

GETTING UNDER CHAPEL HILL'S SKIN

Ascension Tattoo is the oldest parlor in town.

By Anna Long
Staff Writer

Mike Wheeler learned to tattoo by doing what he calls ripping up his friends.

"That's kind of the way it works — you watch a lot, hang out, clean a lot and then start doing some bad tattoos," Wheeler said, laughing.

But that was in his apprenticeship days more than 10 years ago. Now, he's the newest artist at the oldest tattoo shop around.

Ascension Tattoo occupies a small, inconspicuous entrance on Franklin Street, but once inside, its artists and newly renovated space are anything but forgettable.

The tattoo parlor — originally known as Tar Heel Tattoo — is the oldest in Chapel Hill but has undergone some big changes since its move to a new location at 405 W. Franklin St. about a year ago, owner Meghan Thayer said.

"This location has made a lot of difference for us," Thayer said.

"We're a lot more visible. I feel like we're a good fit here with CD Alley and Hazmat and lots of good places to eat.

I really am very fortunate and thankful that we landed here."

Ascension has since welcomed Wheeler to its team and completed renovations, including improvements to the building, fresh paint and new decorations.

"We did (renovations) in December for the New Year and the setup is a lot more spacious," Thayer said.

"Everyone has been super receptive to it."

Wheeler said learning the tattoo trade is a continuous process.

"It's something that takes years and years, just like anything else," Wheeler said.

Through his years of experience, Wheeler has developed his own artistic style.

He said he enjoys drawing traditional, Americana-style tattoos, but that he has done all kinds of tattoos for others, depending on the vision of the customer.

"Having a specialty is a luxury that some artists can afford and some can't," he said.

"You've got to be able to do it all and be flexible."

Wheeler said part of his development as an artist comes from getting his own



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Mike Wheeler, an artist at Ascension Tattoo on Franklin Street, prepares tattoo stencils. Ascension is the oldest tattoo shop in Chapel Hill.

tattoos, like the detailed lantern that takes up a significant portion of his tattoo sleeve on his arm.

"I'll travel to go get tattooed by different artists because it's a learning experience," he said.

"Seeing what they're going to do helps me in my craft,

and I get a cool tattoo out of it."

Getting a tattoo is an interactive experience — not only is it a learning process for artists, but also for clients.

Thayer said a big part of her job at Ascension Tattoo is to help clients translate

their ideas into tattoos that will withstand the test of time.

"Not every single idea that everyone comes in with is easily translatable into a tattoo — images that aren't large enough or that aren't necessarily the right style for a tattoo," she said.

"Part of our job is helping them realize we can take an idea or a concept and turn it into what will make a good tattoo that is going to last — that's going to look good in five or 10 years. It's an education process."

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In-state tuition not granted

Students without documentation will still pay out-of-state tuition.

By Tara Jeffries
Assistant State & National Editor

N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper's office deemed N.C. students without documentation ineligible for in-state tuition in a letter released Thursday — but activists, embattled from a 30-mile march earlier this month in pursuit of policy change, say the fight is far from over.

The advisory letter states that immigration policy falls under federal authority, and students without documentation — including those qualifying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which grants deferred deportation to those brought to the U.S. without documentation as children — do not meet residency requirements for in-state tuition.

The statement evoked shock from some activists, while others say uncertainty looms over their educational plans.

"My graduation date's still uncertain, and it shouldn't be that way," said Keny Murillo, a member of the N.C. DREAM Team, a group advocating for in-state tuition. Murillo, a student at Durham Technical Community College, wants to eventually transfer to a four-year university.



Roy Cooper is the N.C. attorney general. He has previously said that he will run for governor of North Carolina in 2016.

Now, he doesn't know when he will be able to afford to transfer.

Cooper, a Democrat, has said he plans to run for governor in 2016.

"I kind of thought that as a candidate for governor, he would stand up for education," said Daniela Hernandez Blanco, a UNC sophomore and advocate of the One State, One Rate campaign for in-state tuition.

But N.C. Rep. Marcus Brandon, D-Guilford, who requested Cooper's legal opinion last month, said the outcome came as no surprise.

"I was hopeful for a different response, but I was expecting it," Brandon said. "The attorney general made it very clear that this is something we would have to tackle on the federal level. His hands are tied; he has to abide by the current law."

Brandon said tuition policy could also shift through a change in state law. He is sponsoring a bill that would topple the status quo, allowing in-state tuition for some N.C. students without documentation.

The letter from the attorney

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Meal plan tax goes into effect

All campus dining options will now be taxed at 7.5 percent.

By Bradley Saacks
Staff Writer

Tax changes can fly under the radar on college campuses.

However, the most recent state tax increase did not slip past Hannah Vuncannon.

"I'm on a college budget, so every penny matters," the sophomore said.

Vuncannon did not plan on losing so many of those precious pennies to the new state tax on meal plans that began in January 2014.

"I definitely don't want to be spending 10 or 11 dollars per swipe at Ram's Head or top of Lenoir... even like Chick-fil-a at bottom of Lenoir adds an extra \$.50 because of the new tax."

The N.C. General Assembly passed a sales tax that increased costs of a multitude of items, ranging from meal plans to motor homes — but it is not the extra charge on Winnebagoes that has UNC students frustrated.

The increase is hitting some students hard.

The new tax increases meal plans up to \$140 for unlimited plans and requires the franchises in the bottom of Lenoir to tax their customers.

The plans are taxed at a 7.5 percent — the same rate that off-campus dining is taxed at.

Connor Brady, speaker of Student Congress, said the UNC-Chapel Hill student government has not specifically lobbied against the sales tax, but the Associated Student Governments of all UNC-system schools has worked with the state legislature on the issue.

"We have not taken action on the level of Chapel Hill ... but we have worked with student governments across the state to work with the state legislature and the Board of Governors to lobby both of those bodies," Brady said.

"There will be a meeting of student governments this weekend, and there will be more information after that, I'm sure."

Mike Freeman, director of auxiliary services, said parents and students have contacted him about the price change, but he does not expect a large number of students to start dropping their meal plans.

"Was I worried originally?" Freeman said. "Yes. Have I seen people saying that they are going away from meal plans? No."

He said parents and students understand that it was not an increase from the school, but from the state legislature instead.

However, at least one student has decided to be done with meal plans.

"I considered not getting a meal plan at the beginning of this school year but I decided to get the smallest block, but now the tax is definitely the pushing point for me not getting a meal plan next year," said sophomore Meghana

Shamsunder.

Shamsunder said she is going to live on campus next year and is choosing to purchase groceries, cook in her dorm and eat out instead.

"I like the community atmosphere, like just going up to the dining halls and meeting friends ... but after the tax and the variety of food, I was just like no, not going to do that next year."

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Inside

SURVIVING

Kelly Bruno is an anesthesiology resident at UNC Hospitals. She competed in the CBS reality show, "Survivor," and lives her life to the fullest despite a disability. **Page 3**



WOMEN'S HOOPS

The No. 7 women's basketball team claimed an 83-65 victory at Wake Forest Thursday night. But with seven minutes left, the game was still close. **Page 5**



ASG STIRS BACK UP

After canceling its December meeting, the Association of Student Governments will meet up again. Leaders have said they plan to focus on reform when the body meets at N.C. A&T this weekend. **Online.**

Carrboro's PACE Academy charter in question

The school has not met testing requirements or kept complete records.

By Rachel Herzog
Staff Writer

After years of noncompliance and financial concerns, a Carrboro school is at risk of losing its charter.

Established in 2004, PACE Academy's charter expires this June. The academy submitted an application for its renewal to the North Carolina State Board of Education

Not renewing the school's charter would be devastating for the school's students with disabilities, said Principal Rhonda Franklin. Those

students make up about 60 percent of the school's enrollment. There are also students with past behavior issues.

"I feel very confident in what we have been doing," she said.

But at a meeting last month, the North Carolina Office of Charter Schools made a presentation to the Charter School Advisory Board. The presentation highlighted issues of noncompliance with their charter, financial concerns and the school's low academic performance.

Compared to other Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, PACE Academy has consistently underperformed on standardized tests.

The school's legal compliance issues include failing to meet the threshold for testing 95 percent of

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its students, not meeting license requirements for its teachers and keeping inaccurate records.

There is also concern that the school's enrollment has dropped and its expenditures exceed its revenues.

The Charter School Advisory Board submitted a recommendation to the State Board of Education that PACE Academy's charter not be renewed earlier this month.

Despite these issues, Franklin is concerned but confident.

Franklin insisted noncompliance issues have been resolved and the school's student-focused instruction

and inclusive environment allow students to grow in areas outside the subjects measured by standardized tests.

She said she does have some concern for students who struggled with academics before they came to PACE, but thrived at the school.

Franklin said attending a traditional high school would not be a possibility for these students, who would otherwise turn to homeschooling, enroll in a GED program or drop out of school entirely.

She said they would lose PACE

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Shia LaBeouf looks to repent

From staff and wire reports

Hollywood has its fair share of celebrities who could use some good old repenting of sins. But, come on, it's got to be something you really want, something you'll commit yourself to. For actor Shia LaBeouf, whose recent antics have involved allegedly plagiarizing, well, lots of stuff, it is. An art gallery owner in Los Angeles is claiming that LaBeouf has asked to rent out his space for a performance in which he will "repent in the way of the Middle Ages. For seven days," according to LaBeouf's alleged email.

Turns out, the gallery is all booked up for Feb. 10, the date LaBeouf requested, so maybe we can only wonder what would've happened. Louis Stevens, what happened to you, dude? Why?

NOTED. The calendar is to holiday gifts as Nickelback is to bands — they just need to go away. But, calendars might be back in vogue thanks to one retirement home. Contilia Retirement Group created a calendar featuring its residents dressed as actors in scenes from classic films, "Titanic" and "Rocky" among them. Want.

QUOTED. "There will be a lot of rats, and they eat each other. If I get aboard, I'll have to lace everywhere with poison."
— Pim de Rhooes, a Belgian scrap sailor, channeling our collective worst nightmare as he explains the threat of a ghost ship full of rats that may soon crash on the coast of Scotland. LOL. Nope. Bye.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY Study Abroad Fair: Meet with student representatives and employees from the study abroad office to talk about opportunities to learn and intern internationally. The office will also be conducting two information sessions during the fair, one of which includes information about how to fund your trip. Be sure to bring your OneCard. Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Location: Student Union, Great Hall	in Jordan in 1967. Free. Time: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Location: Student Union	particular segment will focus on the play "Dar He" and its depiction of 14-year-old Emmett Till, who was allegedly whistling at a white woman in Mississippi shortly before he was murdered. The first 50 participants will receive a copy of "Death of Innocence," the story of Mamie Till-Mobley. Time: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Location: Chapel Hill Public Library
"When I Saw You" (Film Screening): Join others for a showing of "When I Saw You," which features the journey of a Palestinian boy seeking refuge	"Private Lives" (Play): Divorced lovers land adjacent honey-moon suites in Noel Coward's comedy classic. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$55. Time: 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Location: Paul Green Theatre	<i>To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.</i>
SATURDAY Talking Race in a Shadow of Controversy (Lecture): The first installment of a two-part community event that will feature dialogue and reflection about the history of Jim Crow laws and their impact on today's society. This		

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the photo with Thursday's Diversions cover story inaccurately identified James Phillips as Bryan Rahija. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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HAVANA GOOD TIME



DTH/CATHERINE HEMMER

David M. Spear, recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship, released his new photo book Ten Days in Havana at the FRANK Gallery on Thursday evening. "Cuba will turn you inside out, it's remarkable," Spear said.

POLICE LOG

- Someone refused to leave Cosmic Cantina at 128 E. Franklin St. between 2:32 a.m. and 2:33 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
A vehicle was hit by an adjacent vehicle door, causing damage estimated at \$25, reports state.
- Someone damaged the property of a business at 400 S. Elliott Road between 5:55 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The front door of Mina's Studio was broken, causing damage estimated at \$800, reports state.
- Someone committed fraud at 416 W. Cameron Ave. between 9 a.m. and 4:48 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
A credit card number was used to purchase gift cards, reports state.
- Someone damaged property at 300 Meadowmont
- Village Circle between 1:20 p.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
A vehicle was hit by an adjacent vehicle door, causing damage estimated at \$25, reports state.
- Someone stole items from Food Lion at 104 N.C. Highway 54 at 12:16 p.m. Tuesday, according to Carrboro police reports.
Someone stole several packs of steaks without paying, reports state.
- Someone broke and entered at an apartment at 107 W. Carr St. between 7:30 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. Tuesday, according to Carrboro police reports.
- Someone reported a suspicious condition at 103 Culbreth Road at 6:46 p.m. Tuesday, according to Carrboro police reports.

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I'm a 'Survivor'

Contestant on reality show works to inspire others

By Catherine O'Neill
Staff Writer

Kelly Bruno is anything but weak. She competes regularly in triathlons and marathons. She is an anesthesiology resident at UNC Hospitals — not to mention she was a contestant on the reality show Survivor: Nicaragua. And she is disabled — which she has no problem telling the world. “I think a lot of people have kind of a negative connotation with the word disability,” Bruno said. “I don’t think that the word disabled has to imply this negative thing. It doesn’t mean that I’m anything less. It doesn’t matter what you call it as long as you’re seeing that person as capable.” Bruno spoke to students Wednesday at an event organized by Advocates for Carolina, LimBionics of Durham and UNC’s Department of Accessibility Resources and Service. UNC senior Katie Savage, president of Advocates for Carolina and an amputee herself, was inspired by Bruno. “Hearing Kelly (Wednesday) discuss that she even has challenges and that embracing her own disability was a process makes me want to go even further and bring more healing and light toward something which at one time brought me shame,” Savage said. Brittany Stresing, president and owner of LimBionics of Durham and friend of Bruno’s, said Bruno’s attitude can serve as motivation for all students. “She has overcome so much

and she doesn’t let anything stop her — physically, mentally, emotionally,” she said. “You can be like Kelly, and just move on and conquer it all, or you can just sit back and let it torment you.” Bruno had her leg amputated below the knee when she was only six months old and has spent most of her time since then proving people wrong, she said. “I like to prove people wrong,” Bruno said. “I think it’s part of why I work so hard at the things I do. It’s fun to make people rethink their judgments.” Bruno said participating in sports at the prompting of her father allowed her to accept her disability. “Getting involved in athletics opened up a whole new world of people which I think helped me gain the confidence to realize that I might be different, but that’s OK,” she said. While competing on Survivor, Bruno said she saw the physical challenges as a way to spread her message about acceptance and self-confidence. “I was very conscious of everything I did when I was on that season, to make sure that they could only portray me in the way that I wanted to be seen, which is as a strong person who can take on anything,” she said. “I want people to look at the things I’ve done and say, ‘I can do that too.’” Bruno said much work with amputees involves trying to get them active and involved to help build their confidence. One problem in trying to get fellow amputees to become active is the cost of equipment



DTH/CHELSEY ALLDER
UNC medical student Kelly Bruno runs competitively in her spare time.

like prosthetics and the lack of insurance coverage, she said. Ultimately, Bruno’s message isn’t just for people who are suffering from physical disabilities. “Now, looking back, it’s easy to realize that everyone has their thing, their struggle,” she said.

“Mine is a little more obvious than other people’s. Having a carbon fiber leg, people notice that you’re different. But I’ve realized that other people have things they see in themselves as different from the people around them.”

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Primary ballot adds candidate

Edward Kryn joined the race Tuesday to unseat Kay Hagan.

By Lindsay Carbonell
Staff Writer

As the filing deadline for the GOP Senate primary ballot approaches on Feb. 28, one more player is tossing his piece to the political game board. With Edward Kryn, the former physician and political rookie, the number of players ticks up to seven. Kryn, who added his name Tuesday, moved to the United States from Canada 17 years ago. He said his familiarity with medical systems in the U.S. and Canada will give him an edge to compensate for his lack of political experience. Republican Thom Tillis is the GOP favorite to unseat Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., in the November general election, according to a recent poll by Public Policy Polling, a left-leaning agency in

Raleigh. Tillis and Hagan are nearly tied at 43-42, according to the poll. Rob Schofield, policy director at left-leaning N.C. Policy Watch, said it is too early to make an accurate prediction, but he leans toward Hagan winning. “I actually think she’ll win,” he said. “I think, ultimately, all of the candidates running against her have huge problems. I don’t think anybody takes them terribly seriously.” Other GOP candidates, including Kryn, Mark Harris, Greg Brannon, Bill Flynn, Ted Alexander and Heather Grant, seek to appeal to far-right Republicans, said analyst Mitch Kokai from the right-leaning John Locke Foundation. “The other candidates have been really getting their support from other sectors — Tea Party, social conservatives, people who might look at Tillis and not be so excited,” he said. Kokai said having so many GOP candidates could hurt Tillis’s chances if the May 6 pri-

mary election went to a runoff. Tillis needs 40 percent of the vote to win the primary. Still, John Davis, an N.C. political analyst who studies election trends, said Tillis is likely to upset Hagan in the race. No North Carolina Democrat has won a second term in the U.S. Senate since 1968, Davis said. “The big issue in addition to just the trends is the fact that the public has mixed feelings, especially in North Carolina right now, about Obamacare,” he said. Davis also said the Republican party is opting for more compromise on a state and national level after criticism sparked by the government shutdown in October. He pointed to the recent budget compromise in Washington, D.C. But Davis said the Republicans are not the only party that need to consider more bipartisan compromises. Democrats, especially N.C. Democrats, are being led almost exclusively by the far left, he said.

GOP CANDIDATES

- The Republican candidates running in the May 6 primary to unseat Democratic U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan are:
- Edward Kryn, former physician
 - Thom Tillis, N.C. Speaker of the House
 - Mark Harris, Baptist pastor
 - Greg Brannon, gynecologist
 - Bill Flynn, radio host
 - Ted Alexander, former Shelby mayor
 - Heather Grant, worked in the military corps

“Both parties have allowed themselves to go to these extreme corners of political ideology, and both parties need to find a new balance, or they will fall like a house of cards.”

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Conference aims to empower women

The event will educate attendees on women’s issues Saturday at UNC.

By Madison Flager
Staff Writer

UNC will become a hub for female empowerment this weekend as 160 students and several Triangle-area organizations convene for a student-organized conference. The event, Womyn’s Issues Now (WIN), plans to educate attendees about four main issues: reproductive rights and justice, politics, violence against women and women in the media. Hosted by UNC Students United for Reproductive Justice, the program will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with four break-out sessions, a speech from Monica Simpson, who is executive director of the national group SisterSong, and discussion time. Each session will offer four different options to choose from. “I hope people can find organizations that they want to get involved with on campus and in the community and just learn more about how prevalent some of these issues really are today,”



DTH/CLAIRE COLLINS
The Womyn’s Issues Now conference will be on Saturday in the Union.

SURJ co-chairwoman Isabella Higgins said. UNC clubs, including Siren Magazine and Embody Carolina, will speak about the need for feminism in the media and problems with eating disorders. The Orange County Rape Crisis Center, NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina and Lillian’s List — a committee that works to elect pro-choice Democratic women to the N.C. General Assembly — are among the other presenters. Alexis Kralic, education and

finance coordinator for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, will also give a presentation on child sexual abuse. The talk will educate attendees on the warning signs associated with this type of abuse, which Kralic said differ from those of date rape or interrelationship violence. “I think a lot of students are interested in working with children, and it’s important for them to notice the warning signs,” Kralic said. While educating children on how to handle uncomfortable situations is important, ulti-

mately the responsibility should not be left to kids, Kralic said. Holly Sit and Rachel Faulk, co-chairs of the Students United for Reproductive Justice Speaker Search Committee, reached out to local nonprofit organizations and speakers about getting involved with Womyn’s Issues Now and received support from almost everyone contacted. Sit is especially excited to hear NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina speak. “It was really rewarding to find out they were more than willing to come,” Sit said. The idea for the large regional conference stemmed from a smaller conference Students United for Reproductive Justice held last year, which focused mainly on reproductive justice, Higgins said. Attendees at Saturday’s conference will leave with an increased awareness of issues plaguing women today, as well as ways to get involved in their community. “These are issues that go beyond our campus,” Sit said. “Most of these issues affect women every day, regardless of race, sexual orientation, whatever.”

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Folt says UNC accepts responsibility

She spoke to trustees about lessons from past years of scandal.

By Amanda Albright
University Editor

Chancellor Carol Folt wasn’t here for UNC’s academic improprieties, but she accepted responsibility Thursday — and now, she also might face the legal consequences. Folt said to the Board of Trustees Thursday that it was important for the University to accept responsibility and move forward with changes. But Folt can’t escape the impropriety that happened years before her tenure. On Thursday, The (Raleigh) News & Observer sued Folt, saying it has been requesting data that UNC sent to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges for months. “Many students were involved in those courses, and all of those students deserved better from us,” she said at the board meeting. “There was a failure in academic oversight, and this too was wrong. It has undermined... our reputation. It’s created an atmosphere of distrust.” “We do feel accountable.” The media firestorm surrounding academic misconduct was exacerbated this month when CNN published a story that claimed a majority of 183 student-athletes between 2004 and 2012 were not college literate. Student Body President Christy Lambden said he has never met a student-athlete fitting the profile created in the article. “I have personally taken the time to speak with a number of student athletes,” he said. “Students feel hurt, betrayed by what they see as unmerited accusations.” Folt told a group of reporters that the University was continuously working to fix the wrongdoing done years ago. The Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group, which was formed by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Jim Dean in August, has evaluated almost nine of the 22 processes associated with athletics. “Reform requires good analysis,” she said. “We’ll take that research-oriented approach to it.” Folt was also asked if she thinks the NCAA system as a whole was flawed. “I applaud the NCAA for taking on its own investigations,” she said. “They are looking very closely at the way they run their processes. They are trying to increase academic preparedness.” “This may seem like the biggest issue but we’re doing lots of things,” she said. So rather than talk athletics, board members focused on the positive, impactful areas of the university, listening to presentations on autism research and an advertising campaign by students in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. “We’re all concerned about our reputation,” Folt said to reporters. “These are incidents that have tarnished the reputation of Carolina. And we’re saying directly, we accept responsibility.”

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SPORTS BRIEF

Football player arrested and charged with assaulting a government official

UNC linebacker Travis Hughes was arrested on charges of assaulting a government official Thursday morning, according to an Department of Public Safety arrest report. The incident occurred at 9:20 a.m. when UNC Department of Pubic Safety Parking and Transportation officer Donald Burke was writing a citation for Hughes’ illegally parked car near the intersection of Hibbard and Blythe Drive, DPS spokesman Randy Young said. Assaulting a government official is considered N.C. General Statute 14-33A, which is a class 2 misdemeanor. Hughes approached Burke while the citation was being written and an altercation ensued. Hughes then got in his vehicle and fled before being apprehended at the corner of McCauley and South Columbia Road. Hughes appeared in front of a magistrate Thursday and was released on a promise to appear, Young said. Hughes, a junior who recorded 76 tackles last season, has been suspended from all team activities, team spokesman Kevin Best said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student groups to host benefit night to raise money for Philippines’ relief

The sorority alpha Kappa Delta Phin International, Inc. and a Philippines student organization, KASAMA, are hosting a banquet today from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each, or \$25 for two and there will be performers including Priscilla Townsend, the Lorelais, UNC Achordants, Cadence, Kasama, Prianca and Bianca and Ina Liu. For more information, contact Nae Wu, nwon@live.unc.edu.

The Rejects hosts ‘Hands on your knees: A Night with Danez Smith’

Poet Danez Smith will speak at the event hosted by The Rejects, a UNC poetry group. The event, sponsored by the LGBTQ Center and the Campus Y, is on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m., and will be held at the Student Union, room 3409.

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Diamond DeShields dares to dream

Basketball fame awaits the phenom, but happiness might lie elsewhere

By Dylan Howlett
Staff Writer

Diamond DeShields has enough dreams to fill a book, so she does.

Not long after the morning sunlight creeps into her bedroom, she snatches her “dream book” and writes. Dreams, nightmares, fragments of both — they all get chronicled. She can relive delight, and fright, with one flick of the page.

Some don’t need their own chapter. Some remain embedded in DeShields, immortalized by memory, fossilized by emotion.

Helping others makes her happy, gives her a degree of satisfaction that basketball will never reach. When asked why she feels this way, the incendiary guard of the North Carolina women’s basketball team recalls a real-life dream interwoven with a nightmare.

An aspiring basketball player getting to meet her idol, a women’s basketball star. The indifferent, I’m-too-good-for-this attitude of the idol, whose identity DeShields withheld out of respect. A crushed middle school girl from the Atlanta suburbs making an ironclad pact with herself.

“I just told myself...”

Her smile, enough to make a lighthouse squint, disappears. Her face dissolves into tears.

“...that if I’m in a position to be that good of a player...”

More tears.

“...that I wouldn’t do that to somebody else that looks up to me.”

An ode to her past, a splash of the present, a nod to the future. Dreams, nightmares, insecurities, sources of pride — they’re all a part of Diamond DeShields, a strand of DNA, inextricably one.

Human highlight reel

Basketball can make DeShields happy. UNC’s leading scorer can splice two defenders, perform pirouettes on her way to the basket, make passes that some point guards would never dare try to make. When she makes a routine play by her standards, a highlight reel, “did-you-see-that?!” play by layman’s standards, DeShields, 18, simply smiles, a cheek-to-cheek glow that lifts her 6-foot-1-inch body off the hard court.

“It can make me very happy,” DeShields said of basketball, “but it can also make me really mad.”

Such as now, for instance. DeShields, outfitted in a Tar Heels tracksuit and sweatpants, kneads her non-shooting left hand after a Friday practice. She broke several bones in her hand Dec. 21, a result of a hard foul and collision during the game against High Point.

She sat out one game and returned with the aid of a brace.

The sport, of course, has given DeShields ample happiness. She won multiple world championships on U.S. national teams. She won three state titles at Georgia’s Norcross High School. She won the 2013 Naismith Award as the nation’s top high school player of the year. Along the way, she has stupefied coaches and players with her ability, at once supernatural and dumbfounding.

Angie Hembree, who coached DeShields at Norcross and once coached Maya Moore when she was in high school, said DeShields outpaced Moore, a star at Connecticut and the 2011 No. 1 overall pick in the WNBA, in athleticism. Both players could dunk as high school freshmen.

“I would say, athletically, she’s right there with the best of the best,” Hembree said.

Allisha Gray, a freshman guard, has seen it, too, ever since she met DeShields on their seventh-grade AAU team and became best friends with the smiling girl who reached out to her shy teammate.

“A girl who can grab the rim with ease and dunk? That’s weird,” Gray said. “I’ve never seen that before. That’s just stupid athletic ability.”

It could, in Gray’s words, get even more stupid. So long as her health and enviable skills remain loyal to DeShields, she wants to be “the best basketball player ever.”

But she has little interest in the trappings of fame. DeShields likes to stay in her room with Gray, her roommate, and play “Call of Duty” or “NBA2K14.” She keeps a bookshelf in her room and keeps it full. Her Bible sits nearby. If she has to shop, she does so online.

“The things I like and the things that I don’t like are pretty unconventional for a basketball player of my caliber,” DeShields said.

It’s true. After all, rarely does a basketball prodigy fall out of love with the sport.

Not her first love

Diamond DeShields grew up playing baseball. She owes more than nostalgia to the sport: Her name, her parents say, comes from her father’s baseball career. Delino DeShields played 13 years in the majors, and the Houston Astros drafted his son, Delino, Jr., 8th overall in the 2010 MLB draft.

DeShields wanted to follow in her brother and father’s footsteps. She didn’t play her first game of organized basketball until sixth grade.

With her dad and mom, Tisha, an All-America runner at Tennessee, DeShields had a lethal brew of athletic genes and a lust for winning.



DTH FILE/TAYLOR SWEET
Diamond DeShields prepares to shoot over a player from Coppin State during the Nov. 24 game.

In middle school, she ran track and played tennis, softball and football. The middle school coach asked her to play quarterback. Even bowling and golf came naturally.

Basketball didn’t, at least in terms of enjoyment. DeShields hated it, hated it so much that she quit, hated it so much that she threw down her AAU jersey and vowed never to play again.

“My team was terrible,” DeShields said. “I do not like losing. I don’t like losing at all.”

DeShields played well, but her teammates became an albatross around her neck. She couldn’t do everything by herself in a team sport, she said. It was time to find something in which she could carry her own weight without worrying about somebody else’s.

“So I quit, and I played tennis and I was like, ‘You know, I can win this by myself.’ And then I started losing in tennis,” DeShields said, laughing. “All the pressure was on me.”

That, of course, neglects the ease with which she took to tennis. DeShields went to Florida to train with Richard Williams, father of Venus and Serena. She was good, damn

good, and thinks she could play professionally now if she had stuck with it. A tennis racket sits in her Carmichael Arena locker, should the urge to hit a few balls strike.

Dream on

DeShields has never wanted to be like somebody else. Not even her parents. Not even herself.

When she burst onto the national high school basketball scene during her freshman year, interviewers would quickly invoke her parents.

How fortunate to have such advantageous genes, they’d say. DeShields preferred her hard work to speak for itself.

Analysts compare DeShields to Moore and another college basketball and WNBA star, Candace Parker. That’s all, DeShields said. A comparison, not some sort of lifelong membership to an exclusive club.

“They’re great in their own right, and I want to be great in my own right,” DeShields said. “I don’t want to be like them.”

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: UNC 83, WAKE FOREST 65

UNC defeats Demon Deacons

By Pat James
Staff Writer

WINSTON-SALEM —With seven minutes and 57 seconds remaining in Thursday night’s contest at Wake Forest, the No. 7 North Carolina women’s basketball team found itself in a heated clash.

The Tar Heels were barely grasping onto a 58-56 lead at the media timeout. WFU’s dynamic duo of Dearica Hamby and Chelsea Douglas had been causing havoc — combining for 38 points — and the fans in Joel Coliseum were crossing their fingers in hopes of upsetting their in-state foe.

But all of this would change in the remaining minutes as UNC (17-3, 5-1 ACC) would go on to outscore WFU 25-9, limit Hamby and Douglas to four points, suck the life out of the once lively crowd and proceed back west down I-40 with a 83-65 victory.

Whether it was Stephanie Mavunga pulling in the rebound, Diamond DeShields and Allisha Gray finishing strong at the rim on the break or Jessica Washington knocking down the jump shot, each member of UNC’s freshmen quartet was able to contribute down the stretch.

Associate head coach Andrew Calder said that although the four may be classified as freshmen, they don’t play like it.

“I know everybody’s writing freshmen by their name — that’s great because we got them three more years too — but they’re really high IQ basketball players” Calder said. “They play like juniors and seniors.”

Wake Forest, however, was led by a junior and a senior.

The two-headed monster of Hamby, who came into the game first in the ACC in scoring with 21.1 points per game, and Douglas, fourth in the ACC in scoring with 18.4, were a force to be reckoned with. They scored 22 points and 20 points, respectively.

The early deficit climbed to 9-2, but the Tar Heels never shook. UNC proceeded to go on a 20-6 run and grab a 22-15

lead after a DeShields’ 3-point-er with nine minutes and 16 seconds remaining in the half.

Gray, a freshman guard, who along with DeShields led UNC with 19 points, said the team’s experience in similar situations contributed to the run.

“By now we’re used to it,” Gray said. “We don’t get in panic mode because we know we’ll come together as a team and compete.”

Competitive is what former high school teammates

Hamby and DeShields had to remain throughout the night. The two were matched up on each other multiple times, and it was a battle every time.

“That’s like my sister,” DeShields said. “I’m a competitor. When you step between those four lines, it’s a competition.”

And, on Thursday, DeShields and her teammates walked away the victors.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 -- Information becomes available. Follow a scientific wild guess. The puzzle starts coming together. Get what's needed at home with help from a loving companion. Don't be afraid to ask. Check directions. Keep or change promises.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 -- Partnership rules. Decrease obligations by giving away tasks you don't enjoy to others who can do them better. Work smarter and increase profits. Coordination is key. Pamper an idealist. Send flowers. Get the word out. Sign a contract.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 -- Words and action come together, with Mercury trine March. Take charge. Keep expenses down. Discuss, and delegate to perfectionists. The puzzle gets solved by your ideas and another's bold move. Venture outside old boundaries for inspiration.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 -- Discuss an interesting development. Travel seems appealing; confirm itinerary and reservations first. Plan your garden and make repairs. Use stuff you have already. Partnership agreements boost optimism. Dreams focus your feelings. Focus on your goals.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Gather more info, while decreasing personal involvement with details. Respectfully get the team involved. Assuage doubts with data. A lucky break comes with your optimism during tricky negotiations. Let your family know your intentions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 -- Get something to make your work easier. Turn over the reins of power for the time being. Keep your cool. Do what worked before. You're better off than you realized. Imagine a tidier workspace. Challenge yourself to act and speak your dream.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Accept more work. Keep increasing your assets. Financial dreams seem attainable, with cleverness. Short-term challenges are surmountable. Get coaching. An unexpected compromise surprises you both. Spend time on or near the water. Don't over-analyze the situation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8 -- Express compassion toward a family member. It's an excellent time to take action. Increase your public visibility, and share your message. Focus your feelings. You're lucky in love. Use it to upgrade your domestic ambience.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 -- Investigate new technology, and invest in your business. Keep work pace and momentum. Dress for the part you want. Wait for word to come in. You've got time. Awaken to a new realization. Truth leads to healing.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 -- Promises flow freely. Friends come together for a common dream. Fun comes with realizing something new and inspiring. Inform about the finances. Ask for funding. When theory and reality clash, argue your position clearly.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 -- Imagine a dream come true. Watch your step, and move it forward. Finalize advertising or communications. Friends have fabulous ideas. You can get whatever you need, and there's money coming in. You can overcome the challenges.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 -- Research facts and provide what the boss wants. Sell an idea. Pitch or launch a venture, to positive response. Get your team excited. Reduce stressors by delegating tasks. Breathe deeply. Circumstances warrant a treat.

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Reading level playing fields

At Carolina Athletics, we've always had a simple philosophy: When you become a Tar Heel, there's literally no wrong way to spell "Put me in, coach."

But one Debbie Downer is trying to change all that.

It's the classic he said, she said, they read at 4th grade reading levels. Mary Willingham, a University employee who once worked with athletes here, released data to CNN showing a significant chunk of them performed at elementary school levels.

The athletic department denied the accusations, releasing a statement with squiggly lines, handprints and a sad macaroni face.

It's just too much to handle. I always want to support my school, of course, but even I have to admit, after this many scandals, each denial gets harder to believe. They're like UNC athletes' English degrees — you just can't trust them anymore.

I mean, these players now. If only they brought the same kind of passion and energy to the field that they bring to not reading books, this never would have been an issue to begin with.

But in their defense, Jim Dean, UNC's executive vice chancellor and provost, said, "the vast majority of athletes we've accepted have very strong verbal and mathematical skills." The others, he added, still exhibit remarkably advanced behavior, like sharing and the use of simple tools.

So is Willingham lying, or isn't she? Will we ever know? Maybe I'm oversimplifying things, but ... Why can't we just ask these athletes to come back and read for us? Get Jeff Foxworthy to host. Duke to sponsor. That would settle this whole thing in five seconds.

But you have to pardon me for not being shocked a Division 1 school is helping guys taking weekly concussions to the head pass molecular geometry.

I'm more upset we're so damn worse than everyone at hiding it, and that — once again — our athletes are getting all the special treatment.

They're not the only ones struggling here. The next time you're in class, take a moment and just listen to your neighbors: You don't have to play for a team here to be incredibly stupid.

So what about us, the silent majority who can't read OR pass? Who's on our team?

The bottom line is, if verbal skills were a prerequisite for anyone coming into this school the admissions department might have considered using essay prompts not taken from a fifth grade exam:

"What do you hope you find over the rainbow?" "Why do you do what you do?" "Explain one of your personality quirks and what it says about you."

You know, I think by far the quirkiest thing about me has always been the fact I never learned to read — I MEAN, VOLUNTEER TOO MUCH!

Carol Folt, fix this place before you end up like Holden Thorp, exiled by scandal to the academic D-league. As your email this week said, "Carolina character lives in our words and deeds."

It has to. None of us here can write.

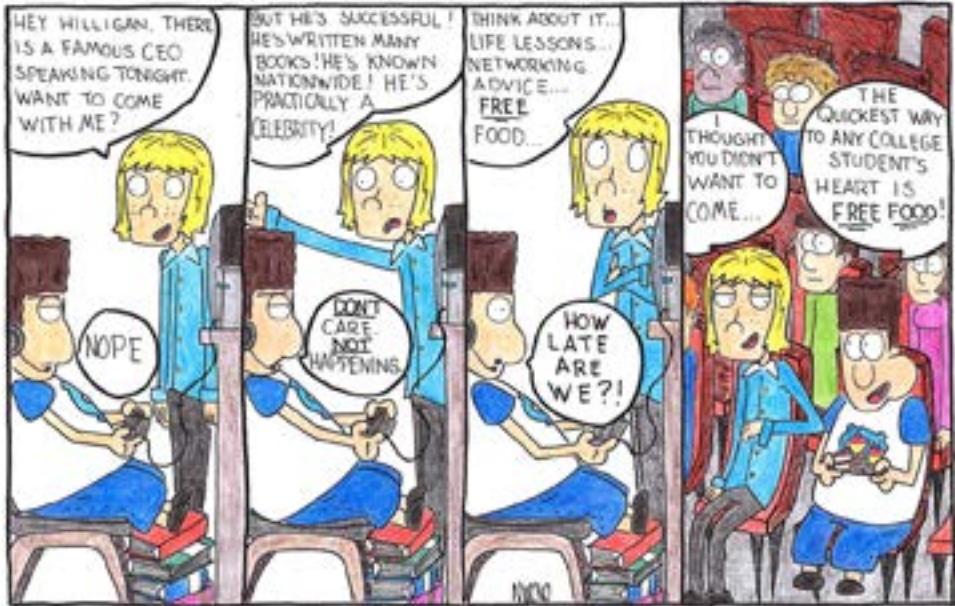
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EDITORIAL

Tragedy of the commons

Students should take initiative to improve Wi-Fi.

Students living in residence halls and on-campus apartments should by now be well aware of the network interference caused when routers, personal hotspots and misconfigured printers are used. Yet problems persist despite the extensive effort taken by ResNET and the Department of Housing and Residential Education to inform students on this issue.

Last summer, various departments began collaborating to provide Wi-Fi coverage to all residence halls and apartments, with the goal of completing the project within two years. Amazingly, their work was almost done by December.

Now all that remains is to eliminate network

problems for residents by tracking down and removing any device that broadcasts its own wireless signal.

Beginning with an email sent out in early August, the housing department and ResNET have been continuously reaching out to students to remind them that personal routers are prohibited.

Even so, in a 24-hour period this week, about 650 devices with a wireless signal were detected in residence halls.

When a resident complains of Wi-Fi problems, ResNET staff will often go to their room, do a scan to find possible sources of the interference and visit nearby rooms in an attempt to pinpoint it.

This time-consuming process is a big hassle for everyone involved.

At this point, students should no longer be obli-

ous to the policy to ban routers. The UNC-Secure network will work perfectly well in residence halls if students simply agree to discontinue use of their personal devices. Ignorance and apathy are probable causes of this problem.

Any law or environmental studies class will teach that the only solution to the abuse of a common resource, or the tragedy of the commons, is through harsh punishments. This is an unsavory solution and should be avoided.

Students need to take the initiative to make sure their routers and hotspots are turned off and check personal printers to make sure they are not broadcasting a wireless signal.

The time has come for residents to take this policy seriously and respect the hard work undertaken by the University to expand Wi-Fi coverage.

COLUMN

The Friday interview

There is more to safety than meets the eye.

Jeff McCracken began working for the University's police department in 1993 and has been there ever since. Now, in his seventh year as Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety, McCracken is leading the department through improvements to Alert Carolina, changes to the parking system and much more. One theme ran consistent throughout his interview — many opinions about his department, even those that sometimes are found on this page, do not take into account the harsh realities of a bureaucracy.

Alert Carolina's timeliness in delivering emails and text messages is constantly improving. Earlier this month, the police department was able to use its new adverse weather notification system for the first time during a tornado warning. Everything went smoothly; in addition to the sirens, a text message sent out to 42,000 recipients was received by about 85 percent of them in just more than three minutes. This is a far cry from the Alert Carolina of yesteryears — a seemingly slow and tardy system. Even so, McCracken knows there is always room for improvement.

"We always review the emergency communication and the emergency response plans after every



Jeff McCracken, The Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety works behind the scenes to keep this campus and its students safe.

incident to see if there are areas that we can improve in. There will always be changes in technology and the ability we have to communicate."

In contrast to the success of Alert Carolina, many members of the UNC community are frustrated with the Department of Public Safety's addition of parking fees. This year, a fee was added for use of park-and-ride lots, and next August a similar fee will go into effect for nighttime parking. However, these seem to be necessary evils in order to support a greater transportation system.

"Nobody's happy when you ask them to pay money, but the reality is that our campus is structured in such a way that we cannot operate without public transportation," he said.

The department always solicits public input. But it's impossible to please everyone; McCracken knows that it's not an easy situation when "we have far less parking than we do people."

McCracken cites the fire in Cobb Residence Hall as the most stressful event he's had to deal with this past semester. Because the University doesn't usually face serious fires,

the Cobb fire offered an atypical situation and a demanding response from all involved.

"When you have an incident like that, people generally just think about the response to the fire, they don't really think a whole lot about the recovery phase that comes after that. There's a whole lot of work that goes into investigating the cause of the fire, getting the building ready to be occupied — what do you do with the people during that time?"

As always, the police department is committed to student safety, which is inevitably tied to underage drinking. McCracken recently met with other campus police chiefs to share ideas about how to address this problem.

"I'm not naive enough to think that we're going to have everybody who attends college not drink alcohol, but I do think there are ways we can educate and talk to people about the effects and being responsible."

And while many may think cops are just inherently buzzkills, the need to regulate alcohol consumption — especially underage alcohol consumption — lies in much deeper issues than noise complaints.

"If you look at any college campus, crime associated with offenses against persons almost always involves alcohol in some form or fashion. So it's something that we should talk about."

Alexandra Willcox is a member of the editorial board.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I just told myself...that if I'm in a position to be that good of a player...that I wouldn't do that to somebody else that looks up to me."

Diamond DeShields, on meeting an unenthusiastic basketball idol

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"This is not about the players 'trying harder' ... That's like 'trying harder' with your butter knife to tighten a Phillips-head screw."

dmccall, on what the men's basketball team needs to improve

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help UNC work for literacy in our state

TO THE EDITOR:

While the issue of K-12 and adult literacy deficits in the state of North Carolina continues to make the headlines, many community members remain at a loss about how to help.

Take a moment to think about the following sobering statistics surrounding literacy in North Carolina and the United States: 1. Economically disadvantaged third through eighth graders who failed the end-of-grade reading test: 52 percent in Durham County, 44 percent in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and 43 percent in Wake County (ncpublicschools.org). 2. Of adults in the United States, 17.5 percent score at the lowest levels in literacy (Survey of Adult Skills, PIACC, ProLiteracy). 3. "The U.S. mean literacy score was below the international average — ranking 16th out of 24 countries" (PIACC, ProLiteracy).

It is going to take more than just the efforts of a few literacy organizations to make pervasive change across the state. The Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education (SCALE) is hosting National Literacy Action Week from Jan. 27 to Feb. 1 as another way local community members can get involved and support literacy and education efforts in our community.

Based out of UNC's School of Education, SCALE mobilizes and supports college students and campus and community-based programs to address the literacy needs of this country. NLAW is a week where campus and community literacy programs and the community members who support them join together to raise awareness about literacy and create change. Projects range from educating the community about literacy rates, to raising funds to support literacy programming, to one-time events to raise attention to a particular issue.

We invite each and every one of you to get involved this year by participating: Call or visit a program in your community that offers literacy tutoring services, and find out how you can volunteer. Make a donation to a literacy program. Talk to friends, family members and co-workers and share these statistics about illiteracy and tell them why literacy is important to you! And whatever you do, be sure to share it on social media using the hashtag #NLAW. For more information on how to get involved in National Literacy Action Week, visit <http://ReadWriteAct.org>

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Why, by the coiled horns on Ramses' well-fortified head, are you texting me "Good-night"?

To the girl complaining about the lack of straight men at the Thrill: Super Stir Sunday probably isn't for you.

Denzel Washington stars in the incredible true story of the UNC football team, "Remember the Alphabet."

To the woman who rolled down her car window on Franklin Street to ask me where the Victoria's Secret was ... just no.

To my less-than-tech-savvy professor: Are you aware that every time you leave the cursor on the screen during a video, a little part of my soul dies?

Thanks to Medicine, Literature and Culture, I know that what I've needed to get through all of my work is "high-velocity transcortical lead therapy": a bullet to the head.

Winston Howes, if I sign your senior class president petition with my onyen and password will I have to go get it reset at CCI again?

Last Friday's date was January 17, 2014, not "Tuesday, September 3, 2013." Go home, DTH — you're drunk.

Dear Russian literature honors thesis: Is it just a coincidence that the morning after a long night spent working on you, I feel like I'm hungover from too many vodka shots?

It looks like my Febreze finally really "eliminates odors and Freshens" — so will my can of Oust bring back Jamba Juice?

Shoutout to this guy who just pulled out an iHome from his bookbag to charge his phone.

To the guy sleeping in the chair next to me: You fart in your sleep. Sincerely, Take your snooze toots somewhere else.

If you are right-handed and make the choice to sit in a lefty desk, you're a special kind of evil.

To my professor celebrating a kvetch post: Is that where my tuition dollars are going?

Crying inside at the idea of chanting "You can't win here" to Clemson with the season we're having so far. TO THE STREAK!

Some advice for the men's basketball team: While you're learning to read, pay special attention to the letters "NIT." You'll be seeing them a lot in late March.

To the girl outside the UL making a lactation joke: your punchline wasn't very funny, but you might as well milk it for all it's worth.

Every year, Mother Nature tries to discourage zealous campaigners with a cold snap during petition week... why don't they take the hint?!?!

Send your one-to-two sentence entries to opinion@dailytarheel.com, subject line 'kvetch.'