

Trustees discuss Student Stores

University officials say Student Stores privatization is not a done deal.

By Jane Wester and Victoria Mirian
Senior Writers

An ad hoc Student Appeals Committee of the Board of Trustees met Wednesday morning to discuss a sexual assault case.

The committee immediately went into closed session. UNC's 1-year-old sexual assault policy says either party in a case may appeal to the Board of Trustees if an appeal to a University official affirms a hearing outcome involving suspension or expulsion.

On Sept. 21, Student Body President Houston Summers said he did not want to be involved in the Board of Trustees review process for sexual assault cases. He was not present for the appeals committee meeting.

Four other committees met Wednesday, and the full board meets today.

Student Stores

Charles Streeter, Employee Forum chairperson, told the University Affairs Committee the possibility of UNC Student Stores being leased to an outside company is a big concern for staff members.

He said outsourcing in general is not something the Forum sees in a positive light.

"When the word (outsourcing) comes up, we think about people losing their jobs, we think about families that are struggling and possibly being reduced to nothing," he said. "And then the big question that always comes up when we hear this is 'Who's gonna be next?'"

He said right now, the Employee Forum believes not enough research has been done about whether bringing in Follett, the company that has proposed to lease Student Stores, would be a good idea.

"I know that the staff at Student Stores are very concerned about what's happening," he said. "They also feel that right now there's not enough respect

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Students tell Folt: No Follett

Protesters marched to Folt's office to oppose privatization

By Sofia Edelman
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"Save our store" rang in the air as students marched to South Building in opposition to the privatization of Student Stores.

At noon on Wednesday, about 200 students gathered in the Pit as organizers of the "Save UNC Student Stores" protest read testimonials from Student Stores employees. These employees, who say their jobs could be in peril if the stores are outsourced, wrote about their disappointment in the University and their concerns about Follett.

Soon after, the protest group marched toward Chancellor Carol Folt's office in South Building to drop off a signed statement denouncing the privatization of Student Stores, all while chanting "Student Stores" and "save our store."

Organizer Shannon Brien, a member of Student Action with Workers, said sometimes people forget the University doesn't just comprise students and professors — there are many people, such as Student Stores workers, who keep the University running smoothly every day.

"It's really a service that directly connects students to the larger University infrastructure. As students in this situation, it's really important for us to get involved as primary advocates for Student Stores because they really do serve us in a clear and tangible way," Brien said.

Organizer Grace Ware, whose aunt and father are longtime Student Stores employees, remembers visiting the stores as a child. She said the employees watched her grow up.

"I've known them all a long time and they're all good people and they deserve to have their jobs," she said.



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First-year linguistics major Tristan Bavol helps lead a protest in front of the South Building Wednesday afternoon.

Ware spent Tuesday afternoon hanging up posters advertising the protest and summarizing why she felt Student Stores should stay University-owned. She said she hopes administrators will take students' worries into consideration.

"They should see that students care, and if they care about the students, they should take that into consideration. And they should realize the students are not just going to fall back and let this happen," Ware said.

"Maybe the employees can only do so much because they're employees of the store, but the students can help fight for the employees and fight for the good things the store does for students."

Haleigh Morgan, Follett's senior external communications specialist, said the company was unable to comment on whether student pressure would affect Follett's proposal.

Follett's proposal was not solicited by the University, and no decision has been made about whether to accept it. Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Matt Fajack said whatever decision

is made about Student Stores, scholarship funding, the welfare of employees and the quality of service available for the community will be considered.

"We do not take the question of privatizing UNC Student Stores lightly, and if a decision is made to outsource operations, it will be done after a thoughtful and deliberate process that includes input from key campus representatives, including those from the student government, the Employee Forum and the Faculty Council," Fajack said in a statement.

"We will also require any proposal to include retention plans for the people who work there, including student employees."

UNC Libraries donor communications and annual fund coordinator Rachel Canada said she was happy to see students rallying around state workers because she's a state employee herself.

"Student Stores is central to campus. It's vital, it's important, it's community based," Canada said. "I believe that it's very profitable, and I'm suspicious of their motives for why they want to

privatize."

Senior Jocelyn Le, who works at Student Stores, said she doubted a private corporation would have the community's best interests at heart.

"I wanted people to see that there are people who care, and I wanted to be one of those people who are in the Pit caring about this," she said.

A petition on the website Change.org asks Folt and UNC administrators to avoid privatizing Student Stores. It had received 3,039 signatures at press time.

"We ... request that UNC Student Stores remain a University-operated campus store, accountable directly and only to the University, and managed and staffed by University state employees," the petition states.

Student Body President Houston Summers said right now he is not in favor of privatizing Student Stores. Summers, Chief of Staff Harry Edwards, and Senior Adviser Andrew Brennen will be serving on a committee with administrators to create a Request

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UNC joins admissions coalition of universities

The University is involved in a fair admissions lawsuit.

By Cole del Charco
Staff Writer

Despite an ongoing court case about the exclusion of Asian-American and white applicants, UNC announced on Tuesday it has joined a group of more than 80 universities working toward making college more accessible to low-income minority students.

The Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success includes both public and private universities.

"One of the things it does is, I think, it sort of demystifies the college application process," said Steve Orlando, a spokesperson for the coalition.

The coalition gives uniform access to all member universities' applications and a collaborative portfolio. Orlando said high school students will have access to a coalition portfolio, where they can organize goals, accomplishments and prepare college application materials during their first year of high school.

He said students will be able to submit applications through the portal directly to member universities, and the ease of applying could stimulate competition.

"While in one way you

could look at it as being more competitive, I think it'll actually open more doors to them in the long run," he said.

Orlando said the tools on the website will be available in January. The coalition's application will open in summer 2016.

Students for Fair Admissions Inc. filed a lawsuit against UNC, saying Asian-American and white students who applied to UNC may have been turned away because of their race. Harvard was also listed in the suit filed last November.

Jim Gregory, a UNC spokesperson, said both parties agreed on gathering limited evidence until Fisher v. University of Texas, which involves a University of Texas applicant challenging the use of race in admissions, is over. Fisher v. University of Texas is being contested by the University of Texas and has been ruled on by the U.S. Supreme Court once. It is set to be reviewed again in October.

"Based off the outcome of the Fisher case, we will be able to determine how it'll move forward, or whether it'll move forward," Gregory said.

Gregory said last week in an email that Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, UNC's New York-based law firm, is handling the admissions suit for UNC.

However, in the letter sent from the governor's office

confirming Skadden's hire, the admissions suit is not listed as a case Skadden was authorized to work on.

UNC spokesperson Rick White said UNC later received permission from the governor's office for Skadden to work on the fair admissions suit.

The Daily Tar Heel has filed a public record request for the confirmation from the governor's office that has not yet been fulfilled.

Vice Provost for Enrollment and Undergraduate Admissions Steve Farmer said UNC has tried to be affordable and help students succeed.

"We've been working for a long time to try to foster opportunity and affordability and success for students," he said. "So when we saw that there were 80 other schools that seemed to us sincerely interested in doing the same, we thought it would be a group worth joining."

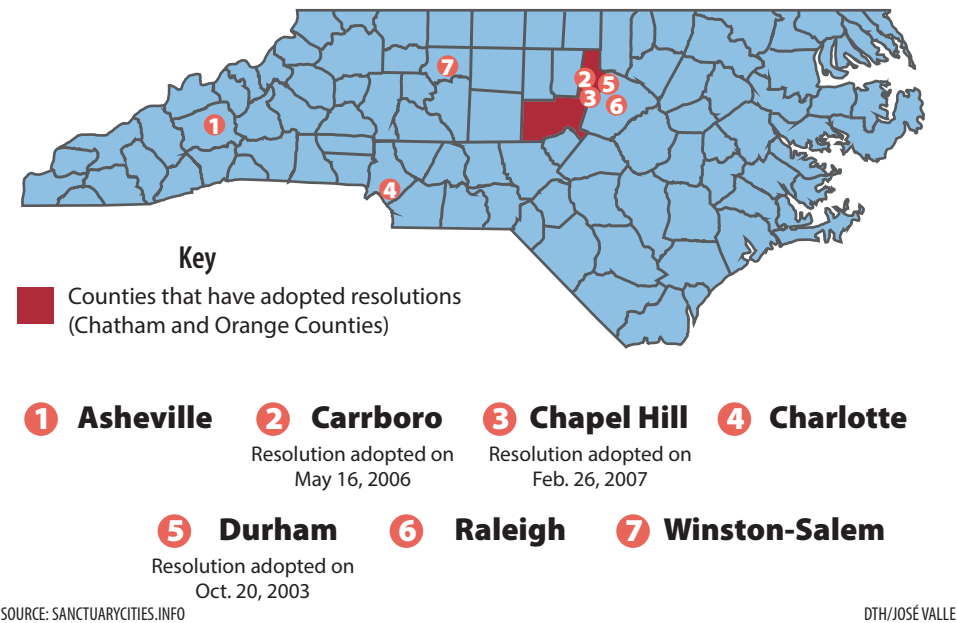
Joining the coalition, Farmer said, sends a message to young people who may not apply otherwise.

"No matter their background, no matter where they come from, no matter what obstacles they've faced, we're interested in hearing from them and we're interested in helping them get the next step on their journey."

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These NC 'sanctuary cities' limit enforcement of immigration policies

There are over 200 sanctuary cities, counties and states in the country that limit enforcement immigration laws and locally issued IDs to those who are not citizens. The following shows the locations of the cities and counties in North Carolina.



NC bill puts 'sanctuary cities' at risk

Sanctuary cities don't strongly enforce immigration policies.

By John Foulkes
Staff Writer

A bill presented to the governor's office Wednesday might allow police in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Durham to have more discretion when enforcing immigration policies.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed a ban on "sanctuary city" policies, which limit enforcement of immigration laws and locally issued IDs to noncitizens. Gov. Pat McCrory now has the option to sign the bill into law.

The bill's supporters argue that local governments should not be able to opt out of federal laws. Chapel Hill, Carrboro and

Durham are sanctuary cities, an unofficial status for cities that believe local government should not have a strong role in enforcing immigration policy.

Lt. Josh Mecimore, spokesperson for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said a person's immigration status does not affect how an officer conducts his job.

A person's immigration status is a civil order, which local police forces do not have jurisdiction over.

"We don't have the authority to enforce civil orders, only criminal orders," Mecimore said. "We won't ask for somebody's immigration status unless it's part of an ongoing investigation."

Mecimore said the only undocumented immigrants who would be arrested for federal immigration authorities would be those who

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- Someone broke into and entered a residence on the 300 block of East Franklin Street at 3:31 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person took car keys left by the front door of the residence and stole a vehicle, valued at \$10,000, reports state.
- Someone broke into and entered a residence on the 100 block of Nuttal Place between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3:03 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person broke a window, causing \$200 worth of damage, and stole items including handguns, a watch, a safe, a bracelet, a laptop and money valued at \$8,970, reports state.
- Someone committed larceny at CVS at 137 E. Franklin St. at 3:37 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported intoxicated subjects on the 100 block of West Main Street at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday, according to Carrboro police reports.

Banned Books Week

This week, the Chapel Hill Public Library will feature banned books on trading cards designed by local artists.

Today’s trading card features the banned book “The Kite Runner,” by Khaled Hosseini. The trading card was designed by local artist Brenda Brokke.

“The Kite Runner” has been challenged in schools for “profanity, violence and a demeaning representation of women,” according to the trading card.

The book was just recently suspended this year at a North Carolina high school.

A statement from Brokke: “The depiction of a hand held over this woman’s mouth reflects the limitation of free speech among women in Afghanistan and the restriction of speech wherever books are banned.”

Pick up a copy of the physical trading card at: the Chapel Hill Public Library, Flyleaf Books, Davis Library, the Undergraduate Library, Sloan Art Library, the Park Library, the Stone Center Library or the SILS Library.

Check out page 2 tomorrow to see Friday’s trading card.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Wednesday’s front page story “Contributions drop for Kleinschmidt” misrepresented the amount of money Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt’s campaign had raised. Kleinschmidt has raised more than \$10,000. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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UNC Helping Paws brings puppy love

The Puppy Kissing Booth raised over \$200

By Kaitlin Barker
Staff Writer

When some students leave for college, they leave their best friends behind — their dogs.

On Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., UNC Helping Paws set up a Puppy Kissing Booth in the Pit, charging \$1 per selfie and \$5 per Polaroid.

First up was Holden the Golden, a 6-month-old Instagram-famous golden retriever, on duty from 10 a.m. to noon.

Next came the mischievous, 4-month-old American bull-dog named Ellie, who gathered a large crowd from noon until 1 p.m.

Closing out the booth was an old-timer: 11-year-old K.C. the sheltie, who has a particular taste for carrots.

Helping Paws is a student-run animal service organization that works closely with local animal rescues and the Orange County Animal Shelter to socialize animals with the community and prepare them for adoption.

“The first step is to get (new members) trained at the animal shelter; that way they can handle the animals at the shelter and things like that, and after that, if you sign up, you’re in.”

Sophomore Megan Anderson, co-chairperson of UNC Helping Paws, said that in just the first two hours, the kissing booth raised more than \$200.

“Over the semester we’re bringing different animal rescue organizations into our meetings to speak with our members, and at the end of the semester our members are going to vote on who they want the money to go to,” she said.

Anderson, who is majoring

in applied science in hopes of attending veterinary school in the future, said she got involved with UNC Helping Paws at FallFest when she was a first-year. Anderson said she encourages other students to participate in the club, too — regardless of their major or future plans.

The Pit was packed with excited animal lovers and had a turnout of more than 50 people participating at midday.

Anderson said Helping Paws has more events in the works for the future, so there will be plenty of chances for students to interact with and photograph their furry friends.

The organization is also accepting donations at this time. These donations will go toward funding an organization of the members’ choice at the end of the semester.

UNC students Hayley Gee, Annah Bachman and Amanda Kessler were some of the first in line to get their pictures taken and meet their new friends.

“I feel like it relieves stress, too because you’re always tense and stuff,” Gee said.

Kessler said she was determined to get her picture taken, despite having forgotten her dollar.

“I mean, I forgot a dollar, but I’m going to try to find one,” she said.

Bachman supported the sentiment, saying she hated leaving her dog.

“If I could bring my dog to school, I would,” she said.

Gee thought the event was a great way to lift spirits around campus.

“It just makes everyone happy to have dogs around,” she said.



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UNC junior Kirsten Wiedbusch shares a moment with Holden the golden retriever at the Helping Paws Puppy Kissing Booth.

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Imaging center celebrates opening

UNC’s imaging center is 10 years old and now has a new facility.

By Katie Rice
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It seems strange to have a facility host both its grand opening and its 10th anniversary celebration on the same day, but such was the case for UNC’s Biomedical Research Imaging Center.

The opening of the BRIC’s new building, Marsico Hall, coincided with the center’s 10-year celebration Wednesday.

“The mission of the BRIC is to facilitate and promote imaging research, and to educate the next generation of imaging scientists,” said Weili Lin, director of the BRIC and vice chairperson of basic research in radiology.

Previously, the center had been located in an old imaging building for UNC Hospitals. The construction of the new building took five years and was funded by the state as well as the University, Lin said. The new, high-tech building cost upwards of \$200 million, said Juanita Ramirez, the study coordinator for the center.

“In general, the purpose of the BRIC is to provide investigators, both internally and externally, with all of the resources necessary to further their imaging research,” Ramirez said.

“One of the terms we use a lot is ‘from bench to bedside... everything (needed for imaging) is in this building.’”

The imaging aspect of the facility is comprised of four scanners: a 3T MR, a 7T MR, a PET/MR, and a PET/CT.

According to Matt Phillips, a research



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Dr. Shumin Wang is working on coil development to protect hospital patients from radiation.

imaging specialist, the MR scanners are full-body magnetic scanners, while the PET/MR scanner is a combination of an MR scanner and an oncologic scanner. The PET/CT scanner can be used to track radioactive “tracers” — or materials that track certain molecules — throughout the body. The “T” in the scanner names stand for Tesla, and indicate the strength of the magnetic field of the machine.

Additionally, the center offers equipment for preclinical trials, as well as a radiochemistry lab. The lab includes a cyclotron, which helps aid in tracer production, said Eric Smith, a professor of radiology.

“Imaging is very diverse,” Lin said. “There are a lot of potential opportunities for (dif-

ferent fields of study) to utilize information to make a diagnosis.”

The center is open to anyone who has funding and a study approved for safety by the Institutional Review Board, at the least. It is open for individual investigators as well as universities and organizations. Even students who have research questions can use the center, provided they plan beforehand with a member of the staff.

“One of the missions for the BRIC is education,” Lin said. “That’s something that I feel strongly about ... the infrastructure here is state-of-the-art; it is one of the best in the world.”

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NC 2nd worst for teachers

A recent survey found the state is lacking in teacher compensation.

By Sierra Dunne
Staff Writer

North Carolina ranked worst in the country — save West Virginia — for teachers in 2015, according to a recent WalletHub report.

The financial website said it created its list based on a number of factors, including teacher salary and the opportunity for income growth.

While he is often skeptical of BuzzFeed-like lists, Eric Houck, an education professor at UNC, said he finds the ranking accurate.

“To see the state sort of lag behind in keeping its commitment to teachers by increasing their salaries over time — I can see that it’s happened,” he said.

Houck said these salary freezes are especially evident among first-year teachers, who until last year had capped salaries for six consecutive years.

The new state budget includes a starting teacher pay raise to \$35,000, along with a one-time \$750 bonus — but Houck said this does not help.

“A bonus is a fixed amount of money. If you have a lower income, the bonus is going to seem like more,” he said. “And if you have a higher income, if you’re a more experienced teacher, the bonus is going to seem like less.”

Houck said teachers are unlikely to pocket a significant portion of that bonus, as bonuses are taxed at higher rates than regular income.

“It’s not a very motivating amount of money.” But Terry Stoops, director of education studies at the right-leaning John Locke Foundation, said the new ranking is not accurate.

“It’s an obscure website that creates rankings in order to attract visitors,” he said.

The study focuses on teacher compensation, and while pay is important, he said, it’s only one reason people decide to teach in the state.

“They may decide to come to a state because of its climate because relatives or acquaintances live there,” he said. “It could be because of the amenities that the state provides.”

Stoops said there is talk in the N.C. General Assembly of a permanent pay raise for teachers in 2016 in addition to the one passed this fall.

Matt Ellinwood, a policy analyst at the N.C. Justice Center, said the recent salary increases are symbolically important but too small to compensate for declines in the last decade.

Between 2000 and 2012, Ellinwood said there was a 13.7 percent drop in teacher pay, and recent teacher turnover has averaged around 14.5 percent — up from 12 percent in 2011.

He said this two-point difference might seem small, but it represents a decline of thousands of teachers. Ellinwood said there is clearly something going on where fewer people are wanting to become teachers. The state’s teacher preparation programs have seen drops in enrollment ranging from 18 to 25 percent, he said.

“I think it’s fair to say this is one of the most difficult places to be a teacher.”

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Council member puts red light on right turns

George Cianciolo said ending right turns on red could help pedestrians.

By Molly Jordan
Staff Writer

In downtown Chapel Hill, there are chirping crosswalk noises, bike lanes and “watch for pedestrians” signs: all measures that are in place to protect town bicyclists and pedestrians. But one member of the Chapel Hill Town Council thinks the town could be doing more to help vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists share the road safely.

During Monday’s Town Council meeting, council member George Cianciolo petitioned the town to look into eliminating right turns on red in busy downtown intersections, like the one at

Franklin and Columbia streets.

“With all the pedestrians and cyclists and cars, eliminating right turns on red at busy intersections would seem to be something that makes sense,” Cianciolo said. “One accident is one too many.”

James Gallagher, spokesperson for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center at the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, agreed vehicles turning right on red could pose a threat to bicyclists and pedestrians.

“Sidewalks are technically a lane of traffic, but we’re not taught that when we’re taught to drive, so motorists typically don’t look at sidewalks for pedestrians when crossing an intersection,” he said.

Gallagher said from 2008 to 2012, vehicles making right turns on red struck 84 North Carolina pedestrians. The number of bicyclists hit was lower

— only seven cyclists were struck over the same five-year period.

The disparity between pedestrian and cyclist accidents is not a surprise for some students who ride their bikes throughout campus.

“I can’t think of a single instance where right turn on red has been an issue for me as a cyclist, because I don’t ride in the sidewalks,” senior Tyler Ramer said.

However, Gallagher still thinks right turns on red are a valid concern to have when considering both cyclist and pedestrian safety.

“Generally speaking, turning vehicles are often conflict points for pedestrians and bicyclists, largely because drivers aren’t looking for pedestrians or bicyclists, they’re looking for other vehicles,” Gallagher said.

Cianciolo thinks this concern

for pedestrian and cyclist safety at turning points has grown in recent years, as new technology has generated additional traffic safety concerns.

“More pedestrians are walking around with earbuds in their ears, so they might not be paying as much attention,” Cianciolo said.

Though Cianciolo favors his proposal, he said the town should investigate the effects a change like this might have before it makes a final decision.

Catherine Lazorko, a Chapel Hill spokesperson, said the town is considering Cianciolo’s proposal.

“What this could mean to the community and its potential impact on public safety, traffic and transit services is definitely a topic that will be under review,” Lazorko said.

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Business by day, improv comedy by night

A day in the life of Luke Miller, the director of CHiPs.

By Trevor Lenzmeier
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As the Chapel Hill Players concluded their Tuesday rehearsal before their show this Friday evening, the group of eight sat in a circle in a performance space at the Center for Dramatic Art discussing the night's high points and pitfalls.

Director Luke Miller observed the conversation, offered his own feedback and critiques and then paused to ask how the CHiPs were feeling — not about their performance but about life in general.

The exchange highlights Miller's self-described dichotic nature — at one moment a driven, focused director and the next an interested, caring friend.

A junior economics and business major, Miller splits time between CHiPs, Student Television's sketch comedy show "Off the Cuff," a full course load and consulting club.

"I love doing creative stuff, producing videos, being on stage and joking with friends, but there's an academic, business-focused side of me that I like to engage too," Miller said.

Miller begins his Tuesdays at Kenan-Flagler Business School. When class lets out around noon, he makes his way to the Pit to promote Friday's show with fellow CHiPs.

The routine of handing out fliers becomes a performance in itself, as Miller — perpetually smiling — attaches a

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Junior business and economics major Luke Miller watches his fellow CHiPs members practice a skit.

quick quip to each piece of paper.

He wishes a girl poring over a notebook luck on her upcoming test, asks a passing student about her food from Panera Bread and shrugs off those who pay him no mind with a joke.

Nearby, Connor Sturgis, a junior CHiP, interacts with students and pushes fliers despite the overcast weather. Sturgis said Miller's intelligence manifests itself both in the classroom and onstage.

"There are a bunch of different types of players when you do improv, and Luke is incredibly internally smart," Sturgis said.

"My thing is emotionally playing, but his is so intelligent. His mind is so different in a good way."

After an afternoon of promotion in the Pit, Miller returns to his schoolwork. Before rehearsal at 8 p.m., Miller has a full plate of homework, a business school practice interview and a peer consulting appointment. And despite this full schedule, Miller brings unabashed exuberance to practice.

The group transitions

from written sketches to improv games while Miller provides critique between takes. He challenges his fellow CHiPs and questions them about the keys to the game at hand. Before diving into a written skit, Miller advises the CHiPs.

"Remember to remember your lines," he said.

Bobby Decker, a junior preparing for his first CHiPs show, was coached by Miller on the CHiPs incubator team. He said Miller provides sound

practical and comedic direction for the group.

"You're out there to have fun, and people are there to watch you have fun. And Luke is great at balancing the specific day-to-day things and the bigger, artistic picture we're trying to create," Decker said.

When the CHiPs take to the stage on Friday night, the charismatic character version of Miller will be ready to provide the anxious crowd with a bit of comic relief and an

inimitable show.

According to Miller, this is the best part of improv.

"We always open the show by saying, 'We're going to do some improv for you. What you're about to see has never been done before and will never be done again,'" Miller said.

"And so it's exclusive in that way, and I think that's such a cool thing that bonds the audience together."

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Core brings education to military

The program allows military members to take online classes.

By Rachael Scott
Staff Writer

Thousands of miles away, deployed U.S. military members are doing UNC coursework as Friday Center students.

This is made possible through UNC Core, a program that allows active military members, reservists and veterans to complete parts of their education regardless of their locations.

Jim Gregory, spokesperson for UNC, has a military background as an Army officer.

"I think it's an important program for active duty ... as well as veterans to take part in because it just allows them that flexibility that they need if they're deployed to a location where they

would not be able to take classes," he said.

Gregory already had obtained a degree before joining the Army, but he emphasized the importance of the program for enlisted personnel who have not already had the opportunity.

"These individuals are looking for what is next. Higher education is very much a possibility. This allows them to prepare for it beforehand while in the military or once they leave the military," he said.

UNC Core helps make this hope of higher education obtainable, said Friday Center Director Robert Bruce.

"It's a responsibility for us," Bruce said.

"The way that online technology and particularly online classes have evolved, we can do it very well."

Through the program, military members take online classes to complete gen-

eral education requirements through self-paced or semester-based courses.

Once these courses are complete, the student can apply to UNC-system schools and then complete their major requirements.

Bruce also said he sees the program as an important duty, considering the number of military personnel in the state.

"We're a public institution ... (N.C. has) one of the highest populations of active duty military. There is over 100,000 in the state, how is it that we are serving that population?" Bruce said.

Bruce said the program has a lot of interest but faces a key limitation — only two branches of the military include UNC Core as part of their military assistance plan.

Without the program, military members must pay tuition for online classes.

Amber Mathwig is the

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Jim Gregory
UNC spokesperson

student veteran assistance coordinator, a position established with UNC Core. She assists veterans' transitions and helps with resources and benefits.

"I think that any time a service member or veteran has the opportunity for their education to be paid for via their benefits, that is always going to be an enticement to utilize the program," she said.

Mathwig said she sees an increase in the number of military branches that cover UNC Core as an important goal for the program.

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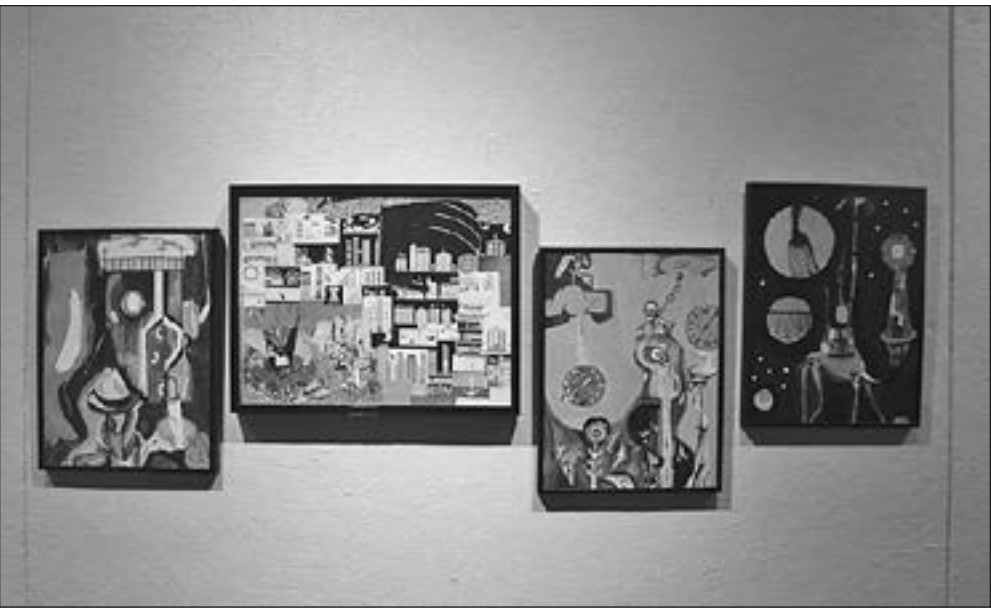
CUAB gallery destigmatizes mental illness

By Elizabeth Beckman
Staff Writer

It's showing, not telling. All of the artwork featured in the new Student Union art exhibit came from Brushes with Life, a program committed to giving artists with mental illnesses a chance to develop and showcase their skills. "Brushes with Life is an opportunity to empower our participants to identify as artists and, through that, learn to be proactive about ending stigma about mental health and illness," said Grayson Bowen, the coordinator of Brushes with Life. Brushes with Life is a project within the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health, an umbrella organization dedicated to the successful recovery of mental health patients in North Carolina. Bowen came to Brushes

with Life as a participant in 2006. After years of showing his own work through the program and attending many exhibitions, he began to teach the art classes himself. This wasn't his first time instructing — he has worked as a teaching assistant at Western Carolina University. "Working with the undergrads presented the same amount of difficulties as the artists I work with now," Bowen said. "When we're working with art, we're just people working with art — I don't notice a difference." Harnessing this common connection to art for therapy has become one of the main goals for Brushes with Life. Bowen runs two recovery groups a week that focus on creating art in a group setting and use creativity as a wellness tool. "It can be a breakthrough for a lot of people, I think, especially for them to identify

as artists before identifying as someone with a mental illness," he said. While some participants realize their artistic talent through the program, others arrive with experience. Jeff Newell, a past participant of Brushes with Life, said he began to call himself an artist at age 19, 20 years ago. His style has certainly changed over the years, he said, but still gravitates toward abstract expressionist themes — "Jeff-art." For Newell, art has been less of a therapy and more of an inherent need. "It's something I have to do — something I can't live without," he said. The exhibit will be shown until Oct. 19, coinciding with Mental Illness Awareness Week, which is from Oct. 11 until Oct. 17. Days after the exhibit's installation, students are already talking about it.



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The Student Union is featuring artwork from Brushes with Life. The art will be on display until Oct. 19.

"It's gorgeous," said senior Mariah Barksdale, as she walked into the gallery. After hearing background information on the exhibition, Barksdale glanced back at a couple of her favorites, including one of Newell's paintings. "I think that it's so poignant and relevant — it's nice to find light and beauty in the issues people have and to portray their thoughts on canvas." @elizabeckz arts@dailytarheel.com

MJ Stewart everywhere for UNC

The cornerback leads the Tar Heels with two interceptions.

By Carlos Collazo
Senior Writer

The only time sophomore cornerback M.J. Stewart has felt uncomfortable on the field with the North Carolina football team was during his first game last season, against San Diego State. During that game, he said he felt like he was everywhere. In a different sense of the word, Stewart has been everywhere for the Tar Heels, just four games into his sophomore campaign. He leads UNC with two interceptions, three passes broken up and five passes defended. In those four games, Stewart has already matched his pick total from the 12 games of his freshman season.

"I don't think it's me, I think it's more (defensive backs) Coach (Charlton) Warren," said Stewart after practice Wednesday afternoon. "(He's helped) me to get hands-on receivers off the line in the press, and it's allowed me to stay in front of receivers more." In addition to being a nuisance to opposing receivers, Stewart has already racked up 16 tackles — the fifth-highest on the team, and an impressive amount for a corner. And while the attention might turn away from the cornerbacks with a run-heavy Georgia Tech team looming in Atlanta on Saturday, Stewart will still have the opportunity to be a decisive force in the game. "You have to be efficient because you're not going to get a lot of drives. And that's just the way it's designed," said Coach Larry Fedora about the Yellow Jackets'

pendant for keeping the ball for long stretches at a time. "Defensively, we've got to create some takeaways." No one has been better at creating takeaways for the Tar Heels this season than Stewart. Against Paul Johnson's triple-option offense, that means staying alert as much as anything else. "Just don't get dulled asleep," Stewart said. "Because they can pass anytime. They love running the ball — triple-option is their thing so they run, run, run, run, run. And if a corner is undisciplined and falls asleep, they'll hit you with a play-action pass for 50 yards. And that's what they want." While the Yellow Jackets have yet to make that 50-yard pass, four of their nine receivers have season-long touchdown catches of 17 or more yards. The threat of the deep ball is there. But the good news for

Stewart — and the rest of the cornerbacks — is that there's still less of an adjustment to make compared to any of the other defensive position groups. "It's all the same every week for those guys," said defensive coordinator Gene Chizik. "Not a lot of difference. They still have to play great technique, they still have to play with great eye-discipline. And they have to have great reactions on the ball." Stewart has shown that he can react to the ball, and that much has been made obvious in the interception column on the stat sheet. As for his approach? Well, Warren has helped in that area as well — just ask Stewart. "He's kind of perfected my technique." Maybe that's why Stewart has been everywhere for UNC's defense this year. @CarlosACollazo sports@dailytarheel.com

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“We as students and as a University are in control of this situation. We have a committee that is going to put together an RFP. The RFP is our ability to make what-

ever requests or demands we want. Period,” Summers said. “We do have the power.”

Summers said the process doesn’t aim to take anything from the stores.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for us to take a deep dive into Student Stores to see if there are ways to maximize the amount of funds that are going to back to student scholarships and financial aid,” Summers said.

“The things that we do

well at Student Stores, we are going to demand that these things will be part of Student Stores in the future.”

He said he and the other committee members will need to look at the full scale of Student Stores to come to a decision.

“This is so early in the process. I think there are really interesting ways that we can raise awareness for this issue and make certain demands without thinking it’s the worst

thing that’s going to happen,” he said.

Edwards and Brennen are Summers’ two appointments to the request for the proposal committee. Faculty members, administrators and Employee Forum members will also serve.

Residence Hall Association President Taylor Bates said he is worried about the community and the livelihoods of the Student Stores workers whom he considers part of the UNC

family. Bates said RHA is working on informing its residents about the possibility of privatization.

“Advocacy is a pillar of the RHA. There are 8,700 people who live on campus. And I think the people who do live on campus — more so than off — are really affected by Student Stores,” Bates said.

“We definitely don’t want to see the service for the students decrease or have a negative impact on this insti-

tution that’s been around for 100 years this year.”

Ware said UNC students need to hear information about how Student Stores benefits them — and take action.

“People care. Students care. Faculty care. It’s not going to go quietly. I think the administration needs to realize that this isn’t going to happen without a fight.”

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that’s been given for all that they’ve done.”

Chuck Duckett, Committee chairperson, told Streeter his concerns were appreciated but reminded him UNC is in the early stages of considering the proposal.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

Matt Fajack told the Finance and Infrastructure Committee that the University talked to other schools that have undergone similar outsourcing. The feedback, he said, has been generally good.

He said the University is asking for another proposal that would this time include keeping Bull’s Head Bookshop independent and leaving the bookshop open for

North Carolina writers.

“There have been some articles and fliers going around that it’s already a done deal and a lot of other things,” he said. “But that’s not true.”

University debt

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Financial and Accounting Brian Smith said UNC currently has \$1.4 billion in debt

outstanding.

Smith said Moody’s Investors Service, which rates public colleges and universities, gave UNC an “Aaa” ranking, the highest quality ranking with the lowest risk level. Seven other public universities have the same ranking.

According to the new state budget, each UNC-system school must conduct an annual debt affordability study.

Binge drinking

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp said the High Risk Alcohol and Substance Abuse Working Group is about to recommend a rewritten alcohol policy.

He said he expects to see a draft within a month.

“Along with that policy, they’re going to be recom-

mending a series of new initiatives and programs, newly designed to create significant change in the culture on this campus,” he said.

He said the new policy would focus on public health issues by approaching alcohol issues on campus, from prevention and intervention to recovery.

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already have a federal deportation order out for them.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said this bill would discourage undocumented immigrants from calling the police or engaging in the community,

due to fear of being harassed or deported.

“Immigrants would come to see police as an unwelcome force creating a haven for crime,” Kleinschmidt said.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Sammy Slade said he does not support the bill.

“The legislature is led by a party centered on local control yet is overreaching into local government,” Slade said.

This bill would make it so local government could not influence the police department’s enforcement of immigration policies.

“No county may have in

effect any policy, ordinance, or procedure that limits or restricts the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law,” the bill states.

Slade said the most local government officials could do is ask the police department

to report how they will conduct their duties. He said he hopes the police department will not change their procedures in light of this bill.

“In Carrboro we are very open and supportive of other people,” Slade said. “We’ve tried to make the town welcoming to immigrants.”

When asked how the bill could affect future police conduct, Mecimore said he does not have an answer yet.

“We are not well served by local resources for having to do a federal job,” Kleinschmidt said.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 — Get into a learning phase today and tomorrow. Study, research and write. Don't show a loved one unfinished work. Shyness, lack of confidence, money problems or trouble in a partnership keep your mood quiet. Avoid controversy and fuss.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — Don't waste your money. Figure finances over the next few days. Pay bills before treats. Use your feminine side to diplomatically sidestep a controversy. Don't be intimidated. Ask for what you were promised. Someone important is paying attention.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 — A hunch could get profitable. You're strong and growing stronger over the next few days. Get innovative, but don't gamble with the rent. Discover a magnetic attraction. Avoid a conflict of interests. Heed the voice of experience.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 6 — Slow things down. Deadlines loom, so leave nonessential tasks for later. Private meditation and review serve you today and tomorrow. Postpone socializing. Study a mystery and discover a secret. Finish your work in private. Keep your wits.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 — Friends come through for you over the next few days. Hold meetings. Make a decision together. Avoid stepping on toes. Don't talk about a party to someone who's not invited. Watch for unexpected changes. Listen. Revise plans.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — Crazy dreams seem possible, but breakdown potential is high. Don't try new tricks. Advance your career today and tomorrow. Slow and steady wins the race. Handle responsibilities. Postpone partying. Avoid a grump. Look before leaping.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 — Travel appeals, but it's not without peril. Avoid extravagance. News affects your decisions for the next two days. Study the road ahead. Do the filing. Weigh options. Don't get mad when others remind you to stay on task.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — Family comes first. Today and tomorrow are good for financial planning. Show your love for an elder. Avoid doing stuff you know will irritate your partner. Organize paperwork and keep accounts current. Stay objective in a tense situation. Share appreciation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — Somebody would like to share your load. Give kind words, not expensive treats. Complications could arise. Compromise is required for the next two days. Guard against overspending or overindulging. Decide together. Dance with the circumstances.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 6 — Slow down to get things done quickly. Save time by avoiding do-overs. There's plenty of work today and tomorrow. Obstacles merit careful steps. Avoid reacting automatically, and wait on big decisions. Focus on the job at hand.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 5 — Go play today and tomorrow. In a stalemate, don't ask for favors. Patience serves you. Don't fall for a trick. A temporary clash between love and money could irritate. The person yelling loudest isn't always right. Get creative.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 — Wait to advance. Arguments are to be expected. Get feedback from close family and friends first. Get support with differences of opinion. Don't overlook domestic chores. Make your home more comfortable today and tomorrow. Get some time to yourself.

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Your words have an impact

A piece on The Daily Tar Heel's Pit Talk blog was offensive to me in several ways:

First, as a person who strives to promote social justice, I found the use of stereotypes for comedic effect offensive.

Second, as a member of a minority group, seeing any person or group being marginalized through use of stereotypes upsets me.

Last, as a person who has family members and friends who identify as gay, it hurt knowing someone thought it was acceptable to publish something of that nature.

In my opinion, the blog was nothing more than published bullying. Stopbullying.gov defines bullying as "unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance."

The only reservation I have with this definition is bullying can occur among young adults, college students and adults as well. Bullying isn't always laced with four-letter words or physical blows. Minimizing a culture to a few vague characteristics is bullying as well.

While, to a certain extent, I'm sure addressing stereotypes is a form of reclamation, it does not eliminate the offense the piece had. Just because the author is gay doesn't make it appropriate. Reclamation has repercussions that must be considered. It's not a matter of censorship — it's a matter of consideration.

Joking about stereotypes, even with harmless intentions, can have a detrimental impact on a person — it has on me.

There's one encounter I remember in particular. I was in seventh grade on a school field trip, we were sitting on the bus on our way back to school, and a boy, nice enough, asked me, "Are you mixed?"

I laughed, assuming that he perceived my skin color, and said, "No, why?" His answer was, "Because you act white."

Then, for a Black girl with little exposure to mainstream media aside from Disney Channel, I struggled with my identity as a Black woman.

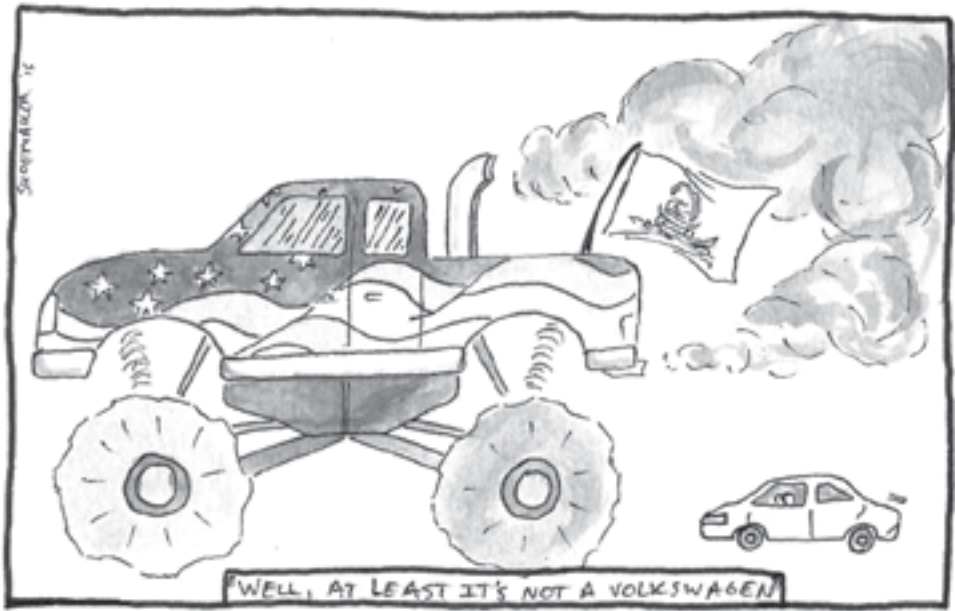
Having a fellow student question my race, a crucial part of my identity, because of his limited exposure to Black women was difficult. Especially considering I was already dealing with how to navigate both simultaneously.

I can understand why my classmate thought it was okay. Compartmentalization is easy.

It can be tiring dealing with a plethora of personalities and backgrounds, especially on a college campus. So, compartmentalizing other groups by using stereotypes helps to comprehend and navigate environments. However, all stereotypes are harmful, regardless of how simple they seem. And I can't help but wonder how different the reaction would have been if the blog were about what sorority members or Black women are doing in the bathroom.

I'm grateful that a campus like UNC provides so many outlets and organizations that strive to promote social justice and equality. As students, we are charged with the task of provoking change. I can appreciate the efforts to humor The Daily Tar Heel's readers, but I cannot support minimizing an entire community as a means to an end.

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VIEWPOINTS

THE ISSUE: Tuesday, the N.C. legislature adjourned without passing a controversial bill concerning charter school funding. The issue seems likely to be reintroduced after the legislature is scheduled to reconvene in April. Below, editorial board members debate the merits of the ideas in the bill.

Believe and invest in your public schools

Tuesday, the N.C. General Assembly did not pass House Bill 539, which proposed siphoning funds from public schools into charter schools. The legislature might consider the proposal again when it reconvenes but should resist misappropriating funds from our public schools to charters.

While imperfect, an integrated public school education has been a major mechanism for community success and



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are not required to provide affordable options, such as free and reduced lunch to their students. State coffers should not be directed to for-profit charters, which have existed as sites of de jure segregation in predominately white and middle-class neighborhoods.

Proponents of charter schools argue public schools are unable to be held accountable by taxpayers or flexible to student needs, in contrast to charter schools with a greater tendency for parental involvement and higher test scores. Education reform doesn't happen overnight. While ideas for reform seem to be plenty (and misdirected toward creating charter schools), reformers should make an effort to focus their attention on supporting neighborhood schools.

long-term prosperity. Under the bill, excess funds, gifts or grants slated for public schools would have been shared with charters, which might or might not be providing the same services as public schools. Unlike public schools, charters are able to experiment with curriculum and policies that best fit students' individual needs. Charter schools that fail to perform lose students — and funds — to schools that better cater to the desires of parents and students. Parents, as taxpayers, should have the choice in what school their child attends — and where their share of state funding goes. Disadvantaged communities especially need school choice because traditional schools in poorer areas often perpetuate the school-to-prison pipeline and lock students into cyclical poverty because of poor performance and lack of opportunity. Charter schools offer a way out. In New York City, charter school networks such as Success Academy have created dramatic improvements in test scores for underprivileged students who had been in underperforming traditional schools. As we look for ways to increase opportunity and performance in public schools, greater school choice offers a way to give students and parents more power over their own future.

School choice expands opportunity

The N.C. General Assembly seems interested in expanding school choice and ensuring students enrolled in charter schools receive an equal amount of public funding as those in traditional schools. This is a good thing — charter schools expand choice and opportunity by allowing parents to send their children to schools that best suit their needs.

Charter schools are free of the rigid, top-down structure of public schools and are able to experiment with curriculum and policies that best fit students' individual needs. Charter schools that fail to perform lose students — and funds — to schools that better cater to the desires of parents and students. Parents, as taxpayers, should have the choice in what school their child attends — and where their share of state funding goes. Disadvantaged communities especially need school choice because traditional schools in poorer areas often perpetuate the school-to-prison pipeline and lock students into cyclical poverty because of poor performance and lack of opportunity. Charter schools offer a way out. In New York City, charter school networks such as Success Academy have created dramatic improvements in test scores for underprivileged students who had been in underperforming traditional schools. As we look for ways to increase opportunity and performance in public schools, greater school choice offers a way to give students and parents more power over their own future.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's not going to go quietly. I think the administration needs to realize that this isn't going to happen without a fight."

Grace Ware, on opposing the privatization of UNC Student Stores

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"If there are causes that are worth advocating, it follows that someone ought to be an activist for them."

David, on people making careers out of activism

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nancy Oates insulted violence survivors

TO THE EDITOR:

I was recently appalled to read a post on Nancy Oates' website comparing sexual assault to the way that the Chapel Hill Town Council makes decisions. While trying to learn about the candidates, I came across Oates' June 29 blog post, in which she suggests that the council acts like a victim of sexual assault in saying "yes" to developers when they really want to say "no." She goes on to say that we need leaders who have the strength to say "no" even when it's difficult to do.

As a survivor of sexual violence, I find Oates' remarks deeply disturbing and offensive. Sexual violence is a serious problem in Chapel Hill and throughout our region. Comparing her disappointment in democratic outcomes to sexual violence cheapens the collective experiences of those of us who have survived and oftentimes continue to struggle.

Oates' mentality suggests that her priorities are grossly misplaced and that she is out of touch with reality. Furthermore, it makes me seriously question her ability to use sound judgment in communicating respectfully with constituents and fellow council members, as well as her ability to make well-reasoned decisions.

I urge voters to say no to Nancy Oates this election season, and I challenge Oates to volunteer with a group like the Compass Center for Women and Families to see the real impacts of sexual violence. Hopefully then she will see how wrong her offensive remarks are.

Jenny Thompson
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Lee was a Christian and honorable man

TO THE EDITOR:

I have no wish to extend the dialogue with Chase Hawisher. He and I are firmly opposed on the subject of Robert E. Lee and slavery.

But I will offer a brief comment on Elizabeth Pryor's "Reading the Man." Hers is a prodigious and valuable work, for which we are in her debt.

It was she who published Lee's humanizing personal letters in extenso. It is, however, important to note that the disturbing scene she cites, and Hawisher repeats, of an angry Lee egging on a subordinate in a cruel whipping of three runaway slaves, rests on the narrative of one of the victims, Wesley Norris, published in the antislavery press of 1859.

Pryor's extensive discussion of this episode is nuanced, although she is inclined to credit Norris' account over Lee's denials in personal letters.

She does concede that Norris boasted of unverified scars. Generally, she tends to view those who take Lee at his word as "apologists."

Ultimately, historical truth-telling obliges us to form careful judgments of contentious accounts of the past, and this is among the most contentious.

While Norris's narrative is full of circumstantial detail (which in Pryor's view tends to confirm it), the picture of an angry Lee cheering the cruel chastisement of a young woman is inconsistent with all that I know and believe about Lee's character.

Was he a "marble man" who never lost his temper?

No. Was he consistently obedient to his Christian faith as he defined it?

Yes. Was he deeply angered by abolitionism? Did he hold agitators responsible for detaching slaves from what he regarded as their loyalty and dirty?

Again, yes. But his personal code did not permit him to respond publicly to this and other calumnies heaped on him from that day to this. Some partisans in the refighting of our tragic civil war will never forgive Lee for refusing the union command and taking the side of his state and kin, notwithstanding his view that secession was "revolution" and wrong. But his detractors might recall the example of Sen. Hubert Humphrey, who led the belated Senate effort to respond to a long-lost application and restore Lee's American citizenship — an act of generosity and amnesia well worth imitating.

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Fraternity parties should be avoided

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Cheyenna Phelps' letter on Sept. 28. Phelps points out the blatant discrimination that is ever-present in fraternity culture here at Chapel Hill, particularly when it comes to gaining admittance to a party hosted by these fraternities. I wholeheartedly agree with Phelps that this is an abomination. The color of one's skin should not be used to determine anything about a person, let alone something as trivial as whether or not they can attend a party. However, what I don't understand is why Phelps, or anyone for that matter, would want to be admitted to a frat party?

Time after time, fraternities have proven themselves to be terrible institutions. They continue to perpetuate a negative and disgraceful culture. We've seen incidents across the nation that have yet to disprove this. The University of Oklahoma chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, back in March, was caught on video chanting a racist slogan while on a bus ride. Such ignorant and bigoted behavior is abhorrent.

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