

## The Daily Tar Heel files records lawsuit against UNC

**UNC did not meet an Oct. 28 deadline to provide records.**

By **Katie Rice**  
Senior Writer

The Daily Tar Heel filed

a lawsuit against UNC on Monday for access to public records regarding sexual assault cases on campus. The Daily Tar Heel requested the records Sept. 30 and set a deadline of Oct. 28 which the University did not meet. The lawsuit was filed on

behalf of The Daily Tar Heel, the Capital Broadcasting Company, the Charlotte Observer Publishing Company and The Durham Herald Company against Chancellor Carol Folt as the custodian of the records and Gavin Young, senior director for public records at UNC.

The lawsuit requested the University appear in court and present the records, declared the records public in accordance with Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes, solicited the inspection and copying of the records permitted under Chapter 132 and asked for compensation

for attorney fees. Chapter 132 of the N.C. General Statutes defines UNC as a public agency of the state government. As such, their records are the property of the people. Joel Curran, vice chancellor of communications and private affairs, released a

statement on behalf of the University in reaction to the lawsuit. He said UNC is firmly committed to FERPA regulations. “Carolina has a profound responsibility to protect and vigorously defend the privacy

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## UNC groups react to Trump presidency



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(Clockwise from top left) Kelly McNeil, Meghana Kodali, Jenny Wheeler, Ray Garcia and Sidney Aleda Morris hold up signs with the one word they would use to describe their reaction to the election of Donald Trump to the presidency. Their general feelings on the results of this year's election center around fear of the unknown future of the United States.

## Groups motivated to make safe spaces and petitions to support students

By **Cailyn Derickson**  
Senior Writer

An American-born Muslim female UNC student walks

down Franklin Street and hears shouts of “Go Trump, you lost.” An American-born Hispanic male UNC student is scared of having to drop out

of college because his parents may be deported. This is how UNC is reacting to the 2016 presidential election.

“I think we have certainly seen a broad range of emotions and reactions that are no different than what we see in society,” said Jonathan

Sauls, dean of students for student affairs. “There are folks that are very distressed about things from a direct policy standpoint. There are

folks who are understandably unsettled by the rhetoric that has been used and what it

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(From left) Jamey Cross, Jessica Calland and Chris Sharer have all had hometowns affected by wildfires currently sweeping through the mountains of western North Carolina.

## Students feel effects of wildfires

**Some students feel unsure about the damage to homes.**

By **Madeleine Fraley**  
Staff Writer

Wildfires have been occurring in western North Carolina since Oct. 23

and UNC students from the affected areas don't know what to expect when they return home for Thanksgiving. Chris Sharer, a junior from Hayesville, North Carolina, a town in affected Clay County, said the fires have been burning only a mile away from where he lives. “It's pretty scary, to say

the least, to think about what everybody's going through back at home,” Sharer said. He said he is curious to see what his hometown looks like after the fires and how the people in his hometown have been affected. Jessica Calland, a first-year,

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## North Carolina criticized for potential voter suppression

**Both Republicans and Democrats question voting proceedings.**

By **Davis McKinney**  
Staff Writer

Despite a court ruling overturning North Carolina's voter ID law — which was ruled discriminatory — concerns regarding voter suppression in the 2016 election remain. Fourteen states had new voting restrictions in place for the presidential election, ranging from photo identification requirements to limited early voting hours, according to a report from the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law. Liz Kennedy, director of Democracy and Government Reform at the Center for American Progress, said it's impossible to determine a direct correlation between these restrictions and low turnout. “I think a common thread is people in power who do not respect people's fundamental right to vote and care more about maintaining their hold on the status quo,” she said. She said the laws affect the turnout of minority voters and demographics that traditionally vote for Democrats. Overall turnout in the 2016 election decreased from 2012, though Hillary Clinton, who currently leads in the popular vote by more than 1.5 million, has more votes than any presidential candidate other than Barack Obama in his races. Josh Douglas, an associate professor of law at the University of Kentucky, said he thinks the laws are politically motivated.

“I think the story of voter ID and other restrictions is a story of pure politics infecting the election process,” he said. The U.S. Supreme Court's 2013 decision in Shelby County v. Holder invalidated section five of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. That section of the Voting Rights Act made any election laws passed by certain state or local governments subject to pre-approval by a federal court or the attorney general to prevent voter suppression. Less than two months after the decision, the N.C. General Assembly passed House Bill 589, requiring voters to present photo identification at the polls and limiting early voting by one week. On the same day the bill was signed into law by Gov. Pat McCrory, the N.C. NAACP filed a lawsuit against the governor and said the new legislation would have discriminatory burdens on the state's African-American population. In the intervening years the state argued that voter ID laws acted to stop voter fraud. In April 2014, the N.C. State Board of Elections said it found 765 cases where voter names and last four digits of social security numbers matched those of voters in other states, out of a voting pool of over 4.4 million people. That lawsuit would eventually reach the Fourth District Court of Appeals, which struck down the law in July and said it was passed with discriminatory intent.

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# Give thanks to our Marching Tar Heels this year

By Haley France  
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With football season coming to an end, it's important to not only give thanks to our athletes but also to our Marching Tar Heels.

These students practice every Tuesday and Thursday for two hours and on Fridays for an additional two hours if there's a home game that weekend.

Unlike high school marching band, where players have the entire year or season to perfect one halftime show, college marching bands perform a different show almost every home game, giving them only six to 16 hours to learn both the music and marches, according to senior and tuba section leader Megan Goldsby.

As a whole, marching band members spend nearly 10 hours of their Saturday at the game, which, including their practice, results in a 16 hour week.

"I would say on average you normally get there about five hours before the game starts," Goldsby said.

Goldsby said these five hours are packed full with warming up, practicing, performing at Tar Heel Town, performing in front of Wilson Library, leading a mini parade to the stadium and then playing at the pregame.

Not to mention, on hot days the uniform is not ideal. If it's extremely hot, they don't have to wear them while practicing. However, on most

game days, junior and piccolo section leader Nikki Newman said their uniform consists of shorts, a T-shirt, tall socks, bibbers (overalls), a jacket, a shield over the jacket, a backpack, ball cap and a shako (cap with the plume).

"Those uniforms suck," Newman said. "In the heat, it's awful they're so hot."

Of course, other weather extremes cause issues as well. Earlier this season, UNC played Virginia Tech during Hurricane Matthew. For the marching band, this meant wearing ponchos and playing their instruments in the rain.

David Michaud, a senior and marching band operational assistant, said he able to somewhat protect his clarinet by playing it underneath his poncho, but most members were not able to do the same with their instruments.

For sousaphone player Goldsby, the giant bell of her tuba collected water, making the 35 to 45 pound instrument even heavier.

"Because the bell is like kind of up, all the rain comes in and so like every 10, 15 minutes we had to drain it - so you just see like a pool of water coming out of the top of the tuba," she said.

Weather aside, being in the marching band requires its members to attend all of the home football games. It's important to note that this includes the games our UNC Tar Heels play during Fall or Thanksgiving break.

"The past three years,



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UNC's band, the Marching Tar Heels, perform at the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game in Atlanta on Sep. 3.

we've always had a game on the Friday or Saturday of Fall Break so you just like have to be there because it's mandatory," Will Schoeffler, a senior who plays the tenor drums in the drumline, said. "The day after Thanksgiving we have to come in and we have to be there at 8 a.m. on the Friday after Thanksgiving."

Marching band members do all this and more, and the class only gives them one credit hour. It doesn't even provide them with the Visual and Performing Arts general education requirement.

Despite all this, its members continue because they love what they do.

"In the first two weeks I

actually almost quit 'cause it was so much work, but then the first football game happened and, even though it was like the longest day ever, it was like the most fun I've ever had," Goldsby said. "

Being in the marching band also provides its members with several, unique opportunities.

"I mean we got to literally play for Obama and we get to go to all the stuff, like we get to show up 45 minutes before the Duke basketball game," Goldsby said, referring to pep band during basketball season. "I've gone to the Duke game every year and I've never had to be in the lottery or anything like that."

College Football Bowl games are not mandatory, but many members choose to attend during their Winter Break.

Schoeffler said this means they may have to leave on Christmas Day or come back on New Year's Eve — but it balances out because the expenses are paid for and sometimes students are able to explore the city beforehand.

"All the opportunities for travel you get and the games are really fun," Newman said. "They make it worth it and just the people make it worth it too because they're your best friends."

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## POLICE LOG

- Someone committed larceny on the 100 block of Fraternity Court at 10:23 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person stole a wallet, a jacket and cash, valued at

\$120 in total, reports state.

- Someone reported a noise complaint on the 400 block of Patterson Place West at 11:45 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- Someone committed breaking and entering, larceny from a vehicle and vandalism on the 900 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 6:43 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person broke the car window, valued at \$200, and stole \$985 worth of items including gift cards, a wallet, a cell phone and a purse, reports state.

- Someone committed breaking and entering, larceny from a vehicle and vandalism on the 900 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 6:21 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person broke the car

window, valued at \$200, and stole \$260 worth of items including a credit card, a wallet, sunglasses and a purse, reports state.

- Someone committed breaking and entering and larceny from a vehicle on the 200 block of South Elliott Road at 6:55 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person broke a car window, valued at \$250, and stole \$411 worth of items including a gift card, a wallet and a purse, reports state.

- Someone committed breaking and entering and larceny from a vehicle on the

200 block of South Elliott Road at 7:51 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person broke a window in a car valued at \$250, and stole \$535 worth of items including a pocket book, a wallet and a cell phone, reports state.

- Someone committed breaking and entering, larceny from a vehicle and vandalism on the 200 block of South Elliott Road at 7:53 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person broke a car window, valued at \$300, and stole \$593 worth of items, reports state.

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# Project tells students’ stories with photos

## Students’ portraits cover the side of the building

By Samantha Scott  
Staff Writer

On Monday, students from Phoenix Academy High School in Chapel Hill gathered to post 16 poster-sized photos of students on the side of the school building as part of the Inside Out project.

Inside Out is an art project that was created in 2011 by artist JR. The project involves pasting the portraits on public buildings. More than 260,000 people have participated in 129 different countries.

The purpose of the project is for people to take pictures of themselves in a way that portrays their self-identity or something they believe in — often enacting change and empowerment.

The idea for the Inside Out project at Phoenix Academy was started by several UNC students within the Campus Y organization Art & Life.

Art & Life was created in 2013 by UNC senior Meredith Miller and recent graduate Sarah Molina. The organization uses art to probe social justice causes such as race, gender and identity. The group has taught art to the students for five semesters.

The idea to get involved with Inside Out began during a unit on political photography taught in spring 2016 by Sam Fletcher, who has since graduated from UNC. Miller said they started the project to help empower students who often feel disregarded by the community.

“Phoenix Academy is a high school that provides opportunities for students who have dropped out of other high schools within the district,” Miller said. “The Inside Out project’s purpose is to tell the stories of the unseen and the unheard. That is what we wanted to do with these students at Phoenix Academy — they are often type-casted by society and not valued as they should be, so we told the students to take photos of each other in a way they wish to be seen by members of their community as opposed to how they are often actually seen — we wanted to empower them.”

Miller said the project was also meant to change the way society views these students.

“These portraits are not only to make the students realize that they are worthy of this artistic space but for the community to see these students in a different light,” Miller said. “In a quote, JR, the founder, said, ‘Can art change the world? Maybe we should change the question – can art change people’s lives?’ I think this is very true — when you see an image it affects your lens of the world.”

To take part in Inside Out, Art & Life applied to have these posters created. Typically, the project costs approximately



Junior Norman Archer (UNC) helps hang portraits on the walls of Phoenix Academy to knock down barriers surrounding identity.

\$20 per portrait, but Inside Out paid for Phoenix Academy, which allowed them to do the project for free. These pictures will also biodegrade on their own, which is considered to be part of the art.

Norman Archer, a UNC junior, interned at the Inside Out studio in New York during the summer and fall of 2015.

Archer is not a member of Art & Life, but he started the Inside Out project in the Spring of 2015 outside the

Hanes Art Center with his friend after listening to JR’s TED Talk on YouTube. The photos included candid pictures of students swimming to highlight the diverse roles that water plays in people’s lives.

Archer said he was excited that Art & Life was bringing the project to Phoenix Academy. He helped the students post the photos Monday.

Gloria Sanchez-Lane, school social worker for

Phoenix Academy, said she was very excited to see the portraits of the students hung. The photos were taken in spring 2016, so some of the students have since graduated. Sanchez-Lane said the delay in putting the pictures up was due to the pictures getting lost in the mail.

“I’m really excited for their parents to see these pictures because I think it would be pretty amazing as a parent to see their child displayed in this

way,” Sanchez-Lane said. “They are taking part in something much bigger than themselves.”

She said the pictures show the true personalities of each student.

“Looking at some of these pictures of the students smiling, I can’t help but smile myself,” she said. “They are all very important to me and I hope these pictures remind them how important they are.”

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# Business school fee has an unclear future

## The Board of Trustees did not recommend the fee this month.

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The Kenan-Flagler Business School administration is still figuring out the next steps for the undergraduate business school fee proposal, which was not recommended by the Board of Trustees on Wednesday.

The trustees did not vote the fee down, but they did not include it in their list of recommended fees.

Douglas Shackelford, dean of the business school, said while the proposal they made to the Board of Trustees had already been amended based on feedback from lower committees, he does not know when the University could expect a decision to be made regarding the proposal.

“From our perspective, it’s out of our hands,” Shackelford said. “We’ve made our proposal

and it’s gone to the chancellor and the provost and no decision has been made right now. The proposal hasn’t been approved or denied; it’s kind of in category three right now.”

The trustees’ lack of a recommendation follows objections from lower committees that heard the fee this fall.

“The Student Fee Audit Committee recommended against (the business school’s proposals) a couple of times and have stuck with that recommendation,” Harry Edwards, student body treasurer and chairperson of the the committee, said. “We raised a number of concerns to the specific proposals.”

Edwards said the amended proposal the business school presented in the meeting with the Board of Trustees on Wednesday addressed many of the concerns his committee had with the initial proposal presented earlier in the year, but it still did not address the concerns about diversity.

“After we heard the first proposal and had issues with it, we went through in great detail

and issued recommendations for what we’d want to see,” he said. “Included in that was a diversity plan included in that — a suggestion that the fee level be reduced. But essentially the whole idea then, a couple months ago, was that they can come back with a reduced proposal.”

Edwards said he was concerned the increase in the business school fees would be detrimental to current and future business school students.

“They did issue a new proposal and it did address some of our feedback, but it didn’t really come close to addressing our diversity concerns,” he said.

Shackelford said at this time he cannot say when a decision will be made regarding the business school’s proposal.

Edwards is hopeful and said he believes a decision regarding the proposal should come out in May.

Danielle Fraley, a junior business administration major, said she is in partial agreement with the business school’s proposal.



An amended proposal for the business school’s fee increase was not approved by trustees.

“So I was initially definitely opposed to it so I would be paying the fees after my time. My stance is that students who are already taking classes in the business school should have their fees waived,” Fraley said.

“However, I definitely do think that if the fee increase is going to be used to improve their facilities, then I’m for it. But from my understanding, the fees are going to be used to admit more students and

create online classes, which I’m personally opposed to. I would rather have the money go to improving the facilities and things of that nature.”

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# Study shows school bomb threats increasing

## Media coverage or school reaction may cause more threats.

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School bomb threats have been rising according to a new study that found a 1,461 percent increase in bomb threats to schools across the country since Nov. 2011.

The study, conducted by the Educator’s School Safety Network, examined school bomb threats reported by the media. During the 2015-16 school year, over 1,200 incidents occurred nationwide, with 26 in North Carolina.

Amy Klinger, the organization’s co-founder and an author of the study, said the number of threats has continued to rise this academic year.

“We are definitely on pace for more threats than we had last year,” she said.

According to the study over half of bomb threats are called in, 32 percent are found written in the school and 10 percent are found via email or social media.

Jeff Nash, spokesperson

for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said in an email that the school system has not had any bomb threats recently.

Klinger said threats don’t often result in actual bombs, which puts schools in a difficult situation.

“Do you react to the bomb threat, and then, usually it causes more of them,” she said. “Or do you not react and not acknowledge it and then roll the dice whether the kids are safe?”

Klinger said the number of detonations has also risen — from one incident last school year to four detonations between August to October.

She said even false threats have tangible costs.

“When you have an average of seven or eight bomb threats a day in the United States, that’s police, fire, teachers, administrators, all sorts of people doing something different than what they should be doing,” she said.

Scott Poland, a psychologist and school safety expert at Nova Southeastern University, said in an email that bomb threats increase due to media coverage of school and police shootings.

He said an event last year —

where schools in New York City and Los Angeles received the same electronic bomb threat, but the Los Angeles Unified School District cancelled school and the New York City Department of Education opted to stay open — shows how difficult these situations can be.

“I believe school in Los Angeles should have stayed open with increased police and security presence,” he said. “Many threats are from students as a joke or attempt to get out of class. Teachers and parents need to let students know the consequences for making a bomb threat are severe.”

Klinger said an increasing number of threats have come from non-students, especially at elementary schools.

Teachers and school faculty are often inadequately trained to respond to bomb threats and many schools have dangerous or outdated evacuation policies, Klinger said.

“There are absolutely things you can do to stop bomb threats and respond better,” she said. “But people need to get the training.”

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# McCrory challenges election legitimacy

## The campaign said felons and the deceased have voted Cooper.

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Almost two weeks have passed since Election Day, and the Tar Heel state still can’t be certain who their governor will be on inauguration day in January.

“It looks like we’ll have a Democrat in the governor’s mansion,” said N.C. Rep. Graig Meyer, D-Durham. “But the margin is slim and there are some serious allegations being made by the McCrory Administration regarding the legitimacy of the election.”

Among other issues, Gov. Pat McCrory’s campaign has said absentee ballot fraud, double voting, voting by felons and ballots cast under the names of deceased individuals were present during the election. The campaign has formally requested the State Board of Elections take jurisdiction over the varying complaints to individual county boards in order to prevent inconsistencies and more efficiently process reports.

“The McCrory campaign has been very general,” said J. Michael Bitzer, a professor of political science at Catawba College. “They have been without a lot of firm evidence. There was one machine in Durham County which malfunctioned and a few issues with absentee ballots in Bladen County; that’s about it. But when the vote margin is only 7,000, both sides are likely to make accusations of wrongdoing if they think it’s going to help them.”

The State Board of Elections voted Sunday to take jurisdiction over investigations into absentee voting irregularities in Bladen County, but not total jurisdiction over every complaint lodged. The board opted instead to provide a set

“(The McCrory campaign has) been without a lot of firm evidence.”

Michael Bitzer  
Political science professor, Catawba College

of standardized guidelines to the counties that can be used to assess county-level reports.

“I think it’s great that they’re trying to deal with this in a fair and straightforward way, but I doubt it will have much of an impact on the outcome,” Bitzer said.

He pointed to Durham County as an example.

“It’s highly Democratic, so even if some of these ballots are recounted or thrown out, it’s unlikely to make a difference,” he said.

U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., said critics of the McCrory campaign say the allegations of wrongdoing are an attempt to undermine the legitimacy of N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper’s win.

“Governor McCrory’s attempts to cast doubt on the integrity of the election in the wake of his evident defeat are extremely troubling,” Price said in a joint statement with Congressmembers G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C. and Alma Adams, D-N.C. “He baselessly accused the Republican-controlled Durham County Board of Elections of ‘malfeasance.’ His desperate attempts to undermine the democratic process and disenfranchise voters are a disservice to the people of North Carolina and should not be tolerated.”

At the time of writing, Roy Cooper’s electoral lead over Pat McCrory stands at 6,470 votes, according to the State Board of Elections.

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# All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses

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### Club Nova receives \$40,000 grant

The nonprofit Club Nova was selected as one of ten recipients of the 2017 GSK IMPACT grant, worth \$40,000. The Carrboro-based organization works with Orange County residents with severe mental illness, said executive director Karen Kincaid Dunn.

“Essentially, Club Nova is a community of people with serious mental illness and helps people go back to school, back to work, get the benefits they are entitled to,” Kincaid Dunn said. “If they don’t have housing we help them secure housing — we do whatever it takes for people to live in the community.”

Kincaid Dunn said that they’re figuring out how to use the money.

“We are in desperate need of replacing a couple of our vehicles so that would be one option and the other option is that we’re looking at expanding Club Nova so we can more than double our capacity so we could also use it towards our expansion project,” Kincaid Dunn said.

Each of the three Club Nova clubhouses that are located in the Triangle area has received the IMPACT grant once in the last three years.



### McAlister's Deli closes its doors

The McAlister's Deli on East Franklin Street permanently closed on Monday, Nov. 20.

Assistant Manager Malcolm McKinnon said the closure was from a business standpoint but was unable to speak further on the issue.

“As of right now, we don’t know what’s going to be here,” McKinnon said.

McKinnon said that all employees were informed about the closure on Monday.

“I’m currently going back to my old location on 15-501,” McKinnon said.

Ashley Stufano, a first-year student, said she loves getting lunch at McAlister's Deli and she was devastated when she found out that the restaurant was shutting down.

“I would go there for lunch with my mom whenever she came into town,” Stufano said.

“I loved going there because their food was really really good and they’re a good lunch place if you don’t want something too heavy. I’m very upset about their closure, I had no idea.”



### Beehive Salon begins Thankful Thursday

The Beehive Salon in Carrboro has recently begun a program known as Thankful Thursdays, which is focused on giving back to local charitable organizations.

Diane Koistinen, owner of Beehive Salon, said that they are donating 15 percent of their retail sales on Thursdays to a designated charity. Thursday, Nov. 17 was the first day the new program.

“I just started it basically as a reaction to my disappointment in the election,” Koistinen said. “I was trying to think of more ways to be more determined instead of angry or sad and just to move forward in a more productive way.”

The money raised by the program will be going to support Planned Parenthood operations in Chapel Hill through the end of December. Each month after, a different organization will be designated as the recipient of the money.

Koistinen said she hopes to make Thankful Thursdays a permanent element of her business and said she hopes other businesses will join her.

# Tips to avoid fire in the kitchen on Thanksgiving

By Lidia Davis  
Staff Writer

The National Fire Protection Association has found that more home fires occur on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year — three times more, to be exact.

Tommy Gregory, interim fire marshal for the Town of Chapel Hill, referred to the association's safety tips for cooking fires and said it was important for people to take caution when in the kitchen on Thanksgiving Day.

Gregory's tips for Thanksgiving fire safety include turning pot and pan handles in, so children aren't tempted to play with them, wearing tight clothing to lessen the chance of fabric getting caught on fire and never

leaving the kitchen unattended when cooking.

Gregory said he remembered incidents happening when turkey fryers first came out — everyone wanted to use them, but may not have known how to use them properly.

Cooking a turkey is a long process that leaves little room for cutting corners, even on a hectic Thanksgiving Day. Gregory said never put a frozen turkey in a turkey fryer, as forgetting to turn down the gas when doing so could cause the oil to boil over — potentially starting a fire.

“If you set it on fire, it can potentially set the deck on fire, and that seemed to be the place where people wanted to cook,” Gregory said, referring to previous accidents in Chapel Hill.

Even though UNC sophomore Kayla Wolverton and

her family stopped celebrating Thanksgiving after her grandfather's death, fire safety wasn't something she and her mom thought about when cooking on Thanksgiving.

“We didn't really take an exceptional amount of caution when it came to kitchen stuff,” Wolverton said. “My mom's always responsible for consistently the same dishes — even if it's the same stuff. It was always an adventure to help her cook, get it all in the car and take it to my grandparents' house.”

Wolverton said it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of Thanksgiving Day and want to speed up the cooking process in order to eat all the good food faster.

But on a busy Thanksgiving Day, forgetfulness and distraction are bound to occur.

“The biggest thing to remember when you're cooking is to not walk away from the kitchen; it's very easy to get distracted, because you have family coming over and you want to spend time with them,” Gregory said.

UNC junior Kit McGinley shared a similar experience with distractions.

“One year we had to order Chinese food, because my stepmom was so busy and distracted taking care of my baby half-brothers that she forgot to get a turkey,” McGinley said. “So when we got to the store, they were completely sold out, but the Chinese food place next door looked promising.”

The National Fire Protection Association found that unattended cooking was the main cause for cooking



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Members of Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Company put out a fire in Hillsborough in early September 2016.

fires and deaths.

For less worry and more time to take caution, Gregory recommended cooking the day before.

“I would recommend you prepare the meal the day before, and then reheat it — that lessens the chance of things catching on fire,” he said.

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# Professor-student conflict spills onto Tumblr

By Kelsey Mason  
Staff Writer

A conflict between a UNC-Wilmington professor and a queer Muslim student at the university continues after the student made a Tumblr post about her experience

following a column written by the professor.

In his September column, UNC-W criminology professor Mike Adams criticized Nada Merghani for her actions surrounding President-elect Donald Trump's August campaign visit to their campus.

The column discussed comments Merghani made before Trump's visit that appeared to be a threat and said that she was questioned by Secret Service officers, before criticizing Merghani as a social justice warrior.

Merghani said she was initially shocked by Adams' column and scared for her safety because the piece mentioned her sexuality.

“To use an LGBT person's name and talk about their sexuality without giving them the opportunity to say, ‘Oh, maybe I don't want the information disclosed because I might not be outed this, you know, at this particular level,’” she said. “Or I don't want this information to be public.”

Adams did not respond to emails requesting comment.

UNC-W Chancellor Jose Sartarelli released a statement Wednesday regarding the campus climate, though he did not directly respond to Adams

or Merghani.

Sartarelli said he and others are working to revise the Seahawk Respect Compact, which is a commitment to a respectful and safe campus environment.

He said students and faculty can share their opinions both on- and off-campus and speech that may upset some people does not equate to threatening speech.

“We as an institution do not, and should not, regulate or respond to those opinions,” Sartarelli said.

UNC-W's Office of University Relations said in an email that Adams has not improperly released private or confidential information about Merghani, nor did he violate the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The department said Adams' conduct and written material do not contain a threat toward Merghani or other students.

*“I don't think anyone ever expects something as large as this to blow up.”*

Nada Merghani  
UNC-Wilmington student

Merghani's Tumblr post has received over 17,000 notes. She said her sense of fear and powerlessness is what prompted her to write the post.

“I don't think anyone ever expects something as large as this to blow up,” she said.

UNC-W's Office of University Relations said they have reviewed the situation and although Adams' column and social media presence do not represent UNC-W, they are protected by the First Amendment.

They also said they have worked with Merghani to address her concerns.

Adams sued the university in 2007 after his request for promotion to full professorship was denied despite several

professional accomplishments.

Alliance Defending Freedom, which represented Adams, said he was denied the promotion because of his conservative political views, and a federal jury ruled in Adams' favor in 2014.

Merghani said she plans to transfer from UNC-W because she thinks it is an unsafe environment for her.

“Ultimately, my moving forward and the best thing to do for myself would just be to leave the institution that has called me ISIS for the last three years and that has mocked my religion and sexuality for the last three years,” she said.

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UNC senior cornerback Des Lawrence (2) celebrates the football team's last-second victory over Pittsburgh with fans on Sept. 24.

# UNC football prepares for N.C. State on Senior Day

**By James Tatter**  
Staff Writer

Standing along the sideline of Kenan Stadium on Saturday, Marquise Williams watched as the North Carolina football team he had led to an ACC title game a year ago thrashed The Citadel, 41-7. Williams was the quarterback for one of the best teams in UNC football history, one that reeled off 11 straight victories en route to a No. 15 ranking in the AP poll to end the 2015 season. But his visit to Chapel Hill was more than a trip down memory lane — it was a reminder of how far the program has come. Since arriving in 2011, Coach Larry Fedora has turned around a once-troubled program. Williams' visit signifies that Fedora's long-term vision for the team is taking root. "I want to make sure that they know they are welcome here and that they are loved," Fedora said of his former players. "This is their home and they built this place. Not me. They're the ones who did it." Fedora is preparing this week for his final home game with a group of seniors. This graduating class, as much as any, is responsible for the new direction that Fedora sees the program heading in. "If you guys look back to when we were recruiting them, there was a lot of negativity surrounding this program in every aspect," he said. "These guys are the ones who, when we went into their homes and their schools, they bought in. They wanted to change things here, and they have." One major piece of the Tar Heels' turnaround has been senior cornerback Des Lawrence. Lawrence had many offers from big Division-I programs coming out of Charlotte Christian High School, but he chose to remain in North Carolina and has become one of UNC's best defensive players. Lawrence knows the Tar Heels can't be swept up by emotions when they face N.C. State on Friday. "I think that State alone, being rivals, is going to make sure it's not really a distraction," Lawrence said. With a UNC win and a Virginia Tech loss, the Tar Heels could clinch an ACC Coastal Division title — a feat that seemed nearly impossible after a Nov. 10 loss to Duke. Two years ago, UNC suffered a 35-7 embarrassment to the Wolfpack on senior day. Redshirt junior quarterback Mitch Trubisky replaced an injured Williams and played a dismal game. Trubisky got his revenge in his next game against N.C. State. On Nov. 28, 2015, he entered the game when Williams' helmet was knocked off early in the first quarter, throwing a touchdown in his only attempt of the game. "It was a huge moment," Trubisky said. "I'm going to remember that, and this rivalry. But it's time to make more memories."

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# Legislature will respond to school disparities report

**The report said N.C.'s wealthy K-12 districts get more money.**

**By Parker Marshall**  
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Schools in wealthier districts are receiving more state funds than their low-income counterparts, according to a study by the N.C. General Assembly's Program Evaluation Division released Nov. 14. The Program Evaluation Division, under direction from a state legislative committee, examined how K-12 state funds were being distributed across counties and certain groups of students. State Rep. Craig Horn, R.-Union, said North Carolina currently uses a funding system based on attendance. He said unlike other states, in N.C. schools, state money is the primary source of funding, rather than money from local governments. Horn said the study showed the current system causes wealthier local education agencies to receive more state money on a per-capita basis than poorer LEAs. "Our system tends to reward the wealthy and as a consequence it penalizes the poor," he said. The study's findings were grouped into two categories — issues related to specific allotments and issues related to the overall funding for the system. The study also suggested policy actions to either overhaul or reform the current system. Kris Nordstrom, an analyst with N.C. Policy Watch, said the report does not provide strong evidence for problems with education funding in North Carolina. He said the report failed to examine the distribution of funds based on district need. "The bigger issue is that the Program Evaluation Division was tasked with looking at the efficacy and the equity of the existing finance system, and rather than tackle that question, they instead looked at individual allotments that are not meant to be looked at on the individual basis because they are a part of the greater system of finance," he said. Sean Hamel, principal program evaluator at the Program Evaluation Division, said the division was never asked to address the adequacy of K-12 education funding, but rather to solely examine the mechanisms of the system. Horn said the legislative committee plans to create a joint task force in response to the study. "We will take a more deep dive than even this report recommends, and resulting in a fundamental change in how we fund education," he said. Representatives in the committee will present legislation in response to the study at a Dec. 12 meeting. The General Assembly would have to approve this legislation when it reconvenes in January. Horn said he is optimistic about the direction North Carolina education is headed. "The goal is to regain the initiative and again secure North Carolina's place as the number one education state in the nation," he said.

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# Same-sex couples now on N.C. birth certificates

**By Paige Colpo**  
Staff Writer

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services and Melissa and Meredith Weiss, a married lesbian couple, have reached an agreement, allowing the Weiss family to have their sons' birth certificates amended to include both of the parents' names. "When parents are married at the time of the child's birth, the amendment process to add a spouse's name to a birth certificate, after original registration, is the same for all marriage types," the settlement said. Beth Littrell, counsel for Lambda Legal, said in a statement the settlement comes after nearly a year of legal action. "This is a tremendous victory for the Weiss family — and for all North Carolina children born to same-sex couples before the state's discriminatory marriage ban was struck down, who will now enjoy the same legal protections as everyone else," she said. Littrell said in an interview the state agreed to settle the case before it was brought to court. "So right now, the birth certificate only lists one legal parent, and so what the settlement led to was an amended birth certificate that says the children were born to married parents and they have two legal parents," she said. The state also agreed to amend its policies to make sure other married same-sex couples in similar situations do not need to file a lawsuit to get amended birth certificates, Littrell said. "Instead, they'll be treated like all other married couples, regardless of the gender of the parents involved," she said. Kendra Gerlach, spokesperson for the N.C. DHHS, said in an email the settlement reflects the department's efforts to update its processes for birth certificates to accurately reflect the many ways families are defined. "This change allows parents who are married at the time of conception or the birth of a child to have a birth certificate that reflects their unique circumstances and includes both parents' names," she said. Prior to having reached the settlement, the Weiss family had tried numerous times to get their children's birth certificates amended, including a court order that was refused by the N.C. DHHS in 2006. In May 2015, the N.C. DHHS said same-sex couples would only be able to receive amended birth certificates if their children were born after Oct. 10, 2014. Lambda Legal then filed a complaint against the N.C. DHHS on the behalf of the Weiss family. Littrell said the state agreed in the settlement to not only provide the Weiss family with amended birth certificates, but also agreed to pay Lambda Legal \$78,000 for litigation costs. She said the settlement is a step in the right direction. "I think it's a hopeful sign that at least some members of the North Carolina government are willing to respect the equal rights of same-sex married couples, and hopefully that will be a harbinger of recognition that all LGBTQ North Carolinians should be treated with equal dignity and respect," she said.

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### LAWSUIT

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of sexual assault victims and all students, including witnesses, who may be involved in a campus Title IX process,” Curran said.

Hugh Stevens, the attorney representing The Daily Tar Heel in the case, said the state law under the N.C. General Statutes takes precedence.

“Basically, in our view, the public records law in North Carolina requires the information must be released,” he said. “There are cases, some of them under FERPA, where federal law basically overrides the rule of state law, but in this instance, FERPA specifically says that schools may release this kind of information.”

Jane Wester, editor-in-chief of The Daily Tar Heel,

said the release of the information contained within the records is important to hold the University accountable to its sexual assault policy.

“It would help us tremendously into figuring out basically how seriously UNC is taking these cases, how many of the cases that enter the system get resolved — because we can’t really even see that right now — so basically,

there’s stuff we can report, we can talk to survivors and stuff without the record, but we really need to see more on UNC’s side of it.”

Cases of student newspapers suing their universities are rare because student newspapers are usually financially supported by their universities, Wester said. Since The Daily Tar Heel is in the unique position to scrutinize

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**Hugh Stevens**  
Attorney representing The Daily Tar Heel

the university it covers in this manner, the lawsuit seemed like the right thing to do.

“I think that what a lot of people don’t know is that it’s so unusual and so important

that we’re financially independent from the university, because it’s literally what enables us to do this,” she said.

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### TRUMP

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portends.”

But various organizations at UNC aren’t letting the rhetoric scare them, and they are working to show students that there are safe spaces.

“We were very shocked and disappointed that someone that espouses this dangerous, homophobic, xenophobic, misogynistic, racist and anti-Semitic rhetoric was elected to the highest voice in the land,” said president of UNC Muslim Students Association Ayoub Ouederni.

Ouederni said members of his organization gathered in a prayer room on campus the day after the election to talk about their reactions. He said they plan to hold more events, but right now he encourages his members to report

incidents of hate crimes or attacks.

“We’ve heard about a couple incidents, especially on Franklin Street about members or Muslims, especially Muslim girls with the head scarf on because they are more identifiable of being harassed,” he said. “People shouting ‘Go Trump, you lost’ — unnecessary stuff.”

Ray Garcia, co-president of Carolina Hispanic Association, said his members are frustrated and fearful because of the uncertainty the election has caused with President-elect Donald Trump’s stance on immigration.

Garcia said this uncertainty affects him personally because his parents are not U.S. citizens.

“If they get deported, we don’t have any other family

members here. If they get deported, I have to go home and take care of my siblings,” he said. “Point blank, I have to go do that.”

But Garcia wants to lessen that fear for students by making UNC a sanctuary campus for undocumented students. CHispa helped create a petition which has already received thousands of signatures that urges UNC to refuse releasing information regarding immigration status of students and community members to immigration authorities.

Garcia said he also partnered with Campus Y to organize the campus walkout the day after the election, where students met on the steps of South Building to voice their concerns and fears about the election.

Courtney Sams, president

*“We’re really just trying to keep ourselves open to any ways we can help...”*

**Courtney Sams**  
President of UNC Young Democrats

of UNC Young Democrats, said members of the Young Democrats are not letting the election dishearten them, but they are motivated by it.

“They want to know what they can do next now that we’ve lost the presidential election and didn’t take back the House or the Senate,” she said. “Members are really fired up about the midterm election and want to know what they can do to start on taking back our country.”

She said although her members are motivated, they still have concerns.

“We’ve had debriefing meetings about what this

election means and how we can help people who might be afraid,” she said. “We’re really just trying to keep ourselves open to any ways we can help our members.”

Hayden Vick, chairperson for UNC College Republicans, said the organization is recognizing the election as a success for Republicans, but members of the organization are split in half with Trump supporters and dissenters.

He said the organization’s main focus now is uniting the Republican Party because there has been a lot of dissen-sion toward Trump, not just from Democrats but also

from Republicans.

“That’s been obvious and apparent, and there’s no question about it but that being said, we want to focus on uniting the party because whether we’re Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Green Party — this is now our president,” Vick said.

Sauls said with all the uncertainty after the election, it’s important to let people know their feelings are authentic.

“This election comes on the heels of a period of time that I think has been a real struggle for the country and for the University around tremendous polarization,” he said.

“I think one of the most unhelpful things we can say, to anyone for any reason, is ‘you shouldn’t feel that way.’”

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### WILDFIRE

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said her family has a vacation home in Lake Lure and the resort at which their home is located had to be evacuated two weeks ago.

Calland said the evacuation was lifted yesterday and her family will still be traveling there this weekend for the holiday.

She said her family is nervous to see what kind of smoke damage may be done to their house.

Madi Odom, a senior from Hendersonville, North

Carolina, said the fires are burning about 15 minutes away from her home and while her family was lucky enough to live far enough away, some of her hometown friends had to evacuate their homes.

“A friend from high school said firefighters knocked on their door at two in the morning and said they had to be out of their house by five,” Odom said.

“They had three hours’ notice to pack as much as they could in their cars and leave.”

Sharer and Odom both

*“...there are people out there who could be losing their homes right now...”*

**Jamey Cross**  
First-year and Daily Tar Heel staffer

said their families at home have been affected most from the smoke from the fires.

Odom said her parents told her the mountains can’t be seen at all because the air is smoky all of the time and covered in a thick haze.

Sharer said his hometown was instructed to not go outside without a mask last

week due to the poor air quality.

First-year Jamey Cross, a staff member at The Daily Tar Heel, is from Asheboro — three hours away from the fires — but said her dad, a forest ranger in Randolph County, has been in Asheville helping to fight the fires for two weeks.

Cross said her father told

her the fires were intense and every day more people were coming in to help contain them.

But since the fires are still not completely contained, Cross said her dad won’t be home for Thanksgiving this year.

“I’m sad he isn’t going to be home, but I am so grateful that he is able to do this because there are people out there who could be losing their homes right now, and it’s the holiday season right now and nobody wants to go through that,” she said. “So I think it’s great he’s there and

able to help.”

Odom said while she is glad her family wasn’t evacuated from their home for this week, she is nervous to return home.

“It makes me a little bit sad because it’s not like going home is the same — it’s going home to something that is so sad especially because it’s something that is going through places where I grew up and I don’t know the damage done,” she said. “It all happened so fast.”

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### VOTER

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Though the law is no longer in effect, Kristen Clarke, executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said following the court’s decision, local county boards of elections limited voting.

“What we saw as we moved through the election cycle is that local election officials were willing to take up the baton of voter suppression and race forward with their own efforts to make voting more difficult,” she said.

In an internal email, Dallas

Woodhouse, executive director of the N.C. GOP, spoke in favor of efforts to limit early voting.

“You should also call your Republican election board members and remind them that as partisan Republican appointees they have (a) duty to consider Republican points of view and that we support them as they ensure our elections are secure,” he said in the email.

Mecklenburg County had 12 fewer polling locations during the first week of early voting, compared to the 2012 election. Guilford County — which has a population of 517,600 — had only one poll-

ing site open that first week. Both counties opened more sites in the later weeks.

On Oct. 13, a federal judge denied an emergency motion from a group of voters requesting the N.C. State Board of Elections increase early voting hours in five counties. A report from the N.C. Board of Elections shows total early voting hours increased in the contested counties from the 2012 presidential election.

Unlike North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin both had voter identification laws in effect during the November election, although two federal court cases softened both

states’ laws.

In a sample of more than half of all counties in Texas, a report from the Leadership Conference Education Fund found 403 polling locations have closed in counties that were previously covered by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. That same report showed 27 poll closures across North Carolina.

When the court struck down North Carolina’s voter ID law, McCrory said in a statement that the ruling undermined the integrity of North Carolina elections.

In the still undeclared race for governor, McCrory has filed protests contesting the

*“...we should all have an equal say in the future of our country at the ballot box.”*

**Liz Kennedy**  
Director, Democracy and Government Reform at the Center for American Progress

legitimacy of certain ballots in more than 50 counties. His opponent, Democratic Attorney General Roy Cooper, has declared victory despite the unofficial result.

Kennedy said she’s hopeful solutions to voter suppression are within reach.

She said in Oregon, citizens are automatically registered to vote when they apply for or renew a driver’s license or state identification card.

Oregon reported a voter turnout of 78 percent in the 2016 general election, compared to a 62 percent turnout in 2012 — before they implemented the program.

“We are moving towards a world in which all of us are more equal and we should all have an equal say in the future of our country at the ballot box,” Kennedy said.

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**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 7 -- Learn something new about love. Practice your romantic arts and talents. Release an old trepidation. Listen to another's views, and remain flexible. Humor defuses tension.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
Today is a 6 -- Pay attention to household matters. Make repairs and maintain functionality. Avoid buying more than you need. Don't strain the budget. Keep your objective in mind.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**  
Today is a 7 -- Do the reading to get to the bottom of a mystery. Someone's demanding quick action; measure thrice and cut once. Help others see the big picture.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is a 9 -- Profitable opportunities abound. Keep your eyes open and prepare to grab one. Talk is cheap; follow the action. Have fun and play your best game.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is an 8 -- You're coming into your stride. Let go of a preconception for new freedom. Refuse to be bullied or intimidated. Tend your garden, and nurture your roots.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 5 -- Rest and take it easy. Peace and quiet re-energizes you. Postpone travel and rowdiness. Old assumptions get challenged. When in doubt, take the high road.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is a 7 -- Add another to your circle of friends. Meet interesting people and plan potentially profitable collaborations. Team projects go well. Communication keeps gears in motion.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is a 7 -- Don't push yourself too hard. You're energized by the Sun in your sign. Nurture your physical health. Call in a favor. Rest and eat well.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is a 5 -- Avoid over-stimulation and controversy. Peaceful quiet time can get especially productive. Get outside and observe your surroundings from a comfortable perch. Discover something new.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 7 -- Together, you're a force to be reckoned with. Strategize, rather than moving impulsively. Changes necessitate budget revisions. Your team is red hot. Plan your game.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
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# Academic freedom talks stir tensions at FEC

The executive committee disagreed on complaint issues.

By Nic Rardin  
Staff Writer

The Faculty Executive Committee met Monday to discuss issues of academic freedom and opposition to part of a North Carolina gun law that affects college campuses. President of the UNC Retired Faculty Association Jim Peacock brought the issue of the new gun law before the committee, asking them to support repealing the law. According to an official resolution written by UNC RFA member Jonathan Kotch, the UNC RFA advocates to repeal the part of Section 3 in House Bill 562 that legalizes removing a firearm from a vehicle parked on campus if the firearm owner thinks a threatening situation has arisen. "At the present time, it is legal for individuals to keep

a weapon, if they have a concealed carry permit, in a concealed and locked location inside their car," Kotch said. He said the RFA supports the immediate repeal of this part of the bill, as the presence of a gun on a college campus decreases safety. UNC Department of Public Safety Chief Jeff McCracken said he and other police chiefs opposed this bill. "The police chiefs and I are all in agreement — this is not a safe law and we oppose it," he said. McCracken said he was concerned that allowing the gun to be retrieved from its stored location could make it harder for officers to handle difficult situations safely and effectively. The committee made no decision regarding this proposition from the RFA. "I sense a lot of support around the table for what you're doing," said Vin Steponaitis, secretary of the faculty. The committee also discussed issues of academic

*"The police chiefs and I are all in agreement — this is not a safe law..."*  
Jeff McCracken  
UNC DPS chief

freedom that have arisen since the presidential election, focusing on the role the committee plays in handling faculty complaints about academic freedom. Committee members made repeated references to a specific complaint by an individual made recently, while refraining from disclosing the individual's name. The discussion became heated. "If a person who has a complaint comes to talk to us, we start to get into the fact-finding and the adjudication, which is not what this committee should do," Steponaitis said. The debate centered around the FEC's role in the process of faculty complaints



DTH/NICK RARDIN  
Faculty Executive Committee gets heated discussing academic freedom and an N.C. gun law.

and whether or not the committee should have contacted the individual who filed the complaint. "I think what is important is people feeling heard and feeling like faculty

government responds to them," Mimi Chapman, a professor in the UNC School of Social Work, said. "That doesn't mean that they always get what they want, but it means that they

get a response." Unable to reach a consensus on the matter, the committee adjourned and tabled the discussion.

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## On the wire: national and world news

### » Pope expands ability to pardon abortions

VATICAN CITY (TNS) — Pope Francis on Monday indefinitely extended a provision that makes it easier for Catholics to seek a pardon for abortion, while insisting that the practice remains a "grave sin" for the Catholic Church. Only bishops and selected prelates could issue absolutions for abortion, but during the Jubilee of Mercy, a Catholic festival that started on Nov. 8, 2015, and ended Sunday, ordinary priests were also authorized to deal with such cases. Francis made that change permanent. "I henceforth grant to all priests ... the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion. The provision I had made in this regard, limited to the duration

of the Extraordinary Holy Year, is hereby extended," he said in an Apostolic Letter. The pope added: "I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart."

### Secessionists strive for California's independence

SACRAMENTO, CA (TNS) — Supporters of a plan for California to secede from the union took their first formal step Monday morning, submitting a proposed ballot measure to the state attorney general's office in the hopes of a statewide vote as soon as 2018. Marcus Ruiz Evans, the vice president and co-founder of

Yes California, said his group had been planning to wait for a later election, but the presidential election of Donald Trump sped up the timeline. "We're doing it now because of all of the overwhelming attention," Evans said. The attorney general's office will give the ballot measure a title and summary, and Evans said he hopes to begin collecting signatures to get it on the ballot in the spring. Qualifying ballot measures typically requires significant resources to pay signature gatherers, and Yes California doesn't have major financial backing.

### Pipeline protesters quarrel with police

FORT YATES, ND (TNS) — More than 400 demonstrators clashed with

police on a bridge north of a protest encampment near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation in North Dakota on Sunday night. Protesters said they were trying to access what they described as sacred tribal lands, which are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The protesters were stopped by a line of police officers, requested by the Corps to keep protesters off the land. Deputies deployed tear gas and fired on protesters with a water cannon on the Backwater Bridge, according to a news release from the Morton County, N.D., Sheriff's Department on Sunday night. The Sheriff's Department described the situation as a riot, and said protesters had attempted to outflank

officers and set multiple fires on the bridge. According to the Sheriff's Department, the clashes began about 6 p.m. when

protesters attempted to move one of the burned trucks.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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5 Wake-up call alternative

10 Real estate abbr. after 2 or 3, commonly

14 Goller Aoki

15 Blender button

16 "Wonderfilled" cookie

17 One of a daily three at the table

19 colada: cocktail

20 Heart rate

21 Tempo

22 Tar Heel State university

23 Hunting dog

25 Israeli currency

27 out a living

29 Fiber-- cable

32 Temperate

35 Jinx

39 Tokyo, long ago

40 Drink cooler

41 Ten-spot

42 Ga. neighbor

43 Voting mo.

44 Ditching class, say

45 Visa rival, for short

46 Mournful toll

48 Former OTC market regulator

50 Trendy, with "the"

54 NFL team that moved from St. Louis in 2016

58 Perfume that sounds forbidden

60 Foes of us

62 "The Bourne Identity" star Matt

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Is the Union still one nation?

I am from Randleman, a small town of a little over 4,000 people. You may know it as the birthplace of famous NASCAR driver Richard Petty.

As of late, small town America is in the national spotlight for overwhelmingly voting Republican in the past election. Talks of two Americas — one urban and liberal, one rural and conservative — are erupting as people find it harder to associate with those outside their own communities.

Like many of my fellow students from small towns, this narrative has put me in an awkward spot. I have friends both in conservative Randleman and in liberal Chapel Hill. I have friends getting ready to go to graduate school to study philosophy and friends already in the workforce.

Maybe the two Americas narrative is right, but there is only one of me.

I consider myself a pretty far left person, the origins of which come from home.

Growing up, there were no shortage of times when racism and discrimination were present and blatant. In high school, almost within the same year, “Invisible Man” was banned from my school’s library for “lacking literary merit,” and there was an incident where a couple of students spray painted a swastika on a Jewish teacher’s classroom doors.

Thankfully, there were teachers at my school who spoke out against these acts. I doubt these teachers saw their actions as political, and maybe at the time they weren’t, but in today’s context, they certainly would be.

Going even further back to elementary school, I remember my not-that-strict mom not letting me go to Hooters with other boys and their fathers, saying it contributed to the objectification of women. At the time, I didn’t understand why she wouldn’t let me go to a restaurant, but now I am glad she stood firm.

All of these things made me a more liberal person who came from this “other America.”

I don’t think these two Americas naturally exist. Call the notion naive, but to some degree, most people just want to get by and be surrounded by loved ones.

However, this divide is obviously real and growing. It was synthetically created by people exploiting the fears of Americans for their own political gain. I do think we are getting to the point where these two Americas are becoming too different to ever come back together. And part of me kind of hopes they never do. I am not sure I want to reconcile with people now so eager to support discriminatory policies.

Fortunately, my parents are still upholding many of the same values as before, but many others who impacted my development are not. I cannot say I believe they would still speak out against hate, even against the examples above.

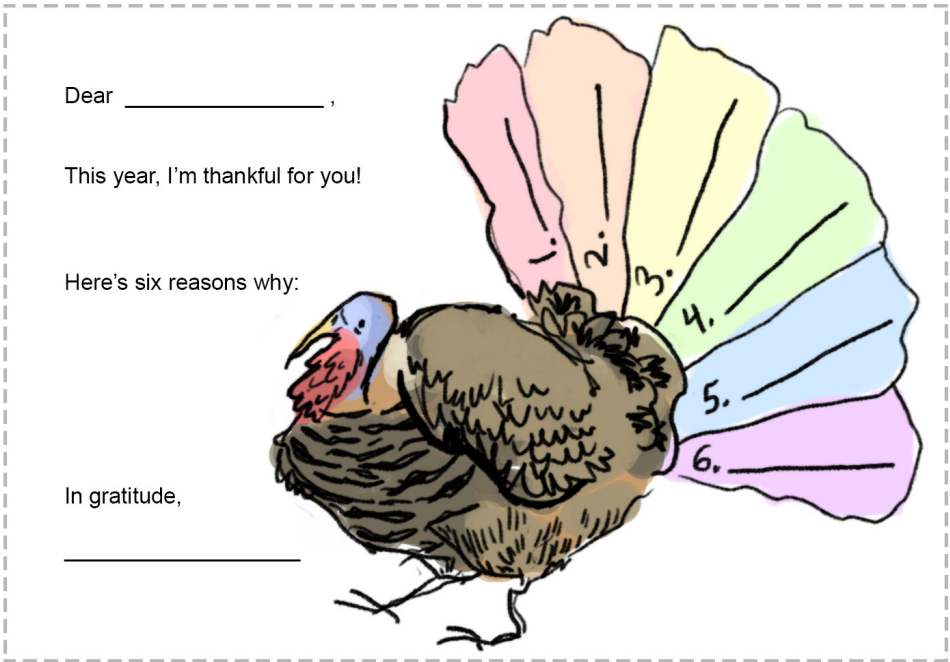
The small town I once loved, and still do love, is getting further away.

I am worried about the next generation of rural Americans. Will there be teachers and parents still telling their kids that discrimination is not okay?

I honestly don’t know. I hope so.

THANKSGIVING GRAM

By Emily Yue, emyue@live.unc.edu



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

This year, I’m thankful for you!

Here’s six reasons why:

In gratitude,

EDITORIAL

Truthful, not neutral

Journalism should seek the truth, not balance sides.

From newsrooms, living rooms and war rooms alike, a consensus emerges: Journalists did not cover this election, or President-elect Trump, correctly. By not covering him as a serious candidate from the get-go, and by stereotyping his supporters, everyone from national newspapers to cable TV failed to fully measure up on delivering coverage of the now president-elect.

But let’s be careful. Responsible reporters strive for fairness, and this election cycle has rattled them. The way they’ve begun to correct themselves, however, is admitting to not being “neutral” or “balanced” enough. To correct this, they have started to bring on more voices and to create an equal legitimacy for spokespeople from each political camp.

Talk show hosts, columnists and more have begun to give weight and legitimacy to “each side” of the Trump phenomenon. Republican victors on one side set the field goal of acceptable dialogue, and the moderate Republicans or Democrats on the other

side accept this, while reporters have tried to find the point equidistant between them.

This is not how fair coverage is created. The point equidistant between two arbitrary points is not the truth. By allowing the fringe part of a political party to set the bounds of the “Right” wing — and allowing whoever opposes that to constitute the other side — journalists cede control of the truth.

This comes out of a long history of “point-counterpoint” journalism, which did often succeed in fostering deep dialogue on the issues that Americans cared about. Many journalists largely relied on a balanced approach, because major ideological camps held fairly strict internal standards over the limits of socially — and politically — acceptable standards of their representatives. Today, those we would consider to be standard-setters on the right (like John McCain, George W. Bush, Colin Powell) have been tossed aside by the new Trump establishment.

In other words, this model worked well to allow journalists to sift through elegantly-expressed, largely fact-checked, persuasive information produced from both the right and

left in past political cycles.

This time, though, when parties are fracturing and truth seems negotiable, we need scrupulous journalists covering the federal government more than ever. If they want to be fair, that means drawing from more context on policy and ideas from history, more thoughtfully collected testimonies from average voters and rigorous fact-checking.

The new age of “fair” journalism is going to be much less about finding a center-point between two ideological tales and much more about tireless investigative reporting.

We need to keep a laser focus on facts and history and worry a whole lot less about a balance of rhetoric. We’re inclined to say that Christiane Amanpour, who has fairly covered wars and atrocities the world round, has delineated this line pretty clearly. Regarding her past coverage of the war in Yugoslavia, she has defended her coverage: “I’m not neutral between victim and aggressor.”

She struck a similar tone about this election cycle, commenting: “I now say truthful, not neutral. There is a difference here. Truthful is bringing the truth. Neutral can be creating a false equivalence between this side and that.”

EDITORIAL

Schools for all the public

Public schools should empower future adults.

Public education is a beautiful thing. It ideally takes kids from all walks of life, regardless of any outside factors, and gives them an equal and undeniable opportunity to learn.

Again, ideally, it should be the place where kids learn to become good citizens.

All of the subjects — from math to history — are important for kids to learn. They lay the foundation for future informed voters and can inspire an interest in a field of study that can be explored later in life.

Yet, given the political and cultural climate, it seems people are not being given equal opportunities in our public schools. And before Sen. Phil Berger slides in here and blames it on the teachers, we would like to say it is not their fault. It isn’t even

really Berger’s fault either. It goes much deeper.

Let’s take history classes for example. Almost all of the important figures students learn about are men who come from Western Europe with maybe the exception of the ancient Greeks and Egyptians — who are still considered parts of the “western canon.”

Once we get into American history, the narrative focuses on white men with only a few tokenistic women and minorities thrown into the narrative. Of course, white men were the majority of American politicians from our country’s inception to now, but the U.S. was not, and should not, be defined only by our political history.

These figures do not exist only on a page. They have the ability to inspire. White students learn about all the good, and a limited amount of the bad, that their ancestors did. Why is this not afforded to other groups?

Moving on to science, to this day, the notion

that science is a “manly” field discourages women from pursuing passions in it. Couple that with the history of science largely ignoring female pioneers, and it is clear why many young women would feel like science is not for them.

How do we change this? Well since public education is well, public, the responsibility is on all levels of society.

Teachers need to make sure their own biases toward one group do not hinder other students’ ability to learn. Politicians need to craft educational policy that teaches the history of more people and promotes learning in all demographics. We as regular folks need to encourage young people in our lives to seek out information on their own and to become the next generation of scholars.

The future is only as bright as we make it. Let’s not allow another generation of people to not feel equally included in their education.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Those uniforms suck. In the heat, it’s awful, they’re so hot.”

Nikki Newman, on being in the marching band

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“I remember sneaking naps in the 8th floor reading room of Davis Library.”

Clememp, on the Union’s meditation room being used for sleeping

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is the difference in humanitarianism?

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been confused by a pair of letters that John Jacobi has written to the editor over the past week.

First, I would like to ask a question about the meaning of his terms. What exactly does Mr. Jacobi mean when he says that “left(ist) humanitarianism” is a dominant ideology on our campus? What specifically makes “left(ist) humanitarianism” different from other forms of humanitarianism? More importantly, Mr. Jacobi says that we need to “stop responding to historical problems.” This is a dangerous and foolish proposition that overlooks how deeply the past is embedded in the present. Although we seemingly live in a post-colonial world, present-day conflicts such as the Syrian Civil War and the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis have roots in the colonial past.

Also, a quick glance in any newspaper quickly demonstrates that it would be naive to assume that racial ideologies no longer have any effect on our contemporary world. Thus, to properly revise Mr. Jacobi’s position, I would argue that understanding and responding to historical problems is the only way “to properly analyze our CURRENT conditions.”

Max Lazar  
Graduate student  
Department of History

Don’t assume worst about Trump voters

TO THE EDITOR:

In your editorial, “Now is the time for all of us to speak out against hate,” you express incredulity at the backlash from your ill-thought quick hit maligning evangelical Christians for their support of President-elect Trump.

According to preliminary data from Pew Research, Trump also won a plurality of the Catholic vote, 52 to 45 percent, a group President Obama won 54 to 45 percent and 50 to 48 percent in 2008 and 2012, respectively. Does this make Catholics bigoted?

As an alum who is Catholic, disabled and was very involved with the Newman Catholic Student Center as a student, I can tell you that most Catholics I know, as well as my wife and I, voted for Trump not because they support his antics, but because Hillary’s inner circle harbored a deep bigotry towards Catholics (see Podesta emails) and advocated issues and policies deeply opposed to Catholic

teaching.

The Obama administration’s decision to haul a group of nuns serving the elderly poor before the Supreme Court for refusing to violate the faith that animates their vocation turned many U.S. Catholics off to the progressive agenda.

Additionally, as filmmaker Michael Moore has said numerous times since the election, millions of Americans who voted for Obama TWICE voted for Trump. Do you seriously think all those people suddenly woke up and decided to be all the awful things the media has accused them of? If you’d like people to listen to other perspectives, perhaps you shouldn’t assume the worst about people who voted differently than you did.

Michael Lewis  
Class of ’09

The Electoral College needs to go

TO THE EDITOR:

The National Popular Vote compact will make each state’s electors vote for the candidate who wins the popular vote of the whole country.

It already has 165 electoral votes out of the 270 needed: it has been enacted into law by 10 states and the District of Columbia. It needs \*only 105\* electoral votes more to kick in!

The arrogance of the Electoral College has for too long interfered with the most important American vote. After all, Hillary Clinton won the \*real\* vote and should be the president-elect at this moment. Now is the time to act — the Electoral College votes on Dec. 19!

Please ask your readers to contact their state representative in the House (the N.C. Senate passed it in 2007) and governor and urge them to enact the National Popular Vote compact. It’s easy: Go to [www.nationalpopularvote.com](http://www.nationalpopularvote.com), input (your) zip code; an e-mail will be sent to their state officials.

Then they can go to [change.org](http://change.org) and sign the petition: “Electoral College: Make Hillary Clinton President on December 19” (Lady Gaga signed it!) — also, Common Cause’s petition at [commoncause.org](http://commoncause.org). Democracy, the environment, our very lives, those of children, all non-human animals and even of plants are at stake.

Trump listens to no person or facts and is a terrible danger to the whole world.

We can do this! And Hillary Clinton can be named president-elect on December 19th! What a wonderful exercise of democracy! And you and your readers can be part of it!

Sonja Forman  
Massapequa, N.Y.

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