

## SERVICE FOR SURVIVORS

Service dogs give support only they can offer.

By Stephanie Lamm  
Assistant University Editor

Not all disabilities are visible. Survivors of sexual assault are finding that psychiatric service dogs can help them manage the post traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety and dissociation many experience.

“You never know what sort of situation someone is in,” said Laura Carroll, a survivor of sexual assault. “You have to be aware that there is no way to look disabled.”

Carroll, who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and depression after she was sexually assaulted at UNC, took time off from school to seek treatment. She returned to UNC this semester with the help of her five-month-old service dog, Jayden.

During her time off, Carroll’s parents helped her manage her symptoms, and she worked with a therapist to become more independent. As she prepared to return to school, she worried about being on her own. Her therapist prescribed a psychiatric service dog.

Carroll said service dogs can provide many support options if trained properly. For those suffering from panic attacks, service dogs can sit on their owner’s chest to calm their breathing. The dog can detect a panic attack before a seizure occurs. The dogs can also be trained to fetch medication or call for help on special phones if their owner is unable to.

“With my depression, it can be hard to regulate my sleep cycle,” Carroll said. “I can ignore alarms, but it’s a bit harder to ignore a dog licking your face. You can’t really hit the snooze button on a dog.”

Carroll’s PTSD causes her to become anxious around crowds. She has trained Jayden to stand behind her to guard her personal space and nudge her if someone comes too close.

Andrea Pino, who graduated from UNC in May, adopted a white German Shepherd puppy named Korra to help her cope with the effects of her sexual assault.

Pino said Korra was supposed to motivate her to leave the house, but rude comments from people made her wonder if it’s worth the trouble.

“I was in a parking lot, and someone kept honking at me, which is really triggering and just kind of scary, and she yelled at me to get the dog out of there,” she said. “Once I got into the building some strange man grabbed my dog to ask me if it was a real service dog.”

Though many states, including North Carolina, have laws requiring public spaces to make accommodations for service animals, Pino said many people are not aware of this.

The Americans With Disabilities Act says service dogs must be allowed in places where the public is generally allowed to go.

“I can file a complaint or I can get over it because I’d be filing complaints nonstop,” Pino said. “I don’t know if folks will ever understand



DTH/KATIE WILLIAMS

Laura Carroll recently returned to UNC with the help of her five-month old service dog, Jayden.

why people have service animals, but I think as an owner you get better at dealing with it.”

Annie Clark, Pino’s friend, said she’s seen improvements in Pino since she adopted Korra, but people sometimes treat her friend differently.

“It’s a lot harder than people realize to put a vest on your dog every day and call it a service dog because it invites questions,” Clark said. “Those questions may not be out of malice, they may be out of curiosity, but it call still be hurtful.”

Pino and Carroll chose to adopt dogs from a shelter and train them rather than adopt a dog

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### WHERE SERVICE DOGS ARE ALLOWED

The Americans With Disabilities Act, passed in 1990, sets the requirements for service dog accommodation:

- According to the Americans With Disabilities Act, service dogs are allowed in all spaces where the general public would be allowed.
- Private spaces have the right to deny entry to a service dog.
- In 15 states, the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply to psychiatric service dogs.

## Professors weigh bans on laptops

Research shows students benefit from writing notes.

By Sarah Brown  
State & National Editor

UNC students attending classes for the first time this week might have noticed professors banning laptops in the classroom, citing research that laptop use — and its distractions — can hinder learning.

The question of students’ laptop use in class is not new. But the debate has gained steam as more studies suggest that students who take notes by hand retain more information than students who type.

Some UNC students say they’ve noticed laptops impacting classroom environments.

“Laptops are kind of distracting in humanities classes because people get absorbed in them and don’t participate in discussion,” said senior Lisa Toledo.

“A lot of (students) are shopping online and that really bothers me,” said junior Lauren Key.

Senior Sneha Saravannan said she doesn’t mind taking notes by hand, though she recalls one class that banned laptops where it was hard to write quickly enough.

“It wasn’t super bothersome, but it was a little annoying,” she said.

She said she’s noticed laptops being banned more often in recent classes.

“I don’t remember having professors do it freshman and sophomore year.”

A study published in April uncovered new territory on the laptop question, finding that even students who used their computers solely to take notes retained less information than their pen-and-paper counterparts.

Pam Mueller, a Princeton University graduate student and the report’s co-author, said students on laptops often take notes verbatim, which don’t sink in as well.

“If you’re handwriting, you can’t write everything down, so you have to be selective and think about it more,” Mueller said.

In one part of the study, researchers had students take a quiz a week after a lecture, allowing them to study their handwritten or typed notes beforehand. Even though laptop users had taken more notes, the handwriters performed better on the quiz.

Key said she hasn’t used a laptop in class since starting college.

“If I actually write it down in a notebook, I will remember it,” she said.

Jason Roberts, a UNC political science professor, said students’ laptop use is a common topic of discussion among his faculty peers. He said he’s noticed how dis-

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## Professor derides Faculty Council insider culture

Hassan Melehy said the culture is evident in the Wainstein report.

By Rebecca Brickner  
Staff Writer

Tensions continue to run high in the Faculty Council meetings in the aftermath of the October release of Kenneth Wainstein’s report on academic fraud at UNC.

French professor Hassan Melehy spoke at the December meeting about problems with faculty governance he feels are a result of “insider culture” in the council — something he said is displayed clearly in the \$3.1 million investigation.

“When I’ve gone through the faculty governance rosters, a few of the same names turn up repeatedly — often on multiple committees,” he said at the meeting.

“If this isn’t an insider culture, what is it?”

Melehy said he’d like meetings to include more debate — something there’s less of now, said Secretary of Faculty Joseph Ferrell, who

has been involved with the the council since the 1970s.

“It does seem tamer than it did back then — not sure that that’s an improvement,” he said.

Melehy said the involvement of Jan Boxill, former chairwoman of the faculty, in the academic improprieties and their subsequent cover-up exemplifies how insider culture can create problems, citing a statement signed by every member of the Faculty Executive Committee in July 2013 that stated their full confidence in Boxill’s integrity.

Melehy feels the insider culture is the result of the non-representative nature of the the council because of selection bias that favors larger departments.

He said he attempted to get involved with faculty governance multiple times but was only elected in 2013 when his opponent — from the larger and better-represented English department — withdrew.

“Familiarity is a factor. People choose people they

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## New laureate ends months-long drama

After breaking protocol in naming a poet laureate, McCrory does it by the book.

By Morgan Vickers  
Staff Writer

Shelby Stephenson doesn’t see himself as a poet.

“A poet? That’s a strong word. I never use that,” he said. “I don’t really try to write poems.”

But last month Stephenson received a phone call from North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory saying he was selected as North Carolina’s new poet laureate.

Stephenson, who graduated from UNC in 1960, is the state’s ninth poet laureate, selected after Valerie Macon resigned from the position just one week after her appointment drew criticism from the arts community across the state.

Susan Kluttz, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, led the selection and said McCrory did not use the typical, rigorous process to appoint this state-funded position when he selected Macon in July.

McCrory chose Macon himself rather than using a selection committee.

“The governor’s office was not aware of the traditional process (in the summer),” Kluttz said.

To remedy the controversy surrounding the prestigious title, McCrory personally appointed Kluttz to lead the correct selection process. Kluttz said she made it a personal priority to organize a group within the arts council, as well as library and history departments at the NCDCCR, in attempt to satisfy the various groups that had been upset by the previous decision.

A panel of six literary professionals — Anthony Abbott, Robert Anthony, Kevin Watson, Randall Kenan, Lorraine Robinson and Carolyn York — came together to nominate 40 poets for the position of N. C. Poet Laureate.

Of the 40 poets, three were selected and recommended to McCrory based on five qualification standards: the nominee must be a North Carolina resident, have a cultural connection to the state, uphold literary excellence, influence other writers and maintain a level of diversity and have

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COURTESY OF JAN G. HENSLEY

Shelby Stevenson, a UNC graduate, was selected as the state’s ninth poet laureate by Governor Pat McCrory last month.

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After a meeting with President Barack Obama earlier this week, Governor Pat McCrory is open to Medicaid expansion. **Page 3**

### BELOVED HISTORY PROFESSOR RETIRING

Professor Jacquelyn Hall retired in December after working for the University for more than 30 years. Hall left a legacy of activism on social justice projects and is revered for founding the Southern Oral History Project. **Page 4**

### WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES 84-59

The women’s basketball team lost to Pittsburgh Thursday. It was the team’s first conference loss this season and the first time the Panthers have defeated a ranked team in four years. The women’s basketball team is ranked eighth. **Page 6**

“I was hiding under your porch because I love you.”

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A snake-y toilet surprise

From staff and wire reports

Because cleaning a toilet isn't disgusting enough as it is. A woman in San Diego was plunging a toilet in her workplace when she noticed a snake protruding from the depths. Of all the things that may come up while plunging a toilet, a snake should be one of the last things you would expect to be removed.

The woman quickly left the bathroom and called animal control officials, who then removed a 5 1/2-foot Columbian rainbow boa from the bathroom. Animal control officials took the snake to a local animal shelter, where the snake then bit a handler. The real question is how did a Columbian rainbow boa end up in San Diego? On a good note, the woman now has a super legitimate reason to say no if someone asks her to clean a toilet again.

**NOTED.** Good news for all you out there who spend hours building hand and finger muscles playing video games. The University of Pikeville now considers video gaming a sport and will begin offering scholarships to students based on their ability in the popular video game "League of Legends." Wasting time playing? Pshhh.

**QUOTED.** "I think reform is needed. I welcome a new approach."  
— New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio joking about a change that will ensure that he will not have to hold a groundhog on Groundhog's Day. De Blasio said that his experience with the groundhog last year was less than appealing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

**Teen Science: Open Minds Cafe:** This program is designed for children ages 13 to 18 who are interested in science. Participants will be able to talk with scientists and discuss current science research. Participants will also be able to talk with others who share their same passion for science. The event is free and open to the public.  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Morehead Planetarium and Science Center

\$4 for Morehead members and \$5 for general admission. Those interested should register at [moreheadplanetarium.org](http://moreheadplanetarium.org).  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Morehead Planetarium and Science Center

**Location:** William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education

SUNDAY

**UNC Women's Basketball vs Georgia Tech:** The North Carolina women's basketball team is hosting "Be the Match Day" to help find a cure and raise awareness for blood cancers. Face painting and a team autograph session will be offered. The event is open the public.  
**Time:** 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Carmichael Arena

To make a calendar submission, email [calendar@dailytarheel.com](mailto:calendar@dailytarheel.com). Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.

**Under the Atrium Concert – Orquesta GarDel:** Latin music band Orquesta GarDel will perform as part of the Under the Atrium Concert series. The band was founded in 2006 by UNC professor David Garcia and singer Nelson Delgado. Food trucks will be available on site and free salsa lessons will be held before the concert. The event is open to the public. Tickets to the concert are \$12 and can be purchased at [fridaycenter.unc.edu](http://fridaycenter.unc.edu).  
**Time:** Salsa lessons: 7:30 p.m., Concert: 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY

**Star Families: Winter Skies:** Children ages 7 to 12 and their families are invited to learn the basics of astronomy at a storytelling program. The event is open to the public. Tickets are

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A POOL KIND OF DAY



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Patrick Winner, a freshman environmental science major from Charlotte, takes a shot while playing pool in the Union underground on Tuesday. Winner came because he thinks "pool is a great activity to do after classes 'cause it's relaxing."

POLICE LOG

- Someone drove while impaired on the 300 block of East Main Street at 2:17 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone committed burglary with force on the 200 block of Mitchell Lane at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person broke a door frame, valued at \$200, reports state.
- Someone committed larceny at the CVS at 1724 Fordham Blvd between 5:30 p.m. and 5:36 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole lotion, valued at \$10, reports state.
- Someone was playing loud music on the 500 block of N.C. 54 at 8:19 a.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone broke into and entered a residence by using a cutting tool on the 100 block of Dove Street between 9:30 a.m. and 2:54 p.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The person broke three window screens, valued at \$40, reports state.
- Someone committed larceny on the 100 block of BPW Club Road between 10 a.m. and 3:55 p.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The person broke a door and stole an Apple computer, a Kindle tablet, an iPhone 4, a ring, necklace and bracelet, reaching a total stolen value of \$2,340, reports state.
- Someone reported harassing phone calls on the 100 block of Cobb Street at 10:33 a.m. Thursday, according to Carrboro police reports.

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# McCrory flips on Medicaid expansion

NC's governor might push for the change after talks with Obama.

By Charles Talcott  
Staff Writer

Governor Pat McCrory, along with four other governors, traveled to the White House on Tuesday to talk with President Barack Obama about a variety of issues, including Medicaid expansion.

"We had a very lengthy and intellectual discussion," said McCrory in a statement.

McCrory's discussion with Obama follows comments from N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Aldona Vos about the possibility of Medicaid expansion. In September, Vos said the state was "at a point where we have an ability now to evaluate options" for expansion.

Under the Affordable Care Act, states could expand their Medicaid programs to people within 138 percent of the poverty line. A number of states, primarily with Republican governors, declined to expand their programs, but states like Michigan and Arkansas have started to reform their programs after initially refusing federal money for expansion.

North Carolina is one of the states that did not increase Medicaid eligibility, but in talking with Obama, McCrory seems more open to the possibility of expanding the program.

But McCrory said he was open to expansion only if it was designed by the state to meet the needs of its residents — and not by the federal government.

Mitch Kokai, spokesman for the right-leaning John Locke Foundation, said in an email it is not surprising that McCrory is revisiting expansion.

"Hospitals and others who benefit directly from Medicaid payments have been pushing the governor hard to reconsider the initial decision to reject expansion," Kokai said.

Julie Henry, spokeswoman for the North Carolina Hospital Association, said although more people are enrolling in health insurance through state exchanges, there has been little change in the amount of people coming to hospital emergency rooms for expensive, last-resort care.

Henry said expanding health care could help lift the burden on hospitals and the state budget.

"If people have some kind of coverage through Medicaid expansion, or some other means that is affordable for them, then they are more likely to seek preventive care," Henry said.

Still, Kokai said Medicaid expansion would hurt the state because it is already the fastest growing part of the state's budget and draws money away from other key sectors such as education.

"It makes much more sense to wait and see what happens with the Affordable Care Act, given the major political changes in Washington, D.C."

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# A SMALLER PROPOSAL



DTH/MATT RENN

Jim Ward (right) and members of the Chapel Hill Town Council ask questions about the development of Obey Creek at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

## Plans for a smaller Obey Creek piqued council interest

By Trent Hollandsworth  
Staff Writer

In response to concerns about the proposed Obey Creek development, town officials and developers are discussing an alternative plan that would cut the size of the development by nearly half.

At a Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Thursday night, Ken Pennoyer, business management director for the town, compared the original plan for the development to an alternative development plan that would make it as small as possible while still being economically viable.

"The minimum scenario represents the minimum necessary to make the project viable," he said.

Pennoyer said the alternative plan consists of 680,000 square feet compared to the 1.5 million square feet in the original plan.

The cost of the development to the town for things like infrastructure is predicted to be lower in the alternative plan, which reduces residential units by 63 percent and square footage by 55 percent.

"The minimums proposed are not necessarily the range they will be in the final project," said Ben Perry, project manager of East West Partners, the developer for

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**Ben Perry,**  
project manager for Obey Creek development

the project. "Everything seems to hold up, especially with the fiscal analysis of the minimum."

No matter which plan is chosen, providing public transit for the development will be a problem because the current transit tax could not fund additional buses and bus routes.

On Monday, the town council received a report on the state of Chapel Hill Transit from a consulting agency. The agency said Chapel Hill Transit would need to spend at least \$45 million on purchasing new buses to update its outdated fleet. The report also said Chapel Hill Transit has an inadequate number of employees for the amount of services it provides.

"Chapel Hill Transit isn't really seeking any new riders and can't afford to," Councilman Ed Harrison said.

Craig Scheffler, senior transportation engineer at engineering firm HNTB, pre-

sented a theoretical traffic report for both scenarios. The traffic was estimated using local and national traffic studies, including a traffic analysis at Southern Village.

Scheffler said the methodology includes recording the number of vehicular trips taken and then downsizing the number to account for transit and internal trips. With this assessment, it was estimated that the alternate plan would see 40 to 50 percent less traffic than the original one.

But with the development, the interchange between South Columbia Street and the James Taylor Bridge would see heavy traffic. To fix this, an alternative traffic plan was recommended to the council.

This alternative traffic plan consists of bikes being segregated from the right turning lane to ensure safety. Scheffler said a major concern with this alternative is that the right turning ramp would have one lane, which would back up turning traffic. Adding another lane would be beneficial, but plans have not been developed for this due to spatial issues, he said.

There will be a public comment section on Obey Creek on Monday and special meetings on Jan. 22 and 23 facilitated by urban designer Victor Dover.

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# Official criticizes new Board of Education appointment

The CHCCS board appointed new member David Saussy in December.

By Maggie Monsrud  
Staff Writer

One public official is criticizing the selection process that the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education used to appoint a new member in December, arguing that the process lacked transparency.

School board members chose David Saussy from among 15 applicants to fill the seat vacated by Mia Burroughs, who was elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

At a public meeting, board mem-

bers asked the applicants a series of questions which the applicants had a minute to answer. Board members then voted on the applicants, and Saussy was selected.

Orange County Commissioner Mark Dorosin said he disagrees with the way Saussy was selected.

"This is a community that values transparency and engagement, but the board never said why they chose one candidate over another," he said.

Dorosin said the school board's lack of transparency undermines residents' trust because they have no sense of why the selection was made.

"Any time a public body has to make a decision, there is a discussion about the merits before them," he said. "But the board picked the candidate without any public discussion."

Mike Kelley, chairman of the Board of Education, said the process the board used to select Saussy was the same process it has used in every similar instance since 2002.

"As an elected official, I take my responsibility seriously, and I'm pretty transparent in what I'm doing and what the board is doing," he said.

"If I ever have a question about what another board member does and I don't understand it, I usually somehow communicate with that board; I don't usually write an article about it," Kelley said, referring to a column Dorosin wrote for Chapel Hill News that called the process "opaque and close-mouthed."

The selection process was difficult because the board received more applicants than ever before, Kelley said.

"Every board member makes a decision based on what they think is best and based off of the characteristics they thought were valuable," Kelley said.

"David stood out as an applicant because of his experience with the school system, his work on the School Improvement Team and his long term goals, views and priorities."

Saussy will serve the remainder of Burroughs' term, which expires in November.

Saussy said he applied for the position because he has two children who attend Glenwood Elementary School.

"The board is an opportunity to advocate for all of the public schools and all of the students," Saussy said.

Saussy said he has an understanding of the education children need to be successful because of his work

with the global health care company GlaxoSmithKline.

"My background as a scientist has trained me to look carefully at problems that are presented and make sure that I do a thorough and objective assessment of all the data at hand before coming to a conclusion," he said.

Saussy said his goals include targeting broader issues, such as budgetary difficulties and the challenges they present to physical infrastructure.

"The district has a lot of challenges ahead of it as far as goals of closing the achievement gap and in terms of continuing to provide a quality education for all children," he said.

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# Study says tuition, over state, supports public universities

The UNC system still gets more revenue from the state than from tuition.

By Caroline Lamb  
Staff Writer

While a new national report found that tuition revenue now accounts for more public university funding than state support, North Carolina has not followed the same trend.

The report, published by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, found that between fiscal year 2003 and fiscal year 2012, median tuition at public universities across the country increased by 55 percent while state funding for public higher education decreased 12 percent.

Melissa Emrey-Arras, director of education, workforce and income security in the Government Accountability Office, said state funding used to make up more of schools' revenue than students' tuition money.

"Family incomes have leveled off in recent years and college prices have been going up, which just really squeezes a lot of families and makes it difficult to go to college," she said.

In 2014, the UNC system received \$2.6 billion in revenue from the state and \$1.35 billion from tuition, said Michael Vollmer, associate vice presi-

dent for finance of the UNC system. While tuition prices have gone up 53 percent for in-state students and 40 percent for out-of-state students in the last five years, he said state revenue has remained fairly constant.

"(State funding) is not what it was 20 years ago, but it's still a very significant amount," Vollmer said.

Matt Ellinwood, education policy analyst at the N.C. Justice Center, said North Carolina's commitment to public higher education stands out from other states, but has diminished since the Great Recession.

"We are seeing a lot less state money and a smaller percentage of the overall state's budget going into the UNC system than we used to," Ellinwood said. "So it's a dwindling commitment to an affordable system of higher education."

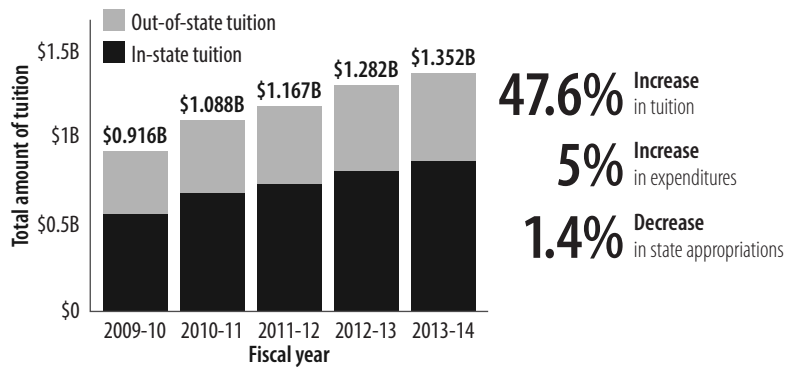
Jenna Ashley Robinson, director of outreach at the right-leaning Pope Center, said if universities rely too heavily on state funds then schools might not be sensitive to costs.

"You can just start spending money on things that aren't really priorities," she said.

Robinson said that while North Carolina is not one of the states that relies more on tuition revenue than state subsidies, schools could still increase affordability by keeping administrative costs down and consolidating functions across the system.

## Tuition growth outpaces state support for N.C. universities

The UNC system receives a majority of its funding through state appropriations, but an increased proportion of that funding has been provided through the rising cost of tuition in the past five years.



SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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The report lists some policies that help maintain affordability, including limiting tuition increases or freezing tuition, encouraging students to graduate on time and discouraging students from taking more classes than they need.

Most federal higher education support, about \$136 billion in 2013, is spent on financial aid — which goes directly to students — rather than programs that could incentivize states to improve college affordability.

"The government could decide to increase Pell Grant money for students that go to public schools in states that invest in higher education at a higher

amount," Emrey-Arras said.

Ellinwood said on the state level, the lottery system, in which a portion of revenues go to education, should be altered to provide more money for need-based scholarships.

He said tuition increases might mean fewer students will be motivated to attend college.

"That's a really scary concept in a time where a college degree is becoming really important," he said. "It's a very dangerous thing to start putting it out of reach for large numbers of people in our state."

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# inBRIEF

## CITY BRIEFS

### Chapel Hill Transit provides shuttle to basketball game

Chapel Hill Transit will provide a shuttle service to the Smith Center Saturday for the UNC men's basketball game.

The shuttle will begin running at 12:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. game from park and ride lots at the Friday Center, Southern Village, University Mall and Jones Ferry Road. The shuttles operate for 45 minutes after the game.

Round-trip rides will cost \$5 and one-way trips will cost \$3.

### New traffic signals to be installed at 26 intersections

The N.C. Department of Transportation will install flashing yellow arrows for left turns at 26 intersections across Chapel Hill and Carrboro in an effort to improve safety.

The flashing yellow signals mean turns are permitted but drivers must first yield to oncoming traffic before proceeding with caution.

The new signals will one day be required at all intersections.

— From staff reports

# Ackland’s study gallery caters to many

The gallery’s rotating exhibitions aren’t just for visual art courses.

By Sarah McQuillan  
Staff Writer

For students, the Ackland Art Museum offers more than what meets the eye. The gallery’s second floor consists of a special study gallery used by UNC students and the general public alike. The gallery’s layout includes six different bays, all of which have been updated with a new exhibition this week to mark the start of a new semester. Each is designed to house a unique collection of artwork hand-picked jointly by class professors and museum curators. The exhibits change every six weeks for different course collaborations. Carolyn Allmendinger, director of academic programs at the Ackland, is directly involved in this process. “It’s my job to find con-

nections between art in the Ackland and academics at the University,” she said. Allmendinger said she works primarily with undergraduate and graduate students, including those from Duke University, Meredith College, UNC-Greensboro and local community colleges. Her main duties include coordinating with professors to determine which pieces to install in each exhibit, as well as teaching the classes that visit the gallery. “The thing that I like about the teaching that I do here is the broad range of teaching that I can do,” Allmendinger said. Tatiana String, a professor in UNC’s Art Department, has used the study gallery for her art history courses in the past and said she finds it to be a very useful resource. “For art historians in North Carolina to be able to see works firsthand and not just on slides is fantastic,” String said. “They get to see things really up close, they get to see things for an extended period, and I think

*“I think the gallery really enriched what we had been learning in class even more.”*  
Mikala Whitaker,  
sophomore

that really looking hard is an important skill for anybody, not just art majors.” Currently on display in the gallery are exhibitions for courses such as Art History 89: “Islamic Art and Science,” and Geography 650: “Technology and Democracy.” Mikala Whitaker, a sophomore journalism and global studies major, visited the study gallery not for an art class but for a religious studies course. “I think the gallery really enriched what we had been learning in class even more,” Whitaker said. “It made me appreciate the importance of art more.” Similarly, sophomore sociology major Courtney Sams visited the gallery in her com-

parative literature course. “It made the class a lot more relatable,” Sams said. “It was a really positive experience.” Allmendinger said the variety of class discussions she leads at the study gallery allows her to learn more about a particular piece of artwork in return. “I can work with a single work of art over and over and over, but I learn something different every time I have a conversation with a different group because everybody brings a different perspective, and I really enjoy that,” she said. Although many university museums have spaces similar to Ackland’s Study Gallery, Allmendinger said none quite compare to it. “Most university museums don’t devote this much space to this kind of exhibition that’s designed specifically with classes in mind,” she said. “I think that creates a really interesting experience.”

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South Korean artist Nam June Paik’s piece “Eagle Eye” (pictured) is part of a show displayed in the Ackland for Geography 650.

# Jacquelyn Hall retiring after a busy career

A professor for more than 30 years, Hall had a passion for activism.

By Acy Jackson  
Staff Writer

After winning awards, founding programs and getting arrested, Jacquelyn Hall has retired from her position as a history professor. Hall decided that although she enjoyed teaching, it was time to move on to new projects. “I wanted to put more time into the things that went beyond the University. I didn’t feel burned out. I felt like this is great and I’m glad I did it,” Hall said.

She was one of the first to participate in the Moral Monday protests in Raleigh and was arrested for standing her ground in 2013. “I had no hesitation, no fear,” she said, reminiscing on her arrest. “A small glimpse and feel of what it is like to be at the total mercy of the criminal justice/mass incarceration system.” When she wasn’t under arrest, Hall taught classes and conducted research, but what she found most important was watching her students grow. “Watching them speak and just renewing my sense of how diverse and wonderful careers they’ve had — all the different kind of things they’ve done with their lives makes me feel that working

Jacquelyn Hall, lauded for her service, is retiring from UNC following a career of history and activism.

with those students is the most important thing that I’ve done,” Hall said. Hall left a lasting mark at the University — not only with her students, but also with her colleagues. Fitz Brundage, chairman of the history department, said Hall was a wonderful professor and scholar. “She was committed to (her students) ... to their own personal commitments in terms of social justice or politics or

social activism,” he said. “As a person, she is exceedingly gracious, very collegial and lively.” Hall has been exposed to activism since she was a child, and she used her scholarly work to promote activism and social awareness. Hall started the Southern Oral History Program in 1973. “We collect interviews with people from across the South, which are then archived and made available for use by researchers as well as community members and teachers,” said Rachel Seidman, associate director of the program. The program gives a voice to stories that aren’t always included in textbooks and uses individual accounts and perspectives. Seidman said she has

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Rachel Seidman,  
associate director of the Southern Oral History Program


nothing but admiration and respect for Hall. “She was an iconic figure to me when I was a graduate student,” Seidman said. “She’s become a real life mentor, inspiration and friend.” Hall and Seidman are both founding members of Scholars for North Carolina’s Future, a program that gets scholars involved in activism and uses their expertise for political discussions. “The point of it is to galvanize scholars across the state to speak out issues of politics and public policy in North Carolina,” Hall said. Hall might be retiring, but she is staying busy. She is continuing to work with Scholars for North Carolina’s Future, Lillian’s List — which finds and trains female candidates for public office — and Moral Monday protests. “The way you throw a pebble in the pond, you don’t know where it will land. The ripples are small, but they do travel outward,” she said. university@dailytarheel.com


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# County workshop aims to make farm management a breeze

**By Erin Kolstad**  
Staff Writer

For 25 years, Cecilia Redding, owner of Down 2 Earth Farms, worked as an agricultural engineer in the food industry, but she always had hopes of growing her own food.

"I have always wanted to farm but didn't have the land," Redding said. "In 2011, I bought land."

To learn the skills necessary to start her farm, Redding

attended the PLANT@Breeze Farm workshop series. People Learning Agriculture Now for Tomorrow, known as PLANT, is an eight-week workshop series teaching necessary skills like production, marketing and business plans to people interested in farming.

"I took the workshop to learn hands-on and practical skills rather than book knowledge," Redding said. "I had book knowledge already, rather than hands-on experience."

PLANT will begin its

eight annual workshop series Wednesday. Each class is three hours long. The program has a \$110 registration fee.

"A great thing about the workshop is that it brings in other farmers," Redding said. "They go through what they do and why. It is really a lot of applied information from other farmers, so that was really helpful."

The number of farms in North Carolina decreased from 52,913 to 50,218 farms between 2007 and 2012.

Despite the statewide decrease, Orange County farms actually increased from 604 to 645 during that time, though total farm acreage in the county decreased from 60,057 to 56,666 acres.

Michael Lanier, Orange County Cooperative Extension's agricultural economic development agent, said local food has a higher quality than mass-produced food, even with the smaller acreage.

"They put a lot more time and effort into their food,"

Lanier said. "The varieties in grocery stores are primarily selected for high yields and a long shelf life. Quality is a big issue and a reason why there is a growing demand for local food."

Kent Duke, a former PLANT participant, said he wanted to learn how to grow food on a farm after he and his wife, Lueann, retired.

"My wife and I bought some acreage to retire on, but I also wanted to grow food, not only to feed us but to sell

at a market," Duke said. "And I needed to learn how."

Since the workshop series, Duke and his wife now run Willow Ridge Farm, a fruit and vegetable farm that also breeds Olde English Bulldogges and has a flock of chickens.

"Even if you just want to grow something in your backyard, the workshop is well worth the time and little expense," Duke said.

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trained by an agency.

They said there are only a few service dog agencies that work specifically with sexual assault survivors, and those agencies had long waitlists with fees of up to \$40,000. With an agency, it typically takes a minimum of 200 hours of training before a service dog is ready for its owner.

Pino volunteered at a German Shepherd rescue, waiting for the right dog.

"I got an alert for a beautiful white German Shepherd two hours away on the list for a kill shelter," Pino said. "I was determined to rescue this dog. On the way back, I was having a panic attack in the car, and she instinctively jumped on my lap to calm me down."

A service dog is a dog that completes tasks that mitigate the disabilities of their owner,

but there is no certification process beyond that. Pino said the dogs can't react to other animals and must stay calm under stress.

"An anxious dog will be anxious if their owner is anxious, which isn't exactly convenient when someone with an anxiety disorder is trying to train their service dog to ignore their anxiety," Pino said.

Carroll estimates it will cost \$3,600 for training sessions, on top of adoption fees and veterinarian bills. So far she has raised over \$4,500.

Service dogs are allowed in all buildings on campus. Comfort animals, which provide emotional support but are not necessarily trained as service animals, are sometimes allowed in dorms.

"People need to be educated that psychiatric disabilities are real disabilities," Pino said. "And schools are required to provide accommodations."

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know," he said. "A body of faculty that is more willing to be challenging would be healthier for the University."

Faculty Chairman Bruce Cairns expressed interest in improvements to the current system of faculty governance.

"If someone is critical, we need to give them the opportunity to share what their concerns are so we can have an open and transparent dialogue," Cairns said.

"We need to be honest about what the challenges are so we can work together to create the best University possible."

Ferrell said Melehy's idea of a more senatorial council, where each department would be equally represented, is not practical because of the number of departments and the variations in their sizes.

"In smaller departments, you would have difficulty finding people who have the time to serve or have any interest in serving," he said.

Dorothea Heitsch, a senior lecturer in the Department of Romance Languages, serves on the council as a representative of fixed term faculty in the College of Arts and Science and agrees that insider culture is something that needs to be addressed.

She said she feels the the council should focus on creating diversity, change and a more critical environment with higher member turnover.

"In order to bring that about, it would be nice if everyone on campus who is eligible to contribute to faculty council would take this opportunity seriously and consider their willingness to serve," she said.

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an ability and willingness to engage the public.

Watson, a member of the selection committee and a colleague of Stephenson, believes Stephenson goes beyond meeting all of the selection criteria.

"I think he has the reputation, with many years as working as a poet, as a teacher and as an educator," Watson said. "He represents the literary history of North Carolina."

In spite of the selection problems this summer, Watson said he believes the final selection was effective.

"Once we got past the fiasco that ensued earlier and it was handed back over to the arts council, the governor was very gracious and it worked out beautifully,"

After organizing and overseeing the entire selection process from nominations through decision, Kluttz believes

Stephenson was the best choice to represent North Carolina.

"I'm thrilled with the selection," she said. "I truly think Stephenson is a North Carolina treasure."

Stephenson, whose son calls his new position as poet laureate "The Mouth of the South," is equally thrilled.

As laureate, Stephenson plans to go into assisted living places and nursing homes, work with Future Farmers of America groups and give back to the land through writing and writing workshops.

He wants to give back to the North Carolina that made him the writer he is today.

"It's such a beautiful world to be a part of."

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tracting laptops can be since he started teaching.

"Sometimes people are so lost in their computers that they do not even notice when class ends," he said in an email.

He first asked students to put laptops away in a 400-level honors course in spring 2014 and then did the same in a large lecture in the fall. Grades improved in both courses.

"Some (students) have even thanked me," he said.

Lisa Lindsay, a history professor, said she has always banned laptops, both in large lectures and small seminars.

Though students have complained in the past that they can't take notes fast enough without a laptop, she said she posts an outline of each lecture before class and posts all PowerPoint slides on Sakai.

She's never regretted her no-laptops policy.

"Every time I go to a class where students are using laptops, I'm reminded of it."

But biology professor Kelly Hogan said laptops enhance her Biology 101 classes. Hogan has been a vocal advocate for the flipped classroom model, where students learn the material before class and come prepared to work through practice problems.

Laptops allow students to answer multiple choice questions, do calculations and draw graphs with instant submission and feedback, Hogan said.

"Visitors to my class tell me that students in the back rows of this 400-plus person class are equally engaged too," she said in an email.

Computer science professor Jay Aikat said it's impractical

not to have laptops in a class like Computer Science 110.

"You can talk and talk about programming, but you won't learn a thing until you actually do it," she said.

But she has thought about students' laptop use. She knows some students aren't paying attention to her lecture.

But since she always types notes on her own laptop during meetings, she doesn't want to impose a classroom policy that she wouldn't follow.

"If a student doesn't want to mentally be in the class, well, don't come to class," she said.

Hogan and her teaching assistants walk around the room periodically while students are working through problems, and if students are not on task, they tap them on the shoulder and give them a warning. But the benefits of using laptops outweigh the negatives, she said.

"I'm willing to take on the challenge and try to keep my students entertained with biology, so they won't even think about shoe shopping or social media," she said.

Roberts said he'll keep asking students not to use laptops, though he doesn't think it's the only way professors can make a class more engaging.

He said he thinks the increasing trend of professors banning laptops will continue.

Still, Key said even though she doesn't use her laptop in class, she thinks college students should have the freedom to decide for themselves.

"The students who are going to get As are going to do what they need to do to get them," she said. "If others are going to be lazy and play on laptops, that's on them."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: PITTSBURGH 84, NORTH CAROLINA 59

# Women's basketball falls to Panthers

The team was out-rebounded by 12 in its 25-point loss.

By C Jackson Cowart  
Staff Writer

The North Carolina women's basketball team is no stranger to close encounters. In eight games this season, the halftime score has been within 10 points. Eight times, the team has prevailed. But Thursday, the Pittsburgh Panthers rode their own

momentum to close out the comeback-minded Tar Heels. After trailing by 10 at the break, No. 8 UNC allowed a 21-7 run and never recovered, as the Panthers (11-4, 1-1 ACC) claimed an 84-59 home victory, their first win over a ranked opponent in nearly four years. "We've had some close scores at halftime but we've played really good in the second half all year," said Coach Sylvia Hatchell, whose team trailed by double digits the entire second half. "Once we got it to 11, I thought, 'OK, we're gonna make a run here

and pull this out.'" But after getting within striking distance, the Tar Heels (14-2, 1-1 ACC) simply couldn't make a shot, going without a made field goal for the final seven minutes. "We just couldn't score," said Hatchell, after the team finished just over 30 percent from the field. "We took enough shots that we should have been able to do better than we did." Forward Stephanie Mavunga — who was honored as the ACC Player of the Week on Monday — finished with just 12 points and 4 rebounds

on 4-of-12 shooting. "She usually finishes really well around the basket," Hatchell said. "Stephanie had some really good looks and some just easy things around the basket that didn't go in." North Carolina's lone bright spot was guard Allisha Gray, who led the team with 19 points and accounted for a third of the team's rebounds. But even her fifth double-double of the year wasn't enough to save the Tar Heels from their rebounding woes. "Rebounding was really major," said Hatchell, refer-

ring to the Panthers' plus-12 rebounding margin. "I was really upset that we didn't rebound with them like we should have. Allisha had 14, but nobody else really showed any presence on the boards." UNC played its first road game without forward Xylina McDaniel, who is out indefinitely with a lower leg injury. And without McDaniel, the team's third-leading rebounder before the injury, UNC was hurt by much more than her absence on the glass. "Xylina's not out there, and more than anything else she's

a beast. I think her mentality we miss out there," Hatchell said. "I just didn't think we played as hard as we needed to. Xylina would have made a difference there, I'm sure." Despite the poor showing, she is confident some early-morning motivation can rectify her team's lack of effort. "We're gonna start at 6:00 in the morning, probably as soon as we get back," Hatchell said. "We'll have a little better effort and mentality on Sunday afternoon."

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)  
Today is an 8 – Work smarter. Accept your greater good. Don't gamble. Stand firm. Stay in rather than going out. Take it slow, to avoid accidents that could include breakage. Give more than you expect to receive in the love department.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)  
Today is an 8 – The game is getting fun. Build a solid structure. Keep your strategy private. Create a financial solution that saves money over the long haul. Choose to be happier. Dress the part. Play and practice your skills. Weave a romantic spell.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)  
Today is an 8 – Choose love over money, family over work. Don't chase an expensive fantasy. Keep it simple, sticking with what and who you know, with practical goals close to home. A theory doesn't work in practice. Clean and organize.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)  
Today is an 8 – Keep one eye on the practical side. Some things you can do without. Chaos and fog cloud the situation. Know your customers. Check the data. Avoid risky business. Straight talk cuts through the smoke and mirrors.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Today is an 8 – Stick to jobs that utilize your unique talents. Focus on areas of specialty. Don't get dissuaded by stories of failure. Losing teaches you the distance to a win. Anticipate resistance with sensitivity and compassion. Address all concerns. Practice persistently.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Today is a 7 – Don't spend too much for expert opinions. Handle practical repairs yourself and save. A skeptic can be persuaded. Check to see if an assignment has changed. Discipline is required with a personal project. Try familiar methods first.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Today is a 7 – Do your part in private. Get spiritual support from someone who loves you. Don't overlook family obligations, borrow or lend. Stick to simple, healthy flavors and practices. Postpone a meeting. Take small practical steps towards your goal.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Today is an 8 – Friends help you get past obstacles. It's not a good travel time, especially when under pressure. Don't launch anything yet. Watch out for a scenario too good to be true. Brainstorm practical tasks, and note who chooses what.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Today is an 8 – Focus on profitable labors. The possibility of error is very high. Shop carefully. Call ahead to avoid a wasted trip. The wind fills your sails, but hold off a little longer. Be patient with things that don't make sense.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Today is an 8 – Pin down practical details around a trip or escapade. Follow your intuition but double-check reservations. Don't cause strain on your family. Pretend you spend more than you do. Sit peacefully, and envision the future. Stash away your loot.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Today is an 8 – Stick to practical details around family finances, and avoid distraction. There's lots of work to be done. Find ways to raise your income. Learn from the competition. Leave dreaming for later. Your fantasies get challenged. Compromise to proceed.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Today is a 7 – Get practical with a partner. Evaluate the basics. Focus on simple steps to pluck low-hanging fruit. An older person offers instruction. Increase organization, and create new files for current projects. Postpone buying a romantic gift but remember the idea.

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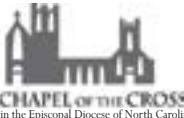
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# No more excuses for bad ethics

The information age has had a bit of an unexpected effect on large organizations: forced transparency. That is, whether companies like it or not, shady actions come to light (and stay there on the internet forever). Edward Snowden and WikiLeaks are famous examples of this, and organizational conspiracies make it to the front page of Reddit every other day. It's trendy to bring deep, dark secrets to light. As the information age progresses, ethics will become less an issue of public relations — it will become more necessary for companies to actually be ethical.

The Mormon Church itself released documents admitting that its founder had 40 wives; the CIA has torture reports going through the Senate; the UK police are only beginning to uncover VIP pedophilia rings from the '70s and '80s. The Koch Brothers are starting to get into good causes by funding reforms of the criminal justice system, undoubtedly hoping to combat the fact that a Google search sometimes suggests “evil” right after “Koch Brothers.”

The internet is giving us more of a lowdown on which companies are totally backward, self-serving organizations, and which are only kind of corrupt. College students should take advantage of this new age of forced transparency by being intentional about who they decide to work for.

So here's a cliched, Disney-movie message: Work for the least corrupt organization you can, even if it means losing a few bucks. That tune is bland and familiar to the ears of college students, and it's easy to say when speaking among idealists in a classroom. But when talking about our own job searches, things suddenly become ... complicated. We want high-paying jobs, right? Prestige? Prestige feels good.

The best and brightest who have a choice of where to work are the single most valuable resource to the economy, and they should be obliged to be choosy about who they work for. A progressive environment like UNC encourages students to do good in the world, and I think that any graduate who isn't a complete narcissist at least aspires to make the world a better place. UNC has its fair share of students researching African health care, maintaining a 4.0 and revolutionizing the world through symbolic showcases in the Pit.

But every Morehead-Cain Scholar who decides to work for McKinsey or Bain ought to ask him or herself whether a shiny job in management consulting will really improve anything. In their job searches, computer programmers should note that Palantir was accused of a plot to hack and blackmail WikiLeaks.

Similarly, that savvy two-year stint for Teach for America ought to be preceded by sharp questions about how much damage Teach for America is actually doing to poor communities.

This attraction of high achievers to prestigious, yet socially useless (or even harmful) jobs is precisely what caused a former secretary of labor to call Ivy League schools a “ludicrous waste of resources.”

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EDITORIAL

# Cheering for justice

## Being a fan comes with certain ethical responsibilities.

In the midst of questions about the ethics of college athletics, some UNC fans might have decided to divert their attentions to the world of professional sports in hopes of enjoying football with a clearer conscience.

Sadly, at least in the case of the Carolina Panthers, professional fanhood remains complicated. Those enjoying the team's surprising late-season success also have to deal with the often unpleasant realities of professional sports, including the Panthers' often exploitative relationship with its home city of Charlotte and its fans.

The team's most recent round of renovations was financed by taxpayer funds that had been previously earmarked for the city's convention center.

The Panthers also indicated that an extra \$50 million from the city might help secure the team's presence in the city for an extra four years beyond the 2018

season guaranteed by the current agreement.

Panthers owner Jerry Richardson delicately implied that the team's continued presence in Charlotte would more or less be contingent upon the state's willingness to help it pay for whatever it liked.

“(NFL teams) are so coveted, they don't have to pay,” WRAL reported Richardson as saying back in 2013. “There are only 32 (teams).”

Professional football teams are unquestionably assets to the cities where they reside. But the Panthers, like so many teams before and since, have leveraged this fact and undermined the benevolent force they have the potential to be in their communities. Profit-making continues to clearly supercede the concerns of fans where their interests diverge.

Finally, the Panthers suffer from the health crises that afflict all football teams, from Pop Warner up through the NFL, a league which has marginalized reports concerning the lasting trauma its players suffer and failed to provide

adequate care for that trauma once its players have left the game. It's a league that does little to combat a hypermasculine culture of violence.

The upshot of all this is that as much as we want sports to serve as a respite from the real world, they inevitably have to take place within the same flawed plane of reality in which the rest of our lives unfold.

Ethical gray area persists even in sports, where the clear-cut nature of the goal at hand — winning games — often obscures the dilemmas the dogged pursuit of victory (and its attendant monetary benefits) leaves in its wake. The politics of putting on a professional football game are no less important or impactful than the politics of education or crime.

And so, as the Panthers prepare to take on the Seattle Seahawks this weekend in the playoffs, we should consider complicating our fanhood in such a way that we still hold accountable professional sports leagues, teams and the people they comprise.

EDITORIAL

# Taking responsibility

## The CHPD's desire to own up to flaws is notable.

Protesters nationwide have been chanting the phrase “Black Lives Matter” since the hashtag was created in 2012 after the shooting of Trayvon Martin by George Zimmerman. After Mike Brown's death and Darren Wilson's non-indictment in 2014, these chants gained popularity to once again highlight police brutality against black people — a symptom of the larger issue of institutionalized racism.

In New York City, Patrick Lynch, the president of New York City's largest police union, blamed protesters for the deaths of two officers even though demonstrators — including Mike Brown's family — had called for nonviolence.

Pro-police rallies created in response to #BlackLivesMatter effectively miss the point by refusing to acknowledge that racial discrimination is a problem in the first place. These actions aim to discredit protesters by polarizing the argument: to be anti-police brutality

is cast as being anti-police. The movement has been calling for police accountability for injustices against black lives, but has often been misinterpreted.

But police killings of unarmed black people are only the most severe manifestation of discrimination and implicit racial bias, which are problems that affect communities everywhere, including our own.

According to a study by the U.S. Department of Justice, black and Hispanic drivers, when stopped by police, were more likely to be searched than white drivers. A similar trend exists in Orange County, as black drivers are disproportionately subjected to searches compared to white drivers in traffic stops, according to a UNC study. Black drivers are also over-represented in traffic stops compared to the county's general demographics.

The overall reaction from police locally has been significantly different from those in New York City. At a two-hour public forum, Chapel Hill Police Chief Chris Blue, Carrboro Police Chief Walter Horton, and Orange County Sheriff Charles

Blackwood were invited by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP for a conversation about policing in Orange County.

All three said they believed most officers do not have any conscious intention of discriminating against a particular race, but that they were willing to address the problem.

But discussions of intention can only take us so far, as they move the focus to conscious thought as a dead end rather than implicit attitudes that can be influenced by the environment and possibly changed. But intentionally targeting implicit attitudes will at least bring us closer to a solution.

The police departments of Orange County should continue working with communities of color and developing programs to challenge discrimination. Keeping in mind recent events in other parts of the country and using that knowledge to act on local concerns is the minimum of what our police departments should be doing. Yet even that seems to have been too much to ask of police departments elsewhere.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“I can ignore alarms, but it's a bit harder to ignore a dog licking your face. You can't really hit the snooze button on a dog.”*

Laura Carroll, a survivor of sexual assault and therapy dog owner

## FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

*“It means ‘We don't have a clue what the Social Justice advocate does. So we hope the students will help us figure it out.’”*

T100C1970, on a new resident hall adviser position in social justice

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Let's not let the Varsity Theatre close

TO THE EDITOR:

This theatre has been a Chapel Hill landmark for 88 years, serving not only the Chapel Hill community but the surrounding communities of Carrboro, Hillsborough and all of both Durham and Orange counties as well as Chatham and Alamance counties.

The historic roots go way back when it was the original Carolina Theatre and later on the Village Theatre before it became the Varsity in 1951. The Varsity remained a single screen operation until 1982 when the theater was split into two sections and renamed the Varsity Theaters 1 and 2 under an independent chain.

My memories of this cinema go way back as I had great times seeing Hollywood favorites during my youth. Did you know the original “Star Wars” movie played here first-run as well as “The Sound of Music,” Disney's “Mary Poppins,” the original “MASH,” all of the James Bond films starring Sean Connery ranging from “Dr. No” to “Diamonds are Forever” and many more?

It also has a history regarding the segregation policies and numerous sit-ins regarding the admittance of African-Americans and other minorities at this theater that lasted until 1961 when the segregation practices were removed.

But we need to make sure that this theater stays open or else we will lose the last remaining downtown venue that has been a staple within the greater Chapel Hill area since 1927. Information on the varsity is posted on the Cinema Treasures site.

Raymond Caple  
Chapel Hill

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## CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, Wednesday's letter “UNC coach is wrong on sexual assault” misstated Sarah Cooksey's title. She is the former features editor of The University Echo. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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## Kvetching board™

kvetch:

v.1 (Yiddish) to complain

It is simply unfair that my Spanish class meets in Mitchell — what about my “right to Dey?”

A haiku for those of us starting our last semester: Where did the time go? Oh God, I'm an adult now/ Someone make it stop

I was excited to get socks for Christmas this year and felt really old, but then remembered I still can't buy my own alcohol.

Cory Mock: Making news again for UNC wrestling, all the way from Chattanooga!

If you aren't going to heat the bathrooms, can you hand out catheters?

Yeah so this whole “move classes back 5 minutes to give more time between two classes” is working out perfectly. All my classes aren't starting on time and they also don't seem to know when to end. But, hey, I'm not complaining. No (insert relative name here), I have not taken any paper classes throughout my time at UNC, but thanks for asking.

Apparently I'm even less cool on my last FDOC than I was on my first — ate lunch alone in the library and had to use a map in public.

I'm fine getting a few C's this semester if it'll get us a few more degrees.

Is an “alcohol sweater” really inappropriate classroom attire when it's 12 F? Alsooboozely not!

They're opening a non-religious church in Chapel Hill! Right down the street from the public country club, pacifist shooting range and vegan steakhouse.

P.J.'s still playing the bad boy in Charlotte: Suspended in December and eight minutes last night. P.J. Hairston: Tar Heel.

To all of those starry-eyed freshmen who are just starting to get the hang of college: Could you cut it out? You're making me feel old and crotchety. Sincerely, a senior.

To the lifeguard who stood directly in front of the pool's pace clock: You make a better door than a window. But you sure are a fine-looking door.

Many people use botox to “feel young again,” but I have chosen to take the route of retaking Chemistry 101 as a senior to immerse myself in the youth of this university.

The worst part about breaking up with someone who has a meal plan is saying goodbye to dining hall cookies.

Hey DTH Quickhits, here's a Kvetch for you: when Quickhits uses ‘good’ and ‘Dook’ in the same sentence, I want to quick(ly) hit something.

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