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BURGERS FOR A BENEFIT



DTH/ZACH ALDRIDGE

Freshmen Molly High (left) and Majdoulyne Lavoie were at Al's Burger Shack on Franklin Street on Tuesday night for Kappa Delta's benefit night for their annual Shamrock N' Run 5K supporting Prevent Child Abuse America.

POLICE LOG

• Someone broke and entered and committed larceny at Los Potrillos restaurant at 220 W. Rosemary St. between midnight and 8 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person pried open the door to the restaurant, causing damage to the door estimated at \$250, damage to an office door estimated at \$200, damage to a cash register draw estimated at \$400 damage to wires estimated at \$300 and damage to an alarm motion sensor estimated at \$200, reports state.

The person also stole \$170 in cash, a safe valued at \$350, a computer valued at \$500 and a security system control box valued at \$4,000, reports state.

• Someone committed vehicular breaking and entering and damaged property at 8 Clark Court between 10 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Monday,

according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person threw a rock through a car window, causing damage estimated at \$200, reports state.

• Someone abandoned a bicycle valued at \$50 at 127 E. Franklin St. at 12:10 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone committed simple assault at a restaurant at 107 N. Columbia St. at 5:08 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person threw a drink on someone else, reports state.

• Someone trespassed at a restaurant at 100 W. Franklin St. at 6:14 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person banged on the window of Qdoba and would not stop, reports state.



Bieber wax figure meltdown

From staff and wire reports

Madame Tussauds wax museum has officially retired its wax figure of Justin Bieber — but it's not his recent troubles with the law that are to blame. Leave it to crazed fans to excessively grope the figure beyond repair.

All the groping and fondling has taken its toll on waxy Bieber, and despite regular maintenance, the masterpiece upholding all that is middle school and bad decisions no longer does a justice to the real person.

The museum said it hopes to have a 'grown-up' version of Bieber in the museum soon, and the world weeps.

Also, disclaimer: The non-wax Justin Bieber has not been retired from, well, whatever it is he's doing right now. Sorry to disappoint.

NOTED. Good news for an American population already battling heart disease and obesity: You can now get your Twinkies at up to 40 percent less than grocery store prices thanks to Big Lots.

Mhmm, mmm. Nothing screams capitalism more than manufactured snack cakes at a reduced price.

QUOTED. "There's not a feeling that you have to be better than one another, physically. We're humans, we have scars, we have what we have ... it's learning to love and accept that."

— Pastor Allen Parker, who allows nude worship at White Tail Chapel in Virginia. Love is love. Naked is naked.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

UNC men's basketball vs. Duke:

Cheer on the Tar Heels as they take on the Blue Devils. If you weren't selected in the student lottery to receive tickets, available seats will be filled by students at the start of the game. Students may enter the stand-by line no earlier than one and half hours before tip-off.

Time: 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Location: Dean Smith Center

Duke-UNC Viewing Party:

Didn't land a ticket to the big game against the Duke Blue Devils? The Order of the Bell Tower has got you covered with its game viewing part. You can pick up tickets at the door for \$7 or purchase them in the Pit for \$5.

Time: 8:30 p.m.
Location: Varsity Theatre

THURSDAY

Orgasm? Yes, Please!

Want to learn how to have better, healthy, fun and communicative sex? This program focuses on healthy sexuality and cultivating healthy relationships while combining humor. Learn about orgasms and enter a raffle to win a free vibrator in a raffle. Presented in part by Project Dinah, Interactive Theater Carolina and Student Wellness.

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: Student Union, Great Hall

Make Your Own Valentine:

Get crafty while making a card for your special Valentine. Bull's Head Bookshop will supply all the construction paper hearts and googly eyes you need. It will also be held Friday. Free.

Time: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Bull's Head Bookshop

"Smart Leaders, Smarter Teams" (Lecture):

Roger Schwarz, an international leadership consultant and former School of Government professor will give a lecture on the topic of "Smart Leaders, Smarter Teams," the title of his recent book. Free.

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: Medical Biomolecular Research Building, Room 2204

"We Love Valentines" Night:

Take part in a "Love in the Galleries" scavenger hunt and make your own Valentines.

Time: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

To make a calendar submission, email 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.

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In the Spanish program, students will be enrolled in both SPAN 101 and SPAN 102 and earn 6 credit hours.

An application is required. The program will be limited to 20 students.

For more information and how to apply, go to <http://languageimmersion.web.unc.edu>



UNC
SUMMER SCHOOL

Transcripts to denote cheating

A new grade of XF will appear when students violate the Honor Code.

By Sarah Moseley
Staff Writer

Student transcripts could look a little different next year after the implementation of contextual grading and the new XF grade.

The new grading system would require that an "X" is added to an "F" grade when a student is convicted of violating the Honor Code.

The "X" notation may be removed only if the student responsible participates in an ethics course which proves their renewed understanding of academic integrity, said Dean of Students Jonathan Sauls. However, making the effort to remove the "X" is completely voluntary.

Sauls said the XF grade will improve the honor system while allowing students to gain a better understanding of the University's academic standards.

Although the proposal is awaiting formal approval by the Faculty Council and Chancellor Carol Folt, Sauls said he is confident it will pass.

The notation is used by a number of other schools, Sauls said, but not all of those institutions allow students the opportunity to remove the "X" from their transcript.

"We thought it was important to have that redemptive quality," Sauls said. "There's an educative component for students to learn and grow from mistakes."

The XF grade is one of several methods UNC is using to change its approach to academic conduct. UNC will also implement contextual grading in the fall that will show how well a student did in a course compared to their classmates.

Theresa Raphael-Grimm, chairwoman of the educational policy committee, said contextual grading will tell graduate schools more about an individual's academic achievement while also curbing grade inflation over time.

The committee recently increased the cutoff GPA for the Honors Program because grade inflation has increased so much over the last 20 years, Raphael-Grimm said.

"I don't think grade inflation is advantageous to students," she said. "I think it really diminishes what an A means."

Lawrence Murray, director of the undergraduate business program, said there are many factors that go into evaluating applicants, but that contextual transcripts will be an additional factor the Kenan-Flagler Business School uses in its assessments.

"It's rare that one data point or single piece of information is enough to impact a student's chances at receiving a favorable admissions decision," Murray said.

Undergraduate Student Attorney General Anna Sturkey said the Office of Student Conduct will work to educate students about these changes.

They are working to create a reader-friendly guide to explain the changes, which will be widely distributed next year, along with an updated module for freshmen.

Sauls said it was necessary that these academic changes happened in concert with each other.

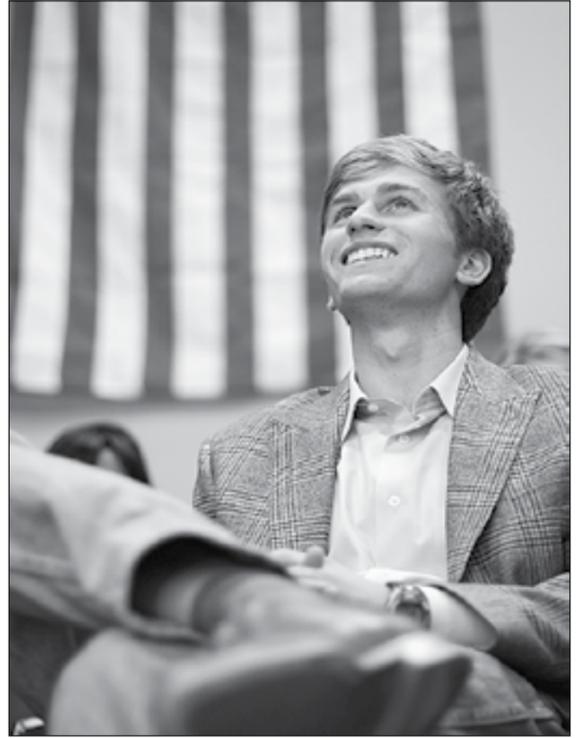
"It's part of a greater whole," he said. "I don't know if all these changes would have the same support if they were done in a vacuum."

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THEN THERE WERE 2



DTH/LA'MON JOHNSON



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There will be a runoff election on Tuesday, Feb. 18 between Student Body President candidates Emilio Vicente (left) and Andrew Powell.

Vicente and Powell will compete in a runoff next week

By Kate Albers, Bradley Saacks and Langston Taylor

Staff Writers

The votes are in, but the campaign continues.

Student body president candidates Emilio Vicente and Andrew Powell will compete in a runoff election on Tuesday, Feb. 18, the UNC Board of Elections announced after no candidate received the majority of the votes.

Vicente led all candidates with 41.08 percent of the vote, with Powell coming in second with 28.4 percent of the vote.



"Honestly, I'm still in shock," Vicente said.

He expressed respect for the other candidates and how they handled the election.

"It's been really clean," Vicente said. "I want to commend all of the candidates, especially Winston and Nikita."

Powell said he was surprised by the outcome.

"I feel very fortunate to have had this outcome and am certainly very excited to move forward," he said.

Powell said he will continue to try to reach as many students as possible in preparation for next week's election. He also added that he has a lot of respect for fellow candidates Nikita Shandasani and Winston Howes.

"I'll certainly be sitting down with Nikita and Winston both," he said. "I would love to incorporate some of their ideas in our strategy going forward."

Some 5,475 students voted in this year's

election, down from 5,691 votes last year, but it was still more than the record low of 4,507 in the 2012 election.

The voting system did experience problems with registering votes for the senior class president election. Robert Windsor, chairman of the Board of Elections, said some current seniors were able to vote for the office.

"When we corrected the problem this morning, only about 100 people had voted for senior class officers at that point," he said.

He said they made sure the results were not changed by the extra votes.

Powell said it was difficult for him to submit his own vote.

"I actually had trouble voting. I had to submit a secondary form initially," he said.

Vicente said he did not yet know if he would campaign any differently this week.

"I came in without any expectations," he said, and added that he was excited to relax Tuesday night.

"I'm still in awe that I've received a lot of coverage," Vicente said, though he stressed he remains focused on UNC.

Shandasani came in third, getting 20.29 percent of the votes. She said she was disappointed, but still hopeful for next year.

"There will be a great student body president," Shandasani said.

She said she would not be able to endorse a candidate until she had a chance to sit down with them both.

Howes collected the remaining 10.23 percent of the vote and said he was prepared for all possible outcomes.

"I think it'll be interesting seeing Andrew and Emilio go at it," he said.

"Because of his team and (its) dedication

Election Winners

Students were elected to various positions within University organizations Tuesday night. All runoff elections will be held on Feb. 18:

- Jessie Nerkowski was elected President of the Carolina Athletic Association
- Shelby Eden Dawkins was elected President of the Graduate and Professional School Association
- There will be a runoff election for Senior Class Officers between the pair Rachel Gentry and Ahmad Saad and the pair Sasha Seymore and Alexis White
- There will be a runoff election between Austin Glock Andrews and Taylor Bates for the President of the Residence Hall Association

and integrity — I would endorse Powell at this point."

Despite the loss, Howes said he plans to work with whatever administration wins to create openUNC, the app his campaign was centered on.

Last year, current Student Body President Christy Lambden defeated Will Lindsey in a runoff, garnering 55 percent of the vote after only receiving 22 percent of the vote in the original election.

Staff writers Jane Wester and Carolyn Ebeling contributed to the reporting.

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Don Jose Tienda Mexicana leaves Carrboro location

The Hispanic goods store will move to Chapel Hill after 10 years in Carrboro.

By Bob Bryan
Staff Writer

After 10 years at the intersection of Rosemary and Main Streets in Carrboro, Don Jose Tienda Mexicana has moved to a new location in Chapel Hill.

The store offers a variety of goods from Hispanic groceries to electronics. It also has a lunch counter providing Mexican taqueria fare.

Gloria Gonzalez owned the store before the move, but sold it to her brother after the rent increased.

"The rent doubled, I just couldn't afford it," said Gonzalez.

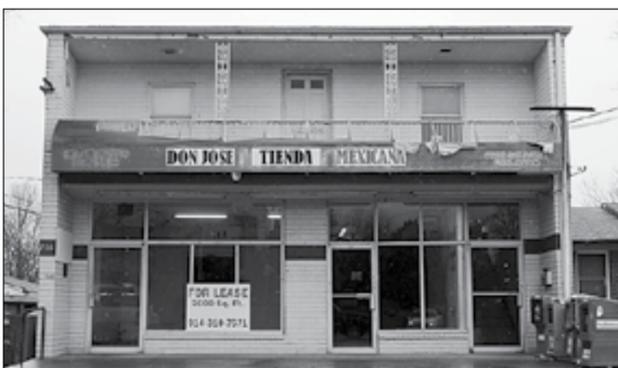
Bill Dimos, the landlord of the space Don Jose formerly occupied, said the increase was necessary to keep up with market prices in the area. He said he informed Gonzalez her rent would go up when the lease expired in six months.

"It had been the same rent for the last 10 years," Dimos said.

"I told her I would release her from her lease if she needed to be released early."

Dimos said he conducted his own market research of the area, which revealed that nearby commercial rents reached as high as \$30 per square foot.

"It had been 10 years, I hadn't even done a cost of living increase, which I was entitled to do," he said. "I offered to assist her in any way she needed."



DTH/JAY PETERKIN

Don Jose Tienda Mexicana is moving away from its old location by the intersection of Rosemary and Main Street in Carrboro to a new location in Chapel Hill.

Eddie Murray, an employee of Wings Over Chapel Hill, a restaurant located next to the previous Don Jose location, sees it as a part of a persistent problem.

"To me it's an example of classic gentrification," Murray said. "Don Jose has been there longer than I've been working here, but I'm sure there is something that could go there that would make more money."

Don Jose's new location on South Merritt Mill Road faces an alley beside Al's Garage. Despite being less visible than the spot on Rosemary Street, Gonzalez thinks that customers will follow the store to its new location.

"Service is our main thing, we treat people well and that gets them to come back," Gonzalez said.

Jared Fruth, an employee at Jesse's Coffee and Bar across from the old location, feared that the

move might make it harder for the store to draw new customers.

"They're not centrally located anymore, so fewer people are likely to stumble across the store," Fruth said.

Even though the new space is smaller, Gonzalez said that Don Jose still offers nearly everything that the previous location had, including prepared food.

"We can't do haircuts anymore, but that's about the only thing different," said Gonzalez.

Despite leaving the location that was home to the store for more than a decade, Gonzalez is hopeful for the future.

"There are always going to be changes, but that happens," Gonzalez said.

"We just got to keep going and stay in business however we can."

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Universities replicate Carolina Counts

UNC's cost savings program has been praised by N.C. state officials.

By Michelle Neeley
Staff Writer

A UNC-CH program has been saving the University millions — and it's now getting attention from the state legislature.

A December report, conducted by the N.C. General Assembly's Program Evaluation Division, pointed to UNC-CH's Carolina Counts as the closest example in the system of a comprehensive approach to operational efficiency.

Carolina Counts, which was initiated by former UNC-CH Chancellor Holden Thorp, identifies wasteful administrative costs, and shifts funding to research, faculty and students, said program director Mike Patil.

Patil said the program has saved the University more than \$200 million in its four years so far.

Nearly half a billion dollars has been erased from state funding for the system since 2011, and all system schools are pressed to maintain academic quality with less money.

Pam Taylor, a principal program evaluator for a division of the N.C. General Assembly, said researchers were interested in seeing how UNC-system schools were responding to shrinking budgets.

"The UNC system has embarked on many operational efficiency efforts at the system-wide level — we are really looking at the wide level efforts and how well they are doing," she said.

The report found that Carolina

Counts cuts funding to non-core functions of the university, including human resources and accounting.

Researchers visited eight of the 17 UNC-system schools to see measures the schools had already implemented, Taylor said.

UNC-CH's Carolina Counts program stood out to researchers because it was the only one that researchers felt accurately documented its savings, she said.

Other system schools are working to improve operational efficiency.

For instance, UNC-Wilmington Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Charles Maimone said UNC-W's financial rating was changed from stable to positive after an evaluation last month.

He said UNC-W has combined departments and worked to maximize the use of staff time.

"We have re-shaped ourselves so we can keep all of our resources focused on the academic core of our institution," Maimone said.

But system-wide efforts are a priority for the program evaluators.

"We are really looking at the system-wide level efforts and how well they were doing," Taylor said.

The system Board of Governors' strategic plan identifies several cost-cutting efforts across the system.

Patil said the success of expanding the Carolina Counts program would depend on the participation and enthusiasm of system faculty. He said faculty should be given the option to opt in to the program.

"If you mandate it, it kind of becomes someone else's program," he said. "You're reluctant to do it."

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New bids sought for community center

The Rogers Road Community Center closed in 2012.

By Morgan Swift
Staff Writer

Bids came in too high for a redesigned community center in the Rogers Road neighborhood, so Orange County commissioners are headed back to the drawing board.

With an original price tag for the center of nearly a million dollars, Orange County Commissioner Renee Price said the bidding process will be reopened until those responsible for paying for the center's construction — Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County — receive a plan that's within their budgets.

The Rogers Road neighborhood, a historically black and low-income community in Chapel Hill, housed the county's landfill for 41 years.

In exchange, the municipalities promised the neighborhood a community center and infrastructure upgrades.

The previous center — located in a 70-year-old home

off Purefoy Drive — was shut down Aug. 11, 2012 for violating fire and safety codes.

Although plans for the new center were revealed last April, bids coming in above the budgets of the municipalities delayed the process.

Price, who was a member of the Historic Rogers Road Neighborhood Task Force, said some of the specifications in the original design were too costly.

"We're hoping the bids come in at around \$650,000," Price said.

The original building was slated to have a commercial kitchen — people in the neighborhood had indicated interest in starting a catering company — and a computer lab for students to use after school.

Last year, the Environmental Protection Agency launched an investigation into allegations of environmental racism in the Roger's Road neighborhood last year, further postponing the original project.

One of the issues in the neighborhood include a lack of access to sewer services.

The investigation has spurred some county and

town officials to act quickly to provide remediation to the neighborhood.

Price said she is relieved there was at least a new bid schedule planned for the community center project.

"The sooner the better — at least we have a timeline," Price said.

This month, the county will advertise the project to potential contractors to promote interest.

A pre-bid conference for interested contractors will take place on Feb. 20 before the bid opening on March 13.

The bid will be awarded between April 1 and 18, making the process roughly two months long.

"The timeline is the nature of the process and not something we have much control over," Price said.

Jeff Thompson, Orange County's Asset Management Services Director, said allowing five weeks for bidding gives contractors a generous amount of time to tender bids.

Thompson also said the timing of the project was to the municipalities's advantage



DTH FILE/KATIE SWEENEY

David Caldwell loads a Rogers Road Community Center sign into his truck. The center was closed Aug. 11, 2012 due to fire and safety code violations.

— there aren't many projects on the market at this time so there will be more interest from contractors.

Chapel Hill Town Councilman Lee Storrow said he agreed construction should

begin this year and said he hoped that within a couple of years, the county and towns would be celebrating the opening of the brand new center.

"It's something that should have happened 40 years ago,"

said Storrow, also a member of the task force.

"It's imperative that we move quickly and responsibly to finish this project."

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Health experts praise the CVS tobacco cut

A CVS Pharmacy opened on Franklin Street in November.

By John Thomas
Staff Writer

Because of a new CVS Pharmacy policy, a little

tobacco will be removed from Tobacco Road.

The national pharmacy chain will stop stocking tobacco products by Oct. 1, according to a statement issued by the company last week.

Company executives said they hope removing tobacco products from store shelves

will promote better health.

"Tobacco products have no place in a setting where health care is delivered," said Larry Merlo, president and CEO of CVS, in the announcement.

CVS is the first major national pharmacy chain to stop selling tobacco products.

Kurt Ribisl, a professor in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health who studies tobacco use, said the absence of tobacco products from CVS shelves will remove some of the temptation for smokers to buy cigarettes.

"I think it's a brilliant move on their part," he said. "I really applaud their leadership in this."

CVS also announced plans to initiate a nationwide program this spring to help

people quit smoking.

Pam Seamans, the executive director of the North Carolina Alliance for Health, said CVS's decision could be beneficial to people in the state.

"As people walk in and see that there are no tobacco products available, maybe it will get them thinking twice that they need to quit," she said.

CVS estimated the company would lose \$2 billion in revenue from consumers of tobacco products, according to the press release.

A CVS opened on Franklin Street in November. The drugstore joined Sutton's Drug Store and Walgreens in competing for the business of UNC students.

UNC senior Michael

Maples, who said he smokes, said CVS on Franklin Street could feel the consequences of the company's decision.

He said CVS lost a competitive edge in gaining potential customers.

But CVS maintains that it is making the right decision for the company and its customers.

"Every day we are helping millions of patients manage chronic conditions like high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes," Merlo said in the release.

"And all of these conditions are made worse by smoking."

In 2014, 18 percent of adults smoke cigarettes compared to 42 percent in 1965, according to the press release.

But CVS said that smok-

ing still causes more than 480,000 deaths each year in the U.S.

Seamans said there is more the state could do to lower the number of smoking-related deaths.

She said the state should implement a higher tax to discourage consumers from buying cigarettes. She also said educating children in schools about the harmful effects of tobacco would help lower the number of smokers in the state.

"This is a step that the business community has taken to address smoking, but there are many other policy choices that the state of North Carolina could be making," she said.

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MCADOO

FROM PAGE 1

There was a rumor once that practice was pushed back 15 minutes so McAdoo could run home and feed Macy. The gentle giant refuted that claim, but promised that the cat was still taken care of.

A dog person with a cat — he's a walking contradiction and unapologetically different.

He's been criticized since he first stepped into the Carolina blue limelight, an individual who went from the face of UNC's future to a scapegoat who couldn't live up to lofty expectations set by analysts and fans wiling away the hours in front of computers and televisions, running the numbers to project a high schooler's collegiate fate.

"He's probably the most highly scrutinized college basketball player," said his mother, Janet McAdoo, who also played college basketball. "I'm sure other college players are, too, but we just feel like the expectations were set so high for him. And that's nothing that he asked for."

"He never went out and beat his chest and said 'I'm this, I'm that.' He didn't ask for any of the preseason awards that were awarded to him early on. He didn't ask for that and the expectations were so extremely high that he would have had to play a flawless season both his freshman and sophomore year to meet those expectations."

It's tough to work through the heavy scrutiny, but McAdoo credits his upbringing rooted in the Christian

faith with keeping grounded amid his turbulent career.

During dark times, he takes solace in his favorite Bible verse — Isaiah 40: 29-31 — scripture that includes the phrases "Even youths grow tired and weary, young men stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."

And after three years of being ceremoniously and routinely built up and torn down by fans and media, McAdoo's name is slowly being disassociated with 'overrated' chants and 'if only' statements.

Unfounded expectations

Janet McAdoo still remembers where she was when she heard the news.

She was upstairs in her Norfolk, Va., home when her son got the phone call.

McAdoo was the 2009 USA Basketball Male Athlete of the Year, and she was upset.

"Because what this does is put a huge target on my precious son's back," she said. "Not that he wasn't deserving, but that is where the expectations started to come in."

At 16 years old, McAdoo's name was suddenly in the same sentence with two-time winner Michael Jordan, Sean May and Shaquille O'Neal.

As the top high school prospect in his class, McAdoo was heralded as the next Tar Heel great. This generation's James Worthy. The savior that UNC needed in order to return to the national title game, just two years removed from an NIT appearance.

But once he arrived on

campus, the criticism started, and it didn't stop.

That scrutiny caused McAdoo — an already self-described private person — to further draw into his shell as a means of self-preservation.

He doesn't read the message boards or articles. He ignores the talking heads. He deleted his Twitter.

Once after a game, McAdoo jumped in the car with his parents for a ride home. The radio station was turned to a college basketball program and like a reflex, McAdoo punched the presets to a music station.

"I don't like to let those naysayers or even those people that do write such great things about you," he said. "You can't read your own press clippings, positive or negative. But it can be discouraging. I am a human being. When I do read good stuff about me, my head does get bigger and when I do read negative things about me, it does hurt my feelings."

'A good upset'

When McAdoo first set foot on the court in the Smith Center in front of nearly 22,000 fans cheering for their team, he was 18 years old.

As he groaned through his growing pains, the country was paying attention.

How could it be possible that the next Tar Heel great was only managing 6.1 points a game and coming off the bench for 16 minutes a game? This wasn't the future NBA lottery pick James Michael McAdoo advertised in the preseason.

"I have no idea what happened to my confidence, but I didn't pack it when I came to college," McAdoo said.

That confidence stayed in Norfolk, Va., through his first two seasons at UNC, but after Christmas break, it looked like he tossed his confidence in with the rest of his washed laundry for the return trip to North Carolina.

Though McAdoo is reluctant to give an exact game where things began to click, both McAdoo's dad Ronnie McAdoo and assistant coach Hubert Davis agree that the turning point came in the win against Clemson when McAdoo scored 22 points and made nine of 13 field goals.

There was pride on the line, a 56-game home win streak hung ominously over the team's head. A loss would put the Tar Heels at 1-5 in the ACC, further burying them at the bottom of a dog pile of mediocrity in the conference.

Davis said he saw a change in McAdoo in the practices leading up to the tussle with the Tigers. There was something in his face that Davis hadn't seen before in his one and half years with the team.

"I said, 'You have a ticked-off look,'" Davis said. "That's a great look. That's the type of look you want to have when you're competing. You want to be upset. It's a good upset, it's not a disruptive upset in terms of team play. It's an angry competitive look and feeling that you're going to do whatever it takes to help this team win and get the job done."

It's a look that's fueled the

team to five straight wins ahead of the matchup with Duke.

It's a look that's rallied his teammates and pulled them out of a spiral of consistency.

It's a look that brought the crowd at the Smith Center to its feet, and led one fan to reach out and high five McAdoo after a second-half layup en route to a 80-61 drubbing of Clemson.

He was finally comfortable, accepted by the fans clamoring for him to be the player they think he should be.

More importantly, he was finally having fun.

Charity stripe blues

Despite all the talk of a more confident, complete McAdoo, there's still one glaring problem, and it sits exactly 15 feet from the backboard of every basketball goal.

For McAdoo, a free throw is anything but.

It's a demon that follows him constantly. Even his field-goal efficiency isn't enough to distract from his dismal free-throw shooting. Each time McAdoo steps up to the line, the crowd appears to collectively wince, holding their breath and exhaling only when the occasional shot drops through the net.

But his misfires at the stripe aren't for lack of practice. He puts up hundreds of free throws before and after practice, sometimes shooting as many as 400 in a day but still only averages a smidge more than 50 percent.

His dad, who doubled as his high school assistant coach, doesn't think his son's

problems stem from poor shooting form. It's a much simpler diagnosis, yet one that lacks a simple cure.

"I don't think his confidence is where it needs to be on the free-throw line," Ronnie McAdoo said. "I think there's a mental block there because James Michael was a really good free-throw shooter in high school."

But ask McAdoo about his struggles, and he'll dart back in his shell.

When recently asked about his confidence at the free-throw line, he answered with a very clipped, "It's fine. Thanks for asking."

The game he loves

Tonight, he'll take the court for the fifth time against Duke. He won't be playing to silence the critics or rouse the fans.

"I just want to play basketball," he said. "I don't play basketball for my parents. I play basketball because I enjoy it. And sometimes it's not that enjoyable. Sometimes it's a drug that no one else can get."

So at 9 p.m. when he steps on the court for his fifth meeting with Duke and 'Jump Around' swells, he'll be playing for his team. For himself. For the high.

"They can write what they want to write and say what they want to say," he said. "Does it affect me? No. Is it unfair to say? I think so, yes."

"Because at the end of the day, I'm just a basketball player."

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DUKE

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tion. A win against the No. 8 team could add a measure of legitimacy to its recent revival.

On the court, Duke works from the perimeter, averaging 9.7 3-pointers per game. UNC works from the inside out and holds a size advantage in the post. It's outside shooting versus inside scoring; a team at the top versus a team trying to get there.

"But, honestly, rankings don't mean a thing for this game," Tokoto said. "It's whoever wants it more."

If a Duke has an advantage it's in the form of freshman forward Jabari Parker, who leads the team with 19.2 points per game, and redshirt sophomore transfer Rodney Hood, who is close behind with 16.5.

The forwards will likely be guarded by James Michael McAdoo and Tokoto, respectively, both of whom tallied four steals each at Notre Dame.

"The difficulty lies in the fact that we don't present the same kind of problems for them on the other end," coach Roy Williams said. "When we had Tyler (Hansbrough) as our five-man, he created tremendous matchup problems for them on the offensive end, and we don't have the low-post scorer this that presents a lot of matchup problems for

them."

Williams has said on multiple occasions he doesn't have a Hansbrough or Sean May-like figure in the post. Freshman Kennedy Meeks has started the last five games at center, but he doesn't offer the same explosiveness — at least, not yet.

It's possible the coach could start sophomore Brice Johnson in his stead, who's averaging 10.1 points per game off of the bench.

"We've had some discussion in our staff as to whether or not we will or not," Williams said. "A decision hasn't been made yet. Brice has really done some good things. You've got to think a little bit about matchups."

Whoever takes the court for UNC will have the chance to reverse recent rivalry history, to continue the team's winning streak and to make a statement against the team's greatest foe.

"It's gonna be a huge opportunity," McAdoo said. "We dug ourselves in a hole, got back somewhat where we'd like to be now, but we'd definitely want to go and get a lot better than what we are now, and (today's) a huge game against Duke, against anyone."

"But it's definitely going to be an opportunity to show just how far we've come."

And it's definitely not just another game.

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James Michael McAdoo attempts to block Seth Curry's layup in the game against Duke on March 9, 2013.

TICKETS

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scheduled to run as normal but that the office would be in contact with the athletic department and DPS throughout the day to determine whether bus service would be reduced.

"If there is a significant accumulation of snow, ice or freezing rain, some Tar Heel Express routes may be placed on detours and/or park and rides may be closed," Litchfield said in a press release.

Students with a Phase 1 ticket to the game can begin lining up at noon. The spots will be randomized at 1 p.m. and 400 students will be allowed in the risers.

Sabo said students with Phase 1 seats are not required to participate in randomization.

Many students who attended the game against the University of Kentucky in December stood in the rain for several hours while tickets were randomized — and hundreds did not receive tickets.

Senior Alex Gottschalk said he is unconcerned about the weather, but does not want to see history repeat itself.

"At least I'll be secure and confident this time around in knowing that the hours spent

in the adverse weather will get me into the building," he said. "Given the elements, if they have late adjustments to the process, well then, my opinions could change rapidly."

Students who did not receive tickets in the student ticket lottery had to opportunity to get tickets Wednesday afternoon. As part of the ticket redistribution, 124 students waited at the bottom of the Student Union and about 20 spent the night. All of those who attended redistribution received tickets.

Allissa Karpick, a junior transfer student, said she felt it was only right for her to attend.

"I've been going to loads of (Carolina) Fever events, and I think it only makes sense that I should be there," Karpick said. "I'm saying I'm not frustrated because I have a ticket, but if I didn't have one, I think it would be different."

Erik Augustine, one of three students who received a Phase 1 ticket during redistribution, spent the night in the Union for the second year in a row.

"It could have been frustrating, but we did it last year, so we figured we could do it again," Augustine said.

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Exploring voting site options

A look at potential on- and off-campus voting sites.

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The Orange County Board of Elections will spend the next month evaluating buildings on and near campus that might be suitable for its next voting location. The board decided not to use the Rams Head Dining Hall site because it failed to provide adequate curbside voting for handicapped residents. The board will continue to take submissions for alternative sites this month, but it hopes to make its final decision during its meeting on March 4. Students can submit their suggestions to the board by contacting Tracy Reams, the director of the Board of Elections at bit.ly/1ep8dkK. The board must submit all of its voting sites to the State Board of Elections by March 14. Currently, the Board of Elections is exploring Cobb Residence Hall, The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History and the N.C. Hillel Building. Representatives from the board toured some of these locations Tuesday. Staff Writer Joey DeVito joined them for the tour.



Cobb Hall considered for its proximity

The Orange County Board of Elections was first attracted to Cobb Residence Hall because of its on-campus location and its availability to students.

When looking at residence halls, the security of the residents was a priority. This doesn't pose a risk in Cobb, said Larry Hicks, the director of housing and residential education for UNC.

"People can come in and out of the basement area without actually accessing residents," Hicks said.

Voters would be able to park in Cobb Deck, metered spots in front of the building or a parking lot behind the building.

The concern is whether Cobb will be able to provide curbside parking for handicapped voters. The lack of curbside parking was the reason the Board of Elections originally decided to scrap the longtime voting site at Rams Head Dining Hall.

Board members are worried that the technology that facilitates curbside voting will not work at Cobb, but Hicks said he remains confident UNC will be able to work around this issue.



Stone Center has space the board needs

The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History provides the space and security the Orange County Board of Elections wants.

But questions remain about the long term viability of the location.

The Hitchcock room in the Stone Center gives board members the kind of spacious room they are looking for.

The Stone Center is also handicap-accessible and can be secured when the voting booths are not open.

The center's proximity to Kenan Stadium might be trouble for voters trying to park on game days during election season.

Linda Convisor, director of local relations at UNC, said there is legislation that would prevent any voting site from being impacted by major events like a football game.

This would not impact any of the 2014 elections, but she said it could be a problem during future elections.

"We are lucky this year that the two Sundays of early voting are away games, which is kind of an usual situation," Convisor said.



Hillel Building provides the right parking

The board is also exploring off-campus voting sites that might still be easily accessible for students.

The N.C. Hillel building on West Cameron Avenue is the only non-UNC owned option the board said it is currently exploring.

The building is handicap-accessible and the location would be ideal for curbside voting, said Tracy Reams, director of the Orange County Board of Elections.

The N.C. Hillel building has its own parking lot and the University agreed to contribute other parking spots to further facilitate voters.

The building also meets the security requirements the board is looking for.

Although the Hillel building is not affiliated with the University, UNC student government has been involved with the selection process.

"We have spoken with several (members) of UNC's student government," Reams said.

"We got the impression that they were happy with that location."



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

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 5 -- Postpone a financial discussion. Wait for a quiet, peaceful moment. Spend more time on love today and tomorrow. There's no need to buy toys. Have fun with what's at hand. Go for a hike.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 -- Handle disagreements in private. Enforce household rules today and tomorrow. Choose solid directions over ephemeral. Study with quiet discipline. Check out a new neighborhood establishment. Practice with others pays off. Get your body moving.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is an 8 -- You can be easily exploited now. A competitor's impressed by the skills you've acquired. Think things out carefully before taking action. Stay persistent, despite breakdowns. Gain determination from adversity. Push yourself forward. Discover another way to utilize resources.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is an 8 -- It's not a good time to argue, but do stand firm. Rules simplify things. You're entering a potentially quite profitable two-day phase. Work smart, and turn on the self-discipline. Budget time for the unexpected.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 6 -- Prioritize responsibilities, and get into action. You're stronger, but the inspection continues. Exceptional patience is required. If one door closes, do more planning and research. Your confidence keeps rising as you practice the moves.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 5 -- Work interferences with a fun diversion. Finish up what you've promised today and tomorrow. Advise frugality and simplicity. Everything seems possible, but proceed with caution, and choose the least expensive option. Rest with quiet time for reflection.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 6 -- People depend on you. You're focused on generating money. Don't throw it around blindly. Home could get uncomfortable. An emotional reaction could arise. Keep digging and find the clue. Friends help with a different perspective.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 -- Choose love over money to increase satisfaction. Figure out how to make it happen. You'll have to report on your activities over the next few days. Discipline is required. Send love to one who loves you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 -- Today and tomorrow are good for financial planning. Find a new option to high costs. Add to your savings instead. Postpone expansion, distracted by a beneficial development. Don't gamble. A partner sets a social date. Review accomplishments.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 -- Costs overruns could throw some surprises. Stick to your budget, and finish the work. Make big changes today and tomorrow, without spending money. Entertain creative suggestions. Your partner's the teacher. You lack total agreement. Get outdoors.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 8 -- Review tactics and find out what you're doing the hard way. You're gaining skills, even if money's tight. Consult with partners over the next few days. Spend time in the sun. Spend only what is necessary. Emerge victorious.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 6 -- Turn your attention toward work today and tomorrow. Don't give up on a thwarted intention. Invest in efficiency. Research for the best quality. Patiently and persistently, take small steps forward. Clean up messes as you go.

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A tale of two states

If you're inclined to believe the protestors who descended on Raleigh this past Saturday, North Carolina is in serious social and economic trouble. Yet just a couple of weeks ago, North Carolina got a rare moment of national commendation when the state's unemployment rate dropped faster from July to November than that of any other state.

Given these two opposite portrayals of North Carolina's situation, either we're talking about two different North Carolinas or someone is getting it all wrong — or everyone is wrong. In politics, it's a pretty safe bet that everyone is wrong, just in different ways.

Due to legislation passed by Republicans this past session, the unemployed will be eligible for at most \$350 per week for 19 weeks. For comparison purposes, UNC estimates that room, board, health insurance and personal expenses will cost the average student around \$13,000 during a period of nine months, or about \$360 per week.

One theory on how this relates to the drop in unemployment is that the thought of living like a student, or losing the benefits altogether, led some of the unemployed to take jobs they were overqualified for — the proverbial English major flipping burgers. State Republicans cloak this argument with the rhetoric that the fear was the kick in the pants that the unemployed needed to shape up and get a job.

The GOP would like to believe that cutting benefits directly led to a drop in unemployment. The problem is now there doesn't seem to be a reason to have unemployment benefits at all. The lack of a limiting principle doesn't really matter, though, as it fits into their broader narrative.

The need for narratives is the reason we're in this mess — and by "this mess" I don't mean the GOP's supposed war on women, war on teachers or war on other reliable Democrats. Rather, I mean that narratives tend to leave out contrary evidence. For the Democrats to convince voters to give them back control of state government, they need to prove that Republicans haven't fixed our economy like they said they would and destroyed everything else that worked.

The unemployment numbers don't fit that narrative, so alternative arguments pop up. At their essence, these arguments about labor force participation rate and draconian benefits cuts are intellectual window dressing for complaining about the historic electoral beat down voters delivered to Democrats in 2012.

Likewise, Republicans can now point to this unemployment drop as evidence that they're in fact fixing the economy, despite their dreary economic record so far. All of a sudden last spring's intensely divisive legislative session was a success that's creating jobs for North Carolinians.

At the grassroots level, though, these narratives are reality. That's why they're such useful political tools. And that's why some North Carolinians are marching in the streets while others are laughing at them. There aren't two North Carolinas, but as long as we believe so, there might as well be.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Linne Lieth, llieth@live.unc.edu



EDITORIAL

Baby, it's cold outside

Students should be let inside to wait for today's game.

The athletic department should consider extreme weather conditions and allow students to wait within the Smith Center or the Koury Natatorium while lining up for today's

game against Duke.

Though forecasts vary, it seems to be a fact that today will be bitterly cold and see a decent amount of snow and freezing rain.

The CAA and athletic department have already drawn criticism for forcing students with phase one tickets to arrive by 1 p.m. if they want to be randomized, which has persuaded

many to miss class.

To avoid further problems, make sure these students will not have to spend hours in adverse weather.

Though this could take more planning, this should not be an excuse.

The health risks of waiting in today's weather trump any arguments about the logistical feasibility of this strategy.

COLUMN

Why I hate Duke

Ian Williams' timeless column on the school down the road.

Editor's note: Ian Williams, a 1990 UNC alumnus, was a columnist for The Daily Tar Heel in the spring 1990 semester. The column ran Jan 17, 1990—that night, the Tar Heels stomped the Blue Devils by 19.

I recall a strange and hazy time about four and a half years ago, fretting in the sweltering heat of Hinton James 244, sitting on my bed while the rest of the residents scurried outside.

My suitemate from Brevard was parading his spittle collection, a particularly nauseating mass of his oral waste that he kept in three 2-liter bottles above the door. My roommate spoke in a dialect from Edenton that barely passed for anything on our side of the language tree, and the only things I had to wear in the 105-degree weather were corduroy pants from my goofball private high school. Tripping over bricks, showing up for classes in rooms miles away from where the classes were taught and getting lost by the water tower, I might as well have had a huge placard wrapped around my neck that said "Oh so clueless" and a number to call in case anybody found me peeing in his yard.

But there was a time before that. I call it The Time When I Thought I Wanted to Go to Duke.

For some unexplainable reasons having to do with planetary alignment or a chemical imbalance, I was set on going to that university in Durham. My high school in Virginia brainwashed us all into thinking that if we didn't end up going to either Duke, UVA, or one of the Ivys we would surely end up stocking Pampers at Wal-Mart. So off I scuttled to those schools, all bushy-tailed and bated, hopin' to impress some institutes of higher learning. By the time I got to visiting Duke, however, the luster of college had begun to dull into a bleak haze.

My tour guide's name was Lorna—no lie—and she spoke in a loud, brash voice that seemed to shake the leaves from the cute little shrubberies. "And on your left is Duke Chapel, the centerpiece of



Ian Williams

Former Columnist

A follow up to this column was written and entitled "Why I still hate Duke." It was originally published in 2007.

our Gothic campus. Our university is considered by many to be the most beautiful campus in America."

"Umm, excuse me," I said, "Where do all the kids live?"

"The kids," she said, in a voice of utter disdain reserved only for parents whose child has been very, very naughty. "The Duke student body mostly lives in the buildings you are looking at right here, with the beautiful Gothic architecture."

"Well, how hard are the classes here? Would I be studying all the time?"

She fixed her cruel New Jersey gaze on my frightened 17-year-old soul. "Look, that's totally assuming you even get in here at all. I know tons of people that would have given their left arm to get in here. And not only that, but—Oh, hi, Thad!" Some senior named Thad wearing Vuarnets and baggy khaki shorts ambled up with an evil Gleem smile.

"Leadin' the kids around, eh Lorna?" he asked, and cackled like the frat Grinch.

"Yeah," she giggled, and the two whispered to each other while exchanging muffled laughs.

I was herded into the cafeteria and stuck in a line for pizza, while Lorna went off into the crowd with some of her friends. A scowling guy slapped a piece of rubber pepperoni pizza on my plate, and as I walked across the room to sit down, I tripped on one of those Gothic little cherub things on the floor and sent my pizza flying 20 feet onto the sweater of a girl named Annabeth, a junior English major from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

"Oh my God!" she squealed, and every face in the entire joint looked right at me. Thad the sunglasses man started to clap, and half of the cafeteria joined in my humiliation.

Suddenly, I was back

in third grade, and all the boys and girls were pointing and laughing at the picture I'd drawn of my family. Suddenly, I was sitting alone at the side of the blacktop while everyone else got picked for the dodgeball team. Suddenly, I was lying in the Iowa snow, getting my ribs kicked by five guys who thought I'd stolen their football. I had no escape.

And that's when I decided to go to Carolina. I had never seen the place, had never heard of Chapel Hill and I picked Hinton James because it had a laundry room. After a while I grew used to the town— I didn't get lost behind the water tower; I learned where Gardner Hall was; and I began to enjoy the company of my suitemate, despite his spittle collection. I also developed a taste for basketball, and during the games I noticed that we had certain heated rivalries— whenever we played one of those teams, I got tense and dug holes in the seat.

Now I realize that school spirit is a pretty goofy thing to some people, but I'll tell you something: I hate Duke with an infernal passion undying. I hate every leaf of every tree on that sickening campus. I hate every fake cherub Gothic piece of crap that litters the buildings like hemorrhoidal testaments to imagined superiority. When I see those Dookie boneheads shoe-polishing their faces navy blue on television, squandering their parents' money with their fratty elitist bad sportsmanship antics and Saab stories, I want to puke all over Durham.

So this is my request, boys of basketball: Tonight, I not only want you to win, I want Krzyzewski calling home to his mother with tears in his eyes. I want Alaa Abdelnaby to throw up brick after brick. I want Rick Fox to take Christian Laettner to the hoop so many times that poor Christian will be dazed on the bench with an Etch-a-Sketch and a box of Crayola crayons. I want Bobby Hurley to trip on his shoelaces and fly into a fat alumnus from Wilmington. Send Thad and Lorna home with their blue tails between their legs.

God bless them Tar Heel boys!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"But, honestly, rankings don't mean a thing for this game. It's whoever wants it more"

J.P. Tokoto, on tonight's basketball matchup against No. 8 Duke.

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"We can't be a society that demands high education of its citizens for success but doesn't have the infrastructure to support it."

pfootball, on some graduate students turning to food stamps for aid

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oligarchy should represent student body

TO THE EDITOR:

As a recent graduate of the University, I thought that I had left many of the things that irked me — such as annoying over used terms like 'innovation' — in the past.

Unfortunately, I have a Facebook account and a good portion of my friends are current Tar Heels.

Thus, I cannot seem to avoid the Student Body President election, which in my opinion is the bastard child of the seven deadly sins.

In spite of this, the unique twists that this year's race has produced are impressive. Nevertheless, I am disappointed in the lack of vision our university's brightest office seekers possess.

In the time it takes these upstanding young students to craft a platform for themselves, they could have easily been well underway with the implementation of their big ideas.

There is no reason the candidates should be waiting until their second semester of junior year to unveil "groundbreaking" ideas, nor halt pursuit of these goals should they not win.

The beautiful thing about UNC is that it has always provided an empowering atmosphere to students.

It is disingenuous for these young leaders to pretend that they are substantially different from their counterparts year after year as though any single election will ever make a change that is not already in the works.

With all that said: If the candidates want to be truly revolutionary in their innovation, they should dismantle the SBP and instead work to implement a Student Body Oligarchy — in all of its Carolina blue glory.

Tariq Luthan '13
 Chapel Hill, N.C.

A call for more empathy and discretion

TO THE EDITOR:

As a gay man, I share the concerns which led the Chapel Hill Town Council to end its sister city relationship with Saratov, Russia.

But as a Russian-American and a student of Russian language who deeply loves Russian culture and literature, I have to say that the decision to end this relationship was harsh and politically reckless.

It blames Saratov for Putin's horrendous campaign against LGBT Russians.

I understand where Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt is coming from in feeling that there "are not other options for the town to continue engagement,"

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but I think it is obvious that dissolving ties with Saratov will do absolutely nothing to make life easier for those who are being unjustly persecuted in Russia.

Although, I do wonder about the opportunities Chapel Hill is quickly losing to make a real difference through amicable dialogue and cultural exchange.

By the way, Mayor Kleinschmidt and Chapel Hill Town Council, dialogue and cultural exchange are not the same thing as "finding someone to send money" to or "cheering on a local organization over there."

I have a proposal: If you really care, I will organize a group of students and faculty in the department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures to fly with you to Saratov for a discussion with local leaders about cultural differences.

We can work together to find the money.

Lastly, to the resident of Saratov who expressed their support for Chapel Hill's dissolving ties, I am so sorry that you do not expect more of us.

Charles Perkins '15
 Philosophy

UNC to host first Clean Tech Summit Feb. 26

TO THE EDITOR:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is holding its first annual Clean Tech Summit at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014.

The daylong event begins at 8:15 that morning. Registration for the event, at www.ie.unc.edu/cleantech, is \$125. The special registration rate for students is \$20. Registration is now open for the event.

The Clean Tech Summit will focus attention on North Carolina's Research Triangle area as a global leader in the clean-tech field. Clean tech includes smart grid technology, efficient water management, efficient, multimodal transportation, environmentally sustainable waste disposal technologies and more.

Carolina recognizes the promise of this sector and its economic development potential across the state.

In response, the UNC Institute for the Environment and the Center for Sustainable Enterprise in UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, in partnership with the Research Triangle Cleantech Cluster and Strata Solar, are offering the annual Clean Tech Summit.

The Clean Tech Summit will help focus this potential and harness it for the good of North Carolina and its people.

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