

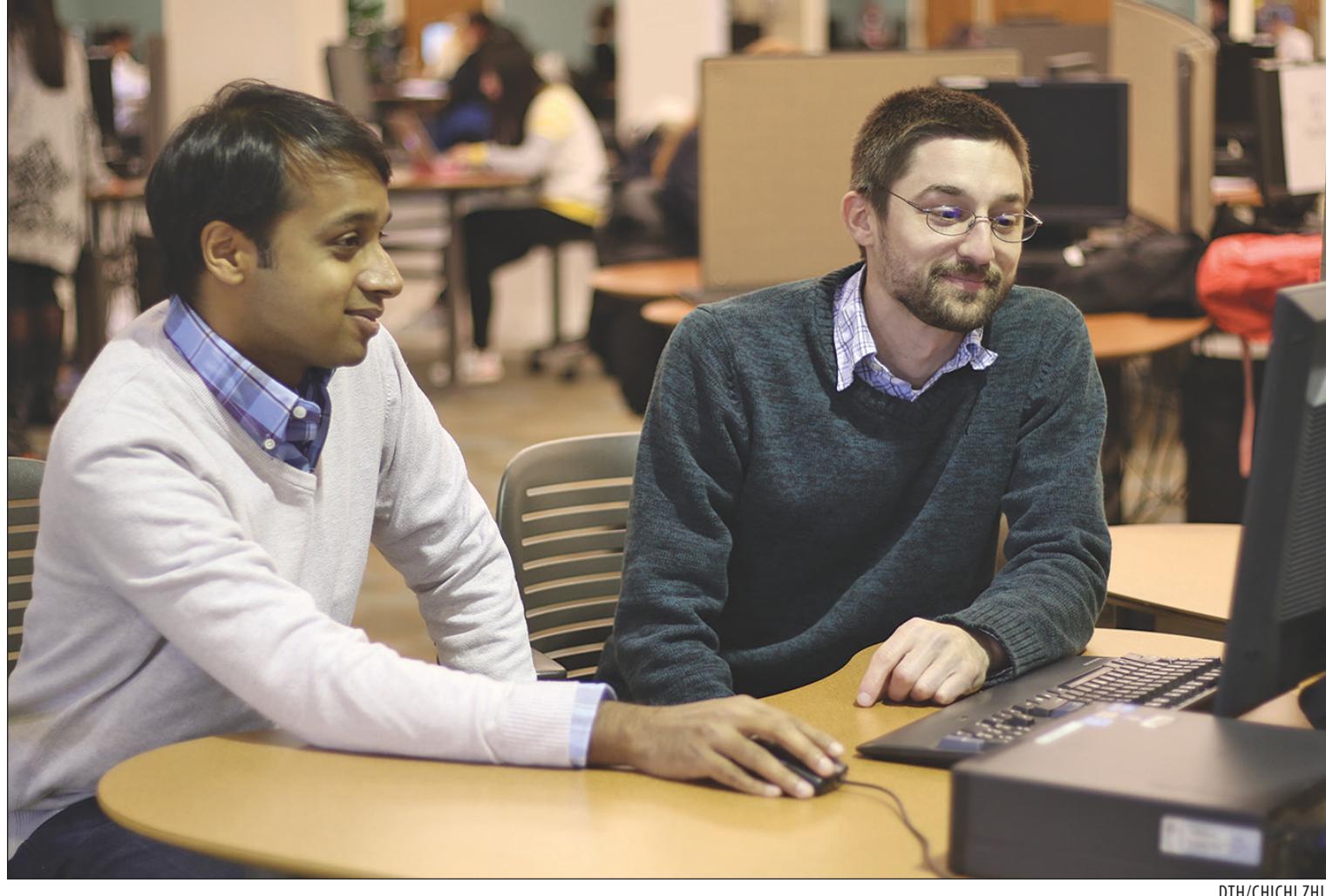
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'I fundamentally disagree'



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Graduate student Priyesh Krishnan (left) and John Anagnost debate forming a separate Student Congress for graduate and professional students.

Student Congress graduate students oppose separation

By Aaron Redus
Staff Writer

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation is campaigning to separate from Student Congress, but not all graduate students agree with the plan — especially those involved in leadership roles in Student Congress.

"It's been really hard this semester, sort of going through this process," said Priyesh Krishnan, a fifth-year graduate student in economics and the finance committee chairperson for Student Congress.

"I fundamentally disagree with the idea of separation and I don't think it's good for graduate students and I don't think it's good for undergraduate students."

Opponents of the separation plan, like Krishnan, say it would

sever communication between the two governing bodies.

"That's why I think separation is a bad idea, because you're taking so many voices in different places and kind of separating them," Krishnan said. "We need to communicate for everything on all stages."

Despite not agreeing with the separation plan, Krishnan said he would continue to work with GPSF to find a suitable solution.

"We sat down with them and went through it because in the end, if students choose that, we still want the best version of it possible," he said. "We're students first and we all share this University."

John Anagnost, a city and regional planning master's student and chairperson of the rules and judiciary committee, said GPSF's separation plan would not benefit

graduate students or undergraduate students, but other options exist.

"Two members of Student Congress have introduced two alternative constitutions that they hope will be passed through full congress and be put on the same ballot," he said.

A plan proposed by Speaker of Student Congress David Joyner meets all but one of GPSF's demands, Anagnost said. GPSF President Dylan Russell did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Anagnost said Joyner's plan would allow GPSF to independently appoint candidates to committees that pertain to GPSF; allow GPSF to introduce its own fees; allow GPSF to propose constitutional amendment referenda; and restructure the

wording in the current constitution to make it more clear that GPSF has oversight over its own finances.

While Joyner's cooperation plan grants GPSF more autonomy, it denies separation.

"The cooperation plan does not turn GPSF into a governing body — it remains an independent organization that is subordinate to Student Congress," Anagnost said. "The cooperation plan reforms the current structure of student government; the separation plan completely demolishes the current structure of student government."

Anagnost said the disagreement revolves around whether or not student government needs restructuring in order to appease GPSF.

"Is it worth it to totally take

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Housing responds to decline in occupancy

Next year, more single rooms will be available, and some bathrooms will be renovated.

By Katie Rice
Staff Writer

The number of students living on campus has hit a new low.

Residence Hall Association President Taylor Bates said residence halls are at 92 percent occupancy.

Because of this slump, RHA and the Department of Housing and Residential Education are rallying to ensure students' needs are met on campus.

"On average, we expect to see students live here about two years, but it really varies person to person," Bates said.

In a poll of 30 first-years done by The Daily Tar Heel, 10 percent said they were either planning to move off campus for their sophomore year or were undecided. Students cited saving money as the biggest incentive to live off campus.

"I'm joining a fraternity," said Elvis Morales, who currently lives in Hinton James. "I think it'll be cheaper that way."

Of the 90 percent who said they plan to stay on campus, proximity to classes and friends was the greatest incentive.

"It's more convenient to live on campus, and I want to be around my friends," said Hinton James resident Abby Norris.

Rick Bradley, the associate director of housing and residential education, said it's difficult to predict if the decrease in occupancy will continue into the fall semester. Applications for returning students to stay on campus are due Feb. 7.

Attracting more students

Bates said efforts at more inclusive residential living have begun to broaden students' options, including the opening of Pride Place next fall.

"We want students to feel free to choose whatever housing option is best for them," he said.

He said next year, students can expect new ice dispensers and water

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4 percent more minorities enroll in UNC system

UNC-Chapel Hill was one of five to see a decrease in enrollment.

By Olivia Slagle
Staff Writer

The UNC system has seen an increase in overall enrollment this year — entirely due to a boost in minority enrollees.

The system saw its largest overall student enrollment in the fall of 2015, a 1.3 percent increase from the previous fall. Minority students constituted the entire increase, with the number of non-white students enrolling up four percent from the previous year.

"(The size of) our first-year class has stayed basically the same for the past six years, but we're graduating students at a faster rate, which means we have less students in residence currently," he said.

Fayetteville State University, a historically black institution, saw the greatest increase in enrollment, but Elizabeth City State University and Winston-Salem State University, also historically black institutions, saw declines in enrollment.

When compared to the North Carolina general population, African American, American Indian and Hispanic/Latino students are still underrepresented by one to two percent. Students identifying as Asian or white are currently overrepresented.

UNC-CH has a strong history of enrolling minority students, but there is still progress to be made, Farmer said. He said UNC-CH employs a lot of different recruitment strategies focused

2 candidates face off in presidential debate

The two juniors answered questions from Student Congress.

By Maria Prokopowicz
Staff Writer

Student Congress held the first student body presidential debate Tuesday night between candidates Wilson Sink and John Taylor. It was moderated by Student Congress Speaker David Joyner.

Sink and Taylor were the only candidates in the debate because a third candidate, Bradley Operé, is still trying to get enough signatures on his petition. He has a 24-hour extension on the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

In his opening statement, Taylor said he understands economic hardship after growing up in Albemarle.

"I see this as an opportunity to really help the people of my state," Taylor said.

Sink said UNC is his home, and he is running to help make it home to all students.

"There are problems with this University, there are problems with the state. But the problems are not insurmountable," he said.

Candidates' qualifications

Taylor said his isolated existence as a child — he grew up in a log cabin and moved to Chapel Hill in middle school — provided him with a unique understanding of the problems faced by citizens of different backgrounds in North Carolina.

Sink said his experiences in student government committees, Musical Empowerment and other groups qualify him to bring



Wilson Sink (left) and John Taylor participate in the Student Body President debate on Tuesday evening.

students together on campus.

"I have feet in all these organizations, including Greek life, student government, academics, Young Democrats, and I've even lived with College Republicans," Sink said. "It's okay."

Student government

When asked about student government's role over its independent agencies, both candidates said more oversight was not the answer. Taylor said, as president, he wants to help Student Congress become more of a presence in students' day to day lives.

The two were asked about previous experience with student

government.

"I have no experience with student government whatsoever," Taylor said. "But I think that because of this, I understand the problems that a lot of students have with understanding student government."

Sink said he was frustrated with the lack of progress being made during his first year in government, but since then, he's recognized the ability to take action and wants to build on it.

UNC in a broader context

The candidates were questioned about their opinion on whether undocumented students

from North Carolina should get in-state tuition. Taylor said this was an issue requiring compassion and Sink answered with the shortest response of the night.

"If you live in North Carolina, if you call North Carolina home, if your family works here, if you've grown up here, you deserve in-state tuition," Sink said. "That's the answer I have to give, because I believe that."

The debate concluded with a vote by Student Congress about which candidate increased his odds of winning the most. Taylor won 11-10 with one write-in vote. No endorsement has been given.

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“I distrust camels, and anyone else who can go a week without a drink.”

JOE E. LEWIS

School board seeks new candidate

After one member vacates seat, position becomes available.

By Lauren Miller
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Board of Education hosted an information session Tuesday at Lincoln Center for prospective applicants to fill the recently vacated seat on the board.

School system officials briefed the prospective applicants on the issues facing the school board and the realities of becoming a public official.

Michelle Brownstein vacated the seat in early January after resigning from the

board. Her seat will be filled by an appointment process. She could not be reached for comment by press time.

"We are in the middle in a lot of long-range efforts," said James Barrett, chairperson of the CHCCS Board of Education. "A new person is one of seven but they will have a voice in shaping how we take on these issues."

Barrett also touched on the heavy responsibility attached to the position.

"The most challenging part of when I first joined was the closed session. We handle personnel and students, so people's jobs and people's kids," Barrett said.

Joal Hall Broun, who ran for the seat in the 2015 General Election and lost, has already applied for the vacat-

ed seat and intends to pursue the position again.

"I'm still interested in providing my point of view and life experience. It's only been a few months," Broun said.

Broun formerly served on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen for 12 years and stepped down in 2011.

"There needs to be a culture shift. Let's not just pat ourselves on the back for what we have accomplished," Broun said.

She said if she is appointed to the board she will prioritize reducing the achievement gap.

"Every student deserves a first-class education," Broun said.

This sentiment was echoed by other prospective applicants.

Many of the people who

expressed interest in applying were educators who are not employees of the school district.

"I want to have educators involved with these issues because we face these issues firsthand," Ashton Powell, an instructor at the North Carolina School of Math and Science in Durham, said.

Hector Rosario served 12 years as a tenured full professor at the University of Puerto Rico at the Mayagüez Campus and began teaching at the School of Math and Science this calendar year.

"I want to better establish myself in the community and offer what I can best offer, which is nurturing talent through education opportunities," Rosario said.

Applications for the posi-

TIMELINE

Timeline of new appointee selection to CHCCS School Board:

- Jan. 25: Applications opened
- Feb. 5: Applications due
- Feb. 11: Meeting to interview candidates at Lincoln Center at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 18: Replacement selected
- Mar. 3: Swear in appointee

tion are due Feb. 5 to the Superintendent's office.

The new appointee will be sworn in on March 3.

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HOUSING

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bottle filling stations in every residence hall, personalized logos for residential buildings, composting options in every residence hall and the expansion of the Tar Heel Bikes program.

Structural changes

"What we've found is that our residence halls that are older and haven't been recently renovated are where we're experiencing the challenges, primarily," Bradley said.

In the next few years, he said students will see changes in residence halls made by the housing department.

Next year, single rooms will increase by 20 percent, with new single rooms in Mangum, Manly, Ruffin, Grimes and Spencer.

Fewer beds will be available on campus with more single rooms and the closing of Odum Village this summer, Bradley said.

"There likely then would be a decrease of the number of students who live on campus as a result of fewer beds available," he said.

Upgrades to restrooms are also in the works, he said. Bathrooms in Stacy, Everett and Lewis will be updated with hardwood floors and new fixtures by next fall.

Bradley said more common areas will be available within communities, but no concrete plans have been made to upgrade kitchens yet.

The total cost for renovations is projected to be within \$15 million, Bradley said.

"With these initiatives, there's no additional debt on students — it would be paid through their rent," he said.

He said student rent generally increases two to three percent per year, based on the cost of utilities and the market rate.

Despite rising rents, Bates said he believes students should live in residence halls.

"When you live on campus, there is just so much more value than you get from any other housing option available to you as a student," Bates said. "You're plugged into a community of people who really care about you as more than just a tenant."

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Joshua Martin adds another top-10 finish to resume

By David Allen Jr.
Senior Writer

For Joshua Martin, expectations have always been high.

Two-time state champion. North Carolina Junior Player of the Year in 2014. Two-time U.S. Amateur Qualifier. The list goes on and on.

When Martin joined the North Carolina men's golf team this past fall, there was no idling in his game. He kept his foot on the gas.

Martin played in all four of UNC's fall tournaments and cracked the top-10 in two of

the four, including a fourth-place finish at the Bridgestone Golf Collegiate.

Martin added another top-10 finish Tuesday in the spring's first event, finishing third at 3-under-par in the Sea Best Invitational in Ponte Vedra, Fla.

"He'd been playing great in practice, and he came off of a great winter break," Head Coach Andrew Sapp said. "His golf game has been on for at least a couple months."

Although the Tar Heel golf team has an abundance of depth on its roster, Martin is

expected to be a key contributor this spring.

Martin is usually joined by William Register, Carter Jenkins, Ben Griffin and Henry Do in UNC's starting lineup. All four of these golfers have won a tournament as an individual, and Martin is looking to join them.

"It's very comforting," Register said on the depth of the team. "It takes a whole lot of pressure off of everybody, and we get to play free knowing the team has our backs."

Martin had a chance to win a tournament Tuesday,

but a tumultuous third round proved to be the difference.

Yet the ceiling is high.

"I have made a lot of my goals to win a tournament this year," he said. "It looks like I'm headed in the right direction."

Martin's tournament was highlighted by his 6-under-par first-round score of 64 — the third-lowest single-round score in program history. His round included a whopping eight birdies, five of which came on the back nine.

He followed up his mesmerizing first round with a 2-under-par score of 68 —

but he faltered in the third and final round, carding a 5-over-par score of 75.

As the Tar Heels move into the spring season, Martin will undoubtedly be a key piece to Sapp's puzzle. A team with only one senior will look to the youthful fire of Martin.

"We've got a pretty well-balanced attack when everyone is playing well," Sapp said. "You throw Josh in it — just hopefully (that) will enable us to compete for an ACC and national title in the spring."

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SEPARATION

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apart student government to achieve that single goal? Because all GPSF's other goals are achieved through that cooperation plan," Anagnos said.

Anagnos and Krishnan both said a plan involving compromise would be more beneficial for graduate and professional students and undergraduate students. Student Congress, Anagnos said, has remained open to compromise.

"Congress is conceding

major things to GPSF because Congress sees their concerns as legitimate and wants to collaborate," Anagnos said.

"I definitely support the cooperation plan. I think it would accomplish what needs to be accomplished, it could be done in a way that is not terribly disruptive and it reflects a strong desire for collaboration and cooperation by Student Congress."

Samantha Yarborough, a third-year law student and the ethics committee chairperson, said she also favors the cooperation plan. She said GPSF's proposed

separation would prevent further communication with student government.

"That's what the split plan is going to do," Yarborough said. "It's going to take the student body and fracture it."

Despite the disagreement, she said she still believes student government and GPSF can come to a consensus.

"One of our greatest strengths is our ability to work together to come up with solution, and this time it didn't particularly work out, but usually it does," she said.

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on multicultural students, including scholarship dinners, group tours and opportunities to shadow current students for a day.

"We want to offer the opportunities and let the students decide where they want to plug in and find out where they fit," Farmer said.

Richard Rothstein, a research associate for the Economic Policy Institute, said minority enrollment in the UNC system does not necessarily reflect a national trend.

Enrollment numbers in the UNC system closely resemble the demographics of the state, but do not tell the whole story.

"Recruitment doesn't mean anything if they aren't graduating," he said. "It's easy to recruit someone who isn't qualified or isn't given the support to graduate."

The key, Rothstein said, is to keep graduation numbers as high as enrollment numbers.

"The question is how well the UNC system can support these students that they are enrolling."

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Whether you're without a bae or in a flirtnship, everyone knows being single in February can be a miserable experience thanks to Valentine's Day. But having a romantic interest on Feb. 14 is not that important in the grand scheme of things ...

TARGET TIPS

Staff Writer Hannah Macie gives you exactly what you need in life — a few tips on saving money at Target.

Let's be honest — you're probably going to drop \$50 on your next Target run, whether you like it or not. So you might as well learn how to save a few dollars while you're at it.

- 1. Understand clearance labels.

BOOK REVIEW

Editor-in-Chief Paige Ladisic gives Katie Cotugno's young adult novel "99 Days" a five-star rating. Even with the love triangle. Bonus points for saying no to slut shaming.

APPLESAUCE

Staff Writer Sarah McCulla lets you all in on a little secret — applesauce is a miracle ingredient. Here's a few reasons to always keep applesauce on hand in your pantry.

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CITY BRIEF

The Arts Committee of the Town of Carrboro is now accepting applications and nominations for the town's Poet Laureate. The person selected will serve from July 2016 to June 2018.

— staff reports

SPORTS BRIEF

Former North Carolina women's basketball player LaQuanda Barksdale Quick will represent UNC in the 12th annual class of ACC Women's Basketball Legends, the ACC announced on Tuesday.

As a Tar Heel, Barksdale — who was a 2001 All-American — scored 1,787 points, the 11th most in program history. She was drafted with the 12th overall pick in the 2001 WNBA Draft by the Portland Fire.

— staff reports

Cute guy not running for SBP earns votes anyway

By Bronwyn Bishop
Staff Writer

Looking for a driven, trustworthy student body president? Look no further than Graham Petrea. According to these posters we found all over the place, he is pulling out all the stops for you, UNC.

He got an early start on campaigning when his campaign team, Graham & Company, essentially littered these signs all over campus. Safe to say that he's a real go-getter! Petrea aspires to be student body chair and student body magician. If there is one thing we value here at UNC, it's

a well-rounded student.

If elected chair, Petrea's campaign promises to offer comfier, more supportive chairs for students all over campus. You'll never have to guess again whether that chair back in your Spanish class in Dey will be able to hold your weight. Graham never wants you to feel that kind of uncertainty again.

When asked to comment on his platform, Petrea replied, "I don't know what you're talking about."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

The DTH Housing Fair: Looking for somewhere to live next year or just looking to score some free food and swag? There will be free food from Sup Dogs, Chick-Fil-A, Insomnia Cookies and Krispy Kreme — not to mention Smoothie King, which isn't even open yet.

Time: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Great Hall

Carolina Science Cafe: At this cafe event, Dr. Summer Goodson will talk with the audience about how scientists and the UNC Nutrition Research Institute are starting to better understand the impact of diet on men and their fertility.

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Top of the Hill

N.C. Comedy Arts Festival

Improv Shows: There are two improv comedy shows at DSI Comedy Theater today. The first lineup: Macchiavelli's Side Project, White Hot Rage and Mavis Beacon. The second lineup: Blandly Handsome and #HotSeat.

Time: 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Location: DSI Comedy Theater

Tickets: \$6

THURSDAY

N.C. Comedy Arts Festival

Improv Shows: DSI Comedy Theater is holding three shows on Thursday for the

N.C. Comedy Arts Festival. The first lineup: Liz Russo, Hobert Thompson, Grayson Morris, Jared Waters and Kevin Yee.

The second lineup: Alter iD and Black Ops. The third lineup: Versus and Stranger Danger.

Time: 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Location: DSI Comedy Theater

Tickets: \$12 for 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. shows, free for 10 p.m. show

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POLICE LOG

• Someone possessed stolen property on the 200 block of Pinegate Circle at 9:29 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person possessed a stolen license plate on their vehicle, reports state.

• Someone found property on 140 W. Franklin St. at 6:52 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person found brass knuckles, valued at \$20, reports state.

• Someone was disturbing the peace on the 1000 block of Willow Drive at 11:47 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person was yelling from their apartment, reports state.

• Someone broke into and entered a residence on the 700 block of Pritchard Avenue between midnight

Monday and 2:07 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person attempted to break in and broke a window screen, causing \$20 worth of damage, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny at the Food Lion at 104 N.C. Highway 54 at 5:47 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person stole an alcoholic beverage, valued at \$10.49, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny at Amante Pizza at 300 E. Main St. at 9:37 p.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.

The person stole \$15 out of the tip jar, reports state.

• Someone drove while intoxicated on the 500 block of Jones Ferry Road at 8:49 a.m. Tuesday, according to Carrboro police reports.

Students discuss race's role in relationships at NAACP event

Students told their own stories about interracial dating.

By Nic Rardin
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night, students assembled to discuss a topic some Tar Heels don't think about — interracial dating.

UNC NAACP members sophomore Kristen Marion and senior Katharine Bailey helped to organize an event called Love is Not Colorblind in SASB North. The event allowed students to share their beliefs and experiences about interracial dating in what they hoped would be a safe and supportive environment.

According to its Twitter, the UNC NAACP is a student organization dedicated to "promoting political activism, advancing social and economic justice, and fostering cultural pride and campus ownership among minority students at UNC-CH."

Students at the forum drew applause when speaking up about their own experiences and perspectives about being in an interracial relationship.

"The idea of the event was

"It's important to love the color, not necessarily to ignore it."

Kristen Marion
UNC NAACP member

to sort of perpetuate the idea that it's important to love the color, not necessarily to ignore it," Marion said.

She said her goal, and that of her fellow presenters, was to communicate to people that race is something that must be recognized in relationships and in our society as a whole.

"I've been in a lot of situations where I feel like people sort of tiptoe around the issue, and I feel like if they understood it efficiently, they would know not to tiptoe around it," Marion said.

First-years Rebekah Appleton and Colleen Link, both in interracial relationships, said they had been treated differently because of whom they are dating. In their daily lives at UNC, they both regularly feel the need to defend their relationships, they said.

"There are people who believe that I'm only dating my boyfriend because I want

to be a social justice person or whatever," Link said.



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The UNC NAACP held a discussion on interracial dating at the Student and Academic Services Building on Tuesday evening.

the idea that some people can be "colorblind."

"All interracial relationships are political," Bailey said.

Link said a person's race and culture are important parts of who someone is and should be recognized by that person's partner and others.

"I feel like it's an insult. Your race is a part of you, and you shouldn't want to hide it or want to ignore someone else's race," she said.

Bailey and Marion both said they wanted students to discuss race openly and to talk about the stigma attached to interracial relationships.

"I think it's important to realize where our preferences come from. We grow up in certain societal structures that will either specifically or subliminally tell us what is attractive," Bailey said.

"People need to talk about race. It's not something that can be ignored, especially if you're going to be intimately linked to someone."

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IFC event draws people to its kitchen

Community Kitchen feeds those in need

Megan Royer
Staff writer

The Inter-Faith Council's Community Kitchen opened its doors Tuesday to community members who want to see firsthand the impact their meals make.

The Community Kitchen serves lunch seven days a week and dinner five days a week to anyone in the community who needs it, including those who experience food insecurity, hunger and homelessness.

A monthly event called Meet Me at the Kitchen encourages the community to experience what IFC's volunteers do every day by sitting down to a hot meal.

"A lot of people have a misunderstanding of what the Community Kitchen does, so what better way to let people know what is going on than to invite them to dinner?" Michael Reinke, executive director of IFC, said.

The Meet Me at the Kitchen events began about three months ago, and there is at least one more on March 4, Reinke said.

Reinke said the IFC is trying to get more people to have a sense of what happens with the kitchen.

IFC spokesperson Lucie Branham said the IFC hopes to combine the Community Kitchen and the food pantry at the pantry's current location at 110 W. Main St. with their FoodFirst plan.

Branham said combining the kitchen and the pantry at a single location will make the best use of IFC's resources.

Alvin and Omelia Alston, who have been volunteering as cooks at the Community Kitchen since



DTH/ANI GARRIGO

Alvin Alston sets out some peach cobbler before Meet Me at the Kitchen, an event hosted by the IFC that works to feed those who need help in the Chapel Hill.

2004, began volunteering with their church, Faith Tabernacle, at the kitchen.

"Some deacons from our church were helping, so we went with them. Six months later they were gone and we were still here," Alvin Alston said.

LaShell Alston, daughter of Alvin and Omelia Alston, has been volunteering at the kitchen since 2007.

"I enjoy the people," LaShell Alston said. "And they enjoy you too."

A lot of them thank you for coming (to help.)"

Ivy Degriffenried, an employee of Carolina Dining Services, has been helping at the Community Kitchen since last year.

"You feel like you're helping out," Degriffenried said. "It's something I can do for myself."

Hairyung Sung, a Ph.D. student at the UNC School of Public Health, was one of the Meet Me at the

Kitchen attendees.

Sung said she had volunteered at a community kitchen in Seoul, Korea before she moved to Carrboro two years ago.

She said she came to the Community Kitchen because she was curious to compare the kitchen in Korea to those in the United States.

"(This kitchen) is very well organized and the people are very

kind," Sung said.

Keith Taylor, president of the board of directors for IFC, said he enjoys the company of the community when he visits the kitchen.

"(I really enjoy) talking to the people. Some don't want to talk, but some want to tell you their story," Taylor said. "And it helps that Alvin and Omelia are such great cooks."

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Graduate students' new fear is dissolution

They're also trying to get a referendum on the ballot today.

By Jamie Gwaltney
Staff Writer

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation's Senate meeting Tuesday night was not business as usual.

By Tuesday night, GPSF was about 500 signatures away from getting a resolution to separate from Student

Congress on the ballot as a referendum in the spring election.

GPSF was supposed to collect just over 2,900 signatures — 10 percent of the student body — by 5 p.m. Tuesday, but it received a 24-hour extension until Wednesday at 5 p.m.

"I know we are all ready for this to be behind us, so we can move forward and we can keep working towards our goal," GPSF President Dylan Russell said.

Taylor Livingston, vice president of internal affairs, expressed concerns about issues that she thought might

come up at Tuesday's Student Congress meeting, just after the GPSF meeting.

"What we think one of those (issues) is, is the separation document that (GPSF) endorsed last time at the emergency meeting," Livingston said. "The second would be the co-optation plan, which was authored primarily by leadership in Student Congress."

"Then the third item is basically a constitutional amendment that would dissolve GPSF entirely."

Russell said GPSF was never made aware of the dissolution

bill until 36 hours before the town hall meeting about separation or co-optation on Jan. 25, although GPSF had met with the executive branch of student government and Student Congress many times before.

He said this lack of communication with GPSF is an example of why GPSF wanted to break away initially.

"That is not good governance. That is governance done in the shadows. We are all better than that," Russell said.

"I was beyond frustrated." In addition to the updates

on the future of GPSF, the Senate approved the appointment of Anel Jaramillo as vice president of external affairs and Kyle Reeves as secretary — positions that have been empty since GPSF had several resignations at the end of the fall semester.

GPSF also voted to deny funding to the Minority Student Caucus in accordance with GPSF treasury policy.

"Whenever an event is canceled, the funds that we recommend have to be returned and that was not done. Since the funds were not returned, that

group is on funding freeze until fall 2016," said Seth Barrett, chairperson of the appropriations committee.

Autumn McClellan, treasurer of GPSF, said these consequences were communicated to the group, but GPSF received no response.

"In situations like this, it is really unfortunate that that group is not allowed to receive money through GPSF for a whole year because of the mistakes made by last year's folks," McClellan said.

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UNC student helps friend honor his father with trip to the Super Bowl

Will Arent loved watching football with his dad, who died in January.

By Amy Nelson
Staff Writer

For Carolina Panthers fans across the nation, the Super Bowl is a chance to support the team they've watched come so far. For Will Arent, a student at N.C. State University, going to the Super Bowl carries a special meaning beyond just a potential victory for his team.

Arent's father, an avid football fan, passed away in January. Arent said his dad was his best friend and the two bonded over football.

"He loved Charlotte, and he loved the Panthers — if we ever weren't able to watch the game together, we called each other several times during and after," Arent said. "Football had always been something that we bonded over, and he was overjoyed by the year (the Panthers) were having."

"It was really amazing that the Panthers had this miracle season during his last days — I think winning the Super Bowl, or not, he still loved the team and spending time with me."

Ben Craig, a UNC junior, has been close friends with Will Arent since the sixth grade and knew his friend was going through a difficult time.

"He just transferred from Wilmington to N.C. State. He is in 18 hours of engineering classes," Craig said. "And now it's only going to get harder for him."

"And what is something we could do to lift him up than anything else? Send him to the Super Bowl."



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UNC junior Ben Craig looks at a photo taken with his friend Will Arent and Arent's father. Craig set up a GoFundMe to help send Arent to the Super Bowl.

Craig began raising money on GoFundMe to send Arent to see the Panthers at the Super Bowl in California on Feb. 7. In

one week, more than 125 people have donated more than \$5,500, enough to pay for Arent's ticket.

Arent said he greatly appreciated his friend's gesture.

"Honestly, when Ben told me, I didn't believe him. But deep down I knew he was serious because it wasn't a time for messing around and playing jokes," he said.

"It was an overwhelming feeling of love, and it really took my breath away."

Arent's uncle, Mike Graves, said he couldn't be happier for his nephew.

"You couldn't take a better fan,"

Graves said. "He'll be screaming and yelling all the way."

Because enough money was

raised to pay for a ticket, Arent will be going to the Super Bowl to watch the team he and his father followed for so long.

Many people wrote notes with their GoFundMe contributions, offering condolences or supporting the Panthers with messages like "Keep Pounding."

"If the Panthers won the Super Bowl, it would just be an unbelievable event — something just so crazy, especially since we've had so many up and down years. It would mean validation for our team and our city. It would be a sense of pride for true Panthers fans everywhere," he said.

"The only sad part about it, and this really breaks my heart, is that my dad isn't able to go on this trip with me."

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SafeWalk now gets funds from Student Affairs

The program previously received student fees from Student Congress.

By Keeley Gay
Staff Writer

With stable money now provided by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, SafeWalk is increasing outreach and expanding its program to help people get home safely.

Bobby Kunzman, senior associate director of student life and leadership, said SafeWalk used to be supported by UNC's student government, but, in the fall, their financial affairs moved to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

"SafeWalk, even though we are a self-governing autonomous organization, has been placed in a hierarchy in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs," said Daniel Salgado, program manager of SafeWalk.

The switch in funding was intentional. Salgado said SafeWalk needed to be directly funded through the University because of the unreliability and lack of support from Student Congress. Congress cut the program's funding in fall 2014.

"In the past, because SafeWalk didn't have a guaranteed source of revenue in order to fund operations, their budget fluctuated from year to year and so did their operations," Kunzman said. "Now that they have the guaranteed levels of support from the vice chancellor's office and by the Parents Council, they are not running in debt anymore."

Kunzman and Salgado said the Carolina Parents Council helped support the organization in the past and has continued to support SafeWalk under its new financial structure.

Kunzman said the new financial comfort has allowed those involved in SafeWalk to focus on the growth

of the program.

"Because of the more flexible fiscal situation that SafeWalk has been able to fortunately experience in this coming year, as opposed to last year, we've been able to do more targeted things — for example, outreach," Salgado said. "We've seen the results of that being manifested in the completion of a very successful spring hiring drive in which we just recently hired 13 new employees for the program."

Salgado and Kunzman both said SafeWalk plans to have at least four people stationed outside of Davis Library and the Undergraduate Library each night.

SafeWalk provides a dispatch phone line, Kunzman said, so people can call in and have a dispatcher sent to their specific location.

"Let's say you were in Dey Hall and you call that number," he said. "The dispatcher will send walkers to come get you over there, and then the walkers will take you to where you live."

Many students, like first-year Brandon Pham, have used SafeWalk before and value the safety it provides.

"It's a really good program for students to come out and support each other, and make sure that other people have security going back and forth from their rooms and the library," Pham said.

Kunzman said students are passionate about SafeWalk and feel the need for there to be safety precautions on campus.

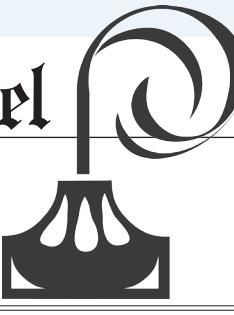
"I think that this organization is very important for the preservation of the campus's perception of public safety here at UNC," Salgado said.

"With the renewed fiscal comfort, not only does it give us new grounds to start fresh and build, but we've got a great staff now on board and we can experience longevity and growth through the development of our new employees."

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A choice between two terrors

Would you rather be the terrorist or the terrorized?

For the longest, I thought it would be nice to veer on the side of the terrorized. Especially after 9/11, when my excitable imagination worked itself into a huff:

Something bad could happen to me, too, you know. Someone might hurt me. Would you be sad then? My dead body would look very pathetic, you know. I'm also fragile and unprotected!

Every time a new attack occurred, I'd get a cagey look in my eyes. Oh, a big bombing in Bali? Thank God most Americans don't know where that is. A horrific shooting in Mumbai? Well, Americans don't care about dead brown people. Terror on the London subway? Oh, no, no, please no. I would get very quiet and think to myself: We could be hurt, too, you know. Did you ever imagine that?

Then, when it did happen, when we were the terrorized, I found I didn't like it so much after all. Gone were the romantic notions of how everyone would finally realize that Muslims are human, too, you know. We're also vulnerable, we're not safe, either.

It was not romantic or cathartic. It was just a sense of: Oh, you couldn't have done that. You're North Carolina. You're my home, you've kept me safe for the past 20 years, you bless my heart every time you see me.

You don't play those games the Middle East is famous for, where nearly everyone asks me if I'm Sunni or Shia just out of curiosity.

When I go abroad, I tell people where I'm from with an air of haughty grandeur, because North Carolina kept me and other Muslims safe even after 9/11, even after the Fort Hood shooting, even after the Boston Marathon, even while different Muslims in Syria decided they needed to start killing each other, even after Muslims in Yemen decided they needed to kill each other, even after Muslims in Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan all came to the same conclusions.

And I realized it's so much easier to be labeled the terrorist. Then at least you can tell people, "I'm so sorry. I would never do that to you. There's no place on earth I'd rather be, there's no people more important to me than you. You are who I'm putting all my faith in. Your goodness is why I can move forward with faith in goodness, even though I'm of Middle Eastern descent and nearly the entire place is in shambles right now."

When I'm the terrorized, then I'm not sure who I'm living amongst, and yes, I know you think the same about us. However, it's easy to go up to you and reassure you, "no, I promise, I'm really not here to hurt you" — much easier than to be waiting for you to come say the same to me. Much easier than wondering when I tell outsiders I'm from UNC if they'll remember that here a man walked into his neighbors' apartment, shot all three Muslims in the head, unprovoked — and the police refused to call it a hate crime.

Mistress of Quirk
 Evana Bodiker discusses being made to defend her major.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"That's what a good marriage is made of right there, when each party thinks they are the lucky one."

Jessica Wolfe, on her marriage to fellow professor Reid Barbour

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"To ignore the controversial subjects and offer platitudes to the voters does a great disservice to both the voters and the university."

Lee Anne, on the importance of allowing for political stances

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DTH is hypocritical in its SBP editorials

TO THE EDITOR:

"Ah ... Welcome back to February," starts Monday's editorial. February, the month where The Daily Tar Heel pleads for student body president candidates to focus on policies, yet declines to substantively discuss their policies. The month where the DTH minimizes the importance of the SBP race, yet still criticizes candidates for "disengaging" with campus issues. It happens every year, but this year's effort is exceptional in its hypocrisy.

Few, if any, SBPs in recent history have entered "real" government upon graduating, perhaps because their experience as SBP was all too real. All recent SBPs have indeed understood that the position is inherently political, and for precisely that reason they have often avoided voicing politically destructive opinions.

I don't mean to say that SBPs should never voice controversial opinions. They should, and they should probably do so more often.

I hope they do so in an attempt to better advocate for student priorities, both on the Board of Trustees and in their "supposed" meetings with administrators, rather than to save this disinterested editorial board from the cruel fate of boredom.

The DTH should do more to engage students, instead of blaming the student body when they fail to print their own paper due to internal mismanagement. This would mean substantively evaluating SBP candidates' platforms, holding major campus institutions accountable year round and allowing DTH staff to hold lower-level positions in student government and sign ballot petitions.

*Harry Edwards
 Chief of Staff
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 Student Government*

Any UNC degree can be useful for students

TO THE EDITOR:

I wanted to provide some hope to first-year dramatic art major Ash Heffernan that a bachelor of arts degree from UNC in dramatic art or music or any subject does produce real value after graduation.

My daughter Megan Ketch graduated from UNC with a B.A. in dramatic art in 2004. She now has a recurring role on CW's "Jane the Virgin" and will begin filming a lead role in the new CBS summer series "American Gothic."

During Megan's college application period, our family discussed the value of a B.F.A. degree at Cincinnati Conservatory versus a B.A. at UNC.

As expected, the B.F.A. offered more curricular hours of training in acting than found at UNC.

Megan elected UNC

and graduated with a B.A. in dramatic art in 2004. Beyond her degree, she was able to pursue studies in French, folklore and literature.

Two years ago, my student, John Parker, auditioned for the principal trumpet position with the Charlotte Symphony — he won the post. This week he called me to share that he was appointed the associate principal trumpet of the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

Whether a student is at Juilliard or UNC they share one thing in common — each has 24 hours in a day. Megan and John maximized the artistic elements in their daily schedules for four years, but, in addition, they received a remarkable education that positions them, as artists, to have in-depth thoughts about the world in which they live. In the end, the humanity all artists seek to portray is best done from an informed vantage point.

*Prof. Jim Ketch
 Department of Music*

St. Anthony Hall was first to accept LGBT

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in response to an article written about Greek policies towards LGBT inclusivity and a letter pressing for LGBT-inclusive policy change in the Greek community.

While I agree with both, LGBT students should not feel that the entire Greek community is homophobic.

The article glossed over St. Anthony Hall, a literary and arts fraternity that is UNC's second oldest Greek institution and was a founding member of the Interfraternity Council at UNC. St. Anthony Hall has a long history of inclusiveness, making national headlines for being the first historically white male fraternity to accept people of color and then women.

In this spirit, St. Anthony Hall was also the first Greek organization here to accept openly LGBT people. It has long been an institution in the queer landscape at UNC, having had transgender members for decades and serving as a haven from gaybashing in the '80s and '90s. With perhaps a dozen openly queer undergraduate members (myself included), the Hall today continues to be a very LGBT-friendly space.

It recently hosted a "Dungeons and Drag" party, began to ask for preferred gender pronouns at rush events and added the title "Sibling" to the ranks of "Brother and Sister."

Greek institutions have and can be inclusive spaces on campus, and I call on the Greek community to engage in critical self-reflection on the topic.

Additionally, the queer community should not alienate itself from Greek life and should engage in critical conversation to effect positive change.

*Christian Haig
 President
 Saint Anthony Hall*

EDITORIAL

Where are the women?

UNC must question why women are not running for SBP.

As the race in the Democratic primary between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders narrows, sophisticated conversations around gender identity and its relevance in politics are intensifying across the nation.

But these are not conversations that we can have about our own campus elections next week. We cannot have this conversation for one simple reason: No female candidate for Student Body President exists. In our student body

president elections, not a single woman declared her candidacy this year.

To add to this imbalance, a mere two of the past 10 elected Student Body Presidents on this campus have been female. In the past three elections, only two women have declared candidacy. On a campus that is composed of 57.7 percent women, public are the women in our public student elections?

We must then ask: Why have no women stepped up to contend for this position? Are qualified female students uninterested, or is our campus climate so hostile towards women in the public eye that none run?

We do not pose definitive answers to these challenging questions, but we certainly believe that these questions are worth asking — and that all answers are worth listening to.

We would be disturbed to see this lack of representation in candidates at any point. But at this particular juncture, women, and especially women of color, are uniquely well-positioned to address many of our campus' deepest weaknesses.

Though we will not have a single female option on the ballot next week, we hope that students at this university will not stop questioning why we do not.

EDITORIAL

Don't let deadlines die

UNC should set hard deadlines regarding climate issues.

UNC's decision to drop its 2020 deadline for a coal-free campus is understandable but concerning.

In light of that decision, UNC's ambitious new environmental goals are praiseworthy, but UNC could have underscored its urgency by announcing deadlines for the achievement of the goals as soon as the goals themselves were announced.

Goals of net zero water

use, zero waste and net zero greenhouse gas emissions are exactly the kind of goals this historical moment calls for. But the longer the deadlines for these goals are extended, the more the University contributes to the endangerment of the planet.

As a research university, UNC should be at the vanguard of the fight for environmental sustainability. The distinguished scientists and environmental activists at the University contribute a great deal to the push for a planet free from the terror of long-term environmental disaster. UNC can best sup-

port those efforts by living up to them itself.

This isn't to say the effort to go coal-free by 2020 wasn't made in good faith. The University tried hard to meet the goal before deeming it unrealistic — these kinds of setbacks happen in complex institutions. But to then come out with ambitious environmental goals without setting clear deadlines is disappointing.

This issue will be remembered as a trivial one if the deadlines UNC ultimately sets are aggressive and UNC puts all the resources it can behind meeting them.

ARTS COLUMN

Don't go on break, Taylor

Taylor Swift should never stop making music — like ever.

Taylor Swift, you can't go on a break, and I need to tell you why.

If you're reading this — which I'm certain you are — just know that I do think you deserve a break more than any artist.

But you just can't.

I need you. Especially for my senior year of college.

Your lyrics have become an indispensable part of my daily life and have come in handier than I ever expected. This year alone, I've turned to your lyrics in countless situations:

When a drunk wildebeest called me fat at my favorite bar last month, I resorted to "Ours."

"People throw rocks at things that shine."

When I found out my friend's boyfriend of two years was a scumbag and decided to be unfaithful, I sent her the lyrics to "Should've Said No."

"You should've said no. You should've gone home. You should've thought twice"

"Drunk and grumbling on about how I can't sing. But all you are is mean."

You were even there for me when I feuded with a celebrity.

Just like you did.

For The Daily Tar Heel, I did a Q&A with singer-songwriter Vanessa Carlton, and she was rude to me.

Thank God "Bad Blood" was only a click away.

"Cause baby now we got bad blood. You know it used to be mad love."

Tay, you've been there for me through the little things and the big things.

Just this past weekend, you were there for me when my friend vomited on me:

"Shake it off."

I'll need you when I fail a test.

I'll need you at graduation.

I'll need you the next time something big happens to me.

I'll need you forever and always.

"fore you let it all go."

When my friends refused to throw me a surprise party this year, I played "22" approximately 94 times.

This semester, when I wanted to be dramatic and soak in my last first day of school ever, I played "Fifteen."

"You take a deep breath and you walk through the doors. It's the morning of your very first day."

Thankfully, your lyrics were there for me when they tried to kick me out of a karaoke bar last month:

"I'll need you forever and always."

"You should've said no. You should've gone home. You should've thought twice"

"I'll need you forever and always."

"I'll need you the next time something big happens to me."

"I'll need you forever and always."

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