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Leave the movies to go to the theater

enjoy sitting around a movie theater after the credits begin to roll and letting the last hour and a half sink in. So one of my biggest pet peeves is when people disrupt this post-viewing Zen by clapping at the end of a film

I don't understand it. It's not as if the filmmakers can hear the audience reaction. And the way movies are categorized by their gross earnings for the week, it seems like many of the people involved are more concerned about how much money the film makes than how much the audience appreciates it. Audience interaction is a

big part of live AT-LARGE theater, and it's something COLUMNIST that cannot be replaced in film. Many people our age seem to substitute film for live theater when they are actually two completely different art forms. It's time live theater got more

Not to show any disrespect to the film industry. Big-budget films have their positives, like special effects and shoots on location. Movies like "10,000 BC" and "Iron Man" just wouldn't be the same if per-

recognition from us

formed on stage.
I'll admit that I've been to the movies at least six times this semester and not seen one stage

production.
In fact, I find it a bit sad that I went to a Carmike Cinemas showing of Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter's performance rather than the local production of "Sweeney Todd.

We usually opt for the convenience and often cheaper cost of a film. Deciding on a whim to go see an action movie on a Saturday afternoon is a lot more realistic than saying "let's find a production of a George Bernard Shaw play to see tonight!"

But there are drawbacks to film

Movies are a one-sided affair. The actors do multiple takes in front of a camera and the best is chosen to present to the public. We watch the same finished product multiple times. We might go see it in the theater, rent it for a night in or have the network television premiere playing in the background while we wash dishes or write a paper. Some movies we watch so many times that we can recite entire scripts with various actors' into nation and flair.

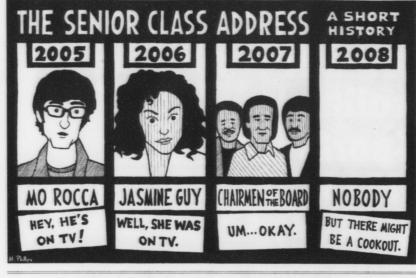
All of the CGI and elaborate sets used in movies nowadays means less work for the actors and audience alike. Performers have more complete sceneries with which to work, and audiimagination nearly as much. Laugh tracks on television and movie soundtracks alert the viewers to emotions they didn't know they should be feel-ing. Even the use of the word "viewer" by industry executives is a dead giveaway to the lack of interaction between audience and performers

It's the shared energy of a live performance that is lacking in the movie theater. The actors and audience feed off of each other's emotions. And sure you laugh when other people laugh, but it is all genuine reaction rather than the editor's cue of repeated recordings.

A play is a living thing. It's different every time you see it, no matter if you watch the same company performing the same script over and over. The audience has an impact, whether it's made up of a class full of drama majors or a field trip from the retirement home. Local productions reach out into the community for technical, artistic and moral support.

So support the local arts and take advantage of the many theaters in our area every once in a while. But when you do choose to go to the movies, please let others enjoy the credits in

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Mason Phillips, mphil@email.unc.edu



Too big to handle

Enrollment growth can't outstrip University resources

sk anyone who's ever organized a prom diner among friends, and they'll tell you how dangerous it is to be overly inclusive. It might make you feel warm and fuzzy inside to accept each and every one of your friends' dinner requests, but pulling up extra seats at the table often comes at the expense of intimacy

As North Carolina's population continues to grow at a staggering rate, UNC-system officials encounter a similar problem of inclusion.

Studies indicate that we might have to increase the number of seats at the UNC-system table by 40 percent, or 80,000 students, in the next 10 years.

University officials here in Chapel Hill are currently considering three preliminary growth plans in which student enrollment would increase to anywhere between 29,447 and 33,000 students by 2017 in order to help alleviate some of the pressure on state public universities.

We're happy to issue the extra UNC invites to meet the

ov. Mike Easley is becom-

ng a master of denial

insistence that his office's e-

mail policy doesn't violate pub-

lic records laws is becoming

Though he formed a com-

mittee to review the policy, we

think it's time for an outside,

independent review - by the

State Bureau of Investigation.

Wake County District Attorney

Colon Willoughby could make

that happen. The (Raleigh) News &

Observer obtained notes from

two state public information

officers from a meeting with

the governor's press secretary

that both said almost exactly

the same thing: "delete e-mails

Yet, remarkably, Easley called

the meaning of those notes

unclear. He said they could also

mean to print out e-mail mes-

to/from gov. office every day."

more ridiculous by the day.

Easley's continuing

demands of the state population. However, given the extreme lack of facilities and available space here at UNC, it would be best for the state to focus its public university expansion in other locations and allow our University to maintain its intimacy and competitiveness by keeping enrollment growth to a minimum.

Don't get us wrong. We are extremely excited that a large volume of students, many of whom will probably be firstgeneration or Latino, will have the opportunity to pursue public higher education in the state of North Carolina in the coming years. They will provide much-needed diversity to the educational system while also becoming crucial players in the booming N.C. economy.

It's just that when Lenoir lunch lines seem endless with a student body of 28,136, it's hard to imagine that the already construction-concentrated campus can successfully provide adequate services for another couple of thousand incoming students.

Paulien and Associates, a consulting group hired to research

A real boondoggle

Outside group should investigate Easley's e-mail policy

It's ironic and more than a

little bit suspect that Easley

would call the notes "cryptic"

when it appears that the only

party behaving surreptitiously

in E-mailgate 2008 is the gov-

Easley has given the appearance of taking the issue seriously

by assembling a review panel,

but we have reason to question

mittee's Easley-appointed chair-man, is a top aide to the gover-

nor and announced publicly that

he did not know how to turn a

computer on and he did not

communicate by e-mail. In Easley's defense, the com-

mittee does include members

from outside state government.

But with reason to question both

his motives behind the review

and his legal interpretations, we

Franklin Freeman, the com-

the legitimacy of that.

before deleting them.

ernor himself.

possible consequences of university expansion in Chapel Hill, has determined that UNC is already functioning at a whopping 1.4 million square feet less building space than it needs. If the University adopts the low growth plan, it will need to find another 2 million square feet.

Carolina North might be able to shoulder some of the space burden, but the campus is mainly for research and graduate programs, not undergraduates

Even if there was enough space for such a dramatic increase in students, it's likely that it would result in some degree of decrease in quality of students and number of small classes. Director of Admissions Steve Farmer suggested that both drop-offs could result in decreased interest from top students.

We should make sure to include more students into the UNC system as population increases. However, we must do so with a constant eye toward maintaining a rich and rewarding "Carolina experience" for everyone at UNC.

lic record as any of a whole list

of media "made or received ... in connection with the transac-

tion of public business by any

agency of N.C. government.

It goes on to further define

an "agency" as any of a slew of

Basically, it's very inclu-sive, and deleting public

records without the consent

of the Department of Cultural

Resources happens to be a mis-

demeanor offense in the state.

Public records laws fill a

valuable role to society on the

federal and local level by ensur-

ing that the government is

responsive to its people. They are premised on the belief that

public records belong to the

people and that without them,

there is no possibility for a free

tolerate any more of Easley's not-

so-clever diversions. It's about

North Carolinians should not

marketplace of ideas

government units.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Multiple staff ... saw this case and saw the red flags in supervision and did not do anything."

ROBERT LEE GUY, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Use of statistics without context is misleading

TO THE EDITOR:

It should be noted that C.P. Helms' citation of the U.S. Census and Department of Justice data was misleading ("Description was reflection of statistics on

criminals," April 2). He claimed that the 2005 data shows that "a person who commits robbery is statistically eight times more likely to be black." This simply is not accurate. Black folks may be eight times more likely to be CONVICTED of robbery, but conviction rates do not necessarily mirror rates of offense

But yes, it is true that the rate at which blacks commit felonies is disproportionate relative to the rate at which whites do. These crime rates, however, reflect specific conditions stemming from a number of socioeconomic realities which disproportionately face the black community.
Several studies reveal that

socioeconomic variables account for the difference between white and black violence rates. When economic conditions are comparable between whites and blacks, there aren't any significant racial crime differences

Some of you must be thinking, "But it's still statistically accurate to say that blacks commit more robberies!" Sure, but since these rates are clearly correlated with socioeconomic variables, we can explain that claim in either of two ways: Black people are intel-lectually inferior to whites and thus are not capable (of) reaching the same economic stability as whites, or socioeconomic inequalities are primarily a result of state policies, macroeconomic policies and unbalanced levels of opportunity and support.

The first explanation uncov ers individual racism, while the second uncovers institutional racism (systematic inequalities that people of color face). Simply stating a statistic, however, strips the situation from this context and only serves to reinforce the false claim that black culture, in and of itself, is damaged.

> Anthony Maglione Junior Psychology

Interested students should apply for appointments

TO THE EDITOR:

The executive branch of stu-dent government has released applications for 16 external appointments for 2008-09. We will be making appointments to the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor, Student Technology Advisory Board, Student Fee Audit Committee, WXYC Board of Directors, among many other committees. You can fill out an application

and see a full list of committees with their descriptions on the student government Web site (www.unc.edu/studgov).

We are in search of any student applicants who are enthu-siastic about serving the student body; prior experience is not

ecessarily required! Applications are due Friday, April 11 at 5 p.m.

I look forward to reading your application and invite you to apply for multiple appointments.
Thank you and good luck!

Todd Dalrymple Student Body Vice President

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Health care must be cheap, accessible and reliable

TO THE EDITOR:

The health care system our residential hopefuls envision for America's future centers around three simple adjectives: affordable, accessible and reliable. But the one thing we aren't hearing anything about could be the most influential factor in the fate of health care overall: the growing shortage of practitioners nationwide

North Carolina has been affected dramatically by this growing health care crisis. Of all citizens, however, those living in rural or inner-city areas are hurt the most by the growing shortage of medical providers. They are also the least represented among practitioners in the field.

How can we as a nation realistically expect to provide comprehensive, culturally competent health care that truly is "affordable, accessible and reliable" if only those most affluent in society have the chance to attend medical school and later practice medicine?

The N.C. Health Careers Access Program, located on the campus of UNC, has worked for more than 35 years to empower minority and educationally/economically disadvantaged students, giving them the opportunity to recognize the possibility of a future in health care. The interinstitutional program provides academic enrichment activities designed to make students more competitive applicants to health sciences schools.

Organizations like N.C.-HCAP are needed now more than ever to ensure that the future of health care really can be affordable, accessible and reliable for all Americans. For more infor-mation about N.C.-HCAP, visit the Web site at nchcap.unc.edu.

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Unity Conference aims to spark discussion on issues

TO THE EDITOR:

This weekend, (Friday through Sunday), the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance invites everyone to its sixth annual Southeastern Regional Unity Conference.

The Unity Conference is an annual student-run gathering of LGBTIQ-identified people and their allies to discuss the intersections of gender and sexuality with ability, age, class, faith, health and race/ethnicity; strategies for effective grassroots organizing; and to discuss work that other LGBTIQ activists are doing in the Southeast.

Our theme this year is "Are You Being Served?" which focuses on LGBTIQ representation in the media and its effect on the rights of sexual minorities.

The conference is free to UNC students, and registrants are free to attend however many events they choose. For more information or to register, please visit unc.edu/glbtsa/unity

> Robert Wells Unity Conference Director

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still want an SBI investigation. sages and keep them in a file N.C. G.S. 132 defines a pubtime he gives up the fight. Stolen code

Plagiarized honor code indicative of deleterious trend

tudents are often warned of the damage they can do to their educational career by cheating or plagiarizing.

But what happens when the code that tells students that has been lifted from another source without proper citation?

That is exactly what happened at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where an honor code it was producing to help prevent cheating was found to be virtually identical to the honor code of Brigham Young University.

It should go without saying that plagiarizing, particularly plagiarizing a document that is supposed to guide people not to plagiarize, is foolish and will only serve to cheapen everyone's education.

BYU adopted its honor code from the Center for Academic Integrity. It, however, cited its

The student in charge of the UTSA honor code project, Akshay Thusu, said the plagiarism was an oversight, a result of the draft being passed down for five years, and drafters plan to appropriately cite and give credit to the rightful authors when the final draft is proposed.

If the drafters of the honor

code themselves violate the honor code, it would seem a little hypocritical to try to enforce it on other students.

While drafting an honor code probably involves more work than most would think, you shouldn't have to copy to tell people not to cheat.

Sadly, the cheating problem is far more widespread. Turnitin.com, which inspects

and library materials and a data-base of old student papers.

About 30 percent of papers creened are classified "less than original." Around 50 percent of cheating incidents come from the Internet, and the other half from old student papers. Barely any come from library sources, probably because it requires more than a copy and paste.

Just because there is a plethora of information out there doesn't mean that the information overload is too big for students to be held responsible for giving credit where it's deserved.

student papers for plagiarism, screens about 125,000 student papers per day against online