

A SWEET 16 SEND-OFF



DTH/LYDIA SHIEL

The North Carolina men's basketball team left for Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday afternoon. Hundreds of fans gathered at the Smith Center to send the team off with cheers. The Tar Heels will face the Indiana University Hoosiers in a Sweet 16 matchup on Friday night for the first time since Michael Jordan's last collegiate game in 1984.

McCrory signs bill undoing local LGBT protections

The N.C. General Assembly passed the bill on Wednesday.

By Kent McDonald
Staff Writer

The N.C. General Assembly held a special session Wednesday on a Charlotte LGBT non-discrimination ordinance passed in February.

Lt. Gov. Dan Forest and House Speaker Tim Moore called the session to discuss concerns with transgender individuals using bathrooms matching their gender identity — allowed by the ordinance.

“(House Bill 2 aims) to rectify the deeply disturbing blunder by the city council, which by its plain language purports to ban separate bathrooms for males and females,” said Rep. Dan Bishop, R-Mecklenburg, in a press release.

Bishop initially urged Charlotte City Council against the ordinance. He was one of the bill's primary sponsors, saying non-gendered bathrooms would put women and families at risk.

But Sen. Jeff Jackson, D-Mecklenburg, said the session took a turn when the bill — which negates the ordinance and a wider swath of non-discrimination policies — was introduced.

“It became a bait and switch as they introduced a bill that eliminates every anti-discrimination ordinance in the state,” he said.

Jackson said political agendas disrupted the democratic process and frustrated the room.

“Every single comment from a Republican who supported the special session was about the Charlotte ordinance until the day of the session, at which point it became about something much bigger,” he said.

The bill passed in the N.C. House 82-26, and unanimously in the Senate — following a walkout by Democrats.

“We thought that simply voting no on this bill was not enough,” Jackson said. “We needed to make a clear and unified statement that this legislation and legislative process is completely unacceptable.”

Around 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Gov. Pat McCrory signed the bill into law.

“My hope is that the governor listens to the people of the state and the business community in this state which does not want North Carolina to join the list of economic pariahs for embracing hateful legislation,” Jackson said.

Sarah Preston, acting executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, said in a statement she was disappointed with the legislature.

“Rather than expand nondiscrimination laws to protect all North Carolinians, the General Assembly instead spent \$42,000 to rush through an extreme bill that undoes all local nondiscrimination laws and specifically excludes gay and transgender people from legal protections,” she said.

Preston said legislators have used stereotypes and ignorance to marginalize the North Carolina transgender community and pass the bill.

“As far as I know, and I do a lot of research in this area, I have not seen any sort of statistics put forward that support this idea that young girls or women are experiencing violence or harassment in bathrooms as a result of these ordinances,” said Christy Mallory, senior counsel at the Williams Institute.

Even without statewide protection specific to sexual orientation and gender identity, Mallory said many cities create non-discrimination laws.

Jackson said public opinion in North Carolina will shift very quickly when people realize the reality of the bill.

“Once people see that we just passed the most sweeping pro-discrimination bill in the country, they are going to be beside themselves,” he said.

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Provost Jim Dean addresses the Board of Trustees regarding the James B. Hunt Institute on Wednesday.

Hunt Institute, UNC grow closer to splitting up

The campus history task force also updated the Board of Trustees.

By Bradley Saacks
Director of Enterprise

The James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy might be on its own soon.

At the Board of Trustees' University Affairs Committee meeting Wednesday, Provost Jim Dean recommended that the institute stop acting as an affiliate of the University, as it has for nearly a decade.

This recommendation was approved by all members of the University Affairs committee and will go in front of the full board at Thursday's meeting for a final vote.

The recommendation came from a report done by UNC's Centers & Institutes Review Committee, which found that the institute “operates relatively autonomously in comparison with other centers and institutes at UNC-Chapel Hill and that both the Institute and the University could benefit from greater integration.”

Originally a part of the UNC system and not a specific school, the Hunt Institute is not plan-

ning to change its practices to become more like a traditional UNC center or institute, Dean said. These changes would include funneling grants through the University and using University processes to select new leadership.

“The kind of things that we would want them to do to be a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill center are not the type of things they want to be doing,” Dean said about the institute, which lost state funding this summer. “I think everyone from both sides agrees thinks this is the best outcome.”

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Spellings could steer talk to undocumented students

In-state tuition for undocumented students exists in 18 states.

By Tat'yana Berdan
Senior Writer

The arrival of UNC-system President Margaret Spellings could reignite a conversation around in-state tuition for undocumented students.

Spellings addressed questions regarding higher education policy during her visit to campus this week and was asked about her stance on undocumented students, who receive in-state tuition in her native Texas and 17 other states.

“I come from a state that that's been a long standing policy of the state,” she said. “Obviously the board of governors and the legislature need to weigh in on this, but I've seen it be successful in Texas — in a state with many, many miles of borders.”

Spellings said she would need more of the facts before she could speak in favor of the issue.

According to the most recent data from the Pew Research Center, North Carolina had the eighth highest population of undocumented immigrants in 2012 at 350,000.

Eric Johnson, a spokesperson for UNC's financial aid office, said if in-state tuition for undocumented students were to become a reality, it would change how his office categorizes a student's residential status.

“They're effectively international students under current state policy, so from our standpoint, it's just a matter of we would treat them like any other in-state student,” he said.

But he said the decision lies with the Board of Governors and the N.C.

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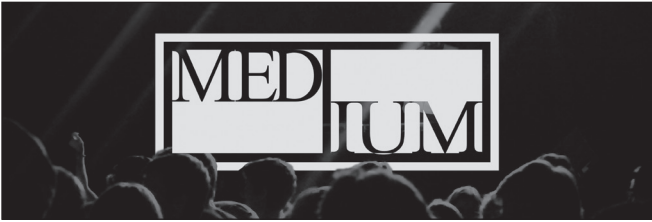
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The best of online



What to look forward to on Netflix

By Kylie Marshall
Staff Writer

The Problem: You blew through season four of “House of Cards” in days, already finished “Fuller House,” and now you have nothing to look watch. The Solution: You actually have a lot to look forward to.

Titles coming this April:

“Minions” – If you haven’t seen enough of these little guys, look no further. “The Princess Bride” – A cult classic, now available for streaming. “Unbreakable Kimmy

Schmidt” (season two) – If you haven’t finished season one, then get to it. It was created by Tina Fey, stars Ellie Kemper and features so many SNL cast cameos.

Thinking long-term:

Last July, Netflix announced that Marvel will release a new show every six months, good news for “Jessica Jones” and “Daredevil” fans. There is more to come featuring Iron Fist and Luke Cage.



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MORE TO SEE ONLINE:

PERSPECTIVE

Staff writer Jinni Kim explains her culture shock surrounding LGBT rights.

I’d never heard of the term LGBT before I came to the United States.

Another striking difference I’ve observed between the United States and Korea is the acceptance of the LGBT community.

The widespread effort to provide a safe environment for the LGBT community in America, and especially on campus, was an eye-opening and humiliating experience for me.

To read the full story, head our View from the Hill blog on dailytarheel.com.

LIFE RULES

Staff writer Qieara Lesesne explains the major rules of life as told by social media.

The rules of life no longer come from mom, dad or educational VHS tapes. They come from social media.

Social media is everywhere. It’s evolved from being a simple daily distraction to being various sources of life guidelines updated by the second.

These are some rules to life as told by social media:

1. If you didn’t document it, it didn’t happen.

To read more, head to our Tar Heel Life Hacks blog on dailytarheel.com.

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CITY BRIEFS

County administrative offices to close Friday

Orange County administrative offices will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday and Easter. Offices will reopen and all employees will return Monday.

— staff reports

Egg hunt to be held today at 5:30

The Orange County Recreation annual Community Egg Hunt will be held today from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at River Park in Hillsborough.

The event will include inflatables, face painting, crafts, concessions and music. Tickets for face painting are \$2 and wristbands for playing on inflatables are \$3.

— staff reports

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Music on the Porch: Look Homeward: Look Homeward, a band from North Carolina, will perform at the Love House and Hutchins Forum. The band will feature Lee Anderson, Alex Bingham, Evan Ringel and Wilson Green. This event is free and open to the public. **Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Location:** 410 E. Franklin St.

Bark at the Bosh: UNC Baseball vs. Georgia Tech: Bring your dog to UNC’s game against Georgia Tech. The first

200 dogs in attendance will receive a free UNC bandana. Admission for UNC students, faculty, staff and dogs is free. Admission for other people’s dogs is \$3. **Time:** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Location:** Boshamer Stadium

SATURDAY

Display Gardens Tour: Join the N.C. Botanical Garden for a one-hour guided tour. Participants will see and learn about local flora. **Time:** 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Location:** N.C. Botanical Garden

Military Appreciation Day: UNC Baseball vs. Georgia Tech: The Tar Heels will take on Georgia Tech at home in Boshamer Stadium. There will be an all-you-can-eat buffet for \$5. Free admission for UNC students, staff and faculty. **Time:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Location:** Boshamer Stadium

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

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POLICE LOG

• Someone committed larceny on the 500 block of N.C. 54 at 6 a.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The person stole \$110 worth of items, including a driver’s license and a Bluetooth speaker, reports state.

• Someone reported loud music on the 500 block of Jones Ferry Road at 1:04 a.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports.

• Someone reported loud music on the 800 block of Pritchard Avenue Extension at midnight Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone committed identity theft on the 600 block of West Barbee Chapel Road at 11:11 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone panhandled

at the intersection of South Estes Drive and Fordham Boulevard at 4:46 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone committed a drug violation at the intersection of Fordham Boulevard and Arlen Park Drive at 10:05 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone damaged property on the 700 block of Trinity Court at 7:03 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person damaged a window, causing \$250 in damage, reports state.

• Someone misused calling 911 on the 100 block of South Estes Drive at 1:02 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person was intoxicated and repeatedly dialed 911, reports state.

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Active and retired faculty who are followers of Jesus Christ wish you a Happy Easter!

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‘The Perfect Problem’ is love

Chase Carroll, sophomore, to debut first album

By Rebekah Cockram
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Chase Carroll, a sophomore Kenan Music Scholar, did it for love.

It started when he recorded a song, “In Love,” for his girlfriend at the time for Valentine’s Day. The song described little things his then-girlfriend did that made him believe he loved her.

He said she loved it.

“She was crying,” he said. “I was like, ‘That’s awesome,’ but didn’t really think anything about it. But later on I realized I had other songs written but nothing to show for them so I wanted to compile them into something.”

More than a year later, on Feb. 21, Carroll recorded an album — his first. He took eight hours to record 10 tracks, eight of which he wrote.

And on Saturday, Carroll will release it. *The Perfect Problem* will be found on Spotify, iTunes, Apple Music and his website.

“Music is a universal language, and I want to use the language to speak about another universal language — love,” he said.

The album is a collaborative effort drawing on a range of genres including jazz, pop, spoken word and rap. Carroll allowed two of his friends to include their compositions on the piece.

“I was shocked when I found out he was creating an album” said Kristen Marion, a sophomore music and public policy double major and one of Carroll’s friends featured on the album.



Sophomore music major Chase Carroll plays the piano. Carroll is releasing his album *The Perfect Problem* on March 26. DTH/CHICHI ZHU

“He’s incredibly talented, and it’s one thing to be talented, but he has a lot of drive,” she said.

Carroll began producing the album over the summer.

Once he had the songs and the musicians, he said the only other thing he needed was the money to fund the album.

The album cost \$2,600 to produce, \$800 of which was raised through Carroll’s GoFundMe page and the rest through donations and a part-time job.

“It was great process to see everything come to fruition, and after that everyone has been really excited,” he said. “They keep asking, ‘When is it coming out? When is it coming out?’”

Carroll said he began playing at a young age, but discovered his talent for jazz organically.

In the summer before Carroll’s junior year of high school, he was one of 10 students accepted to the Eastman School of Music’s Summer Percussion Institute.

When he first arrived to the Eastman School he felt discouraged until he was introduced to jazz.

“Despite being the worst classical player, without having any jazz training, I was the best jazz player there because I could just feel it,” Carroll said.

“It came naturally to me.”

Carroll’s natural musical talent caught UNC jazz studies and

composition professor Stephen Anderson’s attention at a summer music workshop. Anderson now acts as a mentor to Carroll.

“I push students I care about and I push him very hard — those who I think can make a career from their music,” Anderson said.

“Chase is a vibraphone player, which is not as common to have, but it’s even more unusual to have one that plays so well.”

Marion said she has been inspired by what Carroll has accomplished.

“He has a great musical ear. Listeners will find it aesthetically pleasing— it just sounds nice.”

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Campus pharmacy takes state health plan

A new state health plan brings employees to the Student Stores Pharmacy.

By Blake Hoarty
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The Student Stores Pharmacy opened in January, but faculty and staff have had a big reason to visit this month.

The pharmacy is in-network for a new Blue Cross and Blue Shield state health plan that covers UNC employees, said Kathy Bryant, a UNC Human Resources spokesperson.

“So that means that faculty and staff who are members of the state health plan can use their state health plan benefits there just like they can at any other covered pharmacy,” Bryant said.

Ken Pittman, director of administration for Campus Health Services, said now that campus employees are able to utilize their state health plan at the pharmacy, they’re using it more and more.

The high number of older clients is even affecting which drugs the pharmacy stocks.

“As you grow older, the prescriptions that you might be on differ from those that maybe college students are on,” Pittman said. “So part of our growth has been in growing our formulary to make

“We were able to connect with a lot of employees ... so we’re excited to take care of them.”

Amy Sauls
Director of Pharmacy, Campus Health Services

sure that we are carrying those drugs in our pharmacy that would most benefit an older population which would, in particular, be our faculty and staff.”

The new pharmacy is on the third floor of Student Stores, near the textbooks and school supply areas. It’s the second pharmacy located on campus; the other is located in the basement of Campus Health Services.

Amy Sauls, director of pharmacy for Campus Health, said both pharmacies recently gained a substantial number of customers who are employees.

“Employees have started to use us more. We were at the (Work Well, Live Well) Expo last week,” Sauls said. “We were able to connect with a lot of employees there, so we’re excited to take care of them.”

Gretchen Jenkins, a pharmacist at the Student Stores Pharmacy, said the state health plan started about three weeks ago — but she emphasized that the pharmacy provides services for everyone, not just faculty and staff.



The Student Stores Pharmacy is in-network for a new state health plan. DTH FILE/ JULIA KLEIN

“We can fill prescriptions with that for students, employees, faculty, staff and the faculty and staff’s families,” Jenkins said.

Pittman said he is pleased with the growth of the pharmacy in its first months.

“I think it’s growing incrementally at this point,” Pittman said. “We have seen good growth in December, January and February.”

Pittman said students are taking advantage of the convenience and cost-effectiveness of the Student Stores Pharmacy compared with off-campus options.

“One of the things that is very

encouraging to us is we’re seeing a good number of students who are transferring their prescriptions from Franklin Street pharmacies or community pharmacies in Chapel Hill to the Student Stores Pharmacy,” he said.

Bryant said anyone can use the Student Stores Pharmacy regardless of their affiliation with the University.

So far, the Students Stores Pharmacy has only seen success, Pittman said.

“I think everything is going well.”

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Water neutrality part of new environmental goals

UNC has made progress saving water, but there might be more to come.

By Dylan Tastet
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UNC announced a goal to become water neutral at the Board of Trustees’ January meeting — but the University is still figuring out what that means.

Brad Ives, associate vice chancellor for campus enterprises, said the concept of water neutrality lacks a concrete definition.

“We think we need to set some standards about water neutrality, and that there are going to be different levels of water neutrality, and we wanted to find those,” he said. “That’s part of what this effort is about.”

Sustainability Office Director Cindy Shea said the University has achieved a near balance between the water it uses and the natural water

cycle through a series of recent environmental upgrades.

“The ways that we’ve achieved that in recent years are to invest in water efficiency, to capture and harvest rainwater for reuse and to use reclaimed water instead of drinking water,” she said.

Ives said by some standards, the University already met the water neutrality goal.

“For example, right now we can say that we are, in fact, water neutral, based on the amount of rainfall that falls on the campus every year is more than sufficient for the amount of drinking water that we use,” he said.

Shea said further analytics are necessary before the University can determine for certain which water neutrality standards have been met.

Nikki Behnke, co-president of A Drink for Tomorrow at UNC, a clean water advocacy group run by students, said water neutrality should be defined by an institution’s impact on the water cycle.

“The thing is that human impact

“... there are going to be different levels of water neutrality, and we wanted to find those.”

Brad Ives
Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Enterprises

on the water cycle has made it so that (natural replenishment) is thrown off, and the natural processes aren’t working as they’re supposed to,” she said.

“So you’re getting things like acid rain, and you’re getting droughts, and you’re getting floods, and it’s being thrown off by human activities.”

The water goal is one of UNC’s three new environmental goals. The University also wants to minimize waste stored in landfills and to become greenhouse gas-neutral by 2050.

Ives said UNC has one of the most sophisticated systems for conserving and recycling water in the world, given the amount of rainfall it receives.

Stormwater engineer Sally Hoyt said in an email that UNC’s water

use intensity in gallons per square foot declined by 47 percent between fiscal year 2002-03 and fiscal year 2014-15, and potable water use decreased 30 percent because UNC is using recycled, non-potable water in some scenarios instead.

Behnke said since water usage occurs mostly behind the scenes, people often don’t realize they are using too much water.

She said thinking about water is important because it is a prerequisite for every other resource.

“People always joke about, like, ‘save water, drink beer,’ but that’s actually not true because it takes hundreds of gallons to produce beer,” she said. “(Water) goes into the production of everything.”

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Voters run into problems at NC polls

Some voters were turned away during N.C.’s primaries on March 15.

By Cole Stanley
Staff Writer

Amid reports of voter confusion caused by North Carolina’s voter ID law, the state still led all Southern states in voter turnout at 44 percent of registered voters.

“The voters had no problem getting out to the polls and making their voices heard,” said Tracy Reams, director of the Orange County Board of Elections.

Despite high participation numbers, some felt there were obstacles preventing voters from casting their ballots.

The location of polling sites at North Carolina Central University were moved without notifying voters, according to Stacie Burgess, spokesperson for the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

“One of our volunteers has redirected over 100 people, many of whom are elderly and are having trouble getting across campus, which includes a hill,” she said in an email.

And issues with election administration were not unique to Burgess’ precinct.

“Across the state, voters were being misinformed or turned away at the polls altogether,” said Bob Hall, executive director of Democracy N.C.

Scott Simpson, director of media and campaigns for The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, said much of this confusion traces back to changes made in the Voting Rights Act in 2014.

“Almost immediately following the gutting of the Voting Right Acts, North Carolina began constructing barriers to voting across the state,” he said in a conference call Wednesday.

UNC students, in particular, were affected by the admissibility of out-of-state driver’s licenses for those registered to vote in North Carolina.

“If voters were registered longer than 90 days before the election, their out-of-state ID would not be an acceptable form of identification,” Reams said.

Critics cite this as an example of attempted suppression of the youth vote.

“What you have is a situation where out-of-state students, for example, are told it’s a good thing to go and register,” Hall said. “But if they do it anytime in advance longer than a month and a half, they’re being turned away.”

Similar issues were experienced by American Indians, who faced ambiguity over the admissibility of tribal enrollment cards as forms of ID.

“Native voters were told consistently that their enrollment cards would be acceptable, but when they arrived at polls to vote, they were simply turned away,” said Penda Hair, an attorney for the N.C. NAACP, on the call.

But the problems with election administration in the primaries were not limited to legal barriers.

“The real problem is you have officials at the polls who simply aren’t trained well enough, and polling places which are not equipped to handle the number of voters we’re seeing,” Hall said.

Hair said a lack of understanding and adequate training for election officials led to confusion at the polls.

“People can’t get in the polls, and they can’t get moved through efficiently. Some lines in Winston-Salem, for example, lasted more than two hours,” she said. “This is exactly the type of electoral chaos that results from politicians suppressing the vote for their own gain.”

But advocates are hopeful for meaningful reform before the upcoming general election.

“The situation is not hopeless — it can be fixed,” said Hall. “But if we don’t act soon, there could potentially be large numbers of voters who are kept from participating come November.”

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Class in prison: ‘their minds are still free’

The Friday Center’s program brings UNC classes to N.C. prisons.

By Cailyn Derickson
Staff Writer

Every Monday and Thursday for seven weeks, UNC law professor Tamar Birkhead traveled to Raleigh’s N.C. Correctional Institution for Women to teach inmates about literature.

“I was an English major a hundred years ago, and I think there is a tradition of teaching fiction and teasing out ethical issues and issues that are tangentially related to the law,” Birkhead said.

Birkhead taught her Introduction to Fiction class through the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education’s Correctional Education Program, which brings UNC classes to some North Carolina prisons. The class ended March 14.

Birkhead has worked as a defense attorney since she graduated from law school and said she felt teaching a class at a prison would provide her with perspective.

“After years of practicing in criminal court rooms, at times I feel like I’m a cog in a broken machine, and I’ve wondered how much or whether I’m really helping inmates in a long-term sustained way,” Birkhead said.

Raphael Ginsberg, UNC’s associate director of correctional education, said the UNC program started as a reading group where now-retired professor Brick Oettinger discussed sociological texts with inmates.

“It was just a small reading group, and then (Oettinger) got a little bit of money, then he got more money, then the legislature gave him money, so it just grew over the years into what it is today,” Ginsberg said.

Birkhead said she noticed the women wrote about similar experiences in their essays. “A number of the women

in the class were teen mothers and ended up dropping out of high school. A number of them have written about being victims of abuse ... none of those things are surprising to find in a prison population,” she said.

“It’s just striking when you get to know people and to just see these are the commonalities — it’s sobering.”

Birkhead said she hopes her students gained a better appreciation for reading.

“I also want to improve their confidence levels. I noticed that a lot of the students were insecure about their own abilities at the beginning of the course, and I hope by the end of the class they are feeling good about themselves and more confident in their abilities,” Birkhead said.

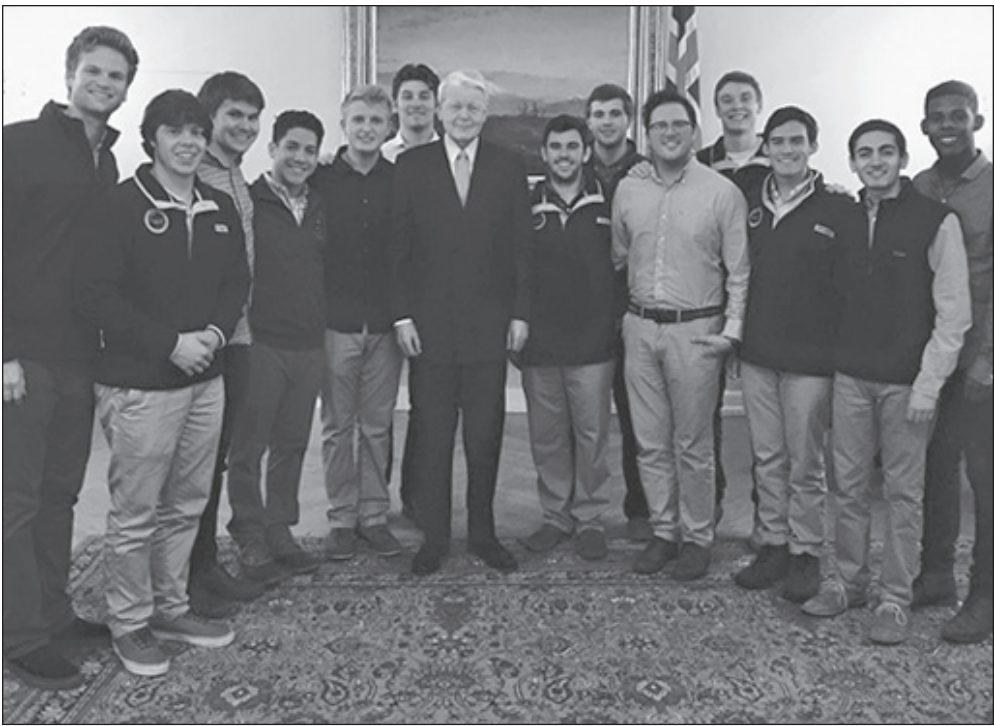
Brooke Wheeler, education director at the N.C. Department of Public Safety, said she has noticed a positive change in the inmates who took Birkhead’s class.

“Many of the women do not think they have much self-worth or that they can accomplish things they once believed they could, so I think once they take a class through UNC, they feel like they can accomplish something, and they think there is more they can do when they get released,” Wheeler said.

Though the class is over, Birkhead said she hopes her students will continue their love for reading and learning.

“They’re incarcerated. Their days are very structured, and they can make so few decisions for themselves because their liberty has been taken away,” Birkhead said. “But their minds are still free, and I think reading stories and fiction is one of the best reminders of that — that no one can take their ability to keep learning away from them.”

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Iceland’s President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson poses with the Clef Hangers after their performance.

Clef Hangers performance breaks ice with president of Iceland

By Anish Bhatia
Staff Writer

After being invited to sing for President Barack Obama in Washington, D.C., in December, the Clef Hangers didn’t take long to make a mark again — this time overseas.

This year, during their annual spring break tour, the Clef Hangers traveled to Iceland, where they performed for the country’s president, Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson.

Initially, the trip involved visits to schools across Iceland and Sweden.

Clef Hangers President Chris Burrus said they chuckled at first at the idea the headmistress at Reykjavik International School offered — performing for the president.

“While we were singing, she came up and said, ‘You guys are great. I wish you guys could sing for our president.’ We all kinda laughed like, ‘Wouldn’t that be something?’” Burrus said. “Toward the end of our performance, as all the kids were leaving, she reiterated that she was

serious that the president would be thrilled to hear us.”

So the Clef Hangers reached out to the secretary office for Grímsson and scheduled a time to meet with the president at 7 p.m. the same day.

“It was a spur-of-the-moment thing, but at the same time, it was one of the coolest experiences we could’ve had while we were on this trip,” Burrus said.

Burrus said he was amazed by how welcoming Grímsson was — an Icelandic tradition.

“He said that the nation runs on the idea of trusting one another and welcoming guests into the country and households,” he said. “Trust will be given unless there is a reason for it not to be. We thought it was all so cool because everything finally started making sense.”

First-year Robert DeGolian, who soloed in the Hangers’ performance of James Bay’s “Let It Go,” said he didn’t see this opportunity coming.

“When trying out for the group, I never thought that I would ever have the oppor-

tunity to, first off, have a solo, and second off, sing for people as important as the president,” DeGolian said. “It’s pretty incredible.”

Sophomore Clef Matt Goldman said he enjoyed Iceland’s laid-back atmosphere.

“Everything just seemed so lax in terms of security, and the atmosphere was just very calm,” he said. “Within an hour or two of calling, we knew we’d be singing for the president, which was just crazy.”

Goldman said the president encouraged and welcomed the a cappella group to return in the near future.

“The president actually said we should come back and do an extensive Iceland tour because even for an island country that has about 300,000 people, there are probably like a thousand choirs, and singing is just very celebrated in Icelandic culture,” Goldman said.

“It was an incredible honor to receive that sort of response from him.”

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UNC SEEKS SWEET SUCCESS

The North Carolina men's basketball team will face Indiana in the NCAA Tournament for the third time in program history — losing the previous two contests in 1981 and 1984.

The most recent game was a 72-68 Hoosiers win in the Sweet 16 in Michael Jordan's final game as a Tar Heel.

This season, UNC seniors Marcus Paige and Brice Johnson — whose jerseys will hang in the Smith Center rafters when their collegiate careers conclude — hope this

Sweet 16 showdown against Indiana won't be their final time in a UNC uniform.

The Tar Heels have lived up to their No. 1 seed with dominant showings in their past two games. But the Hoosiers are no ordinary No. 5 seed, as senior star Yogi Ferrell spearheads a dangerous Indiana offense featuring potent 3-point shooters.

Here's our breakdown of the game, which tips off at 9:57 p.m. on Friday.

—Compiled by C Jackson
Cowart and Jeremy Vernon

POINT GUARD



Joel Berry

12.8 PPG
3.4 RPG
3.4 APG



Yogi Ferrell

17.1 PPG
3.8 RPG
5.6 APG

For as consistent as Berry has played this season, Ferrell is among the top point guards in the country. The senior — who is one of the most prolific players in Indiana history — is the heart and soul of the Hoosiers' efficient offensive attack.

EDGE GOES TO:
INDIANA

SHOOTING GUARD



Marcus Paige

12.0 PPG
2.5 RPG
3.7 APG



Nick Zeisloft

6.7 PPG
1.6 RPG
0.9 APG

Paige's struggles shooting the ball this season have been well documented, but the senior could arguably be the best player on the court at any given time. Zeisloft — who has started seven games this season — simply can't match Paige's pedigree.

EDGE GOES TO:
NORTH CAROLINA

SMALL FORWARD



Justin Jackson

12.1 PPG
3.9 RPG
2.9 APG



Troy Williams

13.0 PPG
5.9 RPG
2.0 APG

In the closest matchup among the positional battles, Williams wins the showdown between two inconsistent small forwards. Jackson has played assertively as of late, but if Williams can curb his turnover woes, the junior could prove crucial for Indiana.

EDGE GOES TO:
INDIANA

POWER FORWARD



Brice Johnson

16.8 PPG
10.5 RPG
1.5 APG



Collin Hartman

4.9 PPG
3.1 RPG
1.7 APG

Johnson has been a revelation for UNC this season. A first-team All-American, the senior forward will likely be the most dominant force on the court. Even a combo of Hartman and resurgent first-year OG Anunoby will struggle to keep up.

EDGE GOES TO:
NORTH CAROLINA

CENTER



Kennedy Meeks

9.0 PPG
5.8 RPG
1.1 APG



Thomas Bryant

11.9 PPG
5.7 RPG
0.9 APG

Bryant — Indiana's highly efficient big man — has parlayed an impressive regular season into tournament success as the Hoosiers' second-most reliable player. Meeks, however, has seen his minutes decline as UNC turns to a smaller lineup.

EDGE GOES TO:
INDIANA

SIXTH MAN



Isaiah Hicks

9.4 PPG
4.8 RPG
0.8 APG



Robert Johnson

8.1 PPG
3.3 RPG
3.1 APG

Despite starting for most of the season, injury woes have relegated Johnson to a bench role — and the sophomore is a game-time decision for Friday. Hicks, the ACC Sixth Man of the Year, has energized the Tar Heels late in the season.

EDGE GOES TO:
NORTH CAROLINA

COACHING



Roy Williams



Tom Crean

Tom Crean has revived a struggling Indiana program and returned them to national relevance. Yet Williams, a two-time national champion, is one of the most decorated coaches in NCAA history and has a wealth of tournament experience.

EDGE GOES TO:
NORTH CAROLINA

PREDICTION



UNC turns to small lineup for NCAA success

By Pat James
Sports Editor

The North Carolina men's basketball team's biggest asset might be going small.

As the season's progressed, the Tar Heels have used a smaller lineup more often, with four players playing along the perimeter and either Brice Johnson or Isaiah Hicks in the post.

The ability to use a smaller lineup could benefit top-seeded UNC in Friday's Sweet 16 bout against fifth-seeded Indiana in Philadelphia, allowing the Tar Heels to push the tempo and alter the lineup for whatever situation presents itself.

"Being able to use different lineups in the tournament is huge," said senior guard Marcus Paige. "Because it's not ACC play where you get three days to scout somebody or you've played against them before and you know what they're going to do."

"You're playing teams from different conferences, just completely different styles of play from one game to the next. So having the ability to go small can save us in a lot of opportunities."

This was evident in North Carolina's 85-66 victory against Providence on Saturday night.

UNC opened the game with its usual starting lineup of Justin Jackson, Kennedy Meeks, Joel Berry, Paige and Johnson. But after Meeks and Johnson struggled defending their defensive matchups along the perimeter, the team went small.

Shortly after the Friars overcame a seven-point deficit to take a 25-23 lead in the first half, Coach Roy Williams moved Johnson to center and played Nate Britt, Theo Pinson, Berry and Jackson around him.

The move paid off, as the Tar Heels played quicker defensively and entered half-time with a 34-30 lead.

North Carolina used its small lineup again in the second half, as the group of Berry, Paige, Pinson, Jackson and Hicks pushed UNC's lead from 67-51 to 84-65 before exiting the contest with 50 seconds left.

"When we go small, it seems like our intensity level goes up another notch," Jackson said. "Because we have to fly around, we've got to box out and work hard because if we don't, they'll take advantage of it."

"I like whenever we go small, because I just feel like we play a little bit harder sometimes."

For years, a staple of



DTH FILE/KATIE WILLIAMS

Forward Justin Jackson (44) and guard Theo Pinson (1) help up guard Nate Britt (0) during the game against N.C. State on Jan. 16.

Williams' system has been using a more traditional lineup with two big men in the post and three wings along the perimeter.

The Tar Heels haven't strayed away from that ideal-

ogy too much this season, as the team has looked its best with Johnson and Hicks down low.

But because of the duo's knack for getting into foul trouble and the depth UNC

boasts this year, Williams says the small lineup has been out of necessity.

"They talk more, they dive on the floor more, those kind of things, but they don't block as many shots either," said

Williams of the small lineup. "I really haven't been afraid to go small at any time this year ... It just depends on how the game's going really."

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Kendra Lynch dominates diamond for UNC softball

SOFTBALL

NORTH CAROLINA 6
COASTAL CAROLINA 3

By Noah Grant
Staff Writer

The North Carolina softball team started off fast in Wednesday's game against Coastal Carolina in Conway, S.C. The Tar Heels tied their season high with four first-inning runs, paving the way for a 6-3 win.

Senior Kristen Brown batted in the first run for UNC (15-14), doubling to right field. The RBI gave her a team-high 32 on the year.

The pitching in the first inning rivaled the team's hitting, as junior Kendra Lynch made quick work of the Chanticleers (15-15), forcing two ground outs and a fly out for a 1-2-3 inning.

After the first, UNC's bats went cold, as the Tar Heels went hitless in the next three

innings. While the team's offense faltered, Lynch continued to pitch effectively, allowing just two hits and zero runs during that span.

The Tar Heels ended their three-inning scoring drought in the fifth frame. First-year infielder Berlynn Delamora led off the inning with a double, reaching third base on an error. A sacrifice fly by senior utility player Tracy Chandless scored Delamora, giving UNC a 5-0 lead.

UNC would add one more run in the sixth. The six runs were more than enough support for Lynch, who dominated Chanticleer hitters for most of the game. The junior recorded a career-high eight strikeouts while pitching six scoreless innings before allowing three runs in the seventh frame.

"I think I really kept the batters off-balance," Lynch said. "I was hitting my spots pretty well, but I was hitting good pitches at good heights that was making it harder for

them to hit the whole game."

Along with pitching a complete game on the mound, Lynch went a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, driving in a run with a bases-loaded single in the sixth inning.

Quotable

"Lynch did a great job on the mound ... She did a lot of good things for us. But the team as a whole, we made some really good defensive plays on the infield." — Coach Donna Papa on her team's defensive performance.

Notable

North Carolina has dominated Coastal Carolina in the all-time series, winning 25 of 29 games.

3 numbers that matter

- 12: UNC's offense left 12 runners on base during Wednesday's game.
- 10: The Tar Heels had 10



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Kendra Lynch throws a pitch during North Carolina's 8-0 shutout against Georgetown on Feb. 28.

hits, including five in the first inning.

83: Lynch's career-high eight strikeouts give her 83 total on the year.

What's next?

The Tar Heels return to Chapel Hill to play Florida State in a weekend series.

The first game will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday at Anderson Softball Stadium.
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Training to promote healthy lifestyles

A new project, Flourish, will teach healthy cooking.

By Emily Wakeman
Staff Writer

UNC student volunteers made a promise to help teach the community about health and nutrition on Wednesday night.

Hayley Cunningham, creator of a Student Health Action Coalition project called Flourish, held an interest meeting at UNC on Wednesday night for students interested in volunteering for the project next year.

"Flourish is an organization or project hoping to reach out and help especially low-income individuals and families. This is because

poverty magnifies problems and magnifies the barriers to leading a healthy lifestyle and finding well-being," Cunningham said.

Cunningham said the Flourish volunteers will teach healthy cooking classes through a program called Cooking Matters. They'll also mentor Cooking Matters program graduates this summer.

"(Flourish) is trying to help people use the resources available to them — no matter how limited they might seem — to flourish where they are," she said. "This is giving them the resources, skills and knowledge to access what is available to them and live a healthy lifestyle."

Christina Chauvenet, a UNC Ph.D. student who worked on the Cooking Matters programs, said Cooking Matters is a part of the nonprofit Share Our

Strength's No Kid Hungry movement. The movement is trying to end childhood hunger through education on shopping for and preparing healthy meals.

"The courses focus on behaviors — they don't really focus on memorizing specific information ... It tries to focus on behaviors that people can go out and replicate in their real lives," Chauvenet said.

Cunningham said the leading causes of death in Orange County and in the U.S. are often preventable just by leading a healthy lifestyle. She said the volunteer expectations are compassion, commitment, camaraderie and communication.

"I'm really hoping to help people change their lives. I think that there are so many gates are opened when you make good decisions regarding

"(Flourish) is trying to help people use the resources available to them."

Hayley Cunningham
Creator of Flourish

what you put in your body and how much you are using your body to move around," she said.

Cunningham said the volunteer turnout at Wednesday's event was more than she expected. About 20 to 30 people came.

"I'm really excited and pleased. I think we are going to have to work together actually to find ways for all of us to get involved and to make sure that we are having the impact on the community that we are capable of with the numbers that we had



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Ph.D. student Christina Chauvenet discusses the Cooking Matters series: a set of courses on healthy cooking and food planning.

today," she said.

Sophomore Raiselle Swick said she wants to be involved.

"There is a lot of false advertisement out there about what is good and what is bad, and recently they have done a lot of research on things, and I think it is important to get all of that information out there, particularly with grocery shopping," she said.

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Carrboro hotel to begin construction in 2017

By Lindsey Hoover
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved a permit for a new Hilton Garden Inn to begin construction during a meeting on March 8.

"Carrboro is a destination town," Board of Aldermen member Randee Haven-O'Donnell said.

The Hilton is being developed by Atma Hotel Group Inc. in partnership with Main Street Properties of Chapel Hill and will begin construction by the first quarter of 2017.

The hotel will be built at 107 Padgett Lane, behind the ArtsCenter and neighboring the Hampton Inn located at 370 E. Main St.

The Hampton Inn was also developed by both groups involved in the Hilton project.

Manish Atma, a principal partner at Atma Hotel Group, said because the Hilton has a different target consumer than the Hampton, the new hotel should not affect business for the Hampton.

"We are building close to 10,000 to 12,000 square feet of meeting space in the hotel," he said. "This will attract large meetings and small conventions. The Hilton Garden Inn will be a little more upscale."

The interior and exterior designs of the hotel are in the works, and the next step is for these ideas and construction plans to be approved.

Haven-O'Donnell said the

building of the hotel is more of an expansion rather than an addition.

"I don't see this as being a second hotel," she said.

Main Street Properties partner Laura Van Sant said the Carrboro business community is supportive of the new addition.

"It brings more people on the street with money in their pockets to go spend at restaurants and shops and what not," she said.

Van Sant also said the town had some concerns regarding parking. According to Van Sant, the original issues were that the hotel would be taking away public parking spots.

Van Sant said the city currently leases spaces in the deck

for public parking, but this lease is set to expire in 2018.

"The town was concerned that public parking would go away, so we agreed that if the town wants to extend that lease we will be happy to do that," she said.

In addition to the parking deck, Van Sant said they plan to have plenty of parking built with the hotel.

Haven-O'Donnell said since Carrboro hosts events and festivals, the additional space and parking will draw people to the town.

"Carrboro is its own magnet," Haven-O'Donnell said. "I get so much positive energy from little Carrboro."

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CHCCS aims to raise teacher salaries

By Alexis Allston
Staff Writer

By April 7, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education must decide whether to add \$4,465,205 to the school system's budget for this upcoming year.

The budget increase would raise the tax rate for taxpayers by a few cents, and the extra money would increase pay for teachers within the CHCCS district.

Megan Taber, a sixth-grade social studies teacher at Grey Culbreth Middle School, has been speaking out about low teacher pay.

Taber, who has worked in the CHCCS district for eight years, said in an email that the proposed budget increase is an unfortunate necessity for CHCCS.

"The state should be working to raise teacher salaries so that the counties don't have to work so hard to hold on to their teachers," Taber said. "I'd really like to see the state legislature step up and make education a priority again."

Todd LoFrese, the assistant superintendent for CHCCS,

said that the state provides the largest portion of a teacher's salary, while the CHCCS district supplement ranges from 12 percent to 25 percent for more experienced teachers.

"We do anticipate the board approving the budget request to the county commissioners at our next meeting," LoFrese said. "We've also asked the board to approve a teacher supplement increase."

Rani Dasi, a CHCCS school board member, said that she agrees with the budget increase proposal, and that she wants to keep quality teachers within the district.

"The really sad thing is that North Carolina is suffering; really what should be happening is the state should be supporting the teachers, but they aren't, so local districts have to do it. I'd really like to see the state provide higher compensation for our teachers," she said.

Taber said that the budget increase will help CHCCS stay competitive with Wake County Schools, which have already included teacher pay raises in their budgets. She said that although low pay alone wouldn't cause her to leave her

job, low salaries may drive out newer teachers who aren't as established in the community.

"I'm very lucky in that I love my school, my coworkers, my students and the surrounding community I work in," Taber said. "And if those things weren't great, and I was making low pay, then I'd probably leave."

Despite school board support for the teacher supplement increase, the responsibility rests with the Orange County Commissioners, who determine how much money is allocated to the school system.

Once the school board finalizes the request for a budget increase in April, the proposal will move to the county commissioners to be decided by the end of June.

Earl McKee, chairperson of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, said that the budget public hearings concerning the proposal will occur May 12 and May 19. He said the board has no opinion on the proposal yet since they haven't seen it, but that they try to accommodate the school board on its requests.

McKee said that he sup-

ports increases in teacher pay.

"I think from the school's perspective, to increase teacher pay is to better maintain our teachers," he said. "They're trying to make sure all our children get a good education."

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Showcasing talent

A sophomore Kenan Music Fellow at UNC is about to drop his first album. See pg. 3 for story.

Clefs go to ... Iceland?

While the rest of us flew down South for winter, the Clef Hangers performed in Iceland. See pg. 4 for story.

Setting the mind free

A UNC professor has been teaching North Carolina inmates the joys of literature. See pg. 4 for story.

Who has the edge?

Preparing for UNC to take on Indiana? Take a look at who might have the edge. See pg. 5 for graphic.

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5 Bremen or Hamburg, locally

10 Fast-food order

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19 Pond denizen

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21 Fragrant hybrid

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27 Pub order

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41 Nicks on albums

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44 With 1-Across, woodcutter who stole from thieves

45 River island

46 "I gotta run!"

48 Animal in the Chinese zodiac

49 Karen and

Adam on a hill?

53 Eel-like fish

54 Brand with classic "beep beep" commercials

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59 Eddie and Arsenio in a concert venue?

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67 Aerosol targets

68 Europe's highest volcano

Down

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Being a Franklin Street foodie

It's getting close to the end of the semester. The weather is warming up, there is an abundance of people sporting overalls on the quad and exams are only a month away (cue the internal screaming).

It's also that time of the semester when I actively avoid looking at my checking account statement because I know the situation will not be great. All the money I once had at the beginning of the semester will somehow be almost gone. I ask myself the question, "Where did all my precious dollars go?" I then remind myself the answer is quite simple: To the array of dining establishments on Franklin.

While it's important to be frugal on a college budget, I do want to emphasize how worthy the food scene on Franklin Street is of your personal funds. There are so many options, and most of them are affordable. I regret nothing about all the wonderful meals I've consumed on Franklin, even if it does cost money outside of a meal plan. Eating out every night is unreasonable; however, I can argue that expanding your culinary tastes is an important part of the UNC experience.

Exploring Franklin Street's restaurants has broadened my horizons. I am one of the pickiest eaters I know, so any time a friend suggests a place I haven't eaten at on Franklin, I now see it as an opportunity to be less picky. Will I play it safe and push for Buns? While the burger haven is my personal heaven on Earth, I have made an effort to take one for the culinary team and try new things.

Looking for pho that will blow your mind and cure your springtime sickness? Lime and Basil has changed my life. I would've never tried the place had my friend not guaranteed it would cure whatever ailed me. A sandwich that just might bring you to heaven? TRU Deli made me a true believer. Want to try banh mi that proves it doesn't have to have pork to still be delicious? Ms. Mong will give you a one-way ticket to (vegan) hog heaven.

There are so many fantastic, locally owned restaurants that deserve your attention. And the best part? You're helping the Chapel Hill community stay authentic when you support local businesses.

I probably wouldn't have made it to most of these delicious spots had it not been for friends encouraging me to give restaurants a second chance or convincing me I'll miss out on something fantastic. And if food FOMO isn't real, I don't know what is.

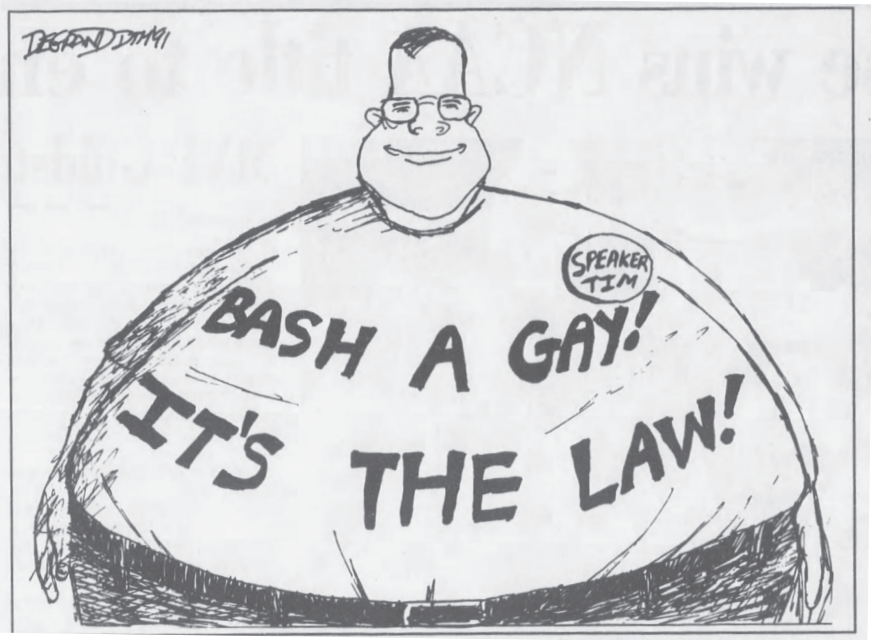
It has become an item on my UNC bucket list to eat at every restaurant on Franklin. I've realized maybe a meal plan is no longer for me, and I can still eat in a way that won't kill my wallet. It's hard to eat out on a budget, but I've realized locally owned restaurants are generally more affordable than those big chains. Franklin Street offers so many options that fit all taste personalities.

Suspicious that you won't like the cuisine offered at a restaurant you haven't tried? Just put on your best Food Network host impression, and go for it. I promise there's more to life than just the dining hall.

NEXT

It's Nothing Personal
Chiraayu Gosrani writes from a critical race theory standpoint.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Alex DeGrand, Daily Tar Heel cartoonist, 1991



EDITOR'S NOTE

This cartoon first ran in The Daily Tar Heel in 1991 to satirize then-Speaker of Student Congress Tim Moore, who led an effort to defund the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association during a summer session. Moore is now Speaker of the House for the North Carolina General Assembly, which passed a bill eliminating protections for LGBT individuals.

EDITORIAL

A state of fear

Injustice was allowed when HB2 became law.

We are afraid. Afraid of the dark, of unfamiliar people and places. We are taught to fear. Told more often than not that we are vulnerable. Taught that underneath our beds lives a monster. Told by the people who serve and protect us there is an ongoing epidemic of crime, terror and disaster. And when we confront this beast we are met with anger from those who purport to protect us.

It is time for our North Carolina legislature to mature, to improve, to move beyond fear as an impetus to discriminate and start to do what is ethical. It is time to end the discrimination against black, trans, queer, disabled and indigenous communities. It is time for justice.

In response to Charlotte's trans and family inclusive ordinance, passed just recently, House Bill 2, deceptively titled "Public Facility and Security Act" and proposed by members of the N.C. General Assembly, eliminates protections for trans and gender non-binary individuals and communities.

In the state of North Carolina, there is a lack of protection, at large, for those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender in the public and private sector. Prior to the

passing of HB2, the town of Chapel Hill has had comprehensive safeguards in place barring the discrimination of LGBT individuals.

This law blatantly and in no uncertain terms undoes these protections, making it possible for LGBT folks to be fired without recourse. This means that a parent, family friend or close relative could be fired from their job due to their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Additionally, the law mandates that every person in North Carolina will be required to use designated public restrooms that correspond with the "biological sex" assigned to them on their birth certificate. Such a tactic of fear mongering by the state legislature is everything this state does not need. It does not come by perpetuating myths of fear and predation inside safe spaces.

In addition, the tone taken by advocates for HB2 has been one built off of patriarchal undertones of "protecting" women and children. This rhetoric places legislators in a false narrative in which they are protecting citizens, in an attempt to mask the real narrative of bigotry.

This is no laughing matter. North Carolina stands to lose up to \$4.5 billion in federal funds due to disobedience of Title IX. The U.S. Department of Education clarified in 2014 that transgender individuals are protected under Title IX. This

means the new law could mandate that schools do things that would put them in violation of federal law.

This bill is wrong beyond repair.

This law is a chapter in America's horror story. The very notion that this bill could in any way serve the public or securitize the public from an ominous threat is outlandish. Instead of focusing on the "biological sex" of a person, might we empathize and work to include those who are different from us in body and mind in our public spaces. Perhaps it is not the N.C. General Assembly who deserves the brunt of our rage. Might we someday take on a politic that emphasizes inclusion in every way possible and push ourselves toward a public that is forever just.

The bill is now law, but there will be a protest outside the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh church at 5:45 p.m. today. We encourage all students able to attend to do so.

It is also crucial to hold the legislators who voted for this law accountable. In November, it makes more sense for students from North Carolina to vote in the counties they are from rather than in Orange County. Orange County politicians don't need an abundance of UNC students to be held accountable for their positions. The rest of the state needs students more.



QuickHits



Bring it, bigots

In addition to the editorial we wrote today, we would just like to reiterate in a less formal way — f*ck the North Carolina General

Assembly. While we firmly believe the NCGA's desperate rallying around bigoted ideas will ultimately fail, it still does not excuse the NCGA's actions. We have to vote these people out.

Real democracy

With all the hatred and bigotry coming up in state houses, presidential campaigns and others, it can become overwhelming. So we are giving a thumbs up to all the activists out there fighting for democratic ideals. We cannot name all of you, but rest assured we here appreciate your hard work.

Spring reading

It is warm out and you know what that means?! Reading outside is a thing again. While you should be reading all of the time because it is the funnest activity ever, it is even better now. So pull any book from Marx theory to Anton Chekhov, get a smoothie and spend a day reading outside.

Abolish lawn culture

Lawn culture leads to us spending hundreds of dollars on making our grass fields meet a socially constructed idea of what open areas should look like. Not only does this have negative environmental impacts, it is just a waste of resources. So let's do something better than manicuring lawns — like planting trees.

Dog days

What comes up must go down, and with all those adorable puppy photos posted on National Puppy Day — we came down hard. Do you know how hard it is to see all these dog photos and not be able to hold one in your arms? It is down right cruel. But please keep posting dog photos. They are so cute!

RIP Phife Dawg

The loss of Phife Dawg, emcee from the hip-hop group A Tribe Called Quest, is tragic and heartbreaking. Phife, a legendary emcee (and UNC fan), was only 45. So why is this a side thumb? Cause this has been an excuse to revisit his catalog, and A Tribe Called Quest can improve any day. R.I.P. to the funky diabetic.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"After years of practicing in criminal court rooms, at times I feel like I'm a cog in a broken machine ..."

Tamar Birkhead, on helping inmates as a professor and attorney

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"That's not the point. The point is people saying they're against something when they're not really against it."

Usernameface, on UNC's decision to cast aside its coal-free goal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student Government on NCGA's HB2

TO THE EDITOR:

Yesterday, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a blanket anti-discrimination law, that in fact, furthers discrimination in this state for the LGBTQ community. Importantly and intentionally, the law does not include sexual orientation and gender identity under anti-discrimination protection. As a result, the law overrules and overrides existing local ordinances protecting these groups, while also preventing local governments from passing new laws to protect the LGBTQ community. The new law also specifically prohibits the use of communal bathrooms by the trans community, requiring North Carolinians to use the bathroom that corresponds to the sex on their birth certificate, regardless of their actual gender identity.

The incoming administration condemns the actions of the General Assembly as backwards and discriminatory. North Carolina is better than this. We have a unique capacity in the South and in this country to be leaders, especially because of our university system. Our student population includes the LGBTQ community, and they deserve equal treatment and protection. Instead, North Carolina has opted to stand on the wrong side of history, ignoring the moral responsibility to protect all our students and citizens.

Our administration stands with LGBTQ community in solidarity against the discriminatory practices of the state. This afternoon at 5:45, members of the administration will attend a rally in Raleigh at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 3313 Wade Ave. We invite all interested and available students to join us in standing for LGBTQ rights.

Ultimately, we believe in a university that respects, values and protects diversity and the members of all communities. And we expect our elected officials to equally value the diversity of backgrounds and identities in our state.

Bradley Opere
Student Body President-Elect

Wilson Sink
Appointee for Director of State and External Affairs

Apply to be a part of student government

TO THE EDITOR:

I became involved with student government because I believed it has the responsibility of carrying out change at Carolina by listening to the different student voices. Our ability to implement this mandate depends on having talented individuals throughout the year.

It is my goal to ensure that student government is composed of diverse students who are effective and

passionate. To accomplish this goal, I ask all students to apply for positions with the Executive Branch Cabinet and External Appointments. Executive Branch Cabinet includes students who spearhead various issues ranging from academic affairs to civic engagement. External Appointments are involved with campus administrators and student organizations that are involved with campus issues such as environmental affairs to diversity and inclusion.

The application is available at: <https://uncstudgov.wufoo.com/forms/executive-branch-external-appointments-app/>. It is due by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 27.

Our strength as student government lies in the diverse leadership we can attract. Let's work together and make this campus feel the beat for a whole year.

Bradley Opere
Student Body President-Elect

More information on the Iraq invasion

TO THE EDITOR:

Your piece on the Iraq War was well-timed and, I am sure, well-intended. Here are a couple of important items you overlooked.

1) Donald Rumsfeld is the chief architect of the disastrous campaign. He did not dedicate enough troops to hold taken territory. The subsequent power vacuums were quickly filled by mujahideen, and those territories had to be re-taken again and again (i.e. Fallujah). This failure is further underscored by the success of "The Surge" under Robert Gates.

2) The Saddam Hussein regime served an underappreciated role in keeping Iran's regional ambitions in check. No sooner did the Baathists fall, then the Ayatollah began to rattle a long-silent saber.

I have long believed the greatest enemy of America today is America 50 years ago. Current global hot spots are the toxic residue of McCarthy-era America's ham-fisted attempts to stall the march of communism (i.e. Central America, Korea). I wonder now if we have sown the seeds of the next 50-year American headache. I served in Afghanistan and am proud of my service. It was the right call to drive the Taliban, and their twisted theology, out. It was also the right call to drive Saddam from Kuwait in 1991, but that action (and the Saudis refusal to accept his help) served as the catalyst that drove Osama Bin Laden to launch his campaign of terror against America mostly while sheltered by the Taliban in Afghanistan ... a country they took over after America intervened ... to stall the march of communism ... leaving a power vacuum.

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