Tar Heels to play in full Virginia Tech stadium

UNC will begin its season on the road at Virginia Tech on Sept. 3

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On Monday afternoon, Phil Longo stepped up to the podium with a half-smile, a half-sigh of relief. Before anyone could ask the North Carolina offensive coordinator how his team — the 10th-best in the nation — planned to move the ball this season, a simple two-word clarification was required: ‘We’re back.’

Back, as in playing football games on the weekends, is factually true. The Tar Heels will travel to face Virginia Tech this Friday night. But back as in something bigger? Like, establishing a national presence by potentially unseating Clemson, who won their sixth straight conference championship last December, to clinch UNC’s first ACC title since Lawrence Taylor’s time 43 years ago.

Hall of Fame head coach Mack Brown has reached the mountaintop of the sport before. Setting lofty goals isn’t a new task to him. But to his budding team, he understands the importance of balancing optimism with reality.

“Nobody can talk about winning the ACC championship until somebody beats Clemson, because they’re the king, they’ve got that spot,” Brown said. “But I would say that we’ve way ahead of where I thought we would be going into season three.”

With over 4,000 yards of last year’s UNC offense now off to the NFL, the bulk of the offensive duties will be kept in the hands of junior Sam Howell, the Preseason ACC Player of the Year and Heisman candidate.

But for all the boxes Howell checks as one of the top signal-callers in the nation, if the Tar Heels want to be a great team, running the ball will remain a top priority. Gone are Michael Carter and Javonte Williams, who could very well be starting on Sundays in a short time, but the running back room has been rebuilt with Ty Chandler, a graduate transfer from Tennessee.

Chandler is no stranger to starring in big games, formerly playing in the SEC each week, a conference dubbed by many to be the best in the nation. Although he has yet to take any reps within Longo’s offensive scheme, his experience will be invaluable to the team’s young core of running backs.

Behind him, a player that has emerged as the rushing attack’s second option is first-year Caleb Grimes, a Northwest Arkansas native who signed with UNC during its relentless recruiting run.

Grimes entered the North Carolina program fresh off his junior year of high school, weighing in at a light 170 pounds. To make matters worse, he had to face two now-NFL players in daily practices — Dyami Brown and Dazz Newsome.

One day, he told his dad, Deon Glover, that he thought he needed to redshirt. “Redshirt?” Glover told his son that day. “That’s not a part of the plan, son.” “He was doing better than he thought he was,” Glover said. “He had to catch up, he had to get used to the speed of the game and that was my conversation with him — just sit tight.”

Grimes kept working on his craft, every week saying, “I’m ready to play.”

The start of the season came against Syracuse, and although he didn’t start, he registered a tackle in the game. Grimes didn’t register another stat until nearly a month and a half later against N.C. State.

ANALYSIS
Meet UNC football’s most anticipated matchups

With football season on the horizon, here are the games to look out for.

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North Carolina football has lofty expectations for the upcoming season. With Mack Brown in his third year of his second run with the Tar Heels and returning quarterback and Heisman candidate Sam Howell entering his junior year, UNC has high hopes for winning the ACC’s Coastal Division.

As the ACC football season gears up this week, here is a look at a few of UNC’s key games of the season.

Not only is the Sept. 3 matchup UNC’s season opener, but it’s also the ACC opener and a key game on its schedule. The game will not be easy for the Tar Heels, as it’s a Friday night matchup on the road.

The Hokies are coming off a losing season (5-6), including four losses in their last five games. While the team struggled last season, it gives UNC the opportunity to gauge its standing for the coming season.

The Tar Heels beat the Hokies last season, 36-45, but the UNC vs. Virginia Tech matchup could go either way. North Carolina is 3-7 in its last 10 matchups against Virginia Tech. With Virginia Tech predicted to finish third in the Coastal Division, all the pressure is on North Carolina to pull out a win on the road to begin its hyped season.

The Coastal Division is wide open this season, and this game could decide the winner.

The Tar Heels were voted as the preseason favorite, with Miami in second. With the game on their
UNC adds depth in QB room

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As the Tar Heels look to the nearing post-Howell future, much will depend on the current backups to lead the Tar Heels to continued success.

Drake Maye
Though he is a true first-year, Maye was the favorite to secure the second spot behind Howell. A 247 Sports four-star recruit and Arkansas' second-highest prospect, Maye was a standout player in high school, throwing for 2,869 yards and 27 touchdowns as a senior in high school.

As a true first-year in 2020, Maye had four passing attempts for three completions and 16 yards and one interception. He added nine rush attempts for 25 yards as well. Maye will be key as the backup with the most experience with the offense, should Howell be sidelined. He also holds natural gifts to be the starter in an emergency situation.

Jefferson Boaz
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In a smaller role, Asante was still able to be productive, notching 27 tackles on the season. Though Asante plays inside linebacker and is not utilized as much for quarterback pressure, he should be able to increase his role as an all-around versatile piece in this upcoming season.

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The North Carolina football team is gearing up for a new season, backed by the support of an experienced offensive line with some under-appreciated stars.

Following a historic offensive campaign in 2020, this unit will look to build on last year's success and potentially help the Tar Heels climb near the top of the ACC in head coach Mack Brown's third season since returning to Chapel Hill.

Defensive line mixes rookies with veterans

Since Mack Brown's return to Chapel Hill, the UNC football defense has seen a vast overhaul. During Brown's first season in 2019, co-defensive coordinator Jay Bateman relied heavily upon veterans on the line due to a lack of depth at the position, but the talent has risen up front for the Tar Heels over the past two seasons.

The Tar Heels return all of their defensive linemen who received snaps in the Orange Bowl loss to No. 5 Texas A&M.last season, with senior Raymond Vohasek set to return along with junior Tomori Fox and Jahili Taylor. Sophomore Myles Murphy, Kevin Hester Jr. and Clyde Painter Jr. will also be back. Sophomore Kristian Varner and redshirt first-year Kedrick Bishop-Jones — who was held back by injury during last season — are also set to contribute in 2021.

Along with the returning talent, the Tar Heels also added two more blue-chip players to the rotation up front in the 2021 class, with talented first-years Keeshawn Silver and Jahvaree Ritzie seeking to earn playing time as well.

The number of bodies up front will not be an issue for the Tar Heels this season, but the top four falls on the less experienced players to step up. Fox, who is the younger brother of graduate lineman Tomor Fox, has witnessed the defensive line overhaul firsthand since he stepped foot on campus in Chapel Hill. The Georgia native expects big things from them heading into his third year.

"It’s at a point where we don’t have any more punts, Fox said. “Everybody’s a big dog now, so it’s just a matter of who’s going in first. And you’re probably not even going to notice the change, because even if we swap out, we’re just going to keep coming. There's not going to be any down time in there.""

Although there are a lot of underclassmen up front for the Tar Heels, having the veterans around has aided the development of some of the younger athletes. Fox and Vohasek — who was named to Phil Steele's preseason first-team All-ACC list — will provide a plethora of experience and leadership up front for a group that is still chasing its potential.

The Tar Heels have recruited the defensive line position as well as any team in the country the past two classes. UNC signed three consensus four-star defensive linemen in 2020 and built on that success in 2021 by signing their first five-star lineman in Silver to go along with adding another four-star prospect to the fold in Ritzie.

The pair of talented linemen were early enrollees, arriving on campus in January, which should only help their chances of seeing early playing time.

There will be a lot of competition for snaps on the line this year—one thing that some Tar Heel defenses in recent memory did not have.

In 2019, the Tar Heels only had one defensive lineman on their roster listed at above 300 pounds, but this year they have seven — and they’re only getting bigger.

In reality, it may take some time for this group to get together and play up to their full potential, but the pieces are in place for defensive line coach Tim Cross to take this group to the next level moving forward.

Secondary looks to build on youth and momentum

Conley flashed his ability to be a starter on defense in limited opportunities last season. His lone start came in the Orange Bowl, where he recorded five tackles against the Aggies. Against Miami, he recorded six tackles — two coming for a loss — and picked up a sack.

While the rest of the projected starters in the secondary tend to rely on skill and fitness, Conley can use his strong 6-foot, 210-pound frame to set the tone and get physical with receivers. Conley's strength and physicality will be a valuable asset to the Tar Heels' secondary and entire defense.
College of Arts & Sciences dean to retire

Terry Rhodes, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, will retire at the end of the academic year.

“The UNC Alamance Board of Trustees approved the center’s request for authorization in January 2020. Though the center was founded in 2020, its events were limited to virtual formats due to the pandemic. To kick off the opening ceremony, Kime – a professor at the UNC School of Music and Arts – opened the event with a performance of the national anthem. The audience was impressed with the quality of the music, and the event was a great success.”

Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz and Heidi Kim, the director of the Asian American Center, cut the ribbon to officially open the UNC Asian American Center on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021.

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Selina Shi, a junior computer science and business major, addresses those gathered to celebrate the opening of the UNC Asian American Center.

“Learning about Asian American culture is especially important in the American South,” Yom said. “At times the racial climate can sometimes be dominated by the black and white dichotomy. For me, as an Asian American that was always passionate about social justice, I was sometimes left wondering how do I fit in? How do I contribute? And where are my people?”

Shi said that the AAC means something different for every student.

“For me, it’s a place where I can be myself,” Shi said. “Where I know that every aspect of my identity is accepted and celebrated. Because, as a minority, I grew up used to hiding parts of myself from the outside world. This center is a physical representation of those parts of ourselves that we have hidden.”

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Beekeeping club buzzes with passion

Members work with hives on campus and aim to spread awareness

By Valeria Cloes
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Garrett Tucker started beekeeping from a young age with his dad, who is also a beekeeper. “I love bees because I really love their role in the environment, and I think that they’re essential,” Tucker, a UNC junior, said. “Beekeeping kind of allows me to have a role within keeping bees around and pollinating plants and making sure the seasons keep going.”

Today, Tucker serves as the social media outreach officer for the Carolina Beekeeping Club. The club is a group of students dedicated to learning about and raising awareness of the health of pollinators as well as their role in the environment.

Geneva Green, who works on the campus grounds, said the organization has designated areas on campus to plant pollinator-friendly plants and establish appropriate practices to keep the pollinators healthy.

Junior biochemistry major Adrienne Lambert demonstrates how to use a smoker on a beehive on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021.

Beekeeping Club unite with a common purpose to spread knowledge and passion about pollinators

“Beekeeping is the opportunity to bring it to the UNC campus. I think that they’re essential,” Lambert said. “They’re the people who show up to club meetings with people who stay throughout the years, really love what they do and, like, are excited to teach more people.”

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CORRECTIONS

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LGBTQ Center hosts Safe Zone trainings

The program aims to create a network of allies

The LGBTQ Center offers Safe Zone trainings to those part of UNC and community members. The center saw more than 1,000 trainees complete the program last year.

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Erin Siegal McIntyre, an assistant professor at the UNC Hussman School of Journalism and Media, noticed a small placard on the doors of several colleagues while walking around Carroll Hall.

The placard reads that the recipient “has completed Safe Zone training and has pledged to affirm the identities of and provide resources to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.”

Safe Zone trainings are offered through the LGBTQ Center and are open to students, faculty and staff, as well as any interested community members. Last year, more than 1,000 trainees completed the program.

Terri Phoenix, director of the LGBTQ Center, said the placards are a visible symbol of affirmation and support for LGBTQ+ people.

“As someone who is older and really secure in my identity, that makes me happy when I walk down the hall and I see those,” Phoenix said.

Seeing the placards inspired Siegal McIntyre to attend one of the trainings in August and then to put a pride flag in her Twitter bio.

“As someone who is queer, but whose queerness is pretty invisible, for me as a professor, what I took away was sort of the importance of visibility on campus to this community, and how there is a need for our community to see professors be out,” Siegal McIntyre said.

Safe Zone curriculum

The foundational curriculum of the training has two paths – the standard curriculum and the health care curriculum.

Some of the topics in the standard curriculum include the meaning of being an ally, the language and terminology that is relevant to LGBTQ+ communities and recommended practices on-campus.

Colleen McKeel, a graduate student in UNC’s counseling program, said the biggest thing she took away from the training was being more aware of the language used by the LGBTQ+ community, particularly words like “queer” and the normalization of introductions including pronouns.

“Even within a community that you identify with, you still need to be conscious of what people are comfortable with and what people prefer to call themselves,” McKeel, who identifies as queer, said.

The health care curriculum is recommended for anyone working in or studying medicine. It features similar content and also includes information about health disparities and data for the LGBTQ+ community.

Pamela Paz, a UNC senior on the pre-PA track, attended the health care-focused training. As an EMT and someone who plans to work in health care, she said she wanted to learn how to create an environment free of assumptions and judgments for her future patients.

“Once you begin a conversation through an assumption rather than asking your patient to clarify things or asking them to tell you about themselves, you’re limiting the extent to which you can help them and also limiting the information they’re willing to provide to you in return,” Paz said.

The LGBTQ Center also hosts continuing education trainings – open to those who have already completed either of the foundational Safe Zone trainings – that delve deeper into specific identities, including transgender, nonbinary and intersex.

Pandemic impacts

The Center shifted to Zoom training sessions during the pandemic, but Phoenix said there hasn’t been a difference in the number of people participating.

“We found that people were really kind of excited about the trainings, in one respect because they did not have to trek across campus, and then also people who were not in our local area could access the training,” Phoenix said.

Phoenix said the goal of all of the trainings is to provide awareness, knowledge, resources and the basic skills needed to affirm the LGBTQ+ members of the campus and surrounding community.

“I feel like it is the bare minimum that people can do as allies,” Paz said.

“Since we have an understanding of the disparities that already exist, it’s our responsibility to try and do everything to lessen them simply by being educated,” Phoenix said.

The LGBTQ Center will have its next standard curriculum training on Sept. 2 and its next health care curriculum training on Sept. 10, both via Zoom.

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What you need to know about University Approved Absences

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With COVID-19 clusters reported in Avery, Ehringhaus, Parker and Hinton James residence halls since the start of classes on Aug. 18, some students will need to miss in-person instruction in order to quarantine or isolate.

UNC Media Relations said students can have their class absences excepted for COVID-19-related isolation if they submit a request form to the University Approved Absence Office (UAAO).

According to UNC’s Approved Absence Office website, students should contact their instructors about missing class to determine if submitting an absence request form is necessary.

Professors have the flexibility to make arrangements with students on an individual basis. Provost Robert Blouin emphasized this flexibility at the Aug. 11 Campus and Community Advisory Committee meeting. “We are asking faculty to be flexible and compassionate with our students, realizing that we’re going to have to be accommodating to the best that we can without necessarily changing completely our format,” Blouin said during the meeting.

Aside from COVID-19, absences are approved for authorized University activities, religious observances, disabilities, significant health conditions and family emergencies, according to the University Approved Absence Office website. Professors have the flexibility to be flexible and compassionate with our students, realizing that we’re going to have to be accommodating to the best that we can without necessarily changing completely our format,” Blouin said during the meeting.

Sophomore Victoria Graham said the overall attendance policies in her classes seem strict. “Some of them were, if you missed the very first day, you’re automatically dropped from the class,” she said.

However, Graham said when it came to COVID-19 exposure or illness, her professors said they are willing to work with students and allow them to miss classes.

Jack Hwang, a junior statistics major, has all in-person classes this semester. He said his professors did not give much information about how COVID-19-related absences are excused but said they advised students to stay at home if exposed or experiencing symptoms.

The Media Relations statement said students who have questions about attendance should contact their instructors immediately.

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At 50 years old, Keith Edwards could still recall crying after her first day at Chapel Hill-Carrboro Elementary Junior High School.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools had been desegregating, so Edwards could not attend Lincoln High School, as he and his family were residents of the district that he thought of as a cocoon.

"I ended up coming out as a butterfly with weakened wings," she told Robert Gilgo, a local documentarian, during an interview with UNC’s Southern Oral History Program in 2000. "I didn’t have enough room to fly when I went to an all-white school."

This year marks 60 years since desegregation in CHCCS. But even now, across the district’s 20 schools, white students access more opportunity and face less discipline than Black students, according to a Daily Tar Heel analysis of the most recently available federal, state and local data.

During the 2019-20 school year, 60.2 percent of all CHCCS students were white, 10.9 percent were Black, 17.3 percent were Hispanic, 13.9 percent were Asian and 7.5 percent were multiracial, according to data from the Department of Public Instruction.

But last school year, white students in the district were 3.5 times more likely to be suspended than Black students, while Black students in the district were 15.8 times more likely to be suspended than their white peers.

"Truly, the community said that (Chapel Hill) has the second largest achievement gap in the country," said Nash, executive director of community relations for CHCCS.

Nash said steps to address the district’s racial disparities include developing a strategic plan, which would generate the district’s priorities and goals by “including a very diverse group of people from our community.”

He said CHCCS plans to conduct an equity audit.

"White students remain overrepresented in academically or intellectually gifted programming. This divide is perpetuated in the district’s elementary and middle schools, according to U.S. Department of Education data from the 2017-18 school year, when it was last reported. During that school year, Northside Elementary School’s student body was 42.5 percent white and 29.5 percent Black, while its academically or intellectually gifted cohort was 76.3 percent white and 3.6 percent Black.

In CHCCS high schools for the 2019-20 school year, a similar disparity can be found in Advanced Placement classes. For example, at East Chapel Hill High School, white students were 4.3 times more likely to be enrolled in at least one AP class than Black students.

“What happens with Chapel Hill is there’s this energy of being progressive,” said Dwana Waugh, who earned her doctoral degree in history at UNC and wrote a dissertation about school desegregation in Chapel Hill and Virginia’s Prince Edward County. “But there was also an impulse to not push too much too fast.”

That impulse, Waugh said, led to “a sharp divide in what the interior of classrooms look like.”

This divide also takes form in school discipline. In the 2019-20 school year, Black students made up about half of all short-term suspensions in the district, according to DPI data.

For nine of the 10 schools that reported short-term suspension rates for white and Black students, Black students were at least 11 times more likely to be suspended than white students (at Smith Middle School, Black students were only three times more likely to be suspended). Chapel Hill High School had the largest disparity, with Black students being 45.3 times more likely to be suspended than white students.

“Imagine a child that gets a message early, 3 or 4 — when a lot of their language, identity, cognition is formed — about how unwanted they are (in school),” said Thania Irako, who directs the Equity Research Action Coalition at UNCs Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. “Those are traumatic events that follow children through their life course.”

Discipline trends also are affected by school closures due to the pandemic. However, the number of suspensions experienced by Black students in the 2019-20 school year was the highest since the 2015-16 school year.

There were desegregation orders, but there was never really authentic integration,” Irako said.

For Black students subject to those desegregation orders, like Edwards, they entered all-white schools and often were the only Black person in their classes. Sixty years later, the gaps remaining at CHCCS schools are not necessarily documented in demographics, but in pieces of the student experience — opportunity, achievement and discipline.

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**Elevate: Amplifying Voices in Our Community** is a project that was launched in August 2020. Created in collaboration with the first Sharyl Durham’s Leadership Program cohort at The Daily Tar Heel, this is a page to celebrate and uplift marginalized communities that make up Chapel Hill, who contribute to our culture and daily lives in ways that are often not reported.

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Data shows racial disparities persist in CHCCS

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By Kelli Rainer

When he was 10 years old, Stan Vickers’ family filed a lawsuit against the Chapel Hill City Board of Education to gain entry into Carrboro Elementary School where, at the time, only white students were allowed to attend.

His family’s plea for Vickers to attend the all-white school was denied on the basis of his race until Judge Edwin Stanley overturned the decision two years later in 1961, allowing Vickers to attend Chapel Hill High School.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the desegregation of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools this year, the present-day Board of Education passed a resolution honoring Vickers and his family, who enabled such monumental progress in Chapel Hill.

"Every child should have a right to a good education," Vickers said at a board meeting last week. "We have come a long way, but there’s a long way to go."
Carolina Latinx Center kicks off the year

The CLC open house introduced students to campus Latinx resources

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Passing by Abernathy Hall on Wednesday, one could hear the faint sounds of guitar playing from the speakers. Students at UNC lined up for popsicles from a small, white food truck. The smell of pork traveled through the air, distinct even with a mask on.

With the doors to the Carolina Latinx Center open and students gathering inside, there was a feeling of community at the center’s open house, hosted to introduce students to Latinx organizations at UNC.

CLC programming and safe spaces

Josmell Pérez, director of the CLC, said he wants the center to be a space where students can come and learn about the many aspects of Latinx heritage. He said the center can provide a space for organic mentorship, where faculty, staff and students can utilize the building.

“I remember when this was just an idea from our students, and we galvanized from back in 2007,” Pérez said. “And since 2007, we’ve been working and pushing to ultimately create a center. That all came together in 2019, so that we can finally have a space and continue to do some of the work we’re doing as a collaboration.”

Marcela Torres-Cervantes, assistant director of the CLC, said she envisions the space serving different needs for students.

“We hope that environment that we can create for everybody, where they can study, hang out, come talk to us, and it’s really just somewhere that they can turn off and be at peace on campus,” she said.

Torres-Cervantes said she began working with the CLC in September 2020, and seeing the center from a distance beforehand made her feel a surge of pride for her community.

“I was raised in North Carolina, so I have seen our population grow exponentially since I was a kid,” Torres-Cervantes said. “And it is to the point that the land grant institution on-campus like Chapel Hill has a whole center dedicated to us was really exciting. Now that I get to work here, it’s just a sense of full circle, like we were meant to be here.”

Latinx organizations and how they are developing

A student organization present at the open house was Lambda Pi Chi — also known as Latin American and Spanish Community — a Latina-based sorority meant to empower women in social networks while also promoting cultural awareness.

Member and UNC senior Emily Banks said that having a physical marker of an underrepresented community is important.

“It’s a place where we can express our identity, or we can connect with other people, where we can learn about other cultures as well,” Banks said. “Just providing a place where we can come together, learn from each other and continue to grow will hopefully living more Latinx students to our campus.”

Mayra Pérez, another member of Lambda Pi Chi and UNC senior, said she remembers coming in as a first-year in 2018 and having a small room to meet for Latinx events and programs. She said having a space is a milestone because the community wanted one for so long.

Cinthia Salinas-Pavón, program assistant for the CLC, said she is ready for future Churro y Chisme events — a monthly series featuring snacks from local Latinx-owned business Epilogue. The previous event drew more participants than expected, she said.

“Last week, we were planning for 45 students to show up, but we had over 150 and it was out the door, so it was amazing,” Salinas-Pavón said.

Senior Elena Delvalle, another member of Lambda Pi Chi, said she is excited for Carnaval, an event planned for Latinx Heritage Month. She said Mi Pueblo, a Latina-based organization, usually plans the event, but other organizations collaborate as well.

Preparing for COVID-19

Josmell Pérez said that with COVID-19 still present, the center is working on contingency plans. He said a lot of the programs planned can be done virtually, to the point that it has become second nature for both students and members of the center.

Pérez said, though people have gotten used to Zoom and social media communication, there is nothing like breaking bread and meeting others in person.

“Don’t forget to wear your masks and be safe, but community is built in-person,” he said.

Torres-Cervantes said the CLC’s theme for 2023 is “pa’lante,” which is short for “para adelante” and can be translated as “moving forward.”

“The reason we picked that is because our past 18 months have been a series of harsh realities and failures, but we’re still moving forward,” she said. “That’s kind of the resiliency of our culture. Just keep going and make the most out of every experience, even the failures.”

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Eddie Velázquez, a sophomore pre-business major, talks to another student at the Carolina Latinx Center's open house event on Aug. 25.

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Q&A: Ramona Denby-Brinson discusses new role

The first Black female dean of the School of Social Work brings more than 25 years of experience to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

By Elizabeth Egan

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On Tuesday, Assistant Audience Engagement Editor Chase Coleman sat down with School of Social Work Dean Ramona Denby-Brinson to discuss her position, which she started on Aug. 16. Denby-Brinson is the first Black woman to lead the school.

Denby-Brinson brings more than 25 years of higher education experience, according to an announcement from the University.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

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Why did you decide to get into the field of social work?

RD: I really got into it just seeing a need to be able to bring voice and attention to people who are highly vulnerable and people who felt like they had no representation and like all the systems that are structured have failed them. I think that advocacy just comes naturally for me and so I wanted to help people create better conditions and the systems so that they can support people the way that they are supposed to.

How has your transition to the UNC School of Social Work been?

RAMONA DENBY-BRINSON: It’s been a great transition — very busy as a busy time — meeting a lot of folks and I’ve gotten the chance to actually spend some time with our students. It was important for me to get here even before the start of the semester because I wanted to participate in all the student orientations and all the activities that we had leading up to the start of the year.

Why do you think the UNC School of Social Work should be appointing a committee of students to review the project?

RD: I used to be a medical social worker and I worked the emergency room in the county hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada, so we worked with a lot of who were indigent, a lot of people who homeless, people who had mental illness, and because I worked the emergency room oftentimes the emergency room became the place to go not necessarily because these people were faced with emergency conditions but just because they had nowhere else to turn, there were no other resources.

I just remember constantly having the same patients re-appear, sometimes twice within my shift. Someone had died and changed and before I could even start another shift the same patient would return and so I realized that we were literally just doing a hand-aid approach for people and we never had real solutions, and it kind of put me in a mindset to want to go back and get my degree and teach and effectuate change and do things differently that people don’t recycle back and experience the same problems and conditions. I realized that as a practicing social worker I was at the end of it, and so being a researcher and a teacher I could be at the beginning and I could be in on the prevention end and help through innovation come up with solutions rather than being at the scene of the crime.

What’s new?

With UNC, was there something that drew you to this position, or this specific school?

RD: You know, lots of reasons. I think one of the most compelling reasons for me — UNC’s School of Social Work has just a strong reputation across the country in our field.

And I also saw that it’s a way to take that existing talent, the existing abilities of our researchers and our instructors to tackle some of the problems that we’re faced with today — some of the problems around our twin pandemics around our COVID response as well as our race around racism and a lot of social injustice and inequities. And so I thought there’s no better place, there’s not a better faculty position to actually be at the forefront of dealing with these problems that we’re faced with nationally.

Is there anything that you think could be improved upon in the School of Social Work?

RD: Oh, there are so many opportunities. I think that we have some true visionaries here over and lots of things that we want to take on.

The school’s strategic plan just expired and the school was able to meet a lot of the goals. And so we’re at a time where we’re going to be coming up with a new strategic plan. We’re asking ourselves — what does the future need from social work?

In the future, no matter what the condition, there’s certainly not a shortage of supply of social problems, economic problems, environmental problems, and how can we use technology to try to enhance (those solutions)? So we’re asking ourselves, what is the future need from social work and how do we position ourselves to tackle responses to some of those.

Is there anything that you have seen at your previous jobs that you want to bring with you to UNC that we aren’t doing already?

RD: Thank you for that question. You know the benefit of having studied at other places and having worked at other places, and because I’ve worked both in research administration, as well as in academic affairs — the benefit of that is that you do see a lot of new ways of doing things and solutions that may work.

So there are some things that I bring with me from just prior experience at other places, and I’m looking forward to melding those with the ideas that already exist here and the energy that’s already here, so we create our own, what becomes UNC School of Social Work’s approach.

Is there any questions that wasn’t asked or something else you wanted to talk about?

RD: I just think that at our school we’re trying right now to be a national example around so many of the things that we’re doing, and that because you of the existing faculty that we have and because there’s a Commission projects aim to contextualize UNC’s history

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What’s new?

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City & State

Glass Animals performs to sold-out crowd

The new policy is in addition to the venue’s mask requirement

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Visitors of Cat’s Cradle, a live music venue located in Carrboro, are now required to show either proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for entry.

This new policy was adopted on Aug. 22, ahead of last Saturday’s highly-anticipated, sell-out Glass Animals concert.

According to the venue’s website, all attendees must provide proof that they’ve been fully vaccinated in order to attend concerts. The final dose must have been administered at least 14 days prior to the event.

Attendees must either physically present their vaccination card upon entry or show a photo of the vaccination card along with their ID.

If proof of vaccination cannot be provided, the venue’s website said that the attendee must present a negative COVID-19 test that was administered by a healthcare professional within the previous 72 hours.

Proof of a negative test can be either printed or shown digitally, though the results must also be shown alongside the attendee’s ID, according to the website.

Even with the new precautions, masks are still required indoors. UNC student Aly Smith attended the Glass Animals pre-tour concert at Cat’s Cradle last Saturday.

She said she felt the venue did as much as they could to keep concert-goers safe under the circumstances, while also maintaining the atmosphere and environment reminiscent of pre-pandemic concerts.

“I still felt like a real concert,” Smith said. “I was very impressed.”

Piper Finley, a senior at North Carolina State, had attended a Colony House concert at Cat’s Cradle in February 2020, right before the pandemic temporarily shut the venue down.

Finley said she is in support of Cat’s Cradle’s new COVID-19 safety policies.

“I think it makes a lot of sense,” Finley said. “I think that especially how small Cat’s Cradle is, it doesn’t really give space for social distancing.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends avoiding large events and gatherings when possible. Those attending large events are advised to wear a mask indoors as well as outdoors.

Key prevention strategies for staff and attendees include correctly worn masks, physical distancing, basic hygiene, testing and vaccinations, according to the CDC.

Next month, Cat’s Cradle plans on hosting 20 concerts either outside or in its Back Room. An additional eight concerts will be hosted at different locations in the region.

Editor’s Note: Ally Smith was previously a staff writer for The Daily Tar Heel.

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LEGISLATIVE MAPS

A look at redistricting in N.C. ahead of December deadline

The state has gained a congressional seat due to its population growth

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Despite an over four-month delay in the release of 2020 census data, North Carolina legislators are now tasked with redrawing the state’s political districts by mid-December.

The U.S. Census Bureau released population data from the 2020 census on Aug. 12. Because of the state’s population increase, North Carolina will now have an additional congressional district.

What is redistricting?

Redistricting is the process by which legislative districts, at the state and federal level, are redrawn based on changes in a state’s population. Robert Joyce, professor of public law and government at the UNC School of Government, said that this is important to ensure that every person’s vote counts the same in every election.

In North Carolina, there are two committees that handle redistricting — one in the House and one in the Senate.

Redistricting is typically done every 10 years. However, mid-decade redistricting is not uncommon in some states, such as North Carolina, where there tend to be issues related to gerrymandering.

Each congressional district, for example, has to be one-fourteenth of the state’s population, plus or minus five percent. Districts also have to be contiguous, meaning every part of the district has to be territorially connected.

“Except for the population numbers and the requirement of continuity, everything else is a little bit vague,” Joyce said.

North Carolina law prohibits the use of racial data to determine the redrawing of political districts.

Recent legal issues

In North Carolina, congressional districts have been redrawn twice since 2011. The Supreme Court in 2017 ruled 5-3 that the N.C. General Assembly used race to illegally rig the district maps. In 2019, a Wake County Superior Court panel unanimously said that the N.C. General Assembly used data on partisan affiliations to unconstitutionally draw districts that favored Republican legislators.

One of the main changes to the criteria for the 2021 census is a new rule prohibiting the use of partisan data in redrawing districts.

“It has always been recognized that the drawing of districts is a political matter,” Joyce said. “The party in charge of the body that is drawing the districts is going to draw them in a way that is better for them than for the other party, and that’s just an inherent part of it.”

Joyce expressed concern that, despite North Carolina courts having recently identified partisan gerrymandering as an issue, the judicial system as a whole still has work to do in rooting it out.

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Advocacy groups hold affordable housing rally

About 200 community members attended the event on Saturday.

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Local advocacy groups held an affordable housing rally in Chapel Hill on Saturday to raise awareness about the scale of homelessness in the area and emphasize the need for more affordable housing for community members.

Community Empowerment Fund of Chapel Hill, Inter-Faith Council for Social Services and CASA — a mixed-income community development financial institution and credit union — will now focus on encouraging action beyond the event, such as signing Meeting of the Mind’s Coalition and Advocacy Petition for policy change.

The march also focused on emphasizing the need for more affordable and permanent affordable housing.

The March for Affordable Housing stemmed from the meeting of the minds, said UNC student Megan Murphy, a Community Empowerment Fund advocate, who came up with the idea for the affordable housing rally in November of last year.

The march focuses on the lived experiences of those at or below 30 percent area median income (AMI), and works with the local government to address the need for more affordable housing.

“I am one of those (financially disadvantaged) people. I’m a married woman, but if I were not married, I would not be able to live here either.”

-Yvette Mathews, resident in Chapel Hill

The project is expected to break ground in spring 2022.

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Recent graduates and participants of UNC Horizons — a substance use disorder treatment program for parents, those who are pregnant and/or victims of abuse — will now have access to affordable housing in Chapel Hill.

The Horizons Homestead project, expected to break ground in spring 2022, will provide 32 units of housing to the program’s participants, in addition to their children.

The units will be located in the Homestead Gardens community as part of the 2000 Homestead Road project — a mixed-income community set to provide affordable housing and amenities, including walking trails and a community garden.

The project is being funded primarily by the Town of Chapel Hill — who is providing $5 million.

Additionally, Horizons has raised over $3 million to raise $2 million through private donations.

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Residents also have access to other resources including a free public bus system, high-quality public schools, health care and job opportunities.

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Jones said that having safe and affordable housing for graduates of the program is an important foundation for long-term recovery and participation.

“People that have a place that isn’t constantly moving and changing. That’s a home. And that’s where we want to see people head. We want them to be stable and housed.”

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**New mural celebrates local Black trailblazers**

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Artist Kiara Sanders hopes the work will inspire education

Located at 111 S. Merritt Mill Road, artist Kiara Sanders said she plans the mural in a place with historic significance. **“We decided to place it on this particular building because it is home to two Black-owned businesses called Walt’s Grill and Ms. Molly’s Gift Shop,” Sanders said.** Sanders, who began her work on the mural in mid-July, wants the piece to draw people in. **“I decided to use vibrant colors so that when people drive or walk by these faces that I’ve painted, it will be eye-catching and they will want to stop and learn,” she said.** Sanders expects to complete it in the first week of September. The individuals featured on the mural include:

- Valerie Foushee, North Carolina State Senator
- Addie Robinson, director and founder of Holmes Day Care at Hargraves Community Center
- Nurse Adeline Compton, the first Black employee for the Town of Chapel Hill
- Barbara Booth Powell, Chapel Hill Town Council member, educator and politician
- Bynum and Susie Weaver, artists, musicians and entrepreneurs
- Howard Lee, the only Black mayor in the South
- William D. Peerman, championship winning coach, mentor, educator and the first Black athletic coach at Chapel Hill High School
- Reverend J.R. Mailey, former pastor of the Rock Hill First Baptist and Hickory Grove Baptist Church
- Walter Riggsbee, HVAC builder and entrepreneur
- L.H. Hackney, pastor and founder of first Black high school in the area
- Thurman Atkins, developer and entrepreneur

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. formulated the idea for the mural. The sorority works on different projects in the area and keeps the community informed on important and current social issues. **“We are excited to finally be able to highlight African Americans that have made significant contributions to the community of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County through this mural,” said Dianne Peerman Pledger, chairperson of the education committee of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter.**

It was important to the artist, Sanders and the rest of the team to make sure these 12 Black trailblazers are recognized and always remembered. **“My hope is that people will see my mural and see these faces and ask themselves, ‘Who are these people?’ Sanders said. ‘Then they will be encouraged to learn about the community and the impact these figures have had on it.’”**

**VACCINATION RATES**

**Chapel Hill to offer $400 bonus to vaccinated employees**

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The Town of Chapel Hill is offering bonuses to all fully vaccinated employees starting in October, joining other counties in the Triangle area. Employees have until Sept. 10 to qualify for the $400 bonuses. Those who choose not to get vaccinated or refuse to share their vaccination status will be required to submit weekly to COVID-19 testing. Vaccinated employees do not have to get tested regularly.

Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger said the decision was made before the FDA’s approval of the Pfizer vaccine. Although the vaccine is not mandated for Town employees, it is strongly encouraged. Orange County is currently under a countywide indoor mask mandate, which was reinstated on Aug. 11.

This step is essential if we hope to slow the spread of the delta variant,” said Renee Price, chairperson of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, in a statement. **“If you know individuals who have been reluctant to get the vaccine, please take them to a vaccination site to get their shot and to protect yourself and your family members, friends and neighbors,”** Hemminger said that the incentive was especially important for Town employees since they often interact with members of the public.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Houghin Gu said she believes it is extremely important for the Town to elevate vaccination rates. **“Our staff is facing and serving the public — elderly people, people with compromised immune systems, children, mothers and families,” Gu said. “So it’s very important for us to make sure that we make these incentives.”**

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Pride flag in middle school classroom painted over
Removal left some Culbreth parents upset and confused

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The painting of a pride flag on a Culbreth Middle School classroom wall has recently been removed — upsetting and confusing many parents.

"From my interactions, Culbreth seemed like it was a very supportive and inclusive environment for all students," said former student Lily Brumback, now a ninth grader at Carrboro High School. "I was very surprised.

Michelle Haskin, Smith Middle School parent and assistant teaching professor at UNC, said it is common for teachers to decorate their own classrooms.

"I think (the removal of the painting), some across as excessive and wanting to hide the gay community as a hush-hush topic," she added.

Jeff Nash, executive director of community relations for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said in an email that the flag was painted over due to an adjustment in teaching assignments — which included new room allocations — following a different teacher's resignation.

Nash said Culbreth principal April Burko called the remaining teachers to a meeting to discuss these changes.

The teacher who painted the flag did not attend the meeting, he said, but did meet with Burko later that day.

"Principal Burko had the room painted in preparation for the next teacher," Nash said. "She also suggested to the teacher who painted the flag it would be okay to display a more portable flag in her new classroom, in the event another adjustment would be needed to accommodate class schedules."

CHCCS did not allow The Daily Tar Heel to speak to the teacher in principal for comment on the pride flag.

Reactions from the community

However, Lily Brumback said though she doesn't believe Burko had negative intent, she does think the message sent by the principal's actions was not one of inclusion.

"I want to make sure I identify them in a way they would like," she said. "I think providing an example for students, whether students take that example with them when they leave Culbreth or if they don't, providing that to begin with is a very important thing — especially at such a crucial time in development."

As for the flag, Melissa Brumback said she would like to see the school directly address the circumstance.

"I think it made a lot of parents aware that there might be ongoing issues," she said.

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"I think (the removal of the painting) was a very surprising message of the painting over of that symbol that I think I was disturbed by, and I think a number of people in the community also found concerning," Haskin said.

Regardless of the administrations original intent, Haskin said she thinks it is important to acknowledge the way actions are perceived by the community. She added that greater transparency is needed to better understand why this occurred and how the situation can be remedied.

Supporting LGBTQ+ students

Lily Brumback said she believes Culbreth has taken measures toward making its campus inclusive. She said some teachers have openly supported LGBTQ+ rights, and students are educated through brief daily instruction on ways to be more equitable.

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Today's Opinions

It’s been 10 years since the beginning of the NCAA investigation into UNC.

The scandal began with allegations from tutors at UNC that departments offered "shady" academic support for athletic scholarships. In 2010, the NCAA concluded the program violated academic integrity rules, leading to several sanctions.

Now, amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the University is once again facing scrutiny for its athletic programs.

The NCAA conducted an investigation into the academic support scandal, with findings that could have serious implications for the University.

The investigation was prompted by the 2019-2020 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament, where several men’s basketball teams were accused of academic misconduct.

The findings suggest the existence of a "paper course," which was used to inflate grades for athletes, allowing them to maintain their eligibility.

As of Monday, the NCAA had not released its findings, but the University is expected to release its internal investigation report soon.

In the meantime, the University is facing criticism from both its students and the public for its handling of the academic scandal.

Despite the challenges, UNC has a strong history of academic integrity and has made significant strides in recent years to improve its programs.

The University remains committed to ensuring its athletes have access to quality education and support services, and is working to address any shortcomings that may have contributed to the academic support scandal.

The NCAA's investigation is ongoing, and the University is expected to cooperate fully with the investigation.

In conclusion, while the University has faced significant challenges in recent years, it remains committed to maintaining its high standards of academic integrity and excellence.

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Why were these athletes being expected to represent and revenue for an institution without any compensation? The liability falls on the UNC personnel who were willing to adjust coursework in an attempt to assist athletes in maintaining this eligibility — allowing them to compete in high-profile athletic events. It’s a systemic failure that began in college athletics when the industry became profitable and coarsened over time.

The 10-year anniversary of the NCAA investigation is a reminder of the inequity that has been present in academic systems for years. In retrospect, the fact that an alleged academic fraud was investigated at UNC — a University known for its lack of transparency — is no surprise.
COVID-19 testing has been a point of concern among UNC students. UNC attempts a “normal return” to college life during the ongoing pandemic. At the beginning of August, UNC only required testing once a week for unvaccinated individuals and allowed vaccinated students to opt-out altogether. Around one in three people who have coronavirus don’t have symptoms, but could be spreading it to other individuals. Regular testing, when people relocate to a new area and the social distancing, is one of the ways people are safely back in school this year. On Aug. 24, UNC changed its testing policy to twice a week for unvaccinated students. However, testing for vaccinated individuals remains unchanged. UNC Media Relations told The Daily Tar Heel Monday that being able to opt-out of regular testing is a “major incentive” for students to get vaccinated. But it isn’t enough. We know COVID-19 vaccines are not 100 percent foolproof, and breakthrough cases have occurred. UNC Media Relations said the decision to only have one testing center — the Carolina Together Testing Clinic — on campus was based on the guidance of their medical experts led by Dr. Anne Harrington. “University leaders and health experts continue to monitor to pandemic and will make adjustments to our plans as necessary to deal up or down our safety measures as needed,” Media Relations said in an email to the DTH Monday.

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Moving to college is a big adjustment. If you’re coming to UNC from rural North Carolina, the shift to a more metropolitan region can be a culture shock in and of itself. But you wouldn’t be unlike many North Carolinians relocating to the urban scene.

New census data reveals rural North Carolina counties are shrinking — and fast. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, rural North Carolina’s 100 counties saw a decrease in population since 2010.

The Daily Tar Heel reported people of color account for almost 86 percent of population growth in Chapel Hill. Across the Triangle, Asian and Hispanic North Carolinians are the fastest growing populations.

Furthermore, things like public transit, K-12 schools and infrastructure have the potential to see growth to accommodate the influx of citizens.

However, the issue arises when people relocating as due to the causes of this movement. The rural areas we leave behind can continue to suffer from the lack of poor policy decisions, and their counties shrink and the Census Bureau takes notice, they lose the vote, the state becomes further shore to change their conditions electrically.

What’s left is crumbling infrastructure and underfunded public services. This reality may be a hard pill to swallow for students whose hometowns are the ones that are on the decline.

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Senior linebacker reveals skill and grit on the field as UNC’s senior captain
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Jeremiah Gemmel has built his young life on besting giants, finely tuned athletic anomalies and chip-carrying criminals who don’t care who gets in their way or why they’re there but there’s nothing immediately remarkable about him. Sure, his 6-foot-1, 225-pound frame would make most people look small compared to him and trying to best his 40-yard dash would leave a nation of armchair line backers gazing for air. But make no mistake about it—if you were to examine a photo of Gemmel, the UNC senior and star, lined up against his peers, he wouldn’t be the one to point to and say, “He’s the best!” But when you watch him for even just a snap, it’s clear: There’s just something about Gemmel.

Those traits are why, despite representing something far closer to an athletic average than a physical outlier in college football, Gemmel pops out of the screen as that guy any time the Tar Heels take the field. Because he is, regardless of anything, the guy that you can count on to be the rock, the peacemaker after lopsided Carolina, someone who chose as a captain in his junior year, the one who seems to be playing the game live while everyone else is on tape delay.

Gemmel has gained confidence and knowledge over the years, of course — no player can automatically interpret the game the way he does — but if any player was born with the mentality and spatial intelligence to lead a football orchestra between the defensive lines, it was Gemmel.

Even in high school, playing in the talent-rich areas surrounding Charlotte, Gemmel made a statement early in his career that he was going to be someone for every group with the best at the next level. Sure, there were the physical gifts he brought, but where Gemmel really stood out was how often towed over his opponents and the way he made defensive tackles and breaking into the open field when needed offensively but also stood above his opposition away from Friday night’s lights.

“Even when he was younger, you could tell this kid would be gonna be a football player,” said Tom Crafton, the director of football operations at Gemmel’s alma mater, East Coweta High School.

As a high school junior, Crafton and Gemmel was the leader of the East Coweta defense on the field, in the weight room and in places between, setting the tone for the entire program.

“When he walks into a room, he is already one of the leaders in the room,” Crafton said.

The first thing to know about Jeremiah Gemmel off the field is that he has his family. He loves his grandparents, Rick and Debbie, who helped introduce him to two of the most important fixures in his life: his faith and his football.

Debbie, his grandmother, helped introduced him to his religion — she was the one who took him to Bible school Sundays until he was in his early teens and the one who instilled many of the core values that make him the man he is now.

The two have a strong bond, Rick, who taught him the game of football and put him in the direction of the sport despite his proclivity toward baseball. With all that groundwork that Gemmel did with his brother, he had to put some of that aggression and muscle to use on the gridiron.

Today, Gemmel still carries the lessons he learned from his mother and he is taking him to next year with the buzz he’s generated among the league’s scouts.

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When his time comes, Grimes makes the best of it

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After last year’s COVID-19 outbreak, the North Carolina marching band was not going to let a central part of their college experience be ruined for a second straight year. To prevent any COVID-19 catastrophes, the Marching Tar Heels had to do some navigating, adding a mix of welcome and challenging changes to their normal operations. But everyone in the band has the same goal: to give everyone the best possible marching band experience.

“That’s what I’ve been trying to praise to the students,” said Jeffrey Fuchs, director of University Bands. “You have no right to change the philosophy as a group is that we don’t want anybody to be turned away. That’s what I’ve been trying to keep the Marching Band takes precaution

experience someone else has just because you don’t want to wear a mask or you don’t want to do whatever.” Honesty is key in leadership meetings about COVID-19 protocols, and so is listening to those in vulnerable populations, as senior mellophone section captain Sean Raycroft notes. “We are trying to cater to the most risk-averse among us, rather than kind of the average,” Raycroft said. “Our philosophy as a group is that we don’t want anybody to be turned away.” Following that philosophy doesn’t always mean the strictest regulations. Similar to the University, the Marching Tar Heels’ members disclosed their vaccination status anonymously, understanding that a lack of anonymity would create unnecessary friction in the band. Still, the band boasts around 80 percent vaccination rate among reported members. Students must wear a mask at all times when together. That includes when they are outdoors and while performing, a step up from the University’s mask requirement that only requires them indoors.

As the Marching Tar Heels were forced down detour after detour, they found some new roads to be better than their old paths. Some of the most notable changes include using an app to immediately get to the right song rather than a folder of sheet music, individual sections of the band rehearsing together rather than all members at once and not entering from the away tunnel at the start of games. The changes are the new norm. The harder part is getting everyone up to speed. First-years and sophomore outnumbere Juniors and seniors in made a key play. Coming off a blitz on third and three, he sacked Texas A&M QB Kellen Mond, giving the ball back to the Tar Heels in a close game.

As if that wasn’t enough, he also registered three tackles, including a tackle for loss, and two pass breakups. Despite the loss, Grimes was unflapped by the bright lights, which is not a common trait many first-years possess. “That game hit me differently,” Grimes said. “I really think that game put me on the map as someone who knows the game of football.” After Grimes’ impressive Orange Bowl performance, college analysts took notice. As a result, his name is now being floated around in talks for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the top cornerback in the country. ESPN also rated him as the 80th-best player coming into the 2021 season. In addition to accumulating accolades, he’s accumulating weight — gaining over 25 pounds since the beginning of last season. Grimes is now just under 200 pounds and stronger than ever.

When he got here, he was pretty skinny, kind of frail-looking, and you see him lately — he looks like a college football player now,” Bateman said. Tony Grimes came into Chapel Hill at just 170 pounds, thinking he needed to redshirt and didn’t even start until the second half of UNC’s ninth game.

Now, Grimes is on the verge of becoming a star in college football and is helping lead the Tar Heels into their 2021 campaign.

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Marching band takes precaution

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UNC’s first-year defensive back Tony Grimes (20) defends during the 2021 Capital One Orange Bowl.

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Sophomore Madi Marks plays a scale on her clarinet while demonstrating the new safety precautions the Marching Band takes to protect against COVID.

It’s a lot of stuff that people really miss. So people really do appreciate the little things, especially now.”

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North Carolina football is back as a top-10 team

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Hood, a former high school quarterback who has done nothing but impress since arriving on campus as an early enrollee this spring.

In his time adjusting to the position, Hood has bulked up to 230 pounds, a potentially dangerous pairing with his natural explosiveness.

“He’s been a pleasant surprise, and he’s trending upward in a very, very fast way,” running backs coach Larry Porter said.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Tar Heels were a tale of two halves in 2020. In the early part of the season, the defense dug the team into several holes, forcing Howell and the offense to stage a heroic comeback to have any chance of picking up the win.

But as the year progressed, a plethora of young talent began to earn more snaps and develop during the toughest tests of the season, most notably in bouts against top-10 teams in Notre Dame, Miami and Texas A&M.

Following the NFL departure of Chazz Surratt, a two-time First Team All-ACC selection, someone will need to replace his production in the middle of the defensive unit. Given his status as one of the team’s captains, senior Jeremiah Gemmel appears poised to take on that challenge.

Not all season openers are created equal, which the Tar Heels quickly were made aware of in January when they were informed their first assignment would come at an exuberant, sold-out Lane Stadium.

“You’re getting what you signed up for when you came to play college football,” Gemmel said. “The first couple plays, you’re going to have some jitters, but after that, it’s all just football.”

Yes, it might only be the first week of September. Resumes are solidified in the cooler days of November and December, and not all aspirations are dashed with a minor blip.

But in the most anticipated North Carolina football season of this millennium, Friday’s outcome will go a long way in determining if the Tar Heels are simply back to playing football games, or playing for something much, much more.

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UNC football ticket lottery reopens to students

The No. 10 North Carolina football team will welcome back fans to a full-capacity Kenan Memorial Stadium for the first time since the 2019 season on Sept. 11, for the home opener against Georgia State.

Student tickets for home football games are distributed via a lottery system, which can be entered by visiting goheels.com/tickets. Any student can enter the lottery, but there’s no guarantee that students will receive a ticket. Students must be full-time students and pay athletic fees to be eligible for student tickets.

For students hoping to score a ticket to the game and any future home football games, scan the QR code above to visit The Daily Tar Heel’s guide on how to do so.

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