

## Town will not change its values

Local officials weigh what House Bill 2 means for Chapel Hill.

By John Foulkes  
Staff Writer

The passing of House Bill 2 has left members of Chapel Hill government upset and unsure of what's to come.

House Bill 2 passed March 23 in the state legislature, limiting local ordinances from protecting against LGBT discrimination and forcing citizens to use bathrooms based on their gender at birth.

The law also stops localities from expanding minimum wage laws and other business interests past the state's standard.

Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos gave a briefing on the legality of the town's current statutes on nondiscrimination in a special meeting March 28, which was called in response to House Bill 2.

While the town of Chapel Hill has not had a nondiscrimination ordinance as wide-ranging as Charlotte's, it did not allow discrimination in employment or in third-party contractors based on sexual orientation or identification.

According to Karpinos, the policy for state employees and contractors is not in danger of change.

If the town government wishes to continue to protect their employees from being fired because of their sexual identification, they may do so. But job termination still falls under the jurisdiction of local businesses.

"Well, in Chapel Hill we do not discriminate, and we're not going to change our values," Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger said. "Our businesses have been very helpful with that, too."

Hemminger said she was still upset by the bill.

"I am very disappointed in (HB2)," Hemminger said. "They pushed this bill so quickly, they didn't give our representatives a chance to say anything."

She discussed plans of adding gender-neutral bathrooms to public buildings, including the public library.

Hemminger also said Chapel Hill is planning on joining the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, an association of North Carolina's 32 biggest cities, in condemning this law for taking away local control.

"Who's going to be the bathroom checker for your birth certificate?" Hemminger said. "The bill was focused on discriminating against the LGBT community."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Nancy Oates said she wants to begin a conversation through town halls to talk as a community about what this new law means, and to hear residents' thoughts.

"I think it's ridiculous and scary," Oates said. "It is taking us back to a time I thought had been resolved from when I was a college student. Now, my kids are growing up and we're fighting the same battles all over again."

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## 'A new door for the future'

UNC cancer research finds success with compound treatments

By Karli Krasnipol  
Staff Writer

They've got money, and they're working together.

Faculty and researchers across UNC's medical programs say state support and a collaborative environment are the main reasons why UNC has had so many recent breakthroughs in cancer research.

Shelton Earp, director of UNC Cancer Care and a Lineberger professor of cancer research, has been at the cancer center since 1977, almost since the beginning.

"We don't think that one person or even one group has the key, but that we want to put together teams across every discipline in the University," Earp said.

One recent study investigating acute myeloid leukemia — led by Stephen Frye, a UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center member and a professor in the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy — created a drug around a target identified in Earp's laboratory 20 years ago.

"The idea was if we could make a drug that hit this target in leukemic cells where it was overexpressed, perhaps we could get cures at a higher rate," Earp said.

Frye's team created a new compound to treat tumors that become resistant to molecules and medication over time. He said collaborating is just part of the UNC spirit.

"We're all trying to do something good and change the world," Frye said.

Al Baldwin, associate director of basic research at UNC Lineberger and a biology professor, said grant support for cancer research is in the hundreds of millions.



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Dr. Stephen Frye, professor and director of the Center for Integrative Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery, helped create a new compound to treat tumors.

"There's a strong commitment to cancer research," Baldwin said.

Part of that support comes from the University Cancer Research Fund, said Karen McCall, spokesperson for the School of Medicine and the UNC Health Care System. The fund was established by the state of North Carolina in 2007 to bolster cancer research.

"It was initially set up to invest \$50 million a year and there's been varying amounts throughout the years," McCall said.

Baldwin said there are great cancer research programs all over the country. While UNC is not unique, it's a stellar program, he said.

*"We want to put together teams across every discipline in the University."*

Shelton Earp  
Director of UNC Cancer Care

"It's exemplified by our great publications, our great faculty, our national presence in clinical trials, companies that have started out of Lineberger that are dedicated to problems in cancer," Baldwin said. Baldwin said cancer is a significant problem that hits every family.

"People suffer and we're committed to trying to improve that in small steps, but big steps occur as well," Baldwin said.

Shawn Hingtgen, a pharmacy school professor and UNC Lineberger member, led the first study ever to show that skin cells can be used as cancer-killing stem cells.

"We really needed to make the cells come from you, from your skin," Hingtgen said. "So that if you're your own source for stem cells, we don't have to worry about rejection."

Hingtgen said there hasn't been an effective brain cancer treatment in almost 30 years.

"It opens a new door for the future where we can actually make personalized, patient-specific, cancer-choosing cells simply by using your skin," Hingtgen.

Hingtgen said the goal of cancer research is to make a difference in people's lives.

"It is really devastating and terrible to watch patients suffer when the treatment options are just not good enough and we need something better to help these patients," Hingtgen said.

Earp said cancer affects society at every level and is the leading cause of death in North Carolina.

"It's a disease that 1.6 million people in this country get every year and that creates a lot of cost and a lot of hope and opportunity," Earp said.

Chad Ellis, associate director of UNC Lineberger for planning and administration, said the fight to cure cancer is a national effort.

"The University Cancer Research Fund really enables us to focus on the state of North Carolina," Ellis said. "It's a very unique state."

The Lineberger Cancer Center has brought together 1,000 faculty members from many of UNC's schools, not just the School of Medicine, McCall said.

Ellis said UNC has created an environment where everyone wants to work together.

"We're really trying to create a place where those folks can come together and try to tackle a problem from every possible angle."

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DTH/KATIE WILLIAMS

Coach Roy Williams heads to Houston with the team for the Final Four game against Syracuse.

## Students flock to Houston for Final Four

Students have game tickets, now they have to get there.

By Jamie Gwaltney  
Staff Writer

The Tar Heels made it to Houston for the NCAA Final Four, but now it's the students' turn to get there.

As of Tuesday evening, the ticket office had sold about 630 of the 700 student tickets it put on sale Monday morning. For \$40, students got a ticket for the UNC-Syracuse game, and if UNC wins, each student automatically gets a ticket to the

championship game, said Gerry Lajoie, senior assistant athletic director of ticket operations.

The students who got tickets jumped the first hurdle, now they have to get to Houston.

Sophomore Jenna Hall and her friends started a GoFundMe page to cover the cost of traveling to and staying in Houston and were surprised to reach their goal of \$1,000.

"We didn't expect to raise more than \$100, maybe \$150, just from small donations," Hall said.

Senior Tory Waters originally decided the drive was too far to buy tickets, but she said after discovering the ticket would also get

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## Finding a balance: drugs and anxiety

College students like Charlotte medicate mental health issues.

By Sara Salinas  
Senior Writer

*Editor's note: This story is the third in a series chronicling mental health issues on a college campus through a central character, a UNC junior who asked to keep her real name private. Sara Salinas, a reporter for The Daily Tar Heel who knows "Charlotte" personally, is following her as she navigates her diagnosis and takes steps to find help throughout the semester.*

It's been almost two months since Charlotte paid her first visit to a psychiatrist.

In that time, she's made considerable progress in treating her attention deficit disorder and anxiety. She's lightened her course load, started weekly therapy and begun the trial-and-error process of finding the right prescription medications.

"You get used to the new you on medication," Charlotte said. "It's not a different person, but your different characteristics are coming out more than others."

"You're constantly trying to get to know yourself"

Charlotte was prescribed an antidepressant after her initial visit to a psychiatrist in early February. Anxiety and ADD are often closely linked in women, Charlotte said, so it's typical to medicate for one and consequently treat both.

Charlotte said she felt the effects of the antidepressants within three days.

"When I'm walking around, I'm not constantly feeling like my heart's going to jump out of my chest anymore," she said. "It was really working for my anxiety, but it didn't do anything for my focus academically."

At a follow-up appointment, Charlotte asked for a prescription to specifically target her ADD. She was told the antidepressants could still be building up in her system, so her psychiatrist wanted to wait until the antidepressants were acting at full capacity.

"I respect that decision," Charlotte said after her second visit in early March. "But it's really unfortunate timing because if my next appointment isn't for another month, that's over half the

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The best of online



New student group: Students for Little Einsteins

By Kameron Southerland  
Staff Writer

They’re going on a trip in a crowd-funded rocket ship. Disney Channel’s morning programming for little kids, Disney Junior (formerly Playhouse Disney) broadcasts a host of shows about loving learning and having fun with friends. College is a lot like Disney Junior in that way. So, it’s no surprise that a student organization has been created around one of its shows. College Students for Little Einsteins held their first interest meeting today in the little space to the left when you walk

into Lenoir. Inspired by the Disney Junior show, College Students for Little Einsteins emphasize the importance of learning about classical music and renaissance art. “I recognized Rousseau’s ‘Tiger in a Tropical Storm’ before I knew my own mother’s face,” said junior bio-medical engineering major and CSLE founder Nathan Derringer. “‘Little Einsteins’ teaches lessons that anyone can learn, whether you’re 10 or 21.”



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— 38 percent

“His dance moves.”  
— 31 percent

“His cute smile.”  
— 18 percent

“His style and choice of ties.”  
— 14 percent

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CAMPUS BRIEF

The Daily Tar Heel selects next editor on Saturday

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— staff reports

CITY BRIEF

Nonprofit to host shag dancing party at 6:30 tonight

The Community Empowerment Fund will hold a shag dancing party benefit today from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Shared Visions Retreat Center in Durham.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**TODAY**  
**UNC Music Department: Carolina Symposia in Music and Culture Guest Lecture:** New York University’s Suzanne Cusick will deliver a lecture called “Men, Hearing, Women in Medicean Florence: Toward a Gendered Acoustemology.” This event is free to attend.  
**Time:** 4:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Person Hall

**The Culture of Aquaculture, Oysters and the Culinary Imagination:** The Institute for the Arts and Humanities will host a discussion of the fall of the oyster industry, oyster ecology and oyster cuisine. This event is free to attend.

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Hyde Hall

**PlayMakers: Sweeney Todd:** PlayMakers will put on a showing of “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.” It will perform daily until April 23. Tickets cost \$15.  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Location:** Paul Green Theatre

**SATURDAY**  
**Therapeutic Horticulture: An Introductory Workshop:** This workshop with the N.C. Botanical Garden will introduce participants to using gardening as a tool for health and well-being. This event costs \$125 for the public and \$100 for members.

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** N.C. Botanical Garden Education Center

**B.W. Wells Rock Cliff Farm Field Trip:** Participants will visit the old farmstead of B.W. Wells and hear stories of his life and botanical experiences. This event costs \$25 for the public and \$23 for members.  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** N.C. Botanical Garden Education Center

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Inclusion and Diversity Climate survey suspended indefinitely

By Mashal Aamir  
Staff Writer

UNC planned to launch an Inclusion and Diversity Climate survey on March 29, but has postponed due to controversial law changes. “With the passage of House Bill 2 by the N.C. General Assembly last week, we’ve decided to temporarily post-

pone the survey until we better understand how this legislation will impact the campus and affect the survey instrument,” said Jim Gregory, UNC spokesperson, in an email. UNC spokesperson Michael John said students and staff will be surveyed about inclusion and diversity to gain a more accurate picture of what it is like to live, work and

study at the University. “This information should be used in a responsible manner that could potentially foster the development of new initiatives, programs and even the overall culture at Carolina,” Student Body President Houston Summers said. Rumay Alexander, the special assistant to the chancellor on diversity issues, said the

anonymous survey samples from different demographics. “So even though we do not know their names we will have some sense if they are undergraduate students, graduate students or staff,” Alexander said. “One question asked is for people to identify how they place themselves in a racial and gender category. We don’t make assumptions

— we fully believe people have to tell us who they are.” Chancellor Carol Folt announced the survey on March 21 in a campus-wide email. The survey is being administered by the Higher Education Research Institute, which gathers information about individual campuses. “I think it’s a good first step into finding out how people feel while maintaining anonymity for those who are not as vocal about their opinion,” said Obinna Ejimofor, a senior biology major. “However, the central issue of racial inequality on campus needs to be addressed in a more direct manner.” Ejimofor said a more effective alternative would be holding town meetings, similar to Carolina Conversations. Alexander said participation will help the administra-

tion understand the campus. “The climate survey is to better understand what the experiences are of Carolina community. It is a way of finding out what is going well from them and what aspects can be improved,” she said. “It looks at different segments of the population of the community rather than a survey where you do not know who the respondents.” Ejimofor said it is important that everyone participates in forums in order to foster open discussions on topics like race. “I have found that a multitude of people on campus hold strong opinions on these issues but cannot find a safe and public space to speak on them outside of their normal social circles,” he said.

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Jack Halberstram is Professor of American Studies and Ethnicity, Gender Studies and Comparative Literature at the University of Southern California. Halberstram is the author of five books, including: *Skin Shows: Gothic Horror and the Technology of Monsters* (1995), *Female Masculinity* (1998), *In A Queer Time and Place* (2005), *The Queer Art of Failure* (2011), and *Gaga Feminism: Sex, Gender, and the End of Normal* (2012).

Halberstram gives lectures around the country and internationally every year. Lecture topics include: queer failure, sex and media, subcultures, visual culture, gender variance, popular film, and animation.

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# Special election fails to fill all seats

**The three graduate student districts only elected one new member.**

By Sara Salinas  
Senior Writer

Thursday's Student Congress special elections did little to fill vacant seats. Five vacant seats were filled, but 10 seats remain empty.

"My belief has always been that Congress will function at its highest possible efficiency when all constitutionally established seats are filled," David Joyner, speaker of Student Congress, said in an email. "But the outstanding leaders that serve in Congress have consistently done remarkable jobs of advocating for all students' interests."

Vacancies persist in Student Congress, Joyner said, because many students don't understand what the position actually entails.

"Student Congress is the only directly elected group of student leaders on campus and those leaders are arguably the ones with the most accountability," he said. "If we're putting all of our trust in other groups to do oversight or advocacy work, we lose that sense of accountability."

Joyner said he was proud of the students who ran for what he called an "often thankless role." The vacancies are of particular concern to graduate and professional students, who represent three of the 11 congressional districts.

District 10, representing graduate students in dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and social work, had seven vacant seats going into Thursday and failed to fill a single seat in the special election. As a result, the district will have no official representative in Student

Congress for the next academic year until another election is held. Grayson Berger, chairperson of the Board of Elections, said it is the prerogative of the student body president to hold a special election. Student Body President Houston Summers could not be immediately reached about whether he intended to hold another special election to fill the vacancies.

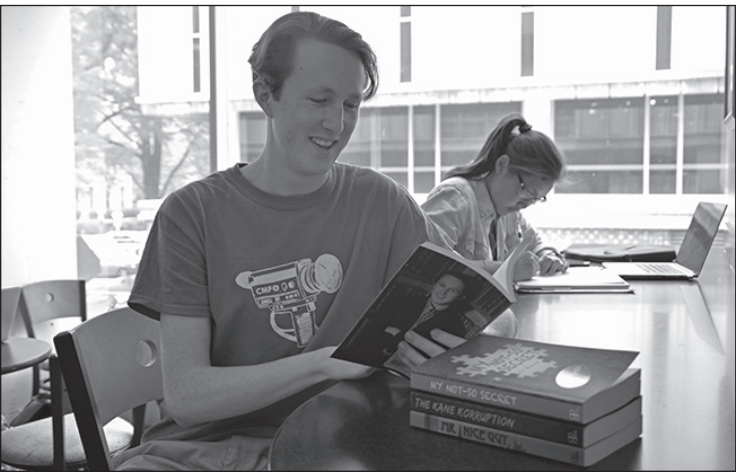
District 11, representing graduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences and School of Education, also failed to pick up a representative. Brittany Morrison, a law student, was the only graduate student elected on Thursday. She will join representative-elects Evan Shields and Jonathan Keeney in the fall representing graduate students in the business, journalism, government, information and library science and law schools.

Morrison said the vacancies in the other graduate districts put a higher importance on her role. "There's not a lot of our voices to be heard," she said. "There's a big difference between graduates and undergraduates."

Earlier this semester the Graduate and Professional Student Federation campaigned to divide Student Congress into two equal governing bodies — one for undergraduates and one for graduate and professional students. Increased representation in Student Congress is an important step toward making that a reality, said Brian Coussens, a representative-elect for District 11, in an email to the GPSF Thursday.

"A strong representative presence on this body may be needed in shaping further discussion of how graduate and professional students are governed on this campus," he said.

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Senior communications studies major and student author Perry Morrison is releasing his book, "The Governess and Other Stories" today.

# Senior releases fifth self-published novel

**Perry Morrison just released "The Governess and Other Stories."**

By Cate Alspaugh  
Staff Writer

Perry Morrison traces his love for stories back to the first time he saw "Toy Story."

"I saw 'Toy Story,' and I told my dad that I wanted to work with Pixar. Well, I can't draw, and I can't paint, but I guess my fascination with Pixar was the story," he said.

This is especially clear today. The senior, who goes by pen name B.P. Morrison, just published his fifth book, "The Governess and Other Stories."

Inspired by an exhibit at the Bodleian Library while studying abroad, Morrison has been writing books throughout his undergraduate career. But his writing took a turn when he decided to cut publishing costs by making the process more self-sufficient.

"I taught myself Photoshop and designed the cover. I formatted myself, I copy edited myself," Morrison said.

But money is not his main goal. "I still haven't broken even yet," he said. "I write because it makes me happier than anything else."

Also an actor, Morrison said his writing is also inspired by films. Just this year, he has seen 91 films. "Most of the movies I see, I see for the stories," he said.

Two films, "Far from the Madding Crowd" and "Crimson Peak," inspired his recent book, "The Governess and Other Stories." Morrison said the films moved him to emulate publishing company Penguin Classics' structures.

"I was determined to write a gothic romance," he said.

Morrison also promises a twist, a main feature of all his books.

"It may or may not get super twisted and bloody at the end," he said.

Junior Isaac Beverly, who met Morrison while staying in the same residence hall, said Morrison's books have surprises and suspense. Beverly is primarily an actor but has also written a screenplay and a one-man show, which is why Morrison asked him to read through some of his works.

"He's really good at self-promoting," Beverly said. "He said, 'Isaac, how about you read my book?'"

Beverly also said Morrison is very serious about his writing, and he thinks he will go far as an author.

"There's times when I see him, and he's so in the zone," Beverly said. "He's so focused, and that's something I really respect about him."

Morrison has also sought writing advice from one of his friends, senior Summer Winkler.

Winkler said she agreed with Beverly's take on Morrison.

"He's super determined. He's just written so many things," Winkler said. "A lot of our friendship has been based off of that common interest."

Morrison himself said he considers himself a determined person.

"I don't know how to not write. I'm actually starting another book today," he said.

Morrison's creativity is reflected in his past books. His latest work channels a female fictional narrator and author Eleanor Wren.

"I'm a very conservative liver, so I don't take a lot of risks in my life, but I take the biggest risks in my writing," Morrison said. "I take a lot of creative risks. I'm a progressive writer. I don't shy away from anything."

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# Dancing and smiles abound at Joy Prom



DTH/NICHOLAS BAFIA

First-year Jack Hazan of the Walk-Ons sings a cappella at the 2nd Annual Joy Prom on Thursday night at the Alumni Center.

## Joy Prom promoted inclusion and friendship

By Erin Friederichs  
Staff Writer

Dancing, a cappella performances and the enthusiasm of the guests and volunteers lit up UNC's second annual Joy Prom.

Joy Prom was organized by Pi Kappa Phi and Best Buddies, which works to pair UNC students with people in the community who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"These friendships are designed to promote respect and inclusion of these individuals into our society," Elizabeth Schroeder, the president of UNC's chapter of Best Buddies, said.

This year's Joy Prom was significantly larger than the first. Thanks to a new partnership with the Carolina Club and the senior class, the Joy Prom was held in the Alumni Center and around 175 guests and 500 volunteers attended, compared to last year's 120 guests and 300 volunteers.

Schroeder said Best Buddies had been planning the Joy Prom since early fall 2015.

She said a major reason for the growth of this year's Joy Prom was awareness.

"I think we have more of an established presence on campus, so people were excited about Joy Prom ... so there was less of a process of telling people what it was," Schroeder said.

"Most people knew about us when

*"These friendships are designed to promote respect and inclusion of these individuals into our society."*

Elizabeth Schroeder  
President of Best Buddies

we sent out registration forms and were excited to sign up."

Guests were greeted at the prom by a red carpet and lots of applause. Volunteers who served as the "paparazzi" lined the entrance, cheered and took pictures.

First-year Anahata Batchu, one of the student paparazzi, said she took pictures of the guests as they came in.

"(I) definitely want to come back next year," she said. "It was cool to see all the guests and how much fun they were having."

The guests were then treated to live performances by UNC a cappella groups such as Cadence and the UNC Achordants — plenty of dancing ensued.

Scott Lambeth, a guest at the Joy Prom, said his favorite part of the night was the dancing. He said he particularly enjoyed an a cappella performance of "Problem" by Ariana Grande.

"I'm having loads of fun!" Lambeth said.

Schroeder said the positive impact of the Joy Prom was felt not only by guests such as Lambeth, but also by volunteers.

"It's the first time (most have) interacted significantly with

someone with a disability, so it hopefully changes the way they view people with disabilities and what they're capable of," Schroeder said.

"Then they bring that notion and what they've learned past tonight — they take it into their classes, they take it into their clubs."

Schroeder said more students became involved with Best Buddies after last year's Joy Prom, which she expects to continue again after this year.

"If you maybe didn't think about inclusion and respect of people with disabilities as a civil rights issue before, it's much more at the forefront of people's minds after tonight," she said.

"Because once you've made those personal relationships it's hard not to think about."

Schroeder said her favorite part of the night was watching people interact.

"I love seeing the smiles on people's faces," she said.

One such smile belonged to Lambeth. He grinned at the idea of coming back to Joy Prom next year.

"I'll come back as long as they have them," he said.

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# Chapel Hill prepares for another North Carolina victory Saturday

**Guidelines and warnings have been sent out from town organizations.**

By Brooke Fisher  
Staff Writer

March may be over, but the madness isn't.

As the North Carolina men's basketball team preps for its big game Saturday against Syracuse, the Chapel Hill Police Department and downtown businesses are gearing up for a potential massive celebration.

The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership sent out an entire list of dos and don'ts for businesses and property owners in and around where celebrations may occur.

This list included making sure lids are tightly secure on trash cans, that no one is parking on streets after 7 p.m. and recommending limiting the sale of Carolina Blue paint.

"It's trying to discourage any vandalism that might take place with that type of paint," said Bobby Funk, assistant director of the downtown partnership.

As the Tar Heels run drill after drill in Houston, the police will enlist the help of some extra officers back in Chapel Hill.

"We don't have 300 in Chapel Hill,

so we will have to hire officers from surrounding agencies," Chapel Hill police Chief Chris Blue said.

Blue said there would be 300 officers on duty both Saturday and Monday nights.

And as UNC boxes out its opponents, police officers will rope off streets for hundreds of fans to rush downtown.

Franklin Street, Columbia Street, Raleigh Street and Henderson Street will all be partially closed off to cars in the event of a North Carolina win to ensure the safety of those celebrating in the roads.

And as the boys in Carolina Blue work on 3-pointers, the town and businesses will work on setting protocols in place.

The protocols for post-victory celebrations are similar to ones from previous years, like in 2009 when the Tar Heels last traveled to the Final Four and won the National Championship.

"In years past, there have been similar protocols that have been taken with the town and the business community," Funk said.

These protocols include prohibiting things like weapons, alcoholic beverages, glass bottles, paint, fireworks and explosives, combustible or flammable substances, animals and coolers.

Potential Franklin Street bonfires after a big win concern some

*"I hope that we're able to express ourselves as students, whatever that looks like."*

Merrick Osborne  
UNC senior

members of UNC's faculty and staff, including Bruce Cairns, the director of the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center.

Cairns brought up the safety concerns at a Faculty Executive Committee meeting in early March.

Senior Merrick Osborne said he would probably rush Franklin Street on both days if UNC were to win, adding it would be more of a light jog on Saturday and a full-out sprint on Monday.

"I hope that we're able to express ourselves as students, whatever that looks like," Osborne said.

But junior Sam Weeks said he would probably only rush Franklin Street if UNC makes it to a championship win.

"There is just so much energy and everyone is so hyped about Carolina basketball and it's a great experience," Weeks said.

"It will be crazier if we win the national championship."

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## HOUSTON

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her into the championship game if UNC were to win, she changed her mind, and would regret it if she didn't go.

"No matter the outcome, it will be a crazy experience being with so many UNC fans, in a completely different city, cheering on our team and being so close to everything," Waters said.

Senior Taylor Sharp said he bought plane tickets to Houston in September for this game because his confidence in the team was so high.

Sharp had a tradition to uphold, as he has never missed a tournament game since becoming a UNC student.

"At that moment, we realized no matter where the Tar Heels go for an NCAA Tournament, if there is a ticket there for us, we'll figure out a way to get there," Sharp said.

For junior Chloe Karlovich, basketball sparked her interest in UNC.

"I'm a tour guide, and so all the time I'm talking about why I chose Carolina, how I got to this point, and for me it was that basketball game where Tyler Hansbrough got the bloody nose," Karlovich said.

Karlovich and her friends

bought plane tickets, found a place to stay through a friend's cousin and rescheduled a presentation.

"To go to the Final Four, that is just my dream. That's part of why I'm here," she said.

Carolina Fever co-chairperson Laura Fellwock said the group is a proponent of traveling to Houston.

"Your love for Carolina, our love for Carolina extends beyond just Chapel Hill."

For students not traveling to Houston, safety during the traditional rush to Franklin Street is a concern for some faculty.

Bruce Cairns, director of the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center, said he fears a serious injury in the post-game celebration.

In a celebration of UNC's last national championship in 2009, then-student Andrew Madlon suffered second and third-degree burns to his right arm after falling into a fire, something Cairns wants to avoid.

"We honor the team and what they've accomplished over the years by thinking about this issue and not having our celebration be about anything other than our success, our pride in our institution and our team," Cairns said.

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## MENTAL HEALTH

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semester spent without medication for something that's pretty crucial in academics ... Most of the percentage of my grade would be already determined."

At her third and most recent appointment, Charlotte was prescribed the ADD medication she'd been asking for, but she worried because her therapist said stimulants can make anxiety worse. She's been taking both a stimulant and antidepressant in combination for a little over a week.

"I definitely noticed that it makes my anxiety worse," Charlotte said. "I don't know if that's something that you have to give time for your body to just get used to this very specific chemical balance."

Charlotte is scheduled for another visit with her psychiatrist on Monday to discuss possible changes in her medication.

It's been challenging enough to balance her prescribed medications, she said, and the substance-related pressures of a college environment add another variable to the equation.

Director of Counseling and Psychological Services Allen O'Barr said understanding how medications interact with other substances is especially important for college students.

"Some physicians are going to say, 'This is the medication. You must take no drugs or alcohol with this medication. See you in two weeks,'" he said.

"And then they're in a position of 'So is this going to kill me if I take the meds with this, or is it just not advised? ... Because if it's going to kill me, I'm not going to do it. But if it's just going to make me feel really bad tomorrow, I might do it.'"

Instead O'Barr asks his students what substances they use and recommends medication that will combine safely.

"Let's talk about reasonably, can you take an antidepressant and get out of your depression and still be drinking as a lifestyle?" he said. "The most important thing is for people to be educated. They really need to know what the drugs are doing."

Charlotte said neither her psychiatrist nor her therapist provided any instruction

about drinking while on her medications, but she's taken measures herself to reduce the effects of alcohol on her mental health.

"Since my anxiety has gotten much worse, I've noticed that heavy drinking is not really a good idea because things that you're hiding from yourself all of a sudden come uncovered," Charlotte said. "I didn't really drink that heavily very frequently anyway, but now I know it's just never a good idea."

Charlotte has learned that alcohol feeds her anxiety. It's a pattern common with those facing mental health concerns, said Tara Bohley, a professor in the School of Social Work, and one that can have long-term effects left unchecked.

"Alcohol, over time, and with the more volume you drink — it increases anxiety," Bohley said. "And then what they find is because their level of anxiety is actually heightened, they feel the need to drink more frequently or to drink more volume."

For many young people, mental health issues and unhealthy coping mechanisms can lead to substance abuse, Bohley said.

"You continue to replace

your natural chemicals with these substances to get a certain effect," Bohley said. "And then your body's natural chemicals stop working the way they're supposed to and then you rely on those substances to just function."

But the interplay of mental health and substance abuse is really a matter of the chicken and the egg, she said. Mental health can affect substance abuse, but the reverse can also be true.

"What we know is that a brain does not stop developing until age 24, 25," she said. "So any chemical you introduce before that age is going to affect the full development of the brain."

At 21, Charlotte said alcohol is a part of her college experience, but she doesn't use other substances because there are too many other influences to balance. She's already noticed changes in herself since starting her prescriptions.

"I definitely noticed changes in the way I make decisions, and the way I have conversations with people now," she said. "Everything is a lot more calm than it used to be."

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# Q&A with men’s basketball manager Forrest Reynolds

*Behind the scenes, the managers for the North Carolina men’s basketball team do much of the dirty work of running a college basketball team — from staying late with players in the gym after practice to mopping sweat off the floors.*

Senior Writer Carlos Collazo interviewed UNC head manager Forrest Reynolds in advance of the team’s trip to the Final Four. The two discussed the funniest moments of the season, sightseeing on the road and the unique perspective Reynolds has with the team.

**The Daily Tar Heel:** What separates your role as the head manager from the rest of the managers?

**Forrest Reynolds:** My role is a little different in that I interact with the coaches a whole lot more and then relay that info

to my staff. For example, I get all the ticket requests from the players before games and then send them to Coach (Roy) Williams’ assistant.

I also am always in contact with (Director of Basketball Operations Brad) Frederick about certain things for players like meal money and traveling things. My staff more or less has the same duties all year, where as mine change daily.

**DTH:** What’s something that people would be surprised about or wouldn’t expect that you have to do or get to do as a manager?

**FR:** This may not relate to basketball, but us managers are often a lifeline for the guys. Brice (Johnson) and I recently talked about what we were getting for our girlfriends for Valentine’s Day, and the guys are always asking us what we would do in certain



Manager Forrest Reynolds passes the ball during warmups before the Elite Eight game against Notre Dame. UNC won 88-74.

situations. So it is kind of funny knowing that the guys ask us regular people for advice from time to time.

**DTH:** What was it like when the team won the East Region and you got to celebrate with all the guys on the court, cut the

nets down for the second time in as many weeks and get your picture taken with the trophy?

**FR:** Those are the type of moments I will cherish forever. I actually cried on court which looking back on I wasn’t too proud of, but it

was such a relief to finally be able to get those seniors to the Final Four and see how happy they were and how happy everyone was.

Everything else like cutting the nets and pictures with the trophy is just an added bonus. Being there and being a part of the win was what meant most to me.

**DTH:** Funniest moment?

**FR:** Theo (Pinson) crashing the presser is up there, (Johnson) getting the tech (against Notre Dame) was hilarious to me — not to (Williams).

I’d say my favorite funny moment was when Coach had a huge typo when writing on the white board at the ACC Tournament and everyone gave him grief for it and even he was laughing. He combined two letters into

a single letter that looked like a dog or something and all the guys were killing him and he took it all in stride.

**DTH:** Best and worst parts of the job?

**FR:** Best part of the job is the friendships and relationships that you build along the way.

The people I have met through basketball have given me entrance into what I consider the best fraternity on campus: UNC basketball.

The worst part is knowing it will all end eventually and the magical ride that it has been will stop. I will always cherish the opportunity Coach Williams and his staff gave me to be a part of something so special and renown as Carolina basketball.

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## Rapper, violinist spits venomous verses

**Sophomore Vivek Menon is a rapper and classical violinist.**

By Kacey Rigbsy  
Staff Writer

Some say math and music go hand in hand, but Vivek Menon disagrees.

Menon entered UNC as a mathematics major but switched to the music major after he decided it was his passion.

He plays classical violin.

He’s also a rapper. Menon’s rap alias, Kevin Venom, is an anagram for his name.

Menon began writing music in high school and has been rapping for close to two years.

In high school, he was inspired by rappers like Tyler, the Creator. He began writing raps as a joke but quickly realized how much he enjoyed it.

“As I got more into rapping, I realized I liked how possible it was to be as expressive as

you wanted through the lyrics and really tell your own story,” Menon said.

Menon soon developed his own style and now raps about subjects like depression, anxiety and growing up as the child of immigrants.

“A lot of the songs aren’t the type of thing you would hear out at the club or on the radio or as, like, turn-up music,” Menon said.

He put out his first song as Kevin Venom during the summer before his first year of college. But he has been a musician for much longer.

“I’ve been playing the violin since I was 3,” he said. “Music has always been a part of my life, but until I came to UNC it was more of just a thing that I did because I’d always been doing it. Deep down, it was always my true passion, but it took a while and a lot of soul-searching to find that out.”

Menon’s friends are supportive of his career. His housemate, sophomore Sam DeHority, said he’s a fan.

“Most of his music is classical violin, so it’s interesting that his persona in the public eye is as a rapper,” DeHority said. “He’s taking something that already exists and doing something different with it, which is tied into his heritage, which I think is very interesting.”

DeHority also had some advice.

“I hope for the sake of music that he, or anyone else, doesn’t try to combine rap and violin,” he said. “If anyone could do it, it might be him, but I think he knows better than that.”

Menon also collaborates with other artists, like junior Braxton Crosby.

“He gets straight to the point,” Crosby said. “When he performs, he puts his whole heart into it. You can tell he means every word he says, and that’s very rare to find in music these days.”

Crosby also said Menon’s work was interesting.

“He’s very passionate and straightforward with all

the stories that he tells,” he said. “He’s got a really great future in music.”

Menon’s upcoming album as Kevin Venom is entitled *I eat stars now and shit*. The name was derived from an inside joke between himself and a high school friend.

The album, set to release April 9, was finished in January after a year of production.

“I needed another creative outlet besides just playing classical music. I like doing it, but you can’t really be as expressive through playing a Beethoven piece as you can creating your own songs from scratch,” he said.

“That’s what drew me into it — the fact that I was really able to be myself and have complete control of the musical process.”

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to Thursday’s puzzle

2	6	9	7	1	4	3	8	5
3	1	8	9	5	6	4	7	2
7	4	5	2	8	3	9	1	6
4	5	3	6	2	8	1	9	7
1	9	7	4	3	5	2	6	8
8	2	6	1	7	9	5	4	3
9	3	4	5	6	7	8	2	1
6	8	1	3	4	2	7	5	9
5	7	2	8	9	1	6	3	4

**Pronouns in the Pit**

Volunteers honored transgender people Thursday by passing out pronoun buttons in the Pit. See story online.

**Cereally a problem**

Some students are disappointed with CDS’ choices for cereals in the dining hall. See story online.

**Preparing for Final Four**

Chapel Hill is preparing for potential celebrations following Saturday’s matchup. See story online.

**Sing your heart out**

UNC Opera is showing “The Telephone” and “Cinderella” beginning on April 8. See story online.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Pâtisserie cake  
7 Sold for, as a stock  
15 Derby racers  
16 Taps, essentially  
17 Reprimand to one not picking up  
19 Pound denizen  
20 Biblical birthright seller  
21 Oldest of the gods, in Plato’s “Symposium”  
22 Rail transport landmark  
26 At a minimum  
27 Swimmer’s option  
32 Invite  
35 Game winner  
36 Lunch order  
39 Minuteman, e.g.  
42 Smoke and mirrors  
43 “The Soul of a Butterfly” memoirist  
44 Essen article  
45 Concluded, with “up”  
46 First 12 children of Gaia and Uranus  
49 “How surprising!”  
54 Light, colorwise  
58 Chanel No. 1?  
59 Columnist Barrett  
60 Sir Edward Elgar composition whose title has never been solved ... and a hint to this puzzle’s circles  
65 Exercises displaying great strength

Down

1 Exit  
2 Intense  
3 Design for some MacDonalds  
4 Poetic “previous to”  
5 Its slot always pays  
6 Winner of all three tug-of-war medals in the 1904 Olympics: Abbr.  
7 Formal phone call response  
8 Journalist son of Mia Farrow  
9 Debate  
10 Some evidence  
11 Carlisle Cullen’s wife in the “Twilight” series  
12 Evil follower?  
13 And

A	L	C	O	V	E		N	S	E	C		M	I	C
L	E	A	N	E	D		A	L	T	O		A	D	O
L	A	V	A	L	A	M	P	O	O	N		C	O	N
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# The streets belong to you

What are streets for? This seems like a relatively dull and easily answerable question to many Americans. “They’re for cars! They’re for taking you from point A to point B, nothing more, nothing less.”

There have been three times in my life I’ve had the pleasure of walking down the middle of Franklin Street, our town’s rendition of Paris’ Champs-Élysées.

The first was the snowstorm in Feb. 2015. I claimed the space usually dominated by four lanes of cars, buses and trucks, entranced by the freeing feeling of a snow day and the streetscape’s beauty.

The second was a resounding victory over D00k early last month, when I sprinted from North Columbia Street’s rolling hills to join 15,000 others in the pure euphoria of victory. The atmosphere was more wild than an EDM music festival, and I quickly grew weary of being surrounded by so many couch fires and warm bodies.

The most recent was Tuesday’s House Bill 2 protest, a powerful manifestation that, despite the General Assembly’s best intentions, North Carolinians aren’t too fond of discrimination. There have been accusations that the protest blocked an ambulance from reaching UNC Hospitals expeditiously. If that is true, it is a shame, and I’m confident that if the organizers knew about it, they would’ve allowed the vehicle to pass.

Marching in the streets in protest is part of the United States’ origin story. It is how our forefathers declared independence from Britain. It gained women suffrage. It created the conditions for Black Americans gaining Civil Rights. It is popularized in popular culture (see Les Misérables and Bob Dylan’s “The Times They Are A-Changin’”).

One lyric in Dylan’s progressive battle call of a song is the following:

“Your old road is rapidly agin’  
Please get out of the new one  
if you can’t lend your hand.”

Through my lens, these words have a new meaning for American communities that are reimagining and rebuilding streets for people, not just vehicles. Reactions to this resurgence of celebrating and building walkable places range from small-scale events such as Carrboro’s Open Streets to New York City’s massive investment in traffic calming measures that slow vehicle traffic to speeds that ease the worries of pedestrians. These include increasing the width of sidewalks and median refuge islands, building new crosswalks and removing turn lanes.

Citizens are already voting with their feet. Numerous economic studies cite that walkable neighborhoods command higher property values than similar auto-centric developments. It’s reassuring that Chapel Hill’s new development projects such as Obey Creek have made walkable urban form a centerpiece of its design guidelines.

Will Franklin Street and newly constructed North Carolina avenues be left stuck in the auto-centric paradigm, or will planners, engineers and politicians lend their hand to giving the streets back to people?

Editor’s Note

Tyler Fleming writes about his love of art museums.

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EDITORIAL

## No time for silence

### Spellings has a moral imperative to denounce HB 2.

Last week, House Bill 2 was passed in whirlwind fashion. After its passing, we found out why the process was obfuscated heavily; the bill is one of the most uniquely discriminatory bills passed since the civil rights movement. This bill has simultaneously created new avenues for discrimination, infringing on municipalities’ rights to govern and directly harmed North Carolina’s economic growth.

Over the past week, legal and economic analyses have brought light to the ways in which this bill harms North Carolinians on multiple fronts. Our university system is not immune to the detrimental impacts of this bill; in fact, as a public institution, the UNC-system campuses rank among the most vulnerable spaces.

In light of this, we were deeply disappointed to read in The Huffington Post that President Spellings has refused to comment directly on the bill. Despite her promises as of late to protect the rights of LGBT individuals, she refuses to publicly decry the bill.

To be clear, the backlash against this bill is not a partisan response. Political leaders from San Francisco to New York

have lambasted the bill. Possessing the foresight to understand the dangerous implications of this style of governance, the Republican governor of Georgia vetoed a similar bill just this week.

The university system has countless LGBT individuals who are impacted by the regressive policies. If our university doesn’t protect their agency, who will? This kind of systemic disenfranchisement has major implications on funding for the system as well, given UNC’s reliance on Title IX funding — a reliance that has prompted many UNC-system student body presidents to pass a collective resolution decrying the bill.

Across the UNC system, House Bill 2 threatens individuals’ rights — rights that Spellings has recently promised to protect.

In January, the Faculty Council called for Spellings to explain her track record on LGBT issues. She responded in a letter on Feb. 29, “echo(ing)” the principles set forward in the Faculty Council’s resolution on LGBT equality and assuring “support for LGBTQ academic initiatives in a fully equitable and inclusive manner.” Spellings reminded the council of the Board of Governors’ decision last year to include sexual orientation and gender identity as a part of the UNC system’s statement

on Equality of Opportunity in the University.

Further, she promised, “Together, we must make sure that our campuses are welcoming and safe places for students and faculty of all races, religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations and gender identities to live and learn and work alongside one another.”

Spellings, this is your opportunity to act on your promises. We applaud that you have responded to the community’s concern and extended these assurances. But if there is ever a time to act to protect these rights, it is now. We recognize that you are not awarded the political power to repeal this law, but it is your moral obligation to condemn it.

At the very least, we expected you to speak out against a law that works in contradiction to guarantees of equal legal treatment upheld by our nation, our state, our university — and by your own promises. Instead, through your evasive comments, you chose silence.

Not only is this your chance to substantiate your promises for those under your jurisdiction, but it is also your duty: Your position doesn’t afford you the freedom of political neutrality.

Spellings, we call on you to make a stand for the equal rights of those on the campuses you were chosen to represent.

EDITORIAL

## Elevator lady must go

### Wage theft matters more than our elevator lady cult.

Cherie Berry is practically a celebrity in our state. Anyone who has ridden an elevator has likely noticed her face and name when finding something to stare at during the awkward silences endemic to elevator rides with strangers.

This has created a cult of celebrity around the so-called “Elevator Lady.”

Well, The Elevator Lady is, in fact, our North Carolina labor commissioner. Her office is responsible for a variety of duties related to the “health, safety and general well-being” of workers in the state.

These include inspecting facilities and machinery to ensure safety (that’s where the elevators come in), ensuring workers receive the wages they earned, protecting employees who have suffered retaliatory

discrimination and many other important duties.

Unfortunately, despite her bright smile and comforting presence on elevator rides, Cherie Berry has not been a good labor commissioner for North Carolina.

The primary sin of her office has been her failure to ensure that workers receive the wages they are owed. This is an essential task of Berry’s office. In 2014, the (Raleigh) News & Observer reported that 1,521 workers filed lost wage claims which were validated by investigators, yet 40 percent of the workers didn’t receive the lost wages Berry’s office determined they were owed.

The News & Observer reviewed several of the cases and found Berry’s office didn’t make more than cursory attempts to make sure workers got the wages they earned.

Imagine that you’re a worker making minimum wage or only a little above it. Then imagine that

your employer refused to pay you all the wages you were owed. Then imagine you filed a claim with the North Carolina Department of Labor, and they validated your claim.

Think about how crushing it would be to find out the department didn’t think it was worth its resources to ensure you were paid the lost wages the department itself determined you are owed. This is a reality for some workers.

The (Raleigh) News & Observer’s series on Berry also revealed her lax attitudes toward the regulations she is charge of. The lack of public attention focused on the labor department doesn’t reveal any lack of importance in its work.

Don’t let a silly glorification of a face in an elevator determine your vote. The state’s workers suffering from the scourge of wage theft deserve much better. Also, Cherie Berry’s name doesn’t even rhyme.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“...No matter where the Tar Heels go for an NCAA Tournament, if there is a ticket there for us, we’ll figure out a way to get there.”

Taylor Sharp, on supporting the Tar Heels men’s basketball team

### FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Saying you are responsible for your own actions in no way challenges one’s humanity.”

Kappa, on taking responsibility for one’s life and actions

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Shapiro is stuck in a conservative bubble

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Ben Shapiro,

Your lecture mentions that the left are bringing up the false logic that there are things such as “white privilege.” You state that if a “Black person doesn’t succeed,” it is not because they are fighting against white privilege, but is their own fault. Well, Ben, I suggest that you take some sociology courses, that you read some history, and not old history, but history that has occurred in our country in the last 60 or more years.

Research has overwhelmingly shown that the cards are stacked against people of color in our country. Yes, some progress has been made but to blatantly fling out your logic that racism doesn’t exist and that any problems a person of color has in this country is not partly due to “white privilege” is just ignorant.

When a person looks at me, I would be assumed to be a person of color, my husband is Afro-American and my children people of color. I can state right now that I have been discriminated against and my husband has within his lifetime and the last 25 years.

You need to step outside of your conservative bubble and live in the shoes of a person of color for a couple of months...then get back with us. And by the way...if you don’t like people walking out on your lectures, instead of dissing years of research results and live testimonies to the fact that there is discrimination based on your warped reasoning, talk about fixing issues like discrimination in a productive manner.

Kathy D. Morgan  
Chapel Hill

#### College Republicans are brave souls

TO THE EDITOR:

Defying the possibility of violent protests and attempts to oppress free speech that occurred at California universities where Ben Shapiro had been scheduled to speak, UNC College Republicans bravely carried on by hosting the conservative speaker last night.

There was tension as black-shirted students wound their way around the venue to finally take their seats. As predicted, they did walk out. What a shame. A fine but definitively left-leaning university fails to live up to the very definition of a liberal arts education — “to open one’s mind.”

Diversity seems to matter in race, gender and class as Shapiro sharply noted, but never in diversity of ideas. UNC College Republicans under Frank Pray have been happy warriors in continuing the David vs. Goliath battle at a prestigious but biased university.

Janie Wagstaff  
Durham

### Kvetching board™

kvetch:

v.1 (Yiddish) to complain

DTH: 1/2 HB2, 1/2 “our editors in chief in waiting hope to be more diverse.” So close.

DTH runs more coverage of editor platforms than SBP. Can all readers vote on this or something?

It’s on US to think more critically about what it means to be a gender exclusive group on campus.

It’s on US because, like, 1.5 of us went to the Queer Trans People of Color rallies against HB2 so we feel like we should do SOMETHING, ya know?

It’s on US to pay more attention to the incredible work done by existing anti-violence and feminist groups.

Aren’t wings an important part of our local culture?

Apparently not! They didn’t make the Carolina’s Finest list published by the DTH.

Now I don’t know where to go for wings: Linda’s, Hickory, Bailey’s, Old Chicago?

Severely underwhelmed at UNC-CH and system official responses to HB2. Never thought I would see a day I would rather be a Blue Devil. #WeAreNotThis

Student Stores is in real deep doo-doo if the DTH editorial staff doesn’t know the difference between RFP (Request For Proposals) and RTP (Research Triangle Park).

Fraudsters attempting to cost UNC millions ... interesting how phishing scams and Student Stores privatization proposals are similar.

When your professor asks you to describe an employee who is high performing and you say one who works in Colorado.

It’s pronounced “yee-roh.” Love, your favorite Bottom-of-Lenoir cashier.

Wait, what happened to the Real Silent Sam Coalition?

A kitten dies every time someone cuts the RISE Biscuits and Donuts line, oh short three kitten-murderer girls.

If DPS really uses parking ticket revenue to maintain roads and parking lots, then I have personally eradicated all the potholes on campus. You’re welcome.

To UNC baseball: You’re wearing Nike uniforms, don’t tell me you can’t afford to put argyle all the way around the sleeves.

My dorm’s showers get instantly hotter whenever someone flushes a toilet anywhere in the building. And not just a little bit hotter, it is like lava being poured all over you.

In response to Ben Shapiro, we should have a guest speaker talk about “The Right’s Obsession With Being Consistently Wrong and Assholes.”

Send your one-to-two sentence entries to  
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subject line ‘kvetch’

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