

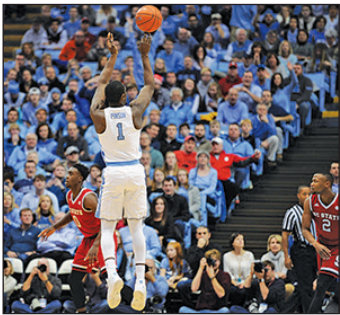
SPENCER BREAK-INS

Someone broke into a room in Spencer Residence Hall during break and tried to break into several other rooms. The investigation is ongoing. **Page 5**



HALFWAY: THE STATE OF MEN'S BASKETBALL

In the middle of the season, the Tar Heels are still thinking about what they learned from Brice Johnson and Marcus Paige. The team wants to get back to the Final Four after a heartbreaking end to the 2015-16 season. **Page 6**



Today's weather

Rain, rain, wash this ice away.  
H 51, L 45

Thursday's weather

Real winter? JK.  
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US Supreme Court halts special elections, redistricting

A Tuesday court order granted the state's request for a stay.

By Ana Irizarry  
Assistant State & National Editor

The U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay to halt North

Carolina's special elections later this year, surprising N.C. legislators just before their session begins. "Unpredictability just hit the roof in the General Assembly," said Sen. Jeff Jackson, D-Mecklenburg. "Session starts tomorrow, and we don't know what our districts are going to look like

or whether we're going to be running this year or next." The Court's order will remain in effect until it considers any future appeal. Bob Phillips, executive director of Common Cause North Carolina, said the timeline for the decision is uncertain. These rulings concerning the elections and a March 15

redistricting deadline continues to divide the state's legislature. In a joint statement, N.C. Rep. Tim Moore, R-Cleveland, and N.C. Sen. Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, were appreciative of the Court's order. "We are grateful the U.S. Supreme Court has quashed

judicial activism and rejected an attempt to nullify the votes of North Carolinians in the 2016 legislative elections." Tuesday's decision comes after the state's emergency request to halt special elections ordered by a lower court in response to districts being "racial gerrymanders" and violating the Equal

Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Michael Bitzer, a professor of political science at Catawba College, said North Carolina has historically had redistricting cases in front of the U.S. Supreme Court since the 1990s. SEE SPECIAL ELECTIONS, PAGE 6



Student government will be split into undergraduate and graduate bodies

By Allie Mobley  
Staff Writer  
After months of conflict among students, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp stepped in to resolve the question of a divided student government. On Friday, he sent a memo to University leaders

outlining the separation of graduate and undergraduate governance — though he said nothing is final without Chancellor Carol Folt's approval. "It will allow student government to continue to deal jointly with all of the issues that need to be dealt with jointly, while freeing both the

undergraduates and the graduates to deal with issues that are of particular relevance to themselves without it always having to bounce against the interests of the other group," Crisp said. After two student referendums in 2016 did not have enough votes to create two governments, Crisp sat

down with Student Body President Bradley Opere, Speaker of Student Congress Cole Simons and Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Dylan Russell in early December to find a solution to the problem. "This is not something new, this is something we

have been talking about for quite some time," Crisp said. Simons said in the past year, GPSF decided they wanted to pursue a split government system, a plan they called "Two for Two." Simons and other student leaders initially supported a "Better Together" unity plan. Students were given the

chance to vote on "Two for Two" or "Better Together" for the first time in February. "Neither of those reached the threshold for passage, so following that, GPSF filed a suit with the UNC (Student) Supreme Court seeking to get another election for their

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Q&A with Brooke Baldwin

Brooke Baldwin, a CNN news anchor, will be the 2017 spring commencement speaker. A 2001 graduate of UNC, Baldwin joined CNN in 2008 and became an anchor in 2010. University Editor Acy Jackson spoke with Baldwin about being the speaker and her plans for the speech.

The Daily Tar Heel: What does being selected mean to you?

Brooke Baldwin: So, should I tell you the crazy dance I did when I got the email from Carol Folt? I mean, listen, this is a total bucket list opportunity. Think about it, I was in your shoes ... I graduated in 2001. So imagine, like flash forward 15 years when you do half decently at whatever career you choose, and the University that you are deeply in love with calls you up and tells you they want you at Kenan (Memorial) Stadium to hopefully opine and say something wise to the graduates of 2017. It's kind of a once-in-a-lifetime situation.

DTH: What do you hope to say with your speech?

BB: First of all, I hope that everyone will have had too many Blue Cups the night before as I might have 15 years ago. Secondly, I think it will be a combination of who I am; I'm not going to assume everyone knows who I am. I think I'll talk about how Carolina helped create a piece of who I've become. And also, I'll tell some stories



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Brooke Baldwin will be UNC's spring commencement speaker 16 years after her own Kenan Stadium graduation. She works at CNN as an anchor.

along the way ... Anything from running into Donald Trump and Melania and having them offer me Milk Duds at an Adele concert last year, to hanging out with Ice Cube, to, like, massive low points in my career ... my biggest priority is talking to the students. Of course, I love that everybody's family will be there, but this is a 100 percent shoutout to the guys and gals in the class of 2017.

DTH: How can you bring your life experience to the class of 2017?

BB: Well, I can relate to every single

one sitting in those bleachers. I sat there in 2001. I remember that feeling of "Holy bleep, what am I about to go do and see?" I was unique in the sense ... I was in the journalism school ... I had been anchoring Carolina Week. I felt that I was lucky in the sense that I knew in my bones exactly what I wanted to do, I just had to figure out who was going to hire me and where I was going to work. It's my whole story from starting at Carolina that the seed was planted of journalism and how

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Cooper enters tense political landscape

The Democratic governor will face Republican majorities.

By Sam Killenberg  
Assistant State & National Editor

After four years of Republican control of the legislature and the governor's mansion, Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper was inaugurated and remains at odds with legislative leaders. Bills pushed through the N.C. General Assembly by Republicans stripped the executive branch of powers afforded to past governors. Cooper has filed a lawsuit challenging the laws. Later, an agreement to repeal House Bill 2 fell through upon reaching the General Assembly. After a year in which North Carolina faced national criticism, Cooper might find difficulties changing the state's perception, said Ferrel Guillory, a UNC journalism professor. "He's got an opportunity to make a big difference in North Carolina, to shift not just the image but the substance of the state," he said. "(But) he has to contend with the persistence of a large Republican majority in

the legislature."

A state divided

Cooper, who was elected by a slim margin over McCrory in November, will face veto-proof supermajorities in both the N.C. House and Senate. Their relationship got off to a rocky start when Republican legislative leaders passed a series of bills in mid-December that rolled back the appointment powers of the governor's office. "I think the Republican leadership is not advancing any kind of olive branch to the governor," said N.C. Sen. Floyd McKissick, D-Durham. Cooper is challenging the laws in court — a move which is not uncommon for North Carolina governors, according to Guillory. Mitch Kokai, a spokesperson for the right-leaning John Locke Foundation, said he is surprised by the animosity between Cooper and Republican legislators. "Once an election is over, the most savvy and canny politicians will realize, 'O.K., I'm going to have to work with whoever is holding these other

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SWERVE

# How to keep resolutions, from psychologists

Be sure to keep a support system and set up a routine.

By Jordan Howard  
Staff Writer

New Year's resolutions are like middle school relationships — everyone has them, but they typically fail after a only few weeks. Resolutions can push people to have a healthier lifestyle, go outside their comfort zones and reinvent themselves. But it's not as easy to keep them as it seems. It's hard to break an old habit, according to sophomore Jane Albrecht. "I think people forget about the difficulty there might be with their resolution," Albrecht said. It may seem impossible, but even the most difficult New Year's resolutions can be kept

with the right mindset and intentions. Steven Buzinski, associate director of undergraduate studies and lecturer in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, said you should think about how you'll stick to a resolution before putting goals into practice. "One of the major reasons people fail to attain their goals is that they don't think enough about them," Buzinski said. Kurt Gray, an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, said implementation intentions are a great way to succeed in New Year's resolutions. Implementation intentions create a routine where you set a time, a place and a way to achieve your goal. "It's crazy (how) it works and how easy it is," Gray said. Planning can only take you so far in achieving your goals, but having a support group

will help too. Gray said solidarity pushes people to continue their resolutions. "It's a social aspect — we get support when other people are doing it," he said. First-year Emily Stringfellow, who set a New Year's resolution to eat healthier and go to the club swim practices, said she knows the importance of a support system. "If we both make the same goal, that'll definitely help to have someone do that with me," Stringfellow said. As important as a support system is, friends and family can't force someone to work out, eat more vegetables or go to the library. Buzinski said not having an internally-driven reason to pursue a goal is another factor for resolution failure. Planning, having a support group and actually enjoying what you're doing



DTH/ALEX KORMANN

Psychologists say planning ahead, having support and visualizing your goal will help you fulfill a New Year's resolution.

are all things that will keep your resolution strong, but one of the most important tools you'll need to succeed is self-control. "Cookies are so much easier to just walk in and grab than just sitting down and having a salad," Stringfellow said. Above all else, Gray

recommends removing yourself from tempting situations. "Resolutions have to do with self-control," Gray said. "So, structure your environment where you don't have to use self-control." @JordanKatlyn97 swerve@dailytarheel.com

# Resolutions that aren't about losing weight

Try reading the news, reading books and just being nice.

By Madeline Rael  
Staff Writer

Along with organizing which classes you're going to need to sit in on and beg to be added to and figuring out which fun fact you're gonna say about yourself on the first day of class, another thing you get to agonize over this week are your New Year's resolutions. Now, we at the DTH are tired of publications constantly listing weight loss as a top resolution — not only is it cliché as hell, but it's also pretty objectifying. There's nothing wrong with being healthy, but I think we'd all rather hear some suggestions that involve

improving your health and happiness over just your physical appearance.

Be more informed about the world.

There are many ways you can accomplish this — for example, you could set a reading goal and designate a number of books you'll read by the end of this year (books OUTSIDE of your classes, and give yourself bonus points for each book that deals with a subject you know nothing about). You could also try a handy little strategy I used in high school; each day, pick a random, unfamiliar word to be your personal "word of the day" and see how many times you can relate that word to your surroundings. Eventually, you'll start to appreciate how much of the world you never would have

known about if you had never dared to venture.

Be less critical.

Make an effort to be less critical of others. Chances are you'll feel happier, less stressed and less bogged down by mostly arbitrary limitations. Throughout this year, whenever a critical thought about someone else enters your head, stop and ask yourself if it's really true or, better yet, whether they deserve to have you say it to their face.

Be less critical of yourself!

Try not to focus so much on what (you think) is wrong with you — no one's scrutinizing you to nearly the same level that you do yourself, and if anyone is, they honestly need a life.

If you wouldn't say it to your BFF, then you absolutely shouldn't say it about yourself.

Stop procrastinating!

A good way to make your life just a little bit easier is to drop the procrastination propensity, or make an effort at the very least. If you find yourself with a free evening, do that reading assignment you said you'd do tomorrow right before class. Sitting in bed watching Netflix? Open up a separate Quizlet tab while you watch. One trick I like to pull on myself is to pretend the deadline for a major assignment is earlier than it really is, so whenever I'm close to pulling an all-nighter for a paper that I "told" myself is due tomorrow, I actually have an extra day or two to get it done.

Spend more time with your friends!

We're all at UNC, so there's more than a few of us who have missed out on fun nights with our squad in order to hunker down and study for our next exam. But remember, you only have four years on this campus — a relatively short amount of time that you can never get back — and while you'll obviously be super appreciative of your education and proud of your hard work, the moments you'll reminisce fondly about from these college years will largely take place outside the classroom. Got an exam Monday that you've studied all month for and everyone's going to He's Not on Friday night? Go. You won't regret it.

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## POLICE LOG

Someone committed larceny on the 1300 block of East Franklin Street at 8 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person took a temporary Georgia tag off of a vehicle, reports state.

Someone reported a phone scam on the 100 block of Laurel Hill Road at 2:18 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone possessed marijuana on the 100 block of East Franklin Street at 1:08 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone attempted larceny from a vehicle on the 100 block of Old Cooper Square at 9:49 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone broke into and entered a vehicle on the 100

block of Woodbridge Lane at 8:05 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole \$3 worth of Altoids and \$3 in cash, reports state.

Someone entered a residence on the 200 block of Henderson Street at 3:19 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Someone reported found property on the 800

block of Pritchard Avenue Extension at 9:53 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person was given a backpack valued at \$600, reports state.

Someone reported damage to property on the 100 block of Marin Drive at

12:26 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person broke the driver's side window, valued at \$200, reports state.

Someone disturbed the peace on the 100 block of Ashley Forest Road at 4:28 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Roommates were found arguing, reports state.

Someone reported larceny at Goodfellows Bar at 149 E. Franklin St. at 2:13 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The suspect stole a wallet in the bar and used a stolen debit card, reports state.

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# Snow came too early to cancel UNC’s classes



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**A**runner circles the snow-covered track around Fetzer Field on Jan. 7. Orange County Schools and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools closed Monday through Wednesday, and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will be delayed Thursday. Many Franklin Street businesses also closed due to snow.

# Hillsborough abuzz since named 35th Bee City USA

**The town is dedicated to protecting bees and their habitats.**

**By Erin Kolstad**  
Assistant City Editor

Hillsborough will soon be the bee’s knees. The town was recently named the 35th Bee City USA, which means Hillsborough will take steps to raise awareness and create good habitats for its pint-size pollinators. Bee City USA is a nationwide nonprofit certification program for cities, towns and communities that are dedicated to protecting bees and other pollinators. “The certification means these communities at the highest level have committed to making the community safer for pollinators,” said Phyllis Stiles, the founder and director of Bee City USA. As an affiliated Bee City, Hillsborough will raise awareness of the importance of bees and expand sustainable practices and environments in town. Hillsborough Public Space Manager Stephanie Trueblood said in a press release that the town will consider bees in all their planting projects and maintenance. The Hillsborough Garden Club suggested the town seek Bee City status, and will work together with the Hillsborough Public Space Division and the Hillsborough Tree Board to host an awareness event in the summer. “Our club is very interested in conservation interests throughout the county,” said Carolyn Bass, president of the Hillsborough Garden Club. “When I saw the initiative, I thought it was a great opportunity for Hillsborough because the town is so interested in conservation and cultivation.” Bass said Sarah Meadows and Trish Koontz, the co-chairpeople of the club’s committee on the Bee City

initiative, were instrumental in managing the paperwork and getting people on board with becoming a Bee City. “It is not just important for Hillsborough,” Bass said. “It is important for the world in general, to help people see bees are not the enemies and that the eradication of bees is not what we want to do.” The Hillsborough Garden Club began working on the Bee City application in October 2015, she said. Stiles said the Bee City USA program was created in June 2012 when the first city, Asheville, was certified. There are currently 36 Bee Cities throughout America. However, she said it took two years to get the second city certified. In October 2014, Carrboro became the third designated Bee City USA. “About a decade ago, we started talking about pollinators because we always took them for granted,” Stiles said. “In the last decade, the awareness has risen that the whole ecosystem starts to fall apart without pollinators.” Without bees, one in every three bites of food Americans eat would not exist, according to Bee City USA’s website. Also, 90 percent of the world’s wild plants depend on pollinators to reproduce. However, seven species of Hawaii’s yellow-faced bees were recently declared endangered — the first species of bees to be placed on the list. The U.S. honeybee population is also in crisis. “It is so significant that cities like Hillsborough stand to model behaviors and create good habitats for pollinators,” Stiles said. She said communities like Hillsborough are progressive because of their dedication to preserving pollinators. “These little bees are doing the lion’s share of pollinating,” Stiles said. “Those little pollinators are pretty dang important.” @erin\_kolstad city@dailytarheel.com

# Part of NC House Bill 17 still on hold

**The Jan. 6 hearing about educational supervising powers was postponed.**

**By Carina McDermid**  
Staff Writer

A hearing to discuss the constitutionality of a part of a law affecting educational authority in North Carolina has been delayed upon a request from state officials. The law, House Bill 17, was passed in the surprise special sessions in December and would transfer supervising authorities relating to the free public school system from the State Board of Education to the superintendent of public instruction. The board, whose chairperson is Republican William Cobey, filed a suit in December claiming that the shift of power violates the North Carolina Constitution. The temporary restraining order granted by Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens will continue until the hearing is rescheduled. North Carolina Rep. Graig Meyer, D-Durham, criticized the bill and said the State Board of Education provides broad representation of diverse interests that cannot be paralleled by only the superintendent of public instruction. “You want a powerful Board of Education to include representatives from communities of color, people who represent children with disabilities and other interest groups that need the school system to serve them better,” he said. Matt Ellinwood, director of the Education and Law Project at the North Carolina Justice Center, said the bill will complicate the relationship between the superintendent and board — which, in recent years, has been functioning. “It served as an example of two entities that were able to work together really well in a bipartisan way,” he said. Terry Stoops, director of Education Studies at the John

Locke Foundation, said the law is a symptom of a larger disagreement about education governance. “These fights are nothing new and nothing unique to Republicans or Democrats because both sides have been trying to gain a greater influence over education and education policy,” Stoops said. He said he doesn’t anticipate much disagreement about the general direction of education policy between the mostly Republican board and the superintendent, but rather with the implementation of legislation the General Assembly passes. “If the legislature passes a program that requires implementation by the State Board of Education, would their adversarial relationship make it less likely to be successful?” he said. The system of checks and balances between the board and the superintendent maintains a healthy working relationship, Ellinwood said. If the law is found to be constitutionally sound, Meyer said he expects to see increased school privatization by way of charter schools and private school vouchers. “By giving more authority to the superintendent of public instruction, you have less oversight of the public school system as a whole, and it would be much easier for the Republican legislative agenda to expand privatization quickly,” he said. “And we know that in North Carolina, our charter schools are more segregated than our public schools.” Ellinwood said the power struggle takes away from the ultimate goal of the board and the superintendent — to provide an effective free public school system. “It can potentially affect the way that people look at our education system — we don’t need it to be fighting within itself,” he said. “We want people to have faith that our education system is functional and moving in the right direction and things like this hamper that.”

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# Q&A with Andrew Reynolds

**Reynolds wrote a viral op-ed in The News & Observer on NC democracy.**

*In late December, UNC political science professor Andrew Reynolds wrote that North Carolina is no longer considered a highly functioning democracy. State & National Editor Corey Risinger sat down with Reynolds — who has served as an international consultant on issues of electoral and constitutional design — to talk about his op-ed and the Electoral Integrity Project.*

**The Daily Tar Heel:** Was this determination made before surprise special sessions in December?

**Andrew Reynolds:** The Electoral Integrity Project just measures the election moment — I’m adding to that the context of (North) Carolina. There are other states than (North) Carolina that have weakened democracies. But (North) Carolina is also emblematic because it has the worst districting of anywhere, and it has systematic marginalization of poorer and people of color, which the courts recognize. No one really disputes this. We even have quotes from Republicans in (North) Carolina off the record, and on the record, saying “You know, we are deliberately doing this because we want to stop black people voting. ...” So basically, I was saying if you add all those things together, (North) Carolina’s democracy is heading in the wrong direction and we need to be self-aware of that. We need to try to turn the car around.

**DTH:** What does that self-awareness look like?

**AR:** The self-awareness looks like you self-assess your advantages, your positives and your negatives. You try and correct your negatives. It’s pretty obvious where the negatives are. And in my second op-ed, I’m saying, O.K., let’s just take on one thing. Let’s not be overwhelmed by trying to do everything. Let us take on districting because districting unlocks the key. If you have competitive districts, fairly drawn, nonpartisan, you begin



DTH/NATHAN KLIMA

Professor Andrew Reynolds wrote an op-ed in The (Raleigh) News & Observer saying that the state of North Carolina is not a fully functioning democracy.

to get some competition, so you begin to get representatives who have to respond to the vote. Who are more moderate and also are vastly against HB2, are against the polarization. **DTH:** Do you see your piece going viral as an indicator of the public’s anxieties? **AR:** We’ve broken down in a civil discourse way. There was a marketplace for ideas; there was a meeting place for ideas. One of the indicators of a vibrant democracy is that Republicans, Democrats, conservatives, liberals, the left and the right, they talk. You meet. You’re around your kids’ soccer games, you’re in student classrooms, you’re at bars. You talk about stuff. And you go home and you meet with your family and you talk with your family. And that is a healthy thing. But in N.C., we’ve broken down. No one is talking to each other or the level of communication has atrophied dramatically. I think the tone has been set there at the top. The tone in the state house, the General Assembly, is very personal, very confrontational. **DTH:** How could the federal government affect the state’s democracy?

**AR:** It’s really hard to say. I think that would be an answer I give to almost every question about the Trump administration because we really don’t know. It’s very hard to predict an unpredictable leader. I mean, the portents are with the type of people being appointed as cabinet secretaries and other leaders are that things will be much more conservative, much more pro-life, much more anti-black, anti-Latino, much more anti-LGBTQ. Those are the portents, but then, who knows. Because the portents of Trump have always been thrown up in the air ... At the end of the day, I’ve increasingly come to the view that what you need to do is start local. Because I actually think that where we live is conditioned. And our happiness and our lives are conditioned by sort of three concentric rings of impact. There’s your town, your community, there’s your state and there’s the nation. I think that sometimes when things seem overwhelming at the national level, you have to focus on your local politics. For us, that’s Chapel Hill-Carrboro, Orange County and the state of North Carolina. state@dailytarheel.com



# No suspects in attempted break-ins at Spencer

Police are unsure of how perpetrators entered the building.

By Jamie Gwaltney  
Assistant University Editor

During winter break, someone broke into a room in Spencer Residence Hall and attempted to break into six other rooms in the dorm.

According to an Alert Carolina on Jan. 4, housekeepers saw tool pry marks on door jams which caused them to suspect potential break-ins. The incident is believed to have happened sometime between Dec. 18 and Jan. 3.

“We cannot tell if anything is missing because the housekeeper was the one who reported it and not the room occupant,” Connie Bullock, a UNC campus police captain, said.

Bullock said the rooms were secured on Dec. 18 and the police do not currently have any suspects.

He said he was not able to divulge the actual rooms that

were broken into.

“We just don’t have any sort of information, but it could have been a student who tried to stay behind or somebody from the community,” he said.

Students living in Spencer Residence Hall were not given any additional information about the incident besides the Alert Carolina email.

Heyward Lathrop, a sophomore, said she said she was frustrated with the lack of specific communication to Spencer residents and was angry about not receiving a separate message. She said she first heard about the break-in through Alert Carolina.

“I wish that we had been more informed because right now I have no idea if it is my room that was broken into or attempted to be broken into,” she said. “It is kind of frustrating.”

She said she was not worried about crime over break because her room locks automatically and she had taken her valuables home, as instructed by resident

“... right now I have no idea if it is my room that was broken into.”

Heyward Lathrop  
Sophomore Spencer resident

advisers.

Lathrop said Spencer is an older dorm and some locks are automatic, but some rooms must be locked manually. She said she was not sure how the perpetrators entered the dorm because the fobs used to access the residence hall do not work over winter break.

“People are surprised, because there are so many dorms on campus that it could have happened to and also just surprised that we haven’t heard anything else from Spencer or from the Kenan community,” Lathrop said.

Shannon Foster, a sophomore living in Spencer, said she first heard about the attempted break-ins through a group message and then read the Alert Carolina,



DTH/MARISA RAUWALD

Someone broke into a room in Spencer Residence Hall at some point between Dec. 18 and Jan. 3.

but never got any other communication about it.

“They didn’t tell us any specifics of what room, or even what floor, and so we all just kind of assumed it

wasn’t our rooms, just based on the fact that they didn’t contact us directly, but they never actually divulged which rooms were broken into.”

She said she wished

there was more specific communication and reassurance from the University.

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## Recreation space master plan still in works

Planners say they’re listening to feedback from students.

By Anish Bhatia  
Staff Writer

Plans are still in the works to expand campus recreational space.

Director of Campus Recreation Bill Goa and his staff are working toward finalizing the concepts for the master plan to be implemented at UNC’s recreational facilities.

“We are still negotiating and working on several different options,” Goa said. “We are looking at possibilities at several shared spaces right now, and that would include reconfiguring Finley and Ehringhaus fields.”

Senior Associate Director for Campus Recreation Lauren Mangili said her role involves carefully designing plans based around the present and expected needs of the entire University community.

She said Campus

Recreation’s implementations are specifically tailored to feedback received from students.

“The first phase of the plan included the renovations of Hooker Fields,” she said. “In addition, based on feedback from a facilities master plan survey, we found that students were interested in more space for functional training, so we converted a racquet ball court in Fetzer Hall to create the Tar Heel Training Center.”

Mangili said Campus Recreation has also been seeking to expand facilities because of how apparent it has become that clubs and organizations are interested in utilizing recreational space.

“Due to the numerous requests from student organizations, sport clubs, Campus Recreation programming and drop-in use, we are seeking ways to maximize space to meet the demands,” she said.

Goa said the process has been taking some time because of how the multiple purposes of the expansion

require recognizing different programs, particularly at the Student Recreation Center.

Associate Athletic Director Mike Bunting said tailoring developments to the time-sensitive demands of the athletics department, Campus Recreation and the Department of Exercise and Sports Science has presented few difficulties so far.

“It has been a very collaborative process throughout and we have all made a point of keeping one another informed regarding the progress of our plans,” Bunting said. “We have also benefited from some natural alignment with our respective schedule needs, in that, in general, EXSS needs programming time primarily during the morning hours, Athletics in the afternoon and Rec in the evening.”

Goa said there may be additional renovations made at UNC’s aquatic facilities, which will become more evident with the master plan release.

“We’re hoping to publicize both Exercise and Sports

Science and Campus Recreation’s master plan early next semester for the students, but we’ve had to do some more in-depth analysis of the aquatics facilities at Bowman Gray and Kessing,” he said.

“One concept included putting a separate facility here at the SRC and turning Bowman Gray into a somewhat more leisurely pool with a slide and vortexes and shallow ends and whatnot.”

Goa said the innovations should be successful based on Campus Recreation’s recent accomplishments.

“I think the renovation we did at Hooker Fields was very well-received by all students with the new synthetic turf and lights,” he said. “Once we make way for more versatile space, students will be able to have more sport clubs, increased intramurals and space to just recreate on campus in a non-structured format, which according to our feasibility study is something that they really value.”

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## House condemns UN resolution

NC experts continue to evaluate Israeli-Palestinian conflicts.

By Caroline Metzler  
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The U.S. House of Representatives voted Thursday to rebuke a resolution passed by the United Nations Security Council in December condemning further Israeli settlements.

House Resolution 11 criticized the U.N. resolution, due to it being an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace.

The U.N. resolution was concerned further expansion might threaten the potential for a two-state solution. A U.S. abstention from the vote allowed it to pass.

U.S. Representative David Price, D-N.C., released a statement critical of the House.

“There is room for honest debate about the U.N. resolution and about the U.S. decision to abstain,” he said in the statement Thursday. “(House Resolution) 11 doesn’t really engage these issues; it obscures and distorts them.”

Jewish Voice for Peace issued a statement from Rabbi Joseph Berman, manager of government affairs and grassroots advocacy, prior to the vote on H.R. 11.

“The UNSC resolution confirmed the illegality of Israeli settlements, in line with long-standing international consensus and U.S. policy,” he said in the statement. “The Congressional legislation rejecting the UNSC resolution falsely claims to support peace.”

UNC sociology professor emeritus Anthony Oberschall said the original U.N. resolution was largely meaningless.

“The U.S. vote was totally symbolic, the resolution in the

U.N. was meaningless, and it’s basically public relations by the Palestinians, the U.S. and the Israelis,” he said. “But in terms of substance in what happens on the ground: zero.”

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry spoke in support of the U.S.’ decision to abstain from the U.N. resolution. Kerry defended a preservation of a two-state solution as the only way to achieve lasting peace in the area.

“Despite our best efforts over the years, the two-state solution is now in serious jeopardy,” he said in the speech.

Oberschall said Kerry’s speech as well as the U.N. resolution were largely symbolic as well.

“For the past 25 years, settlement expansion has been condemned and criticized by just about everybody, and what happened in the U.N. and what Kerry talked about is really nothing new,” he said.

Mitch Kokai, spokesperson for the John Locke Foundation, said Kerry’s speech was without consequence given the impending change in administration.

“Secretary Kerry’s comments seem to be fairly well in line to what the Obama administration has done in its approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which, on the whole, from the Obama administration, has been a sharp departure from previous American foreign policy,” he said.

Steve Feldman, board member at the Coalition for Peace with Justice in Chapel Hill, said Kerry’s speech took a step forward by considering the rights of both parties.

“I think the U.N. and the United States are headed in the right direction in terms of recognizing that Palestinians have fundamental rights just like Israelis do,” he said.

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# Free tampons available in Union

By Brinley Lowe  
Senior Writer

The Carolina Union Board of Directors voted unanimously on Oct. 12 to make the menstrual products in the Union's gender-neutral and women's bathrooms free.

Boateng Kubi, the board's chairperson and a senior biology major, said the Union renovated its tampon and pad dispensers to distribute products for free in December.

"All you have to do is turn the knob and the product will drop out for you," said Crystal King, the director of the Carolina Union.

Kubi said the Union buys 2,500 tampons and 1,250 pads a year.

He said the Union's housing and maintenance budget covers the expected need for the products, but money might have to come from other places if demand is higher than anticipated.

"There's no way for us to know what exactly the need is going to be as this rolls out," Kubi said.

He said the Union will track demand and expenses for the next few months, and restock if supply runs low.

King said she decided to make the issue a priority in August when a student brought to her attention that people do not always have menstrual products or a quarter on their person when they get their period.

Gloria Thomas, director of the Carolina Women's Center,



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Menstrual products in women's and gender-neutral bathrooms in the Union are now offered for free.

said periods often start at unexpected times when they're the last thing on a person's mind.

"You often go into these restrooms and have the machines, but who always has a quarter on them when you walk into a restroom?" she said. "You don't think about when your period may or may not come, especially if you're a busy student or you have a busy life."

King said the Union pays its supplying company 18 cents per tampon or pad. She said before the products became free, the Union made seven cents per item, which went to student activities. She said

the money raised was not substantial.

She said students have a responsibility to take only what they need.

"We know from having the free condoms in the Union that sometimes a student will walk in the bathroom and empty all the condoms in their backpack and so there's none available for other students," she said.

Thomas said lack of access to menstrual products is one of the main reasons girls in developing countries drop out of school and it might be a reason why students in the U.S. miss class. She said paying for menstrual products is a gender equity issue.

"I hope this becomes a common practice all across campus," Thomas said. "I think free feminine hygiene products should be made as readily available as toilet paper and soap."

Kubi said he thinks the Carolina Union can be a leader for other universities and hopes the trend will spread to other bathrooms on campus.

"I think it's important not just that it's being offered but where it's being offered, because the Carolina Union really is at the heart of the University both physically and metaphorically," Kubi said.

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# Left-turn signal added to improve traffic

By Lauren Talley  
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill residents can expect less traffic at the intersection of East Franklin and Raleigh streets now that a new left turn signal is lit.

On Dec. 21, a new turning light was installed at the busy intersection.

"There have been several requests in the past 10 years regarding the light, and finally the DOT, in the fall of last year, approved the change," said Kumar Neppalli, Chapel Hill traffic engineering manager.

The traffic signal at the intersection is owned by the North Carolina Department of Transportation but is maintained by the town, Neppalli said. Any decision regarding the light is made by the NCDOT but is implemented by the town of Chapel Hill, he said. The NCDOT specifically authorized a protected (green arrow) and permissive (full green ball) signal for northbound, left-turning vehicles.

Previously there was no green arrow for vehicles attempting to turn left, leading to backed-up traffic on Raleigh Street during peak hour periods.

"I was always taking the chance and inching out, turning left as the light turned red," Anup Patel, a Chapel Hill resident, said.

There is currently only one lane in the northbound approach of Raleigh Street, and it's shared by left-turning, through and right-turning vehicles.

The town was unable to expand the street for a left turn lane due to right-of-way restrictions, so Neppalli said a change in traffic lights was the best solution.

"I love the (new) light because the traffic always gets backed up due to folks turning left on Franklin, and the light provides a way for a bunch of cars to get out of the bottleneck at one time," Patel said.

Since the implementation of the new signal phasing at the intersection of East Franklin and Raleigh streets, the town has observed reduced vehicle traffic in the northbound approach during afternoon and evening peak hours.

"I'm a nontraditional student living on north campus, and I have to go to and from work many afternoons after class," UNC student Allen Longstreet said.

"I have to turn right on East Franklin Street at Raleigh Street, and the light would back up all the way to the intersection at Cameron Avenue from people trying to turn left. This signal will improve my daily transit significantly," he said.

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# UNC women's basketball shows promise

By Alex Zietlow  
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A season ago, the North Carolina women's basketball team was adrift. All four 2013 recruits had transferred, and the young team experienced growing pains as a result.

The return to the court after a disappointing 2015-16 season was still promising. Head coach Sylvia Hatchell looked forward to having a reliable, seasoned backcourt in her arsenal for the coming season. Stephanie Watts, last year's ACC Freshman of the Year, and fellow sophomore Destinee Walker — the ACC leader in minutes played last season — joined two-year starter Jamie Cherry and finally-eligible Vanderbilt transfer Paris Kea in a crowded backcourt.

No more beating against the current — the Tar Heels were heading in the right direction.

"We're trying to get as

far as we can in the NCAA Tournament this year," Watts said after the team's final preseason game. "And although we are a young team, I think we will go a lot further than people think we will."

So far, the Tar Heels have seen drastic improvement. Their record is void of any glaring upsets, and they've beaten Big Ten opponents Wisconsin and Minnesota and knocked off Virginia for their first ACC win.

The four guards have anchored this team through its 12-4 (1-2 ACC) start. Each player starts and averages over 32 minutes per game.

The small lineup is unconventional, but UNC has reaped benefits from starting four ball-handlers.

North Carolina can execute the up-tempo, fast-break game Hatchell has always insisted on playing. The Tar Heels vary between man-to-man and zone defenses, speeding up the game and

creating more possessions.

Perimeter shooting has also improved, as UNC ranks third in the ACC in made 3-pointers per game (8.3).

"I trust my teammates to the point that is unbelievable," Cherry said after her team's win over Bucknell. "And I know that Steph and them are great shooters, so it is just a matter of them getting more shots up. And they will hit them."

One game later, Watts set an ACC record with 10 made three-pointers against Charleston Southern.

There are a few drawbacks to this lineup, though.

Kea, a 5-foot-9 guard, takes the opening tip, guarding the opponent's power forward and manning the high post in the offense. While she has mostly thrived in this role, teams with big, mobile forwards can exploit North Carolina's small frontcourt — like Virginia Tech did to open up ACC play.

Rebounding has certainly been a weakness for UNC this season, as North Carolina ranks last in the ACC in rebounding margin (-0.9).

Despite its small lineup and outside scoring prowess, the team is most defined by its youth. The Tar Heels play significantly better at home (9-1) than away from Carmichael Arena (3-3), and they play to their level of their competition as they learn to establish consistency.

But Hatchell draws optimism from watching her team grow.

"Just think, everything we do, two-thirds of the team has never done it before," Hatchell said after North Carolina's win over Virginia. "But they're fun ... the coaching staff has done this forever and we sometimes take things for granted. Sometimes their innocence just makes me smile."

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“The Court has historically been almost reluctant to be definitive in saying here’s what the exact role of race is in redistricting particularly in North Carolina,” he said.

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approval,” Simons said.

“That was the election that ran this past fall. ‘Better Together’ was also on there, and neither of those again reached the threshold for passage.

“So at that point, administration had seen this taking place and decided they should intervene, and Vice Chancellor Crisp sat down, typed out his thoughts and that is where we are at today.”

## COMMENCEMENT

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that then grew into this tree today, through living in different towns where all my friends got to move DC or New York, I was moving to small towns ... It was just a struggle. My twenties were a struggle, but I kept my head down and worked really hard and I want to tell the story of working hard and the ups and the downs. And I also want to talk about the role of journalism, and covering this election and having a front row seat and where I think the media should be in 2017 and, you know, whatever little bits of advice I can give provide both during the speech and anyone who wants to talk to me afterward. You know, I’m there for the students.

**DTH:** How did your time at UNC influence your career

The emergency motion challenges the constitutionality of special elections as an appropriate remedy for the solution.

“The district court has now ordered the most extreme and intrusive remedy possible: partial invalidation of an election and imposition of a special

Russell did not respond to multiple requests for comment by email and phone.

Simons said he thinks splitting student government is harmful to students, but it’s a decision he has to respect.

“They think having their own student government will work better for them, but also on the other side of it, if it harms our ability to say we speak for all students, in the end it is going to marginalize and harm all students, regardless of who has what

now?

**BB:** I started at the College of William & Mary and I tell this funny story where I had never been to Chapel Hill until the winter of my sophomore year in college, and I was dropping a girlfriend off and I was a tour guide at my college, and I took a tour of Chapel Hill and this guy, who ended up becoming a dear friend who was a Morehead scholar — we basically snuck in the new journalism school on the quad, like it wasn’t in Carroll Hall until the next year. We totally broke in and I started walking around, like I had an idea I was interested in journalism — I was about to intern at CNN the following summer. But after sort of breaking in the journalism school and walking around it was like, I literally hopped back in my car and drove up 85 and cried. And I called my mother and I

election that overrides multiple provisions of the North Carolina Constitution,” the emergency motion said.

But Jackson reaffirms that redistricting and special elections are necessary.

“The only people who aren’t in favor of independent redis-

power,” Simons said.

Houston Summers, student body president for the 2015-16 school year, said, in his experience, undergraduates and graduates could work together on issues.

He said it is important for student government to present a unified front.

“The idea that undergraduates and graduates are completely different people — I mean sure, they have different aspects and different experiences, but so does the individual that is in the busi-

ness school compared to the individual in the College of Arts and Sciences compared to the student-athlete; they are all unbelievably completely different experiences, but that doesn’t mean we should have five different student governments to govern five different groups of people. That just should show that we should cooperate even better,” Summers said.

Will Leimenstoll, student body president in the 2012-13 school year, said when he was running for student govern-

ment, he tried hard to learn about issues important to graduate students.

“It looks like in this compromise, there is still going to be the one student trustee, and if I were a grad student, I would want that student trustee to be aware of the issues that would affect me,” he said.

“This new system doesn’t really provide the student body president, assuming they are an undergraduate, with any incentive to understand the issues facing grad

students.”

The issue of graduate student representation on the Board of Trustees should be clarified at the next board meeting, according to Crisp’s memo.

Simons said that he, Opere and Russell are set to meet with Crisp in the next week or two to discuss the decision.

“The situation is still pretty fluid,” Simons said.

“It will be an ongoing process.”

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## COOPER

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offices,” he said.

### Cooper, the negotiator

But the new governor brings negotiating skills that McCrory lacked, said Rob Schofield, the policy director at N.C. Policy Watch.

He said Cooper demonstrated this when striking a deal to repeal HB2 with Republican leaders in the legislature — even though the agreement failed.

“It’s not like everyone’s going to be singing ‘Kumbaya,’ but I do think there’s some prospect for them to get some useful things done at some point,” he said.

McKissick is cautiously optimistic Cooper can work across the aisle.

“He understands the importance of relationships

and knows many of the main players that are currently in control at the General Assembly,” he said.

This already fragile relationship will be most tested the times Cooper and the Republicans can’t compromise on an issue, said Kokai.

“Then the question will be, do we cause a huge rift to form where we can’t get anything done?” he said.

### North Carolina’s image

The N.C. General Assembly has received criticism for its role in controversial laws, among them HB2.

In the past year, voting districts drawn by the legislature were ruled to be “racial gerrymanders,” and a 2013 voter ID law was found to contain discriminatory intent.

“There has been an enormous erosion in the faith in democracy that people

Jackson said the uncertainty will cause this will be the only topic that matters for most legislators until a decision is made.

“Heads are ready to start popping from the pressure.”

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have, and in government and public structures in general,” Schofield said.

Lingering issues like HB2 continue to hurt the state’s image, Guillory said.

Cooper, who campaigned on repealing the bill, benefited from the unpopularity of the law, McKissick said.

He said Cooper’s election indicates North Carolinians’ hope to be perceived as more politically progressive.

“I think it’s an endorsement of the North Carolina that we’ve historically been,” he said.

Schofield says he anticipates a battle between Cooper and the General Assembly over the Republicans’ ideological lawmaking.

“I think they’re going to continue to pursue that until someone boots them out of office,” he said.

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# Tar Heels still driven by Paige, Johnson

## The two players have left an indelible mark on this year’s team.

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Before the 2016-17 season, the North Carolina men’s basketball team was treated to a new locker room and player’s lounge. The renovations cost around \$5 million dollars and included a Jordan shoe wall with every Nike Air Jordan shoe ever made in Carolina Blue.

Massive pictures of two of Roy Williams’ favorite Tar Heels were added into the locker room. One of those players is Marvin Williams, who played at North Carolina for just one season (2004-05). Marvin came back summer after summer, though, to earn his degree and has had a successful NBA career.

The other is Marcus Paige, who graduated from UNC after the 2015-16 season. He’s a worthy pick to be

enshrined in the locker room, but it’s also a bit of an odd selection — North Carolina’s current upperclassmen see him and Brice Johnson as their brothers. One of the major storylines this season for the Tar Heels was how they would try to find a way to replace those two irreplaceable seniors.

“I know I’ve got to be a lot more aggressive,” Justin Jackson said on Oct. 11. “We don’t have a 17-10 guy on the block any more ... Not having Brice and Marcus, that definitely leaves a hole, so somebody’s got to step up.”

It’s not just the production. North Carolina had to replace all the leadership that those two seniors — whose jerseys now hang in the rafters — provided.

“I think everybody looked at Marcus last year to say what we needed,” Theo Pinson said in October. “And this year, I feel like ... we’ve taken things from what Marcus has told us. And what Brice has shown us.”

As this season has gone

along, it’s not hard to see how Paige and Johnson have impacted this year’s team. Isaiah Hicks, the forward who replaced Johnson in the starting lineup, said Johnson’s advice has stuck with him.

“Play every game like it’s yours,” Hicks said on Dec. 21. “He told me, because (Johnson) got all the rebounds and stuff because he’s like, ‘This is my rebound. Nobody can guard me.’”

In North Carolina’s 85-42 win over Northern Iowa, Hicks dunked all over an unprepared Panther. In the aggressiveness and the hint of a staredown after, the impact Johnson had on Hicks’ game stood out.

Paige’s impact reached further, off the court and into the classroom.

“Marcus used to check to make sure that we were doing the right things, doing great in the classroom, getting the right grades,” Kennedy Meeks said on Nov. 15.

The 2016-17 Tar Heels have opted for leadership by committee to replace Paige and

Johnson. Pinson is the talker on the court. Jackson, Meeks and Joel Berry are stepping into Paige’s shoes, working to become better leaders.

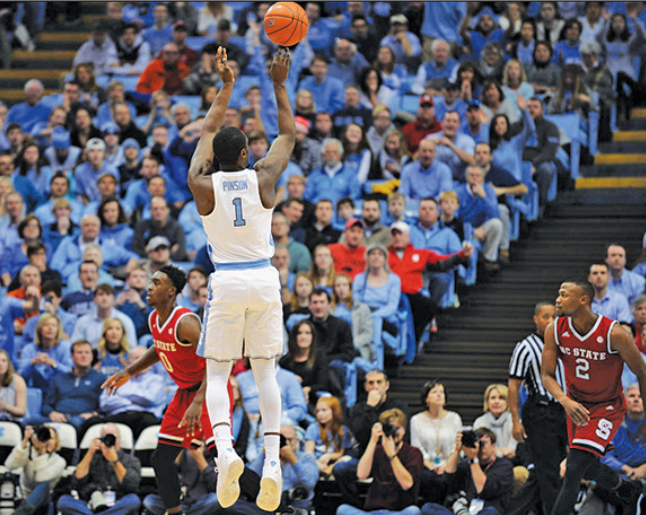
“In games, when they get on the line, Marcus would really step up,” Hicks said. “Really take (those) big shots, stuff like that. Of course, that’s what we miss.”

“But then again, we’ve seen that out of Justin.”

Against Kentucky on Dec. 17, Jackson had a career-high 34 points. UNC lost 103-100, but Jackson filled Paige’s shoes and made some of the big shots Paige would have taken.

Other times it’s been Berry who has stepped up. He had a career-high 31 points against Clemson, helping the Tar Heels to an 89-86 road win — their first of conference play.

Everything UNC has experienced so far this season are all steps in the process of getting back to the Final Four. Everyone knows how that ended. The hearts ached last April just a little bit



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Junior Theo Pinson (1) played his first game of the season Sunday against N.C. State. Pinson was out after injuring his foot.

more because everyone knew Johnson and Paige were denied a shot at a championship.

It’s a fact that hasn’t been lost on this current group.

“(Brice) and Marcus and Joel (James) really deserved to win that,” Meeks said in October. “They’ve been through so much since they’ve

been here. And for us to fall short only motivated us this summer to work extremely hard, probably the hardest we’ve ever worked since we’ve been here, on and off the court.”

“Me personally, I’m trying to do it for those guys.”

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# Q&A with Robert Jenkins on Russian interference

*After a joint report by American intelligence agencies revealed Russian interference in the presidential election, President Barack Obama expelled 35 Russian diplomats. Robert Jenkins, a senior lecturer in the department of political science and former director of the Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, discussed U.S.-Russian relations with staff writer Ari Sen.*

**The Daily Tar Heel:** How do you expect the relationship between the U.S. and Russia to change?

**Robert Jenkins:** Well, certainly it appears that the relationship between the president-elect and President Putin will improve compared to the relationship (with Obama) ... You can see that in the current debate over the intelligence community's findings over Russian involvement in hacking and releasing information during the election campaign. On that, we think of the government as being not just the president but a series of other apparatuses and administrative organs ... What I see with the president-elect is that his way of approaching foreign relations is to treat them much like a business transaction, where deals can be made over any particular issue, but whether that leads to a permanent alliance is a much different question. And that's not typically the way the U.S. foreign policy with Russia has been made.

**DTH:** Do you think the Russians clearly favored Trump in the election?

**RJ:** I think what they favor first and foremost is uncertainty and ability to wield influence, and so during the election it created great uncertainty and that was a goal realized. So far, it looks like they will realize their goal of influence as well. The president-elect is nominating for secretary of state Rex Tillerson, who is a longtime executive at Exxon Mobil, which has a history of business relationships with the Russian oil industry, which is dominated by the government and by the friends of Putin.

**DTH:** Has there ever been a president that has been as sympathetic to the Russians as Trump appears to be?

**RJ:** With the president-elect, it's really hard to figure out what exactly he holds firmly. And he's clearly been on record saying he admires President Putin, and he admires the system in which a kind of heavy hand works. So from that standpoint, he's probably the least traditional of the anti-Russian leaders we've ever had ... I don't see the president-elect as being in the pocket of Putin by any means, but I also don't find him to be very sophisticated and very balanced in his approach ... His inconsistency is consistency.

**DTH:** Did President Obama's decision to expel 35 Russian diplomats have any effect on Putin?

**RJ:** No. Expulsion of diplomats rarely has any impact, but it's a symbolic practice that many governments take when they are confronted with evidence of espionage and have to take action. Perhaps what's a bit unusual about this recent episode is the number—it's usually counted on one hand or two hands, not in the level of 35 ... Putin knows how to play these situational political games quite well, and he's been around now for 17 years ... It's a bit like Tom Brady going up against the rookie quarterback in the Super Bowl. You're going to give the advantage to Brady because there is not much he hasn't seen or had a handle on, whereas the rookie is going to make mistakes and get flustered.

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## Departures leave Fedora with great test

**By John Bauman**  
Senior Writer

If the North Carolina football team's head coach, Larry Fedora, was magically forced to coach your intramural flag football team, would you automatically win the championship?

Your team isn't starting from scratch. You've got plenty of talent, but not much in the way of experience.

Fedora would install plays and provide structure to your offense. He would know how to get the ball to your best athlete. His playbook and route combinations would open up holes in the other team's defense.

He wouldn't fret too much about your team's defense, knowing that as long as you hold the opponent to one less point than your offense, your team would be all right.

All in all, your team would probably be pretty good.

This is what Fedora does. He's dedicated his entire adult life to coaching and studying football. In coaching circles, Fedora is known as an offensive mastermind. He has his own brand of the spread offense, a balanced attack that lets the defense decide where the football goes. UNC has showcased it the last five seasons to great success.

His offenses also mold to the talents working within them: run-heavy for Giovani Bernard, zone reads for Marquise Williams, tossing the keys to the whole darn thing to Mitch Trubisky in 2016. But looking ahead to next season, Trubisky, Ryan Switzer, Elijah Hood and a host of other offensive pieces he's built around in the past have graduated or declared for the NFL Draft.

In 2017, fans will figure out if all the offensive success was a result of Fedora's genius or talented players.

Of course, the 2017 Tar Heel offense will have some talent. Make flashcards and start learning the names now, because they are new: quarterback Nathan Elliott, running back Jordon Brown, wide receivers Jordan Cunningham, Thomas Jackson and Anthony Ratliff-Williams. And don't forget about receiver Austin Proehl! He was very good in 2016 and will need to be very, very good next year.

This new MASH unit will rally around being underdogs. They will run out of printer money collecting all the articles and tweets where people count them out. The past few seasons, North Carolina has played their best as underdogs and struggled with any expectations. Maybe flying under the radar and surprising people will translate to great success.

But it's also a reality that in 2017, UNC will return 1.7 percent of its passing yards, 0.9 percent of its rushing yards and 29.5 percent of its receiving yards from last season.

It's the kind of doomsday scenario that keeps longtime football coaches up at night.

The defense, led by linebacker Andre Smith and cornerback M.J. Stewart, will have to be amazing in 2017. But after defensive tackle Naz Jones' departure to the NFL, how much better can it really be?

Maybe this whole situation excites Fedora. The opportunity to start fresh, sculpt a Vitruvian offense from the ground up with raw, clay underclassmen.

He's been recruiting players who fit his system for years now. He can't make the same excuses a first-year head coach could make about lack of system fit.

But ready or not, the onus falls on his shoulders to build another great offense with his talented, yet inexperienced, skill position players.

It's not like Fedora taking over as the head coach of your intramural flag football team. Of course it's not the same.

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
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Across

1 Bowling alley button

6 European cheese town

10 Puddle jumper trip

13 Wedding figure

14 ChapStick container

15 Fix up

16 Newspaper reporter's compensation?

18 Big star

19 "I'm with ya"

20 Threatening words

21 Farming prefix

22 "Wheel of Fortune" buy

23 Smooth, as transitions

25 Wise

29 DOJ bureau

30 Dry as dust

31 Speaker's spot

34 Get out of bed

37 "\_\_\_ who?"

38 Chiropractor's compensation?

40 N.L. player whose home games include a Presidents Race

41 Brownish-green

43 Greenish-blue

44 Some prosecutors: Abbr.

45 "Selma" director

46 Drops in

48 Medical emergency alert

53 Baby fox

54 Soon, to a bard

55 Kibbutz setting

57 Actress Thurman

60 Cooling meas.

61 Comedian's compensation?

63 Bass' red triangle, e.g.

64 Moran of "Happy Days"

65 Flared dress

66 New Testament bk.

67 German battleship Graf

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68 Connection point

Down

1 Former NYC mayor

Giuliani

2 Seesaw sitter of tongue twisters

3 Send in a box

4 Sushi selection

5 "Taste this"

6 French I verb

7 Stereotypical dawn challenges

8 Take down a peg

9 Scorned lover of Jason

10 Landscaper's compensation?

11 Aromas

12 Shirts named for a sport

15 Theater district

17 Lee who was the top-charting female soloist of the '60s

22 Helping hand

24 Painter Cassatt

25 Over-the-shoulder band

26 Square statistic

27 Domino's delivery driver's compensation?

28 Diplomatic skill

32 '50s prez

33 Health resorts

35 Swedish automaker

36 Internet crafts marketplace

38 Spill the beans

39 PC feature only used in

combinations

42 "All the same ..."

44 Fitting

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48 Part of CNN

49 Winning

50 "\_\_\_ Been Good": Joe Walsh hit

51 Take over

52 Bath-loving Muppet

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57 Windows alternative

58 Drop-down list

59 Yes votes

62 Chihuahua cheer

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# Blood and money and ego

What's the game plan? It's a question on many a Muslim's mind now that Donald "Dip Bullets in Pig's Blood" Trump prevailed. I've heard defiance and fear. However, here's a new tack — that we Muslims lose our superiority complex.

I'm talking about the adult Muslims who sniffed when I came of age to donate blood. Muslim blood shouldn't mix in the general blood supply, they lectured. Immoral consumers of alcohol might receive it.

They pursed their lips if I wanted to support UNICEF: Oh, so now Muslim money was going to feed hungry non-Muslim children?

How would we feel if Christians spoke like this? Four University of Pennsylvania Muslims met in 2007 for a sisters' study circle and wondered how to ensure their charity money only went to needy Muslims.

One of these girls posted on Facebook, following a terror attack, the well-known Quranic saying that "he who kills one person ... is as if he had killed all of humanity; and he who saves a life will be as if he saved the lives of all humanity."

She echoed the Muslims plodding onto CNN to explain terror attacks are not in our name — Islam says whoever saves a life has saved all of humanity, they plead.

But some of these Muslims should add: This applies to neither my blood nor my money.

To our credit, many Muslims reject this. There's the UNC Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association which holds a blood drive yearly to honor 9/11 victims. Fun facts: Saudi Arabia bans Ahmadiyya Muslims; the U.S. sold at least \$1.29 billion in arms to Saudi Arabia in 2015.

In summer of 2015, following arson attacks on multiple black churches in the South, young Muslims raised at least \$100,000 to help.

Then, out looms the Orlando shooter's dad, who claims he never told his son to be violent. Fine, but did he raise his son to believe his blood, money and life were worthier than his non-Muslims neighbors? Did this wormy bedrock invite the future decay of extremist violence?

It would be nice to talk about this with other Muslims. With friends who already agree with me, it goes well. Other times, people get really defensive — like when you accuse people of being racist.

If you ask these Muslims outright, they will emphatically agree that all humans are equal. But then they drop comments in every day conversation, and you have to wonder.

I thought about writing about this during the election season, but I was afraid readers considering Trump would think Muslims are crazier than they'd expected, vote for Mr. Pig's Blood and hate crimes would increase. Well, it all happened anyway and now we can't wait anymore.

My fellow Muslims: Protest this. If you're too meek to speak because people will shriek that your Islamic faith is weak, just blame me. Tell your imams, parents and everyone that I'll be writing columns like this until they change their tune.

**NEXT**  
  
01/12: **Annie Get Your Pen**  
Annie Kiyonaga writes on literature and campus issues.

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



## EDITORIAL Getting refocused

### Don't get distracted by political sideshows.

The first week of classes is filled with reading syllabuses, going over the basics and learning new names. Getting distracted is easy — it is a natural response when you find something boring. But not paying attention allows crucial information to slip past you. Miss too much material, and you may find yourself back in the class next semester.

Clearly, distractions can be harmful, and it seems now that planned sideshows are being weaponized by politicians to control public attention.

The recent news stories regarding President-elect Donald Trump's tweets — regardless of subject — serve a clear purpose. It is a strategy to keep controversy out of the news. Purposefully distracting people was annoying during the election, but now that the new executive branch is being assembled and appointed, it is potentially harmful. This week's appointments should be followed closely.

The executive branch of the United States is where politics, expertise

and bureaucracy all collide. The president is often busy or away, so the cabinet holds great power over the trajectory of our nation.

Yet, the cabinet may be the least glamorous part of American politics. A lot of its work goes unnoticed because it is largely technical and can often be hidden in the bureaucratic process.

It is easy to get distracted by the sideshow Trump is creating. By all means, it is interesting to see the soon-to-be-president inciting Twitter wars with celebrities.

While we probably all have our hot takes on Meryl Streep's speech, these cabinet appointments are too worrisome to ignore.

There are too many appointees to go through all of them, and given the long political and business careers of many of the appointees, we do not have enough space to analyze their careers or their policy history line-by-line. Even if we could, it is unreasonable to say this board could find any sort of consensus on every nominee.

This editorial is a reminder to pay close attention to what is going on in 2017. You will find new reasons to be upset, new reasons to be encouraged and new

reasons to be fearful. If you hate Trump, finding issues with his cabinet will not be hard. Even if you are a steadfast Trump supporter, you may be surprised by the cabinet nominees.

Perhaps a difficult thought experiment would be asking yourself if you would still feel the same if the context was changed. Think broadly about what that context means. Simply changing actors is not enough if one does not account for larger societal norms and constructs.

This board's hope is to help all of our readers, whether you agree with our opinion or not, to be informed and see issues as more complex than other outlets are portraying them.

If you do not feel we are fulfilling that mission, call us out on it. Even though these are opinion pieces, if something is provably incorrect, we would love to run a correction on it. Our end goal is to be right, and we welcome anyone who is willing to help make our writing as factual as possible.

We still have much to be hopeful for, but nothing is going to change if we are not willing to fight for it.

Resistance is rooted in knowledge. Don't allow yourself to be distracted.

## EDITORIAL Q & A You Asked for It

### In which we brave the snow and our New Year's resolutions.

*Kiana Cold and Alisnow Krug are the writers of UNC's premier ((sn)o(w)nly!) satirical advice column. Results may vary.*

**You:** How do I brave the snow to get to class?

**You Asked for It:** Ah, spring is in the air as we begin our new semester, but not really because all of the fresh new hope symbolized in this season is buried under our anxieties and snow.

But you've still gotta get to class despite the ice, and as one of my professors said in an uplifting email about his class this semester, there's a good chance you'll fail.

It's easy to lose hope on your journey to class when you faceplant on the ice and start bleeding profusely from your head. But don't seek Campus Health medical attention—you couldn't make it to South Campus anyway.

Keep on.

The best way to strategically make it to class would be by gathering up the two densest textbooks that you will never actually open and strapping them to your shoes in order to



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Assistant City editor and Newsroom director  
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create impromptu skates. Even though the textbooks are, like, \$400, each, you'll finally be putting them to use!

Another more practical option is to text Academy Award-winner Cuba Gooding Jr. about where to find seven to eight "snow dogs" like the ones from his 2002 hit movie "Snow Dogs." I can't promise your RA will say nothing about half-a-dozen huskies sleeping in your communal bathroom, but your professors will appreciate your punctuality.

**You:** What are some Chapel Hill New Year's resolutions I can use to ring in the new semester?

**YAFI:** If you're ready to let

the foibles of last semester slide and slip away as you slip and slide to class with the mantra, "New semester, new me," here are the UNC resolutions you need to take you into this year:

Resolve to attend every single UNC game. Show your school spirit at every basketball game, soccer match, squirrel-fighting ring, ConnectCarolina drop-add betting pool, Hinton James impersonation contest and club men's lacrosse game.

Resolve to leave your mark on campus by creating a new piece of UNC lore. Whisper rumors while walking through the Pit with the hope that something sticks: Claim that the patio of TOPO was the original campus of UNC-Asheville or that the Bowman Gray Memorial Pool was the filming location for the Disney Channel Original Movie "Johnny Tsunami" or that Heelmail stands for "Helping Elvis Eternally Live."

Resolve to get inducted into a UNCCecret society. Stand outside Gimghoul Castle holding a boombox and beg them to take you in.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"It is important ... to help people see bees are not the enemies and that the eradication of bees is not what we want to do."*

Carolyn Bass, on Hillsborough's new status as a Bee City USA

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*"The photo of Roy says it all. The Heels have abundant talent and smarts. They lack intensity. They look sluggish."*

CrystalCoaster, after UNC's loss to Georgia Tech

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### UNC Housekeeping appreciates thanks

TO THE EDITOR:  
Over the past few years, UNC housekeepers have endured budget cuts, staff reductions and a whole host of other challenges. These issues made it difficult for them to perform their duties.

I would like to say, as a member of the Employee Forum and a member of the UNC Housekeeping staff, "Thank You!" to the following departments: School of Nursing, the Sonja Haynes Stone Center and the Old Dental School.

These departments have shown some much-appreciated respect and thanks for the services the third-shift housekeeping department has delivered.

The third-shift housekeepers are usually never seen by the departments they serve. However, despite our general invisibility, every year these departments graciously find it in their hearts to do something for Christmas for this group of lowest-paid workers.

I would like to say thanks again to all who have contributed to their custodial staff. The staff truly appreciates these gestures, which help lift morale.

Special thanks go to Director Gloria Thomas of the Carolina Women's Center, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Sam Deal of the School of Nursing and Research Operations Manager Al Elsenrath in the School of Dentistry.

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#### Taiwan matters to North Carolina

TO THE EDITOR:  
Taiwan gained attention recently due to a controversial call from President-elect Donald Trump. Far from being a bargaining chip, Taiwan matters to both the United States and North Carolina.

Taiwan is not just the home of Boba Tea, beef noodle and General Tso's chicken.

As the only democracy in the Chinese-speaking world, Taiwan just elected its first female president in early 2016, held the largest LGBTQ+ parade in Asia, and is legalizing same-sex marriage.

The existence and development of Taiwan are the direct evidence that democracy can thrive across cultures.

Under the current One China policy, US "acknowledges" (but not "recognizes") China's claim that there is one China.

The One China policy is assumed to maintain the status quo.

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