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Originals from Gilmer, Texas, Greenville has been an Orange County resident for three decades now. She attended George Washington University and received her Ph.D in English at UNC. Greene joined the Board of Orange County Commissioners in 2018. Prior to her selection to the board, Greene served three terms on the Chapel Hill Town Council. She also helped create the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.

"The common thread for me from working on the Town Council to working on the Board is that we have to be interested in those areas that have a direct impact on people’s lives," Greene said. "I still care deeply about those issues which I can continue to fight for and work on with my involvement on the Board."

Orange County Commissioner Renee Price congratulated Greene for winning the Outstanding Commissioners Award.

“North Carolina is projected to receive about $750 million from the $2.6 billion settlement with OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Sally Greene lauded for work on opioid settlement amid crisis

By Charlotte Easley

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Orange County Commissioner Sally Greene recently received the North Carolina Outstanding County Commissioner Award for her work on developing a plan to distribute an estimated $750 million across the state from a recent settlement. Greene was presented with the award during the Orange County Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, July 19.

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Researchers in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, as pictured on Nov. 3, 2020, developed a coronavirus vaccine.

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, researchers in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health have developed a new universal coronavirus vaccine, with the potential to protect against multiple coronaviruses, as well as the different variants of COVID-19.

David Martinez, a Hanna H. Gray Fellow at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and one of the lead authors of the study, explained what makes the research unique.

“Our vaccine is really different than the original vaccines in that it aims to not only protect against COVID-19 and some of the variants of concern, but our vaccine can actually protect against the original SARS coronavirus from 2003, as well as close cousins that circulate in bats, for example,” Martinez said.

According to Martinez, this universal coronavirus vaccine functions similarly to the mRNA vaccines developed by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. However, instead of administering the mRNA code for one spike protein, this vaccine administers the mRNA code for four different spike proteins at the same time.

“The only difference is that we’re generated spikes that are really designed in a way to maximize the breadth of the immune responses,” Martinez said.

The development of this universal coronavirus vaccine began in spring 2020. Around that time, Martinez and Ralph Baric, the other lead author of the study and an epidemiologist at the Public Health School, began thinking about different ways to engineer spike vaccines to have more immune recognition.

The vaccines were physically produced in June 2020, but they were not shipped to begin testing on animal models until November, due to pandemic delays. Dr. Byron Cohen, the director of the UNC Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases, said that if the vaccine were to be approved and made available to the public, it would essentially replace the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

“If there was one universal coronavirus vaccine that protected against all coronaviruses that exist, or that might exist, that would become a pretty important tool,” Cohen said.

The vaccine is still in the preclinical stage and has not yet been tested on human subjects, so it will likely be a while before it’s available to the public, Martinez said. In the meantime, however, Martinez explained how people can still take measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

“We have to remain vigilant — by no means is the pandemic over,” Martinez said. "Get fully vaccinated as quickly as possible to reduce the risk of potentially becoming ill with some of these more transmissible variants, like the delta variant.”

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Catch-all vaccine created at UNC

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Local governments will receive up to 85 percent of the state’s funds, according to the plan developed by the 555 Committee, which was made up of 15 officials from various counties — five commissioners, five county managers and five county attorneys.

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Opinion

Lorde’s “Solar Power” doesn’t produce much energy

By Irina Wilder

Irina Wilder frollos in the sun in a desperate attempt to recreate Lorde’s “Solar Power” album cover. In contrast, I merely enjoyed “Solar Power” the way that one enjoys a June bikini while beaching without excitement, but with solemn content. It’s essentially 43 minutes of early Dido tribute music: soft vocals over a simple drum loop and an acoustic guitar. The album pines a sharp juxtaposition to the explosively exhilarating sound of “Melodrama” that grabbed my ears in 2017 and has not let go since.

I hold Lorde to a very high standard. The work that she has produced in the past has been nothing short of pop perfection and an airtight testament to her drive and talent. “Solar Power” simply doesn’t hold up to these standards.

“Pure Heroine” and “Melodrama” are some of my favorite albums of all time, and after multiple listens, I don’t see “Solar Power” making that list. However, there are a few standout songs including “The Path,” “Secrets from a Girl (Who’s Seen it All)” and “Mood Ring.” “The Path” is an excellent album opener; the lyrics “Borns in the year of 1996, TenTeen millionaire having nightmares from the chaos of modern life” is a mighty battle call, as if Lorde is about to lead us on a charge. “Secrets from a Girl (Who’s Seen it All)” is a lyrical message to Lorde’s younger self and the9 generation, getting older, the new album’s answer for “Reihe” from “Pure Heroine.” Of all of the more upbeat songs on this album, this one is by far the catchiest and most magically alluring. With a pun-filled outro by Robyn, the lyrics and air of this song makes me giddy and at ease.

Still, the listenability of the more upbeat tracks cannot excuse the instrumental mundanity of the others. “Solar Power” is Jack Antonoff’s attempt to produce another “Folklore.” Following the massive success of Taylor Swift’s first cottagecore cottagecore, it seems that Antonoff has turned away from his player-driven, energetic approach to music production. The Antonoff that brought us классiches wie “Perfect Places” is long gone.

His album to slow, understated, almost lazy sound has stained the discography along with Lana Del Rey’s “Chemtrails Over the Country Club,” Clairo, with the glacially-paced layer-driven, energetic approach to music production. The Antonoff that brought us классiches wie “Perfect Places’ is long gone.

The album may grow on me in the future, but for now, “Solar Power” doesn’t produce much energy.

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COLUMNS

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The feasibility of UNC mandating COVID-19 vaccines

By Peter Hans

The University must comply with state law and cannot substitute its own judgement for that of the Commission for Public Health.

October 2021 semester, Indiana University announced a vaccine mandate for all students, faculty and staff. This mandate, one of the first major public universities to do so. Predictably, the mandate was met with mixed reactions. Legal opposition rose to the U.S. Supreme Court, where Justices Amy Coney Barrett turned down a group of students’ request to block the vaccine mandate.

In light of Justice Barrett’s decision in the Indiana University case, several members of UNC’s Campus and Community Advisory Committee have called on the university to require COVID-19 vaccines for all students and employees. This plea has come at a time when North Carolina is experiencing its highest daily case average since February and UNC has seen two COVID-19 clusters.

The lack of a vaccine mandate has stirred frustration and confusion from students and the public.

Can the University even mandate the vaccine?

The short answer is the University has no idea. The University has cited a lack of clear legal guidance when making this decision. UNC System President Peter Hans, who penned the final decision, and (if I am not) clear that the University even has the legal authority to take the unprecedented step of mandating additional communications for all students.

Part of the reason for the uncertain legal solidity is the Emergency Use Authorization. The vaccine is operating within which adds additional legal complexity to any mandate.

What does full FDA approval for the vaccine mean?

On Monday, the FDA announced it was giving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine full approval. The FDA approval is expected to create a wave of vaccine requirements by organizations. Health officials believe an FDA approved vaccine will increase vaccine rates from Americans who have been hesitant of receiving a vaccine with emergency use authorization.

Would the University consider a vaccine mandate in the future?

Not necessarily. Hans acknowledges that throughout the pandemic, the University has followed the advice of state health officials regarding the vaccine.

Why is this decision bigger than Chapel Hill?

If you’ve been on campus this week, you might have overheard about the potential for UNC to move to a vaccine mandate. Whether this news comes from the concerned whispers of your fellow students or from the faculty-led petition for four to six weeks of virtual learning, you might be left confused about UNC’s stance on the issue.

Regardless, we can learn from UNC’s past mistakes and how certain policy decisions might make virtual learning inevitable this semester.

Perhaps most noticeable is the absence of a vaccine mandate at UNC. This approach is being adopted by other public universities, including Indiana University and the University of Virginia, which disenrolled over 200 students who did not comply with the mandate.

The UNC System advises its campuses that under state law only the North Carolina Commission for Public Health can mandate immunizations for college students, according to the Carolina Together website.

At its core, the issue also involves transparency and communication between the administration faculty and students. How could what have been done – and where do we go from here?

UNC can provide comprehensive guidance with education, and plans for students to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccines have become more widely available, and some locations are no longer requiring appointments. Walk-in vaccine clinics offer appointments and walk-in, the burden most often falls on students to seek out the clinic and make an appointment.

Lastly, if UNC is not going to register vaccine, they should incentivize them.

North Carolina has taken a similar approach, offering admission into a million dollar lottery for newly vaccinated Carolina. UNC System does not yet (not yet) make students millionaires to achieve similar results – subsidizing meal plans or entering students in merchandise giveaways could be enough to attract enough.

Although the University allows students to opt out of regular testing if they have attested that they are vaccinated, offering additional incentives for students could increase the campus vaccination rate.

Inaccessibility and hesitancy have proven to be two major barriers for people who are not yet vaccinated. UNC has the power to combat both. The University has a broad network of professionals and scholars in public health and epidemiology, as well as the resources to prioritize vaccine clinic camps.

UNC is sitting on a wide bank of resources to help combat the pandemic, ranging from the vaccine mandate to the doors of in-person learning. If we can safely carry out, UNC should avoid falling back into virtual classes and repeating the mistakes of fall 2020. But most importantly, we must preserve the health of the Chapel Hill community.

To do so, herd immunity is imperative, especially for young and immunocompromised individuals who can’t yet get vaccinated.

But with no robust off-campus plan, the online classes are inevitable for UNC.
Service Changes

City & State

Bus operator shortage might lead to longer wait times

Chapel Hill Transit has 32 vacant full-time positions, director says

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Chapel Hill Transit is facing a shortage of bus operators that county officials say may lead to increased wait times for riders.

In early August, Chapel Hill Transit resumed service for all routes. But with the current operator shortage, some schedule adjustments are in place. The J, NS, NU, RU and 8 route schedules have been altered with some trips removed, according to a press release from the Town of Chapel Hill. It also states Carolina Lavae, a charter bus service, will operate three of its routes — B, CXX and FYX.

The Pittsboro Street and University Drive stop are permanently closed, the release said, and the Manning Drive stop is temporarily closed due to construction. The Manning Drive stop should reopen in late November.

Brian Litchfield, Chapel Hill Transit director, said while those temporary adjustments are not ideal, he is hopeful for a return to full operations within the next few months.

Litchfield said those alterations are a result of unprecedented understaffing, with 32 full-time operator positions currently vacant.

“It’s a significant number of us,” Litchfield said. “In a typical year, going into August, we might have somewhere between five to eight vacancies.”

The current vacancies are in part due to a 16-month hiring freeze — a consequence of the pandemic, Litchfield said. During that time no new operators were hired, and some resigned drivers decided to retire.

While Litchfield said he is committed to hiring, he also emphasized the need for patience from riders.

In an attempt to decrease vacant positions, Jeffrey Sullivan, community outreach manager for Chapel Hill Transit, said they have collaborated with other transportation services — such as GoTriangle, GoRaleigh and GoCary — to recruit potential operators through job fairs.

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“We’re trying a little bit of everything to get the word out there and demonstrate our recruitment is and what we hope it is to make it as easy as possible for people,” he said.

One roadblock to recruitment is the requirement that operators must hold a commercial driver’s license (CDL), which is not easily obtainable, Sullivan said.

“Those people are in high demand right now,” he said. “By cutting through the noise of companies who can maybe pay a little more than the Town is able to pay, and communicating the benefits we offer that they don’t.

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We would not serve if it was not useful to anybody,” he said. “As Chapel Hill and Carrboro are getting back to normal, we really wanted to make sure we were providing full access.”

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Chapel Hill Transit

New art bus highlights fight against racial injustice

The latest piece was created in collaboration by local Black artist

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There’s a new art bus joining the growing collection of Chapel Hill Art + Transit’s painted vehicles.

The latest art bus is a collaboration among local Black artist and arts educator Debi Drew, members of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP Youth Council, Chapel Hill Community Arts & Culture, the Orange County Arts Commission and the North Carolina Arts Council.

“Rise Above Racial Injustices” hit the streets of Orange County last week. The Town of Chapel Hill was able to secure grants to cover funding for the new art bus, Chapel Hill Transit Director Brian Litchfield said.

“One of the things we were interested in with this specific vehicle was finding an opportunity for students to share their perspective on race and equity in the community,” Litchfield said.

“We looked at how this can help meet our goals related to inclusion and equity by involving artists and persons of color,” NAACP Youth Council member Kennedy Lytle said.

The student team attended three workshop planning sessions in which the themes of self-concept, racist viewpoints and unity in diversity were discussed, Drew said in an email.

The bus depicts three circular portraits of the masked NAACP teens.

“They are prominently displayed because it was important to me from the beginning that they be seen and heard,” Drew said in an email.

Additionally, the bus has a bold, printed pattern symbolic of an African mud cloth design with the words “Rise Above Racial Injustices” emblazoned across both sides.

The design in the background helps ground the artwork against the black bus where they are definitely seen and heard,” Drew said in an email.

“I am so proud of them,” Drew said.

This work comes a year after Chapel Hill’s first art bus, Georges Le Chevallier’s “Orgullo Latino/ Latinx Pride,” was unveiled in August 2020.

“Orgullo Latino/ Latinx Pride” has painted words in English and Spanish to symbolize bridging the language barrier. The bus has bright visual patterns pay tribute to the colorful bases of South and Central America.

“Being born from a Puerto Rican mother who lived most of my childhood in Puerto Rico, I can personally understand the great pride we have towards the many Hispanic people making a constructive impact on our society,” Le Chevallier said in a statement on the Art + Transit website. “Today thousands of Hispanics now call the Triangle their home.”

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Chapel Hill Transit

Triangle Bikeway joins Raleigh to Chapel Hill area

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Project Manager Iona Thomas summarized the general tone of the survey responses.

“What we’re hearing is that this is a popular project, and it has broad support,” she said. “People are really excited about this as a potential infrastructure piece of our community.”

John Rees, president of the Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill, has been a longtime bike advocate in the area. For him, the bikeway is not just for leisure — it’s a means of transportation that will improve transit in the region.

“I think it’s a huge opportunity to have a variety of things like greenways and bike paths as something you go to on the weekend with your family and part around and have a good time — and it’s a real place that you can get to work and commute on the bike,” he said.

People who live in a wide variety of neighborhoods and cities have expressed their enthusiasm for the Bikeway.

“I’m a total advocate of that kind of usage,” he said. “But, the bikeway is really a serious, legitimate way of commuting and traveling.”

Not only would the bikeway provide an alternate way to travel, but Rees also stressed its importance in terms of combating climate change by reducing the number of vehicles on the road.

“It’s a great thing to have a way to get to work and to be able to have that option and to have ang people around to be able to do that. It’s a great thing to have a way to get to work and to be able to have that option and to have ang people around to be able to do that.”

Everyone can afford some of the electric cars currently available on the market, he said.

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John Rees, president of the Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill, poses with his bike on the Frances Shelley Bikeway on Aug. 23.

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Sports

UNC women's soccer triumphs over No. 13 Arkansas in overtime

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For a game that ended with just a single goal, just about everything that could have happened, did happen to the North Carolina women's soccer team on Sunday. There was the 90-degree heat. There was the opponent, UNC's second consecutive top-25 matchup to begin the new campaign — this time, against No. 13 Arkansas, one of just four teams to beat the Tar Heels since the start of 2019. Oh, and more than their fair share of oh-so-close-but-not-quite opportunities to hit the back of the net and keep the match from entering extra time.

And to top it all off, when 90 minutes were up and the scoreboard still read 0-0, lightning in the area caused an hour-plus weather delay before the two sides could enter golden goal overtime. But despite everything, when the Tar Heels finally were able to return to the field, they showed no hesitation in ensuring they'd be the ones to decide the game's outcome.

One, two, three quick shots flew off of Tar Heel feet in the direction of the goal before the match could reach the 97th minute, and with just over three minutes remaining in the first overtime period, Sam Meza called game.

To Meza's point, the goal represented a 97-minute effort from the entire UNC squad. The Tar Heels made 39 substitutions throughout the game, ensuring that fresh legs stayed on the field and that a variety of players had an opportunity to make an impact. All told, 23 Tar Heels made an appearance on Sunday, with their 21 shots coming from 12 different players.

Early in the afternoon, head coach Anson Dorrance said Arkansas held the "territorial imperative," but there was a shift in the final 52 minutes of the match. The reasoning? UNC improved its tempo passing — quickly and aggressively sharing the ball — and recognized the difficulty of the game.

"Basically, to know that we were in a fight," Dorrance said. "Because that game was more of a fight than a game. What I really appreciated about our kids is that they made the adjustment."
Sports

TOURNAMENT

UNC golfer places second at the U.S. Amateur Open

Austin Greaser finished runner-up on Aug. 15 in Plum, Pennsylvania.

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Coming out of high school, Austin Greaser wasn’t thought to be the next golf prodigy like Tiger Woods, but there was still something that caught UNC head coach Andrew DiBitetto’s eye. For a men’s golf program that was looking for improvements from its previous campaigns, DiBitetto believed Greaser’s relentless work ethic would fit right in with the new culture.

"The rest — as they say — is history. On Aug. 15, Greaser made national headlines with his second-place finish at the U.S. Amateur Open at the renowned Oakmont Country Club in Pennsylvania.

Greaser came into the tournament as an underdog, receiving the No. 24 seed, but it was not unfamiliar territory for the Vandalia, Ohio, native. Although he wasn’t the most highly sought-after prospect coming into UNC, it didn’t take long for Greaser to get acclimated to Chapel Hill. In his first year of collegiate competition, he started all eight events and posted the third-lowest scoring average for the Tar Heels at 72.09, along with finishing second at his first tournament.

Greaser’s grit is needed to achieve greatness in golf. Hard work and focus are key while navigating the fairways and greens, and luckily, he has the intangibles needed to succeed.

“When you talk about golf in how many different kinds of shots you have to have and just how much of a mental game that is — every hole requires something different,” Greaser said. “You have to master 14 different clubs in your bag, and if you want to be good, you have to be good at all of them.”

But in the world of collegiate golf, you have to bring your best every day, and sometimes, even that isn’t enough to vault you to the top of the leaderboard.

“You’re surrounded by great coaches and great players that are pushing you every day,” Greaser said. “If you’re not bringing your best stuff to the plate this season, you’re not going to get beat so you just have to get better at all aspects of your game.”

That is one mission Greaser has committed to since his arrival to campus, which is one of the main reasons the once undervalued prospect is on the stage he is today. UNC men’s golfer Austin Greaser pictured during a match against Duke U.S. Amateur Open on Aug. 15.

“"The goal was to win, and that’s what I was there for," Greaser said. "It doesn’t always work out like that, and I wouldn’t change it for the world. I’ll take it the way it is and it was a different route for me.""

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BASEBALL PREVIEW

Several players will have opportunities to step up to the plate this season

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After being eliminated in the Lubbock Regional in the 2021 NCAA Tournament, many players from the North Carolina baseball team looked to work on their game in the upcoming spring season.

One of the standout performers from summer league was sophomore infielder Mac Horvath. Playing 35 games for the Rochester Honkers in the Northwoods League, Horvath hit 297 with 35 hits, 25 RBIs and four home runs — with his best performance being a two-home run game on July 3. Horvath’s solid play earned him an appearance in the Northwoods League All-Star Game, home run derby and the Major League Dream Showcase, with major league scouts in attendance.

Another big performer was sophomore third baseman Patrick Alvarez, who played for the Asheboro Copperheads in the Coastal Plain League. Alvarez’s hitting stats show consistency. In 128 at-bats, he had 40 hits, leading to an impressive .313 batting average. In addition, he tallied 21 RBIs and three home runs.

Another sophomore infielder, Johnny Castagnozzi, got some good experience playing for the Chatam Anglers in the Cape Cod League. In 14 games, he hit .231 with two home runs. Castagnozzi will be a pivotal player for UNC in the spring, as he started 36 out of the 42 games he played in last season.

Eric Grinza was another Tar Heel who was productive at the plate, hitting .316 in 26 games for the Bluefield Ridge Runners in the Appalachian League.

And redshirt sophomore Nick James had a nice summer league for the Pull County Rhythm in the Ohio Valley League, striking out 28 batters and giving up just 17 hits in 20.2 innings pitched.

With the conclusion of the summer leagues, the production shown from some of the Diamond Heels’ up-and-coming players is an encouraging sign to UNC fans.

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AFTER MOVING IN, REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

Under the law, the Orange County Solid Waste Department is responsible for managing Orange County’s recycling program.

There are currently over 50 recycling centers located throughout Orange County, including grocers stores and the Church Rd. Waste & Recycling Centers.

The Recycling Division is responsible for working with the Orange County Solid Waste Department to manage the County’s recycling program.

Recycling is performed on a weekly basis. The following items may be recycled:

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- Glass
- Paper
- Plastics
- Paperboard

The Recycling Division processes the recyclables at the Orange County Solid Waste Transfer Station and then ships them to a processor.

Some items cannot be recycled.

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She will remain in the position until a successor is named

By Hannah Rasenberger

broadcast journalism graduate Melissa Rademaker left the blazer she wore to film segments of “Carolina Week” — a student TV news program — in Carroll Hall during Spring Break of 2020, just as she always did. But when the pandemic hit, she never went back to get it.

One year later, Rademaker paid a visit to Carroll Hall to pick up that blazer. It was Susan King, dean of the Hussman School of Journalism and Media, who let her into the building.

“I thought I was just going to have to sneak into the room, and she turned out to stop me and have a really awesome conversation about Carolina and my experience,” Rademaker said. “I loved Carolina and I loved the (journalism) school, and she definitely made it a very welcoming place and was a big part of my education.”

King announced last week that

“...I feel how lucky I’ve been to be at this great school. I’ve had the opportunity to leave it better even than I found it, and I found it pretty good.”

Susan King
Dean of the Hussman School of Journalism and Media

Kate Bollermann, a frequent Twitter user, wrote, “I have a hard time imagining the Hussman School without this great dean.”

King originally came to UNC as one part of a program she launched to revitalize journalism education during the shift in advertising and content that came with the rise of Facebook and Google. After working very closely with the former dean of the School of Media and Journalism, she fell in love with UNC and its history.

“All I ever wanted to be was a journalist,” she added. “I just was always curious about how journalism covers institutions and builds ideas accountable, and is at the first draft of history. That always just intrigued me — that you could be at the center, shaping a conversation at your school, your city and our community.”

Before coming to UNC, King had a prominent career as a journalist, reporting for broadcast TV and as a White House correspondent, and has been a strong proponent of journalism education.

“When I was starting out in journalism, I was the first woman in every newborn I went into,” King said. “She co-founded the International Women’s Media Foundation in 1999, which helps provide safety training, bylines and other opportunities specifically tailored for female journalists and photographers worldwide.

Under King’s leadership, the school has expanded significantly to one of UNC’s largest majors and exceeded its $75 million dollar fundraising goal.

“One of her largest projects was the Curtis Media Center, which is under construction and will house production studios and new technologies once completed. She also brought initiatives to the Hussman School of Journalism and Media, such as the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting — the goal of which is to increase the number of trained journalists of color in investigative reporting, in 2019. The society was co-founded by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones, who was set to join the faculty as the next Knight Chair in Race and Investigative Journalism before UNC initially failed to offer her tenure with the position. As pressure mounted from those opposed to her work on The New York Times’ “1619 Project,” including from the school’s namesake, Walter Hussman — King was vocal about her support for hiring Hannah-Jones.

“I think that the school really came together during this process in ways I was not expecting. I think it was really important that we do emphasize, particularly, diversity and race and encourage more students to come into the school and make sure that they feel challenged and appreciated,” King said.

Gary Marchionini, chairperson of the search committee charged with finding a new dean, said King has had a tremendous impact on the journalism school.

“Although she is leaving her position as dean once her successor is named, King plans to return to the school as a tenured faculty member, teaching any courses in advertising, media and journalism that the school needs taught.”

“...I feel how lucky I’ve been to be at this great school.”

King said. “I’ve had the opportunity to learn from people who are mad at us — I feel how lucky I’ve been to be at this great school.”

NANDO’s Donuts set to reopen next month

Chapel Hill housemates Harrison Schertzinger, Diego Vallota, and Henry Schertzinger run NANDO’s Donuts.

They went back to get it.

“After a second,” Andsager said. “You can have your doughnuts and enjoy just being here if we didn’t have such a great atmosphere.”

She said the shop’s lively atmosphere is what got people to return each week, calling it a “bright spot” in her weekend.

“We don’t care how many doughnuts we sell, but if we can make people aware of the problem of sex trafficking around the world, that’d be amazing,” he said.

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Q&A: ‘I do support a vaccine mandate,’ Guskiewicz says as cases rise

By Praveena Somasundaram

Editor-in-Chief

On Friday, Aug. 20, Editor-in-Chief Praveena Somasundaram spoke with Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz virtually to discuss COVID-19, reopening and future plans for UNC.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

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In October, you’ll be coming up on one year officially as Chancellor and leading UNC through challenging periods. How are you feeling about that?

KEVIN GUSKIEWICZ: I’m feeling very optimistic. It’s been great to be out around campus the past week, moving in, welcoming students back about 10 days ago. I feel very optimistic that we’ve put a good plan in place. We’ve planned extensively for return to in-person instruction and we will continue to monitor the situation and we work closely alongside our world class public health experts as well as the Orange County Health Department and we believe that with the right approach, as I’ve said before, we don’t have to choose between safety and in-person learning. I think with respect to the pandemic and managing that, I think our layered approach can work. We’re going to rely on everyone being responsible, playing an important role in keeping the community safe.

We can dial these safety measures up and down as needed to try to both control the spread of the virus and try to maintain our ability for in-person learning.

With the rising cases and prominence of the delta variant, faculty, staff and students are concerned about the reopening. Does the UNC plan to have an off ramp or other measures if COVID-19 on campus gets more dire?

KG: The twice-a-week testing really came about because we felt an additional layer could be helpful to try to identify cases. Again, seeing what we’ve had over the past three weeks increased positivity rates across the state because we have an incredible testing program — our Carolina Together Testing Program — we have the capacity to test more students. Last spring, we were testing upwards of 10,15,000 people a week. So, we have the capacity to do that.

Eighty-eight percent of our students have attested to their vaccination status and we have about 2,600 students that have either not attested to it or have indicated that they are not vaccinated or will choose not to be vaccinated. So, those 2,600 students will need to be tested twice a week and I think it will provide just an extra layer of protection.

So, that’s one example of a change that we’ve made, again, in consultation with our infectious disease and public health experts, as well as with my Campus and Community Advisory Committee — I want to emphasize the importance of that committee.

Their input is very important and we’ll continue to, again, monitor changes here locally and if modifications need to be made to any of the current standards, we will be prepared to do that.

Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed Indiana University, which is also a public university, to require vaccination. Why hasn’t UNC followed suit?

KG: Right now, the UNC System has advised campuses that under state law, the only group that can actually mandate a vaccine is the North Carolina Commission for Public Health. And if they were to mandate the vaccine, then the UNC System would be able to mandate the vaccine. Again, I think our layered approach to safety this fall has our vaccination rates really high.

I have stated publicly, and I will here, that I do support a vaccine mandate, but I’ll also say that I’m really pleased with the vaccination rates that we have right now even in the absence of that mandate.

At the System level, you explained campuses cannot mandate the vaccine individually. So, the University is not currently looking for a way out of that for UNC alone to mandate a vaccine?

KG: We cannot make that decision unilaterally. However, we are prepared. We have plenty of vaccines and a plan in place that, should the North Carolina Commission for Public Health mandate it at any point, we would be prepared for — we’ve prepared right now. I’d love nothing more than for us to be 100 percent vaccinated, here over the next week to 10 days.

I do appreciate the question. I’m not going to speculate on what that was all about. I’m focused on leading Carolina, I hope, for a long time. I have no indication that there’s any concerns moving forward and I’m working really closely with our Board of Trustees.

There are seven new members on our 13-member board, and I’m really enjoying getting to know them. I’ve been spending a lot of time with them one-on-one trying to better understand the unique talent that they each bring to our board.

I know that they believe in that (Carolina Next: Innovations for Public Good) roadmap that we put together for the future of Carolina. And we spent a lot of time talking about that at our first trustee meeting. I feel I have their support and I’m looking forward to the year ahead.

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Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is an 8 — Team participation isn’t always pretty. Get down to business. Stick to tested methods and techniques. Practice diplomacy. Support the group vision. Patiently collaborate.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today's an 8 — Plan future travels, classes and seminars. Review academic and educational goals. What do you want to learn first? Don't launch anything until ready.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 7 — Strategize with your partner to navigate a temporary shadowy or financial hurdle. Slew to avoid mistakes. Clarify communications immediately. Postpone unnecessary expenses. Simplify.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 9 — Work together to clean a mess. You can see what’s not working. Get back to fundamentals. Coordinate and share the load. Create an inspiring possibility.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 — Physical action gets results. Healthy practices grow and endure. One step at a time gets you a mountain, eventually. Nurture wellness and vitality.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is an 8 — Relax and enjoy yourself. Things may not look as expected, especially regarding new romance. You can find solid beauty when you look for it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 — Home renovation projects satisfy. You may need to make a mess. Ignore chaos or distractions to focus on practical priorities. Beautify your spaces.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 — Review and add creative work. Refined writing or artistic presentations. Polish and beautify from rough draft to final build a persuasive story. Less is more.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 9 — Focus energy toward lucrative potential. Maintain and maintain positive cash flow around an obstacle or challenge. Find ways to soothe the spirit.
New diversity officer plans to improve equity initiatives at UNC

Leah Cox is the University's new chief diversity officer

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Leah Cox wants to create a more equitable Carolina.

The University's new vice provost for equity and inclusion and chief diversity officer stepped into her role earlier this summer with plans to encourage open dialogue at UNC while setting clear, measurable goals to make campus more inclusive for everyone.

Just in the few weeks that I've been here, I've noticed that many of the folks talked about having either town halls or conversations in their departments, their schools, their units that have been a struggle," Cox said. "Because either they weren't skilled in how to facilitate a dialogue or didn't know how to manage the conversation, and then it went left, so we're going to work to change that.

Cox previously worked in Maryland at Towson University as the inaugural vice president for inclusion and institutional equity — a role she held since 2017.

Cox began her job at UNC on July 19, working alongside Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz and Provost Bob Blosun. In an interview with The Daily Tar Heel on Friday, Guskiewicz said Cox is already working with others on campus and will help lead initiatives such as the Carolina Next “Build Our Community Together” strategic initiative.

"She brings 30 years of experience in the area of diversity, equity and inclusion," Guskiewicz said. "She is a well-known leader at that national level, and she has worked really hard.

"I'm excited to have her on our team," Cox said. "I hope to get on board to have the same focus and commitment to our students, and to our faculty and staff, and our campuses, and our community.

"So it also reminds us that we have a lot of work to do," Cox said. "I'm sort of optimistic that we have some consistent dialogue across the community with all the members of our community — by setting up some actual goals, some measurable outcomes — that we're going to create a more equitable Carolina." Cox said she must also focus on improving the dialogue specifically pertaining to race on campus.

"Coming in, it was recognized that there were some issues going on at Carolina, and it seemed to be focused on race," Cox said. "But part of my job is to assure the community that I am not just focused on race because there’s a lot of diversity that needs to be recognized here.

Anna Manocho, a senior who received a 2021 Undergraduate Diversity Award for her work advocating for diversity, equity and inclusion across campus, said she hopes Cox will use her role to amplify the concerns and voices of people of color that have often been overlooked.

"I'm hoping she does well," Manocho said. "It sounds like she's already on a great path, putting her face out there for all to see.

But, Cox said one thing she has learned during her time at Towson in 1949 to 1952 is that as a woman with color, she has experienced racial stereotyping and inequity in sports on Beyond Our Game's website. Williams and Bourne have high hopes that his story, along with others', will help push the community among Beyond Our Game athletes.

"It's not often that a man, or specifically a Black man, has a moment of vulnerability where they just get to say, 'This is something that I've struggled with and that I'd like to be supported in,'" Williamson said.

"I think his story served as a catalyst for other people in his sport and in his community to think and to feel comfortable saying, 'I'm struggling with this too.'

Carter said he hopes his story brings awareness to racial equality issues and lets other athletes know they are not alone in experiencing racial inequity. He also shared his excitement about Beyond Our Game’s career services and employer database, which connects employers to vetted and qualified Beyond Our Game athletes looking to enter the workforce.

Through this database, he hopes to achieve his goals of playing in the NFL and working in education after college. Williamson and Bourne worked on expanding Beyond Our Game's database by reaching out to companies over the summer and will continue to work on it throughout the fall.

They are also working on transitioning from a nonprofit organization to a for-profit one. This would allow them to hire more employees and interns, taking some of the workload of their shoulders, while helping them drastically increase the volume of athletes they could serve and the amount of resources and services they could offer to their customers.

"One of the services that Williamson and Bourne plan to add to Beyond Our Game's offerings is a workshop to help student-athletes who are leaving college," said Williams. "Beyond Our Game is a company that offers admissions and scholarship services to athletes — in hopes of offering workshops that teach their members how to best benefit and make money from those changes. Williamson and Bourne, now working as independent consultants, are banking on their current ambassadors at different universities and the development of their ambassador route to help them grow and expand Beyond Our Game’s membership.

"We want to have a community among our ambassadors and a group chat where people feel like they can talk and discuss and give us feedback on how we can help them," Bourne said. "Right now, our network is pretty good, we've got a few hundred athletes in it, but we want it to be a few thousand."
A guide to UNC’s identity-based organizations

Asian American Center

The Asian American Center opened this Friday in a new space at 215 W. Cameron Ave. It was established in 2020 after years of alumni and student-driven advocacy. The center aims to empower Asian American community members and promote an understanding of Asian American identities and cultures through education, organizing and advocacy.

Director Heidi Kim said in an email that the center’s top priority is everyone’s health, but it hopes to safely have some in-person events in the newly renovated space.

Carolina Latinx Center

Located in Abnermeth Hall, the Carolina Latinx Center offers campus members the opportunity to explore Latinx cultures and histories through engagement, scholarship, public service and cultural awareness.

The center has featured programs including Exito 2021, a special graduation ceremony and an annual open house on Aug. 25. Director Josmell Pérez said this year, the CLC will also have an alternative fall break opportunity and other activities for Latinx Heritage Month.

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Classes were held in person with an indoor mask mandate. Masks are encouraged, but not required, outdoors.

As students walked to class, campus community members promoted their organizations in tents, at tables in the Pit and along the walkways in the quad. Like years past, students gathered in the Pit to reconnect with their friends after a year of online classes.

Whether it was their first time on campus or their first time back since campus shut down in March 2020, students experienced a sweltering, North Carolina-August welcome.

— Helen McGinnis