

A center for the community



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The members of the UNC Latinx Unity Council are at the forefront of efforts to make sure UNC’s Latinx community has space for events as it grows.

After a protest, the Latinx community is still waiting

By Dhvani Bhatia
Staff Writer

Latinx students and faculty have spent the last eight years fighting for a physical center on the UNC campus.

The Latinx Unity Council is made up of a coalition of Hispanic groups on campus, including Carolina Hispanic Association and the Carolina Latina/o Collaborative. The entire council is designated to a space in Craige

North Residence Hall.

“We actually don’t have priority over the space,” Gaby Aleman, the political action chairperson for CHisPA, said. “We have to ask permission from the residents of Craige North and the people who run Craige North. Back then, (the space) was a cop-out, almost, to satisfy our needs, but within the last few years, the community has grown way more.”

Aleman said the Latinx community now makes up 7.8 percent

of the student population — over 1,000 students.

“We’ve just completely outgrown the current space,” Aleman said. “Basically, the CLC is looking for a space that can house all of the organizations that the Latinx community runs.”

She said for Hispanic Heritage Month, the Latinx community has to outsource to different buildings to host events because the current space is insufficient to accommodate the events.

Paul Cuadros, founder of CLC and professor in the School of Media and Journalism, said the community has gone through the process to establish a full center for the Latinx community.

Initially, a committee was tasked with writing a proposal for getting a space on campus for the Latinx community. The approval of that proposal led to the creation of the CLC three years ago.

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Pro-LGBTQ groups mobilize early voting against HB2

Supporters of HB2 have also used the bill as a rallying call.

By Kelsey Mason
Staff Writer

The Human Rights Campaign and Equality NC partnered last week to encourage pro-LGBTQ rights voters to participate in early voting in an effort to repeal House Bill 2.

Chris Sgro, executive director of Equality NC and N.C. Rep., D-Guilford, said HB2 has made more people politically active.

“I, in my 10 years of political work in North Carolina, have never seen the LGBT community, but especially young voters, so galvanized around an issue as they are around HB2,” he said.

Mitch Kokai, senior political analyst for the John Locke Foundation, said North Carolina’s status as a purple state is the reason partisan groups are taking interest.

“I think from the moment that the Human Rights Campaign and some folks in the Charlotte City Council worked to put forward the Charlotte anti-discrimination ordinance, this was destined to become an issue that was going to lead to lot of discussion, a lot of debate, a lot of vitriol,” he said.

Dr. Ron Baity, president of Return America, a conservative religious organization located in Wallburg that is pro-HB2, said he is mobilizing voters by making speeches across the state and urging pastors to encourage their congregations to vote.

“We’ve kinda strayed away from (Judeo-Christian) values and we’re in the process of bringing churches, individuals together,” he said.

Brandon Lorenz, spokesperson for the

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Sexual assault discussed at Carolina Conversation

The conversation was around prevention and Title IX policy.

By Allie Mobley
Staff Writer

Students discussed experiences with sexual assault and prevention at a Carolina Conversation held in the Carolina Union Wednesday evening.

The event was led by Christi Hurt, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, and Rumay Alexander, special

assistant to the Chancellor. Attendees discussed in both large and small groups issues surrounding sexual assault.

At the beginning of the conversation, Chancellor Carol Folt told the crowd there would be resources available at the event for those affected by the topic.

“I do know and all of us know that for some people this will be a particularly difficult conversation and we thank you for being here,” Folt said. “The courage everyone has to come to talk about this is something that actually matters a lot.”

Hurt said she has been an advocate of sexual violence prevention since her time as a UNC student working at the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

“When I was here tromping around in the ‘90s, it would have been impossible, I suspect, to get this many people in the Union to talk about sexual violence,” Hurt said.

After giving an overview of the history of laws related to sexual violence and what Title IX is today, Hurt opened the floor for attendees to share their thoughts and experiences.

Students and staff in attendance discussed topics including methods of sexual assault prevention, the role of masculinity in society, UNC’s Haven program and Title IX’s regulations.

Sarah Dickson, a first-year graduate student seeking her master’s in public administration, said she has a little more hope after attending the event.

“I am really encouraged that this event exists and that there was a really good turn out and I think conversations

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From left, Christi Hurt, Rumay Alexander and Carol Folt introduce the topic of sexual assault at Wednesday’s Carolina Conversation.

Chapel Hill Town Council discussed the closing of Porthole Alley

The alley will be closed short-term for pedestrian safety improvements.

By Holden Williams
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council discussed the closing of Porthole Alley in a meeting Wednesday night.

Gordon Merklein, associate vice chancellor for University real estate operations, presented the proposal to close Porthole Alley and Fraternity Row right-of-way.

Merklein and a group of officials

working on the proposal said there is no clear distinction between what part of the area is for pedestrians to walk on and what is for vehicles.

The area will be closed down, so construction can take place to make it safer. Along with making the area safer for pedestrians and bikers, beautification of the area is a top priority for the project.

After closure, there is planned to be a separation of pedestrian pathway and vehicles. The main pathway will be for vehicles, and the north-south pathway is going to be fully brick to indicate a clear pedestrian pathway.

Speakers for the group expressed that the goal is to create safe and

attractive pedestrian and bicycle connections between the town and University.

“We have had good input, and a lot of help from town staff,” Merklein said. “We plan to start the construction next month and end in the spring.”

Council members expressed concern that after the construction is finished, there will be restricted visibility for vehicles pulling out of parking lots.

“What will be done to signal bikers and walkers that cars will be coming by on the brick?” Chapel Hill Town Council Member Michael Parker asked.

The presenters said they haven’t put much thought to that yet, but it will be part of the discussion.

A representative of a property owner in the area expressed concern that construction may lead to more stormwater gathering around his client’s business. However, the representative said that his client does not intend to object to construction.

Merklein said they are working closely with all the property owners and tenants in the area to address all concerns.

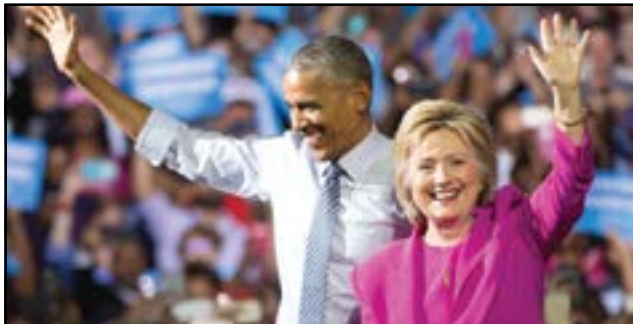
The number of parking spaces will be reduced. This will reduce the amount of traffic coming in and out of the area.

“I think the safety issue is very important to me,” Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger said. “For people out of town, they do not expect that cars go down that path, and I think that this defined path will improve that issue.”

The council also voted to adjust a campaign finance rule. Council members and citizens addressed concerns, and the council voted to come back to the issues at a later date.

The council also discussed the possibility of making the old town hall a visitor center and a Chapel Hill museum.

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Dean stumps for Clinton

The former governor said the GOP put campaigns over policy

By Danielle Chemtob
Assistant State and National Editor

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean told a small crowd at UNC-Chapel Hill Wednesday that Hillary Clinton will achieve her agenda with bipartisan support. Dean, who is also the former Democratic National Committee Chairperson, made a series of other campaign stops for Clinton at High Point, Burlington and N.C. State University Tuesday and Wednesday.

In his speech, Dean said North Carolina is the most important swing state in the election. He said voting is a responsibility that comes with living in a democracy. “If I could paraphrase Winston Churchill, democracy is a pain in the butt except for all the other systems,” Dean said.

In 2004, Dean ran for president and dropped out of the race after performing poorly in several Democratic primaries. Alex Gottschalk, a UNC graduate student, said he attended Dean’s event because the 2004 election was the first election he followed.

“So even though I did not support Howard Dean in the primaries, it still has a resonance of childhood, and just a good full circle to see somebody from all the



Howard Dean, former DNC Chair and Vermont Senator spoke to students on the quad to promote early voting. DTH/TARYN REVOIR

way back from 2003, 2004 now here in 2016,” he said. Gottschalk said as a rural voter, he appreciates Dean’s 50-state strategy so rural Democrats in red states like him would be represented.

Dean said Clinton understands the student debt crisis and her experience working across the aisle when she was in Congress will help her work with the Senate on the issue.

“It actually does matter to be able to successfully work with Republicans because we’ve got to get some stuff done,” he said.

But Dean said bipartisan support has been particularly

difficult in recent years as the Republicans have become more focused on campaigns than policy. “If you’re working in the government I don’t care what party you’re for, your first interest is your country, not what’s good for your party or whether you like the president or not,” he said.

Republican National Committee spokesperson Kara Carter released a statement earlier accusing the Clinton campaign of using surrogates to distract from the Affordable Care Act.

“The Clinton campaign’s desperate attempt to excite voters by deploying surrogates to North Carolina comes after the Obama

Administration announced that healthcare premiums will skyrocket by double-digit percentages next year.” Dean said as a fiscal conservative, he supports entitlement programs but believes they need to be properly managed.

“In order to keep that kind of program up, you gotta balance the books ‘cause if you don’t, you eventually run out of money and who gets their programs cut first? It’s the people who have the least influence in the system, which is students, young people, people who have the least means,” he said.

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Five takeaways from ACC Operation Basketball

North Carolina was voted to finish second in the conference Wednesday.

By C Jackson Cowart, Brendan Marks, Blake Richardson and Jeremy Vernon
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Junior guard Joel Berry, senior forward Isaiah Hicks and Coach Roy Williams traveled to Charlotte on Wednesday to represent the North Carolina men’s basketball team at ACC Operation Basketball.

The media predicted the Tar Heels to finish second in the conference. Berry was voted first-team All-ACC, while junior forward Justin Jackson made the second team.

Here are five takeaways for UNC from the ACC’s media day.

Replacing Pinson

Right away, Williams knew it was serious.

Before UNC’s scrimmage last Thursday at Ft. Bragg, junior wing Theo Pinson told a trainer his foot felt sore. Midway through, Pinson made a routine move to the basket.

“All of a sudden he’s yelling, ‘You’ve gotta come take me,’” Williams said. “And I knew then it was not good.”

Tests found a fracture in his right foot, sidelining him indefinitely.

“I’m hopeful that we’ll get him back,” he said. “But that’s all it is hopeful.”

The early candidates to start at shooting guard are senior Nate Britt, sophomore Kenny Williams and first-year Brandon Robinson.

Roy Williams feels confident playing the experienced Britt, while he called Kenny Williams one of UNC’s best perimeter defenders. And at 6-foot-5, Robinson could emulate Pinson’s length.

But none of the potential starters entered this season with as much promise as Pinson.

“If we had to play a game last Thursday, I would’ve started Theo,” Williams said. “If we have to play a game tonight, I do not know who I would start.”

Beyond the loss

After falling to Villanova in the national title game in April, UNC players are still answering questions about what could have been.

Had Berry replicated his 15-point first half in the second, the Tar Heels could have been champions. And he could have been the Final Four’s Most Outstanding Player — which would have landed his jersey in the Smith Center rafters.

“I’ve had things that were right there that were taken away from me,” he said. “But I can’t compare it to the national championship game.”

UNC knows it can’t dwell on that game. The regular season opens Nov. 11 at Tulane, and the players are using the loss as a catalyst for another Final Four run.

“Of course we wanted to win that game ...” Hicks said. “That’s what led to everybody working this hard this offseason — to try to get back there.”

Fresh faces

Hicks’ first season in Chapel Hill was, in a word, forgettable. Now he’s doing his best to ensure the same doesn’t happen to his new teammate.

“Everybody says that’s my son,” Hicks said of first-year forward Tony Bradley. “I’m trying to keep him out the clear, from being like me my freshman year.”

At 6-foot-10, Bradley will play pivotal minutes in the post, but he isn’t the only newcomer for UNC.

Robinson and speedy guard



UNC guard Joel Berry (2) pulls up for a 3-point shot over guard Nate Britt (0) during the Late Night With Roy men’s basketball scrimmage on Oct. 14. DTH FILE/ALEX KORMANN

Seventh Woods should see key minutes left by Paige and Pinson.

Robinson is even challenging for a starting spot.

“I love his aggressiveness,” Hicks said. “He tried to dunk on me in practice.”

Developing from deep

A year after finishing last in the ACC in 3-point percentage and makes, much of UNC’s optimism from deep stems from Berry.

“It just seems like the 3-point shot is a layup for him,” Hicks said.

It’s not just Berry. Britt won the 3-point contest at Late Night With Roy, and Berry doesn’t remember Robinson missing a 3-pointer in Tuesday’s practice. Even Kenny Williams is sinking shots.

But Roy Williams doesn’t care about practice. Accuracy on game night is all that matters.

“Everybody says they can shoot, and they can,” he said. “But I’m interested in guys that make.”

Award-winning rivals

N.C. State’s Dennis Smith Jr. was named ACC Preseason Rookie of the Year, showing how much respect the guard from Fayetteville garners.

“I think he’s a phenomenal player, gonna be a phenomenal college player, gonna be a phenomenal NBA player ...” Roy Williams said. “We would’ve loved to have recruited Dennis more successfully.”

Smith isn’t the state’s only heralded first-year. Duke boasts two of the top four prospects in the nation in Harry Giles and Jayson Tatum.

Joining them is ACC Preseason Player of the Year, Grayson Allen, who returns to a team favored to win the ACC.

But Berry thinks the Blue Devils’ inexperience could cost them.

“They’ll still have those younger guys trying to give them a lot of minutes ...” he said. “So I think that’ll give them a tough time.”

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UNC leads study on causes of brain trauma

The study will last five years and look at how PTSD is developed.

By Charlotte Harris
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A veteran commits suicide every 80 minutes because of psychological disorders such as PTSD, according to emergency medicine and anesthesia professor Sam McLean.

That’s why UNC and Harvard University are conducting a five-year study on PTSD and traumatic brain injury. McLean is leading the study, which is funded by a \$21 million grant, and said it’s the first of its kind.

He said the study was sparked by President Barack Obama and The National Institutes of Health.

“Because of this crisis among veterans, President Obama issued an executive order that ordered the NIH to launch major initiatives to achieve breakthroughs in understanding these disorders because we still don’t understand

them well at all,” McLean said.

McLean said the study focuses on civilians because it is easier to study civilian trauma survivors than it is to perform research studies on people who are on the front line.

“The goal of the study is to gain a better understanding of these disorders and come up with new ideas for treatment and do as much that we can that would advance the care of veterans with these illnesses and again with civilians who develop these issues after traumatic events,” McLean said.

McLean said more than 2.6 million veterans have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001 and adverse neurological outcomes, such as post traumatic stress disorder, are an epidemic.

Sarah Linnstaedt, a researcher in the study, brought her background in RNA biology to the study.

“We’re trying to find out whether microRNA, mRNA or non-coding RNA can predict whether someone is going to develop one of these adverse outcomes like pain or PTSD and

whether we can gain insight into the molecular mechanisms that might be causing these outcomes by analyzing RNA,” Linnstaedt said.

Linnstaedt said she is focusing on how women and men are affected differently by traumatic events.

“We know from a number of different studies in the field that women are more susceptible to pain and PTSD and these other outcomes and now we want to know why,” she said.

Kenneth Bollen, another researcher on this study, will focus on statistical models. He said the study will use surveys and physiological data to follow people over time.

“It is important in that a significant proportion of the population will experience a traumatic event at some point in their lives,” Bollen said in an email.

“If we can further our understanding of trauma, we have a chance to prevent or reduce the most negative consequences of such events.”

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Q&A with Gov. Howard Dean

Former Democratic National Committee Chairperson and Vermont Governor Howard Dean visited UNC-Chapel Hill to campaign for Hillary Clinton Wednesday.

Assistant State and National Editor Danielle Chemtob sat down with Dean to discuss the 2016 election.

Daily Tar Heel: You and Sen. Bernie Sanders are both from Vermont. A lot of students supported him in the primaries. Why should they now support Hillary Clinton?

Howard Dean: First of all, she knows the issues cold ... Secondly, she’s willing to bring in the people who opposed her to work with them, and that includes the Republicans. We have to unify the country and I think Hillary’s the only person who can do that. Thirdly, I think we want a reasonable foreign policy that doesn’t result in sending foreign troops all over the place and I think she has more experience in that than anybody else who’s run.

DTH: What would you say to students who are considering voting third party?

HD: The first thing I’d say is we need a system where a third party is not wasting your vote so that you can vote for a third party without having that dilemma ... But in the meantime, a third-party vote is a vote that makes it easier for Donald Trump to be president of the United States. The truth is that Hillary Clinton has a program that is more effective than any of the third-party people ... So, I would argue that Hillary Clinton is the most qualified person, and I would ask that people consider voting for her and not just not vote for her because their candidate didn’t win. When I lost I had to go talk to my supporters about voting for John Kerry, and, you know, they didn’t want to do it. John Kerry represented the Washington establishment, I didn’t. But the truth is I knew John Kerry would be a better president for the country than George W. Bush.

DTH: Your campaign is famous for the “Dean Scream.” How do you feel about the political gaffes in this election cycle?

HD: Trump has changed the field on political gaffes ... This is the hardest job in the world and my attitude is if you can’t get through a campaign season, which is full of booby traps and unfair people, then you probably shouldn’t be president. I’m more amused than anything else by the “I Have a Scream” speech. I’ve had a lot of fun with it over the years, but it didn’t really have an effect on my campaign. I think campaigns are tough and should be tough because this is the most important office in the world, and you better be able to deal with everything when it comes.

DTH: A lot of states have cut funding for higher education, including North Carolina. How do you think Hillary Clinton will help those states?

HD: What we need to do is fund the first couple of years of public education so the students can come here for next to nothing ... And we also, in my view, need to forgive half the student debt in the country ... Most people cannot afford the amount of debt, and they’re never gonna pay it back because they can’t. This is gonna be a crisis — why not take care of the crisis before it happens instead of wait til it happens?

DTH: You were chair(person) of the DNC, and you’ve been in politics awhile. What has led up to the emotions and the feelings in this election?

HD: These are people who have been left behind by globalization. Many of them are not that skilled, they are used to being able to work hard and support their families. This is not about trade — for North Carolina, trade has been great. Trade has created huge amounts of jobs both in agriculture and in industry in North Carolina. But there are states like Ohio and Indiana where trade has been tougher ... But the issue is not trade, the issue is the speed of the internet and it’s robotics and automation ... It’s mostly older people who don’t have the benefit of a great education and they’re having a tremendous amount of trouble with the speed of change in the economy. Killing all the global trade treaties is not gonna have any effect at all — it’s gonna hurt North Carolina. The way to do it is to put effort into rural America, into places like central Ohio and West Virginia, which Hillary is already talking about in order to allow everybody to participate in the benefits of globalization.

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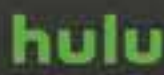
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DEA reconsiders kratom reschedule

The concern around kratom is related to an opioid ingredient.

By Carina McDermid
Staff Writer

After the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced its intention to issue a ban on the sale, manufacture and consumption of the herbal painkiller kratom, the agency reversed course Oct. 12 to research the drug further. The DEA issued a notice of intent in August to classify

kratom as a Schedule I drug, the most restrictive category of the Controlled Substances Act. The withdrawal of the notice of intent put the emergency scheduling on hold and opened up a comment period until Dec. 1, during which the agency will hear public feedback on the drug. Melvin Patterson, spokesperson for the DEA, said the agency has never withdrawn an emergency scheduling before. “We figured we have an obligation to better understand the differing opinions on kratom’s effects on the mood brain receptor,”

he said. “Once we heard critical feedback, we decided to take a step back and make sure we understand what the effect is.” Robert Roskind, the owner of The Oasis, a cafe in Carrboro, has been selling kratom legally for seven months. He said kratom, which is a plant often served as a tea and used to treat pain and depression, is a safer alternative to alcohol and prescription drugs. “It was my daughter having buried five friends to alcohol at 29 years old that made me want to investigate and bring kratom in here,” he said.

He said since he started selling kratom, the herbal tea has become his most popular product, with up to 40 people ordering kratom at his cafe each day. “All day long people come in here getting relief from pain, getting off opiates and opiate addiction, kicking alcohol and enjoying the botanical sense of well-being,” he said. According to the DEA, Schedule I drugs have no medicinal value and a high potential for abuse. Patterson said the scheduling intent posted in August was largely influenced by calls made to poison centers concerning

kratom exposure and the 15 deaths between 2014 and 2016 involving kratom directly or indirectly. “It’s been a drug of concern for the DEA for some time,” he said. “We had an issue with people taking kratom with other drugs and overdosing, so there was some concern there.” Bryan Roth, a professor in the UNC Department of Pharmacology, said in an email kratom has an opioid as an active ingredient, and there is debate among scientists about the drug’s possible side effects. Roskind said kratom is threatening to pharmaceutical

companies that produce prescription opiate drugs. “Any type of pain, it gets rid of it,” he said. “And that’s why they’re trying to make it illegal, because these pharmaceutical companies are trying to get their hands on it.” Patterson said the DEA will use input from the FDA and feedback from the public when making a final decision on scheduling the drug in December. “The FDA is going to be doing an eight-factor analysis on the active ingredients in Kratom,” he said. @CarinaMcDermid state@dailytarheel.com

Q&A with Edible Campus coordinator Laura Mindlin

Edible Campus, the on-campus group that provides landscaping and edible gardens around campus, hired a new initiative coordinator, Laura Mindlin. Staff writer Danielle Bush spoke with Mindlin about her new position and the organization’s goals.

The Daily Tar Heel: What responsibilities does your new position entail?

Laura Mindlin: Emily (Auerbach) started this Edible Campus initiative program where there are satellite sites and partnerships, commuter gardens and food gardens and medicinal plant gardens throughout campus and I am going to be coordinating all of these. This includes all aspects of it, so maintaining the plots and if we need new tools and making sure everything is running smoothly. I will also be working on the logistical side, so we will be looking for fundraising grants so we can continue to expand this program, build new partnerships and have more people utilizing the edible landscaping that’s on

UNC’s campus.

DTH: How did you hear about this position? What did the application process look like?

LM: I must have seen the application probably through UNC’s job fairs. I just moved here to Durham originally for a summer job and then moved to Carrboro kind of because there were a lot of cool initiatives going on here not with a job in place. I would just scroll through UNC’s job postings, and I saw this and thought, ‘This seems too good to be true, that’s exactly the work I was doing.’ I then applied and from that point I got in touch with a few different people who were part of the initiative, and I learned more about it, and it seemed like a really incredible position. It was a nice way to get integrated into the community here.

DTH: What do you hope to contribute to Edible Campus? What expertise can you offer to the project?

LM: I did a lot of similar type of work at Skidmore College in upstate New York, a lot of work on our campus there,

so I kind of have an idea of what’s valuable to students and what you want as a student. I think there is a lot of value of having people interacting with nature and understanding what from bees to medicinal plants to food you can grow like being immersed in a process, and so I’ve learned that from the school side. Also, since I’ve worked on farms and worked on farmland and with farmland conservation, worked with medicinal plants and herbal medicine, and I’m just really excited about it. I think there is so much potential to create more working landscapes and for more people to understand and appreciate where their food comes from and what the Earth can provide for us. A college setting is a really cool place to do this.

DTH: What are some of the goals of the organization this year?

LM: I think (UNC) will be a really great academic resource and an extracurricular resource, and I’m hoping to fully utilize all



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Laura Mindlin is the new initiative coordinator for Edible Campus, which provides edible gardens.

of it. From classes to clubs, student individual research, I’d like to really have the incredible landscape around us being incorporated into those aspects. I also think it could be a really great model for other universities and other community spaces. Gardens are really unique places to have collaboration

and autonomy, and it’s really healthy especially in college years.

DTH: What is your favorite part about being on the Edible Campus team?

LM: I am really excited. I think it’s really wonderful to see the collaboration

between the community and students and the botanical gardens, and we’re inevitably going to have people of different generations coming to help and just to be facilitating that is a huge honor, and I’m so grateful for this opportunity.

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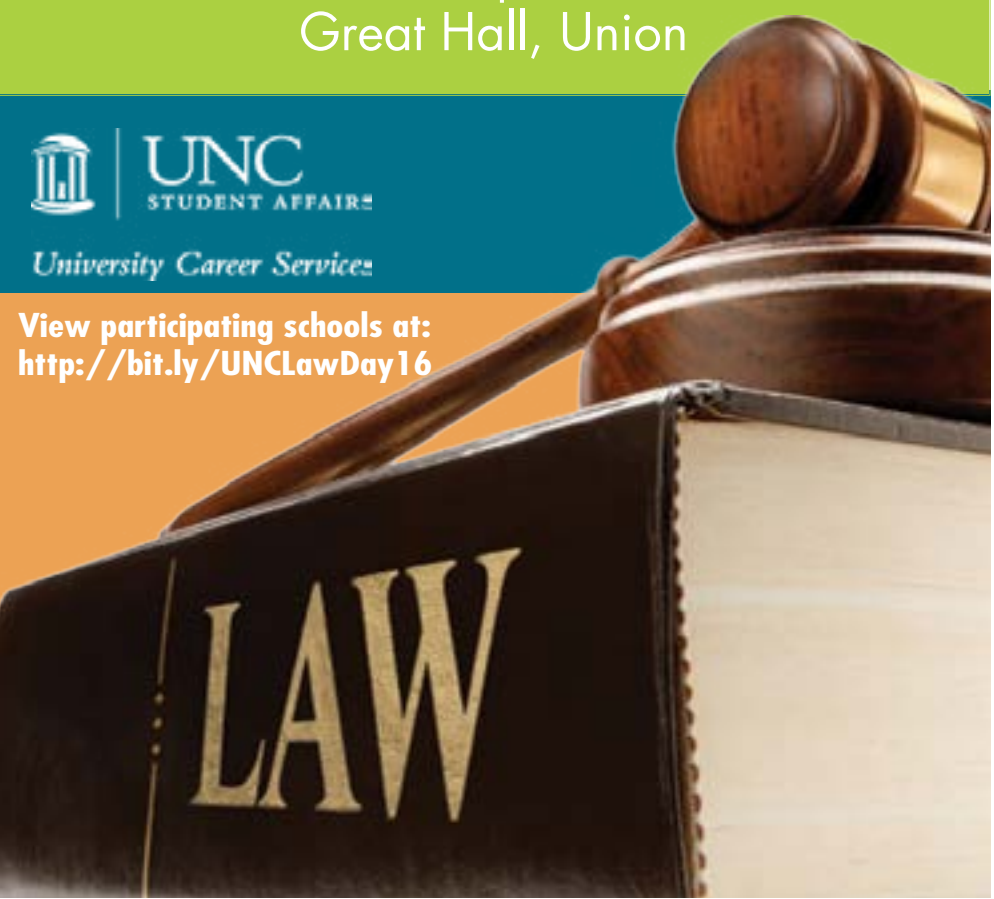
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Recently, another proposal has been submitted for a Latinx center on campus.

“We presented the proposal to a committee last April and they recommended that they get it approved by senior administration,” Cuadros said.

The CLC is still waiting for final approval by senior administration to continue on with the project, Cuadros said.

“We really push to build this idea that going to college is possible for people

within this community and the University publicizes the fact that we are so diverse,” Aleman said. “On the flip side, once we are on campus, (the University) sort of shuns us and doesn’t give us a localized place for us to come together.”

After the Latinx community’s protest on Oct. 12, members of the community have concerns about the next steps in pursuing their journey for space, support and representation at UNC.

“It was a pleasant surprise to see (Provost Jim) Dean apologize and promise to get senior staff members involved

in the effort,” junior and protest organizer Chris Guevara said.

Guevara said Dean promised to give the community two staff members to support the CLC, but Guevara said he fears this might not be enough with the community’s growth.

“My biggest fear is that (UNC administration) made promises to use a down payment to quiet us down,” Guevara said.

He said he hopes to see support and leadership within the UNC community and increased transparency from UNC administration.

she heard from the room.

“I think that when you come to these conversations it’s a lot about resources on how to help a survivor after the fact — which is awesome and I totally support more resources like that — but I heard a lot about preventative work in our responses, I heard a lot about masculinity and patriarchy and the roots and causes of rape culture and I think that we don’t get to hear that a lot,” Gamero said.

Hurt reminded everyone that although significant work

Dean said.

Dean said UNC can’t have a large dedicated space for every group.

“We have lots of spaces on campus, like in the Student Union and we try to use those spaces as efficiently as we can,” he said.

Guevara said the Latinx Unity Council would like to have a conversation with Chancellor Carol Folt.

“We want to help her understand where the community is struggling and compromise on a solution,” he said.

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Human Rights Campaign, said this election will depend on voter turnout.

“If (pro-LGBTQ rights voters) come out and if they turn out — whether it’s early voting or on Nov. 8 — they’re going to send a very important message about, you know, the need for elected officials everywhere to support LGBTQ equality,” he said.

Baity said he thinks there is a lot on the line this election.

“So I think our values system is on the scales,” he said. “I think what happens in the reelection of our governor, or failure to reelect him, is going to send a lot of signals across the United States of America.”

Lorenz said motivating people to vote is crucial. He said in the 2008 election then-Sen. Barack Obama won North Carolina by a small margin of 14,000 votes.

“What we’re working to do is just make sure that everyone, all these pro-equality folks, know what’s at stake

and get out to vote,” he said.

Sgro said if the LGBTQ community mobilizes, the election could fall in their favor.

“And so the message that North Carolina is going to send, not just to ourselves but to the entire country is going to be: You can’t attack members of the transgender community or the LGBT community and you can’t discriminate, because it’s going to cost you in the ballot,” he said.

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CONVERSATIONS

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like this help to break down barriers and that is how we learn,” Dickson said.

First-year Hunter Davis said he found the discussion to be meaningful as well.

“Some people don’t even know a really solid definition of what sexual assault is,” Davis said.

Sabrina Gamero, a Delta advocate within the UNC Panhellenic Council, said she was proud of the responses

“...I heard a lot about preventative work in our responses...”

Sabrina Gamero
Delta advocate

has been done to prevent sexual assault on campus, there is still tremendous work to do.

“We have miles to go before we sleep,” she said.

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Law students oppose use of live animals in medical training

An event was held to raise support for an August lawsuit.

By Nic Rardin
Staff Writer

Though many medical schools across the country have put an end to animal testing, UNC School of Medicine still has students operating on live animals.

UNC law students and members of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund hosted an event at the School of Law Wednesday called Saving Animal and Human Lives: UNC Can Modernize Medical Training.

Director of Research Advocacy for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Ryan Merkley, asked the audience if they believed cocaine was still necessary to treat toothaches.

“And of course it’s not,” he said. “The fact is that UNC does not need to use animals to teach emergency medicine residents.”

Merkley said UNC, like

almost all medical schools in the country, has stopped operating on live animals in its general medical training. However, the University does continue to use live pigs in the emergency medicine residency program.

Merkley said the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine filed a federal complaint with the Department of Agriculture in August against the animal use because they feel the treatment on the animals is cruel and unnecessary.

“This boils down to two things,” he said. “A lack of belief in a viable alternative and a belief that this better prepares students.”

UNC released a statement in August defending the use of live animals in the emergency medicine residency program.

“We believe that our physicians are better prepared to perform life saving interventions for humans as a result of this training,” the statement said.

Merkley said some medical schools have been reluctant to remove animal testing in the past because they believed it would hurt the education of the students in the program.

He said the University of South Carolina’s School of Medicine made the decision to not use live animals in emergency medicine training and did not see a change in quality of training.

“Considering all of this, why does UNC still continue to use pigs to teach emergency medical residents?” he said. “I have no idea.”

Law student and member of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Kyle Grusholt, said his organization fully supports ending the use of animals in the medical school because there are better ways of training students.

“There are newer techniques that are more precise and are used in medical schools across the country,” he said.

Merkley said he used simulation programs and models to teach emergency medical procedures effectively in medical schools across the country and in the Army.

“UNC has a state of the art facility that would allow them to do that,” Grusholt said.

President of the Student Animal Legal Defense fund, Hannah Abernethy, said her



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Ryan Merkley, director of Research Advocacy for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, spoke at Saving Animal and Human Lives at the UNC School of Law on Wednesday.

organization is trying to help Merkley and his group put an end to the use of animals in the medical school.

“As law students there’s not much we can do,” Abernathy said. “But we are trying to raise

awareness of the intersection between animal rights and the law.”

Merkley said the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine plans to send a petition with at least 1,000

signatures to the Board of Governors.

“We think it’s clear that if alternatives exist they should be used,” he said.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 9 -- Negotiate and compromise with a partner over the next two days. A little compassion goes a long way. Show each other respect and kindness. Discuss dreams.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 3 -- Today and tomorrow get busy. Reduce stress by decreasing stimulus. Play gentle music to soothe mind and spirit. Exercise, feed and rest your body well. Create stability.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
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Carmen Huerta-Bapat, coordinator for Carolina Firsts, displays the new website on her computer.

Faculty encourage Carolina Firsts online

By Ashley Cruz
Staff Writer

College students at UNC now read stories from faculty and staff on their experiences as first-generation college students thanks to the new Carolina Firsts website.

Carmen Huerta-Bapat, coordinator for Carolina Firsts, said the new website, firstwelcome.unc.edu, seeks to help first-generation college students transition to being at a university.

“What this is doing, it’s an initiative to recognize all of the people here at Carolina, professors and administrators, who have also been first-generation college students themselves,” Huerta-Bapat said. “So it’s a complimentary approach to what we already have here.”

Huerta-Bapat said first-generation college students will be able to watch videos on the website showcasing UNC professors and staff. The videos will give students a sense of the professors’ and staffs’ struggles as first-generation college students.

“I feel that every person that they have been able to

do a video on has a story to share, and when you go onto the website and click on it, you are really able to get a sense of where they’re coming from,” she said.

Huerta-Bapat said she is hoping students will look at the stories, connect with them and reach out to the person profiled. She said as a sociologist she firmly believes in the importance of personal relationships and thinks that the website fosters these relationships and allows students to gain an understanding of how the University functions.

Psychology professor Jeannie Loeb, who is featured on the website, said her insights come from looking back at her time in college.

“So I don’t think that I realized when I was in college that I was actually missing a lot of information that could have been helpful in terms of succeeding in college and also even just understanding exactly what I was there to do,” she said.

Loeb said she loves the idea of the website because it will help students identify with the University on a more personal

level. “Some of these personal stories that the faculty are giving is our way of trying to give a leg up for these students that we know are going to be facing some of the same challenges that we did,” she said.

Loeb said when she was in college, she didn’t think there was anyone in particular that she could identify with and get information to help her navigate college life.


Law professor Donna Nixon said she was the first in her family to get a four-year degree.

“I went to community college and that was a really a good building experience because it got me focused and I learned how to be a college student and got a good support,” she said.

Nixon said by the time she came to UNC she already had three degrees — a two-year degree, a four-year degree and a law school degree.

“It’s nice to get this far, and I hope that the coming generations will be able to build on it,” she said.

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NOV. 3
5:30 p.m.
UNC Hyde Hall

The Cultural Significance of the Ghetto of Venice for Jewish History
DAVID RUDERMAN (Univ. of Pennsylvania) will evoke scenes of the Venetian ghetto which was established 500 years ago in March 1516. This lecture will explore the ghetto's intellectual life, reflect on some previous historical approaches, and contextualize the ghetto experience within the larger framework of early modern and modern Jewish history.

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NOV. 17
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Just eat your campus

The new coordinator knows about medicinal plants and has worked on a farm. See pg. 5 for story.

Waiting on kratom

The DEA is pressing pause on its kratom ban. They’re accepting feedback, too. See pg. 5 for story.

It’s social, it’s political

Graduate students hung out with four N.C. candidates Wednesday night. Visit online for more.

Howard Dean was here

He even answered a question about his famous “Dean Scream” back in the day. See pg. 3 for story.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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5 Alternative strategy

10 “Ladies First Since 1916” sneakers

14 Tourney format, briefly

15 Secretary Thomas Perez’s department

16 Chicken vindaloo go-with

17 Sister of Rachel

18 Jazz pianist Blake

19 Logician’s word

20 Sasquatch, for one

22 Rub the wrong away

24 Head covering

25 Walk of life

29 Home of the Oregon Ducks

32 Limited portions of 34 L.A. commuter org.

35 German coal region

37 New York Harbor’s Island

38 Large pears

41 Sing-along syllable

42 Colonial hero Silas

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44 Cookout choice

46 Animation sheet

47 Extremely focused

49 Promising performers

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64 Dry up

66 Sing in the shower, say

67 Fivers

68 Bored with it all

69 Fingerprint feature

70 Skin condition

71 Sasquatch kin

72 Mid-month time

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1 Crystallize

2 Film beeper

3 Laptop screen meas.

4 “Anybody around?” response

5 Certain campus newbies

6 Renowned ’70s-’80s batting coach Charley

7 French friar

8 Roulette bet

9 Chicken serving

10 Desk space

11 Whisperer’s target

12 Hammar skjöld of the UN

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21 One with a habit

23 Spotted

26 Wrap around

27 “This Is Spinal Tap” director

28 Motown flops

29 War zone journalists

30 Ideal setting

31 Lawn maintenance accessory

32 ___ to go

33 Sleek horse

36 Abruzzi bell town

39 Payment required of known deadbeats

40 1943 penny metal

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50 Awe-ful sound?

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“I can wear whatever I want”

Halloween is fast approaching! A night filled with parties, adventures and creative transformations. It's an overwhelming atmosphere of carefreeness from the stress of school.

In recent years, Halloween costumes have become a topic of debate for cultural appropriation and insensitivity.

Campaigns like “My Culture is not a Costume” are yearly events on college campuses throughout the nation.

Like any movement, these campaigns have drawn backlash from people who ask:

“Why can't I just wear what I want?”

“Why are people being so sensitive?”

“Can we stop being politically correct all the time?”

These questions are ones I hear from those who are told that some costumes aren't acceptable. For some reason, they can't possibly fathom why a Native American would be offended by someone, particularly a white person, wearing a “dead Indian costume” or cultural headdress.

It's almost mind boggling that a population that faced widespread genocide, displacement and forced assimilation would dare take offense when the generational offspring or physical representations of their oppressors parade around in watered-down versions of the very culture they tried to eliminate and decimate.

Maybe they're aware of the inhumanities inflicted on Native Americans, in which case their usual response is “I didn't do it, why must I pay for it?” or “This is America; I can wear whatever I want.” Both statements are inherently problematic for possessing a sense of entitlement, but they display different paths of rationalizations.

The first is “Why am I paying for something I didn't do?”

Quite simply, marginalized people are still living in marginalized conditions. The attempt to detach history from contemporary realities is both careless and overwhelmingly privileged. Everyone is born into a world already shaped for them by history — we are born as agents, whether passive or active, of pre-existing systems. The descendants of these oppressive systems are still experiencing the effects, and you are still reaping the benefits.

The second is good ol' arrogance. Those who take this path of rationalization display their lack of basic interpretive skills to identify a cause-and-effect relationship. It's common that these sets of people just simply do not care, in which case their human empathetic processes are defunct.

Native American costumes are an example of what you shouldn't wear (this applies to everyone, with special attention to white people). Pulling out the “my great-great-grandmother was Cherokee” card to justify your costume, even after knowing you shouldn't wear it, is an indicator that you just might be a stubborn bigot. Fake dreads, blackface, Día De Los Muertos skeletons and sugar skulls, geisha or traditional Desi attires are many more examples.

In summary, if it's someone's culture, it's not your costume. Try being Superman or a zombie. Trust me, you'll live.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Emily Yue, emyue@live.unc.edu



VIEWPOINTS

THE ISSUE: The vote on the future of graduate student governance is Friday. The editorial board invited student leaders to discuss both sides of the issue.

Students are stronger when they're together

I advocated strongly for “Better Together” last year. However, graduate students rejected this plan, and I respect their decision. “Better Together” might not be the right solution, but neither is “Two for Two.” Tearing student government in half will not strengthen student representation on this campus. Defeating this referendum is a matter of preserving self-governance at UNC and the power of student voices. Anything short will yield a major reduction in the power of the student voice.

To explain this, I have to answer: “What does student government do?” The simple answer is a lot. In the current system, both undergraduate and graduate and professional students sit on administrative boards all across campus. Students have a hand in almost every policy, practice and fee we have at UNC, extending as far as a voting seat on the Board of Trustees. This is unique to Carolina. The referenda threatens all of this.

This election doesn't decide the new constitution nor the future structure of student government, as chosen by students. Administration, due to the vast number of responsibilities they've given to student government, will decide who fills what roles and how these systems will be managed. It's been made clear by administration that instead of expanding these roles, it is more likely that they remove these roles from student hands and instead hand them back to administration. Further, this jeopardizes our seat on the Board of Trustees. Gone would be the days that students have a seat and a strong, united voice at the table where the biggest decisions affecting us are made. This level of administrative involvement and reduction of student responsibility is by far the largest risk student self-governance and student voice has seen at UNC.

Proponents of “Two for Two” will argue that the student bodies are too different to be tied together. They will argue that the student government that currently exists doesn't care about the issues of graduate and professional students. This is not true. GPSF is the only agency tied to student government expressly empowered to look out just for their individual needs. Student Congress and the Executive Branch have sat down with GPSF leadership in an attempt to reach compromises to make their voice stronger while continuing to make the student voice stronger. These attempts at compromise have been rejected.

The time has come to say no. This election doesn't solve issues. Whether you are an undergraduate, a graduate or a professional student, a split will hurt you. On Friday, vote no to both to keep Carolina united.



Cole Simons
Speaker of UNC Student Congress

Separation gives all students equal power on campus

Frequently, students email GPSF asking for help paying for medical bills and daycare after unforeseen financial troubles. But GPSF's emergency fund only can help so many students. I love Carolina, but we can do better. This Friday, we are asking the entire student body to vote for “Two for Two,” so that graduate and professional students can have a voice. “Two for Two” ensures that every student will have a government administered by people who understand their life situations and needs. We love Carolina, and this is our attempt to do better.

Student Congress has three individuals representing over 10,000 graduate students. “Two for Two” provides better representation by making the official legislative body for grad students the GPSF Senate, which has 70 active Senators, representing 93 percent of graduate and professional student programs. Congress's structure and schedule work for undergraduates, but long, late-night meetings do not work when most grad students have families to care for or live outside of Chapel Hill.

The current allocation of student fees is inequitable for graduate and professional students. Grad students pay more to Congress than GPSF. Those funds make up 25 percent of Congress' budget, yet Congress only spent 18 percent of its budget on graduate students last year. “Two for Two” ensures the fair allocation of fees by assigning them to the government of those who paid them. With this extra funding, GPSF will be able to expand the emergency fund and provide more funds for academic and conference travel.

Currently, graduate students depend on the undergraduate student body president to voice their issues to the Board of Trustees. “Two for Two” ensures greater representation. Under separate “Two for Two” governments, the Trustees must pursue an option to make representation more equitable. The Board would have to add an additional seat (legal precedent exists), create an ex-officio seat or create a rotating seat like some of our peer institutions.

The opposition claims to preserve the symbolic nature of one student government. But you will never have one student government while the needs and concerns of 37 percent of the student body are consistently ignored. Congress has spent 45 years trying to repress graduate voices by attempting to defund and disband the GPSF, including last year. That's why I'm imploring you to vote for “Two for Two”. Because I love Carolina, and we can do better by voting for “Two for Two”.



Dylan Russell
President of GPSF at UNC

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Cameron Jernigan writes on issues facing Black students.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
“I think it's really wonderful to see the collaboration between the community and students and the botanical gardens.”

Laura Mindlin, on the work Edible Campus is doing at UNC

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT
“If a person wants to be high all day, let them. More high paying jobs for the rest of us.”

Mark, on why weed should be legalized in the United States

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nazi comparisons prevent discourse

TO THE EDITOR:
In response to the Oct. 18 letter “Republicans are not Nazis, obviously,” it should be noted that Mr. Council's passionate defense of the GOP and disgust for ahistorical comparisons contains not only substantial factual errors on the history of National Socialism, but also logical fallacies.

Ostensibly decrying fatuous misuse of history to make cheap political points — which I, as a historian of modern Germany, wholeheartedly agree with — the letter's reference to “Hillary brownshirts” hypocritically suggests that Council feels that wielding the Nazi cudgel is an exclusive monopoly of the Right.

Additionally, the author seems blissfully ignorant of the irony in his self-righteous epistle: baseless accusations of arson perpetrated by the political opposition apparently are just as popular in 2016 as they were in 1933.

Neither Democrats nor Republicans should make superficial comparisons between the Third Reich and contemporary American politics. Intellectually lazy and frequently riddled with errors, hyperbolic references to Nazis are far from heuristic. Instead, they radicalize thinking, prevent productive discourse and ultimately replace critical thinking about the issues facing our polity with smug vitriol. Trump and Clinton are not Hitler.

If one feels absolutely compelled to turn to history to understand our current political scene, I would urge foregoing scouring the internet for specious parallels and instead consider a lesson of 1933 that remains salient: democracy is fragile and requires work. It demands an engaged citizenry committed to upholding the system.

When ignorance, antipathy and extremism replace rigorous discourse, democracies suffer. Pushed to the brink, they disintegrate.

Peter Gengler
Graduate student
History

Education issues are multifaceted

TO THE EDITOR:
I am writing in regards to Danielle Chemtob's article “Spellings addresses NC education concerns at forum,” which details the proceedings of the Carolina Forum hosted by UNC-system President Margaret Spellings and Kati Haycock, CEO of The Education Trust.

This letter is meant to expand on Chemtob's coverage of the meeting and to address concerns conspicuously absent from the proceedings.

Ms. Spellings, President Bush's Secretary of Education, oversaw the initiation of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The article broadly addresses the discussion between Spellings and Haycock, commending the speakers for their agreement that the NCLB offered nascent steps towards solving race gap in education.

While I agree that this act was important for holding schools accountable to minority and low-income students, I strongly believe that it politicized public education in ways that miss the broader democratic assets of a publicly funded system, and thus invoked bureaucratic rather than real education reform.

Reports vary widely as to its relative success at improving test scores, and have had unsavory effects in places like Atlanta where teachers and administrators were charged and convicted of racketeering for cheating. NCLB limited instruction time for non-tested areas like history, science and art.

Such approaches severely restrict education in profound ways, minimizing student achievement by fetishizing test scores as singular measures of growth.

Unfortunately, the article, like the forum, left out a broader view of the problems in education, and was too accepting of bureaucratic solutions to more complex issues that surround the race gap and its implications.

Zoe Vaughan
First-year
Public policy

Protests are necessary

TO THE EDITOR:
In your editorial “Contextualizing violent protests,” you talked about how the problem with Black Lives Matter protests are not the form of protest, but rather the reason for protesting.

These BLM protests are in response to violent acts by police officers, so it should make sense to counter violent actions with violent objections. But the question isn't “Are violent protests okay?” — it's “Why are people protesting?”

The answer to this question is simple: people protest because they feel like they cannot turn to the law to make this situation right.

You're right to claim that protesting is a violent cycle. It is law enforcement that's causing the problem, so it makes sense that the oppressed join together to fight this corrupt system.

I believe they are necessary to raise awareness of the injustice that black people in our society face, and the first step in countering this injustice is recognizing the problem.

Americans have the freedom of assembly, and should take advantage of this right to make our society a better place to live in.

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QuickHits

Early voting

Vote. Vote after you get out of class. Vote during lunch. Vote with green eggs and ham. Vote before class. Vote before work. Vote absentee. Vote while abroad. Vote wherever good times are had (but actually at your polling place). Just please, please get out there and vote. Celebrate your right to do so.

Just try us, Trump

By threatening to sue the women who have accused him of sexual assault, Donald Trump once again proves that “nobody respects women more” than him. Trump and his businesses have been involved in 3,500 lawsuits, so he's the most litigious presidential candidate we've ever had. Donald, please sue us.

Scandal exhaustion

Isn't it sad when the NCAA is telling UNC that its response to the Notice of Allegations is “without merit”? This makes it seem like we might actually receive a punishment. We deserve it — we did cheat for a long time — but it still does not it make any more fun to remain in national headlines.

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