

DURING COMING OUT WEEK, A WIN



DTH/MATT RENN

A panel of undergraduate and graduate students share their coming-out experiences Wednesday for the LGBTQ Center's Coming Out Week.

Students get emotional during Coming Out panel

By Bradley Saacks
University Editor

Travis St. Brice began to choke up. St. Brice's story of coming out — of his father refusing to accept him as gay, forcing him to go to therapy to correct whatever he thought was wrong with him and eventually kicking him out — had been emotionless up to this point. Finally, St. Brice, a freshman communication studies major, reached the part of his story where he had to recap one of the lowest points of his life. “More than once I thought about killing myself,” he said, as he, and audience members, fought back tears. “My father treated me as though I was no longer his son.” St. Brice and three other panelists shared their coming out stories to an audience of about 25 Wednesday — the same day a North Carolina federal judge lifted stays on two cases challenging the state ban on gay marriage. The panel was hosted by the

LGBTQ RESOURCES

The University offers the following resources during Coming Out Week:

- LGBTQ Center at SASB North in suite 3226. For more information about the center's services, visit lgbtq.unc.edu.
- Campus Health Services at the James A. Taylor Building. For more information about Campus Health's services, visit studenthealth.unc.edu.
- The Sexuality and Gender Alliance student organization can be reached via email at unc.saga@gmail.com.

Student and Gender Alliance and the LGBTQ Center and is a part of UNC's Coming Out Week. The week is building up to National Coming Out Day on

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Hold lifted on NC lawsuits, giving hope for quick ruling on state ban

By Lindsey Brunson
Staff Writer

A U.S. District Court judge on Wednesday lifted a stay on two lawsuits challenging North Carolina's gay marriage ban — likely rendering imminent the overturning of Amendment One as unconstitutional. Without the stay, District Court judges will have to proceed with a ruling on the state's gay marriage ban. “We're as close as we've ever been,” said Mike Meno, spokesman for North Carolina's American Civil Liberties Union. “We're not talking about weeks and months and years; we're talking about hours and days.” The judge's decision came in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's move Monday to let stand rulings striking down gay marriage bans in five states. One of the rulings came from the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, of which North Carolina is a part, thus setting a legally binding precedent in the state's courts.

“It's almost a certainty that he's going to declare not only the constitutional amendment in North Carolina but also our statutes that deal with this issue unconstitutional,” said Steve Nickles, a law professor at Wake Forest University. The Supreme Court's move on Monday has had a domino-like effect on gay-marriage bans nationwide — but in many states, the process has been fraught with conflict and confusion. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned gay marriage bans in Nevada and Idaho Wednesday morning, but Idaho officials requested an emergency stay from the Supreme Court, which was granted temporarily. In South Carolina, where several couples had sought marriage licenses Wednesday, Attorney General Alan Wilson requested that the state Supreme Court stop judges from issuing them. But Nickles said there aren't enough differences between

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Transcripts will show how easy that A was

Contextualized grades will now appear on transcripts.

By Liz Bell
Staff Writer

At the end of this semester, UNC students' transcripts will give a more complete picture of how they performed in classes this fall. Instead of lone letter grades, each grade will be accompanied by that course section's size, the median grade in the section, the students' percentile range from the median and the number of grades above, at and below the median score. Gidi Shemer, a biology professor, said contextualized grading is a big step for both UNC professors and students. “Now for the very first time, UNC is brave enough to take such initiative to think not just short-term, but long-term, for the benefit of the students,” he said. Each new transcript will also include a Schedule Point Average, which averages the median grades of the courses a student is taking that semester. Andrew Perrin, a sociology professor, said the addition of these elements makes transcripts more honest. He said he has been pushing for the policy since the mid-2000s.

UNC's Faculty Council passed the initial proposal in 2010 and approved details of the project in 2011. The change was delayed until this semester to make sure the Office of the University Registrar had everything in place. Perrin said he worked with faculty, administrators and students to hear what grading problems were present and the best ways to fix them. “I would call it a really elaborate listening process,” he said. “It was a key thing — we wanted to make sure we got it right.” Perrin said contextualized grading addresses three big problems: grade inflation, grade compression and systematic grading inequality. Grade inflation is the rise in grades over time. A 2012 study published by Columbia University found 43 percent of grades were A's in 135 universities. The study said the percentage of A's given increased 28 percentage points from 1960. Perrin said the second problem is grade compression, meaning that it's harder for teachers to provide incentives to students through grades when an A is given for mediocre work. Systematic grading inequality is the third problem, Perrin said. This means some sections of the same course can be harder or easier. The change levels the playing field for students in the same class with different professors, said Vishesh Gundappa, a junior biomedical engineering major. Shemer said contextualized grading takes care of the inconsistencies that exist in any grading policy and allows him to focus on giving grades solely based on performance. Gundappa said he thinks the policy will make his transcript more transparent when he applies for medical school.

“Especially for students that are science majors, it allows for schools that we'll be applying to to see how we compare to our peers, more than just to other schools,” he said. He said since students in his classes often relate their test scores to the class's average during the semester, it makes sense for the overall grade to be compared to the average as well. Chris Brown, a junior communication studies major, said he thinks the policy is putting the focus on the wrong things. “I think it's punishing teachers. Just because a class has a grade distribution where students have all A's and B's, it doesn't mean that the content won't be retained or won't be useful in life,” he said. “I think this is another tool in the belt of colleges to have another way for us to compete, not work together at this thing.” He said the policy will discourage students from taking classes outside of their majors where they might not stack up against classmates. Shemer said the policy will encourage students to take a risky class where they might receive a lower grade, but still stand out compared to classmates, instead of taking a course for an easy A. Perrin said UNC is one of the few schools that's leading an effort to fix grading problems. “I think it already has contributed to our reputation.”

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Roy gives glimpse of his newest band of boys

The Department of Athletics hosted men's basketball media day.

By Grace Raynor
Sports Editor

Four practices, one message. Since Friday, when the North Carolina men's basketball team officially began its season by NCAA standards, Roy Williams has made one thing clear. “That is our best player,” he'll say with a point to junior guard Marcus Paige. “Don't anybody forget that.” Williams isn't telling his players anything they don't already know, as Paige led the team in both

points and minutes with 17.5 and 35.6, respectively in 2013-14. Now, with one of the most balanced teams Williams has had in recent years, the 2014-15 Tar Heels also know it's time for someone — or some group — to step up and help Paige carry his already heavy load. With the addition of freshman guard Joel Berry to compliment Paige and sophomore guard Nate Britt in the backcourt, the issue doesn't lie with Williams' point guards. And with Theo Pinson and Justin Jackson joining J.P. Tokoto on the perimeter, the wings aren't a concern either. What Williams wants to see is for someone in the post to

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DTH FILE PHOTO

After a summer spent slimming down, sophomore forward Kennedy Meeks is hoping to taking one of the coveted starting roles this year.



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A proposal full of hot air

From staff and wire reports

Those couples getting engaged at the Old Well have the right idea: Leave the hot air balloons out of it. Especially after one couple’s proposal went horribly off course on Sunday. Eric Barretto was proposing to his girlfriend on a scenic sunset hot-air balloon ride over a Southern California beach before they both ended up in the ocean. Barretto, his girlfriend and the pilot of the hot air balloon were briefly stranded near a beach in San Diego County. Thankfully, this couple’s romantic evening ended a lot better than that of Jack and Rose in “Titanic” — no injuries were reported in the incident, according to reports from the Associated Press. And Barretto got good news: Even after being stranded in the ocean temporarily, his girlfriend said yes.

NOTED. A suspect in a couple of Virginia robberies was apparently prematurely dressed in a Halloween costume while robbing two 7-Eleven stores on Friday and Tuesday — gorilla masks, a popular choice of disguise for robbers looking to stay under the radar. A close second: a robber in 2011 who wore a Gumby costume.

QUOTED. “The winner will certainly have a dinner to remember.”
— Chris Large, the mastermind behind the \$1,768 Glamburger, the world’s most expensive hamburger, topped with lobster, an edible gold leaf, caviar and even venison. Yep, that’s right — we could have gotten some of this stuff from roadkill.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Sonja Haynes Stone Memorial

Lecture: The lecture will feature Karol Mason, assistant U.S. attorney general for the Office of Justice Programs.
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Sonja Haynes Stone Center Theater

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Sitterson Hall 011

The “New World” of Plants: The Geography of Plants and Place: As part of a lunchtime series, director Alan Weakley of the UNC Herbarium will discuss the botanical diversity of North American plant life. The event is free with registration required.
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Location: N.C. Botanical Garden Education Center

FRIDAY

Faculty Lecture: Cherie Rivers

Ndaliko: Ethnomusicologist Cherie Rivers Ndaliko will present “A Look That Kills: Representations of Gender and Sexual Violence in the Current Conflict in Congo.” The event is free and open to the public.
Time: 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Hyde Hall, Incubator Room

To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.

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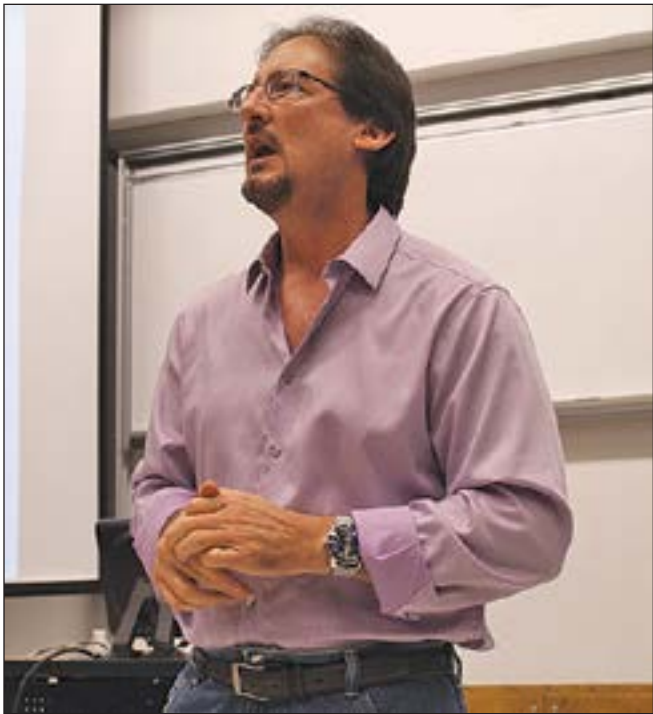
Due to an editing error, Wednesday’s front page story “UNC senior poses for special ACC Playboy” misspelled Brittany Leppert’s last name.
Due to a reporting error, Tuesday’s front page story “Office space leaves room for growth” incorrectly stated the address for Keona Health. The business is located at 100 Europa Drive, suite 390 in Chapel Hill.
The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

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THE RISE OF INNOCENCE



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Greg Taylor speaks at the “Race, Innocence and the End of the Death Penalty Speaker Series” in Hamilton Hall on Wednesday. Taylor, wrongly convicted of murder, served 17 years of a life sentence before being exonerated in 2010.

POLICE LOG

- Someone committed assault with a deadly weapon at the 1500 block of East Franklin Street at 3:45 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person slashed another person with a knife, reports state.
- Someone reported harassing phone calls at 204 Carr St. at 2:41 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person received several text messages, reports state.
- Someone stole a bicycle outside of Peabody Hall at 3 p.m. Monday, according to reports from the UNC Department of Public Safety.
- Someone reported a suspicious condition at the 2500 block of Booker Creek Road at 8:05 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person found their back door ajar, reports state.
- Someone reported soliciting without a permit at 700 Williams Circle at 4:28 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone disturbed the peace in a parking lot at 108 Ephesus Church Road at 6:27 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The disturbance involved public urination, reports state.
- Someone reported public urination at the CVS Plaza at 137 E. Franklin St. at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a suspicious condition at the 100 block of Walden Drive at 3:24 a.m. Monday, according to Carrboro police reports.

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Alpha Phi sorority starting in spring

The new Panhellenic sorority will begin recruiting in fall 2015.

By Tyler Fleming
Staff Writer

The newest member of UNC's Panhellenic Council — Alpha Phi sorority — will begin making its presence known on campus within the next few months.

The sorority will kick off its public relations campaign on campus in the spring of 2015 before recruiting its first members in the fall, said junior Emily Beaty, president of the Panhellenic Council.

Megan Bouche, Alpha Phi's director of collegiate extension, said she is excited about starting a new chapter at UNC and feels Alpha Phi will make a great addition to the University.

"The camaraderie and inclusiveness of

the Carolina experience is something that is very important to us. The school spirit, the Carolina way and the honor code, all those pieces attribute to why Alpha Phi is the right fit at UNC," she said.

UNC will host the 161st chapter of the sorority, which was founded in 1872 at Syracuse University.

Panhellenic Council sororities are required to own a house, Beaty said, and until Alpha Phi secures one, the group will likely hold chapter meetings in the Student Union.

The group is deciding whether it will need to construct a new building or live in an existing house, said Brittney Bahlman, a coordinator for the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life and Community Involvement.

"It really depends on what they find in our beautiful but limited downtown Chapel Hill," she said.

Beaty said she has already toured some existing houses, but the final decision lies with

Alpha Phi.

"They are responsible for finding a property, and they probably — we don't know if they'll have a house ready for next fall," she said.

Alpha Phi will have space to conduct its open house round during fall 2015 recruitment, even if it has not yet found a house, Beaty said.

In 2013, the Panhellenic Council decided to add one new sorority in response to the growing number of students joining the Greek community.

The existing sororities became too large, which can be a social hindrance, Beaty said.

The average number of members in Panhellenic Council sororities, 180, makes it hard for all members to interact, she said.

"It is hard to know 180 people," she said.

Both future students and transfer students have already shown interest in the sorority, Bahlman said.

"We have heard from a lot of potential students who are interested in joining the soror-

ity next fall, but also from a large number of transfer students who are already in Alpha Phi at other institutions," she said.

Beaty and Bahlman said adding a new sorority could also lead to new Greek life experiences on campus.

"Maybe instead of running a 5K, maybe they will do something different for our campus," Beaty said. "It will be a fresh exciting experience for Greek and sorority life on campus."

Bahlman said the council is excited for Alpha Phi's arrival on campus.

"They will offer their colonization class the opportunity to be creative and really build an organization from the ground up," she said.

Bahlman said her office and the Panhellenic community were both excited for Alpha Phi's arrival on campus.

"We know they are going to bring great things to UNC."

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CARRBORO BUSY BEES



DTH/LAUREN DALY

Marty Hanks, creator of Just Bee Apiary, a bee farm just outside of downtown Chapel Hill, checks on his honeybees on Wednesday afternoon.

Carrboro becomes third Bee City USA community

By Wei Zhou
Staff Writer

Carrboro will soon be abuzz.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen passed a resolution Tuesday to support the designation of Carrboro as a Bee City USA community, which means the town will take a series of measures to promote healthy habitats for bees and other pollinators in the area.

Bee City USA is a national program that aims to promote sustainable habitats for pollinators because honeybee populations have decreased in the U.S. in recent years.

Carrboro is the third Bee City USA community, following in the footsteps of Asheville and Talent, Ore.

Marty Hanks, who owns Just Bee Apiary in Chapel Hill and has bees across Hillsborough, Carrboro and other parts of Orange County, initiated the Bee City USA program in Carrboro.

"With decreasing pollinators, we're having a decreasing food supply and higher stress," he said.

"It's going to become an issue in the near future where we have too few pollinators to pollinate all our food throughout the year."

Hanks said Bee City USA will educate

Carrboro residents so they can have a positive impact on pollinator communities.

"It engages more people in our community to understand and be aware of the issues that are going on with the pollinators and how the way they manage their land, their yard, their farm affects the pollinators in our community," he said.

Randy Dodd, environmental planner for Carrboro's Planning Division, worked with Hanks this summer to research Bee City USA and presented the proposal to the board at Tuesday's meeting.

He said the planning department and the Environmental Advisory Board would work together to carry out the Bee City program, which will include creating a Bee City USA street sign in a prominent location, annually celebrating National Pollinator Week and disseminating information to the public about building pollinator-friendly habitats.

Carrboro Alderman Sammy Slade, who is a beekeeper, said Bee City USA would raise people's awareness of how pesticides affect bees' lives.

"I have been struggling with my bees because they are disappearing and not surviving," he said.

"Part of this is because of pesticides that

people use in town and possibly in farms near town."

He said the program would be helpful for beekeepers like him.

"I think it's a great way to raise awareness for the public to learn about all the ways that bees are central for our ecosystem and how we can help the ecosystem — not just in rural areas but in our small town," Slade said.

Hanks said he hopes to kick off Bee City USA with an event to educate the public about green and healthy plants that will not endanger pollinators' lives, such as flowers native to North Carolina.

"We will first start off with an annual event where we bring the public to the farmers market to look at plant alternatives that are not synthetically, chemically treated," he said.

"What we are looking for is to showcase local farmers or nurseries who grow healthy, North Carolina native flowers and so people will know what to plant that is green and healthy."

Hanks said the program could become a model for other towns and cities.

"I see this spreading," he said.

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Hagan, Tillis face alleged ethics violations

The U.S. Senate hopefuls are being targeted by each opposing party.

By Charles Talcott
Staff Writer

Supporters of Sen. Kay Hagan and Republican challenger Thom Tillis are embroiled in a mud-slinging fight as the two contenders in the North Carolina U.S. Senate race fend off alleged ethics violations.

Claude Pope, N.C. GOP chairman, sent a letter Monday to the senate ethics committee requesting an investigation of Hagan's support for and actions following the passing of the 2009 stimulus bill.

Republicans say Hagan used her political position to help JDC Manufacturing, a company co-owned by Hagan's husband, secure stimulus money.

"I think it should raise serious questions for anyone who is considering voting for Sen. Hagan," said Will Allison, a N.C. GOP spokesman, in an email.

"Taking taxpayer dollars from a law she voted for ... looks like the very definition of corruption."

But Sadie Weiner, a Hagan spokeswoman, said the complaint was frivolous.

"The ethics committee hasn't announced any investigation, Kay has not been notified that there is any investigation and the N.C. GOP is being intentionally misleading in this regard," she said in an email.

In retaliation, Forward N.C. is filing a formal complaint with the State Ethics Commission against Tillis for supporting \$1.4 million in stimulus tax credits for Aquesta Bank, in which he holds \$100,000 of private stock.

Facts in Hagan's case could raise eyebrows.

According to business reports released from 2001 to 2010 by the N.C. Department of the Secretary of State, JDC Manufacturing declared the nature of its business as "manufacture plastic parking lot blocks." Then, according to a 2011 report, the company received about \$400,000 of stimulus grants and credits and JDC restated its business as "real estate ownership and management."

"She owes the people of North Carolina a full explanation," Allison said.

Hagan's public financial disclosure reports said she collected less than \$200 from JDC Manufacturing in 2008. After receiving stimulus benefits, Hagan reported earning between \$100,001 and \$1,000,000.

The N.C. GOP said if Hagan did use her position to influence the flow of stimulus money, it could be a violation of the Senate Code of Official Conduct.

"Kay has been completely up front that she had absolutely no part in helping JDC apply for or receive these grants," Weiner said.

Democrats are voicing concern over Tillis' ethical conduct as N.C. Speaker of the House.

"It's long past time the Speaker took questions on this matter and came clean about how Aquesta Bank and his personal bottom line benefited from his votes," said Forward N.C. spokesman Ben Ray..

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Breast cancer 'plague(s) the minority community at large'

The Black Student Movement hosted Sharon Melvin Wednesday night.

By Mona Bazzaz
Staff Writer

Students made cards, attended a lecture and released pink balloons into the sky all in the name of breast cancer awareness among minorities.

The Black Student Movement's minority health and health disparities committee held the event Wednesday evening, coinciding with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The event was headlined by UNC graduate Sharon Melvin, who spoke on warning signs and behaviors that increase the risk of developing breast cancer.

Shadai Mcmillan, co-chairwoman of the minority health and health disparities committee in the Black Student Movement, said the group wanted to raise awareness of the condition's effect on people of many different backgrounds.

"We plan to highlight key health

"This is obviously a very prevalent issue across the board for all women and some men as well."

Shadai Mcmillan
Co-chairwoman of the minority health and health disparities committee

issues that not only plague the black community, but plague the minority community at large as well," Mcmillan said. "We want to raise awareness being that this is obviously a very prevalent issue across the board for all women and some men as well."

About 40,000 women and 430 men are expected to die from this condition in 2014, according to the American Cancer Society.

Black women are also more likely to die from breast cancer than white women are, Mcmillan said, but she stressed there is hope for those diagnosed with the condition.

"There are 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States and a 100 percent survival rate for women with stage one breast cancer," Mcmillan said.

Melvin is the former chairwoman of the board of the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association, a non-profit dedicated to workforce diversity

in the scientific and health care fields.

She said avoiding certain behaviors can limit the risk of developing the condition.

"In general, the more you age, the greater your risk for breast cancer becomes," Melvin said. "Large alcohol consumption, being overweight and obese and not participating in physical activity also increase the risks of breast cancer."

Melvin also touched on the ways to check for warning signs that may indicate breast cancer. Women should conduct monthly self-breast examinations, as well as have clinical breast exams done by professionals as they age in order to detect unusual lumps on their bodies. Early detection for breast cancer is the best kind of protection, she said.

Freshman Brianna Peterkin said the event was important to her personally.

"I came to this event not only



DTH/HANNAH ROSEN

Members of the Black Student Movement release balloons in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Wednesday afternoon in the SASB courtyard.

because I am a BSM member, but also because I think breast cancer awareness is extremely crucial," Peterkin said. "I have had relatives who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, and I personally think it is very important for people of all ages to be informed of the risks

associated with it."

Peterkin said the awareness dedicated to the condition should occur throughout the year.

"Breast cancer shouldn't just be a month."

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Town considers adding new apartment complex

By Marisa Bakker
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill is considering adding another mixed-use development — this time on South Elliott Road.

The proposed six-story, mixed-use development in the Village Plaza on South Elliott Road would convert the vacant lot next to Whole Foods into usable apartment complexes and retail space.

The development would also be the first to utilize the town's

new form-based zoning code, which simplifies the project approval process by prescribing what developers can and cannot do ahead of time, said Roger Perry, founder and president of East West Partners Management Company, the developer for the project.

"We're excited to be the first," Perry said. "We think it will be a big asset to the town."

Shawn Slome, owner of Twig, a business located in the plaza, said he is excited about the development.

"From a business perspective, I think it will help my business because it will bring more customers to this area," he said.

Scott Murray, president of Scott Murray Land Planning, Inc., serves as the point of contact between the developer and the Chapel Hill Town Council. He said the development has been in the works for almost a year, though he submitted the applications for the form district permit and certificate of appropriateness in September.

Murray said he expects the town's decision by the end of October. He is optimistic about getting the form district permit so construction can begin by spring or summer 2015.

Perry said the development would cost about \$15 million.

The apartments will not be in the garden style that is typical in Chapel Hill, Murray said. Instead, he said the urban project would push the envelope.

Slome, who sits on the board of directors of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of

Commerce and the town's Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board, said the development would benefit Chapel Hill by contributing to the tax base and alleviating burdensome taxes on residential areas.

"Part of the problem is that we don't have a commercial tax base," he said.

"Most of the income for the city comes from real estate taxes, which puts a big burden on residences."

Murray said the project has received positive feedback

because the vacant lot does not currently generate any tax revenue.

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MEDIA DAY

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establish himself now that James Michael McAdoo is gone. Four practices in, Williams is still waiting on someone to step up.

The contenders? Isaiah

Hicks and Brice Johnson at the four, Kennedy Meeks and Joel James at the five.

Johnson averaged 10.3 points per game in 2013, with Meeks following behind at 7.6. James and Hicks both averaged fewer than two points per game, but both saw less

than half of the playing time that Johnson and Meeks saw.

"It's starting to get really competitive, and really, either you're going to play, or you're not going to play," said James, who ran with the starters in the first practices. "Sunday practice, that was a mean practice."

Meeks, who came to UNC as a freshman at 319 pounds and now weighs 275, tied with Johnson last year in rebounds, hauling in 6.1 per game.

During the offseason, he made it a priority to eat healthy and trim down in an effort to be more explosive.

"The other day I pulled out a shirt from my locker, and it was like a dress," a beaming Meeks said. "It really put a smile on my face just to prove that I've really been dedicated to this."

But if he's to land a starting role, Meeks must beat the fellow big men eyeing one, too.

Williams said the practices have been "vicious," but he's already eager for someone to separate from the pack.

"I don't think there's anybody questioning here that Marcus last year stepped up and said, 'I'm going to be a big time player,'" Williams said.

"Now one of the post players has got to step up and say that."

COMING OUT

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Saturday.

Other panelists spoke about the difficulty that accompanied coming out to their parents.

"Growing up, my mom was pretty accepting but sometimes she made it seem like she wouldn't be okay having a gay child," said panelist Alejandra Marquez, a Ph.D. student in Hispanic literature.

Marquez said once she came out, her mom was as close with her as ever before.

Kim Brummell, a women's and gender studies major who works in the LGBTQ Center, said before coming out to her mom, a pastor, she asked her for unconditional support.

"I just needed to hear that and know that," she said.

Brummell spoke about being openly gay at UNC, saying her experience was mixed until she found the women's and gender studies department.

"I found a home here," she said. "It helped finding people and a community."

St. Brice said he even attended his first pride parade since coming to UNC.

"Pride showed me there is more than what I'm used to, more than what my parents are used to."

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GAY MARRIAGE

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gay marriage bans across the country for the U.S. Supreme Court to review any appeals in support of a ban, since the justices denied hearing five of them on Monday.

"What the Supreme Court has said to date on this issue really leaves no room practically for any court anywhere to uphold a prohibition," he said.

N.C. Speaker of the House and U.S. Senate hopeful, Thom Tillis, and N.C. Senate Leader Phil Berger released a statement Monday promising to intervene and defend the ban.

But Meno said it's too late for them to take action.

"For them to enter at such a late stage would do nothing but waste taxpayer dollars defending a discriminatory and indefensible ban," he said.

Meno said N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper has instructed county registry offices to be prepared to issue marriage licenses to the influx of same-sex couples expected at the courthouses as soon as a court decision goes through.

Cooper had said that he would not defend the state's gay marriage ban in court.

Deborah Brooks, Orange County register of deeds, said the office is ready to issue licenses as soon as they receive approval from the courts.

Shawn Long, director of operations at Equality N.C., said he and his partner of 20 years, Craig Johnson, would be at the courthouse the moment the ban is struck down. Long and Johnson, along with several other families and the ACLU, are part of one of the lawsuits challenging Amendment One.

Long and Johnson have a 12-year-old son, Isaiah, who is only legally recognized as Johnson's child because the state does not allow joint adoption of a child unless the couple is married. Long said they can begin the adoption process once they are married.

"We are now engaged, as we have not been, because we've been waiting," he said. "We both agreed that we were not going to actually get married until we could get married in our home state of North Carolina, and now it's finally, finally happening."

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Housing Chapel Hill's history

Historic homes in Chapel Hill are rich in University history.

By Erin Wygant
Assistant Arts & Culture Editor

While students jog through the many side streets in the quiet neighborhoods of Chapel Hill, the beat in their headphones pushes them past generations of history, though they might not realize it.

In 1793, when University plans were drawn, builders laid out the town — meaning the two were — and still are — very much connected. Chapel Hill is a community where homeowners blend with college students and where residential and commercial life meet along Franklin Street.

The Widow Puckett House on East Franklin Street is one such example. Formerly a widow's boarding house and an occasional classroom, the first chancellor's residence's central location has made it an important player in the University's history. Current owners Ann Stewart and Randall Roden take great pride in the story behind their home and said they're eager to share it with anyone interested.

"I feel a real responsibility to learn as much history of the house, to add to it and pass it on," Stewart said. "This house has so much history that interesting things happen all the time."

The couple has compiled a list of past owners, including Jane Puckett, the widow for whom the house is named. She housed notable tenants whose names are still visible on the walls.

"The students lived upstairs in the attic, and most of them signed their names in candle smudge to the ceiling and now have buildings named after them — like Venable, Phillips and Spencer," Stewart said.

The house's history is also constantly evolving with donations from visitors.

"People give things to this house all the time," said Stewart, pointing to a picture of the entire University faculty seated in the side yard of the house during the 1870s.

"When people leave, one of the things they remember is the town. It is one of the things they come back to see," Roden said. "They like to see the same places, and while they come to visit the campus, they also come to see the town and historic district that looks like what they remember."

Another notable house is located in the Gimghoul Neighborhood Historic District and is home to 99-year-old twins Barbara Stiles and Bernice Wade.

The sisters' quaint 1920s Sears, Roebuck and Company-style house stands out with a beautiful community garden.

When Wade first moved into the house in 1944, her yard was nothing more than a victory garden that started after World War II. Now, with the help of local preschoolers, neighborhood children and community volunteers, the garden has become a springtime attraction that draws busloads of senior citizens and elementary students alike — all of whom the sisters consider to be friends.

"I know every single neighbor — their dogs and cats by name and their children," Wade said. "If you want friends, you have to be a friend. And when I moved here in '44, I was told that it's a wonderful neighborhood because every neighbor is a good neighbor."

The twins have found enjoyment outside of their garden as well.

"A university town is such a wonderful place to live," Stiles said. "It's nice to be part of a community, and because it's a pedestrian town, you can walk everywhere, which we used to do."

The sisters have become local celebrities with their own pop-up book, called "The Garden is Open," and are in the midst of planning their 100th birthday party.

"You can't expect things not to change since we came in '44," Stiles said. "But we have tried to continue what we were told in 1944 and be good neighbors."

Modern families in historic homes

On a sunny day in Chapel Hill, Jim Parrott's daughter can be found playing in the front yard across from a fraternity house on Cameron Avenue.

The Noble family on Rosemary Street will sell lemonade down the street from former medical professor Tom Nuzum.

A common theme of renovation runs through the old homes of modern families on these streets.

"The house was built for a different era," said Patrick Noble, owner of a historic home on Rosemary Street.

Built in 1924, the home is still in excellent condition, Noble said, thanks to the original construction's durable wood. Following historic preservation codes, the Nobles didn't change the front of the house and instead made the back of the house and its interior more accessible and comfortable for the young family.

Similar changes were made to the Pool-Patterson House on West Cameron Avenue.

"When I think about our house, it's part renovation because you have to make it comfortable for whatever your life is like, but it's also excavation because you're peeling back all of the history and previous remodeling," said Parrott, the current owner of the Pool-Patterson House.

The house was built in 1870 by the fourth president of UNC, Solomon Pool, who led the University until it closed during Reconstruction after the Civil War. Later, it became the first house in Chapel Hill to get indoor plumbing and running water.

Since moving to the neighborhood several years ago, Parrott said his family has found echoes of the past in the attic.

"You could see the footprints of those who made the house on the wooden ceiling of the attic. We also found guitars and other things that evoked a hippy-dippy kind of vibe from the '60s and '70s," Parrott said.

The house has also retained its original glass windows, dual fireplaces and slipper doors that disappear into the walls.

"As we got into it, you begin to get more curious about its history because it clearly evokes a bunch of history, which you come to appreciate the more you're here," Parrott said. "You get curious about who was here and who did what to it."

In the Franklin-Rosemary Historic District, two-time Olympic rower Henry Nuzum, Tom Nuzum's son, grew up in the historic Henry-Nuzum House.

"People think the house is named after our son," Jean Nuzum said. "But Henry was the name of the first owner."

The Nuzums said they are proud to be the house's third set of owners. They said they cherish the original hardwood floors and grand front porch.

"We love the big front porch," Jean Nuzum said. "We use it when we entertain on Derby Day with our julep parties."

Preserving neighborhood history

The Chapel Hill Historical Society and Preservation Chapel Hill both help homeowners learn the history of their homes as well as protect the historic buildings.

"The mission here is making the past present — following the people, events, knowing something about daily life, not just for Chapel Hill, but also for Orange County," said Susan Newrock of the Chapel Hill Historical Society.

"This is just a beginning point of information," she said. "But there are clues here."

The real history is found within the homes themselves, and the fight to protect them continues.

"It is a fight that needs attention because otherwise the houses would be torn down for great big fancy homes," Stewart said. "It's really terrible how hard you have to fight to preserve really important history."

Recently, one historic home was privately purchased and torn down, reduced to an empty lot used for football parking. Similarly, the Love House no longer serves as a residence after being purchased by UNC and given to the Center for the Study of the American South.

Roden said the neighborhood is changing from families, to absentee owners. But Parrott said Chapel Hill continues to maintain a unique neighborhood community.

"Chapel Hill has that small town feel yet is still dynamic and culturally interesting - it's hard to find communities quite like this," Parrott said.

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UNC defense fortifies against Everett Golson

The star quarterback is a threat in the air and on the ground.

By Carlos Collazo
Assistant Sports Editor

As the North Carolina football team prepares to head to South Bend, Ind., to take on No. 5 Notre Dame, Coach Larry Fedora is excited about where his team is sitting.

"Really, what more could you ask for?" he said. "We haven't played well in a few weeks and you have an opportunity to go and play on national TV against a great team. I mean you couldn't ask for a better situation to be in. "It couldn't have happened at a better time."

The Tar Heels have lost three straight games, are 0-2 in the ACC and in Notre Dame, will face their highest-ranked opponent of the season — behind the arm of Heisman Watch quarterback Everett Golson.

For UNC's defense, there's not a lot of wiggle room.

The most points any team has scored against the Fighting Irish is 17 (week one, Rice), so if UNC is looking to pick up its first conference victory, it's unlikely to be a shootout, and the defense will have to keep Notre Dame's offense in check.

Defensive coordinator Vic Koenning is trying to improve on Saturday's performance, in which the defense allowed the fewest yards since the opener against Liberty.

"I think we did a better job (against Virginia Tech)," Koenning said. "They tried us with all the cross country and deep routes — they tried all that stuff. And we were way better than we have been all season ... we're starting to get a little pressure on the quarterback so that's helpful."

But Koenning also talked about the challenge of slowing down Golson, a dynamic, dual-threat quarterback who has the added benefit of playing behind a strong offensive line.

A quarterback who has led Notre Dame to five straight victories and was the No. 1 player on USA Today's most recent Heisman Watch. Who has thrown for 1,383 yards and 13 touchdowns to just

three interceptions, while completing 64 percent of his passes and adding four rushing touchdowns to top it off.

"They do a really good job of giving him passes that, you know — not saying he doesn't do a good job throwing the ball deep, he flicks the ball 50-60 yards — they max protect when they do that, so they give him time," he said. "So he's not strained by a pass rush."

"He is almost impossible to catch back in the pocket with a normal defensive line. He gets away from everybody."

Still, senior safety Tim Scott thinks the defense will be able to take its Virginia Tech performance and build on that in South Bend.

"The big thing is confidence," he said.



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A week after chasing down Virginia Tech runners, safety Tim Scott must now try to contain Notre Dame quarterback Everett Golson.

"We're still going to do the same defense that we've been doing. As a secondary, we know that we have to cover a little bit longer, maybe if (Golson) scrambles we gotta

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 9 -- Get cooking today and tomorrow. It's a good time to ask for money. Send invoices, pitches and claims. Check orders for changes or errors. A disagreement about priorities slows the action. Let faith guide you. Confer with allies.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

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Cancer (June 21-July 22)

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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Advance your career today and tomorrow. Ask for way more than you expect, without attachment. There's a test involved. Lay a question to rest. Re-commit to a dream you share. Bless it with water.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Make time for an outing over the next few days. Travels, studies and investigation reveal mysterious adventures. Take video footage and record your notes. Work and put money away. Provide (and appreciate) excellent service.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 9 -- Put away provisions for the future. Imagine that your writing is completed. Don't miss a meeting. Maintain family finances in order over the next couple of days. You can transform a situation that's been troubling.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 -- Partnership is essential for the next two days. Vivid feelings and expression of love occupy you. Let your actions do your talking. Co-workers understand the situation. Heed critics. Put your heart into your efforts.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 9 -- Set long-term goals with your sweetheart, over the next few days. Keep in touch with family. Get yourself a special treat. The next two days are lucky in love. Compromise is required. Listen to each other.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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PlayMakers director honored

Joseph Haj was given the prestigious Zelda Fichandler Award.

By Everett Handy
Staff Writer

Joseph Haj is a man who knows how to be versatile. In addition to his work as producing artistic director at PlayMakers Repertory Company, he has directed and produced plays with non-professionals in maximum security prisons located in Los Angeles, in the West Bank and Gaza and in rural South Carolina.

This week, PlayMakers is celebrating his success — Haj is the first member of the company to be honored with the Zelda Fichandler Award. Members of PlayMakers said Haj brings great talent to the Chapel Hill theater community.

“Among the many causes that Joe advocates for is diversity and giving stage and voice to underrepresented populations,” said UNC dramatic arts professor Ray Dooley.

The award, named for the American director and producer, recognizes directors of regional theaters for their innovative work on and off stage. Haj was unanimously chosen from 62 other nominated directors and received a \$5,000 prize. Haj will be honored on Nov. 3 in New York with a celebration, award ceremony and reception with the Stage Directors and Choreography Foundation.

Haj said he attributes much of his success to PlayMakers and the UNC community.

“To win an award that is given by one’s peers means that you have an organization that is thriving and highly functional,” he said. “The award is a great testament to the extraordinary people that I get to work with every day — the artists, artisans, craftspeople and administra-

“Joe is being recognized nationally for what we already knew.”

Ray Dooley,
Dramatic art professor

tors who really make this theater go.”

Producing artistic director since 2006, Haj has dedicated his time to working with the UNC theater community and engaging audiences beyond just entertainment. Along with Jeffrey Meanza, associate artistic director at PlayMakers, Haj works on scheduling the performances PlayMakers will run during the season.

“We have one of the most engaged communities in the country when it comes to theater. They love the work of this theater, and they support it meaningfully,” Haj said.

“They understand that PlayMakers plays a vital part in the cultural life of this community, and we’re very proud to be a part of that.”

Haj said he and Meanza purposefully choose plays with content that will provoke discussion and conversation with audience members.

“Joe’s a really collaborative partner and supports all of his coworkers to create and develop on their own,” Meanza said. “He empowers them to develop ideas and gives me particularly a lot of freedom and support to work with our community relationships.”

Haj said he is less focused on what the award means for him individually but rather on what it means for the company as a whole. Dooley, though, said Haj’s independent accomplishments can’t be overlooked.

“Having him win this award means to us that Joe is being recognized nationally for what we already knew about him,” Dooley said.

“That he is a great leader and a great artist.”

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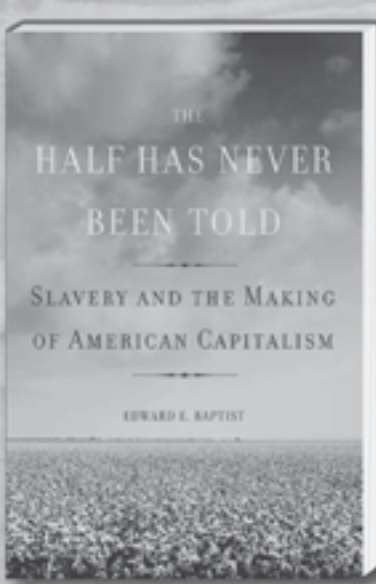
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6 Dust Bowl refugees

11 Part of many a texting request

14 Unborn, after “in”

15 “It’s a Wonderful Life” director

16 Pitcher rim

17 *Tricky puzzle

19 Tenn. neighbor

20 Commuter’s woe

21 Astronomy : Urania :: poetry : ___

22 Basic chord

24 City between Paris and Marseille

25 “Just this time ...”

27 Mensa membership consideration, perhaps

30 Most plucky

31 Myanmar, formerly

32 SeaWorld attraction

33 Stonestreet of “Modern Family”

36 Actress Wasikowska

37 *Let me give it a shot?”

40 ___ Today

41 Essentially fat-free

43 Credit report blot

44 Film with dusty streets, typically

46 Seconds flat

48 Eight dry gallons

49 “Hiya!”

51 Genesis creator

52 Pasture measures

53 User’s shortcut

55 Meditation beginning?

58 Marine pronoun

59 *Historic route west

62 Noir hero

63 Large jazz combo

64 Tourist ___

65 Origin of an egg-shaped spaceship

66 Locations

67 Praise

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2 Razor brand

3 20 quires

4 First name in shipping

5 Bee’s nectar reservoir

6 Vast expanse

7 Longtime pitcher Jim with the nickname “Kitty”

8 By its very nature, in law

9 Afore

10 “Being and Nothingness” philosopher

11 *Unvarnished facts

12 Fragrant bloom

13 Fictional falcon seeker

18 Relaxed pace

23 Left the runway

24 Apollo lander, briefly

26 General Bradley

27 AT and PS/2 computers

28 Nestlé

29 Calamity, and what’s literally hidden in the answers to starred clues

30 Complain

32 “Be right with you”

34 “Ah! Say no more”

35 Poet Sandburg

38 Like New Mexico’s climate, largely

39 “Darned if I know!”

42 Style

45 Cool-cucumber link

47 Poultry magnate John et al.

48 Alpine capital

49 Must

50 Yellowish pigment

51 Highland Games participants

54 “A Death in the Family” author

55 Agreement

56 Wealthy, in Juárez

57 Ben Gurion airline

60 King at Versailles

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Smarties and the people game

“I think it’s stupid.” I was listening to a former Google intern talk about the company’s corporate policies when he said this. Google’s lawyers, he said, forbade employees from naming other companies in their emails. Even using “Google” as a verb was frowned upon. If push came to shove, name-dropping could be a liability.

Coders should respect politics. In a field where patent lawsuits are as common as head lice is in elementary school, liabilities are important. I said it sounded interesting. The rise of the internet had birthed a new field of law. In 2006, Amazon was sued for “stealing” the concept of one-click shipping. A few professors in UNC’s computer science department have acted as expert witnesses in such lawsuits. But shrugging, the former intern just said he thought the entire thing was stupid and continued typing on his laptop.

That irked me. A techie dismissing the details of tech law is like a Peace, War and Defense major shrugging off ISIS. And yet that attitude — “Anything related to politics, hierarchies and bureaucracy is a stupid waste of time, so I’m going to keep coding” — is dominant.

The geek squad in college used to be those students that, in high school, would balk at the preppy student council kids. Making calculator games was much better than debating the dress code with the principal. Nerds snicker at suited-up young politicians and executives — we can’t understand why the senior class treasurer took a made-up position so seriously. When a dispute of Student Congress makes it into the paper, a techie thinks it’s stupid and can’t understand why they don’t just, y’know, get along.

But I admire those sparkle-shoed young debaters. Researchers and programmers can learn from them. The brilliant, independent, sarcastic thinkers of computer science are great, but that mindset is also the reason we’ll never get anyone elected to office.

There is nobility in trying to solve political or bureaucratic problems in any level in society — from high school student council to the United Nations. Even the most ineffective would-be leader has more understanding of the problems at hand than most armchair (internet) commentators that think they do. Problems in bureaucracy and hierarchy — petty, stupid debates — arise in any environment where people need to work together. People tend to disagree, so the ability to tactfully handle these disagreements is important in any field.

But up-and-coming scientists and programmers sometimes imagine they can get by on smarts alone, avoiding the “people game” forever. It’s easy to believe when you need to crank your brain for a living. But then there’s Terence Tao, the 220-IQ UCLA math professor, and his “Polymath 8” project — an effort to bring the world’s scientists together and crowd source a proof to the twin prime conjecture. This is less a feat of the mind and more a feat of leadership in a field. You can’t get things done with brains alone.

So, creators, artists, scientists and programmers — learn the art of politicking.

EDITORIAL CARTOON By David Sheneman, The Star-Ledger



EDITORIAL

Safety at a bargain price

The University should purchase Buzz Rides.

On Aug. 27, this board criticized a new nail polish designed to detect date-rape drugs. Though we lauded the efforts of four young men to prevent rape and sexual assault, we reasoned that their advertisements, which focused on “empowering” women, unfairly placed the burden of preventing rape on the shoulders of potential survivors rather than on potential assailants.

The recent debate about funding SafeWalk and Buzz Rides revisits this debate around entrepreneurship and safety and poses a set of related questions to student government and University administration. To better guarantee student safety, the Department of Public Safety should purchase Buzz Rides.

The startup offers students free rides home between 10 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. It earns profit from advertisements affixed to their electronic carts. According to Joey Skavroneck, the University has already contracted Buzz Rides to provide rides for Chancellor Folt and members of the Board of Trustees. Many of the company’s rides are given to students leaving bars.

Though some of the subtext surrounding this debate suggests otherwise, students exiting bars and houses around campus late at night deserve safe transportation home.

Students who have been drinking are at a heightened risk of both violent assault and other injuries as compared to their sober counterparts. Furthermore, a majority of sexual assaults are committed by persons known to the survivor. The threat of being assaulted on your walk home by someone you know is greater than the danger of being assaulted by a stranger on campus. Buzz Rides thus provides a vital function, one arguably more necessary to students than comparable programs, such as SafeWalk.

Buzz Rides already provides students with safe rides home more efficiently than its counterparts in Safe Ride and SafeWalk. Skavroneck calculated that one Buzz Ride costs the company 75 cents, whereas one SafeWalk costs \$25 in student fees. With its deeper pockets, DPS could increase efficiency further by insuring vehicles, buying parking spaces and expanding the fleet, creating economies of scale that will drive down prices and deliver even more low-cost rides.

The staff of Buzz Rides might well prefer the freedom to run their business that independent ownership engenders. It is their prerogative to refuse to sell. Given their sound business model and the tremendous demand for their service, they could reasonably request to be paid a sum substantially above Buzz Rides’ current value.

Ideally, the company could have maintained ownership and received

student funding through the student safety and security committee, administered via the Campus Y. Such a promising arrangement appeared possible only a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, a series of missteps on the part of student government have closed off this option.

Since last spring, the cooperation between student government and the students who run Buzz Rides has been disappointing. On May 6, the student safety and security committee allocated \$15,000 in funding for Buzz Rides. The money came from student fees and was to be administered through CUBE at the Campus Y.

The committee failed to meet quorum, so the decision was annulled. A former member of Student Congress also filed a lawsuit with the Student Supreme Court against Buzz Rides on the basis that for-profit groups cannot receive funding from student fees according to the Student Code. This fall, the new Student Congress clarified that student fees may not be given to for-profit groups. Absent a change of heart from Student Congress and administrators in Student Affairs, no student fees will be going to any student company.

Buzz Rides is no panacea, but it does offer thousands of students safe rides home. For a very affordable price, the University could help it expand through the only vehicle left at its disposal: purchasing it.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The students lived upstairs in the attic, and most of them signed their names in candle smudge to the ceiling...”

Ann Stewart, on former tenants in her historic Chapel Hill home

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“NC students would have lower grades than students elsewhere while technically making the same score ... it’s just making it fair.”

Kaleryn, on N.C.’s shift to a 10-point grading scale in high schools

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elevator problems mean more to some

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a letter concerning the recent interest in campus elevators, between the high number of Davis entrapments and the library’s response.

As one of the campus wheelchair users, I often feel a spiritual connection with the UNC elevators. When people ask about my location, the answer is probably in an elevator. It’s just a side effect of not being able to use the stairs. I mean — don’t get me wrong, I could get down the stairs, it just wouldn’t be that pretty.

But spending so much time in the elevators, you begin to bond with them: “How’s your day been? Got any plans later? Why the hell are you being so slow!?”

The DTH recently covered the fact that there have been over 190 elevator entrapments in recent years, but what they failed to cover were the number of general breakdowns. In Koury alone there have been five breakdowns that I know of, leaving me stranded on an upper floor. This has happened at Lenoir multiple times as well, leaving me unable to get food for the day.

Worse still are the response times to the breakdowns. I’ve had to wait two, even three hours for a technician to arrive plus the time it takes for the repair, just so I can get to the first floor.

For most people, an elevator breakdown is an inconvenience. For wheelchair users, it’s a real problem. Carolina needs to invest more in elevator maintenance. They need to hire more elevator technicians, and increase the number of routine elevator check ups, decreasing the number of breakdowns and lowering response times.

Chris Corsi
Freshman

Examine memorial’s artistic intent

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to contribute to recent coverage of diverse perspectives on the prominently placed Unsung Founders Memorial.

I was fascinated to learn in Allison Portnow’s letter (Oct. 1) that UNC’s Ackland Art Museum owns an earlier piece by the same artist, Do-Ho Suh, that is “echoed” in the Unsung Founders Memorial.

Has this earlier work of art, “Floor” (1997-2000), ever been prominently displayed in such a way that students and community members are invited to view and reflect on both works of art? And would it be possible to convene a public panel to frame and

guide a wider conversation focusing on these two works while asking deeper questions?

This kind of public event and exhibit would honor the energy and enthusiasm of students who challenge all of us to analyze the impact of the campus’ built environment. Their aim is to make our community more intellectual (not less so) and provoke all of us to create a more inclusive, welcoming environment.

When students feel so passionately as to create a performance art piece that seems to share many of same concerns as Do-Ho Suh, I think we must respond by expanding the dialogue about “Unsung” in a way that opens more discussion of racialized spaces and generates constructive ideas about improving intellectual and social climate for all.

Prof. Altha Cravey
Geography

Take a broader view of world events

TO THE EDITOR:

The cartoon posted on Oct. 2, depicting a conversation between two students about Britain’s approved air strikes against ISIS/ISIL, brought forward an issue prevalent at Carolina: the community’s obliviousness towards global issues. Though I was elated to see Hong Kong support groups appear on the DTH’s official website, I encountered a deficit of reports on other large-scale events.

While Asia, Africa and the Middle East currently receive coverage, Latin America rarely, if ever, makes the front page. The ongoing demonstrations in Venezuela for democracy, including local marches and protests, have yet to appear anywhere in the DTH. In fact, when questioned on the crisis in the aforementioned country, most students simply reference the now-deceased Chavez; many find themselves completely unaware of the ongoing battle for a legitimate government. The sheer lack of coverage on similar Latin American events contributes to students’ ignorance and indifference towards such occurrences.

With voting season rapidly approaching, it is imperative that Carolina’s voters understand international politics in order to better understand local issues. Many of the same policies being voted on have directly contributed to global crises.

Through comprehending the cause-effect relationship, simply by observing international affairs, Carolina’s voters can completely avoid committing the same errors and make informed decisions, allowing for progress and much-needed change.

Sam Andersen
Freshman
Biology

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