

FIRST AMENDMENT DAY

“AND IF IT’S CENSORSHIP ...THEN SO WHAT?”

Finding the fine line between trigger warnings and academic freedom

By Sharon Nunn
Senior Writer

Trigger warnings, hypersensitive students, intrusive university administrations and understanding.

In previous months, these words have been tightly wound up and tied with a bow. A package deal of sorts, stemming from more than a year of intense race-relation debates, sexual assault scandals and national conversations about academic freedom.

This semester, a first-year seminar, English 72: “Literature of 9/11,” initiated both discussion and arguments at UNC about students’ dis-

satisfaction with what their course materials expose them to.

And a survey released last week by the Association of American Universities found that 12.9 percent of UNC survey participants have experienced at least one behavior considered sexual assault, meaning even more students on campus might want trigger warnings.

The national conversation about overprotecting students manifested itself in several well-known forms. The Atlantic article titled “The Coddling of the American Mind” was both lauded and harshly criticized for its argument that students are

demanding protection from ideas they don’t like. In contrast, The New York Times article “Why I Use Trigger Warnings” said trigger warnings are as routine as an extra line in an email.

Here lies the fine line: An increasingly popular argument states trigger warnings are the beginning or continuation of university administrators slowly taking away professors’, and even students’, academic freedom, and hence, authors like Greg Lukianoff, who wrote The Atlantic’s piece, argue that college students are becoming increasingly sensitive to controversial topics.

Two opposing views

UNC professor Lois Boynton said there is difference between a student having a PTSD-like reaction to material brought up in class and a student just being uncomfortable with what a professor talks about.

In her media ethics class, she’s considering what she calls a content statement.

“The two concepts have been joined together and may or may not need to be,” she said. “Some may equate PTSD reactions with ‘I just don’t like talking about this topic.’ That’s where the distinction needs to be made.”

Lukianoff calls it a “recurrence of past trauma” but argues students are becoming more sensitive to subject matter and microaggressions, usually defined as words or actions that seem harmless but are still taken as offensive or violent.

He claims this “new climate is slowly becoming institutionalized,” and university administrations, like the University of California system, are taking notice. In the 2014-15 school year, leaders in that system implemented training with examples of microaggressions, such as

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Without a ‘smoking gun’, activists face uphill battle

Saunders Hall was an easier target for activists, according to a former UNC trustee.

By Anyssa Reddix
Staff Writer

It’s not just an idea.

That’s the point student activist Kescia Hall is trying to stress about the Silent Sam monument on McCorkle place.

“I think that’s one of the areas that trips a lot of white folks up — they want to cling to the thought that we’re protesting an idea, not a person, not them. No, we’re protesting them,” said Hall, a senior. “Silent Sam is not just an idea, it’s people. People that are on this campus still.”

Former UNC Trustee Alston Gardner said the Real Silent Sam Coalition needs to root their argument more in fact, similarly to how it dealt with Saunders Hall.

“I totally get the notion and the objection to Silent Sam,” Gardner said. “But you’ve got to have something tangible, and that’s why Saunders was such a good target early on.”

‘Not some malicious act’

Following the renaming of Saunders Hall to Carolina Hall, attention has been redirected back to Silent Sam — by modifying the statue through spray-painting and blindfolding.

“Blindfolding Silent Sam is not some malicious act to just be rude and to make people feel uncomfortable. It’s done to provide a contrast to your daily life,” said junior Charity Lackey, a student activist on campus. “When you have a point that needs to be put across, and it’s not being taken seriously, sometimes you need a visual.”

Hall agreed the blindfolding is an effective display.

“I think that it was a very timely, as well as appropriate, form of expression and form of art that was executed,” Hall said. “I wish it was more public.”

The acts against Silent Sam led to the installation of cameras around the monument by the Department of Public



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On Sept. 9, the Silent Sam monument was blindfolded with a Confederate flag.

Safety in July.

“That’s another way, I guess, systems are put in place to silence people, to promote terror or invoke fear in people that might want to protest,” Hall said. “It’s a very militarized way to police people and bodies on the campus

because there is going to be that fear that I can be identified, and there are consequences that can be fabricated because of being on camera even in the vicinity of the statue.”

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‘Almighty God’ clause still on books in NC

The section forbids candidates who do not believe in God.

By Corey Risinger
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With a pocket North Carolina Constitution in hand, a frustrated resident in the 1980s demanded the removal of a progressive Durham mayor for not being Christian.

“(The man said) he recognized gays and that’s a violation of being a Christian,” said Steven Green, then a summer employee of the Durham County Attorney’s Office and Ph.D. candidate at UNC.

More than 30 years later, Article 6, Section 8 of the state Constitution still technically disqualifies “any person who shall deny the being of Almighty God” from running for public office.

Green, now a law professor at Willamette University in Oregon, said the section clearly violates the U.S. Constitution and the Free Exercise Clause, which ensures religious liberty for all citizens.

Green said many with a false understanding of the state Constitution — like the resident he encountered years ago — forget or disregard that the U.S. Constitution supercedes those of all states.

“(These clauses) get a little traction for a few days until someone finally puts a kibosh on it and says, ‘Uh, no,’” he said.

But Cecil Bothwell, an Asheville City Council member, said he felt the impact of the law in 2009, when it was used to challenge his election. “I was blown away,” he said. “I’ve never heard of such a thing.”

Discussion of the “Almighty God” section was prompted by two letters — written by political opponents — declaring that Bothwell, an atheist, would bring the town to hell.

Bothwell said religion should not have been a factor in his election.

“The idea is that the world that we live in is secular,” he said. “The answers that we need to find are based on best practices, not best beliefs.”

Though the case for Bothwell’s removal was eventually dismissed, he said his story gained national attention.

After his case was picked up by talk show host Rachel Maddow, Bothwell said a Google search of “Cecil Bothwell, atheist” led to more than 250,000 search results — with coverage in eight languages.

But H.K. Edgerton, a challenger of Bothwell’s election, said that according to the Constitution, the council member illegally served his terms.

“If it says it, it’s the law,” he said. “If you break it, then there ought to be a consequence for the law.”

Edgerton said the state must either change the law or enforce it.

“What am I going to tell my babies?” he said. “That now, you can just pick and choose what laws you want?”

Amanda Martin, an attorney specializing in media with Stevens Martin Vaughn & Tadych, PLLC, said antiquated laws remain unless they are actively changed.

N.C. Sen. Josh Stein, D-Wake, said “dead letters” — laws on the book that are not enforced — are not purposefully maintained.

“It’s not that there’s an

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“The people must know before they can act, and there is no educator to compare with the press.”

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CITY BRIEF

An Orange County grand jury indicted former UNC student Chandler Kania on all charges related to his wrong way car crash that killed three people and injured another. Kania's lawyer confirmed the 20-year-old was indicted on all charges Monday, including three counts of second-degree murder. Police say Kania was driving while drunk at the time of the July crash.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky was named the ACC Offensive Back of the Week after completing 17 of 20 passes for 312 yards and four touchdowns in North Carolina's 41-14 win over Delaware. Wide receiver Mack Hollins earned Receiver of the Week Honors after posting three catches for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

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Banned Books Week: 'Lolita'

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

multiple countries because of the sexual relationship between the 37-year-old narrator and his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

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 Wednesday's trading card.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Monday's front-page story "School district wants for equity and excellence" the original version of the article misrepresented the sponsors of the community forum. The forum was co-sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP, Organizing Against Racism, the CHCCS Multicultural Student Achievement Network and the CHCCS PTA Council. Due to a reporting error in the same article, the original version of the article also misrepresented Judy Jones' teaching career. Jones first started teaching in the district in 1984 at Chapel Hill High School, where she taught her first black students. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

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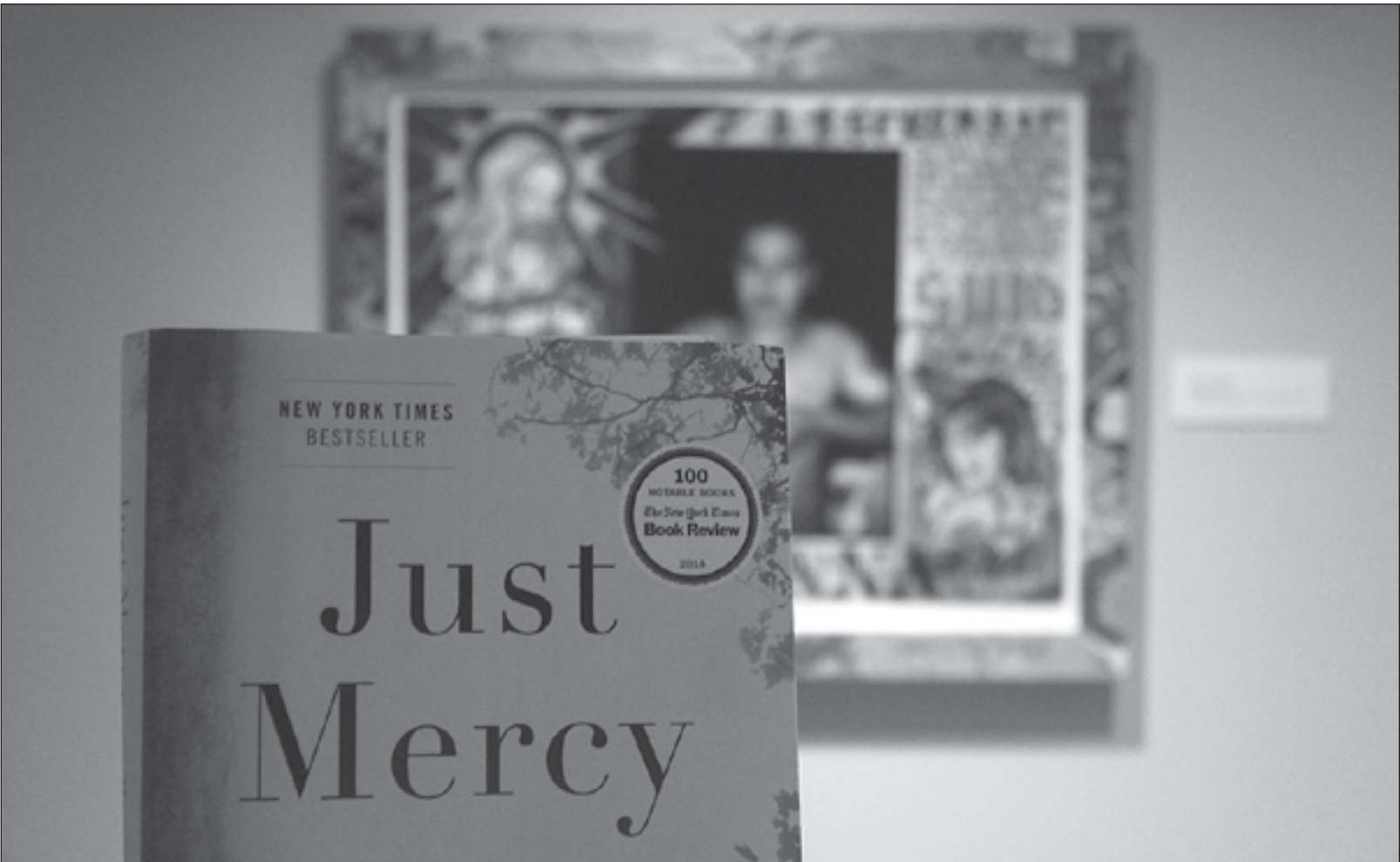
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Ackland study gallery enriches classes

Every six weeks, second floor rotates exhibitions

By **Kyle Underhill**
Staff Writer

Out of the classroom and into the Ackland Art Museum. Since fall 2009, the Study Gallery on the second floor of the Ackland has been a space for classes from all departments to enrich their learning through visual art. The gallery is split into six sections, each of which can be reserved by a different class to come and view relevant artwork, most of it from the permanent collection. The classes range in subject from art history to psychology to geography. On Sept. 27, all of the pieces that were in the study gallery were rotated out to make room for the next batch of classes. The next set will be installed on Sept. 30. This year's summer reading art exhibition based on the book, "Just Mercy" by Brian Stevenson, also used one of the spaces, but it will be replaced with new material. At any given time, as many as six classes have art installed in the study gallery, per the professor's request. Eight to 10 pieces are on display in every section, and the pieces stay up for about six weeks. Sometimes classes meet in the museum, and sometimes the students have to come and look at the art out of class. Carolyn Allmendinger, the director of academic programs at the Ackland, said each professor has to go through a process to set up their



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The study gallery in the Ackland Art Museum is a space where classes supplement learning. It included art accompanying the summer reading "Just Mercy" until Sept. 27.

section. The professors decide the type of art desired, and they often spend a great deal of time looking through the museum's collection to pick the right pieces. "Art can be looked up by medium, artist and date range, but it is a lot harder to find art by subject matter," she said, referring to the selection process. Tania String, an art professor who currently has a section reserved, said that the museum presents a unique opportunity for her students. "I think that probably very few of the students have ever had the opportunity to look at 16th-century prints in person," she said. "It's kind of remarkable that they get to do this." Allmendinger believes contemporary art on the first floor is another great resource for students. She explained how one portrait may be looked at and analyzed by a paint-

ing class one day and a comparative literature class the next. "There are so many different dimensions and ways to understand the art," she said. "It's a great example of what's wonderful about liberal arts." Josefa Lindquist, a Spanish 105 lecturer who takes her classes to the Ackland, said being in the museum can make it easier for her students to give oral presentations because the museum can provide a more relaxing setting than the classroom. "It takes the language out of the class and into real life," Lindquist said. Katie Toles, a student who visited the Ackland for a philosophy course, said that changing the setting of her class made a big difference. "It was really cool to get out of the classroom."

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Uncertain ruling for judiciary party labels

The House bill would add partisan labels to judicial elections.

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Some say voters might become better equipped to cast their ballots in judicial elections, as N.C. House Bill 8 outlines the addition of partisan labels next to candidates' names. The bill would affect elections for the N.C. Supreme Court and the N.C. Court of Appeals, and supporters argue it aims to provide more contextual information to voters. N.C. Sen. Andrew Brock, R-Davie, said he hopes the addition of partisan labels will improve the decision-making of voters — especially students — when they are unaware of the candidates. In the current system, Brock said he is unsure how voters cast their ballots when they cannot identify the candidate. "A lot of times, when people go in and they don't know who to vote for, either they'll guess, or maybe they like the name better," he said. Michael Crowell, a professor at the UNC School of Government, said judges often receive less attention from voters because they are so low on

the ballot. "A lot of people don't even know the judicial races, and most don't know anything about their candidates," he said. Maggie Bill, a UNC junior, said labels could help people who rarely keep up with judicial elections. "I don't know anything about the judges in North Carolina, to be honest," Bill said. "I definitely think (partisan labels) would help how I vote just because I don't know much about it in the first place." Brock said he doubts the bill will politicize judicial elections. "It doesn't make for partisan elections, it just identifies them," he said. "I think for the most part people are just looking for a way to make an informed vote." But partisan labels might interfere with judges' impartiality and independence, said John Lappie, a post-doctoral research associate at Rice University. "There's really this tension between independence in the judiciary — that they should be insulated from public pressure, and their accountability — that they should be responsive to the public," Lappie said. While partisan elections maximize the accountability of candidates through competition, Lappie said it might take a toll on their wallets — which might give influence to private interest groups with larger budgets. Crowell said Republican majorities in the N.C. legislature should also be taken into account. "I assume that Republican legislators believe that this will help Republican candidates for judicial candidates for judicial offices," Crowell said. Brock said that partisan labels could increase efforts to remain impartial. Judges are already expected to dismiss themselves from cases that present a conflict of interest, he said. "The party identification almost may make (judges) go against the party even if it is more legitimate of a case (not to)," he said. Brock said he does not foresee any major roadblocks to the bill's passage. "I think it'll pass; it'll do well. A lot of people have asked for it on both sides — Republicans and Democrats." Crowell said the ultimate question is not information, but whether judges should even be elected. "I can tell you that for everybody — every student commission, every bar association group, everyone who's looked at the issue for the last 50 years — has recommended that judges be appointed rather than elected," Crowell said. "But it doesn't look like that's going to happen any time soon."

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Antsy about asbestos: UNC says it isn't a risk

Asbestos can be found in walls of seven UNC residence halls.

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Officials say asbestos doesn't pose a health risk at UNC, even though it's located inside the ceilings and walls of seven residence halls on campus. Hinton James, Morrison, Avery, Parker, Teague, Grimes and Manly residence halls all contain asbestos — but most of it isn't fragile enough to be dangerous, officials say. "The issue with asbestos is that the material is friable. This is a term that means fragile or easily crumbled," said Mary Beth Koza, director of the Department of Environment, Health and Safety. "Then there is a potential for health issues or exposure. Most of our surfaces are not friable surfaces. ... So if we find an area that could be questionable, EHS will be monitoring to verify if we have acceptable asbestos levels." Koza said if housing has any concerns, her department will address the problems. Regardless of housing reports, inspections are done twice a year in residence halls by accredited professionals. She also said her department does asbestos-removal projects that are regulated and monitored all year long. Too much exposure to asbestos can cause lung disease and cancer, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Students in buildings that contain asbestos are asked not to use tack, tape or glue to attach anything to walls, according to Koza's department's website. The department also advised not to scrape or

damage walls, ceilings or pipes. Associate Director of Housing Rick Bradley said he doesn't think the presence of asbestos deters people from living in residence halls. "I think it's pretty commonly known that asbestos is in many buildings, so I don't think that would be an influence," he said. Bradley said residents are made aware of asbestos in their dorms each year in resident adviser-led floor meetings. "They have a letter that's from the environmental health and safety director, and they just review that," Bradley said. Nina Vukicevic, a resident and floor representative in Morrison, said she knew of no such meeting. Her suitemates did not know about the asbestos in their building, either. "I didn't know about asbestos in Morrison," Vukicevic said. "That's good to know. I'll bring it up in my next meeting." Emily Meggs, who lives in Grimes, said she doesn't recall receiving information from housing about asbestos. "I found out because my roommate told me, but more so it was like, I would hear people talking about it like, 'There's asbestos in the ceilings and the vents,'" she said. "I don't know much about it, though." She said she'd like information about asbestos to be included in other housing information. Koza said the asbestos in residence halls is currently harmless. Buildings are maintained so that materials don't crumble and release harmful fibers into the air. "None of the asbestos on campus is a health hazard, and I think that's the most important point," Koza said. "It is not something to panic about."

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Congress says housing uncertainty to blame for empty seats

One district for graduate and professional students has seven open seats.

By **Beni Mathieu**
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Almost half of Student Congress' seats are empty — 17 out of about 40 seats have yet to be filled in various districts of campus. Cole Simons, chairperson of the Oversight and Advocacy Committee, said the vacancies can directly affect the student body. "The importance of having a full student congress is because we're based on districts," Simons said. "We don't want to underrepresent any portion of the population." Empty seats in the South Campus East district, which is residential housing typically reserved for first-year students, can be linked to elections being held in the spring in order to fill seats for the fall, said David Joyner, speaker of Student Congress.

"When the elections happened in the spring of 2015, these first-years were still in high school, they weren't on campus," Joyner said. Students must be current residents of their districts in order to represent them in Student Congress. Joyner said this leads to other problems, as returning students often don't receive their first-choice residence halls on South Campus, which are mostly reserved for first-years. Often, students will get elected for a specific district in the spring, hoping to live there in the fall and represent the district. But many students change housing in the fall and have to resign, leaving open seats, said Grayson Berger, president of the Board of Elections. "Districts have as much as seven open seats," Berger said. Joyner said the empty seats in mid-campus, graduate and post-graduate districts are a result of uncertain plans. "People don't get their first housing request or people go abroad," Joyner said. "So if people go abroad they have to resign their seats

"When the elections happened in the spring of 2015, these first-years were still in high school."
David Joyner
speaker of Student Congress

because they're not here on campus to fulfill their obligations." Simons said Student Congress recently hosted about 150 students at an open house to inform and fill vacancies in the fall election on October 30. "We'll be working with (the Residence Hall Association) this year to make sure we're in residence halls talking to them, making sure they know those positions are open," Simons said. Joyner said he is working with Taylor Bates, president of the Residence Hall Association, along with Community Government in an effort to reach out and bridge the gap in the districts that have vacancies. Student Congress meets every

Almost half of UNC Student Congress' seats unfilled

Out of 40 total seats, Student Congress has yet to fill 17 of them in various districts. The South Campus East district has four open seats, likely due to those seats being filled before first-years are on campus.

District 1:
North Campus
One open seat to be filled

District 4:
South Campus East
Four open seats to be filled

District 8:
Apartment Housing
May have one open seat to be filled

District 9:
Graduate/Professional
Three open seats to be filled

District 10:
Graduate/Professional
Seven open seats to be filled

District 11:
Graduate/Professional
One open seat to be filled

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other Tuesday. "All our meetings are open to the public," Joyner said. "As a speaker it is my prerogative to allow them to give input although they can't vote, so we still try and get feedback from them." Simons said he is also working on a survey that will be emailed to the UNC student body focusing primar-

ily on how students interact with professors, teaching assistants and fellow students to make up for the vacancies. "It's much more specific, so we can build student opinions to make sure we're focusing on the right areas," Simons said.

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“America is the land of opportunity” and “I believe the most qualified person should get the job.”

Eugene Volokh, a UCLA law professor in that system, said that even if a university is right about a certain issue, how would we know if we never discussed that topic?

“The common thread that I see at UC is trying to suppress certain ideas, not by explicit punishment, but by condemning them as racists, sexists, anti-Semitic,” he said.

Lukianoff said trigger warnings are another way for university administrations to control and even sensor what professors choose to include in their courses.

“The advocates of trigger warnings often like to claim that they are not interested in excluding difficult material from class, rather just warning people in advance,” he said. “But one of the only recorded attempts to mandate trigger warnings, which took place at Oberlin College,

was very explicit about the fact that potentially triggering material should be avoided all together.”

Boynton said that in the case of using trigger warnings in her courses, she’d make sure students knew that the material was still his or her responsibility, and it wouldn’t keep her from covering certain topics.

“It’s the marketplace of ideas. All speech should have a place, and people have the rational ability to figure out is it true or not true, do I agree or not agree with it,” Boynton said. “The value is it reinforces why you disagree.”

Coddling or protection?

Garrett Ivey, a UNC senior who said he’s a survivor of sexual assault, said trigger warnings aren’t about just being uncomfortable and aren’t put in place to keep students from hearing things they don’t like. Instead, they should keep students from being in positions where they could have a panic-like reaction, he said.

“It’s about having a visceral reaction where you’re literally incapable of functioning,” Ivey said.

Like Ivey, Manne said in The New York Times article that “triggered reactions can be intense and unpleasant, and may overtake our consciousness, as with a flashback experienced by a war veteran.”

Ivey said he understands the argument that students not being exposed to difficult subjects keeps them from being prepared for real-world experiences but thinks censorship isn’t necessarily a problem.

“But in an environment where it can be controlled, it’s better to err on the side of caution,” Ivey said. “And if it’s censorship to water down your message, then so what?”

Yet Lukianoff, Boynton and Ivey agree on one thing: Trigger warnings sit on the fine line of academic freedom and understanding PTSD.

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ALMIGHTY GOD

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intention to keep them; it’s just the barrier to remove them is so great,” he said.

Matt Hughes, chairperson of the Orange County Democratic Party, said he would support the legislature’s revisiting the text.

Green said he would support a constitutional update. “It creates a bad image that the state would not correct something that is a clear violation of religious liberty,” he said.

While North Carolina is not alone in its religious requirement for office, Green said this kind of holdover from the colonial period and other church and state issues are often overlooked. The state is one of several to include clauses nullified by the later U.S. Constitution. “Most of the more recent states — let’s put it that way — did not put in these clauses because they were modeled after the federal Constitution.”

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SILENT SAM

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‘It needs to go’

UNC history professor Harry Watson said monuments are put up to honor a person or cause, to ensure people don’t forget about it. But he also said the reasons for honoring a person can be re-evaluated in hindsight more aptly than a group of people, as with Silent Sam.

“When you take all the students who fought in the Civil War on the side of Confederacy, some of them may have been heroes and some of them may have been scoundrels,” Watson said. “Honoring a group of people is a far more nebulous thing, and you have the problem of whether everybody in the group deserves the honor.”

Even between Saunders Hall — known by some as Hurston Hall — and Silent Sam, there is a difference of approach by activists and UNC administration.

“Hurston Hall needed a more rigorous form of protest because this had been an issue for a decade, and no one was listening,” Lackey said.

Hall said what students are ultimately asking for with Silent Sam differs from their intentions with Saunders Hall. While some are asking for contextualization, Hall wants it completely removed.

“With Silent Sam, there is no second portion of trying to rename it,” Hall said. “It needs to go.”

Watson said contextualization is “double talk, quite literally.”

“Honestly, I’d rather take the statue down than do that,” Watson said. “To me, it is wishy-washy to keep it up and then say we don’t mean it.”

‘Easiest target’

After a period of unsuccessful protesting, the Real Silent Sam Coalition had to strategize its goals to appeal to the Board of Trustees, which would be the deciding body for altering monuments.

“When we first met with the Real Silent Sam Coalition, this was almost two years ago, they were not necessarily focused on Saunders Hall;

they were trying to attack on a lot of different fronts,” Gardner said. “It was a really scattered shot approach.”

Gardner said after he spoke with some of the members of the coalition, they realized they needed to focus on one project for efficiency’s sake.

“They concluded that Saunders was probably the most vulnerable and easiest target,” Gardner said.

Once Saunders Hall was the identified cause, the group still needed to put more research behind its reasons for changing the name, Gardner said.

“There were probably three or four trustees who were convinced the name should come down. The other trustees weren’t really opposed to it per se, they just said we need to see some evidence because all we really have is a lot of conjecture about who this man was,” Gardner said. “We needed a smoking gun, and, frankly, the students didn’t have that.”

Gardner said when it was clear that among the reasons for Saunders being honored, his affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan was on the top of the list — there was an absence of doubt for the trustees.

“That kind of tipped it over for everyone on the board — you can’t have a terrorist and you can’t have a criminal being honored by the University,” Gardner said.

For student activists, perseverance and dedication have to be ingrained in them, says both Lackey and Hall.

“There has to be a sense of urgency and persistence and resilience because a lot of the time you’re going to be yelling and yelling and no one hears you,” Lackey said.

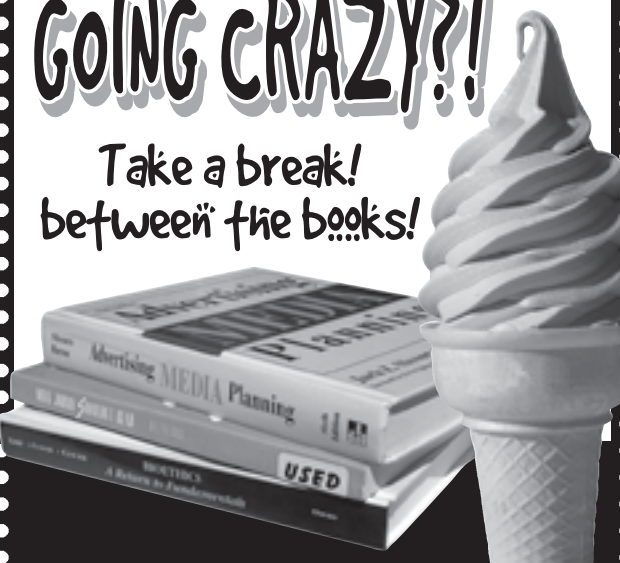
And since there is no “smoking gun” for Silent Sam, activists are looking for ways to relay the same message they did with Saunders without the clear connection to one individual memorialized by UNC.

“You can protest in many different ways. Protesting doesn’t always have to be standing in front of a building,” Lackey said. “This year, my protesting looks a lot different than it did last year because I’m in leadership positions where I can effect change.”

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How Should Public Schools Accommodate Transgender Students?

Freedom Forum, Carroll Hall, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

"Schools are becoming ground zero for clashes over transgender rights" (Alia Wong, *The Atlantic*). What is the best policy with respect to gender identity and use of restrooms? Join the UNC Ethics Bowl team for a lively debate.

Policing Protests

Room 5046, UNC School of Law, 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm

A panel featuring Scott Holmes, defense attorney for Black Lives Matter protesters arrested in Durham, will discuss the importance of protest in a democracy, the First Amendment rights at stake, and law enforcement's handling of protesters.

Banned Book Reading

On the lawn in front of Wilson Library, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Come out to see your University Chancellor and others support your right to read! Members of the Coalition of Youth Librarians (COYL) have organized a reading of banned books. (Folt will read at 12:30 pm.)

Student Journalists Want Better Access to UNC Athletes. What's the Problem?

Freedom Forum, 3rd Floor, Carroll Hall, 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Senior Associate Athletic Director for Communications Steve Kirschner and student journalists will discuss the limitations on media access to athletes.

Symbols of the South and The First Amendment

Room 33, Carroll Hall, 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

The Confederate flag, Silent Sam, and the newly named Carolina Hall: expressions of Southern Pride or symbols of hate? A panel will explore this debate, the law regarding these controversial Southern symbols, and the activism surrounding symbols of the South.

Danielle Keats Citron: First Amendment Day Keynote Address

Room 111, Carroll Hall, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

University of Maryland law professor and author of *Hate Crimes in Cyberspace* Danielle Keats Citron will give the keynote address. *Cosmopolitan* and *Harper's Bazaar* nominated her book as one of the top 20 "Best Moments for Women" in 2014.

One reviewer said of Citron's book: "Citron addresses a significant, timely topic in this impressively comprehensive, expertly researched book. Drawing upon leading legal and sociological works, the author explores the nature and consequences of cyber harassment and cyber stalking. Citron's approach is particularly effective because she introduces a series of actual cases in which victims' lives and livelihoods have been damaged by deliberate, malicious invasions of privacy over the Internet. In addressing legal remedies for digital hate attacks, Citron invokes lessons from the civil, women's, and employee rights movements. Moreover, she emphasizes ways in which victims can employ civil and criminal legal means of catching and punishing perpetrators of these crimes. . . . An excellent analysis of the social impact of Internet hate crimes" (Lynne Maxwell, *Library Journal*, Sept. 15, 2014).

First Amendment Trivia Contest

Linda's Bar and Grill, 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm

What rights are explicitly protected by First Amendment? Which U.S. Supreme Court justice said obscenity was difficult to define but "I know it when I see it"? Test your knowledge of this most important Constitutional amendment! You don't have to be 21 to play.

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Fedora stands by Marquise Williams

The fifth-year senior remains UNC's starting quarterback.

By Jeremy Vernon
Assistant Sports Editor

Just when it seemed settled, controversy once again reared its ugly head.

In the two days following North Carolina's 41-14 victory over Delaware, one question kept popping up in the minds of fans and media members: Who would be UNC's starting quarterback on Saturday at Georgia Tech?

But after taking the podium for his weekly press conference Monday, head coach Larry Fedora wasted no time providing an answer.

"Let me go ahead and address the quarterback issue so we don't have to answer 78 questions," Fedora said to open the press conference. "Marquise Williams is our starter."

Williams, a fifth-year senior, was pulled in the second quarter of Saturday's game in favor of redshirt sophomore Mitch Trubisky. In relief of Williams, Trubisky tossed more touchdowns than incompletions and put up 351 total yards of offense.

While Trubisky's performance was good enough to earn him ACC Offensive Back of the Week honors, Fedora made it clear there would be no controversy going forward. "There is no can of worms to open," he said. "I don't know how to make it any

"(Marquise Williams) knows I have complete confidence in him."

Larry Fedora
North Carolina head football coach

more clear to y'all."

In 2014, Williams set 18 school records, including the mark for total yards of offense in a season with 3,856. In the matchup with the Yellow Jackets a season ago, he had arguably the best outing of his career, throwing for 390 yards and four scores in a 48-43 win.

But is Williams' confidence shaken up after sitting out the second half of Saturday's game? Not according to his teammates.

"Quise is a veteran, he's experienced, he knows how to approach each game," redshirt senior guard Landon Turner said. "He's going to prepare as hard as he has for any other game, and I'm expecting big numbers out of him."

Regardless, the possibility Trubisky could still see playing time remains. Fedora said the backup quarterback's potential snaps this Saturday and for the rest of the season will be dictated by the flow of the game.

The redshirt sophomore's coaches and teammates know he will be prepared if he sees more of the field.

"Mitch is a great talent, and he showed us that this week," redshirt senior linebacker Jeff Schoettmer said.



Quarterback Mitch Trubisky turns upfield on a scramble play in UNC's win over Delaware on Saturday. Trubisky will not start this weekend. DTH/ALEX KORMANN

"Whoever's in the game, I fully expect them to lead our offense down and put points on the board."

But for now, the reins are still in Williams' hands. And

despite a couple of rough weeks to open this season — including a three-interception performance against South Carolina — he has shown the ability to change the course

of a game almost single-handedly.

Fedora expects nothing less when UNC takes the field on Saturday.

"When he's playing care-

free, he's a dang good football player," he said. "He knows that I have complete confidence in him."

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Despite DWI, council member holds poll position

Lee Storrow, charged in August, is still seeking re-election.

By Kieran Hodnett
Staff Writer

Despite being charged with a DWI in August, current Chapel Hill Town Council member Lee Storrow is still running for re-election, and his numbers in a public poll have not been significantly affected for the worse.

Storrow is currently ranked No. 4 in the poll, with 13 percent of voters saying he is their first or second choice for one of the four open spots on the Town Council. There are nine candidates running for the council.

Storrow credits his continued support to residents who

continue to be attentive to his recovery.

"They've seen I've done some reflection," he said. "I've gotten back in the spirit of the campaign."

On Aug. 26, Storrow was arrested for driving while intoxicated after originally being pulled over for speeding on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

He had a blood alcohol concentration of .16, which is twice the legal limit in North Carolina. Storrow pleaded guilty to DWI charges on Sept. 3.

Storrow apologized to his constituents through a public interview and an op-ed in The (Raleigh) News & Observer in an effort to show the public his regret for the incident.

Storrow said he walked house to house to gauge how constituents felt about his



Lee Storrow is a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council. He was ranked No. 4 in a pre-vote poll of candidates.

recent charges.

He recalled that one Chapel Hill resident said, "When incidents like this happen, politicians blame everyone but themselves, but you didn't do that."

Additionally, Storrow said none of the people coming to his open office hours have sought to discuss his DWI with him.

Storrow commends his fellow running mates for their reaction to the event. He said they haven't blamed him about the trouble and instead have focused on the issues

important to the upcoming election.

Rosemary Waldorf, former mayor of Chapel Hill and supporter of Lee Storrow, said she believes Storrow's outreach has made up for his actions.

"I think he handled it in a responsible way," Waldorf said. "He did not make any excuses."

Waldorf said she still plans to vote for Storrow in the upcoming November election and hopes the arrest won't prevent Chapel Hill residents from doing the same.

"He reaches out to many different kinds of people," she said.

Chapel Hill resident and UNC graduate student Karthik Prakhya said he was not previously aware of Storrow's DWI arrest, but it concerned him.

"I'd be troubled," Prakhya said about having a Town Council member with a DWI charge on his record.

However, Prakhya said Storrow's apologies helped change his attitude toward Storrow.

"(His apology) definitely

shows character," he said.

Storrow said his arrest was a moment for personal reflection, but he wants to move forward with his campaign.

"I'm focused on what else I've done," he said.

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Logan's Pub to replace Deep End bar

Dan Elkins, owner of Logan's Pub and Billiards located in what was formerly Deep End, said to expect a little more out of Country Night.

Chapel Hill's newest bar is scheduled to open this Friday. With an emphasis on theme nights, Elkins said Logan's versatility sets it apart from competing bars in the area.

"Anybody can come because we're going to try to be diverse," Elkins says.

The 201 E. Franklin St. location has been completely renovated. Elkins said he demolished the booths and removed the old flooring to create space for pool tables.

"We actually want you to do something while you're here," Elkins said.

He said he estimates the majority of customers will be UNC students and has planned accordingly. The TVs are programmed with NFL Ticket so students can come to Logan's to watch football.

In addition, students' beloved Country Night will be held every Wednesday, featuring costume contests and novelty decorations.



Carrboro has plans for new pizzeria

Pizzeria Mercato at 408 W. Weaver St. will offer quick and casual dining using locally-sourced ingredients from the farmers' market next door.

Co-owner Gabe Barker's enthusiasm for serving the community quality food stems from being involved with the restaurant industry at a young age. His parents, Karen and Ben Barker, owned a Triangle-area restaurant, Magnolia Grill.

Previously, Barker worked at various restaurants in San Francisco. He said his experiences have caused him to develop a passion for pizza.

"My entire dream when I first moved to San Francisco was to hopefully one day potentially have this opportunity to be able to move back here to cook with my parents," Barker said. "I'm really excited to try and grow and be a part of the community."

Opening at the end of 2015, Pizzeria Mercato will offer Americano style pizza, as well as other menu items.

"I think one of the beautiful things about pizza is that it really does attract people of all ages," Barker said.



Belly Blast dance studio opens doors

Professional dancer Jessica Hannan has created an alternative exercise program and dance studio, Belly Blast, which opened in August.

Belly Blast, both the name of the studio and the workout, is a modified form of belly dance combining belly dancing with resistance training.

"What you get is a really incredible core and cardio workout from the first time you come to the studio," Hannan said.

The inspiration for Belly Blast came from Hannan's years of experience teaching and performing belly dance in Canada.

"Everybody enjoys belly dance," Hannan said. "(Belly dancing) captures your imagination, provides a great workout, and you feel beautiful while you're dancing."

She said Belly Blast embraces these qualities of belly dance while simplifying the movement and reducing the risk of injury.

On Saturday and on Oct. 17, Belly Blast will offer free classes at the studio, located at 300 S. Elliot Road.

Q&A with graphic novelist, computer scientist Gene Luen Yang

New York Times best-selling author Gene Luen Yang will discuss his graphic novel "Secret Coders" at the Chapel Hill Public Library this afternoon.

Yang spoke with Daily Tar Heel staff writer Cate Alsbaugh about his career and the importance of computer science.



Gene Luen Yang is an author of graphic novels and comics from California.

The Daily Tar Heel: When did you first become interested in graphic novels and comics?

Gene Luen Yang: I started drawing comics in the sixth grade, and I kind of stopped in junior high because I had this friend that was way cooler than me that told me if kept reading and making comics, then I would never

get a girlfriend.

When I graduated from college, I really wanted to do comics. I looked into it, and at that point, it was the mid-90s, and the comic book industry in America was not doing very well. I didn't think I could make a living at it. But I still wanted to do it as a fulfillment of a lifelong dream. So I started as a self-publisher.

DTH: What was your experience

like with self-publishing?

GY: It was fun. It was not lucrative at all. It was the exact opposite of lucrative. I would lose a couple grand every time I did it. So I only did like three issues. Then I moved on to what are called minicomics, which are Xeroxed comics. And with those, I would only lose a couple hundred bucks every time I did it — but it was a ton of fun. I went to shows to sell my stuff. I met some other cartoonists who lived in my area, some of whom are my best friends now.

DTH: Describe your transition from being a computer science major at Berkeley to writing graphic novels?

GY: I had a regular job. I would get home, and I'd do comics at night. I did comics really just for the love of it. I majored in creative writing, too, so I did do some college work that was related to making stories.

But as a computer science major, I worked as a software developer for about two years, and then I taught high school science for about 15, 16 years.

The comic part, I never thought would break out of my nighttime routine. After I got signed up with my publisher, the first book that I did with them came out, "American Born Chinese," and then things started growing, and it was really in an unexpected way.

DTH: Why did you write "Secret Coders"?

GY: Well, I've always wanted to combine these two things. You know, I taught computer science for so long, I did comics for so long, and I always felt like, in America, teachers just haven't figured out how to use comics in the classroom yet.

I think we're beginning to, but it's not a common thing. In Japan and in Korea, educational comics are a huge thing. They're a huge subgenre within comics. But in America, we just don't have that yet, and that's something I've really wanted to do.

DTH: What advice would you

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GY: Oh, I think you do what I do. I think nowadays, you can do this more. Self-publish, take things into your own hands. And with all of the tools out there with Kindle, you don't have to wait for the gatekeeper. You just go at it.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 9 — The next two days can get quite profitable. Think outside the box. Track your finances, with money coming today and tomorrow. Take advantage of new opportunities. Prioritize action over talk.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 — You're more confident today and tomorrow. Put on your power suit. Check your course, then full speed ahead. Focus on personal passion. Get physical for peace and satisfaction. As you gain strength, you also gain options.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 6 — Clarify your direction. Conclude arrangements today and tomorrow. Draw upon hidden resources to pursue a dream. Others admire your courage. Take action to make it come true. Take a higher perspective. Slow down and consider options.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 — Develop a strategy with teammates through tomorrow. It's a good time for parties, meetings and conferences. Network, collaborate and play together. Friends pull through. Share resources and talents, with gratitude. Celebrate and expand community efforts.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 — Take on more responsibility over the next few days. There could be a test. Think big. A rise in status is possible. A lucky break is available, if you can act on the opportunity.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — Studies and adventures thrive today and tomorrow. Consider a vacation. Travel for a good cause. Take a class or seminar, especially regarding growing family finances. After the Harvest Moon eclipse yesterday, you're in a potentially profitable phase.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 — Pare down to practical financial priorities. Use what you've learned to cut costs. You're more patient with money management over the next few days. Accept your agenda through careful budgeting and scheduling. Anticipate surprises. Set long-term goals.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — Negotiations resume. You don't have to do everything. Let somebody else direct the show for a few days. Accept a promise. Learn from each other. Work together today and tomorrow. Physical magnetism is part of the fun.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 — Concentrate on a new assignment today and tomorrow. Focus on providing meticulous service. Make sure your team has what they need. Walk and talk. Alternate between physical exercise and quiet reverie. Replace something volatile with something secure.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 — To raise your game, get a good coach. Discover secrets and tricks of the trade. The more you learn, the easier it gets. Practice what you love today and tomorrow. Someone finds that attractive. Relax and play.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 — Family comes first today and tomorrow. Get into a domestic cycle. Clean, renovate and repair your infrastructure. Set up systems to conserve resources. Beautify your surroundings. Add color and composition to your design.

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‘Rejects’ find belonging in spoken word

By Morgan Howard
Staff Writer

Inspired by their own rejections, three girls set out to form a new organization — The Rejects.

The Rejects is a spoken word organization that was created in 2011 after founders Deseré Cross, Mariah Monsanto and Anastasia Mebane were not offered a spot in another spoken word organization.

But they're not rejects anymore. The group participated in a poetry slam Saturday, hosted by fellow spoken word organization UNC Wordsmiths. Rejects member McKenna Gramzay won the competition.

The organization has flown under the radar since its inception in 2011.

“Originally, our plan was to work together to try and get better — so we could try out next year — but then it

turned into, ‘Why should we try out again? We should form our own organization,’” Cross said.

The organization strives to create a home for its members and to cultivate growth, both personally and within the community.

The organization sets itself apart from other spoken word groups on campus with its focus on community service. Monsanto said service is a key value of Carolina students and that it was important to bring that value to the organization.

“We are the only spoken word and service group on campus,” she said in an email. “Volunteerism is a staple as a Tar Heel and is required with membership.”

In the past, the organization has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and held workshops for visiting minority students under the Black Student Movement’s Movement of Youth subcommittee.

Many members came in with strong writing skills but no experience performing their poetry live.

The Rejects cover a variety of subjects, from breakups to events that affect an entire community. After writing, they share their work with other members for feedback.

“It inspires you to write something different or see something in a different light,” sophomore Estefane Santiago-Lopez said.

Santiago-Lopez said there is a common thread among them all.

“They are all united by the fact that they love to write and wanted to perform it,” she said.

Junior Brianna Torres, a member of The Rejects, said the organization is a safe place.

“The Rejects really fosters a creative and positive thinking environment in which students can be themselves,” she said in an email.



COURTESY OF BRIANNA TORRES

The 2013-14 Rejects members pose together. The spoken word organization began in 2011.

Co-founder Mebane hopes The Rejects continue to grow. The group recently held auditions and are planning events.

“Hopefully the Rejects remains an open creative space where words are used as a form of expression and a form of building connection between the poet and the audience or the poet or whatever socio-political movement is going on.”

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Faculty members say they support Student Stores staff

By Jonathan Ponciano
Staff Writer

The Faculty Executive Committee wants the University to ensure the wishes of UNC Student Stores’ employees are honored if the privatization moves forward.

Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Executive Committee Michael Gerhardt said Monday that privatizing Student Stores could be detrimental to scholarship funding and ultimately reduce the store’s employee benefits.

“I find it very disturbing,” Gerhardt said. “As faculty, we need to think of the potential impact on staff who are very distressed by this.”

Gerhardt said Bull’s Head Bookshop, which could risk shutting down, fosters intel-

lectual growth among faculty. Gerhardt has been attending faculty-led book talks at the bookshop for years.

“We need to know exactly how this will affect scholarships, as we all know that money is precious,” Gerhardt said.

Charles Streeter, chairperson of the employee forum, said the unsolicited proposal submitted in July called for a \$3 million annual commission to the University, a figure he said Student Stores already exceeds with revenues.

Streeter said he reached out to universities in the UNC system with bookstores leased by Follett, the same company that proposed the privatization at UNC.

“One of the chairs from another university was very

upset with Follett taking over the school’s bookstore,” Streeter said. “Workers had all of their benefits cut, their hours cut in half, and they weren’t making the same kind of money.”

Streeter said he spoke with officials at Western Carolina University who investigated another similar proposal and decided to not move forward with privatization.

“There are a number of fine details that haven’t been looked at thoroughly enough,” Streeter said.

Law professor Joseph Ferrell said privatization often allows for decreased costs to the University with the elimination of state-funded employee benefits, citing a similar privatization of the Carolina Inn, which was once University managed.

Leadership arrangements

Chairperson of the Faculty Bruce Cairns is currently recovering from a heart attack, so he was unavailable at Monday’s meeting.

The committee unanimously decided that during Cairns’ absence, Peter Mucha, chairperson of the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee, will serve as the chairperson of the faculty, and Gerhardt will lead the committee’s meetings.

The next Faculty Executive Committee meeting will take place Oct. 12 in South Building Room 105 at 3 p.m., after the University Day ceremony.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Diagram with axes and coordinates

6 Very top

10 Shift neighbor, on PC keyboards

14 St. ___ Girl beer

15 Guard site

16 Nabisco cookie

17 Like stickers that smell when rubbed

20 Buckwheat dish

21 Court order to all

22 Fruit seed

23 Drop-down ___

25 Like some microbrews

27 Little girl's makeup, so they say

33 Crisp covering

34 Welfare

35 Firebird roof option

38 What cake candles may indicate

39 On the rocks

42 Bart Simpson's grandpa

43 See 44-Down

45 City near Colombia's coastline

46 Leica competitor

48 Terse

51 Sounded sheepish?

53 Pop singer Vannelli

54 "Life of Pi" director Lee

55 Flood preventer

59 Louisiana cuisine

62 Old Glory

66 Words starting many a guess

67 Kind of dancer or boots

68 Atlanta campus

69 "Auld Lang ___"

70 Follow the leader

71 Metaphor for time ... and, when divided into three words, puzzle theme found in the four longest across answers

DOWN

1 Navig. tool

2 Pool hall triangle

3 Sainly glow

4 Some flat-screen TVs

5 Until now

6 Remnant of an old flame

7 Blacken

8 Prefix with series

9 Remnants

10 Gifter's specialty

11 Exaggerated response of disbelief

12 Equip anew

13 Towering

18 "How many times ___ man turn his head and pretend that he just doesn't see?": Dylan

19 Freeway hauler

24 Boot from office

26 Work with a cast

27 Natural cut protection

28 Strong desire

29 "Still wrong, take another stab"

30 Alfalfa's girl

31 Coming down the mountain, perhaps

32 Push-up target, briefly

36 Reed instrument

37 Cooped (up)

40 DVD predecessor

41 Catches, as in a net

44 With 43-Across, outstanding

47 Historic Japanese island battle site

49 Partner of 9-Down

50 Merriam-Webster ref.

51 Underlying principle

52 Restless

56 "Othello" villain

57 Door opener

58 Periphery

60 Well-versed in

61 Uncool type

63 AAA suggestion

64 Dim sum sauce

65 Part of PBS: Abbr.

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Why should VW be blamed?

Recently Volkswagen has been challenging the notion that all publicity is good publicity. The car company was discovered to have used technological devices to evade emissions testing on 11 million of its cars. This means that many of the VW cars on the road are not as clean as Environmental Protection Agency testing assured them to be. The shock and outrage of this has been primarily targeted towards Volkswagen, which is unfortunate for a company that has historically been known for its strong brand and environmental consciousness.

Does Volkswagen truly deserve the blame? I would argue not. Just like the athletic-academic scandal uncovered at UNC signaled broader issues, this incident simply scratches the surface of a deeper problem in the car industry, not the car company itself.

Fans of UNC, myself included, argue other universities have not been fully honest about academics for athletes — they just haven't been caught yet. They say there is an institutional failure when it comes to assisting athletes in balancing school with playing the sport they love. Because of this systemic issue, it is more important to focus discussion on the issue at large instead of at a singular university and the handful of involved departments.

This same argument can be made for Volkswagen. Yes, they too did not follow regulations. But could there be other car companies doing the same?

A look at past car emissions testing shows cheating is not uncommon. Some even claim the “defeat devices” Volkswagen used, which manipulate the quality of air coming out of the tailpipe during examination, are as old as emissions testing itself. Regardless of how much merit this perspective holds, it is still important to question the scope and influence of this issue.

The questions UNC has faced in the time following the Weinstein report have been: Where do we go from here? How do we make this University better?

Hopefully, these same questions arise from Volkswagen, the general car industry and the U.S. government. How will regulations get better? How can we make our cars cleaner?

Failure and mistakes are where the best opportunities for improvement are made. I expect Volkswagen will be just as aggressive on the improvement and change of its car models as UNC has been toward its student-athletes.

In the modern car industry, there is a plethora of ways to make better cars for customers, namely the electric vehicle market. Not only do electric cars get pollutants off the road and out of the lungs of bikers, but their fuel source can come from a mixture of wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, natural gas and coal instead of just gasoline — talk about energy independence. Volkswagen has already begun producing electric cars and could use their recent history as a reason to expand this field more.

Instead of name-calling Volkswagen, let's wait with patience and see what their next steps are as a company and a leader of the car industry.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Drew Sheneman, The Star-Ledger



EDITORIAL

Solar's long term payoff

Renewable projects should target a coal-free campus.

Solar umbrellas, LED lighting and the shiny new solar panels on the Student Union roof are wonderful additions to this campus, courtesy of the Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee. But peel back this enticing green veneer, and you will discover the unsettling reality of our University's cozy and complacent relationship with the fossil-fuel industry.

To subvert our campus's addiction to electricity from dirty and destructive energy forms, the committee should focus its efforts on intensively installing solar panels on UNC's campus and reducing our reliance on Duke Energy and the Cameron Coal Plant.

UNC Energy Services produces a third of the campus's electricity. Last year, it bucked the administration's commitment to quitting coal by 2020. Was it hoping we forgot about former Chancellor Holden Thorp's progressive promise?

In a town proud of its sustainability initiatives, coal's combustion is providing electricity to every building hooked up to the grid in Chapel Hill.

Duke Energy, a corporation with a history characterized by environmental destruction and opposition to renewables, is a huge reason why. Its unparalleled lobbying influence in Raleigh contributed to the failure of the Energy Freedom Act, which would have made it easy and cheap to install more solar panels on campus.

Despite all these roadblocks, the case for converting our buildings' roofs to energy sources could not be stronger. Once installed, the cost to produce an extra unit of electricity is zero. Operation costs are minuscule compared to those of a coal plant. UNC could contract one of the state's 77 solar panel contractors for installation.

A year ago, the University's Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution to target clean-energy investments in its endowment. The board could uphold this commitment by

investing in electricity-generation resources for the University, saving millions of dollars over time.

The days of thinking about renewable energy as a far-off alternative are long gone. This state has created more than 5,000 jobs and enough electricity to power 43,000 homes with its solar industry. All the Duke Energy lobbyists in the capital cannot prevent the transition to renewables.

Duke Energy is threatened by recent challenges to its hegemonic control of the electricity market in the state. A Greensboro church is openly defying the antiquated law that requires it to sell back to Duke Energy the electricity its rooftop solar panels produce.

The committee has accomplished its goal of making green projects visible on campus. Its mission would be enhanced by narrowing its focus to projects that made the University coal-free.

The University cannot avoid the commitments it made or the destruction it causes by retaining coal as a principal source of energy.

ADVICE COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we help make your class presentation a masterpiece

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Kelsey Weekman and Drew Goins

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practice, practice, practice your speech! And by “practice, practice, practice,” we mean “mumble under your breath as you go through your slides once, idly glancing at an iPhone timer.”

Right before you go on, try doing some tongue-twisters: “The big, black bug bled blue-black blood.” “PowerPoint presenters please prudish professors.”

You: What tips and tricks will help me make sure that my class presentation is the sell-out event of the year?

YAFI: The first step is hype. Promote your presentation months in advance on Tidal. Start your day off with a warmup playlist. Include all the greatest warmup songs to get you excited to present — “Eye of the Tiger,” that song from “High School Musical” or last week's episode of “This American Life.”

Make sure your venue has all the necessary elements. If your classroom does not have an overhead projector and adequate space to move around, rent out a larger space like Walnut Creek Amphitheatre or Madison Square Garden.

When the curtain rises, stride on from the wings, find your mark and give a subtle nod to the conductor to let him know you are ready to begin.

Make sure your first lines are captivating. Take this time to practice that stand-up you've always wanted to try. What is the deal with dining hall food, anyway?

Do your best to avoid using filler words like “um,” “like,” “uh” or “heed my commands, you worthless heathens.”

When you find yourself getting nervous, picture the audience in their underwear. Then picture them as those hot, barefoot guys.

Jazz up your regularly scheduled programming with some fun classroom-themed improvisation. Do shadow puppets on the projector or scale the professor's lectern like Godzilla on the Empire State Building.

If you bomb the whole thing, who cares? Point finger guns at your professor and softly scream, “That's show-biz!”

@youaskedforit

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“You can protest in many different ways. Protesting doesn't always have to be standing in front of a building.”

Charity Lackey, on protesting entities like Carolina Hall or Silent Sam

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“College is the time to engage in earnest debate and to discover exactly what your true values are.”

NClaw441, on suppressing debate on college campuses

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A letter of protest from UNC Student Stores

TO THE EDITOR:

UNC Student Stores is an integral part of the UNC community and has been for 100 years. We provide an array of merchandise and services unparalleled at similarly-sized campus bookstores. We employ approximately 200 students annually with student salaries in excess of \$500,000 per year. We donate all our residual funds to UNC academic scholarships (\$27 million over the past 60 years of service and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2015). We are campus-centered, student-driven and committed to the entire UNC-Chapel Hill community in every endeavor we undertake.

UNC Student Stores is entirely self-sustaining. We are not run with student fees, we do not take any money from the University and we pay all staff and student salaries, University fees and debt maintenance from store revenues. None of our salaries or expenditures are funded with taxpayer money.

We truly serve all aspects of the University community. Bull's Head Bookshop has been a cultural and intellectual center of campus for 90 years. Our textbooks and course materials department uses Verba software to ensure our pricing structure is comparable to online markets. UNC Student Stores printing recently assumed responsibility for all campus printing operations formerly run by Xerox. Our Tech Shop computer and electronics department coordinates the sales and service of the University's CCI computer program. Our Health Affairs department provides specialized services to the entire UNC health affairs campus. Our Pit Stop has the highest sales per square foot of any campus convenience store in the United States. We are a center of campus life and a destination for alumni and Tar Heel family members for shopping during game-day weekends. Our ever-expanding store.unc.edu website has doubled online sales over the past three years. Our clothing and gifts departments recently surpassed Wal-Mart as the No. 1 seller of UNC-licensed merchandise in the world.

So, why are we reaching out to you? Because on Sept. 16, all permanent staff of UNC Student Stores were called into a meeting with Chief Financial Officer and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Matthew Fajack and Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Enterprises Brad Ives. At this meeting, Fajack and Ives informed us that they were considering outsourcing the store's operations based on an unsolicited proposal from Follett Corporation. While they assured us that no decision had been made, it was hard not to take the administrators' repeated claims of

Follett's benefits as anything but an indictment of our business and an endorsement of a corporate takeover of our store. They offered no suggestions for improving our current business nor solicited input from the store staff.

Despite the recent recession and difficult economic conditions over the past several years, UNC Student Stores maintained our commitment to student employment and emerged stronger and more profitable. Our textbooks and course materials department recently negotiated a contract with a new wholesale textbook vendor to dramatically increase the dollar amount paid to students during end-of-semester buyback. In the April/May 2014 buyback, Follett (our former wholesale vendor) bought back \$55,026 of books from students. In comparison, in April/May 2015, our new vendor, Missouri Book Services, bought back \$294,258 of books from students. MBS also supplies the store with a much higher volume of used textbooks for our customers.

Prior to being informed that administrators were considering outsourcing the store's operations, the store was in the process of finalizing another contract with MBS to upgrade our systems and improve our online textbook ordering process. These changes would have saved the store nearly \$500,000 in the 2016 fiscal year and enabled us to pass this savings on to students as early as spring semester 2016. These efforts are now on hold due to the administration's response to an unsolicited sales pitch from Follett, who has already opened a competing store on Franklin Street.

Shopping at UNC Student Stores is not just an opportunity to feel good about supporting student scholarships, nor simply an instance of keeping your money in the University community; it is a way to promote the academic, cultural and historic value of this campus, and ensure the economic well-being of UNC as well as the entire state of North Carolina. Do not let the promise of “cheaper textbooks” and increased scholarship donations fool you. Neither promises justify the devastating impact on the University of losing 49 permanent employees, who collectively have over 640 years of state service, decades of expertise in their fields and long-standing relationships with the campus community.

We hope you will take the time to visit us and explore what we do. Then investigate the track records of the companies who so eagerly want to get Tar Heel business. You will see that UNC Student Stores is a valuable asset that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill cannot afford to lose.

40 employees of UNC Student Stores See dailytarheel.com for a complete list of signatures.

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