

Hurricane Matthew to hit NC on Friday

The hurricane could be the worst the state has seen in over 30 years.

By L'erin Jenson
Staff Writer

Hurricane Matthew is headed for the North Carolina coast after causing at least nine deaths in the Caribbean Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

In a press release from Monday evening, Gov. Pat McCrory declared a state of emergency for central and eastern North Carolina.

"While we do not yet know how Hurricane Matthew will impact North Carolina, we do know that we can expect some form of impacts on our state," McCrory said. "Already, we've seen substantial flooding in eastern and central parts of the state from recent rain events, and many areas are already saturated."

Rick Luetlich, director of the UNC Institute of Marine Science, said he has been monitoring the movement of Hurricane Matthew through the Caribbean and into the Atlantic in addition to its threat to the southeastern U.S.

He said the hurricane's path curves west toward the coast and then east to follow the South Atlantic coastline from Florida to North Carolina, resulting in major impacts around the coast.

"We are looking at in excess of 10-12 feet of water above high tide along much of the shoreline from Charleston all the way up to Cape Hatteras," Luetlich said.

He said hurricanes are created when weather disturbances — sometimes called tropical waves — develop in a specific pattern and draw energy from the ocean's surface, allowing the waves to rotate in a counterclockwise pattern around a low-pressure cell.

Luetlich said he has been in coastal North Carolina for 30 years and has not seen a storm like Hurricane Matthew.

"If this follows the pathway and does what it's, right now, predicted it could, it would certainly be the biggest event I've seen since I've been here," he said. "We're taking it quite seriously."

It is important people prepare in advance for the possibility of an evacuation, Luetlich said.

According to a press release from Duke Energy on Tuesday, the company is monitoring the hurricane and is planning and preparing for its potential impacts.

The latest hurricane models show a shift in the storm's path to the west, which places the storm on a direct path toward the N.C. coast late Friday into early Saturday, Nick Keener, lead meteorologist at Duke Energy, said in the press release.

"It's still too early to determine the exact path of the storm," he said. "But based on today's information, we are asking our power restoration employees to prepare to travel later this week."

Bobby Simpson, Duke Energy's storm director for the Carolinas, said in the press release staffing plans are underway.

"Crews across the Carolinas, Midwest and Florida are preparing and are ready to move to wherever the storm may affect our customers," he said.

Luetlich said people near the storm path should remove objects from their yard, especially anything that could potentially be turned into a projectile or debris.

"I suspect, unless something changes dramatically, there will be a fairly substantial evacuation of at least the low-lying parts of Eastern North Carolina."

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From UNC to outer space



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In the 1960s and 70s, NASA astronauts, including Neil Armstrong, came to the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center to study celestial navigation.

Astronauts trained in Chapel Hill during the 1960s and 70s

By Leah Moore
Staff Writer

From 1960 to 1975, 62 NASA astronauts studied celestial navigation at UNC's Morehead Planetarium and Science Center.

The training ensured that the astronauts — including Neil Armstrong, John Glenn, Alan Shepard and the crews from the Apollo lunar landings — would know what to do in case their automatic navigation systems failed while they were in space.

Todd Boyette, current Morehead Planetarium director, said the training saved lives on three occasions — the Mercury Atlas 9 mission, Apollo 12 and Apollo 13.

"Gordon Cooper was the astronaut. The Mercury Atlas 9 rocket lost electricity. He had to re-enter Earth's atmosphere on his own," he said.

"He used the major stars he learned at the Morehead to orient himself right before he entered the Earth's atmosphere. He splashed down, and it was actually the most accurate splash-down in all of the missions. He landed it himself without the automated navigation system."

The Apollo 13 mission in 1970 — which didn't make it to the moon — was probably the most famous of the missions Morehead's training saved lives in, Boyette said. The Apollo 13 mission was made into a movie starring Tom

Hanks in 1995,

"There's a scene from the movie where Tom Hanks, who plays Captain Jim Lovell, looks out the window with a confirmation, and that actually happened," he said. "He was drawing from the knowledge that he gained from his training at Morehead."

Boyette said the idea for Morehead's astronaut training program came from Anthony Jenzano, who served as the second director of the planetarium from 1951 to 1981.

"The director at the time, Tony Jenzano, was convinced that the men that NASA was planning to send into space needed to know the

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First Lady Michelle Obama campaigns for Hillary Clinton at the Reynolds Coliseum at NC State on Tuesday. She encouraged undecided people to vote for a candidate.

Michelle Obama stumps for Clinton at NC State

Obama discussed Clinton's qualifications and the importance of every vote.

By Danielle Chemtob
Assistant State and National Editor

First Lady Michelle Obama addressed the high stakes of the November election in a campaign stop for Hillary Clinton aimed toward millennials at North Carolina State University Tuesday.

Obama, who spoke in front of a crowd of around 6,000 at William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, praised Clinton's experience and character, and said she is one of the most qualified people to ever run for president.

"The presidency does not change who you are, it reveals who you are," she said.

Obama said individual votes make a difference. In 2008, President Obama carried North Carolina by 14,000 votes — which she said amounted to two or three votes per precinct.

"It's not enough to go to a rally, get a selfie," she said. "It's not enough to get angry and just speak out about the change we need. We all must take action to elect folks who will stand with us to make that change happen."

Doreen Pearson, a Raleigh resident who attended the rally, said this statement stuck with her.

"I mean, to just even break it down in that way, it's like, wow," she said. "Everyone says, 'well, my vote doesn't count' — she put it in perspective."

In a statement from the Republican National Committee, N.C. spokesperson Kara Carter said Obama's appear-

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Contracts are coming for Olympic coaches

National championship-winning coaches got their contracts first.

By Aaron Redus
Senior Writer

Seven UNC head coaches received new contracts from the athletic department in September.

Five national championship-winning coaches — Anson Dorrance (women's soccer), Joe Breschi (men's lacrosse), Sam Paul (men's tennis), Karen Shelton (field hockey) and Carlos Somoano (men's soccer) — signed their first multi-year contract. Each continues through the 2018-2019 season.

Women's lacrosse coach Jenny Levy agreed to a one-year contract extension through 2018-19, and women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell agreed to a two-year extension through 2019-20.

Bubba Cunningham, director of athletics, said most Division I athletic programs now offer coaches multi-year contracts, but UNC only recently adopted this model.

"Most of our peers in our league have multi-year contracts," he said. "We're probably a few years behind the norm."

Cunningham said this was one of his goals when he arrived at UNC.

"I started with the national championship coaches," he said. "I felt like they were the most deserving to get the first few contracts and now we'll get to the other coaches."

He said two-thirds of head coaches now have contracts and he hopes to provide contracts for the rest of the coaches soon. He will recommend new contracts and extensions to the Board of Trustees in November.

Dorrance said he feels grateful to Cunningham and the athletic department.

"It's the first contract I've ever been given," he said. "It was overwhelming because I have never pretended like I ever wanted to leave this place and I've never pretended that I felt I needed an enormous contract in order to work here."

Sports law professor Barbara Osborne said multi-year contracts show commitment to coaches.

"A contract provides stability," she said. "It's a promise from the institution that we want to keep you around."

She said athletic departments also use contracts to deter coaches from going to other programs.

Hatchell's contract went through 2018 originally, but after speculation that the athletic department did not support her, Cunningham extended it.

"There were some issues in the basketball program that I was concerned about and I asked her to address those and she has," Cunningham said. "So then I made a decision to recommend an extension to the board, which they approved."

While some Olympic sports coaches are now getting contracts, football and men's basketball head coaches have historically had multi-year contracts.

Head football coach Larry Fedora received a seven-year contract extension at the end of the 2015-16 season.

"We were coming off a great season, and I don't know if I expected it, but I knew it was going on, I knew they were talking," he said.

He said his representatives worked with Cunningham and the athletic department to come to an agreement.

"I trust Bubba and the administration to make good decisions and I trust my representatives to protect me," he said.

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Students want Chainsmokers show

A Facebook campaign is trying to bring the Chainsmokers to UNC.

By Seth Pyle
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The Jubilee concert is not until the spring, but one UNC-Chapel Hill student is already working on who he — and several thousand other students — wants to perform.

JP Hussey is a junior business major from Severna Park, Maryland, and he is trying to bring the Chainsmokers to Chapel Hill.

The Chainsmokers are an American EDM DJ group consisting of Andrew Taggart and Alex Pall. The group, which formed in 2012, have hits including “Closer,” “Don’t Let Me Down” and “Roses.”

Hussey said the idea started when he made a Facebook post about the Chainsmokers and how it would be cool to have them as the Jubilee concert. The post garnered a lot of likes and comments from people who wanted it to happen.

On Thursday, Hussey decided to make an official Facebook event for people to express interest in bringing the Chainsmokers to UNC.

The page started getting attention as soon as it was made, Hussey said. He said he made the page at 2 p.m., and by 7 p.m. the event already had around 1,200 people either going or interested.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the event had 1,400 people listed as interested and 1,100 listed as going.

“I was like, wow, you know maybe it’s worth looking into. I reached out to CUAB’s president and started working my network to find connections to the Chainsmokers,” he said. “I also reached out to Wake Forest because they had a concert with them last April and just started to work any angle I could find.”

Hussey said he has been

trying to get the Jubilee date from Carolina Union Activities Board to give to the Chainsmokers’ booking agent. Further, he has been trying to facilitate the partnership, pursuing the Chainsmokers’ availability to give to CUAB.

Hussey said that it was still too early to tell what the outcome would be, but said he thinks it’s possible as the Chainsmokers won’t be touring and will be in America next April.

“The price I got from their booking agent is within our budget or, at least, the budget I am aware of,” he said. “I think the biggest thing it comes down to is if CUAB is willing to do it and if the Chainsmokers are willing to come do it. I don’t think it’s a question of whether Carolina has the infrastructure to do it; I think we are fully capable of doing it.”

Hussey said he researched the potential budget for Jubilee based on what CUAB’s spent in the past. The Chainsmokers’ booking agent told him the concert would cost UNC between \$100,00 and \$150,000, Hussey said.

As of press time, CUAB President Neil Harwani was not available for an interview.

Student response to having the Chainsmokers for the Jubilee concert was mostly positive.

Silas Anderson, a junior economics major, said he thinks booking the Chainsmokers is a great idea.

“They are wildly popular right now, and they could be the type of artists that would be willing to perform at a university,” he said.

And Sarah Hinson, a senior double majoring in exercise and sports science and political science, said the Chainsmokers aren’t her number one choice — that spot goes to Chance the Rapper — but she would still be excited to see them.

“I hope it works out,” she said. “I really like their music and think it would be an awesome concert.”



DTH FILE/ALEX KORMANN

A Facebook event as been started in an effort to get the American DJ duo, The Chainsmokers, to perform at the spring Jubilee concert. In spring 2016, Chase Rice performed at Carmichael Arena.

While none of the responses were against having the Chainsmokers, some were more in support of having any performer, as long as they were popular, for the Jubilee concert.

Madi Casey, a junior majoring in exercise and sports science said she’d love Beyoncé to perform.

“I think that having any big name performer at UNC would be great, whether you love their music or not,” she said.

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- Someone reported trespassing at the K & W cafeteria at 201 S. Estes Drive at 1:39 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported trespassing at the CVS at 137 E. Franklin St. at 2:38 p.m.

Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- Someone reported fraud on the 2700 block of Homestead Road at 5:47 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person reported a telephone scam where someone called and asked for iTunes gift card numbers, reports state.
- Someone reported a suspicious person on the 100 block of Cobble Ridge Drive at 12:21 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a communicated threat on the 600 block of West Poplar Avenue at 3:48 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone reported a suspicious condition on the 500 block of Jones Ferry Road at 6:59 p.m. Sunday,

according to Carrboro police reports.

The person attempted to sell two potentially stolen firearms, reports state.

- Someone reported damage to property on the 300 block of Ridgecrest Drive at 1:13 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person broke the windows of a car, valued at \$200, reports state.
- Someone reported a noise complaint on the 1500 block of Providence Glen Drive at 4:09 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
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Domestic violence: a hidden violence

Advocates say awareness is key to ending the problem

By Holden Williams
Staff Writer

Since 1987, the month of October has been dedicated to bringing awareness to domestic violence and its victims.

The Compass Center for Women and Families, a Chapel Hill organization that supports domestic violence victims, hosts a series of events throughout Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A kickoff happy hour at the Crunkleton Tuesday raised money for the center.

Erin Hamilton, director of education programs at the Compass Center, helped run the event.

“The thing about domestic violence is that traditionally it has been a hidden violence and people don’t like to talk about it outside the home,” she said. “Part of what we do is breaking up that myth that it is something that you have to suffer through in silence.”

Attendees at the happy hour event had different backgrounds, but they shared the same passion for raising awareness of domestic violence. Ennis Baker is a social worker who specializes in early childhood mental health.

“I am a big supporter of the Compass Center,” she said. “They do a lot for the families that we work with. Domestic violence is one of the many topics that is hard to talk about.”

Baker said when something is hard to talk about, then it is easily forgotten. Promoting awareness is about helping people recognize how common domestic violence is in their communities.

“We all have the responsibility to



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Erin Hamilton, the director of education programs at the Compass Center for Women and Families (center), greets a guest at The Crunkleton on Franklin Street.

learn more and do more,” she said.

Hamilton said Orange County does not have a domestic violence shelter, but having one nearby would help the Compass Center.

“Not having a domestic violence shelter in Orange County, I think, puts a huge gap in our services to survivors and their families,” she said.

Christie Pettitt-Schieber, a graduate student in the Public Health Leadership Program, has

been researching this issue in Orange County for a policy development class.

“We talked to (Chapel Hill Town) Council member Sally Greene about what the city’s plan is with constructing a domestic violence shelter in Chapel Hill,” she said.

Pettitt-Schieber said the town council said they were worried about affording the shelter and that its location would not be hard for the abuser to find in a small town

like Chapel Hill, even if it was in an undisclosed location.

To make up for the absence of a local shelter, the Compass Center has an emergency housing fund. This money provides temporary emergency housing (hotels, houses, apartments) and covers cab fees to take victims to shelters in other counties.

People who are not involved with the Compass Center can still help promote awareness and help victims

of domestic violence.

“I think reaching out and being someone that is easy to talk to, a good listener and not being quick to tell people what to do is what can be very helpful to people suffering from domestic violence,” Baker said.

“We need to get better at just listening and being a support without telling people what to do.”

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Towns to celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day

Carrboro and Chapel Hill passed resolutions last year.

By Erik Beene
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In an effort to be more inclusive, the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro aren’t commemorating Columbus Day this year.

Instead, both towns will celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day, a holiday meant to recognize and honor the people who lived in North

America before Europeans colonized the continent.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Randee Haven-O’Donnell said North Carolina has one of the largest Native American populations east of the Mississippi.

“In addition to Orange County, North Carolina is built on the homelands and villages of indigenous people of this region,” Haven-O’Donnell said. “This is important to us and it does not replace Columbus Day, but it is important to recognize the people who were here before us.”

Michelle Johnson, a Carrboro Board of Aldermen member, introduced a resolution to recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day after members of the community came forward to ask the board to recognize the history of Columbus Day and the events surrounding his landfall here.

“I agreed to work on it because I am well aware of colonization and that happening and the reality is that people were here, and if we’re celebrating Columbus, we — in my opinion — are celebrating someone who was involved in both the

genocide of native people and we’re contributing to the narrative that the actual story of Columbus and the way things happened are true and most historians know that it’s not true,” she said. “I think it’s our attempt to clarify that and support that and also to express our values as a town.”

Nancy Oates, a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council, said Indigenous Peoples’ Day helps make the community more inclusive.

“I think that it’s one of those subtle changes, where we just kind of reshape the narrative,” she said. “I grew

up where it was Columbus Day and we celebrated Columbus discovering America, but America was already here and had a civilization here. I think just renaming this and reshaping, refocusing the celebration makes a difference.”

Johnson said the community feedback to Indigenous Peoples’ Day has been largely positive.

“Mostly everyone was glad that we did it,” she said. “I didn’t get any negative feedback from anybody — I don’t know if other people, Chapel Hill or the county, did.

Most people were supportive of truth telling and being honest about what the day actually represents.”

Snehal Parikh, a UNC junior, had not previously heard about Indigenous People’s Day, but thought it was a noble idea.

“Obviously, America was not founded by Christopher Columbus and to be able to be self-aware and say we’re going to redistribute power and reconnection where it’s due — that’s a beautiful thing,” he said.

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Cornbread is back at Hunger Lunch

Hunger Lunch’s latest vendor, Roots Bistro, isn’t new to town.

By Ivy Ingle
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Hunger Lunch is now working with Franklin Street restaurant Roots Bistro to bring more variety to the food they offer.

Earlier this fall, Hunger Lunch partnered with So Good Pupusas, which is run by recent UNC graduate Cecilia Polanco, but Hunger Lunch decided to switch caterers to help both parties, said co-director Asha Patel.

“We just reached a point where the partnership wasn’t mutually beneficial or sustainable in the long term, and so, unfortunately, we had to switch over from Cecilia,” she said. “However, we’re definitely not closing off that partnership long-term. We’re actually looking at seeing how her business and her model can maybe somehow fit with Nourish in another way.”

Patel said Nourish places an importance on having partnerships that are sustainable and beneficial for both partners, which is why there have been frequent changes in the vendors that provide for Hunger Lunch. However, she said she thinks Roots Bistro will be a great partner moving forward.

Turtle Harrison, owner of Roots, said he is a big supporter of the program and hopes the partnership will cause both Hunger Lunch and Roots to grow in popularity.

“I went to UNC and I was probably about the poorest student at UNC, so it makes a lot of sense to try and make sure that students can get an affordable meal,” he said. “... I think that we’ll both actually become more mindful (that) people actually need an affordable but not fast food, greasy, gross food at the same time, because you know usually the greasy fast food is the cheapest, but sometimes it’s not always the best for you.”

Patel said this is Hunger Lunch’s second week serving food from Roots.

“Part of what we really like about their model is that they locally source all of their ingredients, and they definitely try their best to be active in the local community, which is something that Nourish definitely tries to do as well.”



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Food for Hunger Lunch is now being provided by Roots Bistro on Franklin Street to bring variety to the menu. Hunger Lunch recently tried to work with a UNC graduate-run pupusa food truck.

One thing Patel said she thinks will draw students to the new food is that Roots is offering cornbread, a favorite side item that was temporarily unavailable with previous vendors. She also said Roots will provide a wider variety of food, hopefully appealing to a more diverse population.

Sophomore Kaitlin Harlow said she loves going to Hunger Lunch because it is delicious and affordable.

“I like it because it’s an obvious lunch to have on Wednesdays, I don’t have to think

about it and it’s really delicious,” Harlow said. “It’s a ton of food for a reasonable price that gives back to the community, and they use the profits also to fund Nourish’s work which includes development projects in Chapel Hill and abroad.”

Hunger Lunch is offered in the Pit every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and today they will be serving vegetable rice, black beans and fresh cornbread.

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GPSF continues to talk about separation

Members of GPSF gave reasons why separation would help students.

By Meredith Katibah
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The Graduate and Professional Student Federation passed several bills concerning constitutional amendments at its meeting Tuesday. The main discussion was about the steps needed to separate the GPSF from Student Congress.

Who spoke?

Dylan Russell, the president of GPSF, said some of his priorities are protecting graduate and professional student rights and increasing civic engagement.

He discussed the current issue of separating GPSF from Student Congress. Last year, it was not passed because the threshold, two-thirds of the student body, was not met.

“With 10 times as many graduate and professional students voting compared to any other election in the past and we had undergrads overwhelmingly vote for separation too,” Russell said.

Autumn McClellan, social chair for GPSF, said parts of the undergraduate experience are not on graduate students’ radars.

“The issues that come before Congress are overwhelmingly undergraduate issues,” she said.

Marie Eszenyi, the treasurer for GPSF, said the advocacy issues are different among undergraduates and graduate students.

“My job is to not only look at our finances, but to also make sure that we’re best representing graduate students’ interests in terms of how our student fees are allocated,” she said.

Why was this meeting important?

Members of GPSF expressed issues with the current structure of Student Congress and explained reasons why separation would be beneficial.

“We’re a bigger part of the University, we’re contributing more and more dollars, and yet at the end of the day, the person who represents me is an undergraduate student,” McClellan said.

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night sky just in case the navigation systems failed. They would have to be reliant on their own knowledge and skills to land safely," he said.

"The ancient mariners back in history used the night sky to maneuver their ships. He thought that same kind of knowledge could be used to travel through space."

Richard McColman, the Morehead Planetarium's theater manager, said the planetarium's celestial navigation training was a regular part of the preparation for a number of NASA's

missions, including Apollo 11 through Apollo 17, all of which attempted to land on the moon.

"The navigation system onboard the Apollo spacecraft had a certain amount of drift in it over time, and they needed to be able to correct for that," he said.

Boyette said he does not think people realize how informed the astronauts had to be about the historic details of their jobs.

"A lot of times these astronauts are getting credit for their bravery, but I'm not sure they're ever recognized for how studious they were, how hard they worked, how smart they had to be," he said.

"These astronauts had to

know astronomy, at least the night sky, better than any amateur astronomer at the time."

Kim Tesoro is the daughter of Richard Knapp, who was Morehead's assistant director during the celestial navigation training. Knapp died in April 2015, just a month after a marker commemorating Morehead's NASA history was dedicated.

Tesoro said the astronauts' training was crucial.

"I know that it was one of my dad's, you know, proud achievements in his career to have the opportunity to work with them, and, of course, there were several notable incidences during those space trips that that training

was called into play," Tesoro said.

Tesoro remembered watching the first moon landing on TV as a young child. Her dad was excited, but she and her siblings didn't fully reflect his attitude.

"We were not impressed with the snowy image on TV, and (our parents) were pretty chagrined at our lack of enthusiasm," she said in an email.

Because she was so young, Tesoro said she took her father's work with the astronauts for granted at the time — but when she got older, she realized how lucky he had been.

She believes his work with celestial navigation train-

ing in Chapel Hill helped him get the opportunity to work with NASA Space Shuttle astronauts later in his career.

During the years of training in Chapel Hill, the planetarium employees worked together to protect the privacy of the astronauts, McColman said. They even went so far as to use a code word.

"If there was a previously unscheduled visit about to happen, the staff would use the code term 'cookie time' to be able to speak to each other and alert them to an impending visit on the part of some astronauts," he said.

Tesoro said she remembers the secrecy among the astro-

nauts and Morehead staff.

"I would've been under the age of six, and I didn't truly understand what was going on nor were they allowed to talk about it a lot," she said.

"They were trying to keep the media from inundating the astronauts as they came through."

Boyette is proud of the role the planetarium played in the space race.

"Being the only planetarium in the world to train astronauts in celestial navigation is a very big deal, a very important part of our history that we talk about," he said.

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OBAMA
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ance shows voters remain indifferent about Clinton.

"Unfortunately for the Clinton campaign, sending celebrities and now Michelle Obama to North Carolina only highlights the fact that

she's failed to inspire enthusiasm from the young voters she desperately needs to turn out come Nov. 8," she said.

UNC junior Ryan Herrera, who attended the event, said he isn't completely decided, but he's likely going to vote for Clinton because she is a

Democrat.

"I'm gonna vote for her just because she represents the majority of my beliefs and my ideals to a degree, but she's not my ideal candidate," Herrera said.

Obama acknowledged Clinton has faults, but said a third party vote is a vote for

Trump.

"Here's the reality: either Hillary Clinton or Trump will be president," she said.

Hayden Vick, chairperson of the UNC College Republicans, said he's not surprised Obama is campaigning for Clinton.

"The Obamas are very pro-

active," Vick said. "She personally, she does not sit. She goes and she does."

Former Gov. Jim Hunt and Senate candidate Deborah Ross introduced Obama and called for increased affordability in higher education.

Obama said higher education and other issues are at

stake in the election.

"The choice we make on Nov. 8 could determine whether you can afford your college tuition," Obama said. "It could determine whether you keep your health care when you graduate."

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Duke and Piedmont Natural Gas finalize merger

By Jessica Baucom
Staff Writer

Duke Energy finalized its \$4.9 billion purchase of Piedmont Natural Gas Co. Monday after receiving approval from the North Carolina Utilities Commission, amid criticism from N.C. environmental groups.

David Trusty, spokesperson for Piedmont Natural Gas, said the merger — originally announced in October 2015 — was an exciting step for the company.

"From the Piedmont side, this is an amazing combination for us because, obviously, we are going into a much larger energy company,"

he said. "So the resources that will be available and the types of practices and technology that Duke can bring to the table to help us leverage our product and our service is going to take us further than we would have been on our own."

Tom Williams, spokesperson for Duke Energy, said they wanted to invest in pipelines because gas infrastructure needs to be built up to meet demand.

He said overall, the deal moved smoothly despite some criticism.

In a statement NC WARN released alongside the North Carolina Housing Coalition and The Climate Times, the groups said they saw four

major issues with the way the merger proceeded, including the likelihood of leakage from natural gas infrastructure and financial risks associated with Duke Energy becoming more invested in the natural gas industry.

Jim Warren, executive director of NC WARN, said the deal between Piedmont Natural Gas and Duke Energy was a result of regulators being far too cozy with the two companies.

"The three things that really stick out is a terribly flawed, even rigged, process that allowed the utilities and the regulators to cut a backroom deal before the public or other parties even had a look at the project,"

he said.

Warren said the other two objections the nonprofit holds are centered around environmental issues like the methane being released from gas companies possibly being a factor in a three-year period of global flooding. He said the deal may also lead to further reliance on fossil fuels.

"It's tragic because it comes at the very time that the science is showing clearly that the fracking boom in the U.S. has led the natural gas industry to be the leading driver of climate crisis," Warren said.

"That's because of large amounts of methane leaking throughout gas company operations, and the fact

is that the electric power industry is the leading driver of the fracking boom."

Williams said Duke Energy would welcome an alternative to nonrenewable energies, though solar energy would not work for North Carolina in the winter.

"Renewables do not, in winter peak times, fulfill our needs," he said.

The company has reduced its carbon emissions by 28 percent since 2005 and Duke Energy reduced their carbon emissions by 6 percent last year alone — and natural gas was responsible for this change, he said.

Trusty said one of the catalysts for this merger was the acquisition of Atlanta Gas

Light by Southern Company this past summer.

"There you have another primarily electric company acquiring a natural gas utility and I think what that did was foreshadow that natural gas, in combination, had value in the infrastructure that it could and did own and for its expertise in natural gas supply," he said.

Williams said customers of Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas shouldn't see major changes in their services.

"We have a duty to keep the lights on and we are doing that as cleanly as we can," he said.

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If October 5th is Your Birthday...

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 -- Today and tomorrow favor travel, research and discovery. Virtual meetings get the job done as well as in-person. Avoid risks or rushing. Collaborate with long-distance connections.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 -- An opportunity arises to increase your profits. Craft contracts and estimates. Deliver results and send invoices. Put away provisions for the future today and tomorrow. Appreciation comes from afar.

Gemini (May 21-June 22)

Today is a 7 -- Join forces with a master. Negotiate your way through some minor adjustments over the next two days. Someone's annoying criticism may also be true. Work together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 6 -- Relax and fulfill old promises today and tomorrow. Review plans to discover unconsidered elements. Look from a new perspective. Identify what's missing. A gift opens blocked communications.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 -- Go play today and tomorrow. Have fun with friends and family. Come up with creative and unusual ideas. Balance work with pleasure. Pursue a delicious obsession.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Home has your heart today and tomorrow. Have patience with a tantrum. Beautify your surroundings and cook up something luscious. Love draws you magnetically. Savor domestic bliss.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 -- You're especially clever and creative. Words come easily today and tomorrow. Brainstorm and gather information. Study with passion. A female encourages you. Utilize charm and wit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 -- The next two days could be profitable. A blinding insight points you to the treasure. Friends provide support. Power on and give it your best shot.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 9 -- Go after a personal passion over the next two days. Postpone expensive invitations, and do your own thing instead. Extra preparation pays off. Relax and pamper yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 5 -- Rest and recuperate today and tomorrow. Review plans and replenish reserves. Plot and strategize. Take the philosophical high road. Don't lose your temper with a ditz. Judge not.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)


Today is an 8 -- Collaborative ventures go farther today and tomorrow. Take on a profitable assignment. Let go of politics, and push for a common goal. Use persuasion and diplomacy.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)


Today is a 9 -- Get expert assistance with an opportunity. A professional challenge engages you today and tomorrow. Prepare your presentation. Smile for the cameras. Push to break a glass ceiling.

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Do not read this column, please

There are very few good reasons to be a Daily Tar Heel columnist. It has little impact, no financial return and a bad photo of you that is widely disseminated in print. I don't know how so many people have been swindled into taking up this mantle.

Personally, I joined to magnify my already substantial ego. Had I known beforehand that the Tab was the best publication on campus for pointless pontifications, I would be writing there instead.

However, I have come to praise the position, not bury it. There is one truly blessed part of being a DTH columnist: personal feedback from DTH readers. This feedback is singularly beautiful, but it comes in a variety of forms.

Unfortunately, many of you will never experience this nirvana. In order to rectify that in some small way, I will take you on a tour of the three most common kinds of feedback I am blessed to receive, in ascending order of bliss.

The baseline level of feedback are emails. I had no idea the extent to which I was a misguided nobody until one such email had the good sense to inform me of the fact. Some e-mails are a tragically short paragraph, but others extend into manuscript length. I appreciate the effort of every respondent, but I am always disappointed when someone only takes a few sentences to set me straight. I certainly never reflect in horror on the violent vitriol I would receive if I were non-white, non cis-male or, worst of all, both. Luckily, this is just the filler feedback.

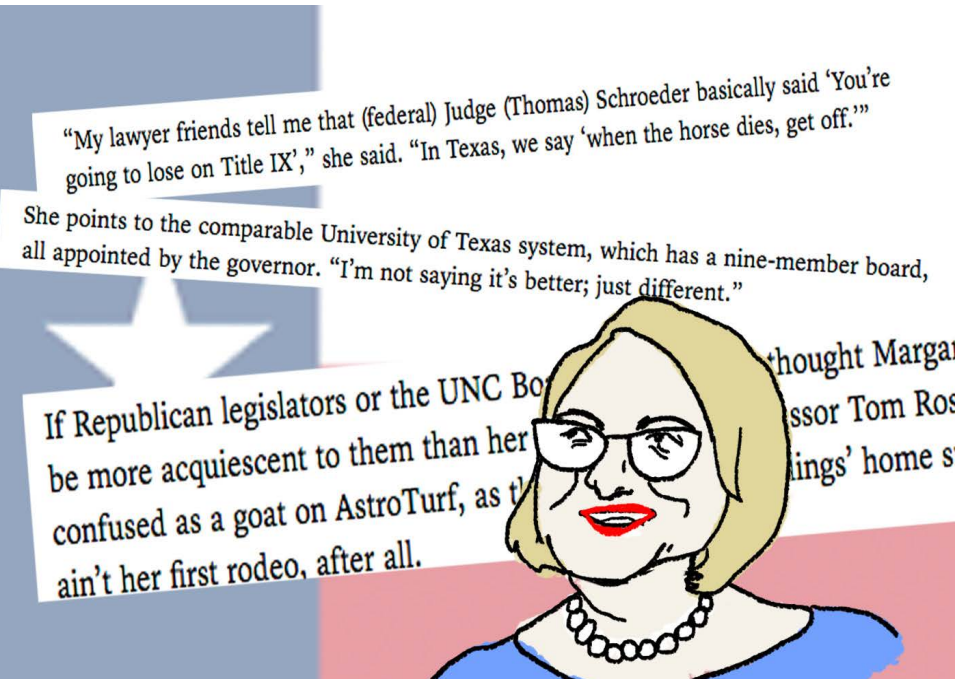
The most spontaneous kind of feedback is the physical world response. This happens both purposefully and by the grace of God. Accidental feedback often takes the form of an overheard conversation in class, and it can include helpful comments on my diction, my belief that sexual assault is real or my "dumbness."

Purposeful physical world responses are best relayed through this very paper. The ideal version of this is a direct critique with my name from a vice chancellor, but I'm not picky. I'll settle for an admittedly fair kvetch about the fact that I am a stereotype of a pretentious DTH columnist. It doesn't have the same long-lasting impact on my digital history, but it makes a better Facebook cover photo.

As great as both of those feedback pipelines are, neither one compares to the joy of receiving online comments. Some people might tell you that reading online comments is toxic. Those people would never know that Hugo and marcedward are the William F. Buckley Jr. and William F. Buckley Jr. of the modern age. The near constant feedback chronic commenters provide to the paper is generally useful, but as a columnist, it is particularly invaluable. It is the only way I find out that slavery wasn't stolen labor and that real adults don't affirmatively consent to sex.

I don't just enjoy the feedback. I passionately love those who provide it. Occasionally, I get terrible feedback that expresses curiosity or civilly disagrees with my writing. Luckily though, most people aren't that silly.

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



EDITORIAL

UNC needs her voice

Chancellor Folt's emails need more substance.

The job of chancellor is a difficult one. There is no denying it. Trying to balance UNC's public image and please sometimes angry students can be easier said than done.

Chancellor Carol Folt has presided over a particularly hard time in North Carolina and UNC history. She faced issues from academic scandals to House Bill 2 and increased pressure on campus policing. No one envies her responsibility.

Yet it can be disappointing when her campus-wide emails fail to take real stances on political issues.

Many students feel her letters are over-generalized public relation statements — not the personal, empowering thoughts one would expect from a campus leader.

Simply acknowledging a problem or telling students to go the wonderful, but limited, CAPS is not leadership. It is restating UNC policy.

But the words of a chancellor, or lack thereof, affect the student body. They can make people feel excluded from the

University or make it seem like Chancellor Folt doesn't care.

Which is a shame, because speaking with her makes it clear that she does indeed care a lot.

Chancellor Folt doesn't need to publish manifestos every day, and all the work she does for the University is admirable. But those emails are the only communication most students have with her, and they need to be better.

All UNC students need to know that their chancellor cares about them and their passions. Overly general emails will never be able to convey that real feeling.

EDITORIAL

A schedule for everyone

Required night classes assume a degree of privilege.

UNC prides itself on being socioeconomically diverse, but it cannot fully meet the needs of nontraditional students and students paying their own way if night classes are required for the completion of a degree.

When a class required for a major only offers sections at night, a department essentially requires that a student with work or family responsibilities in the

evening change their major.

Day care isn't readily available in the evening. Students are rarely able to work from 9 to 5 — so their best chance at earning a full-time salary relies on nighttime work.

Classes that count attendance at nighttime events as part of the course grade present the same issue. Sure, the student could request special dispensation — but asking a professor for favors on day one isn't easy, and approval isn't guaranteed.

Even asking students to attend events in the evening for extra credit or to prove

they care about the subject matter is unfair for students who do care, but who balance more than many of their peers.

We recognize the value of attending extracurricular events, but not every student is an 18- to 22-year-old living in a dorm with support back home.

Professors should accommodate students with different schedules and avoid jumping to conclusions about the student who rushes out of class to make day care pickup or to avoid a docked paycheck.

They're trying.

SATIRICAL ADVICE COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we impress professors and sneak gerbils into our dorm

Kiana Cole (to YAFI what Nick Weiler is to UNC football) and Alison Krug (to YAFI what Alison Krug is to UNC football) are the writers of UNC's premier (only!) satirical advice column. Results may vary.

You: I accidentally slept through one of my midterms. How do I make it up?

You Asked for It: It's a sleep-eat-sleep world out there once it's midterm season and you realize you haven't been properly rested since Aug. 22. Even though you've been harvesting precious seconds of slumber, sleeping through an important exam or event is inevitable in your college career.

The most promising solution is bringing the fun fact you had to give on your first day of class full circle. Can you juggle flaming torches? Great! Bring them with you to office hours, distracting your professor by switching the dynamic from "negligent student/concerned professor" to "daring performer/



Kiana Cole and Alison Krug
Senior writer and newsroom director

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surprised spectator."

If you consider yourself "not much of a crier," it's time to swap that storyline for "willing to spill tears of exhaustion very unprofessionally on the floor of my professor's office if it means she'll possibly shine a splinter of sympathy on my cold sleepless soul."

You: How do I cope with having a doggone hard time leaving my pets at home?

YAFI: Life is brutal and unforgiving in the harsh pet desert that is on-campus living. It is hard to know how deeply you'll miss your

sweet pets until you depart for college, for, as Kahlil Gibran said, "Ever has it been known that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation."

Don't spend your days green with envy that your fam still gets to hang out with your furry/feathered/scaly/cloven-hooved friends, though, for as Drake said, "Jealousy is just love and hate at the same time."

You just need to find the right pet or pet substitute for you, for as UNC's Squirrel Girl once said, "It wasn't like I was an experienced squirrel handler, but I always liked having pets when I was a kid."

University housing may forbid all pets besides fish, but there are still some loopholes. Rebrand your pup as your "UNC patronus." A pet rabbit is a University-underwritten expense for your Pit Magician work-study job. Your cat is now performance art, complete with a placard proclaiming, "Title: Lease violation in an allergen-filled world. Medium: Cat."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Though AT&T makes its living on text and data communication, we don't want anybody to text while driving."

Robert Doreauk, on driving while distracted

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"At my business (as well as most productive businesses worldwide), STEM degrees get one hired, not liberal arts."

Mark, on how the real world works

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Higher education should be affordable

TO THE EDITOR:

Bipartisan agreement can be hard to find these days in Washington. I'm proud to have led the bipartisan effort that is making higher education more affordable for our students today.

Our system of higher education is the best in the world, and it's critical to our country's future that more low-income Americans have the opportunity to take advantage of it. That is why in 2013, I teamed up with Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) to write the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act and get it passed into law. This legislation now passes on the federal government's low borrowing rates to college students.

Before our law, Congress was setting the student loan interest rate by statute, and students were getting a raw deal. But thanks to the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act, if you've taken out a student loan in the last three years, you've saved money.

This law also caps the interest rate on undergraduate student loans, which can give students the peace of mind that they are getting the best deal possible. Student loan interest rates are cheaper, simpler and more dependable now that they are no longer subject to the political whims of Congress. In May, it was announced that interest rates on student loans for this academic year dropped to 3.76 percent, down from a high, government-set rate of 6.8 percent in 2012. The rate on graduate and parent loans are also almost two percentage points less than they would have been without this law.

This decrease is the direct result of our legislation enabling students and their families to take advantage of today's low interest rate environment. This law has saved students across the country \$46 billion in just 3 years, and this most recent interest rate cut will save North Carolina students and families more than a billion dollars this year alone.

This is proof that the law Senator Manchin and I wrote is already working to make college more affordable. Tying loan rates to the economy — not Congress — and capping them is a tangible way that I'm working to make higher education affordable, so that more low- and middle-income North Carolinians can realize their dreams of attending college.

But there is still much more we can do. We should cut down the burdensome Free Application for Federal Student Aid form that students and their parents are forced to endure every year from 108 questions to just two. This

form is a known barrier to college entry, and it isn't necessary.

Similarly, we should shrink the incredible paperwork burden that is currently imposed on our 6,000 colleges and universities. This burden is driving up the price of tuition.

And finally, we should simplify repayment options, so that college graduates can refinance their student loans into payments that will never exceed 15 percent of their discretionary income. This would ensure that your monthly loan payment will never exceed what you can afford on your salary. This is exactly what I have proposed in my bipartisan Repay Act, and it has overwhelming support in the United States Senate.

The bottom line is that the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act is putting more money in students' pockets, and it ensures that more students will be able to go to college. This law was a good start, and it is delivering tangible savings to students and graduates. But there's more we can do to help students get a high-quality, affordable education.

I will keep fighting for college affordability in the United States Senate because when our students succeed, our nation succeeds.

*Sen. Richard Burr
Senior member of the Senate
Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions Committee*

Do not incite anti-Zionist attitudes

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Durham and Chapel-Hill (JFDC), we are responding to your "Oppression spreads beyond any nation's borders" editorial.

First, we at the Federation agree and stand with Prof. Lewis Margolis and Ms. Linda Frankel's Sept. 30 response because we too think that drawing false equivalence to the Israeli Palestinian conflict is inappropriate. There are a myriad of historical and existential reasons for correcting this alleged linkage that give rise to our concern. Moreover, it detracts from the conversation about racial discrimination and minority rights away from our conditions here in the U.S. The Jewish community in the U.S. has a long history of supporting the rights of minorities, fighting against civil, economic and racial inequality, and we continue to support efforts to move the conversation ahead constructively in our current day and age.

Our mutual goal is to preserve human rights in all the world. For everyone's sake, we urge editorial restraint of articles that incite discriminatory anti-Zionist positions.

*Prof. Philip Singer and
Josh Rose
Co-Presidents of JFDC*

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