



## 'The Hunting Ground' still impacts UNC, 4 years later

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Senior Writer

Wednesday marks four years since "The Hunting Ground" was released, a documentary that shed light on how UNC and universities across the nation handled specific sexual assault cases, while underscoring the broader difficulties in enforcing Title IX regulations.

The film examined how many universities, including UNC, inappropriately and inadequately reported sexual assault crimes in order to avoid public records showing the extent of the problem at each university. "The Hunting Ground" alleged many of the colleges featured in the film often discouraged students who had been sexually assaulted from going to the police and gave minimal punishments to student offenders, who are involved in several cases.

"The Hunting Ground" focused on UNC activists and graduates Andrea Pino and Annie Clark, who filed a Title IX complaint against the University in 2013. In its aftermath, UNC was found in violation of the Title IX anti-discrimination law after a five-year federal investigation and has since made several changes in how the University handles sexual assault on campus.

Pino has dedicated her 20s to this work. Now the digital strategy and communications manager at the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Pino co-authored "We Believe You: Survivors of Campus Sexual Assault Speak Out" with Clark and is looking at applying to Ph.D. programs.

As a UNC student studying political science, Pino anonymously reported her sexual assault case. She became an activist as a resident

adviser, when many residents came forward to her with their experiences of sexual assaults. Pino said no one she knew at the time felt they had received any type of justice after reporting their sexual assaults to University administration.

"I loved being an RA," Pino said. "I loved working for the University. I was very proud to go to UNC. I'm still proud to have gone to UNC. What for me was most difficult, was that I loved my school so much and it wasn't going to change unless we did something big and unless we did something publicly."

"The Hunting Ground" was the "something public" that Pino became involved with when directors and producers of the film came to screen "The Invisible War" at UNC and heard about Pino and Clark's work on campus.

In 2014, a year before the documentary premiered, the University comprehensively reviewed and updated its policy and process for addressing reports of Title IX, including sexual misconduct cases, said Director of Title IX Compliance Adrienne Allison. Also around that time, Allison said UNC began offering prevention and awareness training for all students, faculty and staff as well as bystander intervention trainings.

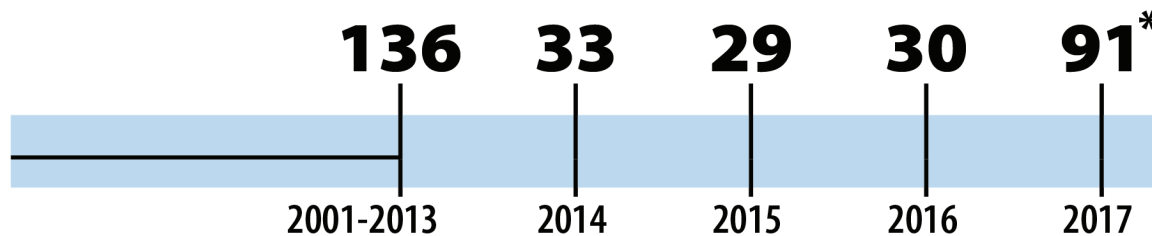
Since 2014, the University has required annual training for employees designated as responsible employees and campus security authorities on how to share reports of sexual assault and discrimination to the Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office.

"Sexual violence and sexual misconduct is a difficult reality at colleges and universities across the

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-Andrea Pino, UNC alum and The Hunting Ground activist

### Reported Sexual Assaults at UNC



\* In 2017, an individual reported to University Police that they had been raped approximately 51 separate times over the course of a relationship  
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country, including Carolina," Allison said. "Documentaries like 'The Hunting Ground' help raise awareness about this very complex topic."

Pino acknowledged the many improvements UNC has made, including increased positions to support students and address campus sexual violence and harassment. Still, she said there is more work to be done.

Pino said many colleges focus on adjudication, even though many survivors do not wish to report their perpetrators. Pino said there should

be an emphasis on retention because sexual assault and mental health issues often intersect.

"The issue is grossly underreported, and that's because there is still more at stake for coming forward than there is for not," Pino said.

UNC's participation in the Association of American Universities 2019 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct is a current initiative by the University to better understand how their prevention and response efforts can equip students, Allison said.

University policy change is one part of a cultural shift that is the result of many survivors speaking out, such as Pino and Clark.

"When I was touring schools in '09, nobody talked about sexual assault," Pino said. "I mean, 10 years later, this is 10 years since I was applying to schools, it is now a critical conversation for most college applicants, and I'm very proud of that legacy and I'm proud to have worked with incredible people who have made that a reality."

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## White sets career high in win over Syracuse



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First-year Coby White (2) had a career-high 34 points during Tuesday's game.

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After UNC's home win against Florida State on Saturday, Coby White was frustrated with himself.

It was the fourth consecutive game that the first-year guard had shot 40 percent or lower from the floor. In that stretch, White had combined for just 17 makes on 56 field goal attempts and totaled 14 turnovers. He felt like he could be playing better.

But a meeting with his brother — a graduate assistant for UNC-Greensboro's basketball team — changed his mindset.

"At the end of the day, he told me, 'You're still a freshman,'" White said. "You just turned 19, so you're still young. You're trying to find your way. Just stay confident."

After White scored a career-high 34 points and hit six of his 11 3-point

attempts in UNC's 93-85 win against Syracuse on Tuesday night, it's safe to say the conversation helped him turn things around.

Head coach Roy Williams had a feeling his first-year point guard was due for a big night.

"I knew he was bound to make some because he hadn't made any the last three or four weeks," Williams said after the Tar Heels' win.

When the Goldsboro, N.C. native made his first basket of the night he felt he had found his groove.

"I just came in with a lot of confidence," White said. "I hit my first one, and it felt pretty good. I was just trying to find a rhythm and get my confidence back."

Throughout the rest of the contest, it was evident that the first-year had got his mojo back. When

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## Sneaker culture at UNC follows in Jordan's footsteps

By Jerome Simpson  
Staff Writer

The world of sneaker culture began in the late 1980s with the emergence of Michael Jordan and his release of the Air Jordan brand in 1985. The former UNC superstar hasn't played a game since 2003, but everyone still wants to be like Mike.

In 2017, Nike led the way in the footwear industry bringing home \$21.08 billion in revenue. Adidas and Puma took home second and third place, bringing home \$10.36 billion and \$2.41 billion in revenue respectively. However, large corporations aren't the only ones profiting off sneakers. According to Forbes, there's a \$1 billion resale market for sneakers.

But why is it that there's still such a thirst for these shoes?

Livis Freeman, a member of the DTH Board of Directors, has been a professor at UNC for the past five years and has owned his own public relations company for the last 17 years. For his MEJO 634 class, Public Relations Campaigns, he's teamed with Air Jordan as a client for the semester.

Like most sneaker heads, Freeman started his collection at a young age. "Growing up, I was a big sneaker head as a kid," Freeman said. "The first item I ever laid away was a pair of sneakers."

Freeman recalled getting his first pair of Jordans: the Jordan 2s. It was such a big deal for him at the time because he remembered Michael Jordan playing in the pair.



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Brandon Huffman, a sophomore forward for UNC men's basketball, started his sneaker collection in seventh grade and now has around one hundred pairs.

"I had every inch of my room covered in Jordan pictures, cutouts from newspapers. You didn't see a wall," Freeman said. "My entire room was all Jordan stuff, and to get the shoes, it was just, I want to be like Mike."

Junior defensive end for UNC football, Tomon Fox, credited that same desire "to be like Mike" for getting him involved in sneaker culture.

Fox started his sneaker collection back as a freshman in high school when Jordan released a new pair of Infrared 3s that he just had to have. From there, his collection expanded to more than 40 pairs of sneakers

and over 20 pairs of Jordans. Fox also has a pair of shoes that have a resale value that's over \$2,500.

"The experience makes it worth it, and the fact that you have a shoe that nobody else has or that not many people have, that's my favorite part of it," Fox said.

The Georgia native said he tries to be selective with what he buys because of the time and money devoted to getting each pair of shoes.

"Sneakers are a way to express myself, I feel like a shoe makes the

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“‘Til you're standing in my shoes, I don't wanna hear nothing from you.”

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# Push to expand N.C. Medicaid sparks GA debate

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No longer facing a Republican supermajority, Democrats in the General Assembly are focusing their newfound leverage on expanding Medicaid for almost half a million North Carolinians.

Major state overhauls to Medicaid are already underway in accordance with a 2015 state bill to shift the state's Medicaid program toward privatization.

In the opening legislative session, Democrats introduced identical state House and Senate bills to expand Medicaid for North Carolinians at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty line.

North Carolina would not allocate any money toward the expansion, with the federal government covering 90 percent of the cost, and state health providers designated to pay the remaining 10 percent.

A 2016 study by UNC's North Carolina Poverty Research Fund found expanding Medicaid in North Carolina would provide health coverage to almost 500,000 currently uninsured people and create 43,000 new jobs.

N.C. Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, R-Caswell, objected to the expansion proposal, saying new enrollees to Medicaid would crowd out resources for current recipients.

In June 2018, Berger's Senate removed a bipartisan amendment to a rural health education bill that would have studied Medicaid expansion's costs and benefits, specifically for rural communities.

N.C. Rep. Graig Meyer, D-District 50, said Medicaid expansion is the single most important action the state can take for its constituents.



DTH/Ryan Herron

About 10 percent of Orange County residents are currently uninsured, according to the latest U.S. Census data.

"In Orange County, we're very fortunate to have a strong hospital presence and easy access to health care, but we still have a lot of people who are working and are uninsured," he said.

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Meyer said expansion would have a large and beneficial financial effect on UNC health care services, and would especially support the funding and development of rural hospitals. A 2018 study by Health Affairs found hospitals are six times less likely to close in a state that has expanded Medicaid.

"One of the most important impacts of Medicaid expansion will be stabilizing the bottom-line of rural hospitals that tend to be in very precarious financial situations," Meyer said. "This will mean they

actually get paid for a lot of the care that they're currently paying for out of their bottom-line."

A total of 14 states have not adopted Medicaid expansion, including North Carolina. In these states, people with an annual income above \$8,935 a year for a family of three but below \$28,676 are not eligible for any federal insurance plan, leaving them in the nation's "coverage gap."

Jordan Roberts, a health care policy analyst for the John Locke Foundation, said he believes Medicaid expansion detracts from the program's initial intention to serve the most disadvantaged populations.

"It was originally for the most needy, the most vulnerable, women, children, disabled, blind, elderly, and now we're using it as a tool to supplement private insurance," he said.

Roberts said the federal government's 90 percent funding commitment has allowed states to spend an

excess amount of money on healthcare.

As the debate over expansion consumes North Carolina's political forefront, the state has begun a Medicaid transformation this year after receiving federal approval in October to shift the existing fee-for-service Medicaid program to a managed care system.

Under the new system, the state awarded four statewide providers and one regional provider a set amount in Medicaid coverage funds each month, rather than per-service reimbursement. Because the managed care contracts are pre-paid, the provider could keep any excess dollars or must bear fiscal responsibility if their cost exceeds the allotted monthly amount.

The new managed care system will roll out in two phases, according to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services — in November 2019 and February 2020.

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# Maye's contributions speak beyond statline in Tuesday win

**Senior forward Luke Maye dished out a career-high six assists on Tuesday night.**

By Chapel Fowler  
Senior Writer

Less than two minutes into Tuesday night's 93-85 win against Syracuse, Luke Maye proved his worth to North Carolina without touching the basketball.

UNC trailed, 5-2, when Syracuse's Frank Howard missed a 3-pointer at the top of the key. In the ensuing scrum for the rebound, Maye's defender, Paschal Chukwu, hit the floor.

As teammate Kenny Williams secured the defensive rebound, Maye turned around, head down, and took off. He ran directly down the middle of the court, into the Orange's 2-3 zone that was now down a man. In doing so, he forced Syracuse into an impossible situation: defend him, or defend Garrison Brooks.

The Orange chose the former, and Williams found Brooks wide open under the basket — slam dunk.

It was plays like those that defined Maye's impact for UNC (23-5, 13-2 ACC), which has won 11 of its last 12 ACC games. On a night where he didn't score much — nine points on 2-12 shooting — he made his presence known in other ways: 37 minutes, a game-high 12 rebounds and, most notably, a career-high six assists.

"I think I was just trying to make plays and do what I needed to do," Maye said. "Kind of make sure that everybody was moving, the ball was

moving and everybody was getting to the right spots."

In a first half where North Carolina shot poorly from the field (10-27) and 3-point line (4-15), the senior forward helped the Tar Heels hang around — and that started down low.

Zone defenses are often seen as softer, with more openings for drives, but Maye said Syracuse's was an "aggressive" one. UNC took advantage, drawing 14 fouls and making 19 of 21 free throws in the first half. The Tar Heels also had six offensive and 19 total rebounds in the first 20 minutes.

"We tried to make sure that we attacked and got into positions where it's successful for us," said Maye, who had seven first-half points, off a layup and five free throws. "And I thought we did that."

First-year Coby White stole the show again, especially so in the second half where he had 19 points alone. Cameron Johnson, who finished with 16 points, was also shooting well. That gave Maye an opportunity to help North Carolina in other ways — a challenge he readily accepted.

"I thought Luke was important for us in the middle of the zone and rebounding the basketball, too," said head coach Roy Williams, who also commended the career-high six assists in his opening statement.

Throughout the game, Maye worked the high-post area, a natural opening in the 2-3 zone. He was patient, with only one turnover in a tie for a team-high 37 minutes.

At times, he served simply as an outlet for a guard to feed a pass to and get it right back. At other



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Senior forward Luke Maye (32) looks to pass during Tuesday night's game against Syracuse. UNC won 93-85.

times, he'd turn toward the basket and attack.

His assists were split evenly, with three per half, and most were quite timely. In the first half, he found Johnson for a 3-pointer that cut Syracuse's lead to 15-14 and forced a timeout. He later hit first-year Nassir Little, who had sealed a defender down low, for a tough layup and the forward's first points of the game.

After halftime, he hit White for a 3-pointer to tie things at 49-49. Then gave a soft pass overhead to

his good friend Williams, whose dunk gave UNC a 51-49 lead. He later fed White for another 3-pointer — one of four he made in the second half.

"Everybody adjusted, kind of made plays the way we needed to," Johnson said of Maye. "I thought that was big for him to have 12 and six outside of his scoring."

It was a stark contrast to his game against Duke last week, only the second 30-point, 15-rebound performance ever against a No. 1-ranked team.

It wasn't the 15 and 11 he followed up with against Florida State, either.

But Maye's performance on Tuesday night hinted at both his versatility, and his team's.

"It's not all about points ..."

Maye said. "I just missed some shots tonight. Sometimes, it goes like that, and I try to do more things than just score."

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## Patrick Lyons strives to serve his community

**Junior Lyons is passionate about community service and his Catholic faith.**

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Patrick Lyons waved goodbye to his mom as he walked toward the community center in front of him.

The 6-foot-4-inch high schooler was starting his first day of his internship.

Lyons walked through the halls, peeking in the classrooms to see if anyone needed his help. He came across a room of kids painting, but they were unsupervised. He walked into the room, turned on the "The Lion King" and sat on the floor.

Kids ran over to him, all of them sitting on him. Some laid on his legs, others curled up in his lap. Lyons' boss walked by, and for a second, Lyons was worried he would get in trouble for helping with the kids instead of doing his desk work. His boss paused, smiled, and gave the rising senior a thumbs-up.

Despite his job being strictly business related, Lyons found ways to put the kids first, trying to be a positive male role model for them. It's grown to be a priority for him.

"He's so real," said Patricia Lyons, his mother. "He can fit in anywhere, and he loves everybody."

A lot has changed since that summer in 2015. Lyons committed to play lacrosse for UNC. The junior is in the Kenan-Flagler Business School, serving on multiple committees across campus. What's remained constant throughout these transitions? The legacy athlete lives his life with a full heart.

### 'Humble and lovable'

There was 10-year-old Lyons, climbing all over the swing set again. Among five siblings, he was always found climbing anything in sight. According to his mom, he

would've climbed onto the roof if he could've.

"He would put himself to bed because when he ran out of energy, you wouldn't even need to ask him to go to bed," Patricia Lyons said.

One afternoon, Lyons stopped outside the door frame as he came in from playing when he heard his mom talking to one of her friends about him in a stressed tone.

"I heard her say, 'I don't know how much longer I can handle him,' because I was a lot of energy, and she had four other kids too," Lyons said. "It kind of flipped a switch in my head."

He started picking up his messes and scheduling his playdates in an attempt to lessen the load on his mom. The young boy even tried his hand at laundry, only for the water to overflow.

Lyons did anything and everything to try and help his mom instead of being a distraction.

"I will say this, and I think all of my siblings will concur, I'm a momma's boy," Lyons said. "Not to the extent that I'm kissing up to her, but always will be there for her. Since that day especially, if she ever needs help, I'll be there for her."

This caring nature started to show in each aspect of Lyons' life.

"I was also told when I was younger to be humble and lovable," Lyons said. "The more you can help other people, that attests to the character of the person. For me, I love to succeed and everything like that, but I think the best part about doing well is bringing other people with you."

This mentality carries over onto the field. He might be at a Division I program, but he's never bragged about it.

"I know a lot of Division I athletes who commit to a school like UNC and you see all over the place them getting cocky and thinking they're better than people," said Colby Reeder, one of Lyons' longtime friends. "He's never been that guy."

*"It is our job to be the best versions of ourselves possible, not only for our lives but for the lives of the next generation."*

**Patrick Lyons**

Junior men's lacrosse defenseman

### A servant's heart

Lyons sat in a small plastic chair fall 2016, flipping through a picture book.

While reading it to an elementary school class, he paused. He looked in front of him and saw all 22 kids with their eyes wide open, eagerly waiting for Lyons to read the next page.

Lyons was stunned, and started realizing how big of an impact one athlete has on their community. It's more than a sport; it's a responsibility.

"The kids we interact with are looking at us as role models and the people they want to grow up to emulate," Lyons said. "It is our job to be the best version of ourselves possible, not only for our lives but for the lives of the next generation."

Lyons' parents always stressed to him and his four siblings the importance of faith and community service.

"He did a lot of community work and continued to grow and be outspoken about doing the right thing and being in touch with God," Reeder said. "It's tough sometimes if it's not the cool thing to do, but that never really fazed him. He always was his own person and just did what he thought was right."

At UNC, he has continued his community outreach efforts despite a busy schedule. Lyons is a part of the Kenan-Flagler Private Equity Fund, UNC Faculty Athletics Committee and co-community service captain for the lacrosse team, to name a few.

On Sunday nights, the junior bows his head while sitting in the Newman Catholic Student Center during mass. It's a moment between him and his savior. He'll stand and sing the hymns, which are his favor-



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Patrick Lyons is a junior defenseman on the lacrosse team. Lyons' parents always stressed to him and his siblings the importance of faith and community service.

ite parts. He's not one to push his faith on someone, typically waiting to be approached rather than initiating the conversation. But once he starts talking about it, people know how pivotal faith has been in his life.

Although he was born and raised in a Catholic household, Lyons decided to make his faith his own in high school. He begged to go to Salesianum, an all-boys Catholic school. While the school had strong academics and athletic programs, it was the focus on faith and community service that drew him in.

It changed Lyons' life and helped prepare him to continue chasing his faith and living his life as a community helper once he got to UNC. He started to mirror the Parable of the Three Sons throughout parts of his life.

"When you've been given opportunities, what do you make of them?" Lyons said. "Do you just hold on to what you've been given or do you try to make more and benefit others with what you've been given?"

To his sister Meghan Lyons, this

comes as no surprise.

"It's neat to see him bring his full self, recognizing that he can be way more than just a Division I athlete," she said.

On a Friday morning last spring, players invited professors to show the other side of a student-athlete life. At the end of practice, the professors and team formed a circle, and took a moment to introduce each guest and how they impacted the athlete.

Lyons couldn't help but smile at the sight. He organized the entire event with the help of UNC's Faculty Athletics Committee, and it left a lasting impact on the professors and players involved.

Lyons chose to chase the life of a community servant, acting on impulses of his heart and faith. It comes naturally to him.

"I've always trusted in my faith that there's a plan," Lyons said. "Whatever I'm doing at the time is the right thing to do."

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# Meet the UNC twins who wear green and red every day

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Under Armour Havocs, with high tops and white laces. Golf caps, bought five years ago when the 2014 U.S. Open came to their hometown of Pinehurst. Google Pixel 2 XL smartphones, with the same smooth plastic cases.

Matthew and Luke Wheeler have fallen into this habit for years. They're identical twins, so it's easy for them to buy and wear the same thing. And it makes buying gifts a breeze.

But, when it comes to the Wheelers' accessories, there's one blatant difference: the color. Everything of Matthew's is green. Everything of Luke's is red.

For the past two years, this has turned the Wheelers into campus celebrities of sorts at UNC, where they both major in computer science.

They call it "color coding." But it's not for attention or anything else.

"We don't necessarily do it to help other people," Matthew said. "I do it because I like green."

"And I like red," Luke said.

The contrast is most evident when the sophomores are together, which they almost always are. Matthew in green shoes and his green hat; Luke in red shoes and his red hat.

Their color preferences go back to elementary school, when the Wheelers had a brief and unsuccessful run in a recreational basketball league. Ahead of the season, their parents, Mark and Sandra, let them pick out new shoes. Matthew chose green, and Luke chose red.

"In middle school, people started mentioning, 'Oh, just remember them by their shoes,'" Matthew said. "So it kind of gave us an excuse to say, 'Hey, I want green shoes.'"

"It was a self-fulfilling system," Luke said.

At West Pine Middle School, Matthew and Luke took an extra-curricular class called Future City. In the program, students work on designing and creating their own miniature city dioramas. Their teacher, Ms. Hippenmeyer, had trouble telling them apart — even with the shoes.

So she came up with nicknames: Mint Matthew and Lava Luke.

The Wheelers still use them to this day. They even have the nicknames on clothing, thanks to a longtime tradition of their high school speech and debate team.

Every year, juniors at Pinecrest High School are tasked with getting gifts for departing seniors. When Matthew and Luke were seniors in 2017, a junior named Caleb printed "Mint Matthew" and "Lava Luke" onto green and red T-shirts for them.

The words are centered in a white, bold font. Matthew and Luke keep them in their closets on the fourth floor of Cobb Residence Hall, where they room together. The shirts have specific washing instructions, so they don't get much use — except for special occasions like the first day of classes, when interest in the Wheelers' outfits reaches a high point.

"It usually spikes during the start of the school year," Luke said. "People say, 'Are you doing Mario and Luigi?' Those kind of things. And then people just get kind of used to it."

Save for a few recitations, the Wheelers have had near-identical class schedules. Matthew and Luke's colors usually don't matter in large, impersonal lecture classes. But they have helped people differentiate between the two in smaller ones — except for a Spanish class last semester, where they think their professor was colorblind.

The coordination extends to basically everything the Wheelers



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Luke (left) and Matthew (right) Wheeler wear their respective red and green shoes and hats everywhere they go.

do. On the first day of LFIT 110, a beginning swimming course, the twins introduced themselves as Mint Matthew and Lava Luke. Then they wore green and red swim trunks and goggles, along with their waterproof watches, for the entire semester.

Matthew and Luke's commitment to green and red, however, isn't a hard and fast one. They only own a few T-shirts in each color, and one pair of gym shorts, no pants or socks.

Their usual coordination — just hats and shoes — pales in comparison to Benjamin Davis, who has dressed head to toe in yellow since his first day on campus.

Coincidentally, Matthew and Luke lived just one floor under Davis last year at Graham Residence Hall. They've never met formally, but Davis, a sophomore known as the "yellow dude," said the Wheelers'

color choice is "amazing."

"I think it's beautiful," Davis said. "I love that we have this culture where everyone can just have their own individual thing and somehow get recognized for it."

Colors aside, the Wheelers are huge fans of video games, among them "Overwatch" and "Super Smash Bros." Ideally, they'd work within North Carolina and in the same area after graduation. Both aspire for a job in programming. Or, even better, in video game design.

If their offices have a formal dress code, Matthew and Luke have a solution: green and red ties, just like they wore in speech and debate tournaments. Even if they don't live or work near each other, they still think the coordination can live on.

"It's just our favorite color," Luke said. "So, it's technically independent

of the other one."

Until then, they plan on rooming together and wearing their respective colors for the rest of college.

Matthew and Luke haven't heard any negative comments yet. More frequently, a student will approach them and admit: "Hey, I've got to at least talk to you once." Some will swear they've seen the Wheelers, who are sophomores, around campus for the last three years.

Matthew and Luke both find that claim hilarious. As they laugh and smile, they reveal the braces they wear. When those braces were put in, about two years ago, each twin was offered a selection of rubber band colors.

Mint Matthew and Lava Luke's choices were anything but a surprise.

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UNC-system President Margaret Spellings met with reporters in November to discuss her early resignation, Silent Sam and her relocation to North Carolina.

# Spellings gets new job after resignation

By Evelyn Forte  
Staff Writer

After resigning during her third year as president of the University of North Carolina’s 17-campus system on March 1, Margaret Spellings has found her next job. She will work for a Texas nonprofit developing a plan for the future of the state.

Spellings, who spent much of her life in Houston, told The News & Observer she’s moving to Dallas next week to work as a consultant to non-profit organization Texas 2036, which focuses on six public policy areas: education and workforce, health and human services, infrastructure, natural resources, justice and safety, and government performance.

According to the organization’s website, Texas 2036 uses data, research, resources and leaders to inform Texans and political institutions on how to ensure that the state of Texas remains the best place to live and work through and beyond the state’s bicentennial, or 200-year anniversary, in the year of 2036.

Spellings told The News & Observer that she’s excited about her position at Texas 2036 because it will allow her to get back to the kind of work she used to do as domestic policy adviser and as the U.S. Secretary of Education under President George W. Bush. In that role, she implemented the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act.

Texas currently has a prosperous economy with an unemployment rate at a historic low of 3.7 percent in October, according to TribTalk, a publication of The Texas Tribune. The state’s warm weather, low cost of living and growing economy has attracted nearly 1,000 new residents per day in 2018 and is expected to include 13 million new residents by the year 2036.

Despite its current level of economic success, the state is projected to enter an era of diminishing prosperity onset by increased housing costs and higher degree requiring jobs, according to TribTalk.

Texas 2036 was founded in 2016 by Tom Luce, a Dallas-based attorney who served as an assistant Secretary of Education under Spellings during the Bush administration, amid growing concerns that the opportunities of Texas would cease to exist for future generations if the state did not carefully plan for its future.

Luce told The News & Observer that he hopes Spellings will become the permanent

leader of the nonprofit.

“In the real world, you don’t change those systems overnight, and it takes a long-term plan, and it takes developing the coalitions for that plan,” Luce told the News and Observer. “Margaret is the perfect person to lead that effort. She’s got the policy experience, the bipartisan background to be able to do that, and I think we’re just very fortunate that we were able to persuade her to, what I call, come home.”

At the time of publication, The Daily Tar Heel had not received a response to a request for comment from Luce.

Spellings unexpectedly announced her resignation as the UNC-system president in October 2018. She is one of several UNC administrators to resign in the wake of the toppling of Silent Sam.

As president of the system, Spellings rallied for making college more affordable for students and making it easier to transfer from a community college to a four-year institution. In 2016, Spellings established a set tuition plan across the UNC system, which guaranteed tuition rates to be the same throughout four years of constant enrollment at one of the UNC-system universities.

In fall 2018, Spellings launched the N.C. Promise Tuition Plan, which decreased semester, in-state and out-of-state tuition at Elizabeth City State University, UNC-Pembroke and Western Carolina University.

Spellings came under fire in late 2015 after sending a memorandum to UNC-system university chancellors instructing that they comply with House Bill 2, which required transgender individuals to use their birth sex’s restroom. Spellings’ actions were criticized by the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, Lambda Legal and Equality N.C.

“I’ve just concluded that my three-year anniversary in March was really the right time for me,” Spellings said at a press conference following the announcement of her resignation. “I’ve given it my all, made a lot of contributions together with this board and the people that work in this university and the people in the system office, and it’s the right time for me.”

At the time of publication, the UNC-system office had not issued an official statement regarding Spellings’ latest appointment at Texas 2036.

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# New bill in N.C. House challenges marriage equality

By Aidan Bennett  
Staff Writer

Four years after the U.S. Supreme Court's Obergefell v. Hodges decision made gay marriage legal across the United States, some members of the General Assembly are trying to reverse the policy.

House Bill 65, the Marriage Amendment Reaffirmation Act, seeks to nullify the Supreme Court's decision in North Carolina and challenge its constitutionality nationwide. Primary sponsors N.C. Rep. Larry Pittman, R-District 83; Mark Brody, R-District 55; and Keith Kidwell, R-District 79, define any marriage that is not between a man and a woman as a "parody marriage" and opposed to the "nature of the human species."

"Like last year, it still is true that marriage equality is the law of the land, not only in North Carolina but in the entire nation, no matter what, to be frank, half-baked legal theories these anti-LGBTQ+ lawmakers try to put forward," said Molly Rivera, an

N.C. ACLU communications associate. HB 65 comes in the wake of another, similar piece of legislation from the General Assembly's 2017-2018 session, House Bill 780. While they both would make gay marriage illegal again in North Carolina, their methods were different.

HB 780's case for overturning the decision was that, according to the sponsors, several of whom are now sponsoring HB 65, the court was trying to exceed the authority of God.

Meanwhile, HB 65 contends that the passage of marriage equality is establishing "Secular Humanism" as a state religion, thus violating the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment.

The basis for this argument comes from a footnote listing Secular Humanism as a religion in the Supreme Court's *Torcaso v. Watkins* decision in 1961, where the Court ruled that states can not force government workers to swear to a belief in God.

"It's so preposterous that it hardly makes any sense, the argument itself,"

said Kendra Johnson, the executive director of Equality NC.

Kidwell, a primary sponsor of the HB 65, declined to comment, while Brody and Pittman did not respond to requests for comment by the time of publication.

HB65 is not an isolated piece of legislation, Johnson said, with other states reacting in a similar way to benefits afforded by the Supreme Court decision.

The Kansas Legislature put forward a bill around the same time as HB 65 utilizing the same "parody marriage" wording, and the Tennessee Legislature submitted a bill to "defend natural marriage."

After it was filed, HB 65 was referred to the House's Committee On Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, the same place where HB 780 died two years ago. Johnson suggested the bills aren't intended to pass the House, but are a publicity opportunity for sponsoring representatives.

Though she does not expect the legislation to pass, Rivera did not rule out



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a lawsuit against HB 65, reminiscent of the N.C. ACLU's 2016 lawsuit after the passage of House Bill 2.

"We have seen some changes in the last year, but they do have a bad track record in the LGBTQ+ rights space," Rivera said. "... Unfortunately, we are

no longer shocked when these types of bills come out of our state legislature, but we remain committed to working hard to protect and hopefully expand the rights of LGBTQ+ people and their families."

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## New legislation could change alcohol sales system in state

By Jamey Cross  
Staff Writer

North Carolina lawmakers have filed legislation that could change the system of alcohol sale in the state, as a response to a recent report that evaluated the efficiency of the state's alcohol control system.

The report was released on Feb. 11 by the General Assembly's Program Evaluation Division. It advised lawmakers of the potential effects of changing the state's alcohol beverage control system.

The report had four key findings.

The findings showed that if North Carolina decided to change how it controls liquor sales, major modifications would be necessary, and would also have financial implications for state and local government revenues.

It also found there are opportunities to modernize North Carolina's ABC system, for which it makes seven recommendations.

The PED completes studies at the request of the General Assembly, and the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee oversees their evaluations, said Carol Shaw, principal program evaluator

for the PED and project lead for the study. The PED was asked to look into the state's ABC system, determine if it was in need of modernization and present options for how it could most efficiently be changed.

Shaw said history plays a major role in North Carolina's outdated ABC system. In the state, she said, local control of alcohol sales has been preferred since before Prohibition.

The report evaluated the regulatory adjustments that would need to be made in order to change how North Carolina regulates liquor sales and how revenue would be affected

by that change. It also explained that the state could choose to modernize its current regulatory system instead of changing the entire system.

The report recommends that the General Assembly limit the number of ABC boards per county to one and eliminate the purchase-transportation permit requirement for liquor.

Other suggestions include directing the ABC Commission to report on the process for obtaining a new contract with an independent contractor and to allow ABC stores the flexibility to provide less than a full case of product to a special order customer.

The report recommends allowing local ABC boards to charge mixed beverage permittees a delivery fee, local governments the option to open ABC stores on Sundays and in-store liquor product tastings in ABC stores.

Based on the seven recommendations made in the report, two identical pieces of legislation have been introduced in the General Assembly: Senate Bill 87 and House Bill 91.

If passed, these bills would modernize the state's ABC system by accepting each of the seven recommendations made in the report.

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### Musk Thistle

By Taylor Brunson

Familiar bloom, your violet globes  
saturate the route home, border  
fissuring roads and forgotten  
trails, paths that point toward  
unknown destinations. Prickly  
witness, spine and spike, trembling  
purple as I pass, you nod,  
you bow, you propagate, you extend  
an invitation to take root, too:  
fellow weed in the Kansan wild,  
we cannot leave each other behind.

Taylor is a senior majoring in Art History, as well as English and Comparative Literature. Though she is not really from anywhere, she claims Kansas, and its weeds, as her home.



WHITE

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Syracuse forward Elijah Hughes hit the fourth of his five first-half 3-pointers with 5:20 to play until halftime, White responded with a 3-pointer of his own.

At the end of the first half, UNC's second-leading scorer had pretty much already matched his averaged of 15.2 points per game with 15 points on just three made field goals. A little less than half of his points came from the free throw line, where he was a perfect 7-for-7 in the first 20 minutes.

But with the Tar Heels trailing the Orange, 46-43 at halftime, a

message from his head coach in the locker room ignited him.

"He told us we sucked in the first half," White said.

In the second half, the 6-foot-5 White opened up scoring for UNC with a 3-pointer to tie the game just 42 seconds after halftime, and when Syracuse hit a shot from deep, he often was quick to return the favor.

After Syracuse guard Frank Howard hit a shot from deep less than a minute after White's first shot of the second half, White nailed another three. With 12:09 left in the game, when the Orange's Tyus Battle cut his team's deficit to one point, White made a 3-pointer of his own seven seconds later.

On a night when the Tar Heels' opponent shot 14 of 31 from 3-point land, it was White's hot hand that allowed UNC to win its 11th game in an 12-game stretch.

When he was fouled with UNC in the bonus and 45 seconds left in the contest, he drained both free throws, setting a new career high and etching his name into Tar Heel history. White — who scored 33 against Texas in November and 33 against Miami earlier this month — became the first Tar Heel first-year to score 30 points three times.

"He's a big-time player, and I think he's showing that every single night," senior guard Kenny Williams said.

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SNEAKERS

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entire fit," Fox said. "You could wear some sweats, a T-shirt and a real nice pair of shoes and everybody think it's a real tough fit."

The ability to be unique and express themselves is something many of the sneaker heads have in common. Sophomore basketball player Brandon Huffman said he likes things that make a statement and stand out in some way.

"There's a lot of aspects that go into (picking a shoe)," said Huffman. "Everybody is different with shoes — some it's based off popularity, for some it's based off the look, the col-

ors, the story behind the shoe. That makes it interesting."

Huffman started his collection back in seventh grade with old-school Nikes and shifted his focus toward Jordans around the age of 14. Today, Huffman's collection is nearing 100 total pairs of sneakers, including around 50 pairs of Jordans.

However, sneaker heads aren't just all about quantity. Shoe collecting taught Huffman valuable life lessons. Huffman said he was always rough on his clothes until the time he started collecting shoes. After he began his collection, he appreciated their value more and put more emphasis into keeping them nice.

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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 a 9 -- Happy accidents could take you by surprise. A fun opportunity to explore is worth grabbing. Expand your frontiers beyond the same old, same old.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 -- You can get the resources that you need. Consider all possibilities with your partner. Let go of an old trepidation. Invite collaboration.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 -- Someone else can see where you're blind. Work together for a common goal. Luck smiles. Abandon illusions or romantic fantasies. Sweat equity wins.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 9 -- Others demand quick action. Help them to see the big picture. Provide excellent service without compromising your own health. Exercise both builds and releases energy.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 -- Romance is a distinct possibility, when you give up expectations and suppositions. Let go of the word "should." Discover fun and love.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 -- Domestic changes could cause upheaval. Collaborate with housemates and family for satisfying results. Reward workers with something delicious. Savor home comforts.

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Linda Black Horoscopes

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 -- Communications are buzzing. There may be a temporary feeling of being overwhelmed. Prioritize urgencies, one thing at a time. Edit your message before hitting "send."

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 -- Profitable opportunities could seem obscured by more spectacular or controversial distractions. Ignore the fluff, and hone in on the gold. Discover buried treasure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 9 -- Your personal view expands as illusions fall away. You can do more than you thought. Discover more options than you realized. Take a lucky shot.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 6 -- Avoid overstimulating crowds or noise. Peaceful privacy soothes your spirit. Use what you've kept hidden. Develop your plans and strategies behind closed doors.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 9 -- Together you can move mountains. Tempers could spark; don't antagonize anyone. Offer encouragement and share the load. Apply that energy toward a solution.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 -- A career opportunity may not seem obvious. Upon inspection, you discover there's more to it than meets the eye. Pay attention and look around.

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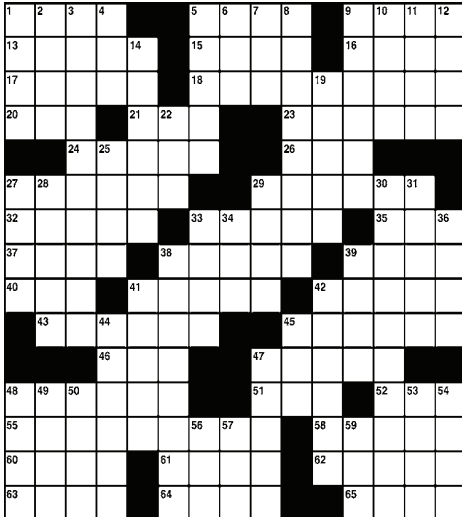
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- 61 Trick
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- 64 Have the lead role
- 65 \_ packing; dismiss abruptly

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## EDITORIAL

## Stop sweeping sexual assault under the rug

## UNC should prioritize active prevention of sexual assault.

Wednesday marks four years since the release of “The Hunting Ground,” a jarring documentary recounting sexual assault on college campuses throughout the U.S. The documentary covers schools of all types: storied Ivy Leagues like Harvard, Florida State University’s celebrated football player. But, the documentary clearly directs its attention toward one school: the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In 2013, preceding “The Hunting Ground,” a federal complaint filed by five individuals, claiming their Title IX rights were violated by the University, was released. Two of the individuals, Annie Clark and Andrea Pino, were the focus of the documentary. Clark and Pino were, and are, heroes. It takes a special kind of

bravery to stand up to an institution as large as the University, and then to share their story on a national stage. Women like them, women like alumnus Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and any people, regardless of gender, who are survivors of this horrendous crime, deserve to be celebrated and admired.

There are still people hurting. Not every victim of sexual assault has received the sort of validation that arose in the aftermath of documentary’s release. Not every victim of sexual assault — including campus sexual assault — has been gifted with the attention our society so lavishly sheds on other individuals, even those who perpetuate it.

We are privileged to attend this university. We are afforded many luxuries. Active prevention of sexual assault should be one of them.

In June 2018, the investigation into the University’s Title IX violation was completed. UNC was found out of compliance. According to a DTH article, the University never admitted their violation, but agreed

to be more transparent about their Title IX policies.

The most damning violation was the failure to resolve cases within the time frame of 60 days (now rescinded by Betsy DeVos). According to the investigation report, only five out of the 18 formal investigations conducted from 2014 to 2016 were resolved within the time frame. One extended to 213 days.

Seven months after the investigation, Carol Folt, who was chancellor at the time, abruptly resigned. We fear that the improvements that were being made after the investigation would come to a halt, overshadowed by politics in the administration and civil unrest on campus. Now that we have an interim chancellor, the Editorial Board calls for Interim Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz to refrain from sweeping sexual assault under the rug. No one should have to wait 213 days for their case to be resolved.

## EDITORIAL

## Keeping the first amendment alive and well

## Be open to supporting community journalism — including the DTH.

This past week, coinciding with the first UNC vs. Duke men’s basketball game, the two school’s respective newspaper, The Daily Tar Heel and The (Duke) Chronicle decided to host a competition of their own. The schools participated in a fundraising challenge, and The Daily Tar Heel emerged victorious (as we did in the basketball game, too), raising \$29,892.54. The total amount raised between both schools was almost \$55,000.

To the Editorial Board, it showed two things. One, that the parents of the newspaper’s staffers must love them a lot. Two, that readers genuinely do value local journalism. No one covers major UNC sports wins like The Daily Tar Heel, and it shows, because the community donated almost \$30,000 so we can continue to do so. The paper after the big game was gone from the newsstands by 9:30 a.m. We saw its front page hung up on the walls of so

many South Campus dorm rooms.

The morale boost, however, was cut short quickly when the Editorial Board learned of the McClatchy buyouts, the publishing company that owns papers like The (Raleigh) News & Observer, The (Durham) Herald-Sun and The Charlotte Observer. Multiple journalists took the buyout between The News & Observer and The Herald-Sun, Chapel Hill’s closest regional papers.

It’s a hard time to be a journalist. It’s a hard time for us, the Editorial Board members, the majority of whom are in the UNC School of Media and Journalism, watching seasoned reporters get laid-off before we even have the opportunity to get a foot in the door. And it’s hardest for the employees who are now laid-off.

One of the buyouts that stung the most was Jane Stancill, the education reporter at The News & Observer. In a region like the Triangle area, dominated by three major research universities, reporting like this is essential to the community. The Board has often looked to her reporting when writing editorials about the University and the administration.

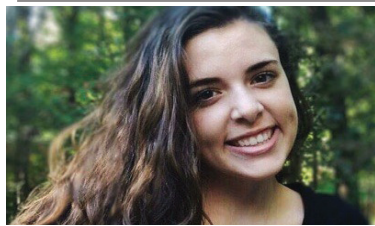
There’s not a clear call to action

in this piece. It’s a fact: newsrooms across the country are losing revenue, and with that come cuts to the staff. It’s heartbreaking, especially considering the civic duty these journalists have so tirelessly provided to their community.

So, we tell you this. Don’t start and end your support for community journalism with The Daily Tar Heel. Journalism everywhere needs your help. Turn off those ad-blockers and subscribe to the papers that mean the most to you. Journalists are in as much of a profession as business and healthcare, and deserve to be paid adequately for the work they do.

The Daily Tar Heel is much too familiar with financial struggles. We’ve been steadily losing money, we’ve feared we might lose our autonomy and we’ve even moved to a different office with cheaper rent. It’s the darker side of independent student journalism that most don’t see.

Media outlets from The Daily Tar Heel to The Herald-Sun shouldn’t have to fight to stay alive. The first amendment shouldn’t have to fight to stay alive. Do your part, and support what’s right.



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## Hope for the future

Earlier this week, Sunrise Movement, an organization fighting to stop climate change, shared a video of young activists asking Sen. Dianne Feinstein to vote for the Green New Deal to support environmental justice.

Feinstein’s response has been both lauded and criticized. Some say she was poised, a realist; others say she was smug and disrespectful. At one point, Feinstein says to a 16-year-old activist, “You didn’t vote for me” — alluding that they ought not to expect representation from a politician they were not old enough to vote for.

Labeling Feinstein — one of the most remarkable women to ever grace American politics — as hostile and aloof seems at least partially rooted in ageism and a fear of strong women. In this instance, Feinstein’s fatal flaw lies not in her temperament, but in her dismissal of the activists and their fears. Sadly, this gaffe is not one she can erase or edit.

The children, ranging from age 7 to 16, were a formidable presence, their passion undeniable. This group of children — wise far beyond their years — care more about government and politics than most voting-age Americans. They made it clear that if politicians want public support, their younger constituents must also be on board.

Feinstein chose to dismiss their plea, implying that their age and lack of experience rendered their concerns null and void. But they should not be written off. If politicians ignore the fears of those they are elected to protect, what kind of a democracy are we?

Feinstein’s assertion is dangerous — it discourages youth involvement in politics and suggests that the concerns of the politically inexperienced are irrelevant. Feinstein is certainly wiser and more politically savvy, but that does not make anyone’s concerns any less valid. We must remember that at its core, politics is a matter of life and death — policies affect people’s livelihood in profound and irreversible ways. These children have standing; they are right to be worried. Politicians might not be listening yet, but I hope someday they will.

The encroachment of America’s youth into the political arena ought to be celebrated — encouraged, even. Due to their youth, they stand to lose the most when it comes to decisions regarding our future — people like Feinstein, who will not live to see climate change rear its ugly head, do not.

The discourse in the video is democracy at its best — speaking up, speaking out, holding our elected officials accountable. It’s inspiring, and it makes me hopeful for what the future of politics may be.

As one child put it, “the government is supposed to be for the people, by the people and all for the people.” Even the children. Especially the children. Their voices should not be censored.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I love that we have this culture where everyone can just have their own individual thing and get recognized for it.”

Benjamin Davis, commenting on the Wheeler twins wearing red and green every day.

## FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“That’s my grandson!”

Mary Wilcox, in a Facebook comment on assistant sports editor Ryan Wilcox’s top five men’s basketball predictions of the week.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Make UNC’s culture more sustainable

To the Editor,

As your article posted on Nov. 18, 2018 “It’s easier than ever to recycle in Orange County and at UNC” outlined, various initiatives and programs have been implemented to improve waste reduction and recycling in Orange County and at UNC. However, the ultimate challenge I wanted to address is making “it part of our culture.” At a renowned public university like UNC, which has started to adapt to a more sustainable framework, I believe the critical focus should be incorporating this into the education of our students and community.

The urgency of educating our students and communities about proper trash and recycling practices became more apparent to me when I joined fellow NCPiRG members in cleaning up in the woods behind Ehringhaus Residence Hall. In two hours, our group collectively gathered 80 gallons of “trash” total, 52 percent of which were actually recyclable plastics. Even more daunting was the fact that there was still visible litter in the woods after we finished — and this was just from one dorm on campus. This showed how imperative it is that our University prioritizes educating our students and communities about the importance of our waste reduction and recycling programs and how we can all contribute to minimizing the detrimental impacts on our environment.

Our University prides itself on its quality of education and contributions to (a sustainable) society — let’s work together to make this a reality for our natural community as well.

Lynn Tran  
Class of 2020

## Concentrate on the future problem of the national debt

You students have youth, energy, and ambition. Forget centuries old problems and concentrate on the future problem of the national debt. It will be with you all of your lives.

Guy Snow  
Elkin, N.C.

## SPEAK OUT

## WRITING GUIDELINES

- Please type. Handwritten letters will not be accepted.
- Sign and date. No more than two people should sign letters.
- Students: Include your year, major and phone number.
- Faculty/staff: Include your department and phone number.
- Edit: The DTH edits for space, clarity, accuracy and vulgarity. Limit letters to 250 words.

## SUBMISSION

- Drop off or mail to our office at 151 E. Rosemary St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514
- Email: opinion@dailytarheel.com

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## Campus Plague

The campus plague — an amalgam of the flu, stomach viruses, average colds, sinus infections, and mono — has come upon us. It has incapacitated students, proving an evil foe for those trying to submit assignments on time or make their 8a.m. classes. Frankly, we’re tired of this. We’ve got stuff to do, lives to live! Down with the runny noses and scratchy coughs!



## QuickHits

## RIP YAYA Tea

Farwell to the grandeur that was once YAYA Tea. No longer does it serve the exquisite boba tea it had promised. Running out of tapioca to fill in oversweetened sugar water bodes a tragic future. Shall we consider its competitor, Cha House? Perhaps it lies farther along the roads of Franklin Street than YAYA Tea. But it promises a wider variety of tea flavors, as well as generous servings of tapioca. Is this our new tea hub?



## Oh Mr. Sun

Dear sunshine, thank you for gracing us with your presence! We truly appreciate the ability to glance longingly out the windows of our dimly-lit office as your rays hit the glimmering sidewalks of Franklin Street. You have deeply inspired us to venture out in the open sans eskimo jacket. May you continue to shine upon our heads and encourage us to wear sunscreen.

