things that exist in the triangle area, the more attractive of a place it is to come."

With over 300 sessions being held, Moogfest will cover a one-mile walking radius of downtown Durham. Although the festival is selling tickets for the daytime conferences and nightly concerts, there will be events open to everybody in the city.

"Nine of our 12 installations are open to the public in which you can make a synthesizer or go to underground conversations," she said. "Hopefully it'll feel like something's happening, and people will feel like we're creating an atmosphere of excitement."

Brickman said although she understands why people are most excited for the nightly concerts, she thinks the daytime conferences will be the most exciting part of Moogfest for many.

"We are into the parties and people will go for the partying, but I also think the day stuff will surprise them and blow their minds."

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Program helps ex-inmates

Project Re-entry teaches job and interview skills.

By Zoe Schaver
City Editor

Charlette Mans grew up in California, where she was an active gang member from a young age. Mans spent a total of 12 years in and out of state and federal prison.

While in prison, she became a participant in a program called Project Re-entry, a unique program in North Carolina prisons that teaches inmates job skills and everyday life management skills to ease their transition back into the working world once they're no longer incarcerated.

Mans now works in Guilford County as an employee of Project Re-entry, which she said changed her life's goals and confidence level for the better.

"The program broke me down to the lowest I can be broken down, and then it built me back up bigger, better, stronger," she said at a presentation for National Reentry Week on April 28 before a crowd of law enforcement officers and criminal justice officials at Silverspot Cinemas in Chapel Hill.

The presentation was part of an effort to recognize North Carolina's achievements toward reducing the rates of recidivism by implementing programs that help rehabilitate, counsel and guide past offenders.

Participants in Project Re-entry, which serves more than 500 inmates each year, undergo a curriculum that includes instruction on topics ranging from healthy interpersonal relationships to job interview practice.

The program also provides support once the participants are released from prison to help them re-integrate into their families and communities and keep from succumbing to emotional and substance abuse issues that may arise.

Donnie Richardson, a Project Re-entry graduate who went to prison as a teenager and was incarcerated for four years, said he was tempted to go back to

dealing drugs when he got out — until he got his first paycheck at the job Project Re-entry helped connect him to.

"My entire life, I had never actually seen a paycheck — the moment I got that first paycheck, I knew I was never going back to jail," Richardson said.

Richardson worked his way up through jobs and now earns \$14 per hour as a lab technician.

"My mom calls me every day now to tell me how proud she is," he said. "She never used to do that before."

Project Re-entry also partners with other programs such as Jobs on the Outside, a service of Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina, Inc. Jobs on the Outside helps people who have been in prison find jobs in a market where finding a job with a criminal record is extremely difficult.

"An important component of that is creating a judgment-free zone that is welcoming of all types of past offenders, including those who were incarcerated for sex crimes or homicide," said Mark Cole, a program manager at Goodwill Industries.

"We tell them, you're going to get a minimum wage job. It doesn't matter. That's not the end of the road. You've got a destiny," Cole said.

"The first thing is believing in yourself. You've got to sell yourself to get a job — but first you've got to believe you have skills."

Cole said Jobs on the Outside places one in three of its clients in a job and has served about 5,000 people in the five years since the program was founded.

Andrew Doll, another Project Re-entry participant, went to prison for embezzling from his place of employment. When he got out, he couldn't find a job.

"I was such a miserable person before I went to prison — when I got back, nobody wanted me. Thank God for the re-entry program. I had a place to stay, I had food to eat, I had clothes," Doll said.

"I had people who cared about me and supported me, not in spite of who I am, but they loved me as I am today,"

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Lacrosse teams prepare for NCAA Tournament

UNC looks to continue season success



DTH FILE/SARAH DWYER

Aly Messinger (27) drives past Duke's Isabelle Montagne (18) and Claire Scarrone (19) on Apr. 23.

By John Bauman
Staff Writer

The North Carolina women's lacrosse team is the undisputed champion of the ACC. They earned that title after an undefeated ACC regular season and a win over Syracuse in the ACC Tournament final on May 1.

Now, UNC has a chance to prove it deserves the title of undisputed NCAA Champion, too.

The journey through the ACC was long and sometimes rocky. The Tar Heels needed two overtimes to beat Virginia on March 12 and one overtime to win the ACC Championship over Syracuse. But despite many close wins, the Tar Heels proved they were the best team in the conference.

North Carolina's only two losses of the season came in non-conference play. Both were by just one goal, but they were still losses.

No. 1 Maryland, No. 2 Florida and No. 3 North Carolina combined to create the top tier in women's lacrosse. But even among the top tier, it is clear Maryland might be a cut above the rest. They

defeated Florida, 14-4, defeated UNC, 8-7 and haven't lost a game yet. They are also the two-time defending NCAA champions.

The good news is the top tier will not meet until the Final Four. If North Carolina can make it there, they would likely play Florida in the national semifinal. Maryland could be waiting in the championship game.

The road to the Final Four isn't easy either. Duke, Louisville and Notre Dame, all in the Tar Heel's section of the bracket, would pose a challenge for UNC. The tournament starts Sunday for the Tar Heels, when they play the winner of Duke and Loyola in the second round.

It remains to be seen, though, if the ACC title will change anything when the time comes to play Florida or Maryland.

North Carolina already proved itself in the conference. Now it's time to see if all the lessons learned will help against tougher opponents in the NCAA Tournament.

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Tar Heels moving forward after tough season



DTH FILE/SARAH DWYER

William McBride (14) gets slashed by a Notre Dame defender on Saturday Apr. 23.

By Jeremy Vernon
Sports Editor

There's a phrase in sports about teams "playing to the level of their competition." The Tar Heels embodied this expression over the course of the 2015-16 season and are hoping this may work in their favor when they start their NCAA Tournament run against No. 6 Marquette on Saturday.

Against some of the best teams in the country, UNC looked like a team worthy of a top-10 ranking. The Tar Heels took down then-No. 8 John Hopkins 15-11 on February 28, battled hard against former No. 1 Denver in an overtime loss on March 5 and defeated top-ranked Notre Dame 17-15 in the final game of the regular season.

But against a few squads it should have probably beaten, North Carolina struggled mightily. A week before the team's win over Johns Hopkins, UNC fell to Hofstra — who finished the previous season 5-9 — by

a score of 10-5.

The Tar Heels then lost an away game to Massachusetts, 14-9. After their big win over UNC, the Minutemen lost five of their final six games.

The Tar Heels will travel to Milwaukee, Wis., to take on Marquette — who won the Big East Tournament on Saturday — in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

If the Tar Heels take down Marquette, a rematch with No. 3 Notre Dame could be in the cards. If UNC wins that game, they would likely play Denver in the semifinal.

Luckily for North Carolina, a handful of the teams it could face in the NCAA Tournament are among the top programs in the country. If the Tar Heels continue to play to the level of their competition, they could end up upsetting a top seed or two on the way to a deep tournament run.

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ArtsCenter takes stand on H.B. 2

In a statement, the organization opposed the new law.

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On May 4, Carrboro's ArtsCenter released a public statement expressing its opposition to House Bill 2. In the statement, the center's Board of Directors called the legislation regressive and unjust and said that they are committed to fighting the bill which they believe goes against their center's mission. "The mission of this organization is around the arts, and the arts are related to the first amendment. We feel very strongly about individual rights as part of what we do every day and we needed to stand up and make a statement defending individual rights," said Daniel Mayer, ArtsCenter's executive director. "Many people have responded to the statement via social media over the past few days," said Patrick Phelps-McKeown, ArtsCenter's marketing director.

"People have been very supportive, very positive. I think people are glad to see businesses and other members of their community taking a very visible stance on it," Phelps-McKeown said. While some artists like Bruce Springsteen have cancelled events to take a stand against House Bill 2, the ArtsCenter has faced no cancellations yet. Instead of protesting, the ArtsCenter is using donations as a way to fight the legislation. It recently has begun selling travel mugs as a way to support those affected by the bill. "Instead of making just ArtsCenter mugs, we made mugs that have a logo that speaks to inclusivity and the proceeds of that mug will go to the LGBTQ Center of Durham," Mayer said. Helena Cragg, board chair of the LGBTQ Center of Durham, said the ArtsCenter is one of a few different organizations to reach out in support of their community, and she is thankful for the center's donation. "I'm definitely appreciative that they saw the work we're trying to do. It is yet another way a community organiza-

tion has shown support for our cause, and allowing us to put that money to good use by serving the community," Cragg said. "Our commission on any art sold will be donated to groups that are fighting H.B. 2. We also are in the process of reaching out to local artists and designers and creators trying to give a creative response to it — tapping into the voices of the community who want to express their thoughts and opinions on this," Phelps-McKeown said. "The ArtsCenter is sort of a hub for the community, and we want to be a hub for discussion around the issue, and encourage others who feel strongly about this to partner with us. That's part of why we took this very public stance — to help create one of many coalitions that have formed to fight this issue," Mayer said. Since the ArtsCenter has released its statement, Governor Pat McCrory has sued the federal Department of Justice over its opposition of House Bill 2 — an action Mayer is firmly against. "I think Governor McCrory set this up as a



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The ArtsCenter hangs signs in the bathrooms stating "#WeAreNotThis" in opposition to H.B. 2.

states' rights issue and I think it's an issue of local control — it takes away the rights of Charlotte or Chapel Hill to pass regulations reflecting the will of its citizens. It's not about the feds versus the state, it's about the legislature in Raleigh and the

will of the people on a local level," Mayer said. Regardless of the how the issue develops, Mayer said "the ArtsCenter is willing to fight House Bill 2 as long as necessary." "We've taken a few steps so far, but what I've told our

staff is that we're in it for the long haul," Mayer said. "This issue won't go away overnight so we really are looking at how we can be an advocate for this issue over the long term." @yayjennic arts@dailytarheel.com

Search nearing close for Ort's replacement

The Director of Student Aid will retire July 31.

Jamie Gwaltney
Summer University Editor

Three candidates are still in the running to replace Shirley Ort, who is retiring July 31, as associate provost and director of scholarship and student aid. Terry Rhodes, senior associate dean of fine arts and humanities and chair of the search committee, said the University wants the position

filled by the time Ort leaves office. "We had a big pool of applicants, we had Skype interviews and now we have three people coming in for campus interviews," Rhodes said. Rhodes said the committee is made up of 18 people from departments across campus, such as the School of Medicine, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and the athletic department. She said it was important for the committee to be comprehensive because Ort's position affects the entire campus. "It's just a lot of places

where the office of scholarships and student aid interact with so many different parts of our campus," Rhodes said. "It's really an important position." Vice Provost for Enrollment and Undergraduate Admissions Stephen Farmer said Ort's retirement will not affect the Carolina Covenant, the program that helps students from low-income families graduate without debt. "The Covenant has never been a financial aid program alone," Farmer said. "It's really been an institutional program and an institutional priority. I cannot foresee

that changing in the slightest. I think the University as a whole and Shirley's office are completely committed to making sure that the covenant continues to serve students well." Farmer said Ort's replacement will have big shoes to fill, but understands he or she doesn't have to be exactly like Ort. "The new director, the new associate provost, will need to have enough sense and enough self-confidence to know that she needs to be herself or he needs to be himself and I think that will give us the best result," Farmer

said. Ort said she feels the committee is working hard to find a qualified replacement for her. "They honored me by inviting me to come and speak to the committee before they started with their process," Ort said. "That was a really great compliment because usually the outgoing person doesn't have that opportunity and we're taught not to expect it." Ort said her replacement has to understand student needs outside of tuition, like enrichment opportunities, co-pays for medical care and unusual circumstances. She said it is important to be good at aid delivery, getting aid to the right student at the right time. "The person in this role,

I think, has to have a good understanding of the current needs of students and the future needs, and those needs encompass a broader view of the student experience than just how much money you need for this semester or for this academic year," Ort said. Ort's retirement begins on July 31 — the committee hopes to fill the position soon. "The work that Shirley and her office, that they do together, is so critical for students and for the University as a whole," Farmer said. "We just want to make sure that the office is well provided for and the students are well provided for. We're hoping for no vacancy or at the worst, for a very, very short vacancy." university@dailytarheel.com



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married. He didn't go to Pearl Jam."

Joanna Howell

Jan Howell, Joanna's mother, said she had a promising future.

After working on her high school's newspaper, Joanna became a journalism major at UNC and wanted to go to law school. Howell was also a member of The Daily Tar Heel editorial board.

"We drove over to campus and everybody was walking around in their blue gowns and we were thinking, 'Oh, she's going to be in her blue gown next year graduating,'" She had just received an internship with a local TV station for the summer before the fateful house fire.

Rob Young, the 1996 president of Phi Gamma Delta, said he remembers studying with Howell.

"Studying with her - you could just tell that she had a tremendous grasp of the material on her profession... but she had a great ethic, too. She studied, she was smart, she knew exactly what she wanted to do," he said.

Mark Briggs Strickland

Mark Strickland, a member of Phi Gamma Delta, was a junior preparing for dental school after studying biology during his undergraduate career.

Mark's brothers also joined

the fraternity — one of them naming their child Briggs, in Mark's memory.

Rita Strickland, Mark's mother, said Phi Gamma Delta has always been there for her family.

"I will tell you that that fraternity — they have been supportive of us and continue to be," she said. "Every year the fraternity sends me the most beautiful bouquet of flowers and you know to think that this many years after that, they still remember and write me a note — that says a lot for those young men."

Anne McBride Smith

Anne McBride Smith was close friends with fellow Rocky Mount natives, Josh Weaver and Mark Strickland.

Rita Strickland said they had been the best of friends since they were four years old.

"Anne was just a beautiful, beautiful, beautiful woman," she said.

She studied English and was an active member within her sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

"She had this great, wonderful smile. She was someone you always looked forward to seeing and you just enjoyed being around her," Young said.

After the fire

"It was just a wonderful day — Carolina blue sky, Mother's Day and graduation day, just a perfect spring day in Chapel Hill. "And then this happened," Leon Woodruff

said.

But after the grieving period, those affected by the fire wanted to do more than just keep going.

"I never wanted to see this happen to campus, so it kind of put a resolve in me that we're going to do everything possible to make sure it doesn't happen (again)," Binder said.

Binder and Dan Jones, the Chapel Hill fire chief at the time, worked to make the Greek houses safer by crafting legislation for the town council that would require the houses to have sprinkler systems installed.

Bonnie Woodruff said she and her husband came to the town hall meeting where the ordinance was discussed and she later became an advocate for fire safety.

"There was some pushback over the cost, but people were persuaded," Binder said.

"You can't complain about dollars when you're talking about lives," he said.

In the months after the fire, Young said he and his fraternity brothers were able to heal from the loss by visiting what remained of the house to talk about their friends.

"Obviously you mourn them because they died so young, but you continue to mourn them because you think about the people that they could have become and just really the potential that was taken from them and from their families and from us, too," Young said.

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is complete, its results will be announced to the public."

The statement also said, "The Durham County Board of Elections will be studying ways to insure that no such event ever can happen again. It is important to the Durham County Board of Elections that we preserve the integrity of the electoral process."

"Voting rights advocates remain hopeful that this investigation and the resulting reforms to electoral procedure in Durham County will improve confidence in the electoral process," Hall said.

"This particular problem in Durham County may be as quick a fix as procedural reforms to ensure the accountability of election officials. More people are disenfranchised by human error than by voter fraud. But the staff of the State Board are professionals with a serious commitment to protecting N.C. voters."

Bob Phillips, executive director of Common Cause North Carolina, said he also "trusts the State BOE will act in good faith to reform voting procedures across the state before the November general election, and that it is imperative they do so."

"Our democracy is only as strong as the faith the people have in the credibility of the electoral process," Phillips said.

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JUSTIN JACKSON
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has good size for the small forward position and can shoot the ball over smaller defenders from mid-range — whether it be from a jumper or his patented floaters.

Jackson can also be an effective distributor of the ball, especially on the fast-break.

When UNC got its transition offense going in 2015-16, often times it was Jackson leading the way, sprinting by an opposing player and feeding either Brice Johnson or Isaiah Hicks for a rim-rattling dunk.

But what might be the Tomball, Texas, native's biggest strength is his ability to move without the ball in his hands.

During his sophomore season, Jackson was as effective off of the ball as he was with it.

The baseline acted as his base of operations — where he would crash to the basket and offer an easy target for players when they caught the ball in the high-post.

The strategy worked particularly well against teams who ran zone defenses — like Syracuse, who Jackson averaged 14 points per game against in three contests during the 2015-16 season.

But while there are several things Jackson has going in his favor ahead of the combine, there are still some red flags NBA teams will have to look at.

Jackson is certainly tall for his position, but he lacks the

frame that the best professional small forwards have. He is listed at just 200 pounds, and likely would struggle to drive against bigger defenders and play through contact at the next level.

Another issue is his consistency from 3-point range. For the better part of his sophomore campaign, Jackson shot under 25 percent from behind the line.

He managed to bump those numbers up considerably during the final two months of the season, but finished the year with a lackluster average of 29.2 percent.

Jackson is ranked by DraftExpress.com as the No. 67 overall prospect in the draft, while NBADraft.net lists him as the No. 45 prospect. The combine, however, should give Jackson the best idea of where he could land come June 23.

From now until May 25, the deadline for underclassmen to withdraw their name from the draft process, Jackson will have to take a lot into account — including the fate of former Tar Heel J.P. Tokoto, who declared for the 2015 — before he makes his decision.

Tokoto was selected in the second round of the draft by the Philadelphia 76ers, but was cut by the team in October. He didn't play a single minute with an NBA team during his rookie season.

But when it finally comes time for Jackson to choose, don't be surprised if he opts to move on to the next level.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 -- Household issues hold your focus. The resources to make a change are available, if you look. Hold out for the best value. Use something you've been saving. Put your back into cleaning.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Writing, plotting and planning go well today. Think for the long-term. Misunderstandings could arise, so productivity behind closed doors gets more done faster. Get into a research project. Socialize and party later.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is an 8 -- Keep track of your earnings and stick to the budget. Estimate how much money is needed and pad for unexpected expenses. You're able to go farther than expected. Shop for best value.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You have extra energy today. Handle responsibilities before getting into personal projects. You'll accomplish more once your conscience is clear. Provide leadership and delegate to supporters. Persuade with kindness.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 5 -- Finish old projects, file and organize to create space for what's next. Allow time for daydreaming. Let go of a preconception and discover a new view. Defer gratification and gain a bigger prize.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Tackle a challenge. Do what you told the group you would do, and finish ahead of schedule for ease of mind. Artistic flair replaces big bucks. Ask for help if you need to.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Take charge and find new ways to promote your business or professional objectives. Stand up to someone pushy if necessary, without being disrespectful. Others appreciate your decisiveness. Extra effort earns a bonus.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 -- Get outside and explore. It's doesn't need to be expensive; guard against overspending or overeating. Compromise on which flavors or experiences to try. Another's enthusiasm motivates you in a new direction.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 -- Work with your partner to manage financial details. Assess the situation, and figure out who will do what. Watch what you say, as tempers can get short. Don't poke a sleeping bear.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 -- There may be a temporary clash between love and money. Repay a debt and clear your conscience. Elbow grease could be involved. Ignore provocation and hold your temper to avoid wasting time arguing.

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Pediatrician teaches through rap

UNC graduate spreads children's health awareness.

By Jenni Ciesielski
Arts and Entertainment Editor

WakeMed pediatrician Ivy Pointer has had many influences in her career over the years — colleagues, UNC professors and 50 Cent.

The UNC graduate has gained notability over the past year with rap videos she's created about childhood health issues like asthma and child abuse.

"Ivy's always been bigger than life," Pointer's neighbor Allison Chandler said. "She's amazingly fast coming up with these witty rap lyrics."

But Pointer didn't start making rhymes with big musical dreams — she wrote her first rap last year as a way to lift her colleagues' spirits.

"We were transitioning to a new electronic medical system, and it was a whole big deal," Pointer said. "People were kind of nervous about it so I thought it would be fun to have a funny

way to boost morale and make people excited about it."

A year later, Pointer now has over 25 videos under the alter ego of "Young I.V."

"Initially the joke was my goal is to rap with Jimmy Fallon, which was actually on my blog as my statement of purpose," she said.

That mission changed when she realized her raps could make a difference.

"As I got into doing it, the feedback I was getting was really positive, and I realized 'Wow people are actually watching this,'" she said. "They have good information, and this is an opportunity to spread awareness about pediatric conditions and also educate parents about how to keep their kids healthy."

Many people are impressed with the unique way Pointer is spreading information, including sophomore Austin Cotten.

"I think that it's awesome she's using a different platform to get the message across," Cotten said.

Pointer said her videos have also had a positive influence on her work environment, WakeMed's Pediatric

Intensive Care Unit.

"It's hard to be in a situation where you have to deal with a really sick kid or the death of a kid, so sometimes we do have to resort to humor to sort of disconnect with what's actually happening when it's just the staff," she said.

Pointer said she doesn't bring up her videos to patients, but some families have discovered her alter ego and wanted to get involved.

"I had several families send me photos of their cancer survivors and that was neat to be able to see 'Hey, these kids have been through a lot but they made it and they're doing well,'" she said.

Chandler said "Young I.V." isn't just celebrated in WakeMed pediatric unit, but in the Raleigh community as well.

"I'll be at a play date with people who don't even know Ivy, but they've seen her raps and they're like 'Oh my gosh, that woman is your neighbor?'" Chandler said.

Pointer's local fame hasn't come without controversy — "Baby Got Vax," a rap about the importance of children receiving vaccinations, received



COURTESY OF IVY POINTER

WakeMed pediatrician Ivy Pointer began creating rap videos to help lift her colleagues' spirits.

backlash from those with anti-vaccination views.

Chandler said she believes Pointer has been spreading valuable information with the "Young I.V." videos, and wants her neighbor to keep writing

raps.

"I hope she'll keep on making them and get on Ellen someday," Chandler said.

Pointer said she will keep doing her videos as a public platform to educate patients

and their families.

"If this is a way to get to the rest of population to know what's best for their kids, I'm willing to act like a fool."

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House Bill 2: from a local to a federal issue

The U.S. Department of Justice sued Gov. Pat McCrory, UNC.

By Cole Stanley
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With North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory suing the federal Department of Justice on Monday and the DoJ responding with a countersuit just hours later, it is important to remember how exactly we got here. Here is a timeline of the events which led up to and resulted from the passage of House Bill 2.

February 22: The Charlotte City Council votes 7-4 to add members of the LGBT community to the list of groups

specifically protected against discrimination in Charlotte, including a provision allowing for equal access to public restrooms regardless of perceived conformity to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity.

February 23: Tim Moore, N.C. House Speaker and former speaker of the UNC Student Congress, joined Governor McCrory and other conservative lawmakers in promising legislative action to reverse the Charlotte City Council decision, focusing specifically on "the bathroom piece" of Charlotte's ordinance, which he called a "radical course."

March 23: The N.C. Legislature passes House Bill 2 in a special session, which

not only restricts trans-men to use of women's restrooms and vice-versa, but enacts various changes to legal protections against discrimination, such as allowing private businesses to discriminate against gay and transgender people. This prohibits local governments from setting employment standards, such as minimum wage, for businesses they hire as contractors, and nullifies non-discrimination ordinances, past and future, passed by local governments.

March 28: The American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina files suit against the state government, alleging the passage of H.B. 2 violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

March 28: Andrew Cuomo

of New York became the first governor to ban nonessential travel to the Tar Heel state. Cuomo was later joined by the governors of Washington and Vermont.

March 29: Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Roy Cooper calls H.B. 2 "a national embarrassment," and refuses to defend the state against the ACLU lawsuit, citing direct conflicts between the bill and his own department's nondiscrimination policies.

April 12: Gov. McCrory signs an executive order adding sexual orientation and gender identity to the pro-

tested classes of state employees but largely leaves H.B. 2 intact.

May 4: The Federal Department of Justice sends a letter to Governor McCrory, stating HB2 is in direct violation of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964.

May 9: McCrory and Secretary of Public Safety Frank Perry file a lawsuit against the DoJ, seeking a federal ruling that H.B. 2 is not discriminatory. In the initial filing, McCrory and Perry argue "the department's position is a baseless and blatant overreach. This is an attempt to unilaterally rewrite long-

established federal civil rights laws."

May 9: Hours after the initial suit filed by McCrory and Perry, the DoJ filed a countersuit against the two top North Carolina officials, as well as the University of North Carolina, the UNC Board of Governors and the N.C. Department of Public Safety. The suit alleges their defense of the bill is in violation of Titles VII and IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as the Violence Against Women Act.

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Across

1 Carmen of jazz

6 Ludicrous

11 It may be declared

14 Popular font

15 "Bleeding Love" singer

16 Legendary fighter

17 Breakfast order

19 Tee, for one

20 Hymn relative

21 _color pasta salad

22 Grand cousins

24 Goth accessory

27 Sugarloaf lift

28 Make equipment changes

30 Austen classic

32 Egypt's second president

35 Breakfast order

38 Summer hrs. in Philly

39 Call off the affair

41 Expert follower?

42 "However ..."

45 Regular hangouts

48 Shootout shout

49 In shreds

51 Wig out

53 Mentor's offering

57 Where the world is really flat?

60 Part of M.S.: Abbr.

61 Seaside raptor

62 Explosive state

63 Intersecting road ...

and one of a pair indicated by each puzzle

66 Price of admission

67 All together

68 Stranger

69 Enjoy oysters, say

70 Runner of 1992

71 Like Satchmo's singing voice

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1 Worker with blocks

2 Set of beliefs

3 Stops lying

4 Class for baseball's Durham Bulls

5 North Dakota symbol

6 White whale, e.g.

7 Org. with a "Raise Your Hand" campaign

8 Wardrobe

9 Ham-handed

10 Ammunition

measurement

11 Line in a utility network

12 Gazillions

13 Turbulent currents

18 Nation east of Sudan

23 Sonny or Cher

25 RNs' workplaces

26 Compliment to a boxer

29 Half of CXII

31 Coach's aide: Abbr

32 Service stopper

33 Adderall target

34 United Federation of Planets affiliate

36 Ones bonded by a common culture

37 "Sounds good"

40 Little beef

43 Like most supermodels

44 Pool wear

46 Reviewer of books

47 Put _ fight

50 McDonald's potato variety

52 Break down, as a sentence

54 They may be pressing

55 Move at a snail's pace

56 Contest submission

57 Certain partner

58 Calculus calculation

59 Lame, as an excuse

64 _Caps: candy

65 Nutritional stat

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The Muslim Immigrant Question

America is a land of immigrants—and it's against our beliefs to ban any group on strictly religious grounds. But it still matters who we welcome into our society.

Hundreds of millions of the world's people yearn to immigrate to the United States—to escape violence, oppression or poverty. But since we can't afford to allow entrance to millions, isn't it fair to select based on the immigrant's value—or danger—to our society? How then should Muslims be evaluated for immigration?

What are the facts?

At least one terrorist responsible for recent Brussels bombings and one of two San Bernardino terrorists were Muslim immigrants. Last New Year's Eve, hundreds of women in Germany were sexually assaulted by gangs of men identified as immigrants from Muslim lands.

America was founded by immigrants and has grown strong through our "melting pot" of cultures. But for all this diversity, immigrants to the United States have largely respected common American values—democracy, freedom of religion, equality, tolerance, pluralism, and separation of church and state. Today, as millions are threatened by civil strife in the Middle East and Africa, it's no wonder these beleaguered look to Western nations—especially the U.S.—for safety and a better life. Yet millions from other regions—for their own poignant, pressing, and often life-threatening reasons—also yearn to come to America.

However, because we cannot afford to support unlimited newcomers, we must make difficult decisions about who is allowed to enter our country and vie for precious citizenship. How should we make these decisions? While the U.S. has always extended a hand to refugees, we have never opened the floodgates—we have always had to make judgments on individual cases. Rather, U.S. immigration policies are based on who will contribute most to our society.

How should we respond to Muslim immigrants? Most Americans agree that banning Muslim immigration based solely on religious affiliation is un-American. We don't accept hateful bias against an entire group. Yet common Muslim beliefs, as revealed by recent Pew Research Center studies, raise concerns about Muslim immigration to the United States. Should we open our doors to individuals whose beliefs conflict harshly with our core values? On what basis shall we evaluate the millions who seek entrance? If we continue to believe America is best served by immigrants who will help us thrive, we should also rule out those who will endanger our society—by their values and potential actions. Quite simply, a vast majority of Muslims harbor values antithetical to the liberal democratic principles we cherish. In

short, no immigrant should be granted entrance to the U.S. who does not embrace bedrock American values. Rule of Civil Law over Sharia. According to research by the Pew Research Center, "overwhelming percentages of Muslims in many countries want Islamic law (sharia) to be the official law of the land." Under religious sharia, any man-made law (such as American democracy) is illicit; adultery is punishable by stoning to death; apostates who leave Islam are to be killed. Some 99% of Afghans support sharia as the national law, as do 91% of Iraqis and 74% of Muslims in the Middle East and North Africa. Will immigrants with these beliefs help our society? Or should U.S. immigration be limited to those who disavow sharia as civil law?

Equal Rights for Women. Some 93% of Muslims in Southeast Asia and 87% of those in the Middle East and North Africa believe a wife must obey her husband. No wonder cases of spousal abuse, including rape, abound in Muslim countries, to say nothing of honor killings of wives and daughters who "scandalize" male relatives when they are victims of rape. Such values conflict widely with American norms. Is belief in patriarchal domination of women helpful to American society, or should immigrants with this belief be turned away?

Opposition to Suicide Bombings. Fully 40% of Palestinian Muslims, 39% of Afghans and 29% of Egyptians believe suicide bombings in defense of Islam are often or sometimes justified. Should the United States accept an immigrant who holds these beliefs—as apparently have the Brussels, Paris, San Bernardino and Jerusalem killers? Or should we screen for this belief and deny entrance to those who hold suicide bombing to be acceptable?

Separation of Church and State. The exclusion of religion and religious leaders from the mechanics of government is a rock upon which American democracy rests. Yet some 79% of Muslims in Southeast Asia and 65% in the Middle East and North Africa believe religious leaders should wield political influence. After seeing the effect of theocracy in Iran and the disaster of Muslim Brotherhood rule in Egypt, is it wise to welcome immigrants who don't support separation of religion and government?

Muslim immigrants whose religious beliefs run directly counter to fundamental American political and social values can pose both a moral and a security threat to our society. For this reason, potential immigrants should be screened to prevent entrance by those presenting such a clear danger.

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A Train to a Shining Station

Since the key to making America great again is the good old days, I suggest we all ditch our cars and planes and stick to trains. Take bus number 400 at Carolina Coffee Shop, and 40 minutes later you will be across the street from the historic, solemn building that is Durham station.

My usual trips are either Kannapolis or D.C., but enough of that. Why not catch the 5.30 p.m. train west-bound, get off at the large but shabby Greensboro station, vigilantly camp there for 8 hours, catch the 2 a.m. train en route from New Orleans, get off five hours later to a misty morning in Charlottesville, wait around, and then catch the noon Chicago-bound train. Before Chicago, you wind through the New River Gorge.

The possibilities are even greater at the Raleigh station. If you arrive by 9:30 p.m., you'll just catch the night train to Florida. My cousin from Jordan and I did this once — we had a sworn pact to visit Harry Potter World. We arrived fresh-faced, the train having rocked us to sleep in its arms all night. On our return, gray dawn was slipping through the pines as we clipped through small towns in South Carolina.

In D.C., the train steams into Union Station, a colossal building with a never-ending pantheon of sky-bending columns. You can buy wonderful, unhealthy food, then walk 15 minutes to the Capitol Building and read a book on a bench before the grandeur of US law-making or not-making.

The most heart-breaking sight I ever saw was the outskirts of Baltimore. It was 40 minutes of what looked like bombed-out homes.

Sometimes, the train is empty; or you might sit beside the miso soup eating guitarist heading to Greensboro to interview a Quaker; or the lady born in Rome, bred in Mexico and Manhattan because her father worked for the UN, and en route to Chapel Hill to visit her school-friend who now works in the Global Studies Building, also raised in Mexico.

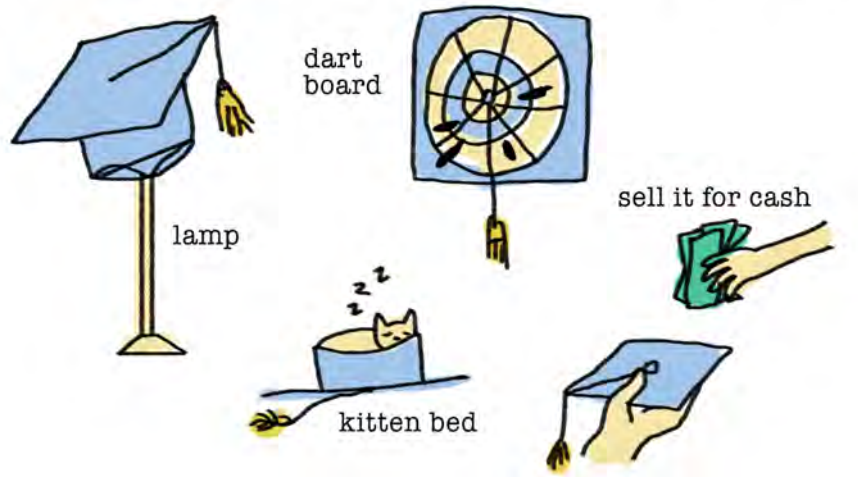
Once, the toddler Jacob and his mom sat behind me, and Madison and her mom sat in front, and Jacob's mom and Madison's mom (strangers) insulted each other over my head for hours while I pretended to sleep.

Last December, I got a \$130 ticket to ride the California Zephyr, a two-day train trip going west. We climbed the Rockies, followed the Colorado River down the mountains, had a midnight Salt Lake City stop, and awoke the next morning to Nevada deserts.

So tell your Congress members that you'd rather they didn't always threaten to cut Amtrak's subsidies; tell them that you want good, solid, reliable trains all over the US. Then go ride. All aboard!

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4 Fun Ways to Repurpose the Graduation Cap That You Now Have



EDITORIAL

H.B. 2 and UNC

UNC has a moral imperative to reject House Bill 2.

House Bill 2 has become a multi-billion dollar topic of conversation for UNC. The school system has found itself in between two governing powers, both with the tenacity to see their fights out to the bitter end. As the lawsuits pile up and the state becomes more divided, it is clear the costs of this fight are only increasing.

As it stands, the United States Department of Justice has declared North Carolina — and by extension, the University of North Carolina — in violation of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. This comes with the repercussions of potentially losing federal funding.

Regardless of one's feelings about the Bill, this substantial loss of income to a beloved and necessary institution in this state is simply something that cannot be allowed to happen. On Monday, Spellings made a statement essentially promoting the fine line rhetoric between not being in violation of federal law and not outright defying N.C. law

— this is not enough given the larger political contexts. Spellings needs to take a hard stance against this bill or the System could suffer both in terms of income and public perceptions of the System's commitment to nondiscrimination and safety.

These are just a few of the practical reasons why the leaders of this University System have reason to fully reject H.B. 2. When these practical reasons are coupled with the fact that this bill harms UNC trans students and faculty, it becomes clear what the path forward should be for the administration. The time for finding loopholes or trying to find middle ground is over in terms of how the University System ought to prioritize itself — if UNC is really committed to safety then it has a moral obligation to stand with the federal government that is just as strong as the practical obligations.

This bill, to echo the words of Loretta Lynch, actively seeks to belittle the dignity of UNC trans students and the trans citizens of this state. This type of discrimination should have never happened in the first

place, but it did and now it is up to all actors within this state to rise up and challenge those in Raleigh that want to create a class of citizens in this state with less rights than their cis counterparts. It is imperative that this blemish on our state's history translates into votes for those that oppose H.B. 2, and result in the ousting of the politicians that put us in this state.

The System must provide for the safety of its student regardless of any climates, and if H.B. 2 is making certain students feel unsafe on a campus that belongs to them, then those appointed to power have a responsibility to act with the powers that were allotted to them. In failing to not take a hard stance against H.B. 2, the System serves to lose federal funding, seem uncommitted to equity in the eyes of the larger public — and most importantly — it fails to show its trans students that it cares enough about their wellbeing to stick its neck on the line. North Carolina, and especially UNC, is better than this.

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EDITORIAL

Put an End to Rounding

Administration should adopt a non-rounding policy

UNC Administration should adopt a non-rounding policy for final grades.

While some professors opt to establish a non-rounding policy at the beginning of class, others do not disclose rounding policies — leaving room for last minute office hours meetings and post-final emails at the end of each semester. Many professors choose not to round, defending themselves by saying “if I did it for you, I would have to do it for everyone,” which is an entirely fair and valid explanation (although one is not necessary in the first place). Some professors, however, alter grades after classes end, leaving room for more aggressive students to benefit from last minute bargains. Life often does favor the bold, however, not having a university-wide rounding policy leaves some students at a disadvantage.

For example, say Student A and Student B were both originally assigned the following grades (with each class being worth 3 credit hours): B+, B, A-, A, C+. Their semester GPAs would be a 3.260. If Student B emailed all of their professors, managing to round up their two lowest grades, their semester GPA would change from a 3.260 to a 3.400.

It could be argued that Student A should have just asked, but there are students who are shy and uncomfortable with the idea of asking for favors — yes, asking for a grade change is a favor. Should they be penalized for accepting the grade they were assigned? Absolutely not.

At the end of the day, students should accept the grades that they receive at the end of each semester. The homework assignments they did or did not complete, exams taken, and projects submitted throughout the semester dictate grades and they should be non-negotiable. Points, whether it be one or ten, should be earned and not given.

It should not be commonplace for students to rely on last minute emails to earn a few extra points. Especially ones that were not acquired throughout the semester in order to receive desired grades.

Considering the drastic impact GPAs can have on internship eligibility, job competitiveness, and post-graduate opportunities, it is unfair to not have a consistent policy for all students. As grades accumulate, students who consistently barter for grade alterations have a clear advantage.

In order to avoid this trend from negatively affecting future students, administration should establish a non-rounding policy to ensure fairness and avoid potential grading discrepancies between courses and departments.

Doing so would benefit students by challenging students to maintain their vigor and dedication throughout the semester and help professors avoid being pressured into rounding grades by pleading, desperate students.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We’ve got friends from out of state and we’ve got a big crowd coming to celebrate 20 years of life and 20 years of memories.”

Bonnie Woodruff, Speaking about her son, Benjamin Woodruff

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Privatizing the UNC Student Stores is almost as bad as selling the Old Well to some museum in Houston.”

David M., on The Daily Grind going out of business

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Advances should be more acknowledged

TO THE EDITOR:

Every time I open the DTH, I find misogynistic comments and articles that annihilate the advances we made as women at UNC and bring us back to the pre-UNC gender-neutral language policy era.

The studies show we could from offshore wind, replacing all of our fossil fuel usage.

Obama's decision was an important first step in protecting against the dangers of offshore drilling.

We should now look at offshore drilling and urge our legislators to take up this task.

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Charlotte City Council to blame for tension

TO THE EDITOR:

I hear this on campus all the time, “Why do we even need laws on restrooms?” The Charlotte City Council's law that passed February 22, 2016 requiring businesses to allow anyone to use any restroom they choose, based on how they identify is to blame for the negative media attention North Carolina has been receiving lately. House Bill 2, or H.B. 2, is not to blame. Now hold on just a minute before you have your knee-jerk response for labeling me as a bigot.

Let's take a minute to travel back to February 21, 2016 in Charlotte, the day before the city council's bill was passed. This was a day in which there was no N.C. state law dictating which bathroom someone can or cannot enter, and

no local city ordinance forcing businesses to allow intermixing of genders in restrooms. A man who dresses like a woman could enter a restroom without breaking the law. The transgender man could enter the stall at a public university, do their business, and go about their day, legally.

The Republican N.C. government felt the law was necessary because they thought Charlotte was overstepping its role as a governing body, and could not force private businesses to allow intermixing of restrooms, and instead should have the choice of their own restroom policies. A few weeks later after extensive negative media attention, Executive Order 93 was signed by Pat McCrory, which enacted much needed changes to H.B. 2 regarding discrimination against gender identity and sexual orientation, and allowing discrimination suits to be held in state court, instead of federal. I applaud the changes made in the executive order, but the negative media attention and job loss in North Carolina continues.

Everyone needs to put this law into context as to why it was passed — to negate an even more absurd, needless law passed by the city of Charlotte — forcing all businesses to allow anyone to enter any restroom at any time. Charlotte tried to create a solution to an imaginary problem that didn't need to be fixed. And so with that, we can thank the “progressives” in the city of Charlotte for the reputation North Carolina has today. “Why do we even need laws on restrooms?” Ask the Charlotte City Council for your answer, not Pat McCrory.

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QuickHits

Summer School
Although campus currently doesn't look as dead compared to the post-finals exodus, summer school has arrived — along with reading assignments, essays and the inevitable exams. However, summer has also made its debut which is worthy of celebration. In addition to the UL, studying by the pool is now an option.

U.S. vs. UNC
The U.S. Department of Justice sued the state of North Carolina, UNC, and the Board of Governors for being in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with their endorsement of House Bill 2. Attorney General Loretta Lynch held a press conference on Monday and we couldn't be more proud of our state.

Super Sale
This Saturday, UNC's Athletic Department will hold its annual equipment yard sale this Saturday. Jordan footwear, Nike clothing and a plethora of other gear will be available at a discounted price. What better way to welcome in summer than showering oneself in Carolina blue gear? Sounds like Tar Heel heaven!

A Sad, Sad Goodbye
The Daily Grind will brew its last cup of joe on June 24th. How on earth will we lament this loss when all we've done to cope with loss these past few years is drink tough guy chai? Time to gulp down inordinate amounts of coffee in the next month and a half and celebrate a UNC favorite. Starbucks' Happy Hour be darned.