

Adjusting to life in recovery

Students, faculty battle substance abuse.

By Cain Twyman
Senior Writer

It was fall 2014 when Gary Allen, a UNC senior, realized he had a problem with alcohol. A trip he took quickly turned sour when he was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. “You’re always the last person to know you have a problem,” he said, laughing a little. Allen said he started drinking in high school but didn’t start using marijuana until he got to UNC as a first-year. The second time he was arrested, his substance abuse cost him his freedom. He was arrested off campus in 2014 and got probation, community service and jail time. He said he had to spend 15 days in jail, but he didn’t have to serve the time consecutively. Allen spent his Spring Break and Winter Break, including Christmas and New Year’s, behind bars. After the second arrest, he joined the Carolina Recovery Program, an organization hosted through UNC Student Wellness that helps students dealing with substance abuse. Dean Blackburn, director of Student Wellness, personally reached out to Allen. And it wasn’t long after Allen realized he had a problem that he decided to move into an apartment by himself and join the recovery program. He joined in fall 2014, but he said he wasn’t completely sober until Dec. 15, 2014.

College recovery

Around 50 students at UNC, both undergraduate and graduate students, are in the recovery program. But Blackburn says statisti-



DTH/CLAIRE COLLINS
Gary Allen stands outside Shortbread Lofts on Rosemary Street, where he was arrested in September 2014.

cally at a university of UNC’s size, it’s likely that about 400 students struggle with substance abuse, but Student Wellness only knows of the 50 enrolled. The University is one of six schools receiving a pilot grant from the state to fund recovery programs. The grant, worth \$125,000 per year for three years, has helped the program expand and hire staff. Frank Allison, coordinator of the Carolina Recovery Program, said this is the last year for the pilot grant, but there are other streams of revenue for the program, including grants from other organizations and UNC offices. UNC’s program is also a member of the Association of Recovery in Higher Education. In the program, Blackburn meets with each of the students and sets them up with the resources they need to finish their

degrees. And both Blackburn and Allison talk with students about best practices for staying sober on a college campus. On campus, alcohol and drug addictions are seen as medical conditions, meaning if students are struggling, they can take medical leave and work with the University to take steps to battle their addictions and seek off-campus help — if they want. When a student chooses that option, the Student Wellness office communicates with the student’s family and medical provider while they are away from the University. Whether they’re students who want to stay enrolled or students returning to campus after withdrawing, the Carolina Recovery Program aims to make campus life more manageable. “We try to work together to make sure the student is getting

STUDENT RESOURCES:

There are various resources that students struggling with substance abuse can go to:

- Carolina Recovery Program, recovery.unc.edu
- UNC Student Wellness, studentwellness.unc.edu
- Counseling and Psychological Services, caps.unc.edu

the help they need,” he said. Allison has been coordinator for almost a year now. He is also in long-term recovery, making this program near to his heart. UNC’s program provides peer-

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3 things to know about Saturday’s Final Four

The Tar Heels will play Syracuse for the third time this season.

By Logan Ulrich
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time since 2009 — when they won the national championship — North Carolina is back in the Final Four. The Tar Heels beat Notre Dame in the Elite Eight 88-74 on Sunday night, leaving them as the only one seed remaining after Syracuse toppled top-ranked Virginia in the

Midwest regional final. Now North Carolina and the Orange will play at 8:49 p.m. on Saturday night in Houston for a spot in the championship game. UNC won both games against Syracuse this season, pulling away late in the first game in the return of Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim and winning 84-73. The second time around, the Tar Heels sent off their senior class of Joel James, Brice Johnson and Marcus Paige off with a win in their final home game, holding on late to win 75-70. Here are three things to note about Syracuse.

No typical Cinderella

Syracuse’s inclusion into the tournament was widely panned. The Orange had the lowest ever RPI (No. 72) for a team granted an at large bid, but they’ve won four straight games to become only the fourth team ever to make the Final Four as a double-digit seed. The Orange don’t fit the typical mold for a Cinderella team. The team made the Final Four in 2013 and is a traditionally strong program from a major conference. Boeheim showed why he’s considered a Hall of Fame coach by switching to a full-court

press defense from Syracuse’s trademark 2-3 zone — a move that flummoxed the Cavaliers and sparked Syracuse’s comeback. The Orange have proven they’re not just a feel-good story.

Rookies no more

A large part of Syracuse’s tournament success has been due to first-years Malachi Richardson and Tyler Lydon. Through the tournament, the duo have averaged a hair over 25 points per game combined. Lydon will present a unique

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Town of Chapel Hill opposes House Bill 2, passes resolutions

Carrboro and Chapel Hill held special meetings about HB2.

By Camila Molina
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously passed two resolutions on Monday, affirming the dignity of the LGBT people of Chapel Hill and requesting the N.C. legislature to repeal House Bill 2. The bill was signed into law by Governor Pat McCrory on

March 23. House Bill 2 states a person must use the bathroom that corresponds with the gender listed on their birth certificate in public agencies. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen passed two resolutions Saturday calling for a repeal of the law and affirming the dignity of LGBT individuals. The Town of Chapel Hill used those resolutions as a guide while drafting its own resolutions. The council’s first resolution encourages all Chapel Hill businesses providing “public accommodations” to provide gender-nonspecific bathrooms

for customers and employees, using explicit language against the state law. The council said it will consider joining lawsuits brought in opposition to House Bill 2 and will send copies of this resolution to the governor, other N.C. legislators and local legislators. The special session allowed members of the community to give their opinions publicly. “We thought that Amendment 1 was as low as we could go,” said Matt Hughes, the chairperson of the Orange County Democratic party, referring to the N.C. legislation passed in 2012 that

barred state recognition of same-sex marriages, but was found unconstitutional in district court in 2014. Section 3.3 of House Bill 2 states that the regulation of “discriminatory practices in places of public accommodation” is an issue the state has power to regulate. Amanda Ashley, an Orange County resident, noted that the power of the council was usurped and she hoped the council would stand up in non-compliance to the House Bill 2.

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Former Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt speaks at the special town hall meeting to challenge House Bill 2.

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Faculty decry HB2 as ACLU, others take it to court

UNC-system student leaders may also explore legal action.

By Hayley Fowler
State & National Editor

UNC-system faculty and students are outraged in the aftermath of House Bill 2, and they want the General Assembly and Gov. Pat McCrory to know. More than 50 UNC-Chapel Hill faculty, all of whom are graduates of or currently participating in the University’s Academic Leadership Program for faculty leaders on campus, signed a statement against the bill Tuesday — just as two civil rights organizations and three North Carolina residents filed a lawsuit naming McCrory, the UNC system and Board of Governors Chairperson Louis Bissette as defendants. One of the people suing is Joaquín Carcaño, a transgender man and UNC employee. The faculty statement, signed on behalf of the individual faculty members and not the University as a whole, decried the bill for hindering the University’s ability to recruit and retain competitive faculty, staff and students. “I can’t bear the idea of being silent in the face of an injustice like this one,” said UNC law professor Eric Muller, who drafted the faculty statement. “And I think it’s important that leaders within the University speak clearly about the negative impact on the University.”

The UNC-system’s Association of Student Government also called an emergency meeting Monday night via conference call, where 12 campus student body presidents passed a resolution citing the financial impact the loss of federal funding would have on the system due to Title IX violations from the bill. The resolution also mentioned the potential for legal action by ASG. UNC-CH was not on the call. “Everyone was so in support of every single clause and every single statement of the resolution,” said Zack King, ASG president and non-voting member of the Board of Governors. He said a decision will be made regarding potential legal action during the group’s April meeting. McCrory signed House Bill 2 at night on March 23 after the legislature met in special session. Lawmakers were responding to a Charlotte City Council ordinance that allowed transgender individuals to use the

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Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Genome Science Building

WEDNESDAY
Coker Arboretum Spring Tours: The N.C. Botanical Garden will coordinate weekly tours of Coker Arboretum until April 6. This event is free to attend, but preregistration is required.
Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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The best of online



Spring Cleaning: Wardrobe Edition

By Zack Green
Staff Writer

The flowers around the Old Well and South Building are blooming, and that means one thing: time for Spring Cleaning.

If you’re like me, then you hate cleaning bathrooms, kitchens and vacuuming. But I love organizing and purging my closet.

The benefits of having an organized and minimalist wardrobe are unending. You’ll feel freer, less stressed and happier with your clothes (and your life!). Here are some guidelines and tips!

In the closet

The Magical Number: 37

It’s ideal to only have 37 “hanging” pieces in your wardrobe. This means there are 37 hangers in your closet, and you can only have one article of clothing on each one. This number isn’t terribly low and helps you visualize which pieces of your wardrobe are the most important. Now, your T-shirts, underwear and gym clothes are not factored into the 37.

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The Daily Tar Heel asked respondents what kind of biscuits Bojangles’ should offer when UNC basketball scores 100 points. Results as of publication.

“Cajun filet, obviously”
— 57 percent

“BOBERRY. WHY IS THIS A QUESTION.”
— 31 percent

“Sausage biscuits. You have to stick with what you know.”
— 12 percent

To weigh in on this poll and others, head to dailytarheel.com.

PACKING

Staff writer Alexis Hinnant compiles five weird but necessary things to bring to class.

On the way to class in the morning, there are a lot of things we as students of UNC choose to bring with us, like notebooks, our laptops, etc. But what about other stuff?

Although it’s not always raining, an umbrella is a necessity. North Carolina weather is the epitome of unpredictable, and you can never be too prepared for what exactly is in store for you on your walk from class to class throughout the day.

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6:00 P.M. - Boshamer Stadium

Wednesday, March 30

#3 W. Lacrosse vs. Virginia Tech
6:00 P.M. - Fetzer Field

Softball vs. UNCG
6:00 P.M. - Fetzer Field

Friday, April 1

#1 M. Tennis vs. #2 UVA
3:00 P.M. - Kenfield Tennis Center

Saturday, April 2

#4 W. Tennis vs. Louisville
11:00 A.M. - Kenfield Tennis Center

Softball vs. Louisville
1:00 P.M. - Anderson Softball Stadium

Softball vs. Louisville
3:00 P.M. - Anderson Softball Stadium

Sunday, April 3

#3 W. Lacrosse vs. #4 Notre Dame
12:00 P.M. - Fetzer Field

#1 M. Tennis vs. #13 Wake Forest
3:00 P.M. - Kenfield Tennis Center

Softball vs. Louisville
1:00 P.M. - Anderson Softball Stadium

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POLICE LOG

- Someone drove while impaired on 1509 Homestead Road and High School Road at 1:58 a.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a loud noise on the 100 block of Harrington Point at 8 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person was operating a leaf blower outside of permitted hours, reports state.
- Someone attempted a carjacking on the 2700 block of Homestead Road at 4:01 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone drove while impaired on 337 Erwin Road at 7:13 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone was in possession of marijuana on 2 Adelaide Walters St. at 10:56 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person possessed marijuana in their vehicle, reports state.
- Someone committed an armed robbery at 110 N. Columbia St. at 11:09 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole \$20 from another person, reports state.
- Someone reported loud noises on the 300 block of South Heritage Loop at midnight Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone committed larceny on the 900 block of Christopher Road between 2:00 a.m. and 9:36 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole an automobile, valued at \$15,000, and damaged another vehicle, causing \$1,200 worth of damage, reports state.
- Someone broke into and entered a residence on the 200 block of West University Drive at 2:08 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person entered the residence while the homeowner was home, reports state.

Cups aim for sexual assault awareness

A student startup has ordered 26,000 cups to encourage respect.

By Anna Freeman
Staff Writer

Red Solo cups might become a thing of the past on UNC's campus — thanks to a small group of students.

Carolina Conscious is an activist group launching a line of compostable plastic cups with messages printed on them to remind students to be respectful of one another and ultimately work to prevent sexual assault in the UNC community. They've ordered 26,000 cups so far.

Senior Ben Director said the cups are currently priced at around 11.5 cents a cup, about the same as Solo cups. He said the goal in the future would be to make the cups cheaper than Solo cups, but that would come with a larger distribution.

"Right now we're kind of doing this targeted roll out with fraternities and residence halls but with the goal of eventually having them be sold retail," Director said.

Director said fraternities like Sigma Phi, Phi Delta Theta and Chi Psi have already ordered cups, as well as Craige Residence Hall. He said he hopes to see the cups used all around UNC.

"Our long-term vision is that pretty much in place of Solo cups, everywhere in the UNC community you find these cups," Director said.

Senior Asher Lipsitz said he came up with the idea for Carolina Conscious cups about a year ago,

after working on the Title IX sexual assault campaign on campus.

He said he was trying to think of a way to make an issue like sexual assault, which can often be intimidating to students, more accessible.

"Every time you're at a party, no matter if it's 20 people or 500 people, there will be a Solo cup," Lipsitz said. "It is ubiquitous, it is visible, it is cheap, so I thought, 'What if we can find a way to include a sexual assault message on a Solo cup?'"

Lipsitz said in an effort to create a campaign to make students feel they're a part of the solution in the fight against sexual assault, they created positive, inclusive messaging, are entirely student run and are financially independent.

Lipsitz said even though the cups are effectively a campaign, the students behind Carolina Conscious are running their distribution like a start-up and because of this are holding multiple launches for the cups, the first of which is at the end of this week.

Senior Patrick Lowery said the three overall goals of the group are to inform students across campus how big of a problem sexual assault is at UNC, to inform students of all the trainings and preventative measures they can take regarding sexual assault and to get students more involved in conversations about sexual assault and organizations on campus.

The cups aren't designed to end the problem of sexual assault but rather to shed light on it, Lowery said.

"I don't think this is going to end the stigma by any means. I don't think it should, to be honest. Because I think that stigma is a reflection of a problem," he said.



DTH/JULIA KLEIN
(From left) Asher Lipsitz, Lisa Dunleavy, Patrick Lowery, Deanna MacCormac and Ben Director present the Carolina Conscious Cup — a brand of compostable plastic cups with messages that help prevent sexual assault and promote respect.

"But what I think it can do is allow fraternities to be a part of the solution."

Lipsitz said the desire to make these cups to help protect students

on and off campus stemmed from a deep belief in the Carolina Way and what it means for kindness and mutual respect among students.

"We love Carolina," Lipsitz said.

"We really do enjoy it, and we want to find a way to make it a better place for students coming in."

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UNC thinks creatively about cutting waste

This year, UNC is working to set more detailed waste goals.

By Sophie Golden
Staff Writer

The University has a goal to contribute zero waste to landfills.

Becoming waste-free was one of three environmental goals announced at January's Board of Trustees meeting. UNC also wants to be greenhouse gas-neutral by 2050 and improve its water efficiency.

Brad Ives, associate vice

chancellor for campus enterprises, said this goal is twofold.

"If we're going to reduce waste, we can take what's in the trash cans now and try and recycle or reuse all of it," Ives said. "The other thing, that's probably going to be our bigger challenge, is how do we keep stuff from going into the trash can in the first place?"

Ives said the second goal involves considering how purchased materials are packaged.

"Think of all the things that students get from Amazon currently," he said. "Imagine if we could work something out with Amazon to not have those come in brown, card-

board boxes. Instead, to have them come in shrink wrap that we could recycle."

Cindy Shea, director of UNC's sustainability office, said the initiative's first step will be launching pilot projects, targeting several buildings to significantly reduce their waste generation and waste sent to landfills.

"Sometimes when you're in a classroom or a meeting room, there's a garbage can but there's not a recycling bin and there's not a sign as to where the closest recycling bin is," Shea said. "So, one of those strategies is to 'twin the bin,' as we're calling it, to ensure that recycling infrastructure is as dense as the

trash infrastructure."

Ives said there is no clear deadline for achieving zero waste, but this year, working groups will establish five- to 10-year goals.

"Waste reduction is going to be a constant effort," he said. "Trying to get as close to zero waste as possible is going to be something that we always pursue."

Ives said UNC has already reduced annual per capita waste generated on campus by 12 percent since 2000, going from 569 pounds per person to 503 pounds per person.

Ives said there is always more to do.

"We're currently not doing

things like composting pizza boxes or paper towels in restrooms," he said. "It's just a matter of figuring out the logistics of getting that collected and taking it to a place where it can be composted."

Sandrine Charles, co-chairperson of Students Working for Environmental Action and Transformation, said students can contribute to zero waste by educating themselves.

"A lot of people don't bother reading the little poster that tells you what you can recycle or compost so they end up throwing everything away in the trash," she said. "But most of the things you buy at the bottom of Lenoir are

compostable or recyclable."

Ives said everybody has to be an environmentalist given the state of the world today.

"We're using scarce resources and we have a fundamental duty to the generations that are going to come after us to not use more than the world can restore in our lifetimes," he said.

Shea said the zero waste goal helps people think about what they consume so they can better understand their footprint on the planet.

"We don't have multiple planets to draw resources from," she said.

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All up in your business

Part of a periodic update on local businesses. | **Compiled by staff writer Camila Molina**



Benny Cappella's replaces Subway

If you're looking for a new pizza joint on Franklin Street, Benny Cappella's opened on March 22 to satisfy your New York-style pizza craving.

The new restaurant is located at 122 E. Franklin St. in the location previously occupied by the Subway restaurant that recently closed. The pizza place serves single slices for \$4 to \$5, with a specialty pizza every month. They're known for their famous 28-inch pizzas and mainly being located in college towns.

"It's the only size we do," said Nick Stancampiano, general manager.

Benny's is a franchise that originated in Virginia and has expanded to 13 restaurants on the East Coast, with Chapel Hill as its second location in North Carolina. Each restaurant's name is different, depending on the owner of each location.

Why Chapel Hill? Stancampiano said he has been a Tar Heel fan all his life.

The restaurant will serve beer and is open until 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, as well as Tuesday. It will not deliver.



The Station in Carrboro to open April 7

Andrew Moore is the new owner of the spaces known as The Tiger Room, The Station and Southern Rail, which all connect with one another.

The Station will open as the first of the three businesses on April 7 with a renovated space: a bigger stage, new sound equipment, a DJ booth and refinished bar and floor.

There will be 10 beers on tap, specialty cocktails, wine and a full liquor bar available.

Until the Southern Rail space reopens in May or June as the new restaurant CrossTies Barbecue, The Station will function as a members-only club.

The music venue will be open to patrons 21 years old and up.

Every quarter, The Station will host a secret show where the name of the high profile band will not be announced until the day of the show.

After the third week of opening, the first secret band will perform.

"It's going to be great," Moore said. "It's a huge band coming off of a world tour. They sell out places all over the country."



Eastgate Mall gains Zoës Kitchen

A new Mediterranean restaurant is coming to Chapel Hill.

Zoës Kitchen is set to open in the fall of 2016 in Eastgate Mall.

"We're excited by the vibrant energy of a university town and grateful to have a chance to share what we love about the Mediterranean way of life with the students, schools and families of Chapel Hill," Spokesperson Randy Jenkins said.

Zoës Kitchen is known for promoting a healthy lifestyle with food made with fresh produce, whole grains and lean proteins.

"Our guests are invited to live Mediterranean, and live life more fully, all within the comfort of a welcoming, cosmopolitan environment and the convenience of fast casual," Jenkins said.

The franchise has more than 170 locations in 18 states across the U.S.

Some of the most popular items on the menu are the chicken kabobs that are hand-skewered with cherry tomatoes and grilled peppers and onions.

Rogers Road sewer project to be completed by spring 2018

The county, Chapel Hill and Carrboro are working together.

By Sarah Crump
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council approved an interlocal agreement with the town of Carrboro and Orange County on March 21 concerning reimbursement to the county for the costs of the Rogers Road sewer project.

The three jurisdictions

have been working to install a new sewer service to serve the historic Rogers Road neighborhood following the 2013 closure of the landfill that once occupied the district.

In 1972, Orange County promised to install the sewer in exchange for allowing the county to house the landfill at the site for 10 years. But the landfill remained at Rogers Road for 41 years.

The interlocal agreement details the decision between the jurisdictions to jointly fund preliminary engineering and design services performed

by Orange Water and Sewer Authority and community outreach in the neighborhood conducted by the Jackson Center.

The cost of the sewer project is \$1,334,900 with Orange County paying 43 percent, the Town of Chapel Hill paying 43 percent and the Town of Carrboro paying 14 percent of this total.

Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle said the division of cost was based on the estimated waste each jurisdiction generated in the landfill.

"One issue with this project is that it involves

three jurisdictions," Lavelle said. "It's obviously more of a challenge, making sure that each jurisdiction is on the same page. However, we and the other jurisdictions greatly support the project and the sharing of the costs."

Judy Johnson, principal planner for Chapel Hill, said the interlocal agreement is just one step in the process to complete the service and enable the division of costs.

"It's good to keep the project moving forward," Johnson said. "Staff from Chapel Hill, Orange County,

Carrboro, OWASA and the Jackson Center have been meeting weekly on the project for months."

Johnson said the town and the county hope to have easement agreements secured within the next couple of months. She said funding for the construction also needs to be secured.

Construction of the system is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2017.

Orange County Commissioner Renee Price said although the implementation of the Rogers

Road sewer project has been a long process, she is glad the county is partnering with Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Price said delays are largely a result of the magnitude of the project and that there has been no pushback from the community.

"Personally, I wish it were all done yesterday," Price said. "The people in this neighborhood have suffered for way too long. But we've got all jurisdictions involved, and we're moving along."

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Key players still wary of NCGAP

The deferred enrollment plan has raised concerns.

By Thomas Shealy
Staff Writer

After a vote of approval from the N.C. legislature in the fall, concerns remained over the N.C. Guaranteed Admissions Program. The program will allow UNC-system schools to accept less competitive students on the condition they attend an N.C. community college for

two years before transferring to a constituent institution with the intention of improving the system's six-year graduation rate. A report presented to the board March 3 predicted the ability of NCGAP to achieve its goals based on a 2009 study of N.C. public high schoolers. The first stated goal of the program is to help more students obtain baccalaureate degrees in a shorter amount of time, but the report said there is no evidence the program will achieve that goal. The UNC-system Board of Governors voted to approve

the report and consider options for the program's implementation, but not without concern from some board members. Board Member Marty Kotis said he had reservations about the 2009 study and consequently voted against accepting the report. "It was difficult to determine if that cohort actually intended to attend the university," Kotis said. "There were a fair amount of assumptions made in selecting that cohort." The State Board of Community Colleges also voiced strong concerns

regarding the study. Chairperson of the State Board of Community Colleges Scott Shook wrote a letter to the N.C. Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee criticizing the report. "Clear conclusions about the potential impact of NCGAP should not be drawn based on the 2009 cohort data analysis," Shook wrote. And Linda Weiner, vice president of engagement and strategic innovation for N.C. Community Colleges, said implementing NCGAP could prove to be more of a

challenge for universities than community colleges. "From a community college point of view, the implementation and the requests made of NCGAP are more what we do everyday, which is to take students from where they are, enroll them into quality educational programs, move them to whatever their goal is and then move them on into career or college," she said. Still, Kotis said a program like NCGAP is a good idea as long as it is implemented properly. "When you look at the success rate of community

college graduates that do transfer over into the N.C. system, it's a pretty high graduation rate," he said. Weiner said she is optimistic about the two systems working together for successful implementation. "We have made a lot of progress in working with our partners at the University of North Carolina to help develop a clear articulation agreement, to help put success programs in place for our students, reworking developmental education and many other things."

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Campus construction update

Part of a periodic update on local businesses. Compiled by staff writer Alexis Bell. Photos by Samantha Dikolli.



More space at Chase Dining Hall

Increasing traffic at Chase Dining Hall, more commonly known as Rams Head Dining Hall, led to talks about renovation. Brandon Thomas, spokesperson for Carolina Dining Services, said the renovations should alleviate some overcrowding at the dining hall. "It's still kind of in the planning process, but there is about 5,000 square feet of existing space that could accommodate new seating," Thomas said. "There is a lot of area upstairs on the second floor, but they're also looking at the area outside, like Rams Plaza." The goal of the renovation is to accommodate 150 to 200 more students. It is not clear at this stage what the dining hall will look like after the renovations, but Thomas said if the seating is on the second floor, there will be a beverage station on the second floor, as well. The budgeted amount for the project is about \$3.9 million. The projected start date for the renovation is October 2017, with a prospective completion date of July 2018.



Wilson Hall annex renovation

Wilson Hall is set to receive new instructional and research laboratories and an animal facility for the department of biology, according to the agenda of the finance, infrastructure and audit committee of the Board of Trustees. "It's going to benefit students and teachers in terms of having new, state-of-the-art teaching laboratories and classrooms," Department of Biology Chairperson Victoria Bautch said. "We also are building significant research space that will be more efficient and flexible for the researchers working there." Bautch said the specifics of the animal facility could not be disclosed. The renovations aim to fix some of the features of the building that no longer comply with current building codes. Researchers have already started moving out of Wilson Hall to begin the process. The project is budgeted at about \$31.5 million with a projected completion date of 2019. "We're hoping that it not only works better, but that it looks better as well," Bautch said.



Changes to Beard Hall underway

Pharmacy school classrooms, clinical simulation spaces and accessibility deficiencies will all be addressed with the renovation of the second floor of Beard Hall. David Etchison, spokesperson for UNC's School of Pharmacy, said the renovations have started and are well underway. "We have more flexible classroom space in that it can be configured to multiple uses, in some cases, multiple sizes as rooms can be separated and joined," Etchison said. Much of the extra classroom space is being produced from the removal of wet labs, which have been relocated to Marsico Hall. Etchison said replacing the ventilation system was the main element of the renovation. The system was original to the building, which was built in 1957. The renovation is budgeted at about \$9.7 million with a projected completion date of April 2018. "It's a very nice reuse of space that we already have," Etchison said. "It's a great way to recycle a building."

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Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — Don't be afraid of shadows. Wait for a better time to share your story. Don't try to convince someone who isn't listening. Make an emotional connection first. Smile, listen and ask questions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 9 — Set a new course. Responsibilities fall into place. Keep it thrifty. Gather data, and then go to committee. Turn over control on an old job. Friends teach you the rules. Share tips, tricks and suggestions.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 9 — Get into a fascinating puzzle in your work. Check prevailing theory. Trust a hunch. Run a small test. Hold on to what you have. Ask for more, and get it. Use your influence to help others.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 — Play and have fun without gambling or taking risks. Take a creative tack. Your influence is growing ... stay the course. Strengthen infrastructure. Your friends help with a great connection. Things could get blissful.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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Today is a 9 — Put in extra effort for extra profit. Bend rules, but don't break them. The dynamics shift, and new opportunities knock. Open the door. Accept advice from loved ones, especially children. Press an advantage.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 9 — Follow a personal passion through shifting circumstances. Handle chores first, and keep to your budget. Dress the part you're playing. Practice for mastery. Self-discipline serves you well. Pay attention to your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 — You can get a lot done in peace and quiet. Follow through on deadlines and promises. Travel later. Keep confidences and secrets. Listen to intuition. Learn practical new tricks. Abandon expectations. Rest and recharge.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 — Expand your social influence by participating more. Stay out of someone else's argument. Friends offer good advice. Support a noble cause. Make charts and graphs. Someone finds you charming. Grab a profitable opportunity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Adjusting to life in recovery

Students, faculty battle substance abuse.

By Cain Twyman
Senior Writer

It was fall 2014 when Gary Allen, a UNC senior, realized he had a problem with alcohol. A trip he took quickly turned sour when he was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. “You’re always the last person to know you have a problem,” he said, laughing a little. Allen said he started drinking in high school but didn’t start using marijuana until he got to UNC as a first-year. The second time he was arrested, his substance abuse cost him his freedom. He was arrested off campus in 2014 and got probation, community service and jail time. He said he had to spend 15 days in jail, but he didn’t have to serve the time consecutively. Allen spent his Spring Break and Winter Break, including Christmas and New Year’s, behind bars. After the second arrest, he joined the Carolina Recovery Program, an organization hosted through UNC Student Wellness that helps students dealing with substance abuse. Dean Blackburn, director of Student Wellness, personally reached out to Allen. And it wasn’t long after Allen realized he had a problem that he decided to move into an apartment by himself and join the recovery program. He joined in fall 2014, but he said he wasn’t completely sober until Dec. 15, 2014.

College recovery

Around 50 students at UNC, both undergraduate and graduate students, are in the recovery program. But Blackburn says statisti-



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Gary Allen stands outside Shortbread Lofts on Rosemary Street, where he was arrested in September 2014.

cally at a university of UNC’s size, it’s likely that about 400 students struggle with substance abuse, but Student Wellness only knows of the 50 enrolled. The University is one of six schools receiving a pilot grant from the state to fund recovery programs. The grant, worth \$125,000 per year for three years, has helped the program expand and hire staff. Frank Allison, coordinator of the Carolina Recovery Program, said this is the last year for the pilot grant, but there are other streams of revenue for the program, including grants from other organizations and UNC offices. UNC’s program is also a member of the Association of Recovery in Higher Education. In the program, Blackburn meets with each of the students and sets them up with the resources they need to finish their

degrees. And both Blackburn and Allison talk with students about best practices for staying sober on a college campus. On campus, alcohol and drug addictions are seen as medical conditions, meaning if students are struggling, they can take medical leave and work with the University to take steps to battle their addictions and seek off-campus help — if they want. When a student chooses that option, the Student Wellness office communicates with the student’s family and medical provider while they are away from the University. Whether they’re students who want to stay enrolled or students returning to campus after withdrawing, the Carolina Recovery Program aims to make campus life more manageable. “We try to work together to make sure the student is getting

STUDENT RESOURCES:

There are various resources that students struggling with substance abuse can go to:

- Carolina Recovery Program, recovery.unc.edu
- UNC Student Wellness, studentwellness.unc.edu
- Counseling and Psychological Services, caps.unc.edu

the help they need,” he said. Allison has been coordinator for almost a year now. He is also in long-term recovery, making this program near to his heart. UNC’s program provides peer-

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Faculty decry HB2 as ACLU, others take it to court

UNC-system student leaders may also explore legal action.

By Hayley Fowler
State & National Editor

UNC-system faculty and students are outraged in the aftermath of House Bill 2, and they want the General Assembly and Gov. Pat McCrory to know. More than 50 UNC-Chapel Hill faculty, all of whom are graduates of or currently participating in the University’s Academic Leadership Program for faculty leaders on campus, signed a statement against the bill Tuesday — just as two civil rights organizations and three North Carolina residents filed a lawsuit naming McCrory, the UNC system and Board of Governors Chairperson Louis Bissette as defendants. One of the people suing is Joaquín Carcaño, a transgender man and UNC employee. The faculty statement, signed on behalf of the individual faculty members and not the University as a whole, decried the bill for hindering the University’s ability to recruit and retain competitive faculty, staff and students. “I can’t bear the idea of being silent in the face of an injustice like this one,” said UNC law professor Eric Muller, who drafted the faculty statement. “And I think it’s important that leaders within the University speak clearly about the negative impact on the University.” The UNC-system’s Association of Student Government also called an emergency meeting Monday night via conference call, where 12 campus student body presidents passed a resolution citing the financial impact the loss of federal funding would have on the system due to Title IX violations from the bill. The resolution also mentioned the potential for legal action by ASG. UNC-CH was not on the call. “Everyone was so in support of every single clause and every single statement of the resolution,” said Zack King, ASG president and non-voting member of the Board of Governors. He said a decision will be made regarding potential legal action during the group’s April meeting. McCrory signed House Bill 2 at night on March 23 after the legislature met in special session. Lawmakers were responding to a Charlotte City Council ordinance that allowed transgender individuals to use the

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3 things to know about Saturday’s Final Four

The Tar Heels will play Syracuse for the third time this season.

By Logan Ulrich
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time since 2009 — when they won the national championship — North Carolina is back in the Final Four. The Tar Heels beat Notre Dame in the Elite Eight 88-74 on Sunday night, leaving them as the only one seed remaining after Syracuse toppled top-ranked Virginia in the

Midwest regional final. Now North Carolina and the Orange will play at 8:49 p.m. on Saturday night in Houston for a spot in the championship game. UNC won both games against Syracuse this season, pulling away late in the first game in the return of Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim and winning 84-73. The second time around, the Tar Heels sent off their senior class of Joel James, Brice Johnson and Marcus Paige off with a win in their final home game, holding on late to win 75-70. Here are three things to note about Syracuse.

No typical Cinderella Syracuse’s inclusion into the tournament was widely panned. The Orange had the lowest ever RPI (No. 72) for a team granted an at large bid, but they’ve won four straight games to become only the fourth team ever to make the Final Four as a double-digit seed. The Orange don’t fit the typical mold for a Cinderella team. The team made the Final Four in 2013 and is a traditionally strong program from a major conference. Boeheim showed why he’s considered a Hall of Fame coach by switching to a full-court

press defense from Syracuse’s trademark 2-3 zone — a move that flummoxed the Cavaliers and sparked Syracuse’s comeback. The Orange have proven they’re not just a feel-good story.

Rookies no more A large part of Syracuse’s tournament success has been due to first-years Malachi Richardson and Tyler Lydon. Through the tournament, the duo have averaged a hair over 25 points per game combined. Lydon will present a unique

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Town of Chapel Hill opposes House Bill 2, passes resolutions

Carrboro and Chapel Hill held special meetings about HB2.

By Camila Molina
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously passed two resolutions on Monday, affirming the dignity of the LGBT people of Chapel Hill and requesting the N.C. legislature to repeal House Bill 2. The bill was signed into law by Governor Pat McCrory on

March 23. House Bill 2 states a person must use the bathroom that corresponds with the gender listed on their birth certificate in public agencies. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen passed two resolutions Saturday calling for a repeal of the law and affirming the dignity of LGBT individuals. The Town of Chapel Hill used those resolutions as a guide while drafting its own resolutions. The council’s first resolution encourages all Chapel Hill businesses providing “public accommodations” to provide gender-nonspecific bathrooms

for customers and employees, using explicit language against the state law. The council said it will consider joining lawsuits brought in opposition to House Bill 2 and will send copies of this resolution to the governor, other N.C. legislators and local legislators. The special session allowed members of the community to give their opinions publicly. “We thought that Amendment 1 was as low as we could go,” said Matt Hughes, the chairperson of the Orange County Democratic party, referring to the N.C. legislation passed in 2012 that

barred state recognition of same-sex marriages, but was found unconstitutional in district court in 2014. Section 3.3 of House Bill 2 states that the regulation of “discriminatory practices in places of public accommodation” is an issue the state has power to regulate. Amanda Ashley, an Orange County resident, noted that the power of the council was usurped and she hoped the council would stand up in non-compliance to the House Bill 2.

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Former Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt speaks at the special town hall meeting to challenge House Bill 2.



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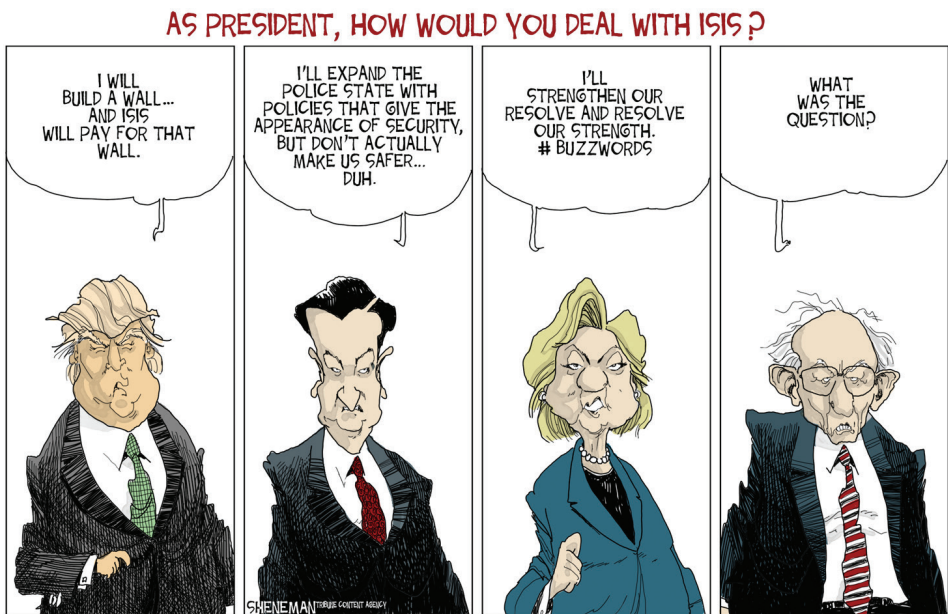
The virtue of being private

My friend was sitting cross-legged on my bedroom floor, bent over her laptop. I was on my bed, with mine in my lap. It was the kind of study date I love, where you both actually do homework with spurts of conversation in between. I was catching up on emails and she was working on the application for Carolina United, a program that focuses on leadership and diversity on campus. She read me one of the questions asking applicants to share something they usually keep hidden about themselves. I know intensive programs like Carolina United want participants who are willing to open up and build tight bonds in a short period of time. But that question made me tense up — is it necessarily a virtue to share difficult, ugly, embarrassing parts of yourself just because someone wants to know? There's nothing wrong with keeping some things hidden because being vulnerable involves taking risks.

There have been times I've sat down to write a column and thought, "What haven't I shared with the readers of The Daily Tar Heel at this point?" I've written about going to therapy and surviving sexual assault. There hasn't been much that I've kept private. Nobody made me publish those pieces, and I don't regret sharing those stories, because I think those issues need to be discussed openly. But there is also something wild about knowing that anyone, any co-worker, blind date or classmate, could pick up a paper and know these things about me. So I've been sharing less. And it feels good. I'm worried that for many of us, myself included, personal disclosure can start to feel like currency instead of something that's earned through trust and love. For me, disclosure can also be a defense mechanism — if I miss an important meeting I can either say "I'm sorry something came up" or "I was just diagnosed with XYZ and am recovering from ABC and I just can't make it to the meeting this week." I'm worried that my friends think that I'm being lazy, and for me it's easier to open up about XYZ and ABC than to accept that they might be judging me for bailing.

There's something to be said for the moment you share something with just one person. The hesitation — is this too much? Am I showing my cards? Will they treat me differently if they know? And the relief when they respond — "me too," or "it's okay," or "I love you." The trust that was already there, made stronger. Or that moment when you can tell someone is about to open up to you, their nerves, the gratitude that comes from another person putting faith in you. Here's what I've learned: Sharing difficult experiences with a wide audience can absolutely help remove stigma. It can make someone feel more comfortable sharing their stories. It makes someone feel less alone. All of these things are true. But I've also learned that this doesn't mean you owe every story you have to every person.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Drew Sheneman, The Star-Ledger



EDITORIAL Keeping records public

No barriers to public record access should be erected.

Transparency in government is the backbone of the democratic process. If the public could not access public records unfettered, standards of accountability would plummet. That is why it is disappointing that members of UNC's Board of Trustees openly contemplated asking the North Carolina General Assembly to make records less accessible. At last week's meeting of UNC's Board of Trustees, Joel Curran, UNC's vice

chancellor for communications and public affairs, presented about the costs of handing over records. Curran singled out a request made by both Dan Kane of The (Raleigh) News & Observer and Bradley Saacks of The Daily Tar Heel pertaining to records involved in UNC's academic scandal. In response to this presentation, trustee Ed McMahan suggested those who request public records should have to pay for access and that the NCGA should review its public records law. Trustee Charles Duckett agreed, indicating shortsightedness of the board.

North Carolina's government has struggled with issues of transparency in the last few years, and making it more difficult for the public to access records (that taxpayers have already paid for) would show an abdication of responsibility on the part of state leaders. If UNC's trustees would like the University to pay less to hand over its public records, they should attempt to avoid future failures like the decades of fake classes UNC offered. It's important that UNC's trustees and North Carolina's legislators remember the accessibility of public records makes government work better.

EDITORIAL A writer for the times

Natasha Trethewey is a great addition to UNC community.

This past week, former U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey delivered a public poem reading and sat on a panel regarding the role of literary arts in campus conversations surrounding race in her capacity as 2016 Frank B. Hanes writer-in-residence. The Department of English and Comparative Literature should be lauded for bringing Trethewey to campus, not only due to

her prodigious career, but also because the themes she explores in her work are applicable to some of the major controversies facing this campus. One of Trethewey's most notable works, "Native Guard," pays tribute to the first Louisiana Native Guard, a Confederate militia that comprised freed persons of color. In this collection, she grapples with the South's racial history and how the Civil War is remembered and commemorated by the public. Trethewey's presence on campus is extremely timely given the ongoing

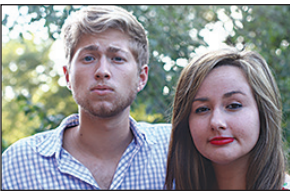
conversations around the University's recognition of its racist past — the most notable example being the debate about the legitimacy of Silent Sam. The Department of English and Comparative Literature has set the bar for finding qualified, professional academics willing to speak on difficult issues affecting the University using their past experience and current knowledge. It would serve the University well for other departments to follow its lead in finding equally qualified people for similar roles within their own offices.

ADVICE COLUMN You Asked for It In which we help you evolve into the final form Tar Heel fan

Kelsey Weekman (Joel James eating imaginary oatmeal) and Drew Goins (Luke Maye stirring Joel's imaginary oatmeal for him from the bench so it doesn't get lumpy) are the writers of UNC's premier (only!) satirical advice column. Results may vary.

You: How do I feasibly attend the Final Four?

You Asked for It: First you have to snag one of those student tickets that only the Illuminati and Carolina Fever (one and the same) knew about before noon Monday. The sticker price was only \$40, but if you looked at the fine print, you also consented to name your firstborn Joel Berry II. (Also, your name is now legally Joel Berry I.) If you're having trouble pulling together travel funds for the trip, just apply for a credit card or four. Make sure you pick a card that gives you rewards when you make gas purchases. By the time you get to Houston,



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you'll have enough points to book a flight back home. The drive to Houston isn't that long, though. Clocking in at about 18 hours, it's only three quarters of a Dance Marathon (with 100 percent more sitting), twice the duration of standing in line for Duke seats or just enough time — and we did the math — to sing the alma mater and fight song 762 times in a row.

You: How do I make the most of watching the NCAA tournament from home?
YAFI: Simple. Grab your Blue

Cup of Coke, pseudo-official drink of UNC sporting events, and join us for the NCAA tournament drinking game. Drink any time you see a joke about academic scandal (for UNC OR Syracuse!) on Twitter. Two drinks if it's a State fan. Drink when you wonder about whether Theo Pinson crashing that press conference was a joke or a cry for help. Finish your drink when an announcer prematurely talks about the next game. Finish your neighbor's drink when someone posts to the Overheard at UNC Facebook group about a player on the opposing team looking like a cartoon. Get IV fluids of your drink when Marcus Paige and Brice Johnson look at each other in that will-they-won't-they sort of way. At the end of the game, you'll need to call an Uber. Or you could just call Brice Johnson, and he will carry you home like he does regularly for the rest of the team.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Every time you're at a party, no matter if it's 20 people or 500 people, there will be a Solo cup. It is ubiquitous, it is visible, it is cheap."

Asher Lipsitz, on Carolina Conscious cups

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"We often call those with whom we disagree ignorant. If you disagree with the majority enough, maybe it's YOU who are ignorant."

NClaw441, on the editorial board calling the N.C. legislatures ignorant

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Events at UNC should be designed to unite

TO THE EDITOR:
Dear Carolina Students,
We write to you today in the spirit of upholding our values of diversity and inclusivity. As members of the Carolina Union Board of Directors, we challenge ourselves as student leaders that represent these values at the highest degree. It is of vital importance to us that we act as servants of our community and foster safe spaces for students of all backgrounds and identities.

In the upcoming weeks, there are events taking place across campus that we believe are in direct opposition to our mission and values. There will be moments where members of our community will unfortunately make the decision to create spaces that will promote rhetoric and conversation that divides, rather than unites, our community. As student leaders, we want to express explicitly that we do not support nor condone actions that serve to make students feel unsafe on our campus. We recognize the importance of healthy conversation that allows for an array of perspectives and opinions. We furthermore understand the importance of facing ideas that may not completely agree with our own as a means of challenging the way in which we see the world. Nevertheless, we want to assert that this action can certainly be executed without marginalizing groups of our fellow students.

Over the past year, we have faced some difficult realities here at our university. Members of our community have engaged in the national conversation that is challenging the status quo manner in which universities have operated. Our country is evolving, and students like the ones found at UNC are leading the charge against systems of institutional racism, Islamophobia and heteronormativity. As student leaders, we join in and support our fellow students who are serving as positive change agents. We hope that the Carolina Union can serve as a space where students can come and unapologetically be themselves. We also want students to know that they can come to the leadership of the Carolina Union Board of Directors with any concerns they may have about the state of campus life. Finally, we want to remind students about the University's counseling services, and encourage anyone who feels they may need to utilize this resource at any time to do so. Let us come together, now, as a community that celebrates individual and unique differences that makes us beautifully Carolina.

Jaelyn Coates
Chairperson of the Union Board of Directors

Signing on behalf of the entire Carolina Union Board of Directors.

DTH was wrong about e-cigs in public spaces

TO THE EDITOR:
In a recent editorial, "Consumers and businesses should set vaping rules," The Daily Tar Heel expressed concern over Orange County's proposed vape-free air policy, which would disallow e-cigarette use in bars and restaurants. However, the claims presented by the Editorial Board are unfounded and misleading.

E-cigarettes are an emerging product, and due to their novelty, the long-term health effects are still uncertain. However, there is evidence showing that e-cigarettes are not harm-free. Secondhand e-cigarette aerosol is not water vapor — it can contain nicotine, volatile organic compounds, metals and other chemicals. E-cigarette aerosol can exacerbate asthma and other respiratory conditions for users and those around them. Lastly, e-cigarettes and e-liquids are completely unregulated at this time, so there is no way to ensure their quality or safety. The author also claims that a vape-free air policy would curtail individual rights. However, the use of tobacco products — including e-cigarettes — in any public space actually infringes on the rights of non-smokers and non-vapers. Without the vape-free air policy, employees and customers at restaurants and bars have no protection against e-cigarette chemical exposure while working in or patronizing these businesses. Lastly, the author states, "Education and social pressure have been much more effective in lowering tobacco usage in recent decades than heavy-handed bans." The proposed vape-free air policy is, in fact, about creating social pressure to not vape. Similar to North Carolina's highly favored 2010 smoke-free bars and restaurants law, this policy promotes a healthy environment for everyone to enjoy Orange County's bars and restaurants. We believe that all individuals deserve the opportunity to breathe clean air, including service professionals at Orange County's bars and restaurants.

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Signing on behalf of four others. Please visit dailytarheel.com to view the full list of names.

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