

## Trump nominee spurs Title IX debate

DeVos could shift federal sexual assault policy for universities

By CJ Farris

Senior Writer

The nomination of Betsy DeVos for secretary of education has left some wondering how sexual assault policy might change on college campuses.

In DeVos' confirmation hearing before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Sen. Bob Casey asked her if she would uphold current federal guidance on Title IX and sexual assault cases on campuses.

DeVos said it was premature to make that commitment.

**Federal guidelines now**

Samantha Harris, vice president of policy research for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, said the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education issued a Dear Colleague Letter in April 2011 explaining how Title IX relates to sexual harassment and sexual violence.

Anna Voremberg, managing



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Michele Cox from Newton Grove, NC., stands in front of the Federal Courthouse Building in Raleigh on Monday afternoon to ask U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis to vote against the confirmation of Betsy DeVos for secretary of education in the Trump administration.

director for End Rape On Campus, said current federal guidelines provide a definition for sexual assault that provides broader protection for victims.

Harris said the Dear

Colleague Letter started the Preponderance of the Evidence standard that requires colleges to prosecute a sexual harassment case if the assault is more likely than not to have

occurred.

"The problem is it's a low evidentiary standard and a lot of university judicial systems lack a lot of the procedural protections that courts have,"

she said.

Jenna Robinson, president of the Martin Center for Academic Renewal, said the standard is dangerous to use because if 50.1 percent of the

evidence suggests the accused person is guilty, they can be found guilty.

"Since it is a criminal charge, I think students accused of sexual assault should be judged on the same standards as a criminal case, so we should be looking to see if this person is guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt," she said.

Robinson said she would not be surprised if DeVos repeals the April 2011 Dear Colleague Letter.

Voremberg said an increase in reports of sexual harassment over the last two years likely indicates the letter's positive impact.

"But there's a legitimate fear by survivors and victims that if they report, one, nothing will happen, and because of the GOP's stance that Title IX should not be used the way that it's used, which is not backed up by years of case law, (survivors and victims) won't be able to hold their schools accountable," Voremberg said.

### Potential changes

The next secretary of education could choose to delegate responsibility to law enforcement, Robinson said.

Voremberg said the criminal justice system is not adequately prepared to handle campus sexual assault cases. She cited research that shows a significant number of students would not have reported their sexual assault if they had to

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## Inconsistent defense hurts UNC

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTH CAROLINA 80  
PITTSBURGH 78

By Logan Ulrich

Senior Writer

One final defensive possession. Nearly 40 minutes of toil and sweat all hanging on just a few seconds.

This time, the No. 12 North Carolina men's basketball team's defense held strong. A running, off-balance three from Pittsburgh's Jamel Artis that fell well short of the hoop — this time. This Tar Heel team is well-versed in another infamous shot that didn't. And this season is all about making sure it doesn't happen again.

"I don't know what I'm going to do, but some way, somehow, I've got to figure out a way to do a better job coaching on the defensive end of the floor," head coach Roy Williams said after his team's 80-78 win against the last-in-the-ACC Panthers.

Defense has been a point of emphasis for weeks now. The Tar Heels aren't terrible defensively, ranking No. 66 in the nation in field-goal percentage defense and No. 31 in Ken Pomeroy's defensive efficiency rankings. Not terrible doesn't win championships, though.

Against Kentucky — the caliber of team UNC will likely have to overcome — North Carolina allowed 103 points and only scored 100. The defense hasn't tightened up in ACC play, either. On Tuesday, the Tar Heels allowed Pittsburgh to shoot 55.6 percent from the field and nearly 45



DTH/GABRIELLE THOMPSON

UNC guard Joel Berry (2) attempts to defend Pittsburgh guard Chris Jones (12) in the team's matchup on Tuesday night in the Smith Center.

percent from 3-point range.

There's a litany of different reasons why this team — which resembles last season's team that came one shot away from a national title — can't replicate that same defensive prowess. Against Pittsburgh, it was a personnel mismatch, as senior forwards Kennedy Meeks and Isaiah Hicks gave space to Pittsburgh's shooters in favor of a rebounding advantage.

There doesn't seem to be one easy answer to solve the Tar Heels' defensive troubles, though. Hicks said the team needs to communicate better, while junior Justin Jackson said they needed to stay in front of their man and not allow penetration

off the dribble — which has been a problem for UNC all season.

"If teams are making threes and can drive the ball to the basket too, they're kicking your rear end is what they're doing," Williams said.

But part of it, according to Jackson and junior guard Joel Berry, is just taking individual responsibility and producing. UNC is one of the best offensive teams in the country, but the Tar Heels know that to beat good teams — or to win when their shots don't fall — they'll have to step up.

"I just think it's taking pride and wanting to guard somebody," Berry

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## Faculty respond to Folt's letter on ban

Some faculty are asking the administration to do more for those affected.

By Acy Jackson

University Editor

Some UNC faculty are not happy with Chancellor Carol Folt's response to President Donald Trump's executive order to ban immigrants from seven predominantly-Muslim countries.

"Honestly I was sort of frustrated by the communication from the chancellor ... that we all received," said women's and gender studies professor Ariana Vigil. "It didn't go far enough; it didn't really go anywhere in terms of suggesting concrete ways in which the University can protect faculty and staff."

Folt's Sunday night letter to UNC laid out the University's position toward the order.

"In the coming weeks and months, we encourage everyone to do your best to stay focused on your work, and fully engaged in the dreams that brought you here," the letter said.

An open letter from faculty members to Folt circulated Monday and Tuesday, asking UNC to do more, including make a pledge like the ones that have been made at the University of Michigan and Cornell University. These universities have pledged not to release their students' immigration information.

"Such statements suggest concrete steps that universities can take to protect the health and well-being of those who study and work there. When can we expect Carolina to make a similar pledge?" the faculty letter says.

Vigil, who wrote the letter, said when she saw the letter from Folt she felt unsatisfied.

"I'm a faculty member; I'm concerned; I want to voice my thoughts and hope to spur action," she said.

Vigil posted her response to Folt's letter on Facebook. People responded asking if they could sign it, which led to the letter being circulated around the faculty.

"I'm hopeful we'll take a stance like some of our peers like Michigan and (the University of Wisconsin-Madison), that we will definitely protect our students, faculty and staff to not provide information on their immigration status, unless we're required to do so," said Deborah Stroman, a professor in the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Catherine Zimmer, a professor in the Odum Institute, said she wished the University had chosen to respond in a similar fashion to the University of Michigan and refused to release the immigration status of students, unless forced to by law.

"(Folt's letter) didn't involve any direct statement saying that UNC

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## Meet the student body president candidates for 2017-18

The six candidates will be gathering signatures until Feb. 7.

By Brinley Lowe and Celia McRae

Senior Writers

UNC students have six choices for who will lead them in the 2017-18 academic year — Sammie Espada, Matthew McKnight, Elizabeth Adkins, Joe Nail, Maurice Grier and Travis Broadhurst.

Candidates will only appear on the ballot if they can gather 1,250 student signatures between today and Feb. 7. The election will be Feb. 14.

Adkins, a junior political science and journalism major, said she hopes to improve

UNC by focusing on mental health awareness and reform, sexual assault reform and inclusion and diversity.

She said she decided to run despite the barriers to leadership roles women face.

"I'm a first-generation college student and I'm an Asian-American woman and, you know, I was worried that people wouldn't be able to look past that and they wouldn't be able to see past my identity because, you know, a minority woman is not the typical vision of leadership in America," Adkins said.

Broadhurst, a junior geological sciences and physics major, said he decided to run for student body president because students worry how their lives at UNC will be impacted by what is going on in the world and on campus.

Broadhurst said another part of his platform

*"I'm hoping to be a representative of the people and not my own interests."*

Maurice Grier

Junior

is to increase student feedback. One way he is doing this is by providing a place on his website for students to comment on his platform.

"That way it is not my platform or my team's platform, but a student body platform that dictates the actions of their student government," he said.

Espada, a junior political science and women and gender studies major who has never served on student government, said she decided to

run in November to make UNC and student government more inclusive to everyone. Espada said she feels marginalized on campus as a Latina.

She said if elected student body president, she will address issues facing Latino/a students by creating a taskforce for issues affecting undocumented students.

"I want minorities on campus to feel at home," she said. "I want student government to be accessible for the average student."

Grier, a junior music and political science major, said he's running his campaign for student body president on a campaign of love. Grier said his platform is complex in order to address the many needs of students and

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“A mighty woman with a torch...From her beacon-hand glows world-wide welcome.”

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Achordants bring their A-game in new EP record

**By Nicola McIrvine**  
Senior Writer

The Achordants are in harmonious accord as they prepare to bring out the newest edition to their line of music recordings, which they are about halfway done recording.

Some of these favorites include “Sunday Candy” by Chance the Rapper, “Work Song” by Hozier and “Pusher Love Girl” by Justin Timberlake.

The group’s president, junior Brett Buchman, said the men wanted to find a way to put out more music more often in a less expensive way.

“It’s really expensive and it takes a lot of time to put out big albums every few years, and we don’t get as good of a taste of a lot of our songs,” he said. “So we really wanted to make sure the guys got to be on something so that they could hear themselves and one day be able to show their kids.”

Buchman said the EP, which will probably be released in the fall, will likely have six or seven songs which the men picked out from previous performances because they had fun performing them and got good

reception from audiences.

Reese McDonald, a junior mathematical decision sciences major, joined the Achordants last fall and said he was excited to be able to sing for a recording for the first time.

“We’re just taking baby steps at it, even taking some of the older guys who have left the group to come back and record their solo parts,” he said.

One of the most important people to come back to Chapel Hill to record is the music producer and audio engineer, Colin Egan, a Chapel Hill native who said he’s always been a fan of the Achordants.

“Throughout my wife’s time at UNC, I befriended a lot of the members of the Achordants and have stayed friends with them throughout my adult life,” he said.

For his work with the Achordants, Egan said the recording sessions have been taking place in a Chapel Hill apartment with blankets on the walls — a “poor man’s studio,” as he calls it.

“One of the things I love about the group is the energy they perform with and how much fun they have with each other,” he said. “I’m really



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRETT BUCHMAN  
The UNC Achordants perform during their 2016 fall concert “(Not So) Superheroes.”

working to capture that feeling and that sound on the record.”

The group’s music director, Karthik Sundaram, said he tries to do the same thing in his daily work with the ensemble.

“I have to make sure I distribute who is going to arrange those songs and working through rehearsal on how we’re going to shape that music in how we perform it,”

he said. “But the whole idea is that we want to be able to listen back to these and remember 30 years from now, ‘I remember recording that song, it was really cool.’”

The group was founded in 2001 as a group based on being different, according to Buchman. He said that the singers try to focus on balancing between making good

music and having fun, not taking themselves too seriously.

Sundaram, a senior, said that he wants to help progress the group before he leaves, but is excited for the direction in which the men are going.

“I’m excited to see the guys grow and shine through,” he said.

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# Q&A with UNC MSA’s Ayoub Ouederni

*Ayoub Ouederni is the president of the UNC Muslim Students Association. Staff Writer Preston Lennon spoke with him about what UNC MSA is doing in light of President Donald Trump’s executive order on immigration.*

**The Daily Tar Heel:** How are you and the UNC MSA reacting to President Trump’s executive order that restricts immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries?

**Ayoub Ouederni:** So a lot of our MSA members are angered or hurt. And beyond all that, they’re directly affected. We have members, fellow Tar Heels just like me and you, that now cannot go overseas ... It’s separating families. You know, we see it on TV and we know that it doesn’t happen to us — it seems so far away. But then you see it happen to your friends or classmates who can’t go abroad or their mom is overseas who can’t come back — they can’t see their mom for 90 or 120 days or whatever the order said, because she happened to be visiting family when this executive order was signed. That personally affected a lot of our members.

**DTH:** What kind of support is your organization offering to those affected by the policy, and to the Muslim community as a whole?

**AO:** So our organization specifically is encouraging any person who has been affected to personally reach out to us and we’ll put them in touch with the relevant University and government officials to figure out the best course of action if they need help or counseling, or a way to figure out their path forward. We connect them with all those.

And secondly, I want to mention the support we’ve gotten from our campus partners and other community members. My inbox for the past two, three days has been literally hundreds of emails from people from all walks of life here at UNC, whether it’s the dean of the business school, dean of the Gillings

School of (Global) Public Health, or University officials, or just professors or just students who are, like, “Hey, you know, I’m sorry you all are going through this.”

**DTH:** What do you want people outside the Muslim community to understand about these issues and the current situation?

**AO:** So I want them to understand that this is an issue that doesn’t just affect Muslim students, or Muslim Americans. There are Christian, Jewish, many other faiths in the Middle East that are affected by this order. And secondly, this shouldn’t be seen as affecting just Muslims — this is something that affects every American. The fact that we’re living in a time where someone with a pen can just sign away and stop Americans who came here legally and who have been here and who have lived here their entire lives from coming back to their homes — to me that’s egregious and should worry every single American, no matter what political party or face you identify with.

**DTH:** Can you talk about the “Our America” Unity Rally, taking place this Friday?

**AO:** We met together and decided that we would love to have a rally similar to what happened at RDU or what’s going to happen at the State Capitol grounds the following day, to show that as UNC students, as a beacon of leadership in this state, UNC is looked up to by universities around the state, around the country.

**DTH:** Is there anything you would like to tell the people of UNC about this situation and the current political climate?

**AO:** So I’d like to say thank you. It’s times like this where we see the true Carolina way, the true Tar Heel spirit, where everybody reaches out and shows strength and shows support for one another. And that’s something that we’re truly grateful



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Ayoub Ouederni, president of the UNC Muslim Students Association, said UNC MSA is asking people to reach out if they’re affected by the recent executive order banning immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

for. Every single Tar Heel of all walks of life came together and said “We support you all and we’re sorry this is happening. Please let us know what we can do.” That was very heartening and very touching.

And also, as we referenced earlier, we need to stay vigilant. It starts with a ban on seven countries, then who knows what it will increase to in two years. I’ve seen the stats saying that they’re going to expand it to two

more additional countries. And so I think it’s important for us to stay vigilant. Our democracy is under threat.

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## Report finds hunger common in college

**Food accessibility and nutrition affects students nationwide.**

**By Bailey Aldridge**  
Staff Writer

A 2016 survey by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness reports that 22 percent of around 3,800 undergraduate respondents experienced very low levels of food security in the previous 30 days, qualifying them as hungry.

Hunger impacts UNC’s campus for several reasons, according to Jashawna Gladney, food pantry director for Carolina Cupboard.

“With Chapel Hill being a food desert and with UNC being located in the center of Chapel Hill, that could also contribute to why a lot of students experience food insecurity and/or hunger on our campus,” she said.

Gladney said Carolina Cupboard aims to alleviate food insecurity and hunger by being an immediate resource for students.

“I think the biggest thing that can be done is just continuing to educate the UNC community as a

whole on the issue of food insecurity and how and why students at UNC face those issues,” she said.

Julie Cox, senior programs manager at the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, said student hunger is a huge issue.

“If you don’t have enough food to eat, it’s hard to focus on what’s going on in school,” she said.

Expensive meal plans might require students to get a job in order to have enough food, Cox said.

Cox said another solution is to make food more affordable on campus and to stop trying to make a profit off students.

“Just making sure there are different kinds of options for all students that attend various institutions,” she said.

Some schools broaden food pantry access to include other members of university communities, she said.

“I know a lot of colleges and universities have pantries, and not just for their students, but for a lot of their staff because of the low pay for adjuncts and teaching assistants, things like that,” Cox said.

Jeff Lowrance, spokesperson at Central Piedmont Community College, said students’ backgrounds contribute to the issue.

“The roots of it are societal

*“If you don’t have enough to eat, it’s hard to focus on what’s going on.”*

**Julie Cox**  
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

in nature, of course — in that we have students who simply come from low- income backgrounds, impoverished backgrounds even where there may not be sufficient resources in the family to purchase food, there may not be a nearby supermarket that is easy for their families to purchase food,” he said.

Central Piedmont Community College is starting a food pantry on its central campus in March to help decrease hunger on campus, Lowrance said.

Lowrance said assumptions also contribute to the problem.

“Lots of times we tend to think that college students in general are provided for in some way,” he said. “If they’re going to school, someone must be supporting them and many times that’s not the case — both in community college and four year institutions.”

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## Man shot by police in Charlotte

**The incident was unrecorded due to the officer’s undercover status.**

**By Samantha Paisley**  
Staff Writer

A man was shot and killed by an officer in Charlotte on Thursday afternoon.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department said in a statement that 28-year-old Josue Javier Diaz exposed a handgun to an undercover officer, who then shot and killed Diaz.

The CMPD statement, released on Facebook, said the detective was working undercover when Diaz hit his car and continued driving away.

The detective, unidentified due to undercover status, then called for help from a marked police car. According to the statement, during the call, Diaz parked his car in front of the detective, left his car and revealed a handgun.

“The detective perceived an imminent threat and fired his service weapon, striking the suspect,” the statement said.

CMPD has yet to release the officer’s name, but said both Diaz and the detective were Hispanic males. One passenger in Diaz’s car was taken into custody.

The detective who shot Diaz is currently on administrative leave. The statement also said the Internal Affairs Bureau will investigate whether proper procedures were respected, as is standard protocol for shootings involving officers.

This was the first fatal shooting by a police officer in Charlotte since Keith Lamont Scott was killed in September. Tensions between law enforcement and the community skyrocketed after Scott’s shooting — erupting into demonstrations and the declaration of a state of emergency in the city.

After the Scott shooting, body camera and dashboard camera footage were

released. However, the undercover officer was not wearing a body camera during the incident on Thursday.

Most agencies that use cameras do not assign them to undercover officers, according to Jeffrey Welty, a professor in the UNC School of Government.

“Obviously, if you’re not trying to look like a cop, walking around wearing a body camera is a pretty strong indicator that you’re a cop,” Welty said.

The internal affairs investigation should bring to light whether any wrongdoing occurred, but he said it is too soon to comment.

“It’s just too early to say, I think, whether it was justified,” Welty said. “We have very fragmentary reports.”

Zach Easterling, a first-year graduate student at UNC-Charlotte, attended a vigil Friday evening to commemorate Diaz. He said the vigil was a peaceful gathering of around 100 people.

“It was a good turnout,” he said. “Josue’s family and friends were there, as well as neighbors and community members and people who have been more engaged with a general resistance to police brutality in Charlotte.”

The vigil stretched from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, but Easterling said people lingered to share stories and mourn together.

“People hung around for another hour talking to each other about their experiences with police,” he said. “To see those folks come together, and to see those connections being made was really good.”

Welty said although rates of fatal shootings by police have remained relatively stable, they command much more public attention now than they did in years past.

“I think anytime there’s an officer-involved shooting, there’s a potential for tension between the police and the community,” Welty said. “A lot of it depends how both sides choose to react.”

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## Upcoming program will help employees find parking spots

**Businesses will be able to purchase parking permits for employees.**

**By Isabela Zawistowska**  
Staff Writer

An expansion of the employee parking permit program is underway in downtown Chapel Hill to make parking easier for employees who work late shifts at restaurants and businesses.

The Town of Chapel Hill and the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership are considering extending on-street parking limits from two hours to three hours, raising the arms of parking lots at 4 p.m.

instead of 5 p.m. and producing hangtags for employees to get into other less visible lots around town.

Bobby Funk, assistant director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, said there is not an exact timetable for when permits will be available, but the partnership is currently gauging interest from businesses.

“The response has been strong,” Funk said.

The permits will cost \$30 and extend through June, according to a statement from the downtown partnership. Funk said the program is likely to begin later this year.

“We are currently in the planning phase of this — there are no conclusions as to where permit holders will be,” he said, adding that

parking spots will be publicly managed lots.

Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger said one of the main goals of the parking permit program is to make spaces visible for employees.

“Employees who work late shifts downtown are able to bus to work but cannot get back because the transit system stops running late at night,” Hemminger said.

There are also plans for Chapel Hill to place wheel clamps, or boots, on cars that have exceeded their parking time instead of having them towed. Hemminger said this is an idea the town has to reduce anxiety for customers.

“We want to encourage businesses and patrons to park by establishing long-

term leases to be farther out of town,” Hemminger said.

She also said that though it will take time to implement this program, there is growing interest since the plans for this program were first introduced a few months ago.

“I used to drive to work last year, and especially on game days, you would try to park in the Porthole Lot but sometimes you’d have to drive farther out and I would be late to work sometimes,” said Myra Snyder, a hostess at Top of the Hill Restaurant & Brewery.

“I hear a lot of employees come to work and do not have enough money to pay for parking.”

Snyder said she thinks this program will benefit employees.



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The Town of Chapel Hill and the Downtown Partnership are working to provide better parking for workers on Franklin Street.

Paula Peroutka, office manager for Lantern Restaurant, said parking plays a role in an employee’s income.

“How late you have to pay for parking cuts into people’s paychecks,” she said.

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## CHCCS proposes increased living wage

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools became the largest living wage certified organization in Orange County in 2016, but the school system recently proposed raising their living wage rate to \$13.16 per hour.

“The living wage is a core community value,” said Todd LoFrese, CHCCS assistant superintendent for support services. “It supports the local economy and helps our service workers. It is supported by our district leadership.”

The proposal was composed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education on Jan. 19. It is on the current agenda for final approval for Thursday’s board meeting, LoFrese said.

The living wage does not apply to volunteers, students working for CHCCS, substitute teachers or any positions requiring certification or license by the state.

The policy also has special wording for employees that CHCCS employs through contracts.

LoFrese said House Bill 2 requires the board to request that contractors offer a living wage to their employees, but they cannot require it.



## Chapel Hill Comics to close March 31

Chapel Hill Comics announced it will close its store on West Franklin Street March 31.

Though it was only known as Chapel Hill Comics for 10 years, the store is the oldest specialty comic book store in the Triangle, dating back to the 1980s and 90s.

Ryan Kulikowski, owner of Chapel Hill Comics, said there was no one specific thing that led to the closing of the store.

Kulikowski said he wants to focus on the customers and the good times the store has had.

“I want to really express how much gratitude we have for our customers, especially the loyal ones that have been with us for a long time,” he said.

The store has begun putting all inventory on sale.

“As time goes on, those sales will get better,” Kulikowski said.

He said Chapel Hill Comics is planning a celebration to commemorate the store and its customers.

Customers can look forward to that celebration near the end of March, along with a few possible signings by local authors in the coming weeks.



## Living Kitchen coming to Chapel Hill

Living Kitchen, a plant-based and raw restaurant, is set to open at 201 S. Elliott Road near the Whole Foods in Chapel Hill on Feb. 9.

Based out of Charlotte, Living Kitchen is a 100 percent organic restaurant.

Their menu features a range of vegan and vegetarian dishes and various fresh cold-pressed juices, which are sourced from Sweet Pea Farm in Hurdle Mills, N.C.

“You don’t have to be plant-based, you don’t have to live this type of way every single day, everyone is welcome to come and eat at our restaurant,” Assistant Manager Alyssa Stearns said.

Josh Michael, general manager of the new Chapel Hill location, said he’s excited for Living Kitchen to come to town.

“It’s a natural fit for Chapel Hill really,” Michael said. “There are a lot of educated people that live in Chapel Hill that understand the importance of being healthy.”

Living Kitchen is still accepting applications for culinary and kitchen crew positions.

# Habitat to build homes in Northside School honors black history

**By Doug Dubrowski**  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership and Habitat for Humanity of Orange County are working together in the coming months to construct affordable housing in the Northside neighborhood.

The collaboration, called Neighbors with Northside, was first announced on Jan. 20 and is part of a broader Habitat initiative to build nine homes in Northside.

“This is really the first time in 10 years that we’ve actually been able to build in Northside,” said Susan Levy, executive director of Orange County Habitat for Humanity.

Levy said that, of the nine lots needed, two were donated directly by the University and six were purchased through a land bank, which buys properties in Northside as they become available using money originally from a \$3 million loan from UNC.

Meg McGurk, executive director of the downtown partnership, said the organizations have been planning Neighbors with Northside since the fall.

“Our role is to be a strong partner and advocate for the work that Habitat is doing,” McGurk said.

“It stems from an interest from our organization to support the large community value of affordable housing, to be a resource for our growing residential base downtown and to support the incredible work being done by the town, the University and community organizations in the Northside neighborhood.”

Savanna Melton, communications coordinator for Orange County Habitat, said the process of garnering support and donations is progressing well.

“Right now it’s in kind of the starting phases: encouraging people to get involved, to help build this home, and to really come together in the Northside community,” Melton said.

McGurk said this work will kick off in March with the home that the downtown partnership has been particularly focusing its efforts on.

Its future owners, Thein Oo, his wife Lweh Eh Paw and their two children, are originally from Burma. Oo now works at UNC as a housekeeper.

“As a community, we’ll be

raising \$50,000 toward an \$80,000 cost for materials for the home,” Melton said. “This can be raised through personal or company donations, special fundraising events, give-back nights.”

In bringing together members of the community for construction, Levy said Habitat helps educate people about a neighborhood they may not have much experience with.

“I think it’s a way to help educate people who then can also become advocates for affordable housing and advocates, in this case, for the Northside community,” she said.

For the Northside neighborhood, which owes its creation to former sharecroppers and freed people looking for work at UNC in the late 19th century, an appreciation of this history can be valuable.

“A lot of the homeowners that are moving in there have either grown up in Northside or have some kind of connection to Northside, so it’s really special to be able to put families back into the neighborhood where they have so much history,” Melton said.

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**By Lauren Talley**  
Staff Writer

Ephesus Elementary School in Chapel Hill will celebrate Black History Month in February by engaging students in an array of activities and projects.

Activities include a featured book, a poster competition where students research famous African Americans and a celebration of Historically Black Colleges and Universities week.

“I think it’s an important celebration that students and staff will enjoy but also will learn from and feel a part of,” said Jeff Nash, spokesperson for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Courtney Sears, a second grade teacher at Ephesus, said the entire school will read a featured book — “Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions” by Chris Barton.

“It highlights the gentleman who invented the super soaker water gun — his name is Lonnie Johnson,” said Ephesus Elementary Assistant Principal Danielle Sutton. “It’s a book about the process he used to create his invention and how it became a national phenomenon.”

Sears said Ephesus Elementary focuses on the STEAM fields — science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics — and the chosen book specifically shows an African-American in the STEAM fields.

This year’s theme is ‘STrEAM of Black History Month’ — a play on water guns, Sutton said.

“The book talks a lot about perseverance and believing in yourself, so we felt like he was a good role model for the kids and tied it to the work we do to encourage kids in the areas of STEAM,” Sears said.

After all of the classes have a chance to read the book, the art teacher will then do a project with the children on designing a book cover about themselves and what they would invent, Sears said.

“We also will have the African-American read-in, and it’s actually a national initiative,” Sutton said. “We gather texts written, illustrated by and featuring characters of color, and then we invite community members to come in and sign up for slots to read to classes.”

Sutton said past readers have included firefighters, police and the mayor.

Every Monday morning there will also be a message dedicated to local African-Americans who contribute to the STEAM fields, Sutton said.

“Some of the people that we are highlighting this year are Philip Freelon — he’s the architect who created the design for the (National Museum of African American History and Culture) in D.C. — and Dr. Elaine Hart-Brothers, she’s a physician at Duke,” Sutton said. “We’re looking at people who are relevant but also are local and contributing to our society.”

Sutton said the school recently had a staff outing to see the film, “Hidden Figures,” which showed why it’s important to highlight the accomplishments of African-Americans.

“It was a great experience for so many different reasons, but I think the whole purpose of the movie — even the title ‘Hidden Figures’ — is that there are so many contributions that black Americans make every day, every month, every year to American history, and it is often overlooked,” Sutton said.

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

<b>Aries (March 21-April 19)</b> <p>Today is a 7 -- Watch out; fantasy and reality clash. A surprising development requires quick thinking. Keep a secret. Don't believe everything you read. Professional advice comes in handy.</p> <p><b>Taurus (April 20-May 20)</b><p>Today is an 8 -- Costs may be higher than expected. Act quickly without spending recklessly. Pool your resources, and stick to practical goals. You can get what you need.</p><p><b>Gemini (May 21-June 20)</b><p>Today is an 8 -- It could get chaotic. Quick wit is an advantage. Choose words carefully. Ask probing questions. You're gaining, more than you know. Verify intuition with facts.</p><p><b>Cancer (June 21-July 22)</b><p>Today is an 8 -- You may change your mind. Anticipate some disagreement. You don't hold a monopoly on bright ideas. What you want requires work. Apply elbow grease.</p><p><b>Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)</b><p>Today is an 8 -- Creative ideas fly by fast and furious. Catch a few. Postpone travel and romance. A possible mechanical or communication could disrupt things. Friends help you advance.</p><p><b>Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)</b><p>Today is an 8 -- You're gaining skills. Don't offer a new theory or method now. Temporary confusion interrupts your peace, and emotions could run high. Conclude an activity.</p></p></p></p></p></p>	<b>Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)</b> <p>Today is a 9 -- In a clash between love and money, choose love. Work may take precedence over leisure, though. Avoid gossip or complaints. Something doesn't go as planned.</p> <p><b>Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)</b><p>Today is a 7 -- Natural doesn't add up. Inhibit your material generosity. Neither a borrower nor lender be. Miscommunications arise easily; avoid over-sharing or spontaneous confessions. Maintain the mystery.</p><p><b>Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)</b><p>Today is a 6 -- Listen to all considerations without jumping to conclusions. Things may not be as they seem. Keep calm and clean your own messes. This is a test.</p><p><b>Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)</b><p>Today is a 7 -- Take charge, even as conditions shift. A lively discussion erupts. Dispel a false hope. Your insights are good ones. Come to a new understanding.</p><p><b>Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)</b><p>Today is an 8 -- Slow down to avoid accidents. The possibility of error is high. Avoid over-spending or financial arguments. If you don't know what to say, keep quiet.</p><p><b>Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)</b><p>Today is a 7 -- You're in the eye of the storm. A temporary setback requires patience. Anticipate team resistance. Remind people of their agreements. Completion leads to new status.</p></p></p></p></p></p>
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**DEVOS**  
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report to the police.

“The other issue is that alcohol and drugs are often involved, and for example, here in North Carolina, rapes that occur when the victim is incapacitated are almost never prosecuted,” she said.

She said the courts ruled several years ago if an individual is responsible for their incapacitation, they

are responsible for whatever happens to them.

“So, say you voluntarily take 10 shots, if you are raped during that period of time, you are responsible for that assault,” she said. “And so you think about it, most people are drunk, or a lot of them are — why would they go to the police? They know that nothing is going to happen, that their assailant won’t be tried, and going to the police is a pretty

traumatizing experience.”

**Controversy and protest**

DeVos’ family foundation’s donations to FIRE — which advocates for due process protections and the rights of the accused in campus judicial systems — are also controversial, Harris said.

“There are people who argue that somehow supporting procedural rights for the accused indicated some sort

of lack of concern for the victims of sexual assault, which in my opinion is absolutely ridiculous,” Harris said.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee voted 12-11 Tuesday to send DeVos to the full Senate for final approval. The confirmation vote, which was delayed a week after its proposed scheduling on Jan. 24, was split down party lines.

Protests against DeVos

took place Monday across the country — including in Raleigh.

Kathleen Nichols, a protestor, said, “DeVos has no experience and no respect for public education; therefore, she cannot represent us as secretary of education.”

Amanda Perez, who was also at the protest in Raleigh, said she believed DeVos is unfit to lead education policy in the U.S.

“As an educator for over 20

years, I am outraged about this nominee,” Perez said.

Voremberg said if DeVos is confirmed, there will be serious problems if she does not uphold Title IX requirements.

“The guidance was sort of a helpful ‘here’s actually what you need to be doing, by the way’ kind of thing,” she said. “I don’t know why anyone would want to see that go away.”

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**HOOPS**  
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said. “Someone is scoring on you every possession when you come down — you have to at least man up and say, I’m not going to let them score on me anymore.”

But Artis and Michael Young — who lead the ACC in scoring — make Pittsburgh a more dangerous team than its record would suggest.

“That was the last-place team in our conference and we won by two points ...” Jackson said. “Every night is a battle, and for us our goal is to win the conference.”

The games will only get bigger from here on out, though Jackson would say the games are already big given the depth of the ACC. Time is running out, as UNC runs the gauntlet of the conference’s top teams in

*“I just think it’s taking pride and wanting to guard somebody.”*

**Joel Berry**  
Point guard

February before the rigors of March.

“Sooner or later, we have to do it,” Berry said. “Last year,

coach took us into the practice gym and took the rims off the goals. So if that’s what it takes, then that’s what it takes. But we have to do something right now.”

His eyes burned with urgency. Though Pittsburgh missed its shot tonight, he knows what happens when a good shooter gets a second shot.

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**FACULTY**  
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disagreed with the position of the Trump administration on immigration and the results that came from their actions, executive actions,” she said.

Executive Vice Provost and Chief International Officer Ron Strauss said he understood that some people wanted more from UNC’s response, but he respected Folt’s kind words.

“I think that a lot of other people on the campus are writing impassioned com-

*“I’m concerned, I want my thoughts and hopes to spur action.”*

**Ariana Vigil**  
Women and gender studies professor

ments and things like that — she chose to, what I would call, (an) informative and caring response,” Strauss said.

Jennifer Ho, an English and comparative literature professor, said her understanding of history influenced her decision to sign the faculty letter. She recalled Frank Porter Graham, UNC’s chancellor during

World War II, trying to help protect Japanese students.

“I would want Chancellor Folt to kind of look back at a predecessor of hers and the kind of moral courage it took for him to come out with this kind of statement in support of Japanese American students at a time when he had nothing to gain and everything to lose

from doing that,” she said.

Ho said the faculty letter is not about politics or ideologies, and she wants more from UNC.

“I want more support,” she said. “I think what I want, regardless of if it’s this executive order or the next thing that happens, what I always want for UNC-Chapel Hill to do is to support all its community members, especially those that feel the most vulnerable in a particular time and place.”

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student groups at UNC.

“I’ve really done my research in regards to making sure that I’ve communicated with many groups across campus and seeking what their needs are versus what I believe and say that their needs are,” Grier said. “I’m hoping to be a representative of the people and not my own interests.”

McKnight, a junior public policy and history major, said he hopes to make student government more

accessible and transparent to students by implementing ideas like streaming the first 15 minutes of cabinet meetings and renovating student government’s website.

McKnight said the student code and constitution are outdated, and he wants to focus on policy changes on issues like sexual assault awareness and mental health accessibility first.

Nail, a sophomore economics and political science major, is running on a platform based on accessibility, wellness and civil

*“I want student government to be accessible for the average student.”*

**Sammie Espada**  
Junior

engagement.

Nail said if he’s elected, he will make it clear that student government is responsible to the students, even if that contradicts what administration wants to do.

“There’s nothing wrong with fighting against bad policy — you should fight against bad policy, but wouldn’t it be great if

students actually had an effective way of kind of undermining that system that’s perpetuating systemic inequalities and instead actually have their voices heard at the beginning of the process when the policy is actually being made,” Nail said.

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### JV men’s team wins

The team defeated Mt. Olive in the Smith Center Tuesday — by a big margin. Visit online for more.

### Government split info

At Student Congress committee meetings, more details became available. Visit online for more.

### In a cappella news

The Achordants are half-way done with recording an EP. It should come out this year. See pg. 2 for story.

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# Right wasn't always wrong

This may be a wild concept to some of you, especially given our current political context, but being conservative is OK. Conservatism often forces the discussion of important principles that make for better public policy. Conservatism is at the bedrock of our democracy, and I will even admit that conservatives are necessary.

But let us not get it twisted. What we are experiencing now is not conservatism. This is something I really, truly, want my conservative friends to know. This current regime which has taken over the White House and controls both houses of government is not, by any stretch of the imagination, rooted in principled conservatism. What we are experiencing today is power hunger, and it's dangerous, divisive and immoral.

If you are just now waking up to the realities of the world — you are super late, and yet right on time — welcome. Know that the world is not going to end. Yes, we face serious problems, but we have been here before. Coretta Scott King said it better than I ever could — “Struggle is a never-ending process. Freedom is never really won, you earn it and win it in every generation.” It is our time to rise to the challenge by using social media less, taking to the streets more, calling your representatives and going on record and talking in person TO people, not AT people. You can start this Saturday by attending the demonstrations being held at the State Capitol.

The days that have followed our president's inauguration have led me to question reality. When did we exchange truth for alternative facts, and civil liberties for illusions of security? What does that say for the nature of truth? What happened to American principles? When did conservatism begin requiring a rejection of science?

I think what Eliot Cohen, former Counselor of the Department of State under President George W. Bush, said in reference to the so-called “Muslim Ban” speaks for all of us. He said, “This isn't normal. It's not humane, it's not thought through, it's not necessary, it's not wise, it's not decent and above all, it's not American.”

My question from here is what are we going to do? How will the opposing party, the Democratic party, respond and ultimately how will they combat extremism in the White House and Congress on our behalf?

What will they fight extremism with? Deference? Compromise? As world history tells us time and time again: you cannot fight extremism with moderation. If you have not been freaking the fuck out over the past two weeks at the signals the White House is sending, let me just remind you that Inauguration Day was less than two weeks ago.

The Republicans who rule the White House and the “moderate Republicans” who allow this to persist are recklessly disregarding reason and principle in favor of partisan unity. This cannot be allowed to continue. As human beings we are morally obligated to oppose these hateful, dangerous ideologies.

Resist.

**2/02: Not Your Token**  
Gwendolyn Smith writes on campus issues.

## EDITORIAL CARTOON By Georgia Brunner, opinion@dailytarheel.com



### EDITORIAL

## No to the ban

### UNC administrators mishandled Trump's travel ban.

Sunday night, Chancellor Folt sent an email to faculty and students addressing President Trump's executive order that initiated a travel ban for seven Muslim-majority countries.

Though this message was clearly meant to allay fears regarding the status of members of the University's international community, it invited more questions than answers.

The primary question most notably left untouched was whether or not the University would comply with the executive order, if prompted by the federal government, by releasing its students' immigration information.

Both Duke University and the University of Michigan have come out unequivocally against the travel ban, and are on record stating that they would refuse to hand over such information without a subpoena.

That University administrators did not explicitly submit the same kind of reassurance is inexcusable.

Statements reaffirming our international community as “essential to our vibrant Carolina community” are meaningless and hollow, unless they're backed up by the promise that the University will unequivocally side with its students — regardless of nationality.

Furthermore, the fact that Folt did not direct international students to Counseling and Psychological Services

— as is normal for emails regarding traumatic events that affect our campus — belies the University's inadequate grasp of international students' perspectives.

When Folt wrote that “(UNC Global) and many others across campus stand ready to help,” it would have been appropriate for her to enumerate the specific resources available to international students for emotional and logistical support.

It is encouraging that the Faculty Executive Committee is releasing a statement of solidarity with international students, but Chancellor Folt and the administration should have sent out a more resolute message: xenophobia will not be tacitly endorsed by this University.

### EDITORIAL

## An ignored history

### The public has ignored the Middle East's history.

For most of us in North Carolina public schools — and many other schools — the curriculum of world history class was set up in a way that focused on the world history of Europe and the West in general. What we studied hardly touched on other regions — specifically, the Middle East.

In fact, the curriculum often only covered the history of the Middle East up until the end of the ancient Mesopotamia

and Egyptian civilizations and then shifts toward whitewashed, Western history.

This style of teaching world history reinforces Orientalism — the idea that the Middle East is unchanging, timeless, with a culture that is not compatible with Western society.

However, over the past few centuries, and even the past hundred years, the Middle East has undergone some of the most dramatic political, social, religious and cultural changes. The history of religious plurality, tolerance and technological and academic advance-

ments often gets covered up, as well as the long history of colonization by the West and its implications today.

Understanding the Middle East's long history is important to the policy decisions and actions that occur today, and brushing over or ignoring them will only continue to wreak havoc in the area. If you are considering a future in politics, even domestic politics, your knowledge of the Middle East is going to have profound effect on the region, which is why it is important to study the indigenous and complex histories of the area.

### COLUMN

## You Asked For It

### In which we stay awake in class and dress for all weathers.

*Alison Krug (recovering from jaw surgery) and Kiana Cole (not addressing her cavities) are the writers of UNC's premier (only!) satirical advice column. Results may vary.*

**You:** How do I stay awake during class?

**You Asked for It:** In addition to going to class, microwaving SpaghettiOs and strictly abiding by the College Code™ of never making our beds, we as students keep ourselves awake and alive, which seems like an accomplishment we should celebrate.

So don't feel bad when you fall asleep in the middle of class because your professor is now on his 14th minute of trying to find his own Twitter. Instead, adopt simple strategies to stay alert.



**Kiana Cole and Alison Krug**  
Assistant City Editor and Newsroom Director.  
Submit questions to bit.ly/yafidth

Play a drinking game! You might be a rowdier classmate, but your professor will know you're awake. “Drink every time your professor references the textbook she wrote with affectionate maternal pride” is sure to keep you lively.

**You:** How do I dress for this wild weather?

**YAFI:** It is a(n) inconvenient

truth universally acknowledged that a student in possession of a long walk to class must be in want of advice on how to dress for ranging temperatures. It's time to bring back convertible pants that zipped into shorts — the ones cool kids wore in elementary school and weird kids wore in middle school.

Tired of piling on mittens and a hat and a scarf in the morning, only to have to take them off and lug them around by noon? Invest in cold-weather attire that is disposable/edible. Carry around a baked sweet potato, fill your pockets with warm cough drops and insulate your entire body by stuffing dining hall cookies into the seams of your Hinton James reenactor costume.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“I hear a lot of employees come to work and do not have enough money to pay for parking.”*

**Myra Snyder**, on why employee parking permits are a good idea

### FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

*“When attempting humor, it's important to remember to be funny, and you forgot that.”*

**marcedward**, on alternative facts about Duke

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Opere: UNC stands with immigrants

TO THE EDITOR:

I consider myself an immigrant.

I was born and raised in Kenya. I went to school in South Africa. I was then blessed with the exciting opportunity to study in the U.S., a nation of immigrants, and for four years, I have called Chapel Hill home. In my time here, I have learned in some small way what it means to be an American.

Bluntly and truly, Trump's executive order barring immigration from seven Islamic-majority countries is un-American. Its injustice, discrimination and cruelty outrage and pain me in equal measure. It should outrage and pain us all; not just because it is illegal, but because it is immoral.

To all of our affected students, to those who can't go home to see their families, to those who have seen your hopes and dreams erased with the stroke of a pen, to those who are scared to leave the country and to those who are too scared to even leave your rooms, I stand with you in solidarity and understanding.

I know my home, Kenya, could just as easily have been on Trump's list. Jihadists infamously bombed the US embassy in Nairobi almost twenty years ago, and in 2015, radical gunmen slaughtered nearly 150 Kenyan college students because of their faith, among other horrific attacks over the years. Trump could have easily banned me out of fear of the extremism in my own country.

My heart truly breaks for those going through the tragic repercussions of this new reality.

I am with you. Carolina is with you.

Trump's order does not define us. It does not represent us. It is not us. When I ran for student body president last year, I closed every debate with the same phrase from South African Zulu: ubuntu.

“I am because you are.”

We each exist and grow because of the generosity, ingenuity and love of our respective communities, especially our Carolina community. We are a multicolored, multifait, multiethnic, multinational, multicultural family, and we grow stronger by strengthening our ties, not cutting them off.

Ubuntu.  
A Proud Kenyan,

*Bradley Opere  
Student body president*

#### UNC will be testing its sirens today

TO THE EDITOR:

Almost every day we hear about a tragedy in some corner of the world. While we hope a life-threatening event never occurs on our campus, we must always be prepared.

Whether it is a tornado warning issued for Chapel

Hill, a fire rapidly spreading or someone intentionally trying to harm our community, Carolina is prepared to communicate those risks quickly and direct students, faculty and staff to take immediate action. Having an action plan in advance can help save lives during an actual emergency. That is one of the reasons the University regularly tests our six emergency sirens located across campus and in Chapel Hill.

Today, we are conducting our spring semester test between noon and 1 p.m. We want to make sure these sirens and all equipment are working properly, as well as ensure that our community knows what to do when there is a threat to campus safety.

While no action is required for these sirens tests, we encourage all students, faculty and staff to read the Alert Carolina email in your inbox detailing instructions for what to do in the event of a real emergency. We will also use all available communication methods, including text messages and social media, to try and reach as many people as possible. You may see some of these messages during today's sirens test.

The most recent safety-related information and announcements can be found at alertcarolina.unc.edu.

*Jeff McCracken  
Director of the  
Department of Public Safety  
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*Derek Kemp  
Associate vice chancellor  
for campus safety and risk  
management*

#### DTH article got its statistics wrong

TO THE EDITOR:

A Jan. 26 article “Poll rates Carrboro below Donald Trump” was a poor interpretation of our polling data. The best way to compare the poll numbers of two different entities, to control for their differing levels of name recognition, is to look at their net favorability ratings. We found that among North Carolinians with an opinion about Carrboro, 28 percent rate it favorably and 11 percent unfavorably. That's a net favorability rating of +17. Donald Trump on the other hand is seen positively by 44 percent of North Carolinians, and negatively by 49 percent of them. That's a net favorability rating of -5. So, Carrboro comes out 22 points ahead of Trump on net favorability.

You know who actually does have worse poll numbers in North Carolina than Donald Trump? Grayson Allen. Only 12 percent of voters see him positively (compared) to 28 percent who have a negative opinion about him, for a net favorability rating of -16. As Tar Heels, let's focus our disdain on Grayson and leave poor wonderful Carrboro alone.

*Tom Jensen  
Director of Public Policy  
Polling*

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