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Competition drives rent up



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A For Rent sign hangs on a house in the Northside neighborhood. In the month of February, rent prices increased by 6 percent in Chapel Hill.

Higher rent prices limit affordable options for community

By Sarah Cheek
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill rent prices are rising — in February, the town saw a 6 percent jump in rent, according to a recent report on rental markets around the country.

The town of Chapel Hill currently ranks as the most expensive rental market in the state. The rent increase is particularly alarming for students and blue

collar workers in the area.

Gina Turner, property manager of Town House Apartments, said Town House's income has doubled since 2010 due to rising rents.

"Rents have gone up significantly in keeping up with the market," Turner said. "If you're too low, people question why you are so cheap."

Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger said about 50 per-

cent of the student population of UNC lives off campus, which drives up housing prices close to campus.

Turner said the steep jump in rent is due to high demand for luxury housing options.

"Competition has driven rates up," she said. "The properties going up are geared towards luxury."

Hemminger said the town of Chapel Hill didn't build multi-fam-

ily homes or apartment complexes for almost 30 years, and is now suddenly allowing for the development of new apartment complexes.

"New construction costs a lot more and land prices are very steep," Hemminger said. "The brand new ones can keep a very steep price because people like new."

Turner said these luxury

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Bills propose earlier start to NC school calendars

The bills would afford individual districts more flexibility.

By Natalie Short
Staff Writer

Two bills introduced in the N.C. legislature might provide more flexibility for public school districts' calendars.

Filed in mid-March, the bills would allow schools to opt to start their school calendars earlier in August.

Currently, state public schools cannot start their school year before the Monday closest to Aug. 26, and they cannot end later than the Friday closest to June 11.

Jeff Nash, spokesperson for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said current law was enacted with beach tourism in mind.

"But how does that impact school districts in Raleigh and Greensboro and Charlotte?" he said.

House Bill 375 would allow local board of educations to adjust any school calendar in their districts to coincide with local community college calendars, so high school students can take college classes in the summer. But the opening date could still be no earlier than Aug. 15.

House Bill 389 would introduce a pilot program to test how a more flexible calendar affects students.

The program would span three school years, and data would be gathered from participating school districts to determine if the calendar changes affect student achievement and summer internship positions.

Results of the program would be evaluated by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Commerce and the UNC School of Government.

David Brown, research director at ncIMPACT in the School of Government, said the school often helps the legislature evaluate pilot programs such as the newly introduced bill.

Nash said public schools that use block scheduling often run into problems with

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Federal court rules on LGBTQ discrimination

The decision said employers cannot discriminate based on sexual orientation.

By Ana Irizarry
Assistant State & National Editor

The 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation violates federal law — marking a first federal ruling on LGBTQ discrimination.

Tuesday's decision said such discrimination violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This section of the law, also called the Equal Employment Opportunity section, prohibits employers from discriminating against employees on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin or religion. The court interpreted discrimination based on sex to include sexual orientation.

Chris Brook, legal director of the N.C. ACLU, said this type of discrimination is part of sex stereotyping: the idea that men and women should act a certain way based on their gender.

"Employers who would choose to fire someone because they're gay are saying that men — real men — are only in relationships with women," he said. "Real women are only in relationships with men."

Steve Nickles, a law professor at Wake Forest University, said there is precedent against sex stereotyping.

"Sex is not just gender," he said. "The Supreme Court, years ago, said that (sex discrimination) includes discrimination against somebody because they don't conform to a gender stereotype."

The court's decision specifically dealt with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, but Brook said it could likely affect other sections of the act as well.

"So that means, if discrimination against gay individuals in the employment context is impermissible per Title VII and its prohibition on discrimination against sex, then it's also going to be unconstitutional to discriminate based on sexual orientation in the Title IX context, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in the educational context," he said.

The ruling only affects the 7th Circuit's jurisdiction — which includes Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin — but it could also affect other circuit court decisions, said Rob Schofield, director of policy and research for N.C. Policy Watch.

This case dealt with specific details involving a gay employee, and Schofield said there are similar arguments to be made in HB2 litigation.

The N.C. Values Coalition, a vocal supporter of HB2, could not be reached for comment.

Schofield said the court's opinion suggests movement toward protections for transgender individuals in Title VII and IX contexts.

"I think this is another strike against discrimination against the gay and lesbian community," Schofield said. "And I think those are similar arguments that we made in our litigation challenging HB2 and we are likely to make in a challenge to HB142."

This is just one of a series of recent rulings on sex discrimination involving the LGBTQ community, he said.

"We've seen the EEOC — the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — arrive at the same conclusion recently," Schofield said.

Nickles said the court's decision takes into account the law and today's societal norms.

"It is an interpretation of existing law but in light of contemporary movements," he said.

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The Arab Student Organization holds a Q&A with director Sam Kadi (center) after a screening of the film "Little Gandhi" in the Student Union auditorium on Wednesday night.

Syrian experience brought to UNC

Sam Kadi's movie 'Little Ghandi' is about the current Syrian conflict.

By Danielle Bush
Staff Writer

The UNC Arab Students Organization welcomed film director Sam Kadi for a free screening of his film, "Little Gandhi," a documentary informing students about the current Syrian conflict, in the Student Union Auditorium on April 5.

The organization's treasurer, first-year Samia Daghestani,

reached out to Kadi to bring the film to UNC.

"I came across the 'Little Gandhi' movie screening and heard that it was happening through the Syrian American Council and they were streaming the 'Little Gandhi' movie across university campuses and I talked to my friend who was the president of the Arab Students Organization and I told her this would be something really interesting to bring to campus," she said.

Daghestani, a Syrian-American, said growing up, she and her sisters always knew they were Syrian, learned Arabic and ate Arabic food. When the Arab

Spring began in 2011, her family watched anxiously as the conflict unfolded thousands of miles from their home.

"As Syrians, we held our hearts in our hands hoping that Syria would come next and the forty years of the brutal dictatorial Assad regime that had exiled both of my parents from the country, that people would rise against him," she said.

"Bringing this movie to campus, yes I am a Syrian-American, but it's not about that anymore. The crisis in Syria is now an issue of my humanity and so bringing this

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“I’m gonna get a lot of shit for this.”

JEREMY VERNON

SWERVE

I went to the NCAA championship game

The drive to Phoenix, Arizona lasted 32 hours, one way.

By Joseph Held
Staff Writer

With a duffle bag containing every UNC clothing item I own, I filed into a rented 12-passenger van headed to Phoenix. Only 10 of us occupied the vehicle's compartment, which made the 32-hour drive slightly more spacious.

However, with no overnight stops, my friends and I had to make do with the black upholstery as our beds for the next two nights. I soon realized this would mean I'd be more contortionist than nighttime sleeper.

Through Oklahoma fields and the when-will-New-Mexico-end slump, we arrived at our final destination at 2 a.m. Saturday. We caught a short five-hour rest in an actual bed, but reentered our temporary home/van to acquire front row seats to the UNC vs. Oregon game.

Amid a low-70s day with Carolina blue skies came the

surreal feeling that we did it — I was there, standing outside the University of Phoenix Stadium. The excitement escalated within me.

Streams of journalists and videographers from every major network circulated the student crowds, asking a few questions and getting clips of them screaming for the camera. My friend joked that we'd need to stay grounded through our newly acquired fame.

Six hours later, standing front row off-center, I watched as our boys battled for a spot in the championship game. The arena was tense with anticipation and nerves until "Final" was projected on the screens. A flood of elation and relief crashed over the student section as we jumped and embraced our classmates.

After a celebratory burger and fries from In-N-Out, we pumped the Clef Hangers' "Blue and White," a Carolina remix of "Black and Yellow" (yes, that really does exist), and drove to the friend-of-a-friend's house where we were staying. The knowledge that we would be back on Monday circulated in our minds.

On Sunday, we jammed to

"Confetti fell, the net was cut and the sound of Tar Heel voices rang clear..."

Joseph Held
Swerve staff writer

"On the Road Again," which had become our custom with every new drive, and drove to the Grand Canyon. With water bottles, PB&Js and off-brand potato chips packed, we found a rocky lookout to picnic for an hour. After days of close quarters with little sunlight, my friends and I soaked in the expansive and breathtaking view of this wonder of the natural world.

A day later, we found ourselves in the line for the championship game, placed conveniently across from the Gonzaga fans — who continuously hollered and cheered, making clear their status as first-timers. As we waited, I painted the faces of my friends in Carolina blue and white and my friends decorated posters making puns off the name of Gonzaga's head basketball coach, Mark



DTH FILE/ALEX KORMANN

Hundreds of students packed their bags and found a way to get to Phoenix to witness the men's basketball team claim the NCAA title.

Few. "Few Cookouts," "Few G.O.A.T.s," "Few Titles" were just a Few (pun intended).

Then came the climax of the previous month's madness, UNC vs. Gonzaga — a fight for the title. Oscillating between heart palpitations and cold sweats, I felt like the game lasted a century.

But as Joel Berry hit the final free throw, our position as winner was secure. A mixture of tears and shouts of joy

filled the stadium. The energy was palpable. Confetti fell, the net was cut and the sound of Tar Heel voices rang clear and true.

A more than 4,000-mile road trip was completely worth it. A dream became a reality, and in the car ride home, we partied like it was 1924, 1957, 1982, 1993, 2005, 2009 and 2017.

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Second annual Hillmatic concert to show hip-hop

(J) Rowdy, Kaze and many more will perform at Local 506.

By Olivia Clark
Staff Writer

It's time for hip-hop on the Hill.

The 2nd annual Hillmatic concert will be on Saturday night at Local 506 to celebrate the hip-hop culture of Chapel Hill.

The event features headliners Camp Lo and A\$AP Ty, who is a producer for A\$AP Rocky, as well as artists (J) Rowdy and the NightShift, Kaze, Defacto Thezplan, FLUent, C. SHREVE FTO and many more.

Doors for the event open at

4 p.m. and will remain open until 2 a.m. In addition to showcasing prominent hip-hop artists from the area, the night will introduce up-and-coming artists as well.

Freedom J. Smith, who performs under the stage name Freedom Infinite, will be performing at Hillmatic with Dean Smiff, a fellow artist and friend. Smith said he wanted to be a part of the event as soon as he heard about it because the hip-hop culture of the city deserves to be embraced.

"It's going to be a mixture of old school hip-hop and new school hip-hop," Smith said. "It is going to be just like watching the Tar Heels just win the championship."

Josh Rowsey, a UNC graduate and founder of the

Pit Cypher, was the original curator of Hillmatic.

He started the event by working with Local 506 and Kaze to create a hip-hop festival on Chapel Hill's side of the Triangle.

Under his stage name (J) Rowdy, Rowsey will be performing in Saturday's event to help show the community the power of hip-hop.

He said he hopes the event will inspire people to understand the influential role that music can play in a person's life.

"Understanding hip-hop culture is to understand where pop culture is," Rowsey said. "To really figure out where the scene is, who has the voice and what people are speaking on is definitely integral to truly understand-

"Understanding hip-hop culture is to understand where pop culture is."

Joshua Rowsey
Hillmatic organizer, UNC graduate, the best

ing where we're at as a society. Hip-hop is usually the outlet that speaks the most truth and each city has its own sort of truth to be spoken."

Last year's Hillmatic was the first event to solely recognize the hip-hop community that exists in Chapel Hill. By laying a foundation for hip-hop in the area, the event inspired more local artists to be a part of the scene this year.

The main goal of the event this year is to prove that Chapel Hill has a strong, powerful hip-hop presence.

Another artist that will be

performing is hip-hop entertainer The Real Laww, whose real name is Johnathan Lawrence Harmon. He said the event should be a fun and entertaining experience for people who appreciate the power of music and that they are expecting a great turnout.

"Music connects everything, especially in the area," he said.

"Music is what's trending now and what has been trending forever. It's just a way of life."

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POLICE LOG

- Someone reported larceny from a vehicle at South Elliott Road at 3:05 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person entered an

unlocked vehicle and stole a firearm and a holster, valued at \$550, reports state.

- Someone attempted larceny from a vehicle on the 100 block of Cameron Court at 7:36 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person was pulling on car door handles, reports state.

- Someone committed vandalism on the 200 block of Conner Drive at 8:00 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person was banging on the door, causing \$200 in damage, refused to leave and

possibly stole a gun, reports state.

- Someone reported vandalism on the 200 block of Carr Street at 11:22 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person slashed a car's tires, causing \$300 in damage, reports state.

- Someone reported larceny on the 100 block of E. Franklin Street at 2:52 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person took items, valued at \$735 total, out of a purse left on a bench at a bar, reports state.

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Local drone policy still up in the air

Carrboro recently banned flying drones over town property

By Isabela Zawistowska
Staff Writer

After Monday's men's basketball national title, thousands of Tar Heel fans rushed Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. Many of them had their phones to capture the fireworks and crowds, while others used drones to get aerial shots.

Chapel Hill resident Justin Eisner received millions of views on his drone footage of people rushing to the intersection of Columbia and Franklin streets, but some Facebook users commented saying he violated Federal Aviation Administration laws.

"I got the drone on Saturday and honestly had no idea about all these rules and regulations," Eisner said. Eisner, concerned he would be penalized, contacted an FAA representative to learn more about the laws.

"If you don't do it again, you can't get in trouble. You can't plead ignorance twice," Eisner said. "With there being so much ambiguity, new technology, not a lot of people know about it — there would be leeway from their standpoint."

He said the representative said that as long as Eisner doesn't use his drone footage for commercial use, he won't get in trouble. Eisner said

he registered with a hobbyist license, which took about five minutes and cost \$5.

"You have to register with the manufacturer first, and then they direct you to the FAA," he said.

He said registering for a commercial license is much more extensive.

"There are so many variables that have not been ironed out," he said. "I guess the mindset of the drone community is to err on the side of caution."

Capt. Joshua Mecimore, spokesperson for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said there are no local ordinances restricting the use of drones in Chapel Hill.

"It could pose a risk, but that is whether there is a need to regulate and that is not for the police department to decide," he said.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen updated the town code on March 21 to include the prohibition of flying drones over town property.

Board of Aldermen member Randee Haven-O'Donnell said this was a matter of safety.

She received a complaint from a Carrboro resident about the lack of drone policy.

"If there are cameras attached, they could look at the property, so you can understand the constituents' concern and I think that's something we have to be mindful of," she said.

Haven-O'Donnell said she spoke with the Carrboro Police Department and opened up a discussion about surveillance and drones hovering over people's homes at a board meeting.

"It is disconcerting because these are remote-controlled and you don't know if they have a camera, so it speaks to the question of drones and surveillance and people feel they



DTH/JANE LITTLE

The town of Chapel Hill has no ordinances or laws regarding drone usage. One was flown over Franklin Street and used to record the rush after the men's basketball team won the NCAA title game. This drone is in Charlotte.

have that sense of vulnerability," she said.

Sgt. David Deshaies of the Carrboro Police Department said if an officer on patrol sees someone operating a drone on town property, the officer would normally give the operator a verbal warning. If the

drone owner doesn't comply, then the owner risks receiving a citation for violation of the town code prohibition on drones.

"We received only two 911 calls regarding drone usage," he said. "It is not a state law violation."

Haven-O'Donnell said the town

has to take technology into consideration when making policy.

"It's a question of how do we craft policy with the awareness of the use of technology and the implications of the use of technology," she said.

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Coffee hours provide time to connect

Students have the chance to ask questions and get attention.

By Tiffani Gibbs
Staff Writer

If students want extra help or one-on-one time with professors, club members or staff, on-campus coffee hours can provide them with in-person interactions. Students have the chance to meet in person to ask questions, improve language skills or connect with people on campus.

Junior Caby Styers said the Society of Undergraduate Anthropologists held its first coffee hour with anthropology professor Michele Rivkin-Fish last week. She said one goal of SUA is to bring faculty and students closer together outside of the classroom and that events featuring food can prevent people from asking questions.

"The coffee hour was really good because it can be scheduled any time during the afternoon really, where a lot of times lunch or dinner kind of have a narrow frame," Styers said.

Senior Hayley Conyers, who attended the SUA Coffee Hour, said it was an intimate and casual experience.

"It was really informal. (Rivkin-Fish) talked to us about her current research and her past research. It was really just a time for questions," Conyers said.

The UNC Center for Global Initiatives holds an International Coffee Hour once a month geared toward international students, but anyone is welcome to come.

Emily Connelly, the office and events coordinator for the center, said the hours help promote diversity and understanding of other people's cultures.

"It gives them a chance to casually talk to people that they wouldn't walk up to and start a conversation with normally," Connelly said.

Iyman Gaspard, program manager for the center, said the coffee hours create an informal space to discuss current events on campus.

"Overall the whole idea behind the international coffee hour was to have international students, scholars and staff who are here at UNC to be more integrated into the community, because they feel more isolated from the rest of the student body," Gaspard said.

The Department of Romance Studies organizes Spanish lunches once a week for students to practice their Spanish conversation skills in the Student Union Wendy's.

Teaching assistant and exchange student Rocío Corral García said the lunches are open to any UNC student. You can bring your lunch or buy lunch from Wendy's, but food is not required to participate.

"Sometimes we just pick a topic randomly," Corral García said. "And it also depends on how many students we get and the level."

American Studies professor Ben Frey hosts Cherokee Coffee Hours every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon in Abernethy Hall. These coffee hours are a time for students to practice the Cherokee language in an informal setting. Frey said a group of four to five students show up consistently throughout the year.

Frey said he pays for the coffee for the



DTH/BARRON NORTHRUP

Emily Connelly, office and events coordinator for the Center for Global Initiatives, organizes the center's International Coffee Hours, where international students and others can have time to chat.

Cherokee Coffee Hours using money from the UNC American Indian Center. He buys the coffee from Tribal Grounds Coffee, a Cherokee business based on tribal lands within western North Carolina.

"We just come in and hang out for an hour in Cherokee," Frey said. "The main idea is to build relationships in the language."

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Trump, Congress change online privacy protections

Protections passed in October under the Obama White House will not take effect.

By Paige Colpo
Staff Writer

President Donald Trump signed legislation Monday repealing the Federal Communications Commission's privacy protections for internet users, which were created in October under the Obama administration but never took effect.

Trump's signature came after the U.S. House voted March 28, largely along party lines, to dismantle the FCC's rules — scheduled to go into effect later this year — after a similar vote in the Senate a week before.

Had they gone into effect, the rules would have prohibited internet providers from collecting and sharing personal information — such as browsing histories, mobile location data and financial or health information — without users' consent.

The repealed FCC rules applied to broadband internet service providers and wouldn't have affected internet-based data collectors like Google or Facebook. This means, under the repealed regulations, users would have had to give providers like Verizon or AT&T explicit permission before those companies could use their information for advertising purposes.

Critics said the rules gave internet data collectors an advantage over broadband counterparts.

The White House said in a statement that it supported overhauling the FCC's privacy rules.

"The rule departs from the technology-neutral framework for online privacy administered by the

Federal Trade Commission," the statement said. "This results in rules that apply very different regulations based on the identity of the online actor."

With the president's signature, ISPs will now be able to compete fully with internet data miners in an \$83 billion market for digital advertising.

Many broadband companies have expressed their approval of the deregulation.

Bob Quinn, AT&T's senior executive vice president of external and legislative affairs, said in a statement that rescinding the rules will not affect consumer privacy protection.

"AT&T's privacy protections are the same today as they were five months ago when the FCC rules were adopted," he said in the statement. "We had the same protections in place the day before the Congressional resolution was passed..."

The statement said ISPs like AT&T are still governed by Section 222 of the Communications Act, which states that telecommunications carriers have a duty to protect the confidentiality of their customers' information and prohibits them from using that information for their own advertising efforts.

Trump's FCC chairperson, Ajit Pai, called the repealed FCC regulations an "overreach" in a statement. He said the Federal Trade Commission, not the FCC, should be the one regulating ISPs' data-mining practices.

"In my view, the best way to achieve that result would be to return jurisdiction over broadband providers' privacy practices to the FTC, with its decades of experience and expertise in this area," Pai said.

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RISE brings UNC graduate to speak

Donovan Livingston's speech at Harvard went viral in 2016.

By Cy Neff
Staff Writer

Donovan Livingston made the world listen to him in 2016. Now he is coming to UNC to speak.

In May 2016, Livingston, a 2009 UNC graduate, performed a spoken word poem at his graduation ceremony from the Harvard Graduate School of Education titled "Lift Off," a poem chronicling racial divisions and struggles in contemporary society. In the months after, Livingston's speech went viral, viewed and shared hundreds of thousands of times.

On Friday, Livingston is coming to UNC to give a speech as part of Carolina R.I.S.E.'s Speaker Series. The series brings graduates to campus to network with students and provide role models. The series aims to demonstrate the variety of life paths open to current UNC students.

The event on Friday is in collaboration with UNC's Movement of Youth, which Livingston is a former member of. Livingston served as a mentor to younger UNC students through the organization.

Movement of Youth President Tonesha Curenton said mentoring continues to serve a vital role in the Movement of Youth program, long after Livingston left UNC.

"Giving back to youth, helping them prepare, you work with students of color, usually like minorities, and some of the resources aren't available to minorities," Curenton said. "Having a role model or

"I hope he'll talk about his experiences at Carolina and leaving Carolina ..."

Jaylyn Perry
R.I.S.E. president

someone older to look up to is really important."

R.I.S.E. attempted to bring Livingston in as a speaker in 2016, but conflicting schedules did not let that happen.

Livingston will also be selling copies of his new book at the speech. R.I.S.E. plans for the speech to encourage discussion.

Livingston completed his undergraduate degree at UNC and went on to study at Harvard University, Columbia University and UNC-Greensboro.

"I hope he'll talk about his experiences at Carolina and leaving Carolina and attending Ivy League universities and what the differences are for him," R.I.S.E. President Jaylyn Perry said.

"We're definitely getting into the nuances of his minority identity as a black male and how that shapes his experiences as well. We'll definitely be talking about his experiences."

R.I.S.E. member Kenya Lee said she was moved by Livingston's past work and considers him to be an inspiration.

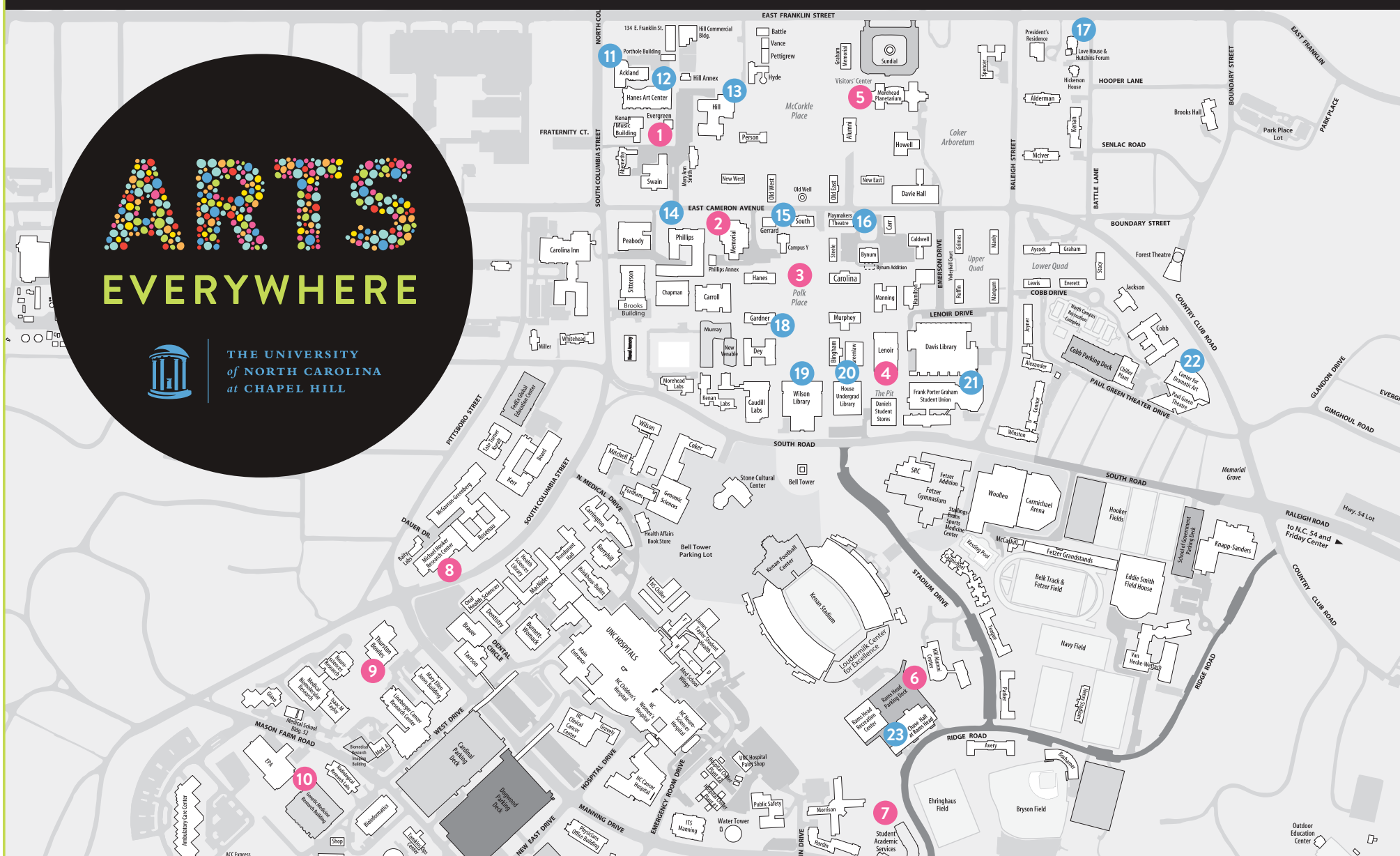
"I think that he's a very inspirational alumnus, and I wish I could be there, but I think his speech will be — I think it's really timely and I'm really excited that they got him to come in," she said.

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ARTS EVERYWHERE DAY // FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Schedule
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Campus Keys

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Live Mural Painting with Luke Miller Buchanan

Polk Place 3

Lamar Whidbee Exhibition

Hanes Art Center 12

Screenings by Carolina Film Assoc. & Carolina Animators Anonymous

Carolina Union & The Pit 21 4

Afternoon

Performances by Flying Silk, UNC Cypher,
UNC Walks-Ons, & PlayMakers Repertory Company

The Pit 4 // TIME 12:00-1:00PM

Live DJ'ing with WXYC & Social Dancing with Omni Carolina

Chase Dining 23 // TIME 12:00-1:00PM

Paint the Arts Everywhere Day Mural Wall

The Pit 4 // TIME 12:00-4:00PM

Dumpster Monster Installation with Robin Frohardt

Undergraduate Library 20 // TIME 12:00-4:00PM

Pendulum Snake Demos by Math and Physics Depts.

Phillips Hall 14 // TIME 12:00-4:00PM

Live Music Pop-Ups at 9 Outdoor Sites:

Evergreen House 1 / Memorial Hall 2 / Gardner Hall 18 / Polk Place 3 / Morehead Planetarium 5 / Student Academic Services Bldg. 7 / Michael Hooker Research Center 7 / Thurston-Bowles Courtyard 9 / Genetic Medicine Research Bldg. Courtyard 10 // TIME 12:05-12:20PM

Reception for *Fear of a Black Matter*:

Political Cartoons by Keith Knight

Love House 17 // TIME 1:00-3:00PM

Open Studio led by Undergraduate Art Association

Polk Place 3 // TIME 1:00-4:00PM

Live Music Pop-Ups at 7 Outdoor Sites

Evergreen House 1 / Memorial Hall 2 / Gardner Hall 18 / Polk Place 3 / The Pit 4 / Rams Head Plaza 6 / Student Academic Services Bldg. Courtyard 7 // TIME 1:10-1:25PM

Capoeira Workshop led by Frederico Castellões

Polk Place 3 // TIME 1:30PM

Behind-the-scenes Ackland Art Museum tour

Ackland Art Museum 11 // TIME 2:00PM & 2:30PM

Live Music, Dance and Improv Pop-Ups at 9 Outdoor Sites

Kenan Music Building 1 / Memorial Hall 2 / Polk Place 3 / Gardner Hall 18 / The Pit 4 / Morehead Planetarium 5 / Rams Head Plaza 6 / Student Academic Services Bldg. Courtyard 7 / Michael Hooker Research Center 8 // TIME 2:15-2:30PM

Live Music and Dance Pop-Ups at 8 Outdoor Sites

Evergreen House 1 / Memorial Hall 2 / Polk Place 3 / Wilson Library 19 / Rams Head Plaza 6 / Student Academic Services Bldg. Courtyard 7 / Michael Hooker Research Center 8 / Thurston-Bowles Courtyard 9 // TIME 3:20-3:35PM

Larger-than-life Puppets with Maker-in-Residence
Donovan Zimmerman & Students

Historic Playmakers Theater 16 // TIME 3:30PM

Evening

Performances by Kenan Theatre Co., PlayMakers Repertory Co., UNC Opera & UNC Baroque Ensemble and more.

RENT
FROM PAGE 1

apartments don't seem to be geared toward the student population because of the steep prices, nor toward families because of their location along Franklin Street.

"People with families are not gonna come here and pay that kinda rent with two kids and a dog, long term," Turner said.

Hemminger said big growth for the Durham area has also made rent more expensive for everyone, not just Chapel Hill residents.

"It's easier for develop-

ers to get investors' interest when they're building luxury versus when they are building something more affordable," Hemminger said.

Many students have been attracted to Northside, a historically African-American neighborhood, because of its lower rent and location near campus. Northside has been experiencing a mass loss of home ownership due to an increase in demand for student rentals.

C.J. Adisa, a retired resident of Chapel Hill and house owner in Northside, said the neighborhood used to have

families, but now it feels like a neighborhood split between families and students.

"We can't actually blame the students," Adisa said. "It's a lack of housing for the students, but it's taking away from having neighborhoods instead of bedroom communities."

UNC sophomore Reilly Gallagher said she is planning on living in the Northside neighborhood next year because it was an affordable option closer to campus.

"I actually decided to move off campus because of how much it costs to live in the dorms," Gallagher said.

Adisa said she is concerned that African-American families are no longer able to buy in the neighborhood.

"I'm concerned that Chapel Hill is not looking out for the people who are not upper-middle class people," Adisa said. "Blue collar people deserve to be able to buy houses in the area."

Hemminger said town staff have continued to look for sites for affordable housing and are planning to help purchase homes in the Northside neighborhood to provide relief for the community — a process called land banking.

"Blue collar people deserve to be able to buy houses in the area."

C.J. Adisa
Northside resident

Adisa said she wants to see housing for both students and families, but not one at the expense of the other.

"I'd like to see neighborhoods remain neighborhoods where people interact as opposed to becoming bedroom communities for students," Adisa said.

Hemminger said the town of Chapel Hill hired more

people to work in the affordable housing department at town hall to start planning to increase affordable housing.

"We've been assessing and trying to figure out a plan," Hemminger said. "First you have to figure out where you are before you can figure out where you're going."

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current law.

Due to the late start, some high schools do not finish their fall semester until mid-January, he said. Students

who want to graduate early and begin taking college classes are inconvenienced by different college calendars.

"It's bad legislation for a whole lot of reasons, and we would love to see it go away," Nash said.

Natalie Van Genderen, a UNC sophomore who attended Athens Drive High School in Raleigh, ran into conflicts with the school calendar and her summer plans.

Van Genderen works at Don Lee Camp in Arapahoe,

N.C., and during her junior year of high school, she had to miss the last few days of school to attend a camp training program.

"It was very frustrating that I knew while I was at the first week of camp that everyone

else was still at school," she said.

Nash said similar changes have been proposed ever since the current law was introduced — but none have passed.

"We would love to see flexibility restored to the school

districts as it used to be, when the school districts could decide for themselves when they want to start and end the school year for what works in their community," he said.

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movie is helping to spread awareness about this issue and letting people know about the roots of the uprising is just so important."

Junior and UNC Arab Students Organization Vice President Nur Massry said, especially with the chemical attacks that have been going on this week in Syria, it is

more necessary to have this screening on campus.

"A lot of people know about the Syrian War but are so detached from it, so having this screening will allow students to see what sparked the civil war and give students a chance to interact with the director that was able to show all the nitty gritty stuff that's happening over there," she said. "It's definitely current, it's definitely something that's

"... bringing this movie is helping to spread awareness about this issue."

Samia Daghestani
Treasurer of UNC Arab Students Organization

going on right now and is even more relevant this week than any other week."

The \$1,500 honorarium required to screen the movie and the costs to fly in the director were funded

through the Arab Students Organization, the Global Studies and Peace, War and Defense programs and other campus sponsors.

Senior and Arab Students Organization President

Khadiga Konsouh said she wants people to walk away knowing what's going on and wanting to do something or change something about it.

"The number one thing I hope students take away from watching this is the pressing humanitarian crisis of our generation, which is the Syrian crisis. This is really about doing those action items and calling your congressmen (and) representatives and urge

them to take action on what's going on and not just stay silent on it," she said.

"Instead of just having people know the Syrian Revolution is going on, we want people to really feel it and have that actually in a way, impact you, as it is impacting several millions of people who are affected by it every day."

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Q&A with UNC librarian Amanda Henley

Amanda Henley is the head of digital research services in Davis Library. She assists students with their research and technology needs. Today the library will host a showcase of the new Research Hub at Davis Library to show the new technology and how students can use it for their research. Staff Writer Myah Ward talked to Henley about her role at Davis Library and why the services offered at the Research Hub are important.

Daily Tar Heel: What kinds of responsibilities does your job entail?

Amanda Henley: I manage a group of five full-time employees. We are librarians and technology specialists, and we have about five student workers. They are student consultants and my unit helps support the services that are offered in the Davis Library Research Hub.

DTH: What kind of services are offered in the Davis Library Research Hub?

AH: Traditionally, Davis supports people in the humanities and social sciences, so we help people with all kinds of things. So digital research that is done in those disciplines.

So for example, we help

people with visualization, mapping and text analysis, finding, acquiring, cleaning, using tabular and spatial data, so all kinds of things. We also do quite a bit of programming here, so we have workshops and events.

DTH: What are your goals and plans for digital research at UNC?

AH: In terms of my unit here in Davis Library, we only recently just hired our data visualization services librarian in August, and she's really hit the ground running and is doing a great job. We are going to continue building up those services.

We're also hoping to hire a new librarian to join the staff. They'll be a digital scholarship specialist. That person's really going to help us reach out to the humanities a little bit more and support digital humanities and a lot of the great work that's already going on here with that.

And we're going to be adding more software to our public lab that we have here, continuing to grow our relationships with our campus partners like the Center for Faculty Excellence and the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science.

DTH: Why should students care about digital research and



Amanda Henley, head of digital research services in Davis Library, stands in front of an image of Chapel Hill on the library's Liquid Galaxy.

know about these resources?

AH: I think the library is a great place to offer these types of services because we're not affiliated with any one department or school, so the library's a great place for anyone to come. It's also a good place to help people with their interdisciplinary scholarship because of that.

We have really great spaces and technology and expertise. So oftentimes, you may not get as much technical training as you may want, as much hands on work with the software and stuff like that, but the workshops that are provided in the library really help with that.

DTH: Why is your job here at UNC important to you?

AH: I've been at UNC for a long time, and I worked as a GIS librarian before this. I am convinced of how important it is.

I know that the work we have done here over the years has helped students in their

careers, has helped faculty in their research and I know that we provide a very important role here.

And we help people get the resources that they need and also use them with the different technology that they need.

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Raleigh ranks among the top 20 cities nationwide for installed solar per capita. Pictured are solar panels near Maple View Farm.

Raleigh ranks 20th in US in solar

By Eric Schwartz
Senior Writer

Raleigh ranked 20th in the nation in installed solar per capita and is second in the South Atlantic region, according to a new report by PennEnvironment Research and Policy Center.

Raleigh outpaces cities like Boston, St. Louis and Washington D.C. in installed solar per capita, the report said.

In the South Atlantic, the state falls behind only Wilmington, D.E. The report, "Shining Cities," said there is enough estimated installed solar in America to power 8.3 million homes.

Robert Hinson, renewable energy coordinator for the city of Raleigh, said in a conference call with report-

ers that Raleigh advocates through action. The town has adopted policies that ensure low-permitting costs have helped the city install 2.3 megawatts of solar PV.

"We've had to take advantage where we can," he said.

The city has equipped what Hinson called "underutilized" facilities with solar, including a park operations building, a convention center, a water treatment plant, a solid-waste center and a transit operations facility.

Growth in the solar industry has continued in the state, despite action by the General Assembly that ended tax credits for a majority of projects. Senate Bill 372, passed in 2015, extended tax incentives only for projects substantially completed by Jan. 1, 2016.

Bob Kingery, co-founder of Southern Energy Management, said declining solar costs — down 40 percent over the last four years — have helped offset the loss of the expired tax credits.

There was a spike in residential solar applications in 2015, Hinson said, stemming from people hoping to take advantage of the tax credits before they expired. And while applications were down 2016, they were still higher than in 2014. As more people turn to solar, Hinson said it becomes a normalized option.

The ability for consumers to sell energy they generate from solar panels back to the grid is novel and presents technical challenges, Kingery said.

"There's sort of an American value in this concept of energy independence," he said.

While environmental impacts and an influx of job creation in the solar sector are important factors to consider, Kingery said the decreasing cost of energy is ultimately the largest motivator driving residential and commercial solar.

Solar has been one of the fastest growing energy sectors in recent years nationwide, he said.

"People are looking at the economics and saying 'this really makes good sense, I want to do this,'" Kingery said.

In recent years, solar has garnered bipartisan support, when it once didn't, he said.

"This is not fringe any longer."

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Nonprofit will build affordable housing options

By Grace Caroline Larcade
Staff Writer

CASA, a nonprofit that builds affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness, is celebrating its 25th anniversary by building more affordable housing options in Carrboro.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen gave CASA a \$357,208 grant on March 21 to help pay for a portion of the land to start the project, which will be on South Merritt Mill Road.

Chief Executive Officer Debra King said this is the largest construction project CASA has embarked on since it started.

"The individuals this new housing operation serves are low-wealth individuals who are homeless for a variety of reasons, whether it be disability or veterans," King said. "As a result of that, their lives were impacted and their ability to come back and have typical civilian life is impacted."

King said the idea for the project came from homeless residents that CASA helped in the past.

"Our staff knew that they couldn't help them behaviorally if their basic needs weren't being met and they were on the street," King said.

She said there are currently more than 1,400 people on the waiting list for these affordable apartments.

"Communities are at their very best when comprised of a variety of people with a variety of incomes and backgrounds," King said. "CASA will give them a chance to be their best selves."

The funding for this new project comes from a variety of sources. CASA staff members donated 30 percent of their own wages toward this project. Within the past three years, King said CASA has also encouraged the community to donate.

"We are only able to do what we need to do in Carrboro and Chapel Hill if the community helps us out by responding, donating and giving. It is a really important thing for the mission and growth we plan to have," she said.

Board of Aldermen member Bethany Chaney said she was excited about the project.

"It represents a big investment on the side of Carrboro and Chapel Hill, a lot bigger than we have done in the past," she said.

"It enables us to make an investment in the way that we as council members promised in our strategy for affordable housing in Carrboro."

Chapel Hill Town Council members expressed both excitement and reservations about the project.

"I am thrilled that we are going to have what sounds like a significant workforce project coming up in Chapel Hill," Town Council member Nancy Oates said.

Town Council member Maria Palmer said Carrboro needs to be flexible with accommodating these new apartment buildings in case of possible rezoning in Chapel Hill.

"Land is at a premium in Chapel Hill and if we want to preserve the town's rural areas and parks, we have to be careful," she said.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 -- Balance health and work today and tomorrow. Plan educational exploration over the next three months, with Saturn retrograde. Create itineraries, file applications and reserve tickets.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 -- Fun and romance take priority through tomorrow. For the next few months, with Saturn retrograde, financial discipline pays extra dividends. Strengthen foundations and structures.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 7 -- For three months, with Saturn retrograde, strengthen bonds between partners. Collaborative projects undergo revision. Resolve old misunderstandings. Focus on home and family today and tomorrow.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 9 -- Write, research and network through tomorrow. Revise health and work practices over the next three months, with Saturn retrograde. Go back to what worked before.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 -- Lay low and rest today and tomorrow. Edit and revise your communications over three months, with Saturn retrograde. Indulge nostalgic retrospection. Adapt to new circumstances.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 -- Enjoy a two-day party phase. Exert budgetary discipline, with Saturn retrograde for three months. Return to basic financial priorities. Review and reconcile accounts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

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Editor's Note

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We're gonna stick around

I always had a feeling I would end up in journalism. Growing up, newspapers were always strangely a part of my life even though I didn't personally know any journalists. My home is near where famous journalist Edward R. Murrow was born — a fact almost any of my friends know because I mention it a lot. I remember watching the movie “*Good Night, and Good Luck*” about Murrow and thinking it was so cool that we came from the same rural area.

My grandfather delivered newspapers toward the end of his life for The Independent Tribune. At my grandparents' house there were always papers lying around or extra coupons. My mom read The Greensboro News & Record every day.

The news was always there, but it wasn't until I first saw my byline in this paper that I thought this might be something I could do for a living. Now, three years later, I am gearing up to run this paper as editor-in-chief. I know already that I am going to be leading over a year of great change for this paper — which can be pretty scary to think about.

But I think back to writing my first article. I didn't know what I was doing. If left alone, my first story would have been incomprehensible and probably riddled with errors. The thing is, I wasn't alone. The wonderful University Desk editors were there to help me. The staff of this paper inspired me to keep trying at journalism, and now as I am an incoming editor-in-chief, they continue to do so.

A lot of issues are facing The Daily Tar Heel. I am going to be honest — just like all newspapers, we have financial difficulties as we transition to reaching most of our readers online. Sometimes, I feel like we are at the bottom of a mountain that will be near impossible to climb. Papers much bigger and more well-known than us have already gone under or sold out due to financial constraints. Even major national news outlets cannot figure out a sustainable model for online advertising.

However, The Daily Tar Heel isn't one of those papers. What we have in this office is special, and it is worth fighting for. As I am sitting in the DTH office writing this, I can hear the hum of dozens of dedicated staffers and editors willing to do whatever it takes to make this paper last forever.

The national championship edition of this paper was a huge money maker, but it wouldn't have been if we didn't have people working around the clock — often doing non-journalism, manual labor to make sure the paper made it to as many UNC fans as possible.

That is just one example of how great the people who work here are, and it shows how much spirit and drive this paper has.

We are gearing up for a major fight to save this paper, and I know I personally cannot do much. But as a collective of passionate students, this paper is going to continue to operate. Our people are not the kind to give up.

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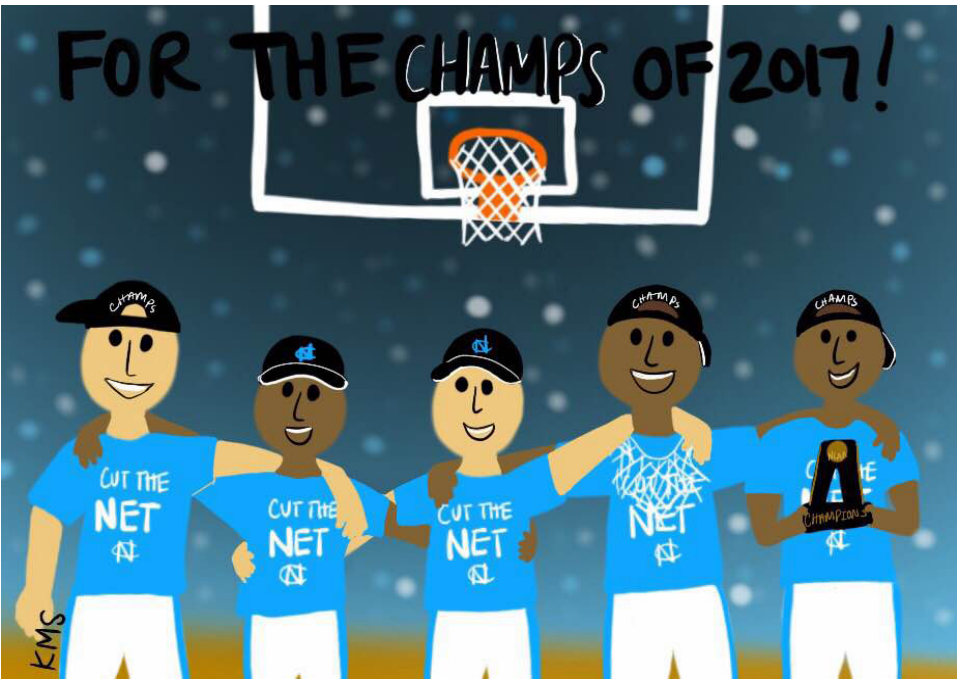
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VIEWPOINTS

THE ISSUE: North Carolina is considering raising the legal smoking age to 21 — treating tobacco the same as alcohol. If passed, purchasing by or selling tobacco products to minors would be a class 2 misdemeanor. People disagree as to whether this is an effective public health measure or a restriction on freedom.

Teenage smoking is a major public health issue

One of the largest factors in addiction is starting early; having just one cigarette during childhood doubles the likelihood of later addiction. Indeed, 85 percent of daily cigarette smokers started smoking before they were 21. Kids get their cigarettes primarily from friends. Raising the age of legal purchase to above the average age of high school graduation would dry up that source.

Moving up the legal age to at least 19 just makes sense. By then, most students have graduated high school and won't be able to



Georgia Brunner
Senior board member

give their younger friends access. Eighteen, the current legal age of purchase in North Carolina and in most states, is arbitrary at best.

Further, research shows that raising the age to 21 would have significant public health benefits. People born between 2000 and 2019 would see a decrease in

4.2 million total years of life lost. Finally, the tobacco industry is just plain evil. Tobacco farms rely significantly on child and teen labor, leading to numerous negative consequences including widespread nicotine poisoning, snake bites and heat exhaustion. Big tobacco also continues to target kids, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and now through E-Cigs. Despite careful regulations to reduce the impact of these ads, they seem to be working as teen use of E-Cigs continues to skyrocket.

Finally, reducing the number of people allowed to smoke simply reduces the amount of second-hand smoke out in the world, leading to better public health for all. I'm not in love with this bill — I'd much prefer a legal purchasing age of 19 — but I'd honestly rather it go higher than stay where it is.

Raising age is a swipe at poor young adults

The health risks of smoking, even to smokers, are accepted as reality. Yet to paraphrase Žižek, we know what we are doing. We choose to do it anyway.

Around 15 percent of American adults currently continue to smoke cigarettes in the face of a relatively constant rate of decline in the practice. Those who do are disproportionately poor and uneducated. Smoking is now a thoroughly classed activity, which of course explains a large bit of the ideological vigor with which smokers are currently gone after. It seems for upper middle class busybodies, low wages and dim prospects are not enough punishment for the masses. What small pleasures one can take in a day, cigarettes particularly, should be snatched out of the hand too. If one is upper or upper middle class and dares to smoke, betraying the



Chris Dahlie
Graduate student board member

class, they are often viciously accosted or more politely isolated outside of events or meetings. The joke is on the busybodies: outside, smoking, is where the coolest people inevitably meet.

Make no mistake. These age-raising bills won't stop kids from smoking. If one wants to smoke at 14, one finds a way. But they will criminalize more poor young adults, expanding probable cause for street stops, getting more people involved in the criminal justice system, and so forth. For all of you reading who flout the drinking age, do you appreciate being criminalized? Do you want that expanded? Do you feel you are old enough to drink if you are old enough to vote and die? Then fight against this expansion of the same smothering political instinct that more than anything creates a booming fake ID market. Smoke 'em if you got 'em.



QuickHits



We won!

To all the haters who didn't believe in this team, who is laughing now?



We won, and you look like fools. Especially, to the Duke fans

who are saying “we beat you all twice” — first off, it's y'all. Second, y'all got out of the tournament so early, we had to look up which round you lost in because it was so long ago.

Attaboy, Roy



Roy Williams is a great coach, human, leader and advocate. He says what he believes, and we should all applaud him for

it. Thank you for choosing us, Roy. Thank you for being a friendly coach who we can be proud of, even if we didn't win a ton of games. You deserve all the praise you are getting.

Real heroes

Please thank the people who kept students safe during rushing, who cleaned up after and who kept the town functioning the next



day as people poured into the area to celebrate. They deserve way more credit than we can ever give them, but seriously, thank you to everyone who served the community after the win.

So long, farewell



Gonzaga, you played a bad game. You didn't give it your all. You lost. Your season ended in sadness. To paraphrase Lincoln, people will not

long remember what you did and will forget your season. How does it feel? Not great, right? They say failure is a part of life, but at least this year, we don't know if that's true.

Bandwagoners

The first down thumb was mostly non-UNC fans. This



down thumb is to the UNC fans who doubted us. We don't know much about

basketball, but we knew our boys in Carolina Blue could do it. You get to celebrate, but feel bad. We expect apologies from all of y'all who doubted — not to us, but to the team who won.

Play ball

UNC's basketball season has come to an end, but the Durham Bulls' season is just starting. Baseball is a great sport, and the Bulls'

games are a ton of fun. As this semester comes to a close, be sure to head to a game with your friends and enjoy this spring weather. Also, wear UNC colors in case you see Duke fans.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A dream became a reality, and in the car ride home, we partied like it was 1924, 1957, 1982, 1993, 2005, 2009 and 2017.”

Joseph Held, on driving to Phoenix to see UNC win

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“No true Scotsman would mail his senator.”

Mark, on reaching out to Sen. Richard Burr

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Art makes us, and the campus, better

TO THE EDITOR:

With lovely spring weather upon us, it's hard to imagine UNC's campus appearing any more beautiful.

However, the recent additions of Los Trompos (giant, colorful, spinning tops), painted pianos and pop-up musical performances have launched Carolina's outdoor aesthetics to an entirely new level.

These engaging installations (with many more to come in the week) are fragments of the greater “Arts Everywhere” initiative, a campus-wide arts celebration supported by the Chancellor's Office. As noted on the University's website, the initiative is founded upon the following four principles:

1. The arts are for everyone.
2. Every space can be a creative space.
3. The arts create and share new meaning.
4. Curiosity and discovery enrich daily life.

As an arts and humanities student, these statements are tenets of my daily life. They are — personally — unobjectionable, and guide not only my academic pursuits, but also my interactions with others and the world. I know many other arts and humanities students who feel the same way.

I was quite unaware, until now, that the University felt the same way.

I do not mean to suggest that Carolina isn't an arts-friendly place; I believe any artist or arts-enthusiast can find support, inspiration and a community at Carolina.

Still, the nature of this initiative (in conjunction with past experiences as an arts student at Carolina) forces me to question the University's dedication to those aforementioned “founding principles.”

To illustrate a few of these concerns:

1. The initiative was created by the Chancellor's Office with (to the best of my knowledge) little to no input from the general student body about how the arts could be better integrated in their lives and spaces. Though student arts groups are involved in the unfolding activities of the week, I can't help but wonder how many — if any — students were directly involved in the designing of the initiative. This sort of top-down construction does not indicate a real dedication to the artistic needs and desires of the student body, but rather seems to be the University's method of branding itself as a “supporter of the arts.”
2. The University has shown before that, in fact, not every space is a creative space, with any form of

undesigned or — God forbid — protest artwork being quickly removed from campus. Students have attempted to compromise with the administration before, in advocating for a “free expression” area on campus, to no avail.

3. The initiative culminates on April 7, with no indication of a path toward ensuring the longevity of — and protections for — student arts programs at Carolina.

Do not get me wrong, I love Los Trompos and colorful pianos as much as anyone, but I do not love the idea of a student body unable to participate in designing an initiative that supposedly exists for “everyone.”

Even less do I love the idea of a university that exploits student artists and arts groups to bolster its own public image.

There have been artists and art groups at Carolina since its inception, and they won't be gone after April 7.

Hopefully, the University's support will stick around too.

Archer Boyette
Senior
Art History

Tears of sorrow became tears of joy

TO THE EDITOR:

In Dean Smith's vision for players on the court to have one heartbeat, a special group of individuals created beauty from a memory that once made us weep.

From someone who understands the art of the comeback, Michael Jordan once said in an interview with Craig Sager: “Everything works out for the best.”

All of us gravitate toward the power of will because we remember those moments in life feeling helpless.

The desire of Coach Roy Williams on a Texas night wishing to do more, it's a moving sentiment for everyone as we feel and think with our hearts and minds.

When it comes to giving forth effort the next time around, there is a shared universal consciousness amongst us humans as a species and society that stems from a desire to strive to be better, to become something more. Its not so much about redemption as it is inspiration.

In not allowing the sports world to believe that last season's ending was the final chapter to be written, these guys who wear the right shade of blue showed us that in any story we can always take back the narrative.

At THE University of North Carolina, we got the opportunity to connect more as a school as everyone together can now identify, relate to and remember that on April 3, 2017, tears of sorrow became tears of joy. Tar ... Heels!

Piran Jadali
Class of '09

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