

Kappa Delta costumes spur controversy

Two partygoers seemed to imitate homeless people at a Netflix party.

By Dylan Tastet
Staff Writer

Two people attended a Kappa Delta sorority party in February dressed in flannel shirts with cardboard signs that read, “Will Twerk 4 Topperz,” and, “Need Drinks. Please Help. God Bless.” Pictures of the costumes were posted on social media shortly afterward.

Aaron Bachenheimer, director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement, said the Panhellenic Council approved the party’s theme, which was “You are what you Netflix.”

“It’s essentially like ‘come as your own TV show,’ so that didn’t strike Panhellenic as problematic, nor would it have stricken me as a problematic theme,” Bachenheimer said.

In a letter to the editor of the The Daily Tar Heel, Regan Buchanan and Lauren Eaves, Campus Y co-presidents-elect, condemned the students for their costumes’ similarity to the dress of homeless people on Franklin Street, who often display cardboard signs to ask for donations.

Maggie Rutherford, president of Kappa Delta, said in an email Kappa Delta is disappointed by the actions of the partygoers. She said the partygoers are remorseful and apologetic, and the sorority is looking into more education on cultural sensitivity.

Bachenheimer said the partygoers did not intentionally dress as homeless people but as characters from the CBS show “2 Broke Girls.”

“At best, they made a really poor choice, and their costume was poorly selected and inappropriate,” he said. “So I don’t disagree with the letter and the gist of what those two folks wrote about the costume.”

He said he had trouble seeing what the costume had to do with the show “2 Broke Girls.”

“I’ve never seen the show, but I know they don’t dress that way,” he said. “I know they don’t hold signs, and I know they’re not homeless.”

Bachenheimer said Kappa Delta will deal with this issue internally and will not face disciplinary review from the University because an individual member and her guest wore the costumes.

“I know they’re communicating with their national office to determine if there is anything else that needs to be done,” he said.

Eaves and Buchanan said while they don’t regret writing the letter, they think it could have been written differently. Buchanan said she wants the Campus Y to be a place where people can ask questions about social justice.

“We were upset and very offended, but at the same time I realize that the tone was a bit harsh,” Buchanan said. “For that reason, I think we might have scared a few people away.”

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Hillsborough’s racing past



DTH/KATIE WILLIAMS

The Occoneechee Speedway used to be a thriving NASCAR track in the ‘50s and ‘60s until the state government banned racing on Sundays.

The Occoneechee Speedway was conceived in 1947

By Ryan Salchert
Staff Writer

With two races of the 2016 NASCAR season already in the books, some might not realize Orange County’s place in the history of auto racing.

Hillsborough’s Occoneechee Speedway was once a thriving NASCAR track in the ‘50s and ‘60s until clergies, along with state government, banned racing on Sundays.

“The races were the biggest thing in Orange County besides Tar Heel football games,” said Frank Craig, a Hillsborough native who started going to races at Occoneechee in 1957.

A 5-year-old Craig remembers the races as “fast, dusty and noisy.”

Today, the track is a walking

trail and registered with the National Register of Historic Places, owned and managed by the Classical American Homes Preservation Trust.

The trust also manages Ayr Mount, an old plantation house also in the NRHP, which sits just across the Eno River from the speedway.

Bill Crowther, site manager at Ayr Mount, has been looking over the property since it was purchased in 1997.

“We originally bought the property to preserve the view of Ayr Mount,” Crowther said.

“After we researched the track, we realized its history and sought the National Register.”

The early days

The track was conceived

in 1947 by Bill France Sr., the co-founder of NASCAR, who spotted an old horse track during a flyover of Orange County.

The property was previously owned by Carrboro’s namesake, Julian Carr.

The mile-oval dirt track held its first race on June 27, 1948, with Fonty Flock taking the checkered flag.

The race, NASCAR’s third ever, was a crucial test for France and the sport.

“Would they have had cup racing without that race? Probably not,” said Bill Blair Jr., High Point native and son of former driver Bill Blair Sr.

Bill Blair Jr., raced at Occoneechee 10 times between 1949 and 1958.

When France saw the support the first race at

Occoneechee received, Bill Blair Jr. said he knew he was onto something.

By 1950, there were 15,000 spectators coming to races, paying \$2 for infield seats and \$3 for the grandstands.

“Some races had overflow crowds, probably closer to 19,000,” Bill Blair Jr., said. He said he watched his first race at Occoneechee Speedway in 1949 at age 10.

“People were spilling onto the track, and some races had to be delayed.”

Bill Blair Sr., born in 1911, was one of seven boys and had a rebellious spirit even as a young man.

“My dad use to haul moonshine,” Bill Blair Jr., said.

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‘My favorite senior group I’ve ever had’

MEN’S BASKETBALL

NORTH CAROLINA 75
SYRACUSE 70

By Carlos Collazo
Senior Writer

Roy Williams couldn’t tell you about the details of the game.

The details were the least important thing in the world. It was Senior Night. Marcus Paige, Brice Johnson and Joel James took the floor for the final time in their Tar Heel careers.

Winning — that was important.

“I don’t know that I’ve ever felt as much stress over a regular season game as I did tonight,” said Williams after beating Syracuse 75-70. “That was maybe more important than any game I’ve been involved in.”

This could be the most important senior class Williams has ever had. He made that clear to everyone in the Smith Center after the game — something he’s only done on one other senior night.

“These guys have made me be able to live because I’ve felt like we’ve been stuck out on an island by ourselves,” he said. “And Marcus, Brice, Joel — you could be my favorite senior group I’ve ever had.”

The off-the-court challenges the North Carolina men’s basketball team has faced the past four years have been immense: the suspensions, the scandal, the death of Williams’ mentor, friend and the namesake of the building he was now standing in — now crying in.

The three players he was talking about — the three who would never again run up and down the Carolina Blue court — kept him going.

James, the gentle giant with the



DTH/KENDALL BAGLEY

Senior Marcus Paige (5) goes up for a layup during Monday night’s home game.

fantastic faces and the wide smile.

“Joel’s grown up — not physically — but grown up right in front of my eyes,” Williams said. “He’s been one of the most mature youngsters that I’ve ever known in my life. I would’ve adopted him the first day, and I would still adopt him.”

Johnson, who used to be a role player off the bench, is now a National Player of the Year candidate.

“Brice, I’ve pushed, I’ve pushed, I’ve pushed,” Williams said. “Offensively, it’s on one hand the number of people that I’ve ever coached in 28 years that’s been able to do the things that Brice Johnson has done.”

And Paige, the skinny point guard who — if not for former classmate J.P. Tokoto — might never have come to Chapel Hill.

“Marcus is a young man that’s felt the weight of the world on his shoulders for four years,” Williams said. “And he’s had to do so much ...

But I’ve never coached a young man more that I’ve admired, than I’ve admired Marcus Paige.”

So don’t worry about the details. Worry about watching James’ eyes go wide after he puts one back.

Worry about savoring the raw emotion of Johnson. Because now you know where it comes from.

“Coach Hubert Davis, you reminded me why I play basketball,” he said. “You told me to play for my mother. And that’s what I do everyday.”

Worry about watching the point guard from Marion, Iowa, who no one thought would be good enough.

“Coach Williams), you probably had more confidence in me than I did,” Paige said. “You always believed in me.”

But — don’t worry. They’ve played their last game here. That doesn’t mean it’s over.

“We’re not done,” Paige said. “We’ve got so much left to do.”

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NC inmates struggle to receive parole

The parole review process limits inmate involvement.

By Kent McDonald
Staff Writer

If someone drives drunk in North Carolina, they are still eligible for parole — but the same cannot be said for most other crimes.

“All other crimes — murders, assaults, rape, all those kinds of things — the sentence you get has a maximum and a minimum, there’s no possibility of parole,” said Keith Acree, spokesperson of the N.C. Department of Public Safety.

“You have to serve 100 percent of that minimum.”

This meant that in 2015, six inmates were awarded parole by the end of September.

Parole eligibility was almost entirely eliminated under the Structured Sentencing Act, which was implemented in 1994 and replaced the Fair Sentencing Act, Acree said.

He said the percentage of inmates left in the system who are still parole eligible for crimes other than drunken driving is small because of the length of time since 1994.

“It’s about between 3,000 and 4,000 inmates of a population of about 37,000,” Acree said.

He said the difficulty of obtaining parole is due to the diminishing pool of inmates who were con-

victed before 1994.

“The people that are left in prison who are parole eligible are (for) very, very egregious crimes — the crime was just so heinous, so serious,” he said.

“As that pool of people shrinks every year, it gets harder and harder to find people in there that the commission are comfortable paroling.”

He said under the Fair Sentencing Act, most inmates would serve a fraction of their sentence.

“The whole reason the structured sentencing came about was because there was a movement for states to implement what’s called ‘truth in sentencing’ so that inmates actually served something close or very close to what the court gave,” Acree said.

Paul Wright, executive director of the Human Rights Defense Center, said harsh criminal defense reform nationwide that started in the 1990s restricted parole options.

“Prisoners are serving longer times than ever before, which also goes back to the demise of discretionary parole,” he said.

But Mary Pollard, executive director of N.C. Prisoner Legal Services, said parole is still a concern for those convicted before 1994.

The N.C. parole process contains two steps — a review and an investigation.

Pollard said there are various reasons the parole process in

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“In skating over thin ice, our safety is in our speed.”

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 - Someone committed an alcohol violation at 100 E. Longview St. at 12:46 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person possessed alcohol while underage.
 - Someone committed indecent exposure at 125 W. Franklin St. between 1:01 a.m. and 1:15 a.m. Sunday,
- according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person attempted to grab a female and exposed himself.
- Someone possessed stolen property at the intersection of Fordham Boulevard and Europa Drive at 1:49 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
 - Someone reported a noise violation on the 700 block of Bolinwood Drive at 3 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
 - Someone trespassed at 150

E. Rosemary St. at 2:40 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- Someone disturbed the peace at Goodfellows at 149

1/2 East Franklin Street at 9 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- Someone carelessly and recklessly drove at the

intersection of Fordham Boulevard and Cleland Drive at 9:13 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. A chain link fence valued at \$1,000 was damaged.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Monday's pg. 2 story "Carrboro to slow down downtown" misrepresented the initiative Board of Aldermen member Damon Seils cited. Seils talked about the Vision Zero initiative in Carrboro.

Due to an editing error, Monday's pg. 5 story "Q&A with new planetarium director" misrepresented Todd Boyette's role. Boyette has been the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center's director. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

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STATE BRIEF

Raleigh officer involved in fatal shooting

A Raleigh police officer was reportedly involved in the fatal shooting of a 24-year-old African American man named Akiel Denkins on Monday. Raleigh's town council was scheduled to discuss police body cameras Monday, but canceled after the shooting.

— staff reports

UNIVERSITY BRIEF

UNC appoints new chairperson of surgery

Melina Kibbe was appointed the new chairperson of the Department of Surgery. Kibbe will come to UNC July 1, but the Board of Trustees must first approve her appointment.

— staff reports

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Smoking policy has resulted in few citations



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A 2008 policy change limited smoking on campus. Unofficial smoking areas like the flagpole in Polk Place originated in response.

You can't smoke within 100 feet of any building

By Erin Friederichs
Staff Writer

Clouds of tobacco smoke are less common on campus now than they were a decade ago.

A 2008 policy change limited smoking on campus to spaces that are at least 100 feet from any campus building or outdoor area controlled by the University. Some of the customary smoking areas are the flagpole in Polk Place and on the bridge outside of Craige Residence Hall.

Randy Young, spokesperson for the Department of Public Safety, said he believes the policy has helped decrease the amount of smoking on campus.

"You'd have to have been around before, when cigarette smoke was much more pervasive in areas of campus," Young said. "It's not a population that is heavily into smoking, but there was significantly more smoking prior to the enforcement."

In terms of enforcing the policy, Young said his department has experienced very little trouble with students.

"If something grows to the level of calling to complain, we'll assign some patrols, and really that's been enough to dissuade people," Young said.

If a student calls in a complaint, the department will respond.

"When we do respond, we go to the area, and people are by and large compliant," Young said. "They move to other areas."

The smoking policy has been mostly successful within the residence halls as well, said Katie Bartholomew, an assistant director of conduct and crisis management in the Department of Housing and Residential Education.

"I would not say it is a big issue," she said. "We receive very few reports of cigarette smoking."

Bartholomew said the 100-foot policy also applies to the residence halls and includes e-cigarettes, also known as vapor products.

"We would only involve DPS if we felt students weren't being compliant with the situation," Bartholomew said. "If (a resident adviser) asks a student to stop smoking and they stop smoking, it wouldn't be an issue."

First-year Henry Wrobel said he sometimes smokes in areas outside of the traditional smoking areas. He said he has smoked within 100 feet of a building before, but he has never had a problem with it.

"Nobody's ever said anything to me about it," Wrobel said. "If someone with legitimate authority asked me to move, I would."

Wrobel said he agrees with the school policies. "I think they're reasonable. I don't see any reason why not to follow them — I mean, I'm polite," he said.

DPS has only had to issue citations a couple of times, Young said, and the citations were when the policy was first enforced almost a decade ago.

"Since that time it's only been warnings, within a facility like a parking deck," Young said. "We may inspect, but if there's nothing worth pressing, we move them along, just warn them, educate them."

"Most people just want to be educated."

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ACADEMIC-ATHLETIC SCANDAL

Admissions uses projected GPA

The Odum Institute helped develop the projection formula.

By Belle Hillenburg
Staff Writer

This story is part of a series from The Daily Tar Heel examining the more than 70 reforms the University has said were made since information about the academic-athletic scandal came to light in 2010. The complete list of reforms can be found on carolinacommittment.unc.edu.

In 2012, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions worked with the Howard W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science to develop a formula to predict first-year grade point averages for student-athletes during the admissions process.

Steve Farmer, vice provost for enrollment and undergraduate admissions, said the formula considers NCAA core courses from high school, ACT or SAT test scores and which sports team the candidate will join.

"We use the athletic program because in general, at the time we were doing the study, we found that women's teams tended to perform better academically than men's teams with similar credentialed students," Farmer said.

The predicted GPA must be 2.3 or higher for admission, although the student can be reviewed by the Committee on Special Talent if he or she does not meet this requirement, according to the admissions report on enrolling student-athletes for the class entering in 2015.

Farmer said the main function of the predicted GPA is to help the athletics department understand how the student will be evaluated by the admissions office.

Joy Renner, chairperson of the Faculty Athletics Committee, said the predicted averages help coaches know who to start looking at and recruit. Renner said the predicted

averages are used when considering all potential student-athletes and benefit the athletic programs, the admissions office and the students.

"Most of these student-athletes have lots of opportunities and lots of different schools, so they're not just looking at their athletic fit. They're looking for their academic fit," she said.

Renner said the admissions process considers various factors to figure out what kind of student the candidate will be.

"We're also going to look at what high school they came from, total course load they took, how supportive of an environment they're coming from and what kind of support they would need when they got here," she said.

According to the admissions report, the predicted GPA was first used for students enrolling in 2013.

Renner said the Odum Institute monitors the formula to make sure it provides an accurate estimate.

"There's so many other factors (affecting) whether someone is successful or not that we see a pretty wide range of students who are predicted to have a certain GPA. There'll be some that are a whole grade point above it. There'll be some that are right on the edge," she said.

Renner said they want the process to be fair to students.

"It gives us one tool of many that we look at to decide if the student's going to be successful," she said.

Farmer said the predicted averages are one factor in student-athletes' admissions.

"The (predicted) GPA is just one way of describing a person. It's not the only way. It is a rough guide to evaluating students that we then use to go deeper," Farmer said.

He said the predicted grade-point averages have been constructive to the admissions process.

"At the end of the day we are still evaluating people, and it's an art and not a science," Farmer said.

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UNC student learns a new language as she creates it

First-year Nora Knapp created the language Arithian.

By Jenni Ciesielski
Staff Writer

While many students struggle to get through their foreign language requirements, first-year Nora Knapp is ahead of the game. The linguistics major has created a new language, Arithian, all by herself.

"I took what I learned from Spanish and other languages, but I did it all on my own," she said.

Knapp said she's had an interest in languages since she started taking Spanish in middle school, but the idea to create a language came to her when she was pursuing a completely different interest — writing a novel.

"I started out wanting to write a fantasy book, and that got me interested in making up a language for it," she said. "I use (J.R.R.)

Tolkien as my inspiration. He wrote some stuff in the languages he created."

While writing the book, she found she enjoyed playing with the language more than writing. That's when Arithian became her main project.

"I didn't really end up doing much with the book, and I continued on with the language," she said.

The language's unique name is a reference to her active imagination as a kid.

"In pretend games in elementary school, I would say I was from the kingdom of Arithia," she said. "It stuck with me I guess."

The former kingdom is now a fleshed-out language that includes an alphabet, grammar rules and conjugations.

Knapp said forming Arithian has been a process.

"I would say making the alphabet and the basic grammar rules probably just took a few weeks," she said. "But I've been continuously working on building vocabulary and exploring all the different rules

with how it's pronounced."

Just as learning a language can be frustrating for many, Knapp said creating one can be overwhelming at times. But she's always been set on following through with her project.

"I've never, ever wanted to give up on it," she said.

Knapp said she would be open to hearing what linguistics professors have to say about Arithian but is especially interested in what other students think about it.

"What I would really like to do is to find other people here who may have done similar things and talk to them," she said.

One group of students already familiar with Arithian is Knapp's fraternity, St. Anthony Hall. Sophomore Rachel Blythe, a friend of Knapp's in the fraternity, said she and others were caught off guard when Knapp mentioned what she's created one day.

"She just said it so casually, and we are were like, 'Nora, that is literally the coolest thing ever.'"



DTH/JENNI CIESIELSKI

First-year student and linguistics major Nora Knapp created an original language called Arithian.

Martha Isaacs, Knapp's "big" in the fraternity, said she was impressed with Knapp's ability to form her own language.

"She's so talented," Isaacs said. "It really is such an amazing feat, and I'm glad

she's getting recognition for it."

Both Blythe and Isaacs said they are interested in learning to speak Arithian.

But Knapp said most of goals she has for Arithian are personal ones.

"I don't think it's a realistic goal to have everyone learn it or anything like that," she said. "I just want to keep working on it throughout my life."

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Theme dinners are a tasty way for groups to share message

Student groups can reach out to request dining hall meals.

By Rebekah Guin
Staff Writer

Carolina Dining Services is working side by side with student organizations to bring an enriching education to the table.

Some of the dining halls' themed dinners, like the one held by the Black Student Movement in honor of Black History Month, are designed to fill the mind as well as the stomach.

"One thing that we really want people to understand about these theme meals is

that they are more than just a special meal," said Brandon Thomas, a spokesperson for CDS. "They can be a real opportunity to educate students and, also, create a sense of community."

Jeremy Mckellar, the president of BSM, said he agrees these dinners are a way to bring the community together.

"For us at BSM, we are trying to promote our culture and expose it to our greater Carolina community, and there is no better way to do that than through food," he said.

"We always like going through CDS, working with them and putting together a theme dinner that is centered in our culture but relates to everybody. This year we did a

"They helped us share knowledge about soul food and how it has brought us together."

Jeremy Mckellar

President of the Black Student Movement on February's soul food theme dinner

soul food theme dinner which is based in Southern culture — not just black culture."

Mckellar said in working with CDS, BSM was able to bring many of their own ideas to the table and have them implemented.

"They are usually pretty helpful in helping us plan how we want the dinner to be in terms of what we contextualize and what type of education we want to bring to the event in terms of sharing our stories through black history," Mckellar said.

"They helped us share knowledge about soul food and how it has brought us together on consistent bases through our culture. They really helped us make this a learning experience for the Carolina community while being mindful of disrespecting cultures and really figuring out the best way to deliver food to our campus without it being disrespectful."

Mckellar said the campus is more diverse than many students realize and he would encourage groups focusing

on diversity to include theme dinners in their calendars, if they are not doing so already.

"All it takes is a student organization reaching out and letting us know what the event is, what it represents and what kind of meal you think might be appropriate for it," Thomas said. "We are always open to working with student organizations. The one thing we require is a commitment from them that they will actively be involved in engaging other students and helping to promote it."

Not all of the themed dinners are planned by student organizations. Many of the events are planned by CDS to bring students together.

"There is often a lot more than just eating going on,"

Thomas said. "We have trivia games and giveaways and prizes."

Isabella Zuco, a sophomore biology major, said she attended a theme meal with a friend.

"They had fried food like hushpuppies and funnel cakes," she said. "They had games set up everywhere for people to play. They had these tents set up so it looked like a carnival. It was really busy, but it was a good time."

Thomas said no matter who plans the event, the goal is to bring people together.

"It is more than just a good meal — a different meal — it is an educational way for students to come together and learn about a cause," he said.

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Paul earns 400th win for UNC men’s tennis

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By Brandon White
Staff Writer

A year or two before junior men’s tennis player Ronnie Schneider arrived at North Carolina, he saw a picture of Coach Sam Paul celebrating his 300th win. He thought to himself, it would be neat to help Paul reach the next milestone.

Monday afternoon, Schneider and the Tar Heels did just that. UNC beat both Campbell and N.C. Central 7-0 at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center to give Paul his 400th and 401st victories as UNC’s coach.

“I thought it would be really cool to get him to another milestone, and to do it as the No. 1 team in the country. I think he’ll always remember that, and I definitely think this is a season he’ll never forget,” Schneider said.

A stellar performance in both singles and doubles play propelled the Tar Heels to an easy 7-0 win over Campbell

in their first outdoor match of the season.

The Tar Heels would continue the momentum against N.C. Central indoors, also defeating them 7-0.

“I’ve had a lot of help to get me to this 400th win,” Paul said after the game.

“Tripp (Phillips), the University of North Carolina and all the great players that have come and gone have helped get here. I’m very fortunate to be here.”

Prior to Monday’s doubleheader, Paul, the winningest active coach in the ACC, had amassed 399 total wins during his tenure that dates back to 1993.

Twelve of those, including an Intercollegiate Tennis Association Championship, have come this season for the No. 1 Tar Heels.

During Paul’s coaching career, the Tar Heels have won four regular-season ACC Championships, three ACC Tournament Championships and have been to the NCAA Tournament in 18 of the last 19 years.

On an individual level, Paul is a six-time ACC coach of the year winner and a four-time ITA national



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Coach Sam Paul looks on during the UNC men’s tennis team’s victory over Oklahoma with a score of 4 matches to 3 matches.

coach of the year finalist.

“Coach (Paul) is an unbelievable fighter and a tremendous competitor,” senior Stuart DePaolo said. “My greatest memory of him is that he never forgets about our long-term goal, not only

in tennis, but who we are as people, and he thinks that is more important. I’ve always appreciated that.”

Paul reflected on a lot of great memories he shared with the team since 1993, like winning the ITA

Championship a couple of weeks ago, along with beating Georgia in Athens in the NCAA Tournament in 2014, beating Illinois in the Sweet 16 in 2015 and many, many more.

Schneider said he and the

team hope to give him some more to add to that list.

“We’re just trying to keep it going, give him more and get him on his way to 500 much quicker.”

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Q&A with Duke graduate, author John Feinstein

John Feinstein, a Duke graduate, a New York Times’ best-selling author and a columnist for the Washington Post, knows the intensity of North Carolina basketball. The Daily Tar Heel staff writer Paige Connelly spoke with Feinstein about his book, “The Legends Club: Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski, Jim Valvano, and an Epic College Basketball Rivalry.”



John Feinstein is a writer for The Washington Post, an author and a graduate of Duke University.

The Daily Tar Heel: Tell me about your book.

John Feinstein: I think I can make the case that combined, I knew all three better than any of the media. I knew (Jim) Valvano very well, I know (Mike) Krzyzewski very well, and I think I knew Dean (Smith) as well as anybody in the media ever has.

In fact, in 2009, he and I actually started to work on a biography that I was going to write on him, an authorized biography, but unfortunately by then he’d gotten to the point where it was just impossible for him to carry through until the end of the book.

So I knew them all well. They were all extraordinary, and I thought writing their relationships and their rivalries, which were very intense, would make for a very good book. It was certainly a

fun book for me to research.

DTH: Of all the college rivalries, why was this close to your heart enough that you wanted to write about it?

JF: The three men that I was writing about were unique in their own way, and as I said, I first met Dean when I was in college, as I described in the introduction to the book. I met Krzyzewski and Valvano when I was in college, too, when I was a senior, both together at a luncheon in New York City when I was up there with the Duke basketball team because Duke was playing in Madison Square Garden.

I’ve said to people that I wasn’t born to write this book, but I lived it because I was covering the ACC for The Washington Post in the 1980s

and spent a lot of time down there in the Triangle area.

DTH: What do you think is so different about the basketball culture here at UNC?

JF: I’m sure you’re aware of his role in helping to desegregate restaurants in Chapel Hill. I was actually the first person to write that story when I did a long profile of him in 1981 in The Washington Post.

It was Dean’s minister, Robert Seymour, who told me the story, and I’ve told this story often; I write about it again in the book in the introduction. When I went back to Dean and asked him to give me more details about that night when he walked in to the Old Pines restaurant with a black member of the church, he said, “Who told you that

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story?” And I said, “Reverend Seymour,” and he said, “Well, I wish he hadn’t told you that,” and I said, “Why not, Dean? You should be proud of doing something like that,” and he said, “You should never be proud of doing the right thing, John. You should just do the right thing.”

DTH: What’s the bigger meaning of this to you? Why are sports important in our culture?

JF: Bob Woodward was actually my editor at the time, and he said to me “Why do

you want to waste your time covering sports?” and that was a tough question for me, and it’s hard to explain.

But my mother died very suddenly in 1993, and when I was trying to sleep at night, the only thing that got me through it was to remember games, to think about games I had seen, games I had covered, games I had written about, and I realized that sports plays an important role in a lot of lives, not just as an escape but as a place to go to for fun, for joy, sometimes for heartbreak on a certain level.

It also bonds people, and I think that’s what Dean and Mike and Jim did — all three of them ... were great leaders and coaches and teachers.

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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—Launch a change. Track account balances. You're especially persuasive now. Respect age and authority. Make a private arrangement. Accept help when offered. Build a strong foundation, one step at a time. Less interference is better.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7—The completion of a difficult project opens up time for something more fun. Slow down, and play with talented people. Practice to learn new skills. Learn the rules before taking risks. Add beautiful flourishes.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a 7—A new endeavor tempts. Collect data and sift through the fluff. Make an honest assessment of income and outgo. Adapt and compromise. Travel when traffic is better. Responsibilities fall into place. Wait to share results.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7—True love isn't after your loot. Nurture home and family without spending on extravagances. Create peace with simple luxuries like tea and candles. It could be a difficult time to be on the road. Settle down.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7—Studies and travels reveal hidden beauty today. Stick to practical expenses. Keep written records, as communication glitches may arise. Stay focused to avoid accidents or pitfalls. Rely on experience, and stick to trusted methods.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6—Consider upcoming family expenses. Balance self-discipline with your generous heart. Invest in home, family and real estate. You can see what wasn't working. To pass a formidable barrier, collaborate with someone who sees your blind spot.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7—Listen to advice from a female with your best interests at heart. Slow down to avoid obstacles. Prepare your message, but post it later. Resist temptation to over-share or spend. Set a new course.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8—Love helps you stay on the right path. Postpone a shopping trip. Don't spend money you don't have. Wait to see what develops. Practice your skills and arts. Do what worked before. Follow your plans.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 9—Develop plans for new projects. Try a new style to suit your new role. Dress for the part you want. Practice mental and physical discipline. Study the rules thoroughly. Friends help you advance.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 6—Love helps you stay on the right path. Postpone a shopping trip. Don't spend money you don't have. Wait to see what develops. Practice your skills and arts. Do what worked before. Follow your plans.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7—Keep your objective in mind. Fact and fantasy clash. Navigate the most solid road. Don't get distracted buying stuff you don't need. Clear clutter and earn space. Achieve harmony in solitude. Play by the rules.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8—Self-discipline enables creativity. Release an old fantasy to get something real. New information dispels old fears. Don't participate in gossip or provoke jealousies. Keep your word, and keep it respectful. Opportunity is knocking ... answer the door.

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RACING

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“Moonshiners were celebrities back then.”

On Christmas Eve in 1932, Bill Blair Sr., was caught in Martinsville, Va., with 125 gallons of moonshine in his car.

That charge would usually require jail time, but he got off with paying a \$100 fine thanks to his politician father, John Blair, according to Bill Blair Jr.

Around this time, Bill Blair Sr., began racing.

During World War II, Bill Blair Sr., moved his family up to Baltimore, where he built battleships.

After the war was over, he moved back to North Carolina and continued racing.

Looking back on those early days, Bill Blair Jr., admits it was a different time.

“(The drivers) loved to race,” he said. “They sacrificed, and some went to prison just to race. They had a different spirit.”

The anti-racers

While many enjoyed watching races on Sundays, some locals worried about the environment these races created and who they were attracting.

In 1956, the Rev. W.I. Conway started the Orange County Anti-Racing Association with the ultimate goal of banning racing on Sundays.

With the help of fellow minister Charles Maddry

and state Senators Edwin S. Lanier and John W. Umstead, a bill was passed by the state senate in 1957 officially banning racing on Sundays in Orange County.

But local police were slow to enforce the new law and racing continued for another decade.

“I started going to races in 1957 when I was 5,” Craig said.

“My dad, the prison warden of Hillsborough and the sheriff would do security for the races.”

There was even talk of paving and expanding the track.

“When France tried to extend the track, that’s when they really fought him,” Craig said.

Due to mounting pressure from local clergies, Occoneechee finally closed in 1968, with a young Richard Petty winning the track’s last official race.

Finally defeated, France left and began work on a new super speedway in Alabama which would become Talladega Superspeedway, one of the most iconic race-ways in NASCAR.

“I think (closing the track) was a mistake,” Craig said.

“It would have changed the landscape of Hillsborough.”

Still, those responsible for ending racing in Hillsborough might not have regrets.

“In business terms, do they regret the track closing? Absolutely,” said L.D. Russell, author of “Godspeed: Racing is My Religion” and senior lecturer in religious studies at Elon

inmates to demonstrate their rehabilitation.

“There’s definitely no interaction between the inmate and the parole commissioners who make the decisions,” Pollard said. “It’s difficult to get attention.”

And Wright said politics is heavily involved in the parole process.

“I think it’s certainly a political agenda, and that’s the key thing is that it’s certainly about keeping people locked up and keeping them in prison.”

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“The races were the biggest thing in Orange County besides Tar Heel football games.”

Frank Craig
Hillsborough native

University.

“From a moral standpoint, I don’t think so. They stood by their convictions.”

Yearly events and memorial races at Occoneechee are put on by a

volunteer organization called the Historic Speedway Group.



Its 10th annual event at Occoneechee will be held on Oct. 1.

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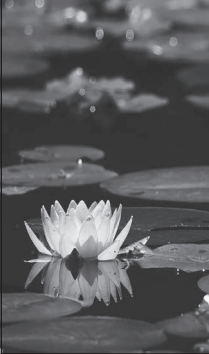
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Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center


#10 Baseball vs Fairfield

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Saturday, March 5

#11 M. Lacrosse vs #2 Denver

1:00 PM - Fetzer Field



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#10 Baseball vs Fairfield

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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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“The Legends Club”

Learn more about John Feinstein's new book about Dean Smith and two other coaches. See pg. 4 for story.

A high school rival

JV men's basketball player Kane Ma got a chance to play against an old rival on Monday. See online for story.

A word of her own

UNC first-year and linguistics major Nora Knapp has invented her own language. See pg. 3 for more.

The best movie scores

Sometimes, a movie score fulfills every musical need. Here's a playlist. Visit Medium for more.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Across

1 Human rights advocate
Jagger
7 Leaves in a big hurry
15 Seductive quality
16 Having the capacity for learning
17 *Whom Charlotte saved, in an E.B. White classic
18 *Animal Farm* tyrant
19 Reason-based faith
20 Self-regard
21 One-__ jack
22 QB's gains
23 *GEICO spokesperson who squeals, “Wee wee wee!”
27 Variety
28 More pert
33 Mets' old stadium
36 Singer Yoko
38 “Ninotchka” star Greta
39 *Toy Story* toy bank
40 *Stutterer in Looney Tunes sign-offs
43 *Unlikely title shepherd in a 1995 film
44 Reputed UFO pilot
46 “Golly!”
47 “Great Taste... Filling”:
Miller Lite slogan
48 Carter's vice president
51 Suffix with novel
53 *40-Across' gal
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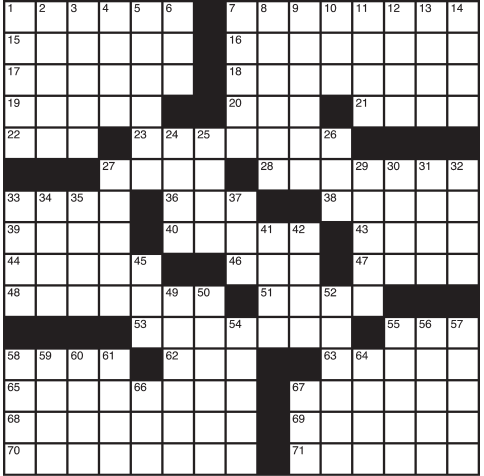
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2 Perjurer's confession
3 “Silent Night” words before calm and bright
4 Used-up pencils
5 Really bad
6 __ Lingus
7 Take more Time?
8 Maxims
9 Domelike building top
10 Earth-friendly prefix
11 Mall event

63 Doggie
65 With 67-Across, annual March 1 event celebrated in the answers to starred clues
67 See 65-Across
68 Biological order including eight-armed creatures
69 Waiting-one's turn
70 Catching-up query
71 FBI operatives

12 Do as told
13 Arctic chunk
14 Provide (for oneself)
24 Per unit
25 Strange: Pref.
26 Tote
27 Domesticated
29 Pay television
30 “Dies __”: Latin hymn
31 Flows back
32 Some reddish deer
33 Bedding accessory
34 Sainly glow
35 Key with one sharp: Abbr.
37 Nonprofit URL ending
41 Really eager
42 Bigfoot kin
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There’s value in looking back

The Catalyst Conference is a weekend-long conference for high school students focused on social justice. I attended the conference as a junior in high school, and I have been a counselor for the past two years.

Each year we do an activity called, “Crossing lines.” Each participant stands on one side of a room and a phrase is read. If you agree with the phrase, you walk to the other side of the room. If you disagree, you stay put.

During the activity, the phrases get progressively more intimate. It begins with “I am right-handed or left-handed” and ends with statements such as “I or someone I know has contemplated suicide.” After a little more than 24 hours together, a group of semi-strangers, are challenged to physically and mentally acknowledge their truths to themselves and others.

In essence, it’s an activity of remembrance. It is a silent activity, and it requires you to lean into it. Regardless of the phrase or response (I usually cry each time), you don’t ask questions. There is no time to explain or give background.

What’s fascinating to me is how my responses have changed from year to year. They aren’t too different, but it gives me an opportunity to evaluate how I’ve grown and why I’ve changed. It’s taught me the importance of looking back and inward, because for me, the things I talk about the least have the greatest bearing on who I am. “Crossing lines” gives me the time, space and opportunity to reflect on that.

Sometimes looking back can be even more daunting than looking forward. Admitting when you were wrong, reliving cringeworthy scenarios, etc. But moving forward doesn’t eliminate the importance of remembering. Because when you exclude the past, or make efforts to forget about it, it excludes a piece of who you are.

The past can be painful, emotional and challenging. But think about what could happen if it isn’t taken into consideration. Although we’re wired and taught to “not dwell in the past,” the past still holds value. It is a tool that can be discarded or utilized. It can help us understand how we became who we are and serve as a reference point for who we will be in the future. More broadly, it also is an excellent method to comprehend the present — or issue a warning.

We have seen what happens when a charismatic politician who publicly shares his disdain for a particular group of people comes to power. It was terrible — but we’ve learned, and it will never happen again... right? Hmm. Just a thought.

It’s important not to solely reflect on the past for the benefit of others. It’s probably most beneficial to you, the experience. The more you understand your past, and your truth, the more you can utilize it as a tool for yourself and others.

They say one man’s trash is another’s treasure. The past can be seen as trash, but find worth in it. Because the past — not only yours but others’ too — is the best way you can prepare for the future. There are trials, triumphs and lessons behind you. Why not take advantage of them to prepare for those ahead of you?

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Just a Crying Arab ...
Mejs Hasan writes about why we should all love Sweden.

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EDITORIAL

A real goal for real food

The chancellor should sign the real food commitment.

Perseverance is what makes a movement successful, and the activists advocating for real food have displayed this quality in their ongoing fight to get the chancellor to sign the Real Food Campus Commitment.

In 2011, Chancellor Holden Thorp was petitioned to sign it, but he refused to do so.

Now, five years later, students have created a new petition to get Chancellor Carol Folt to

sign the commitment.

Folt needs to do what her predecessor failed to accomplish and meet the demands of students by signing.

The Real Food Challenge that started the commitment defines real food by the sustainability and healthiness of the food. It also accounts for the working practices of the farms and suppliers.

The commitment holds universities to a high standard of making real food 20 percent of all food purchases by 2020. This is not an easy goal to meet, but it is one that would greatly benefit the campus community.

This board understands that the University is already trying to purchase real food, but that does not negate the need for formal commitments and time frames to facilitate the expansion of purchases.

Secondly, if the University is already seeking out real food and adhering to many aspects of the challenge, there is no reason why they should not be willing to formally commit.

Very few individuals on this campus would oppose providing healthier, more sustainable foods in our dining halls, and while achieving such a goal may be difficult, it is necessary.

EDITORIAL

Impact of purchases

Our purchases have impacts that reach beyond the store.

During her powerful Sunday night performance at Carolina Performing Arts, artist Rhiannon Giddens gave a fascinating introduction to a song that discusses the plight of exploited workers. She expressed that we need to remember: “Cheap clothes aren’t cheap. Someone is paying for them.”

Though this message would be powerful at any point, this conversation is

especially timely. Recently, President Barack Obama signed legislation to close a loophole in a law that allowed the import of goods produced by slave labor.

Though challenging, the success of the student movements, following the Savar building collapse, that persuaded Chancellor Carol Folt to agree with an accord on labor practices for UNC-licensed clothing shows student influence.

This board also recognizes thoughtful choices in our own consumption hold impact. We encourage consumers to research the ethics

of supply chains and to purchase from local businesses and thoughtful, sustainable suppliers.

We celebrate that locally owned institutions, like Mediterranean Deli, The Daily Grind and UNC Student Stores, exist on our campus. We also appreciate the ethical goods sold on campus, like supply chain transparent coffee, and Student Stores’ living wage practices.

This board invites students to be thoughtful consumers. Further, we hope students continue to protect ethical institutions that have space on campus.

ADVICE COLUMN

You Asked for It

In which we participate in class and teach you to use mad swipes.

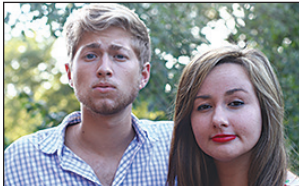
Kelsey Weekman (#SoWhite) and Drew Goins (the first openly LGBT man to write an advice column, he decided) are the writers of UNC’s premier (only!) satirical advice column. Results may vary.

You: I’m having a hard time participating in class. What am I supposed to do, drop 10 percent of my grade in everything?

You Asked for It: There’s no reason to be shy. Everyone else in your class is a scared baby desperate to graduate, just like you.

Except for that one guy who sits in the front row and turns every moment of discussion into a chance to wax philosophical about the mundane. Don’t worry, he’ll end up very successful one day, but it’ll be, like, really exhausting.

Get pumped to speak up before class. Jam to the “Ice Princess” soundtrack (the anthem to a bashful generation) and take a sip of one of those suspicious canned



Drew Goins and Kelsey Weekman
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Starbucks drinks. The added energy might propel you through the roof, but you’ll certainly break the glass (gypsum plaster) ceiling.

Talk to your professor about your anxiety. He’ll remind you that public speaking is a necessary skill for success in the “real world.” Tell that to Leonardo DiCaprio. As far as we know, he never had to speak in front of a crowd until Sunday night.

You: I’m not using my swipes quickly enough, and my mom’s on my back about it. How should I spend them more quickly?

YAFI: Your mother’s on-your-back-ness is understandable. A swipe a la carte into the dining hall is like \$12 a pop for reconstituted eggs and soy nuggets. (To be fair, the advantages of buying in bulk are myriad. A full meal plan knocks the price down to like \$11.50 a pop for reconstituted eggs and soy nuggets.)

You can also appreciate yourself of the swipe equivalency program. Everyone knows you can use swipes for certain meals at the Wendy’s in the Union, but few are familiar with the real gems of the trade-in program. Five swipes gets you a meal and side salad from Spanky’s. Ten can be traded in for three courses and a pre-ordered blueberry wheat draft beer at Top of the Hill. One quarter of a swipe gets you Waffle House if you haggle enough.

When in doubt, post up outside a dining hall and dole out swipes like the benevolent Oprah you know you are. Being mistaken for Whoopi Goldberg is optional.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“(The drivers) loved to race. They sacrificed, and some went to prison just to race. They had a different spirit.”

Bill Blair Jr., on Hillsborough’s former race car drivers

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“I think it is a spectrum, transgender can refer to a person who has not undergone (sex reassignment surgery) but desires to.”

Taylor Brown, on the spectrum of sexuality

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A graduate’s guide to voting in Chapel Hill

TO THE EDITOR:

When registering to vote as a UNC undergrad nearly four decades ago, I did not know the difference between Democrat and Republican. Since then, I have learned an even more important political fact: well-informed voting is critical to the future of our nation. If you vote for someone purely on name recognition, that is irresponsible. If you choose a candidate purely based on biased information, either for or against them, that is narrow-minded and possibly bigoted. The most reliable test for choosing a candidate is to: (1) Hear the candidate express their values in their own words, (2) Listen for consistency (or lack thereof) in their message, (3) Know the values and record of those who support him as well as those who disavow him, (4) Compare the trajectory of your candidate to similar historical characters, knowing that “He who does not know history is doomed to repeat it!”

Politics is a nasty business, manipulating our minds and emotions. Students, I challenge you to test your allegiances. Don’t be seduced by freebies or non-specific promises. Remember: “Freedom is not free,” and “The problem with socialism is that, eventually, you run out of other people’s money.” Before casting your vote, I challenge you to give ear to the consistently conservative candidates. You may be surprised to find that the candidate you “fear” could very well be the one who secures the path for your prosperous future, and the one you “trust” will destroy your dreams. Please vote wisely and well-informed.

Kathy Arab
Class of ’81

Consider joining the class walkout today

Editor’s Note: Jack Largess is a member of The Daily Tar Heel Editorial Board.

TO THE EDITOR:

I protest with no personal ill will toward UNC-system President Margaret Spellings.

She is well-qualified to walk the political tightrope of the UNC presidency. Spellings speaks of her hope to see more students graduating in less time and earning more money.

She promises to bring a new level of accountability to our professors and classes, ensuring that the university respects students’ time, effort and money and provides them with the best education possible.

Perhaps even Spellings’ presidency could usher in a new era in which the University is no longer bound to politically fickle state funding and instead relies — as we increasingly do — on support from the very companies who hire

new graduates.

Spellings represents a new future of UNC. I join the student walkout at 11 a.m. today because I know this future to be wrong for UNC, wrong for North Carolina and wrong for our world..

Though long treated as such, public education should not exist to serve business interests. Our education is not improved by a focus on itemized achievement. It is improved by a focus on collaboration, empathy and community.

Public education is our public interest. In valuing that interest we must demand that it serve to break apart hierarchies and privileges, not graduate us into them.

The UNC system leads the world as a high-achieving public education system. Let us now lead the world in a new direction, one based not on individual achievement but on the health and wholeness of our collective self.

Make real the promise of democracy. It is time.

Jack Leland Largess
Geography
Senior

Gun debate needs more students voices

TO THE EDITOR:

Gun violence is an uncomfortable and thorny issue from which students have been nervously ushered away, which made it all the more exciting to read two op-eds by Zach Rachuba and Chris Dahlie from Feb. 26 debating the topic of concealed campus carry. Thank you to The Daily Tar Heel for publishing these pieces.

Through working on Students Against Gun Violence, I hear an overwhelming silence from students every single day. Did the Texas General Assembly interview and conduct focus groups with students before delivering the concealed campus carry bill to Governor Greg Abbott? Probably not. Will Governor Pat McCrory know how we UNC students feel about having firearms on the quad? What about how Duke students feel about pistols walking through their chapel? Definitely not. It seems trendy to talk about education, mental health or even racial diversity in the Oscars; yet when it comes to gun violence, all we hear is some middle-aged politician on television making questionable claims. Such silence is an injustice.

With N.C. primaries on March 15 and the presidential election on Nov. 8, we need more conversation and self-education. We need to know which legislators actually plan to create more peace and safety in our community, for the gun culture of Chapel Hill is the gun culture of UNC. It’s okay to disagree about it. It’s okay to debate. It is just not okay to remain silent.

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