

letter from the editor

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A REFLECTION OF COLLEGE LIFE

These past four years of college have been a wild ride, to say the least. There have been so many good memories and fun times, but also many difficult times. College is in many ways a messy experience full of change and growth, and I don't think I'm alone when I say there are moments and experiences I would rather erase from memory.

As I'm struggle-bussing through the end of my senior year and coming to terms with personal disappointments, I'm reminded of one of my favorite bits of poetry:

How happy is the blameless vestal's lot! // The world forgetting, by the world forgot. // Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind! // Each pray'r accepted, and each wish resign'd.

The excerpt is from *Eloisa and Abelard*, by Alexander Pope. It's a long piece illustrating the love between (surprise!) Eloisa and Abelard and as the plot develops, Eloisa realizes it is impossible for Abelard to return her desires. What she yearns for then is neither forgiveness nor acceptance, but forgetfulness.

The truth of the matter is when I graduate in May, I'll be leaving behind personal academic failures. (When I first came to UNC-CH, I really thought I was going to have a GPA high enough to get into Phi Beta Kappa. Needless to say I don't have a 3.85 or higher.) I'll be leaving behind soured friendships and awkward, passive-aggressive fights rife with displeasure. I'll be leaving behind emotions unexpressed, explanations unsaid and thoughts unheard. Maybe I would have done things differently if I could do it over. But because of these terrible experiences at both Duke and UNC-CH, I've grown. I'm more prepared to take on the world. I am ready to handle tough situations, to develop healthy and lasting relationships. And I have the bad times to thank for that.

So while it would ease my conscious to have a spotless mind, I'm happy I have difficult times to reflect upon. UNC-CH and Duke have given me more than everything I need to be successful.

Thank you: I will be taking all of the memories – even the most awkward among them – along for my next ride.

Best wishes,

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did you know:

This is usually a space reserved for cool facts about the Duke and UNC-CH relationship. Here's one for you: The Carolina-Duke Graduate Program in German was the nation's first public/private joint education program on the graduate level. Want more cool facts and tidbits about the universities? Make sure to follow us on Twitter (@RivalMag), Facebook (Rival Magazine) and on our blog (rivalmagazine.wordpress.com).



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In between classes and applying for scholarships, grants and internships, many students are working to make it big in the music industry. Through the record labels at both Duke and UNC-CH, that are student run, many student bands get the chance to record their original works in a manageable way.

There's a ring on it, in college

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Think finals are hard? Try planning a marriage. Typical college-age students aren't usually married or engaged, but UNC-CH and Duke has a handful of couples who have tied the knot... or are planning to. Read about their love stories, how they make it work and why it was important for them to get married at such a young age.

America's pastime, in Durham

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If there is one thing that Durham is known for, other than housing one of the best universities in the nation, it's baseball. But what's the big deal? Writer Jake Klein gives a briefing on the founding, why the sport became such a big part of the town and what the Durham Bulls are currently doing.



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