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## IMMIGRATION

### Students respond to DACA ruling

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On Sept. 13, U.S. District Court Judge Andrew Hanen ruled the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program is illegal. In light of this decision, many undocumented students on UNC's campus are worried their deferred status may be in jeopardy.

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## AUG. 28 SHOOTING

### Qi makes second court appearance

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Tailei Qi, the suspect charged with the first-degree murder of UNC professor Zijie Yan on Aug. 28, made his second court appearance and his first in superior court at the Orange County Courthouse on Tuesday morning. The clerk of the superior court has not yet received an indictment.

Qi has been charged with both first-degree murder and having a gun on educational property. The first-degree murder charge carries a maximum sentence of the death penalty and a minimum sentence of life without parole. District Attorney Jeff Nieman said after Qi's first appearance that

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## MUSIC

### Rock camp creates inclusive space

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A drum set starts a beat. Another layers on top of it. Then another. Suddenly there are five drum sets all playing in sync. They stop, and giggles and laughter from the musicians begin.

These are the sounds of a specific moment during a break at a Girls Rock

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## REMEMBRANCE

### Father and son lost days before reopening

Classic Carolina owners were killed in a car crash

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Dhruva Chellani opened Classic Carolina, a UNC apparel shop on Franklin Street, in 1993 with his family in mind.

Thirty years later, Dhruva — with help from his son, Kris Chellani — planned a reopening of Classic Carolina for Sept. 9, 2023, to celebrate

the renovations and updates the pair had done for the store.

Kris, who was living in New York, visited North Carolina regularly to help Dhruva renovate the store, and eventually planned to take over.

"Kris always just looked up to my dad and wanted to be just like him," Krystal Chellani, Kris' sister, said.

Just three days before the planned reopening of Classic Carolina, while Kris and Dhruva were on the way home from a

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## SAFETY

### UNC community experiences second lockdown in 16 days

Suspect pointed gun at Alpine Bagel worker on Sept. 13

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UNC sophomore Michael Mesa made his first trip to Alpine Bagel, located in the Student Union, on the afternoon of Sept. 13.

Mesa was eating a breakfast sandwich as he and a friend discussed how they'd both "had a hard first year" and were hopeful for their sophomore experience. They sat at a table next to the front entrance of the Union.

"Out of nowhere we hear arguing," he said.

Mesa said he witnessed a disagreement between two individuals at Alpine. He said eventually, a man leaned over the counter and the argument escalated to loud yelling. Mesa said he then saw a man point a handgun at the Alpine employee. "Everyone starts bolting," he said.

Mesa said he grabbed his bag, took his friend's arm and fled the Union — running toward Morrison Residence Hall, where he lives. He noted that the only reason he slowed down was to warn other students not to head toward campus.

It wasn't until Mesa arrived at



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Alpine Bagel closed on Sept. 13 following an incident involving an armed individual at the cafe.

Morrison that he heard the campus sirens sound and received the first emergency Alert Carolina.

"We're like, 'Did that just happen?'" Mesa said.

#### The altercation

Mickel Deonte Harris is the suspect who allegedly brandished a gun toward an employee at the Alpine counter. The 27-year-old was arrested around 2:45 p.m. on Sept. 13.

According to state attorney Jill Harden, Harris is the boyfriend

of an Alpine employee who had been terminated that morning. The other individual engaged in the disagreement was identified in court documents as Alpine supervisor Jason Carpenter.

Harris was charged with assault by pointing a gun, communicating threats and possession of a gun on educational property in relation to the Sept. 13 incident.

According to his arrest warrant, Harris pointed a 9 mm handgun and threatened to kill Carpenter.

UNC Police chief Brian James

said during a press conference on Wednesday that the University received a 911 call at 12:45 p.m. about an individual with a gun at Alpine. The emergency Alert Carolina message was issued at 12:54 p.m. after police independently confirmed the situation.

Following the Alert Carolina, UNC's campus went into lockdown for about one hour and 15 minutes.

Harris was also charged with assault, communicating threats and

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## FOOTBALL

### 'Go-to guy' Nate McCollum pilots UNC to victory

Tar Heels beat Minnesota, 31-13, in Kenan Stadium

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After UNC's 31-13 win against Minnesota on Saturday afternoon, head coach Mack Brown had one thing to say about Nate McCollum.

"He became Josh Downs for us today," he said. "He was the guy, the go-to guy."

Sophomore quarterback Drake Maye echoed Brown's sentiment, likening the junior wide receiver's

ability to find open space to that of former UNC standout Downs, whose 22 career receiving touchdowns is a program second-best.

It's easy to see why.

McCollum, a transfer from Georgia Tech, racked up 165 receiving yards and 15 catches — just one away from tying UNC's single-game record for receptions — on Saturday to carry the Tar Heels to a third consecutive victory. McCollum's spatial awareness and knack for getting open helped

expand UNC's air game, as Maye finished with 414 passing yards, almost matching his combined 477 passing yards in the first two games this season.

McCollum had only played limited snaps prior to Saturday due to a lower body injury and had never started for North Carolina.

"Last week [against Appalachian State], we just weren't sure," Brown said. "We weren't sure how much he

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Junior wide receiver Nate McCollum celebrated after scoring a touchdown on Saturday. The 46-yard touchdown reception was McCollum's first as a Tar Heel.

“To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.”  
THOMAS CAMPBELL



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Suspect to get second evaluation



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Tailei Qi, the suspect charged with the first-degree murder of UNC professor Zijie Yan on Aug. 28, made his second appearance at the Orange County Courthouse on Tuesday.

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he would not be seeking the death penalty. The defense made a motion later on Tuesday that Qi is not competent to proceed with further appearances. Qi has been evaluated by a doctor sought out by the defense, the defense lawyer said. The report will be filed under seal. The state moved for a state-led evaluation on Qi’s capacity to proceed at Central Regional Hospital, which the judge ordered to be recorded following a request from the defense, despite concerns that it might impact the work of the medical professionals doing the evaluation. Nieman said after the hearing that this second

evaluation is commonplace. Qi spoke in court for the first time since his arrest. He pleaded for new counsel and said the second medical evaluation was not necessary. Allen Baddour, the judge presiding over the case, urged Qi not to speak without conferring with his counsel — Qi spoke to the judge anyway. The defense also requested a preservation motion, which sets up the preservation of evidence in a case that involves many agencies. Nieman said this motion is also fairly common. Qi, a Chinese citizen in the United States on an educational visa, is currently being held without bond in the Orange County Jail. UNC’s campus was put under lockdown at 1:04 p.m. on Aug. 28, shortly after a 911 call

reported shots fired at Caudill Laboratories, UNC Police chief Brian James said at a press conference that evening. Upon arrival at Caudill Labs, police found that Yan had been shot. Qi was booked by UNC Police into the Orange County Detention Center in Hillsborough at 12:38 a.m. on Aug. 29, according to the Orange County Sheriff’s Office custody report. Yan worked in the UNC Applied Physical Sciences Department, the same department that Qi studied in as a graduate student. Qi’s next court appearance is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14, pending a second medical evaluation.

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DREAMers  
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uncertainty

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DACA, which was created under the Obama administration in 2012, provides temporary relief from deportation for young undocumented immigrants living in the United States.

Carolina Mendez, the co-vice president of Students United for Immigrant Equality (SUIE) comes from a mixed-status family. Through her peers in her organization, she said she has seen the uncertainty that this ruling has brought firsthand.

“Being a student in college is already hard enough,” she said.

This is the third time the program has been ruled illegal and sent to a higher court for a final decision. One of these previous rulings also came from Judge Hanen in 2021.

Professor Rick Su, who teaches immigration law at the UNC School of Law, said the ruling itself doesn’t necessarily mean current DACA recipients will automatically lose their status and educational access at the University.

“What’s interesting to know is even though [the U.S. District Court] held that the program was illegal, they have not blocked the entire program,” he said. “What they blocked is new people from signing on to the DACA program, but they have not blocked the existing individuals in DACA and their ability to renew.”

Su also said that DACA recipients, commonly known as DREAMers, are most worried by the uncertainty that the new ruling brings, because future deportations are an unlikely result.

In the wake of this ruling, SUIE is trying to decide the best way they can support DREAMers on UNC’s campus. They hope to create a safe environment for UNC students who may be affected by this decision.

Mendez said SUIE wants to foster an environment where students are comfortable expressing their immigration status.

She also said that for people affected, including DREAMers and those with familial ties to the program, hearing the arguments against DACA play out in the courtroom is “heartbreaking.”

“Something that they’re not taking into account is that these students, these individuals, they’re contributing so much to our economy,” Mendez said.

In addition to student organizations like SUIE, UNC’s Carolina Latinx Center and UndocuCarolina are other spaces where students can find community and resources for navigating Chapel Hill spaces as an immigrant.

Jaleah Taylor, the undergraduate secretary and chief communications officer for the Undergraduate Executive Branch, said UndocuCarolina holds training sessions where students can learn how to become allies to DACA recipients and the greater immigrant community.

Mendez said some ways the general student body can support DREAMers are to stay informed on DACA rulings and to be considerate when discussing immigration with peers.

“Their community is our community,” Taylor said.

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Morehead-Cain to accept sophomores

The program will select 12 to 15 students to join the scholarship class of 2026

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In an unprecedented step, the Morehead-Cain Foundation will begin selecting sophomores as scholarship recipients, in addition to incoming first-year students.

The Morehead-Cain scholarship, the first merit-based scholarship in the United States, has historically only offered a fully-funded college education to incoming first-years.

“My sense is that there are some extraordinary students on this campus who are not scholars,” Chris Bradford, the president of the Morehead-Cain Foundation, said.

Bradford said the program will accept 12 to 15 sophomore students into the Morehead-Cain class of 2026.

He said this decision to accept sophomores embodies the original mission of the organization — to invest in and empower a community of dynamic purpose-driven leaders.

“I think of it as a second opportunity for Morehead-Cain to identify promising leaders,” he said.

The scholarship expanded with funding from a group of “generous alumni,” Bradford said. But the initiative will not affect the number of incoming first-years and the Morehead-Cain administration expects this to continue moving forward.

Nominations for the sophomores will come from a broad range of faculty and staff across UNC’s campus. The students are then encouraged to submit an application.

Since the majority of scholars come from nominating schools or affiliate programs, Ria Patel,



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Junior Morehead-Cain scholar and neuroscience major Ria Patel posed in front of Morehead Planetarium on Sept. 11, 2023.

a junior Morehead-Cain scholar, said this initiative opens up the scholarship to people who may not have had the educational resources in high school.

“I feel like this is such a unique opportunity because you don’t need to be [from] a nominating school and everything like that,” she said. “So, I feel there’s a more level or equal playing field when it comes to nominees too, which is great.”

Bradford said the sophomore application itself is unique because it inquires into how leadership has been demonstrated since high school. However, it will still adhere to the standard high-level nature and competitiveness of the process as it has in the past.

The application opened on Sept. 15 and the new scholars of the Class of 2026 will be announced on Nov. 1.

“What we’re really looking for are people who have the demonstrated aspiration to author

a unique experience at Carolina for themselves, who are engaged on campus and invested in this community,” Bradford said.

The Morehead-Cain scholarship also provides merit-based relief to students who may worry about the price of college, such as what junior scholar Rory Swenson experienced when he found out he was a finalist.

“I was like, ‘Oh my gosh, I do have a shot at this’ and it’s just super exciting because I really needed financial support,” he said. “I finally got to imagine a future where I could go to a college outside of the state of Kansas.”

In addition to financial aid, scholars are also given experiences, connections and opportunities for academic and professional development. Scholars receive a planned enrichment opportunity each summer of their University experience, which includes an

outdoor leadership course and a civic collaboration experience.

Looking toward the future, Swenson said he wishes the best of luck to prospective sophomores in their application.

“It’s a super stressful and challenging experience but you just need to believe in yourself and dream,” he said. “Just keep doing what you’re doing. Be confident in yourself. You are where you are for a reason.”

Patel said that beyond all the perks of funding and trips, Morehead-Cain is a community.

“I feel like when thinking about this sort of opportunity, [the applying sophomores] should just keep in mind that it’s more than just a check at the beginning of every semester,” she said. “It’s an entire experience and it’s a network. It’s a group of friends. It’s mentorship.”

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CAMPUS SAFETY

‘The bare minimum’: First-years petition for locks



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Group of students  
demand better threat  
response from UNC

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“I was asked to use my wheelchair to barricade an unlockable door in the class I was in. We deserve to feel somewhat safe in our classrooms and lecture halls. Locks are the bare minimum,” UNC senior Sarah Ferguson said in a comment on a student-led petition.

The petition was created by first-year Violet Johnston two days after the Aug. 28 campus shooting and is titled “Add Locks to UNC Educational Buildings and Better Threat Response Plan.”

As of Sept. 18, it has amassed over 2,250 signatures.

“Our original goal was 500 signatures,” Johnston said. “And we reached that goal in a matter of minutes on the first morning the petition was released.”

The petition includes four safety demands: locks on all classrooms and educational buildings, Alert Carolina messages available in Spanish, regular lockdown drills and a threat response plan and emergency training for students and faculty.

Johnston is part of a group of first-year students demanding better safety and mental health protocols at UNC. The same group is responsible for organizing a vigil honoring Professor Zijie Yan, the professor killed in the Aug. 28 shooting. The event was held outside the Student Union and had hundreds of students in attendance.

Though yet to be recognized as an official student organization, the group of students have been actively communicating their demands through social media, posters and collaboration with The UNC Workers Union. The union endorsed the petition, which led to an additional 500 signatures.

The first-years presented their petition to the Chancellor’s Office on Sept. 1, and Raife Levy, a first-year and member of the student group, said they plan to present a second time with more signatures and endorsements.

Johnston said the group recently reached out to March For Our Lives and UNC Young Democrats for their support.

Levy said he was in Lenoir Dining Hall during the lockdown on Sept. 13. He said dining hall workers pushed recycling bins up against the unlockable doors as a barricade.

He said it was “very harrowing” that many students had to barricade their classroom doors with furniture because there were no functioning locks.

“It was just truly shocking to me that they didn’t even have these bare minimum measures for the classroom doors,” Levy said.

During the Aug. 28 shooting, first-year Jenna Valentino said she was in 121A Mitchell Hall, a classroom that she said lacked a functioning lock.

Valentino also said most of the desks and chairs were on wheels — leaving the students with no way to

barricade the door, she added.

“I was really scared, especially because we were relatively close to Caudill Labs,” Valentino said. “It was across the road.”

Johnston said some of the safety measures mentioned in the petition could be implemented almost immediately, like sending out Alert Carolina messages in both English and Spanish.

“One of the freshmen involved in the group creating this petition had to use his high school Spanish skills to tell workers in Lenoir that there was a dangerous man and an active shooting going on,” she said.

According to an email statement from UNC Media Relations, the Chancellor’s Office has received the petition and is collecting feedback from the entire campus community while they assess the situation.

Media Relations said that a classroom door lock initiative was created in 2018, which added internal or automatic locks to over 900 classrooms. However, they said the University has acknowledged there are issues with some of these locks and is currently looking into the problem as a part of a broader review.

Johnston said the group plans to become an officially recognized student organization in the spring. In the coming weeks, the group plans to announce their official name and social media channels, he said.

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NEW APPOINTEE

# Jennifer Evans sworn in to Board of Trustees

The board’s aim is to prioritize campus safety, University improvements

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Jennifer Halsey Evans stood in the stands of Kenan Stadium when she had her “full circle moment.” She looked on as her eldest son Cort Halsey, a first-year tight end on the football team, ran through the tunnel and onto the gridiron. Seeing him don Carolina Blue inspired Evans to reflect on her love for the University as a past student, a volunteer and a parent. Evans is now a member of the Board of Trustees. She was sworn in on Aug. 21 after being nominated by N.C. House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland, Rutherford).

Perspective

Evans was 10 years old when Michael Jordan hit his winning shot in 1982 during UNC’s national championship game victory. A Morehead-Cain scholar, Evans graduated from UNC in 1994 and went straight into a job with Goldman Sachs in New York. Learning about investment banking within healthcare prompted her to pursue a California-based career in business. Before moving back to Chapel Hill, Evans worked as an independent investor and helped lead Honors 334: Silicon Revolution, a Maymester course. Her involvement with the program granted her an adjunct faculty



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role, and she said she believes she is the only current trustee to have previously been on the faculty. “I’ll bring that perspective: perspective as a parent and a faculty member to every meeting,” she said.

Appointment

Of the six BOT members who are appointed every two years, four are appointed by the Board of Governors, one is appointed by the N.C. Senate and one is appointed by the N.C. House.

Twelve trustees, in addition to the student body president, comprise the 13-member board. When Evans was moving back to North Carolina three years ago, she said Moore reached out to her about becoming involved with the University. During Evans’ junior year of college, Moore was speaker of the UNC Student Congress and she served under him. “He was a Republican and I was a Democrat,” she said. “And we worked really well together.” Evans is now a registered Republican. She said she considers

herself a moderate and that California is not the same “politically charged environment” that exists in North Carolina. “I don’t think there was really any opposition to her taking the position,” N.C. Rep. Ray Pickett (R-Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga), co-chair of the Education and Universities committee within the House, said. Evans said that although she understands why some faculty are concerned with political overreach from the General Assembly into UNC’s governance, she said she sees

the connection between the state and the University differently. “In what world do we think the General Assembly wouldn’t have the influence that it has over our budget and our University and our governance?” she said. “The General Assembly created the University.” David Boliek, chair of the BOT during the 2022-23 term, said he didn’t hear “a single complaint or observation” about the legislature and their picks on the Board of Trustees when Democrats were in control of the legislature. He said it’s only because Republicans were put on the board that individuals had “some kind of problem” with political overreach.

Priorities

“Campus security is paramount,” Evans said. She said the board was focused on campus safety well before the Aug. 28 shooting and the pointing of a gun at Alpine Bagel. “You’ll see this trustee group deeply, deeply committed to anything and everything we can do to make this campus safer and more secure,” she said. Campus safety initiatives will be further discussed in the Sept. 28 full BOT meeting, she said. “Our goal, our intent and our job is to make UNC the best university in the country and to have the value of your degree be as high as it can be,” she said.

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FACULTY FAREWELL

## Director to leave UNC cancer center this summer

Dr. Shelton Earp announced he will step down on Sept. 5

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Dr. Shelton Earp announced that he will step down as director of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, effective June 2024, according to a Sept. 5 press release in The Well. Earp has served as director of the center since 2018, and though he is stepping down, he will remain in his role as Distinguished Professor of Cancer Research, Medicine and Pharmacology in the School of Medicine. This is the second time Earp has stepped down as director; he previously held the position from 1997 to 2014. He said he initially stepped down in 2014 to let Dr. Ned Sharpless, professor of Cancer Policy and Innovation at the School of Medicine, lead the center. He and his colleagues thought Sharpless was a spectacular candidate, and “all wanted to have his leadership.” Sharpless left UNC Lineberger in 2017 to become the director of the National Cancer Institute. Earp said he attended UNC as a medical student in 1966 and was involved in the founding of UNC Lineberger. “I had an interest not only in research, but also in helping other people be successful in that,” he said. “I started to do administration and combine my love of being a doctor and love of doing research.” Professor of Epidemiology Melissa Troester co-leads the CBCS3 program with Earp at UNC Lineberger — a study investigating

breast cancer disparities faced by women. Troester said Earp has been a “visionary leader” for the project because he values the people who work at the cancer center. “He recognizes the important contribution of many, from our state partners to our study participants and data collection staff,” she said. Although Earp will no longer



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Dr. Shelton Earp, the director of UNC Lineberger Cancer Center, spoke at a scientific retreat on May 2, 2023.

serve as director of the center, Troester said she will always engage with Earp on scientific studies and ask him for advice, which she said is the “core” of who he is, regardless of his role. Over the next year, Earp said he wants to prepare the next director for success. With the help of Sharpless, Earp said he will lead the national search for the next director. By stepping down as director, Earp said he will have more time to advise students and give guest lectures. Eden Zewdie, a graduate research assistant in the department of pharmacology, works with Earp in his lab

studying breast cancer cells. She said despite his many responsibilities in the cancer center, the commitment he shows to his lab motivates her to succeed. “He makes time for us and every time we speak to him about our results you can see his eyes light up and everything. He loves what he does,” she said. Vice Dean for Research at the School of Medicine Blossom Damania, said she was hired at UNC Lineberger by Earp twenty-three years ago. His mentorship over the years has paved the way for her career, she said. “He just loves UNC, he loves Lineberger, he’s been here for so long,” she said. “In addition to being really smart and a dedicated person, he’s kind and considerate.” Earlier this year, Earp was presented with the Oliver Max Gardner Award, which recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the health of humanity. Troester said Earp is deserving of this award because he has changed the lives of cancer survivors by focusing on the research community. “He prioritizes scientific, public health and clinical impact in everything he does,” she said. “He always stays focused on what matters to the people of North Carolina.” Although Earp has distinguished himself as a top cancer researcher, he said his work has always been about bringing people together. “I think helping young faculty develop across this whole spectrum and understand and get together with each other is probably the thing I’m proudest of,” he said.

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## ‘Like no freaking way this is happening again’

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going armed to the terror of the people for a previous altercation related to a “road rage incident” that occurred on Sept. 5 involving a bat and a handgun. Harris made his first appearance in court on Sept. 14. He is currently being held in the Orange County Jail with a bond of \$50,000.

Community response

A Carolina Union housekeeper said they were taking out the trash in the men’s bathroom on the second floor when they heard screams and students running on Sept. 13. The housekeeper, who remained anonymous, said everything happened so suddenly that they left their phone in the bathroom during the commotion. They said their first instinct was to run, but for an hour and 20 minutes, they said they hid in a closet on the Union’s third floor with three students. The housekeeper said they felt okay on Thursday morning, but after having to shelter in place for hours in the Union twice within 16 days, they are plagued by a sense of unsafety on campus. Junior Mary McKenzie was studying with two friends near the doors of the Union when she heard yelling at the Alpine register. When she saw a gun, McKenzie said she left her belongings and ran. Before receiving the first Alert Carolina message warning, McKenzie said she separated from her friends, reunited with them outside Kenan Labs and took shelter inside an office in the Rams Head Recreation Center. She also said, compared to Aug. 28, when she hid in Davis Library

with the same friends she was with on Sept. 13, the second experience felt more “real” for her. “So many rumors were going around [on Aug. 28] and [I was] trying to figure out what was true,” she said. “[On Sept. 13], I was there. I was telling people what was happening.” On Aug. 28, senior Emily VonCannon said she hid in the second-floor bathroom of Greenlaw Hall. On Sept. 13, she was in the line at Alpine. “[Sept. 13] definitely had a much more favorable outcome in that no one lost their life and no one was harmed, I think,” she said. “But being the ones to run out of a building is weird.”

A second time

Like other students, Mesa said he had a natural instinct to locate the nearest exits within the Union and flee the scene on Sept. 13. After he received the all-clear Alert Carolina message, Mesa said he was upset that he experienced another active gun situation in 16 days. “I just felt so sad,” he said. “Like no freaking way this is happening again.” Mesa said he feels “hyper-aware” on campus now. He added that he’s not paying much attention in his classes, but is “really paying attention” to his campus surroundings. He left class on Thursday early because he couldn’t concentrate. He was thinking about the vulnerability of the classroom’s location: a large lecture hall with doors often left open in Genome Sciences Building. “I was just looking up the whole time,” Mesa said, “I wasn’t able to concentrate. So I just left.”

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REPRESENTATION

# AMEXCAN founded to offer space for Mexican students

UNC chapter provides academic resources, sense of belonging

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Before Sept. 6, there weren't many spaces for Mexican students to gather and get to know each other at UNC, senior Luz Garcia Lara said.

Now, Lara is a member of UNC AMEXCAN, a chapter of the Association of Mexicans in North Carolina, Inc. that works to promote active participation of Mexicans in their communities and encourage appreciation, understanding and prosperity of Mexican culture.

Senior Jonathan Cortez is the founder and co-president of UNC AMEXCAN. He said one of the main reasons he founded a chapter of the organization at UNC was to ensure representation on campus of groups affected by the Supreme Court's ruling in UNC v. Students for Fair Admissions, which eliminated race as a factor in university admissions.

"I believe that it's very important to have to make people feel like they are still important here," Cortez said. "For the future generations, they can look it up and be like, 'Oh, look, there's an association here that tailors to me, despite barriers being placed and not allowing me to succeed in the best way at these higher institutions.'"

Aislin Sanchez, co-president of the chapter, said the club is needed at UNC for two other reasons: to provide resources for first-generation

Mexican American and Mexican students and to have a designated space on campus for Mexicans.

"That's the main goal — to empower, build and give them the resources so that one, they can excel and two, they can look back and bring [the resources] upon those who don't know," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said that many first-generation Mexican Americans are less aware of the network of



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UNC seniors Jonathan Cortez, Aislin Sanchez and Christian Rendon are leaders of UNC AMEXCAN.

resources available within higher education and because of this, may not have the confidence to explore some professional tracks.

The club will specifically focus on providing resources for students studying pre-med, pre-dental and pre-law to aid their University experience. UNC AMEXCAN Vice President Christian Rendon said these resources include panels, involvement opportunities on campus

and networking with other students.

The club creates community by celebrating Mexican culture and creating a space for Mexicans to share their experiences with each other.

"It was so hard finding people with our similar shared experiences," Lara said. "So even just having us all in the same room, or in the same group chat, would be so different for us to kind of share classes or share experiences, especially since most of us are first generation."

Cortez said that there is a high appreciation for Latino cultures on campus, for which he credited the Carolina Latinx Center.

The center works to support UNC's Latinx communities and educate the campus through engagement, scholarship, cultural awareness and public service, according to its website.

Marcela Torres-Cervantes, the associate director of the CLC, said that while CLC helped coordinate campus logistics, networking and advising for the new chapter, Cortez took the lead on bringing AMEXCAN to UNC.

Torres-Cervantes also said that she hopes community forms between members of AMEXCAN and Mexicans all throughout the Chapel Hill community.

"I see AMEXCAN having that opportunity to really build a bridge with the Mexican community here in Orange County, and again, wherever they're from, to invite them to campus in a more intentional and caring way," she said.

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THERAPY

# Well Ride program returning to UNC

CAPS offers Lyft rides to help students access mental health services

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The Well Ride program is returning to UNC, offering free Lyft rides to help students living on campus access mental health services located off campus.

While around 70 percent of students seeking services are seen within Counseling and Psychological Services, others use the program's referral system to access services off campus, CAPS interim director Avery Cook said in an email statement.

The Well Ride program helps to connect students to more than 600 off-campus mental health providers, many of which are within driving distance of the University.

"There are some students who are better served with a connection to open ended therapy with a community provider," Cook said.

When the program was originally piloted by Student Government in 2020, there were 40 rides requested from January to March. However, the initiative was interrupted by the onset of COVID-19.

CAPS is now re-introducing the initiative thanks to new funding received from the UNC System Office, in addition to the original \$25,000 grant they received from the UNC Parents Council to start Well Ride.

"In the original grant, they estimated being able to support

between 80 and 100 students with that funding," Miller said.

To qualify for the program, applicants must live on campus, be 18 years of age or older and lack access to a car.

Junior Prithvi Adiga said she was looking for outside therapy because she wanted more specialized services than what the University offered.

"My first thought when I got to CAPS was to use that service to coordinate myself with a psychiatrist, to confer with medical options," Adiga said.

She also said she thinks that all students should have equal access to psychological services.

"Not every student lives on campus, and if we are entitled to services from CAPS as students, I think that should include all the services," she said.

Elizabeth McIntyre, a CAPS referral coordinator and clinical social worker, said the qualifications were determined based on Student Government's research of who would most benefit from the program, such as first-years.

"[First-years] are trying to figure out where their classes are and trying to think about all the places off campus, and which bus, and where to get off, and it's a lot," McIntyre said. "I'm really grateful to have the program and funding so that students don't have to navigate that."

Miller said she thinks Well Ride will make mental health services more accessible. She hopes students will use the program so that CAPS can hopefully expand it to the broader student body, she said.

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# City & State

Q&A

## Hillsborough mayor reflects on tenure



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Jenn Weaver, the Hillsborough mayor, smiled in front of the Hillsborough Town Hall on Thursday.

*Jenn Weaver, who has served as mayor of Hillsborough since 2019, announced in April that she will not be seeking re-election this November. Weaver sat down with The Daily Tar Heel's Caroline Horne to talk about her time in office. This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.*

**The Daily Tar Heel:** Why did you initially decide to run for Town commissioner and eventually for mayor of Hillsborough?

**Jenn Weaver:** I ran for Town commissioner a decade ago because I was already conditioned by my own upbringing — that being involved in the community at the local level was just part of what a person did.

I was volunteering for one of our advisory boards — and had been for several years — and when a couple of longtime Town commissioners decided not to run again, a handful of people in the community asked if I would be interested in running.

When I decided to run for mayor, I was really thinking about all that we had been working on together as a community and as a Town government during my time as a commissioner and even before that.

**DTH:** In addition to keeping

residents safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and passing North Carolina's first non-discrimination ordinance, what are some of the most significant challenges that you overcame as mayor?

**JW:** I think one of the most important things that we've done in my most recent term is getting the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan in terms of process, and then from process to final adoption.

I should emphasize that it is the Town staff who really did the legwork there with the consultants we hired. Seeing that through as mayor, and as a Town board, was just so important for laying the groundwork for continuing to evolve into the Hillsborough that we aspire to be, going many years into the future.

Hillsborough also has a major affordability challenge, just like all of our neighbors do. We've been talking about affordable housing a lot. In terms of meeting market-rate housing that's in the missing middle, our Comprehensive Sustainability Plan will play a powerful role there.

I'm also excited about the fact that in our last budget cycle, the Town board made it official that we want to build up a dedicated line of funding for affordable housing to increase the number of units that

are equivalent to two cents on the tax rate. That's never happened in Hillsborough before. We are not going to construct affordable housing ourselves, we don't have the capacity for that, but building up this fund is going to be very important and it is something I think our whole town board is very proud of.

**DTH:** You announced in April that you will not be seeking re-election as mayor this year. Can you reflect on your decision earlier this year and how you are feeling about it now that elections are approaching?

**JW:** It definitely feels like the right decision, both personally and professionally. It just has felt like time for me to make some shifts in my own life. I feel very at peace with it and at the same time, I'm also cognizant that there are things that will be hard to let go of — because I've been so deeply entwined with so many parts of the Town and what we're trying to accomplish.

Letting go and being at peace that it is in other people's hands now is how it should be. Getting new faces and new leadership periodically is really important to a functioning democracy.

**DTH:** What are some of your final goals and priorities before your term ends in December?

**JW:** I am really excited about some things we'll be talking about in the coming months, especially later this month during our workshop about a feasibility study that has been done for a new north-to-south greenway. We call it the Ridgeway trail — and it is something we really want to pursue and commit more resources to.

We will also be talking about the property around the train station. Hillsborough is getting this new train station, but only a small part of that acreage that the Town owns will be dedicated to the train station itself. That is a really important conversation I'm excited to be a part of.

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CARRBORO

## Five council candidates running for three spots

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This fall, five candidates are running for three available seats on the Carrboro Town Council.

Jason Merrill, Catherine Fray and Eliazar Posada announced on Sept. 14 that they are forming the Carrboro Better Together Slate, so voters can elect the three candidates with similar values. April Mills and Stephanie Wade are also running for the open council seats. Elections for Carrboro Town Council will be held on Nov. 7.

Below are the candidates who have announced their run.

Eliazar Posada

Posada is the only candidate running for town council that is currently serving on the council. He was elected to fill Damon Seils' seat once Seils was elected as mayor in 2021. He is now running for his first full term on the council.

"I'm running to basically finish what I started," Posada said.

He said he is proud to have worked on Carrboro's language equity plan and wants to see it fully implemented. He also said that if he was elected he would continue to work on affordable housing, equity and transportation.

Catherine Fray

Fray is a member of the Carrboro Planning Board. They said the three issues most important to them are affordability, equity and climate resiliency. Fray said that their time on the planning board has given them an up-close look at how the Town fails on housing affordability.

"I have a list of things that I would like us to fix in order to make it easier to build affordable housing," they said.

Fray also said they want to prioritize expanding bus services and adding improvements that will make streets safer for walkers and bikers.

Jason Merrill

Merrill moved to Carrboro 22

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years ago, and for 16 of those years he's owned Back Alley Bikes.

He said his time spent with the community and the six years he has spent on the Chapel Hill Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board qualify him to run for town council.

"I feel like that combination of business experience, service and community connections puts me in a good intersection to hopefully do a good job," Merrill said.

Merrill said his main issues are affordability, transportation, equity and sustainability. He also said that having a walkable, dense community with transit options is a practical way of addressing these issues.

April Mills

Mills is a client service executive for law firm Fox Rothschild.

She said an urgent concern she has for Carrboro is stormwater management — the Town's efforts to control water runoff into streets and other areas.

"It's very frustrating, and I would like to see that this process is done differently," Mills said.

Other issues important to Mills' campaign are equity, local infrastructure and sustainability. She said overall, she wants Carrboro citizens to know she is listening to their concerns.

Stephanie Wade

Wade said the decades she has spent working in education, information technology and government across the country have prepared her to serve on the council.

"I think that I have something to offer that my opponents do not," Wade said.

Wade's platform includes issues such as local government transparency, stormwater management, transportation, green infrastructure and community engagement.

IN MEMORY OF

## Carolina Livery founder Mike McMorrow dies at 63

The service's creator leaves behind a long legacy of kindness

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Mike McMorrow, who founded Carolina Livery — the transportation service that serves the Triangle and UNC's campus with its famous small and medium-sized white buses — died of heart failure in his Durham home on Sept. 1 at 63 years old.

His wife Carol McMorrow met him in 1979 on a Chapel Hill Transit bus, a situation she still finds humor in. At the time, she says Mike didn't have any dreams of owning a bus company.

The two married while still attending UNC in December 1981. Shortly after, Mike got a job at a limousine company to help Carol complete Duke University's Physician Assistant Program.

Carol said Mike enjoyed the excitement of the transportation business. She said the experience of

working at the limousine company motivated him to found Carolina Livery in 1987.

"He was a ridiculously hard worker, but he also had a tremendously big heart," she said.

Deborah Hawkins, UNC's parking control and event operations manager, said she first contacted Carolina Livery 22 years ago for help with a women's soccer match.

"He said, 'I'd love to help you out,'" Hawkins said. "He was so reassuring and professional."

Hawkins said that phone call began Carolina Livery's still-standing partnership with the University. Carolina Livery provides shuttles for UNC Athletics, commencement and other University events. The service also operates the Robertson Express, which has buses that run between UNC and Duke University.

She said the shuttles have allowed UNC to move away from using golf carts and to transport people more safely and efficiently.

"Carolina Livery forever changed the trajectory of how we do events on campus," Hawkins said.

In an email to Carol, Hawkins said she not only saw Mike as a colleague and a business partner, but also as a friend.

"I'm extremely fortunate [that] Mike answered my phone call in the summer of 2001," Hawkins said in the email.

In 2002, Mike was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a neuromuscular condition that limited his mobility. Joshua Smith, the vice president of Carolina Livery, said that even after Mike started to use a wheelchair, he continued to visit the office and attend campus events in person.

"Any other human being would have gone home and rested," Smith said. "But that was Mike. He wanted to show us the importance of making sure things were done right."

Carol said she remembers the kindheartedness Mike extended to hospital staff, remembering their children's names and connecting on a more personal level. Her husband's thoughtfulness was one of his most "striking features," she said.

"Every single person he met he wanted to know all about," she said.



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"He cared about each individual."

Carol, who has taken over as president of Carolina Livery, said she is committed to honoring Mike's legacy and that the company will continue its service in the Triangle.

Smith said he will continue to enforce existing company standards, such as driver training and Mike's commitment to customer service.

"He did well to establish a name for us," Smith said.

Carol said Mike also had a loving

relationship with his cat, a gray tabby named Pippin. The family's cat, who had gone missing last October, was brought home after eight months this past June. Since returning home, Carol said Pippin rarely left Mike's side.

"When he died and took his last breath, I thought Pippin would have moved," she said. "But he just stayed right there."

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EDUCATION

Students make contact with space station

Astronauts answer attendees’ questions live via satellite

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At 11:05 a.m. on Sept. 13, students at Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools made contact with astronauts aboard the International Space Station. Elementary, middle and high school students submitted prerecorded video questions that were answered by two astronauts: NASA’s Frank Rubio and Andreas Mogensen, with the European Space Agency. This event, called an In-flight

Education Downlink, aims to inspire students across the United States to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics career paths. Last November, CHCCS submitted its first proposal to participate in the event. Once accepted, each school chose one student to prerecord and submit a question for the astronauts. Although the questions were prerecorded, the answer portion was live, transmitted by a set of satellites sending data to antennas on the ground. The station sits 250 miles above Earth and travels at approximately 17,500 mph. There were 19 questions total, ranging from, “What does it feel like at liftoff?”

to “How does the space station get more oxygen if the astronauts are breathing it?” “We want this to be more than just some exciting and cool experience,” said Carrie Olsen, a project manager for Next Gen STEM, which runs the downlinks. “We want it to catalyze real learning and be a more of an educational outcome for the students.” Next Gen STEM is a project of NASA’s Office of STEM Engagement. Its mission is to spark interest in STEM for K-12 students by connecting them to NASA’s endeavors in exploration and discovery. “The astronauts called the students by name and addressed each of their questions,” Kathi

Brewer, the director of career and technical education at CHCCS, said in an email. “These students will always remember this experience.” Chapel Hill High School hosted a downlink watch party in their auditorium that included speeches and live science demonstrations by the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center. Sam Nguyen, a gifted education specialist at Carrboro Elementary School, said he attended the event along with the school’s entire fifth grade. “There are certain things we have to teach them, but part of my job is teaching them to think,” Nguyen said. “So it was really cool to be able



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Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students gathered at Morehead Planetarium on Sept. 13, 2023, to have their questions answered by astronauts in the International Space Station.

to tickle their brains in that way and get them wondering.” According to NASA, the main goal of this event with CHCCS was to further educate underrepresented and nontraditional students and include them in STEM fields. “When we’re intentional about providing opportunity and providing experiences for kids to see themselves in this field, I think that’s so powerful,” Nguyen said.

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JUDICIARY

Judge Carolyn Thompson appointed to N.C. Court of Appeals



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Judge Carolyn Thompson was appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper on Sept. 11 to serve on the N.C. Court of Appeals.

Thompson lost race for a court of appeals seat in 2022 election

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Judge Carolyn Thompson was appointed to the N.C. Court of Appeals by Gov. Roy Cooper on Sept. 11 to replace Judge Allison Riggs, who was appointed to the N.C. Supreme Court. Thompson previously ran for the Court of Appeals in 2022, but lost the race to Judge Julee Flood. On Sept. 9, Thompson said, she received a call offering her the

appointment, and she began work on Sept. 12. Thompson said she also plans to run for re-election in 2024. Most recently, Thompson worked as a deputy commissioner in the N.C. Industrial Commission, which she was appointed to after the 2022 election. Prior to her work on the commission, she worked for nine years as a judge in District 9 on both the district and superior court divisions. She has also had experience as a trial attorney. J. Henry Banks, a former District 9 judge, served at the same time as Thompson, and said she will bring diversity and a human element to the court because of her experience at the front lines of the judicial system. “I think she’ll bring that

perspective to it, ‘Oh, I have done this, and therefore I know so many nuances.’ So she’ll bring that idea of experience on the trial level to the court which will be a breath of fresh air, quite frankly,” he said. In her time as a judge in the District 9, Thompson worked on a wide variety of cases but developed a passion for domestic abuse and juvenile cases, Banks said. Thompson is also an ordained minister and works to help women in domestic violence situations. Joy Forrest, the executive director of Called to Peace Ministries, said Thompson volunteers to teach survivors how to approach domestic violence court cases and present their experiences in

a way that will help their case. “Some of my greatest accomplishments are from family members that meet me in Walmart and say, ‘Hey, because of what you said or did, my son turned his life around,’ or the letter that I get from someone who’s now in college and say, ‘You listened to my desire to leave that abusive home, and because you put me in a loving home, I’m now in college and thriving,’” she said. “Those are the accomplishments that don’t show up on a resume. Those are just things that I carry to continue to motivate me to do the right thing.”

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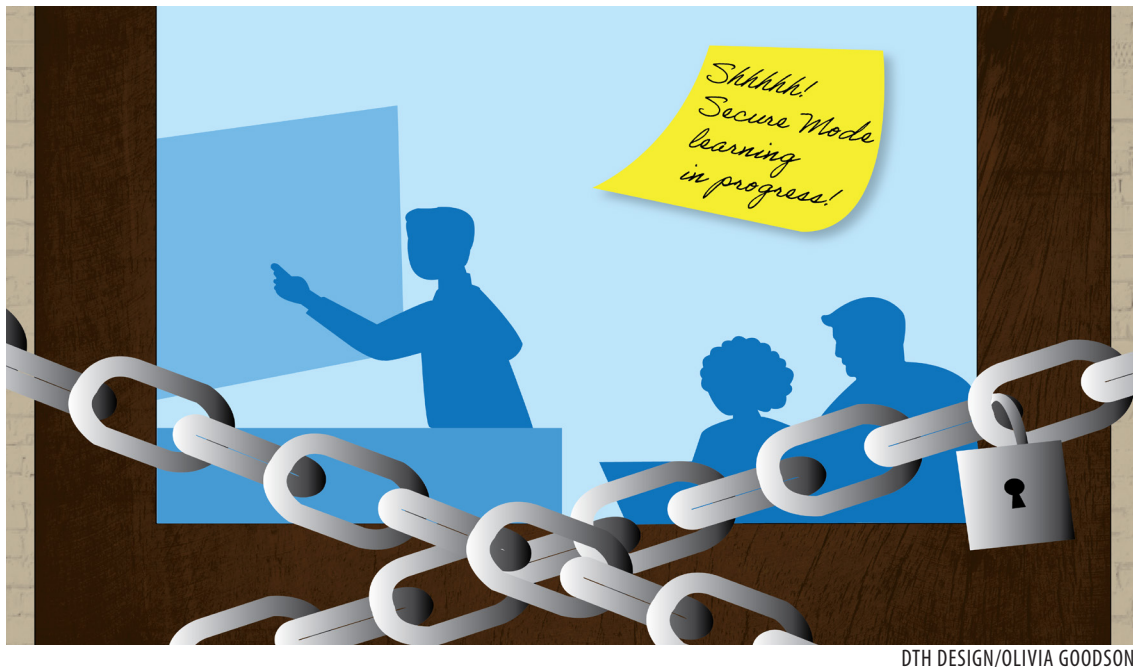
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# Parents respond to safety measures, 'secure mode'

Reactions to the district's procedures have been positive

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Students and staff at Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools went into "secure mode" twice within the first three weeks of the new school year.

They were required to remain inside locked buildings due to reports of armed and dangerous individuals on UNC's campus.

CHCCS safe schools director Tracy Holloway said the safety department has received positive feedback from teachers and administrators about how they handled both situations.

He said teachers were better prepared for how to carry out the second secure mode procedure on Sept. 13 and that the school day was minimally interrupted.

"They were able to go about their day without even knowing or thinking about the tragedy that was happening outside of school," Holloway said. "So from our point of view, the secure mode was a success in both incidents."

When schools enter secure mode, Holloway said a message over the intercom informs students and staff. Staff must bring everyone inside and lock the doors, but instruction

may continue as usual. Secure mode remains in place until schools receive the all-clear from the district's safety office, Holloway said.

Vickie Feaster Fornville, a Chapel Hill resident and the parent of a student at Chapel Hill High School, said knowing her daughter was in secure mode made her feel reassured during both incidents.

"The kids were safe at that time, and they would remain in secure mode until they got the all-clear from the University, so that made me feel good at that point," Feaster Fornville said.

In addition to various protocols to respond to crises, CHCCS also has crisis prevention measures in place. Holloway said officials from multiple departments conduct quarterly safety audits, where they walk through school campuses to check for various safety concerns, such as working locks on doors.

Security cameras are also monitored by each school, which Holloway said act as a deterrent for crime. Playgrounds also have camera coverage and are fenced-in, Holloway said.

Feaster Fornville said CHCCS does a good job of monitoring who goes in and out of the school buildings, but she said active threat drills would be a good way to practice in the event of an on-campus threat.

"It's something that you don't enjoy doing, but it's something that you

need to do," she said.

Feaster Fornville said the second secure mode was more rattling for her daughter than the first, but she said she was impressed with the communication between the school and parents.

She has no complaints about how the secure mode implementations were handled by CHCCS, she said.

Chandra Lovejoy, the parent of another student at Chapel Hill High School, said while safety measures can prevent harm, they can also cause anxiety for many students.

She said the need for crisis prevention measures has caused her ninth grade son to question if school is a safe place to be.

"The part that breaks my heart is just their experience of school being a potentially dangerous place, which I wish that it wasn't something they felt," Lovejoy said.

Implementing additional safety measures may help the school community feel safer, but it feels like "putting a Band-Aid on a broken arm," she said.

Lovejoy added that she thinks more restrictive gun legislation will ultimately contribute to safer schools.

"It seems like there's a root cause here that needs to be addressed that Chapel Hill High isn't going to necessarily be able to solve," she said.

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## ORANGE COUNTY

## Law enforcement receives domestic violence training

State and county leaders provided assessment protocol

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**Content warning:** This story contains mentions of domestic violence.

The N.C. Attorney General's Office and the Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department facilitated a Lethality Assessment Protocol training for Orange County-area law enforcement leadership and domestic violence service providers on Sept. 6.

The LAP was designed by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence in 2005 to help first responders recognize when domestic abuse survivors are at risk of losing their lives to intimate partners. The protocol includes 11 on-site screening questions that allow first responders to identify a risk score for survivors.

If a survivor in Orange County is identified as having a high lethality risk according to the screening process, the responder will call the Compass Center LAP hotline.

Morgan Charlier, the Compass Center director of court advocacy and community response, said the center helps victims and survivors throughout every stage of their journey to safety — including working closely with first responders to address domestic violence calls.

"What's the thing that's most important to you in this moment? If somebody needs help getting to safety, we're going to help them get there," Charlier said.

The Compass Center has a number of resources available to help victims and survivors of domestic abuse prioritize their safety— including court advocacy resources, legal aid resources, support group resources and shelters for victims.

Charlier said the Compass Center also does follow up calls with domestic abuse victims within 24-72 hours of an incident. During these calls, the center will assess the ongoing safety needs of the person and work to address those needs.

Caitlin Fenhagen, the director of the Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department, said her department has been planning for positions needed to staff North



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The Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department and the Office of Attorney General Josh Stein hosted a training on Sept. 6, 2023.

Carolina's LAP, conducting training sessions with local law enforcement groups and waiting for the most updated version of the LAP curriculum.

Fenhagen said that after initial domestic violence calls, perpetrators are often released from custody and able to return home. She said the LAP protocol will help victims after the perpetrator's return because of the conversation between domestic violence providers and victims.

Kathleen Lockwood, the policy director for the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, said this protocol is important because there are many factors involved in protecting communities from domestic violence.

"The LAP allows law enforcement to be more informed and aware of the lethality risks of individuals in their community," Lockwood said. "And it allows community members to increase the likelihood that they'll get connected to the life saving services that they may need."

She said the LAP is important because studies show that when a survivor is connected to support services, it lowers their risk of death by domestic violence homicide.

Fenhagen said the department's next steps include additional training for responders, working through the logistics for the LAP, and ensuring the protocol is relevant to the county, which she said she expects to happen within the next 60 days.

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## Local community mourns father and son owners of Classic Carolina

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community event on Sept. 6, a high-speed driver swerved into their lane, killing Kris and Dhruva and injuring Nina Chellani — Dhruva's wife and Kris' mother.

Nina was transported to a nearby hospital to undergo surgery and is in stable condition.

"They'll be with me every day in my heart," Krystal said. "They'll be with me every day in spirit."

When he was in second grade, Kris Chellani met Elijah Moracco-Schelp. The two instantly became friends and Moracco-Schelp began walking to the Chellani's home every day after school to spend time with Kris.

Moracco-Schelp and Kris grew up together. Both attended Chapel Hill High School, where Kris was the student body president — one of his big campaign promises was to put walls in between the urinals in the men's bathrooms.

One time, Dhruva made a

dish that Moracco-Schelp found too spicy. Each time Moracco-Schelp ate at the Chellani home afterward, he said Dhruva would always ask, "Was that too spicy?"

"They were just the most generous, loving people that I've ever known," Moracco-Schelp said.

Both Moracco-Schelp and Kris went on to study at UNC. The spring before they started, in 2017, they celebrated UNC men's basketball's national championship win on Franklin Street together.

While at the University, Kris won the Kenan-Flagler Business School's Deloitte Consulting Undergraduate Case Competition. After graduating in 2020, he moved to New York City and worked in consulting with Deloitte and IBM.

"It was just so amazing to watch him grow into somebody who was a leader," Krystal said. "He was the type of person where he could just walk into a room and everybody would just look at him and value his presence there."



PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISTAL CHELLANI

Every member of the Chellani family worked at Classic Carolina in some capacity while Dhruva coordinated store operations.

Kris eventually decided he wanted to return often to help his father with Classic Carolina — and eventually take over the store.

Tanvi Bhandary, Kris' girlfriend, said he would spend weeks in North Carolina working with Dhruva on improving Classic Carolina and preparing for the re-opening.

"In the Indian culture, everything that we do is for our parents," she said. "We want to make them proud — and not just proud, we want to give them

a good, fulfilling life."

Bhandary said Kris wanted his parents to be able to retire and travel the world once he took over Classic Carolina. Bhandary was planning on flying to North Carolina to celebrate the re-opening.

"He was so excited about it," she said. "And his dad and his mom, that's all they were talking about, that's all Kris was talking about."

Every member of the Chellani family — Kris, his siblings

and Nina — worked at Classic Carolina in some capacity while Dhruva coordinated store operations. Nina also owns Love & Peace Boutique at Carr Mill Mall in Carrboro.

Krystal said she was planning on joining Kris when he took over and that the two of them would run Classic Carolina.

Now, after the loss of Kris and Dhruva, Krystal said that when she is ready, she still wants to reopen the store.

"I would love to continue that legacy of giving back to the community, helping people, continuing to get to know the community and putting smiles on people's faces," she said.

Moracco-Schelp said Dhruva got to know other vendors and businesses on Franklin Street. He said — beyond UNC sports and the merchandise the store sold — the Chellani family loved the community. Many people looked up to Dhruva for being able to create a good life for himself and his family, Moracco-Schelp said.

Krystal said she wants the community to remember Kris

and Dhruva as kind, hard-working and passionate. She said they could both run into people on the street and make easy conversation.

"[Kris] wanted people to know who he was and know who my dad was, and have an entire experience with the store and he wanted a relationship with the community," she said. "That's really what it was all about."

Moracco-Schelp said he asked Kris about six months ago why he was committing so much time and energy to renovate Classic Carolina with Dhruva.

"You're not making any money," Moracco-Schelp said.

"The most important thing to me right now is my family and making sure that they can retire," Kris told Moracco-Schelp. "I've kind of realized recently — you can be successful, you can make money, but the thing that's always going to be the most important thing is your family. They're always going to be there."

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# Lifestyle

ORANGE COUNTY

## Local businesses host festive fall activities



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Farms, mazes and art classes are available around town for season

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For anyone who has been outside lately, crisp fall days seem like a faraway dream.

Until the sweltering temperatures drop, here are some fall-themed activities to start getting into the spirit of the season.

The McKee Cornfield Maze at Cedar Creek Farm in Hillsborough is one of the largest corn mazes in the area, with intricate designs mown into a 12-acre field navigable by a series of mapped checkpoints.

“We don’t call it getting lost, we call it getting corn-fused in the cornfield,” Vickie McKee, who owns and operates the farm and maze along with her husband David, said.

Cedar Creek Farm also has a smaller maze for children.

“We have zinnias blooming, sunflowers blooming, farm animals, picnic areas, lots of activities for people to enjoy,” McKee said. “There’s hayrides to take in the fall through a canopy of trees and around the field, around the farm property, as well as barrel train rides for children.”

The maze will operate Friday through Sunday, from Sept. 30 to Nov. 4. Pumpkin carving with the farm animals will take place on Oct. 28 and 29. The farm will also host a fun run for breast cancer awareness on Oct. 7.

Spring Haven Farm in Chapel Hill also hosts pumpkin carving with goats, available from Sept. 20 to Oct. 31. After selecting a pumpkin, attendees can carve it in the goat pasture. Tickets must be purchased in advance online.

At Smith’s Family Fun Farm’s pumpkin patch in Hillsborough, attendees can pick pumpkins straight from the vine. The farm also offers popsicles, frozen custard and a giant slide.

Admission is free with the purchase of a pumpkin, and the pumpkin patch will be open Tuesday through Sunday, beginning Sept. 30.

Local organizations are celebrating the season through various festivals and events.

The Burwell School Historic Site in Hillsborough is hosting a fall festival “Publick Day” on Sept. 23. The community market

will feature fresh baked goods, apples, handcrafted items, pumpkins and a silent auction. Admission is free.

Cidery Botanist and Barrel is hosting its third annual “Apple Fest” on Sept. 30 in Cedar Grove. The event will feature live apple pressing, apple cider donuts, hot cider, pizza, live music and — of course — apples to buy. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance, according to the cidery’s website.

The cidery is also partnering with Eno River Farm for a “Taste of the Market” event on Oct. 22. Ten local chefs have partnered with farmers from Eno River to create fall-inspired small plates. Admission includes food, drinks, desserts and music by the Marigold Collective.

On Sept. 23 and Oct. 7 Eno River Farm is also hosting fall wreath-making classes. Attendees will learn how to make grapevine wreaths from the farm’s master gardener.

Chapel Hill Community Center also hosts art classes, including several fall-themed craft workshops. Register on the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation website to make autumnal paper plant centerpieces, spooky string art and ceramic pumpkin carving.

Besides events, local businesses are also rolling out seasonal menu items.

The Meantime Coffee Co. in the Campus Y has already launched their first fall drink, the Compost Maple Latte, and will be debuting a new seasonal drink every other week, according to chief sustainability officer Katie Whittington.

In October, Meantime will announce a seasonal menu with around four new autumnal drinks, Whittington said.

According to Gaby Iori, the events coordinator at Epilogue Books Chocolate Brews, the cafe will launch a new orange honey syrup. Iori recommended ordering it in a mocha for a “fall-ish” combination of chocolate and orange.

But celebrating fall might be as simple as starting to incorporate a fall wardrobe, watching a cozy show or creating a fall playlist.

Sophomore Asiah Graham said fall is probably her favorite season, and that she is looking forward to wearing her Doc Martens and eating pumpkin pie.

“It’s festive,” Graham said. “It’s a good way to segue into a distraction from the hard work that’s usually going on in fall.”

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LGBTQ+

## Book club offers affirming space

Epilogue hosts monthly meetings to discuss queer literature

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The Queer Reader book club at Epilogue Books Chocolate Brews is a community space that Gaby Iori, Epilogue’s events and social media manager, wishes she had in high school or college.

Queer Reader, a monthly book club hosted at Epilogue, intends to provide an affirming and accessible space for LGBTQ+ readers to create connections while discussing queer literature.

“Sometimes you don’t know how badly you need a community space until one is advertised to you,” Iori said.

She said that Queer Reader was inspired by her desire to create a community space for queer people that didn’t revolve around nightlife.

Molly Hoch, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Biostatistics, said that there’s so much to learn from the experiences of other readers and authors within the LGBTQ+ community.

“If you look at the political climate in the country, in North Carolina more specifically, there’s a lot of queer issues that are at the forefront, a lot of issues with trans rights and stuff,” Hoch said. “It’s something that you think about all the time, and then to have a space where you’re not the only one thinking about it too, I think is an important

thing to cultivate.”

A typical meeting will consist of 10 minutes of chat, where everyone catches up. The group then moves into basic questions, like if the attendees enjoyed the book. Then, it slowly transitions to a deeper discussion about the assigned literature.

During the first few months of running Queer Reader, Iori said that she prepared a list of thought-provoking discussion questions before each meeting. Although she still prepares for the discussions, she is now more comfortable as host of the book club and lets the conversation flow naturally.

“The great thing about everyone that comes to Queer Reader is that they’re all so smart and willing to share their thoughts about whatever we’re reading,” Iori said.

This month, the club will meet on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. They are reading “In the Dream House” by Carmen Maria Machado, a memoir about the author’s experiences with domestic abuse.

Tickets to attend the meeting are \$6.

Seth Mitchell, a Ph.D. student in occupational science, said that he moved to Chapel Hill from Los Angeles last summer after finishing his master’s degree and knew that he wanted to look for community. He discovered Queer Reader through a quick Google search of queer events happening near him.

“Because it’s low stakes and you can come and go as you please

and everyone’s just excited to see people there — whether you’re new or come frequently — it’s just a really natural way of getting to know each other,” Mitchell said.

Over the past few years, Iori said she’s been “jazzed” to see that the publishing industry has made a shift toward welcoming more kinds of narratives — other than the coming-out storyline — and representations of the range of LGBTQ+ identities.

“Queer people are sort of infiltrating the book market, and I love to see it,” she said.

Iori said that when she first started the book club, she picked books that were distinctly lesbian because she is a lesbian herself. It was what felt most comfortable to her. As the club progressed, she looked toward the bookselling team at Epilogue to provide new book recommendations with diverse identities across genres.

She said that members are still able to find something in each book that resonates with them, even if it’s not about their own identity.

“I think this book club probably heals a part of the closeted high school kid that I was — being able to talk very freely about being queer and reading queer literature very openly and stuff like that,” Iori said. “I just think it’s really cool, and it is probably fixing me in many ways.”

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FILM REVIEW

## ‘A Haunting in Venice’ haunted by mediocrity

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It’s no mystery in Hollywood that audiences can’t help themselves from flocking to the latest whodunit movie, especially if the lead is a no-nonsense, tired detective with an eccentric accent — just look at the success of “Knives Out.”

There is also no question that a successful murder mystery movie lies between the pages of one of Agatha Christie’s 66 detective novels.

Though not the first to bring Christie’s twisted visions to the big screen, Kenneth Branagh is the latest director with big-budget backing who is willing to profit off the all-time best-selling fiction author.

“A Haunting in Venice” is the latest adaptation from Branagh, who also stars as the film’s lead, following the success of “Murder on the Orient Express,” released in 2017, and the underwhelming sequel, “Death on the Nile,” which hit theaters last year.

All three films revolve around detective Hercule Poirot — most noticeable for his cartoonish mustache and thick French accent — though “A Haunting in Venice” clearly stands out as the most complete feat of storytelling. Luckily, it’s not necessary to see the previous films to enjoy this Venetian thriller.

Unlike the two previous installments of detective Poirot’s ventures, Branagh’s latest film incorporates a supernatural element that gives it an eerie feel. However, despite a handful of jump scares, it is best described as a PG-13 thriller, not a horror movie.

The plot follows Poirot’s latest adventure, which begins when he is coaxed out of his Italian isolation to attend a seance and disprove of a



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colorful medium, portrayed by the fan-favorite Michelle Yeoh.

At first skeptical and cynical, Poirot is soon surrounded by mystery and inexplicable deaths amongst the attendees, all against the backdrop of a spooky, dark Venice.

The cast is a curious ensemble of actors who are not the obvious choice for a thriller, yet most deliver better than expected. Tina Fey gives a rare serious performance, and Jamie Dornan proves that he can act beyond the Fifty Shades trilogy.

Despite a talented cast, the dialogue is unengaging, making it difficult to connect with any characters. Even with the best acting, the script was rather bland, making some of the untimely deaths difficult to mourn.

The beginning of the film is engaging, and the element of an otherworldly danger keeps the audience glued to the screen. However, by the time my popcorn was empty and the film’s climax loomed, Branagh began to lose the allure established in the first hour.

The twist is predictable, and the attempt to combine a murder mystery with a ghost story falls flat when the two don’t come together coherently. The film loses its potency near the end, dooming itself to another title on a long list of completely mediocre murder movies.

While “A Haunting in Venice” will likely fade into late-summer blockbuster oblivion, it wouldn’t be a surprise to see another Poirot movie churned out in record time. The ending left a clear avenue open for another installment in the franchise.

If you want an entertaining — albeit forgettable — movie night, “A Haunting in Venice” is a fun watch that appeals to those wary of horror and easily bored of thrillers. In a few months, it will be available to stream on Disney+, though murder mysteries are certainly most powerful on the big screen.

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# Camp encourages attendees to take up space, make noise

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NC summer camp, described by Cal Vicenta, the operations manager of GRNC.

Girls Rock is a nonprofit that aims to nurture a safe and inclusive community — providing girls, transgender and gender-expansive youth a space to explore their identity, create music and learn about intersectional gender justice.

GRNC holds weeklong summer camps where youth learn new instruments, create a band and write and perform original songs at a showcase for family, friends and GRNC members.

Vicenta said that watching the campers connect, even during breaks, is the best thing about being a part of GRNC.

At workshops — and even during lunch — at camp, kids learn about the historic roots of music, especially Black influence on rock music and are exposed to music from different genres, races and genders.

When Liona Stebbins got involved with GRNC as a camper at 14 years old, she said she was surrounded by people who weren't afraid to talk about their sexuality and life experiences. Now a GRNC youth mentor of two



years, Stebbins describes her journey as coming full circle.

Stebbins always wanted to play music with other people, and she said GRNC provided resources for her to create a band — called Hypnic Jerks — with other youth mentors. She described the end of camp showcase as a special and supportive environment for the campers.

"It's one of the safest spaces I've ever

been in," Stebbins said. "This is very blunt, but people don't care if you're good at playing music, they just want you to feel empowered through it. They create such a safe space for these kids to explore finding their own sound and mastering their instrument."

Emmie Galloway attended GRNC summer camp, was a youth mentor and recently had her first summer as an adult volunteer. She said she

feels lucky to be a part of a place where being unique and open through art is celebrated.

Hema Gaia, team coordinator at GRNC, said when they started volunteering at GRNC in 2016, it was the first time they didn't feel belittled for being a new musician.

"It does make a big difference, having to go a full week without interacting with cis men," Gaia said. "I

didn't notice how much it affected me at that point in my life, where, when I went to camp, I didn't care what I was wearing, I didn't care how I looked. I felt really free in just what I could say and how I could act and how I could be there. That was really life-changing."

Vicenta described GRNC as a welcoming space for them to get back into music and explore their gender expression. They said GRNC was their first professional space with a true culture of inclusivity, which continues to be nurtured in younger generations.

"You have six-year-olds who are sitting there like, 'These are my pronouns. This is how I identify,'" Vicenta said. "You have trans voices coming into the space, and they're exploring their identity and it's so affirming to see that there's a world where the fact that my gender is different from what society has dictated is not an issue."

GRNC hopes to change their name within the next year to increase inclusivity. The community is invited to join their name change committee.

No matter the name, GRNC will keep the same goal: teach girls, trans and gender-expansive youth to take up space and make noise.

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## CARRBORO

# ‘Magnificently beautiful’: Artist paints butterfly mural

Loren Pease brings bright colors to WomanCraft Gifts

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As long as the ladder was not too hot to touch, she was painting.

That was artist Loren Pease's approach for the past three and a half weeks, as she brightened up the side of WomanCraft Gifts in Carrboro with a new mural featuring butterflies migrating.

Pease, who described herself as a muralist and maker, has created public murals all over the Triangle, from Duke Children's Hospital to Carrboro High School to Southern Village in Chapel Hill.

Her career began in advertising. "I studied advertising art and did that for quite some time, right out of college, and then realized it wasn't quite creative enough," Pease said.

She eventually returned to school to study education — but not before picking up mural painting, which she said began with small projects.

"When I was in advertising, people learned that I was artistic and were asking me to paint little things for them, including baby nurseries, and

so I started painting baby nurseries," she said. "So by the time I was teaching high school, my weekends were getting really full of murals."

As her projects expanded beyond nurseries to public spaces, Pease said she decided to put teaching on hold to pursue mural commissions. One of her favorites was a project she did at Duke's Children's Hospital, which identified each of its seven wings with one of the seven continents, she said.

"The doctors and nurses used to say — you'd walk into Antarctica, where it was 'snowing' — and they'd say, 'I swear the temperature's dropped five degrees,'" she said. "That one was really exciting, and it made the place feel so much more exciting for the kids."

Pease said her mission is to make people feel invited into her art, and that she wants people to interact directly with her work. Her latest mural at East Main Square in Carrboro introduces bright colors and artistry to a previously drab, tan wall between FRANK Gallery and WomanCraft Gifts.

According to Janie Galloway, the marketing chair at WomanCraft Gifts, they are "ecstatically happy" about the mural.

"It brings the arts to mind, and with us here and FRANK Gallery setting up right across the parking lot from us, Peel Gallery

just down the street a couple of blocks — this is becoming more of a hub for locally done art and fine crafts," she said.

The mural shows a scene of butterflies migrating, seemingly off the building and toward downtown Carrboro. They fly out of and over three gold frames, which Pease described as a nod to FRANK Gallery across the street.

She said she hopes to bring the butterfly design throughout the shopping center at East Main Square and further into the community to give the illusion of a migration throughout Carrboro.

Pease worked on the design with Kevin Benedict, who commissioned the mural. She said the design process was the longest she ever worked on — nearly a year — but that she wanted to make sure she got it right.

"It's really beyond magnificently beautiful, it really, really is," Sid Keith, the owner of Surplus Sids in Carrboro, said of the new mural. "It's about as dynamic as one would hope for in anything like that."

In recent weeks, Pease's summer days have been spent on a ladder with a can of spray paint or a paintbrush in hand.

"As long as the ladder's not too hot to touch — sometimes, it's so hot you can't touch it — then, I would be out there working," Pease said. She expressed appreciation for the support of the community, an occasional air-conditioned break at Gray Squirrel Coffee Co. and cold water bottles on 100-degree days.

Passersby stopping to share kind words, stories and their own artwork broke up long days and created a sense of community around her mural, Pease said. "It's a nice way to connect with people, and this community has definitely been incredibly inviting," she said.

Her future projects include an interactive utility box across the street from the Ackland Art Museum and a new mural at 311 E. Main St. in Carrboro — the new home of TABLE, a nonprofit dedicated to providing healthy food for children in Orange County.

## MUSIC ON CAMPUS

# UNC jazz studies faculty perform in concert

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Rain forced the UNC Jazz Faculty Concert indoors, but there was still a packed house in Moesser Auditorium on Sept. 12. The energy in the audience and among the performers was palpable, with people of all ages erupting into applause after every song.

Some performers were faculty in the UNC jazz studies program, which has been a part of the UNC Department of

She'll perform in faculty gigs alongside Anderson with little to no preparation, she said.

"Something really special about that is you really don't — it's kinda scary — you don't really know what's going to happen when you go on that stage, but it always ends up being beautiful," Gonzalez said.

However, Gonzalez said she felt safe singing at the faculty concert because she knew how skilled the professors were at improvisation and was confident that the end result would sound good.

She particularly praised professor Rahsaan Barber, who played saxophone, and said she never gets tired of listening to his solos.

Barber said the range of jazz courses offered in the curriculum helps the students build a foundation to play all kinds of music.

"If they're taking a class, then I want to kind of demystify what it means to practice and perform jazz," Barber said. "I think a lot of times we have students who are very nervous about getting started with jazz. It seems kind of scary because you're making it all up, and so what I hope that they leave with is a process for how to practice and how to get better so that they can go the rest of their lives being connected to this music."

Gonzalez said she has formed a band with some of her peers called Nightshade. They play an eclectic combination of rock, jazz and indie music. She said it's exciting to play something new and different with the friends she's made through jazz band.

Sophomore Payton Salmonson has immersed himself even further in the program as a music major with a focus in jazz studies. He said he's currently creating a record with his peers that they plan to record this winter.

"From day one, we were super encouraged [by the UNC music program] to start writing our own music if we weren't already," he said.

Anderson said he wants the University community to know that the jazz studies program is alive and well.

"It's not just music of the past," Anderson said. "We celebrate the past, but it's living and breathing and looking to the future."

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Muralist Loren Pease posed for a portrait next to her butterfly mural on the side of Gray Squirrel Coffee Co. on Monday.

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# Opinion

## The Daily Tar Heel

COLUMN

### Good guys with guns won't save us



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Students rallied outside of the Legislative Building during the protest against gun violence organized by the UNC chapter of March for our Lives on Sept. 12.

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After a second campus lockdown due to an armed individual this month, our North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland, Rutherford) suggested that UNC needs more firearms to be safe.

“Criminals are going to have guns,” Moore said to News & Observer reporters on Thursday morning at the legislative building. “And the best deterrent against a criminal with a gun is a good guy with a gun.”

Because that is what our campus requires right now. More guns.

Hey Tim, if you're not too busy fighting allegations of attempting to bribe your affair partner's husband at Biscuitville, let's imagine what your perfect world – where students and professors are allowed to carry guns on campus – looks like.

You are in the Student Union grabbing a bagel from Alpine Bagel. After an argument at the register, you see someone draw a gun.

You, of course, stay strapped. So, you pull out your constitutional carry weapon, fire and take down the threat! Thankfully you – a good guy with a gun – were there to stop it. You go and grab your bagel.

I, having heard gunfire, run into the Student Union. Upon seeing a gun drawn and a body on the ground, I pull out my gun. As you try to tell me you're actually the good guy with a gun, I fire.

I feel confident in my actions as a “Good Guy With a Gun” (trademark pending.) Luckily, during an active shooter scenario, there's never any chance of confusion. Bad guys with guns are easily recognized by their twirlable cartoon mustaches.

Tim, you can go back to failing at passing a state budget.

Tar Heels, it's clear to me that the Republican General Assembly supermajority does not care if you live or die.

I believe gun violence can only be solved by getting rid of the guns. There are no “good guys with guns” who will save us. Research shows that being a gun owner makes you far more likely to be shot yourself.

Surely, if more guns meant more safety, then the United States would be the safest place in the world. We have twice the number of guns per

person as the next highest country. Yet, we lost over 48,000 people to gun-related deaths in 2021 – that's more people than the student, faculty and staff populations at UNC combined.

Moore knows this. It's why the N.C. legislature, including his office, is one of those “gun-free zones” he recommends getting rid of at UNC. According to his logic, UNC would be safer with weapons in every classroom – but he is safer when anyone who brings a weapon near him is tackled and charged with a misdemeanor.

It's why instead of engaging with student protestors on Tuesday, he decided to make fun of them.

In case you forgot, Moore and the GOP recently made it easier for people to buy handguns like the ones used in both incidents on campus by removing the permit requirement.

If you're asking, “What about the Second Amendment?” I don't care. It's a law, not gospel. I don't subscribe to the notion that everything in this country ought to be determined by the word of dead slave owners.

Maybe it's because the National Rifle Association pays really well. To me, the GOP acts as if the trauma endured by everyone in this country affected by gun violence is just the cost of doing business.

Maybe it's because they believe the nearly 50,000 people a year killed by guns in the United States are a worthy sacrifice at the bloody altar of the Second Amendment.

Will banning guns get rid of all gun violence? No. But I think it will save thousands of lives every year. Guns make nearly every scenario more dangerous: from road rage to robberies and suicides.

Australia's gun homicide rate fell 42 percent and the gun suicide rate fell 57 percent in the seven years after its landmark gun control law, the National Firearm Agreement, was passed.

Moore and the GOP know this. If they don't, then I think they are a bunch of blithering morons who shouldn't be allowed to ride a bicycle – much less write legislation. I'm about 70 percent sure that's not true though.

The more realistic answer is that they just don't care.

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### EDITORIAL

## Two times too many

At 12:54 p.m. last Wednesday, Alert Carolina sirens went off, warning students about an “armed and dangerous person on or near campus.”

That was the second time this University-wide message was heard by students within three weeks. That was the second time students frantically looked for information and somewhere to hide. That was the second time students sheltered in place, texting their loved ones that they were okay.

A second time when there should have never been a first.

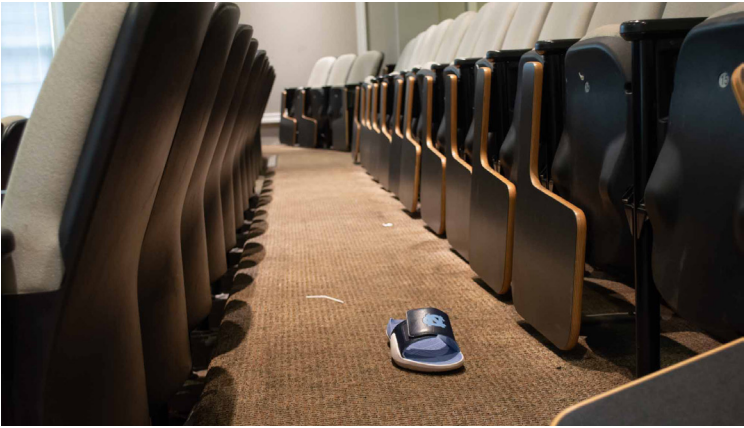
Standing alone, the presence of an armed individual on campus is terrifying. Coupled with the death of Zijie Yan on Aug. 28, this is unimaginable and despicable.

UNC students should not have had to experience these traumatic events back to back. UNC faculty should not have faced uncertainty about what to do in a dangerous situation – again.

Though they didn't know a second incident would come so soon, University leadership had two weeks to update emergency communication procedures to prevent the spread of misinformation and fear.

The second time, students waited for what felt like too long before we received any communication from UNC. We listened for footsteps and updates on police scanners as we hid. We exchanged the same texts we did 16 days before, and we relied on rumors and hearsay before confirmation came through.

But even the Alert Carolina messages that followed didn't provide much information. While they were sent with more frequency than they were on Aug. 28, they had the same message: The armed person was still



DTH/CLAIRE BRENNAN

A lone shoe sat in a Murphey Hall classroom following the lockdown on Sept. 13.

on the loose and we were supposed to remain in place. That was all we knew in the hour-long lockdown.

The lack of information and events of Sept. 13 were frustratingly reminiscent of Aug. 28. A frustration that makes us wonder if anything will ever change. If we will ever be prepared enough; if we will ever stop the threat of gun violence on campus and elsewhere. If we will ever just be able to walk to class safely.

Some instructors, as they did last time, continued to teach. As unempathetic as this feels, there was no set protocol they could follow, even after experiencing the same situation weeks ago.

Wednesday's lockdown and its proximity to Aug. 28's shooting is a reminder that this could happen again. At a public university with an open campus, there is only so much preparation and training we can do to protect ourselves. Since the shooting, no tangible changes in security or on-campus protective

policies have been implemented moving forward, which has allowed for such incidents to continue happening in terrifyingly close proximity to students.

Change must happen now.

Every day the UNC community spends recovering from the loss and trauma we've experienced and preparing for the possibility of worse events in the future, we feel the inaction of those with legislative power more. We feel the impact of those who are not only failing to step up to protect us but are introducing laws that make guns more accessible and make safety from guns more difficult.

Because even behind barricaded doors, none of us are bulletproof. If legislators at the state and national level care about our livelihoods, they need to realize that two lockdowns in the first month of classes are two times too many. And that we are done hiding.

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ADVICE COLUMN



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COLUMN

A message to reporters — UNC students need time to heal

By Le Ha  
Opinion Editor  
and Laney Crawley  
Assistant Opinion Editor

Last Wednesday at 2:11 p.m., UNC students received an all-clear Alert Carolina message after their second lockdown in 16 days due to an "armed and dangerous person on or near campus."

After sheltering in place for over an hour, many students' first instinct was to look for their friends and ensure their safety.

But as students left the buildings they had sheltered in, some were met by a reporter with a microphone. News outlets naturally jumped to cover the event — a second lockdown because of an armed individual at UNC in 16 days is an impactful story.

When students were released from lockdown, there was no official confirmation that a suspect was in custody. The University had just issued the all-clear, and a WRAL camera crew was already stationed in the Pit, clamoring to get students on air.

Given that we had already seen reporters flock to UNC's campus after the first lockdown after the death of Zijie Yan, it was hard to feel surprised.

We had to repeat everything we went through on Aug. 28 — the shock, the fear, the waiting. So many students were in the same places they were 16 days prior, as the lockdowns happened at the same time of the day. We were reliving an unimaginable event.

Regardless of this fact, students were given no time to process this situation before being asked to be a primary source for news organizations like ABC11 and WRAL.

We do not believe it should be considered normal to approach reporting on sensitive topics with such haste, even if there is a journalistic precedent for it.

As student journalists, we understand the importance of documenting and informing the community in times of crises. Naturally, coverage of an on-campus event would be near-worthless without first-person student sources. Simultaneously, we think journalists have a responsibility to consider the well-being and safety of those in dangerous situations.

As journalists at The Daily Tar Heel, we try to approach this responsibility with care and compassion — an approach we urge other news organizations to take as well.

It is our opinion that news organizations should not air live videos of students in lockdown with their location displayed — it feels like an insincere grab for views.

But the issue is larger than these two events on UNC's campus. This situation calls into question the ethics of journalism and content creation. It reveals how certain groups and individuals may value a story, or engagement, more than the lives that might be at stake.

There is a clear question here: Why did some news organizations seem to prioritize their agendas above the safety of students on Aug. 28 and Sept. 13?

Perhaps that's just how the news works. Perhaps it's the need to be the first to the scene, the first to have an exclusive, that drives this behavior.

Regardless of how insensitive this is, it is not surprising. We are disappointed that some news organizations care more about publishing a story than giving students the space and time to process two traumatic events.

Seeing the Pit, the heart of campus usually swarming with students, being taken over by news crews was unsettling and left a bitter taste in our mouths. Many students had never been in an active shooter situation until Aug. 28. Too many of us can now say they have lived through multiple gun-related lockdowns, and we need time to process that.

Too many students have stories of reporters asking them questions about their location and emotions while in lockdown. We



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Reporters interviewed students outside of Alpine Bagel Cafe on Sept. 13.

only ask for reporters, including ourselves, to reevaluate their journalistic judgment. How do we more delicately balance getting a story and showing respect for those we want to feature?

In events like the lockdowns on Aug. 28 and Sept. 13, we are students first and sources second. In events like those, questions and cameras can wait.

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COLUMN

The 2023 GOP gubernatorial debates need to move voters

By Katelin Harmon  
Editorial Board member

With the end of Roy Cooper's term quickly approaching, party candidates on both sides of the 2024 race for North Carolina Governor are announcing their candidacies. Since there is potential for the race to go either way, early gubernatorial debates are sure to set the tone for the duration of the race.

On Tuesday, Wake County hosted the first GOP gubernatorial debate for the 2024 election. The debate was an opportunity for GOP candidates to get a head start on pushing their messages out to the masses. Wake County is home to about 12 percent of all Republican voters in the state of North Carolina, making it a key county for campaigners.

Tuesday's gubernatorial debate was meant to be especially unique, with the candidates sharing a table to discuss debate topics in hopes the conversation would be more natural and organic.

The candidates discussed topics such as public education, economic growth, criminal justice reform, COVID-19 and voting integrity. The last issue was especially relevant due to the recent requirement for North Carolinians to present identification when voting, starting with the 2023 municipal elections.

As one of the participants, former U.S. Representative Mark Walker (R-NC 6th) spoke out about his plans to reform public education. This is a large portion of his platform.

He goes into more detail on his campaign website, stating "It's time we collectively fight back against the evil onslaught of child mutilations and gender reassignment surgeries."

State Treasurer Dale Folwell, another attendee, is very invested in North Carolina's economic state, discussing his tenure as state treasurer and declaring that he would be "the best governor that



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N.C. Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson spoke at a press conference in Raleigh on March 16, 2021.

money can't buy."

Businessman Jesse Thomas similarly weighed in on economics during the debate, one of his platforms being a zero percent income tax. He finds it essential that North Carolina hires a CEO as the next governor to implement Medicaid expansion, per his website.

Yet, Tuesday's debate was less about who was there and more about who wasn't.

Folwell and Thomas attended the debate, as did Walker, with some convincing — as he had initially declined the invitation to attend. Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson and former state legislator Andy Wells have also announced their candidacy, but did not attend.

Wells is said to not have attended the event due to a miscommunication over scheduling. Robinson declined to attend the debate and refused to respond to various news sources on why he wasn't attending.

Ironically, Robinson called out Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC) in 2022 for choosing not to debate. "You need to vote for somebody that you see. Somebody that's not hiding in the basement. Hiding from everybody," he said.

Robinson is the current poll leader, likely due to former

president Donald Trump's pledge to endorse his campaign. Robinson has also publicly announced his support for Trump in the 2024 election.

As North Carolina emerges as a battleground state, this is a particularly interesting political race that everyone should keep their eyes on. There is nearly no consensus on which way North Carolinians are leaning in this election.

The Cook Political Report labels the race as leaning toward a Democratic candidate while Inside Elections with Nathan L. Gonzales and Larry J. Sabato's Crystal Ball both see the state as a toss-up.

The supermajority residing in our state legislature is just one reason why you should pay extra attention to this race. The GOP supermajority have been able to override Roy Cooper's veto several times recently — most notably with the passage of the Fairness in Women's Sports Act and the Parents' Bill of Rights, both of which are expected to have very damaging effects on the LGBTQ+ community across the state.

Even though these seats are up for grabs — with the entire legislature being up for re-election in 2024 — we need to be invested in this race now, especially given the potential for our swing state to turn red.

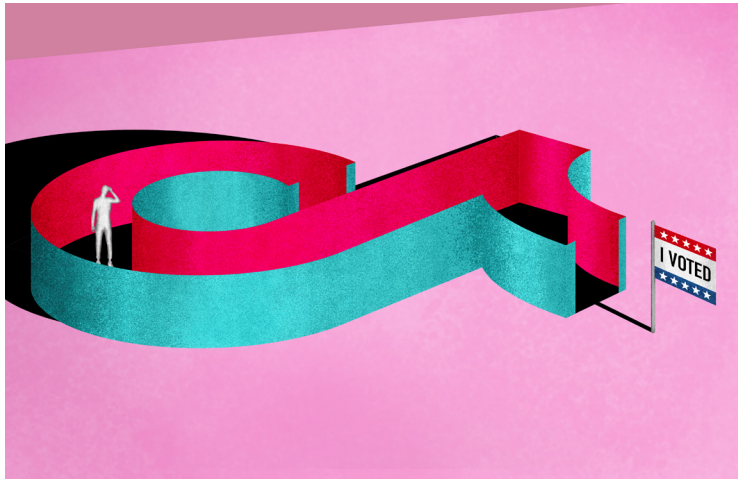
North Carolina's gubernatorial power is much weaker than other states, with a veto threshold of just three-fifths compared to the two-thirds threshold that 36 other states have.

Reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ rights, gun policy, public education, and many other issues are on the line. I urge you to pay attention, read up on the candidates, and — most importantly — make sure you are registered to vote and to order your absentee ballots well in advance if necessary.

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COLUMN

Stop believing everything you read



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By Harry Black  
Columnist

Last week, I was catching up with my older brother when he casually mentioned that South Carolina lowered the drinking age within the state from 21 to 18. Intrigued, I did a quick Google search and was immediately met with a fact-checking site that confirmed this was false. When I asked my brother where he had heard this from, he responded with a simple "I saw it on TikTok."

I (for the most part) love my brother, but this is a common occurrence for him. He frequently mentions facts about some news and attributes it to social media. Even though it can usually be quickly disproven by a Google search, lots of us still run with the first thing we hear, and these days that can be especially dangerous.

Misinformation has a growing concern within the past decade, but it was greatly exacerbated by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Take my uncle, for example, who spent the majority of his time in the pandemic becoming indoctrinated by far-right "COVID-is-a-hoax" online

groups. I watched as each day he reposted groundbreaking Facebook studies that exposed the latest COVID-19 vaccine.

Posts like these were humorous at first glance, but it's quite upsetting taking into account that almost a quarter of Americans share made-up news stories. There are many stories of people deceived by online misinformation, and basing risky decisions on this misinformation. Some who believed in online conspiracy theories about the COVID-19 vaccine and refused to get vaccinated put their lives at risk.

Misinformation played a major role in our own events on our campus in the past month. In the first lockdown that occurred, panic, reasonably so, swept over the campus. However, along with that panic came misunderstandings and rumors that greatly escalated the situation among students.

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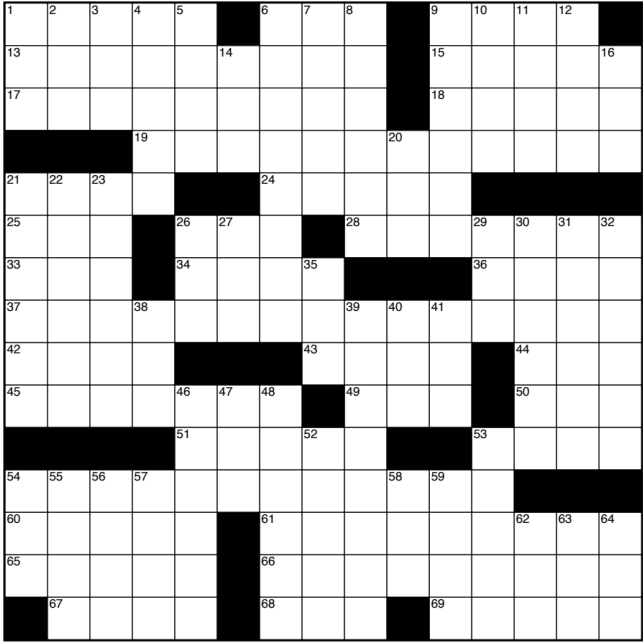
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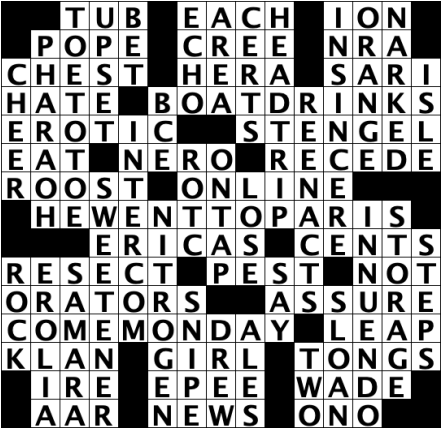
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Across

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6) “Red Notice” actress Gadot  
9) Amazed exhale  
13) Starting point of Santa’s route  
15) “Strange things are \_\_\_\_\_ at the Circle K.” - Bill and Ted  
17) Sauna  
18) Christiana and King of Prussia  
19) Actor who played Agent Steve Murphy on “Narcos”  
21) Messages made for the greater good, abbr.  
24) Selection committee  
25) Transit number on checks, abbr.  
26) Date-driven citation style  
28) “Twilight” actress Kristen  
33) Earthy mineral  
34) Pig fat used for cooking  
36) Clean cosmetics brand  
37) 2008 Bollywood romance starring Shreyas Talpade and Lena Christensen  
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43) One who saves the day  
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45) Vivaldi’s “The Four \_\_\_\_\_”  
49) Play section  
50) The Once-\_\_\_\_ (“The Lorax” industrialist)  
51) Beauty’s beholder  
53) Kenneth Branagh and  
54) Russian engineer who directed the USSR’s space program  
60) In the know  
61) Unquestionable  
65) Card collections  
66) Moral behavior  
67) Famed Scottish Loch  
68) ‘Lime’ and ‘Gator’ suffix  
69) State you shouldn’t mess with



This week’s crossword was created by Liam Furlong. Liam is a UNC junior majoring in comparative literature and education. He is from Wilmington, Delaware.

Down

- 1 Brain and spinal cord, abbr.  
2 Apt rhyme for ‘spot’  
3 “\_\_\_\_\_ you listening?”  
4 Kills Julius Caesar, among others  
5 “Joe \_\_\_\_\_” (average American)  
6 Favorite scene in a movie, perhaps  
7 ‘Hello,’ in Honolulu  
8 Fruits of life  
9 Take a chance on  
10 In the distance  
11 “One Song Glory,” for one  
12 Collared shirt type  
14 Ask uncomfortable questions  
16 Dismissive tongue click  
20 Tennis court do-over  
21 Delves into  
22 Ambled confidently  
23 Iron deficiency  
26 Apple pie \_ \_ \_ mode  
27 Checkout line action  
29 Drag queen’s headwear  
30 Group 1 earth metal  
31 One who protests violently  
32 “Any \_\_\_\_\_?” (Who wants it?)  
35 Homer Simpson’s catchphrase  
38 Iconic Korean boy band  
39 Ramona Quimby’s agitated sister  
40 Character development cycle  
41 Negation term  
46 Go crazy over Tom Holland, perhaps  
47 Japanese IT co.  
48 African hot spot  
52 Class covering the birds and the bees  
53 Travel by board, say  
54 “\_\_\_\_\_ Guy” (Billie Eilish song)  
55 Wilson from “Wedding Crashers”  
56 Word preceded by ‘rat’ or ‘drag’  
57 Irritates  
58 Crawling-age child  
59 Leave out  
62 Prom night garment  
63 Name hidden in ‘holiday’  
64 Annual tech expo arranged by the CTA



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Today's Birthday (09/20/23).

Travel and studies open new doors this year. Develop collaborations with dedication and commitment. Autumn tosses abundance at your feet, inspiring different winter subjects or destinations. Discover resources from new sources this spring and reap summer profits.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Today is an 8 — Study, listen, and learn. Prepare for upcoming adventures. Make exciting long-distance connections. Develop a creative idea into a compelling case. Find time to decompress.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Today is a 9 — Focus on practical financial details. Take a philosophical point of view. Find clever ways to save. Collaborate to share savings. Profit through cooperation.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

Today is an 8 — Things may not go as planned between you and your partner. Take spontaneous opportunities for fun. Abandon rigid agendas. Go along for the ride.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Today is a 9 — Physical exercise recharges your batteries. Maintain healthy practices. Build to fulfill a long-term vision. Friends, coaches and experts provide support. Get an extra push.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Today is a 7 — Find and follow a passionate connection. Beauty inspires your spirit. Practice creative arts and talents. Love motivates you into action. You’re building valuable skills.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Today is an 8 — Make domestic repairs and upgrades. Adapt your spaces to nurture mind, body and spirit. Clean closets or the garage. Give extra things away. Simplify.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Today is a 9 — You’re especially persuasive. Express your heart in words, images and action. Your message can reach farther than expected. Get creative. Bend traditional rules.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Today is a 9 — Catch a lucrative opportunity with quick action. Don’t let a bonus slip through your fingers. Have fun as you reel in extra silver.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC.21)

Today is a 7 — With power comes responsibility. You’re on top of your game. Dress for success. Grab a lucky spontaneous break. Nurture yourself with domestic comforts.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Today is an 8 — Let your imagination run wild. Process a recent transition. Complete one phase and begin another. Invent a possibility worth pursuing. Plot the simplest path.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)

Today is an 8 — Connect with friends. Social events can open profitable doors. Develop new team strategies. Discuss shared dreams, possibilities and potential. Build relationships for shared gain.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Today is a 9 — Take new professional territory. Imagine exciting career possibilities. Listen to your heart and intuition. Consider long-term goals and ambitions. Grab arising opportunities. Expand and grow.

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# Sports

CONFERENCE EXPANSION

## The Daily Tar Heel

### Realignment marks shift in ACC identity



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#### Former N.C. State athletic director says additions devalue competitiveness

By Noah Monroe  
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When picturing North Carolina and ACC athletics, basketball is often the first thing to come to mind — but that’s beginning to change. The ACC voted to extend invitations to Stanford, California and SMU, expanding the ACC to 18 teams, on Sept. 1. This is a move that, according to multiple former athletic directors at ACC schools, demonstrates that the conference has started to move away from its basketball identity to accommodate football and the increased revenue that comes with it. “The tradeoff [of moving away from

basketball] is a hope that the football programs are going to add a greater value,” former Boston College athletic director Brad Bates said. “So maybe there’s a shift from the historical emphasis on basketball into a more successful football conference.”

#### A shift in the ‘gold standard’

It’s been 11 years since Stanford men’s basketball head coach Jerod Haase coached in the ACC, where he spent nine years working with Roy Williams at UNC. But now, in 2024, Haase will presumably make his return to the conference when California, Stanford and SMU become its newest members. Still, despite the conference’s shift, the ACC’s identity as the “gold standard” of basketball isn’t gone yet — at least not in Haase’s opinion. And that’s why he’s

excited for the Stanford Cardinal to join the conference. “Bottom line is the ACC is really the gold standard for many, many years of college basketball,” Haase said. Despite Haase’s optimism, and despite being just two seasons removed from North Carolina and Duke facing off in the Final Four, the ACC’s prevalence in the postseason is on the decline. For the past two years, only a third of ACC men’s basketball teams have made The Big Dance, the lowest percentage since the 2012-2013 season. That was back when the conference had only 12 teams, prior to the addition of Louisville, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and Syracuse — and the departure of Maryland. Cal, Stanford and SMU all had losing records in men’s basketball last season. Former N.C. State athletic director Todd Turner called the basketball traditions at those schools “not very great.” “Clearly [conference expansion] devalues the competitiveness of the ACC basketball from top to bottom,” Turner said. “It’s a lot of schools now. If you look at the traditions of Cal, Stanford and SMU in basketball, they’re not very great.”

#### UNC donors, former ADs oppose expansion

Despite the money that conference realignment will likely bring the ACC, many UNC fans, alumni and donors — including a member of the Rams Club Executive Board — expressed their concerns in emails to University officials that were obtained by The Daily Tar Heel. “The ACC is not, and never will be, a ‘football conference,’” wrote John Dunlap, a Rams Club member and UNC graduate, in an email to North Carolina athletic director Bubba Cunningham on Aug. 7. “The football is good, often great. But the ACC has not, and should not, sell its soul for football.” While North Carolina voted no in favor of adding Cal, Stanford and SMU, the move went ahead as the conference continues to try and find a way to keep up with the Big Ten and SEC in the college athletics revenue race.

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#### FIELD HOCKEY

### No. 2 North Carolina beats No. 4 Louisville

#### Charly Bruder is ‘big time’ with tone-shifting goal

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First-year forward Charly Bruder took one look at the glittering silver, gold and blue national championship rings her new teammates received in August and knew she had to have one too. Over the summer, the North Carolina field hockey team gathered for the program’s annual day trip to Lake Gaston where the team unveiled and gave out the rings. Two of those rings’ owners, head coach Erin Matson and senior midfielder Kiersten Thomassey, are in agreement about the new addition to their roster. After UNC’s recent match against Louisville, they both said Bruder is “big time.” No. 2 UNC shut out the No. 4 Louisville Cardinals in a 2-0 home victory to open up ACC play on Friday afternoon. Capitalizing on a penalty corner in the fourth quarter, Bruder’s tone-shifting goal reignited the North Carolina offense and put away the top-five match-up in the Tar Heels’ favor.



DTH/ADRIAN TILLMAN

UNC first-year forward Charly Bruder (2) ran after the ball during the first half of a game against Louisville on Friday. She has scored at least one goal in three of UNC’s last four games. With Friday’s successful penalty corner, she became the team’s leading scorer. “Charly is one of those players that you can always rely on to come through in those big-time moments,” Thomassey said. “So definitely proud of her for being able to put [the goal] away. She definitely changed the momentum of the game.” Thomassey’s goal in the seventh minute put North Carolina on the board first, but afterward, the Tar Heels struggled to build offensive momentum. The ball floated

between players and teams in the midfield but rarely went inside the circle in Cardinal territory. UNC averages 15.3 shots per game, but in the first 30 minutes of play, the North Carolina offensive front only put up four and had yet to force a penalty corner. Something had to change. “OK, we’re in,” Matson said of the team’s mindset toward the end of the game. “We did all the work to get here. We need to put it away.” The team’s first penalty corner attempt early in the third quarter slung wide. The second attempt was kicked away by the Louisville goalie. With the Cardinals amping up the pressure and finding

rhythm, a game-tying goal seemed on the horizon. When the opportunity arose for another attempt at a penalty corner in the fourth quarter, assistant coach Manuel Garcia Nieto wanted to go for a one-hit stroke. Matson said the coaching staff decided to put their trust in Bruder to execute. “They always talk in practice about getting a shot on target,” Bruder said. “My main goal was to get it on target and try to find the back of the cage.” Graduate student midfielder Pleun Lammers inserted the ball from the backline and senior back Romea Riccardo set up for a shot. Meanwhile, Bruder set her eyes ahead of her, pulled back and whistled the ball past the goalie into the left corner of the cage, right on target. Thomassey said Bruder’s consistency is what makes her “big time.” “That’s what big-time players do,” Matson said. “When a goal is needed or something [is needed] to shift the momentum and push it over the edge even further, they come up big.” With her big-time goal in a big-time game, Bruder looks to have a long Tar Heel career ahead of her.

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#### MATCH POINT



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Then-junior Fiona Crawley and then-sophomore Carson Tanguilig returned a shot during the Tar Heel 4-0 victory over the Maryland Terrapins on Jan. 27.

### Fiona Crawley advances to U.S. Open main draw

UNC tennis star recounts experience playing in New York

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At the 2023 U.S. Open in New York, North Carolina senior Fiona Crawley advanced out of the singles qualifier to the main draw — one of only two collegiate players in the tournament to do so. Crawley and junior Carson Tanguilig also competed in doubles after receiving a wild card bid and fell in the first round. But, prior to Crawley’s run at the U.S. Open, when she first received word of her wild card, panic set in. Crawley already knew she’d be competing with Tanguilig in doubles, but the wild card meant she had to change her flight and gear up quickly to play against professionals a week earlier than expected. These players were older, ranked higher and did not have schoolwork to keep up with like Crawley, an English and Comparative Literature major. “We were playing women,” Crawley said. “I felt like a kid, like, 100 percent.” In her first match against No. 249 Reka Luca Jani on Aug. 23, Crawley managed to clinch a 6-1, 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (10-6) victory and record her first ever Grand Slam match victory. Crawley faced No. 193 Timea Babos in the second round, scraping by with another win in a last-ditch tiebreak of the third set, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (10-5). Although Crawley said she gained more confidence in the second match, the San Antonio native said she started to get in her head during the third round. She realized another win would send her into the main draw and a loss would end her improbable run in the qualifying tournament. Luckily for Crawley, her doubles partner’s flight arrived just in time to watch the match. “I try not to look up because there’s so many people there watching, but [I heard] Carson, just her voice,” Crawley said. With this support, the UNC senior punched her ticket into the main tournament with a decisive 6-3, 6-3 victory over the No. 13 seed Kimberly Birrell. At the time of the match, Crawley was ranked No. 731 in the WTA rankings. “I’m really proud of what she did not only for UNC, but for college tennis,” head coach Brian Kalbas said. After the match, Crawley and Tanguilig walked together through the tunnel to get off the courts. Crawley said a combination of stress-induced and happy tears welled in her eyes. Crawley ultimately fell in the first round of the main draw to No. 82 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova with a score of 2-6, 4-6, which shifted her attention to doubles play. Two days later, on Aug. 31 she and Tanguilig faced off with No. 179 Daria Saville and No. 69 Irina Khromacheva. Crawley and Tanguilig struggled to build momentum against their more experienced opponents, resulting in a 2-6, 2-6 loss. Despite the loss, Tanguilig was grateful for the chance to compete in her first Grand Slam tournament. “[The pro level is] not as far away as you think,” Tanguilig said. “It definitely motivates me. I don’t want to speak for Fiona, but I think it motivates us.”

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Tar Heels change formation in gritty 1-0 win

UNC outshot Virginia Tech 13-0 after the switch

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By halftime, it was clear that something needed to change for the North Carolina women's soccer team.

Throughout non-conference play, the Tar Heels' 3-2-2-3 formation had helped them outshoot opponents 180-43. But in a scoreless first half against Virginia Tech on Friday, the Hokies doubled North Carolina's shots, 8-4, marking the first time UNC had been outshot in a half this season.

Something wasn't working, so the Tar Heels began the second half in a 4-1-3-2 formation. Over the next 45 minutes, UNC outshot Virginia Tech 13-0 en route to a 1-0 victory to open ACC play on Friday. Head coach Anson

Dorrance said after the match that, given the formation's success, it could be North Carolina's new system.

Dorrance credited the adjustment to assistant coach Damon Nahas. UNC shifted focus toward its offense at the half, giving some of its defensive players more flexibility in the midfield. One of the biggest adjustments was moving senior midfielder Sam Meza, who typically plays a more defensive role, to central midfield.

"She's the kind of player that's so skillful, that doesn't need time and space to play," Dorrance said. "You can surround her with opponents, and she's so crafty and creative that she's going to solve the problems for you."

Meza, who won ACC Defensive Player of the Week earlier this season, was crucial to UNC's efforts in shutting down Virginia Tech in the second half. While Friday's defensive stand helped North Carolina win the game, the impressive performance wasn't anything new — UNC has allowed just



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UNC sophomore defender Emerson Elgin (6) dribbled the ball past a Virginia Tech player on Friday at Dorrance Field.

four goals this season.

"I think it's just a standard," Meza said. "We have class players on both sides of the field. Defensively, everybody wants to score on North Carolina."

While UNC's defense was

flexible in supporting the formation, North Carolina's offense was aided by the shift.

Just as they have done all season, the Tar Heels opened up the second half by overloading the left side of the field with

three players, including senior forward Avery Patterson. Minutes later, though, Patterson was no longer on the left touchline. Instead, she could be seen on the right side of the field near the corner flag, which

she said speaks to the team's positionless style of play.

"I think it's just a certain fluidity tactically," Patterson said. "I think [redshirt sophomore midfielder Ally Sentnor] and I have a good relationship on and off the field where we allow each other to interchange, we just have to communicate."

And, in the 67th minute, it was UNC's adaptability that allowed first-year midfielder Evelyn Shores to find the back of the net for the game's lone goal.

From there, North Carolina never looked back.

As the Tar Heels approach a tough stretch of their season this week against No. 20 Virginia and No. 4 Florida State, it's unclear as to whether the new formation will replace UNC's old system that went undefeated in its non-conference slate.

But, if Friday was any indication, North Carolina's versatility can find ways to win in tight situations.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

## North Carolina extends unbeaten streak

Team ended match against Notre Dame in a 1-1 draw

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The UNC men's soccer team is taking a new approach this year.

In North Carolina's 1-1 draw against No. 10 Notre Dame on Friday, the Tar Heels showcased a distinct shift that has occurred within this year's team. While a late goal in the 84th minute by the Fighting Irish spoiled a potential upset win, the result highlighted the team's increased emphasis on offense and extended UNC's unbeaten streak to five games — the program's longest such streak to start the season since 2015.

UNC relied on its defense to carry a lackluster offense in past seasons, but this year, the Tar Heels have leaned on consistent offensive pressure to take stress off the back line. In 2022, UNC averaged just over 10 shots per game. This season, that number is up to 18.

On Friday, the offense was put on full display. UNC outshot



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UNC graduate forward Quenzi Huerman (11) pressured his opponent during the men's soccer game against Notre Dame on Friday.

Notre Dame 10-1 and possessed the ball 62 percent of the time.

"For us, it's comfortable," head coach Carlos Somoano said. "If we have the ball, then we don't have to defend."

The reason for these improvements is simple: the transfer portal. In the team's five games, transfers have combined for seven of the Tar Heels' nine goals.

Graduate forward Martin Vician is one transfer that fully embodies this new UNC offense. On Friday, Vician scored his second goal of the season, giving UNC a 1-0 lead entering the half.

Somoano said he tried to recruit Vician out of high school,

but the forward made the choice to play at Harvard instead. Vician's extra year of eligibility granted by COVID-19 gave UNC "a second bite at the apple."

"It was very easy, very fluid to feel like part of the team," Vician said.

On this year's men's soccer team, everybody is held accountable. The team is uniquely unified and as a result, senior forward and four-year Tar Heel Ernest Bawa said this was the most connected group of friends he's ever had at UNC.

Despite the changes to the offense and the team's increased cohesion, the draw against Notre Dame still showcased a

problem that has plagued North Carolina for years: the inability to close out games. UNC's four draws in conference play last season were the most of any ACC team, and the Tar Heels have already tied their first two conference games in 2023.

Somoano said the team's lack of scoring output, even with the increased offensive production, is a result of hesitation in the final third. Bawa said he believes that these close results are an encouraging sign, rather than a disappointing one.

"We know we can do it and we showed it in games in little flashes," Bawa said. "So if anything, it's encouraging to know that we have that ability to win games."

The new-look Tar Heels will have the chance to extend their unbeaten streak to six on Tuesday. For Somoano, though, the record means nothing unless they can start finishing games and earning wins.

"We're not thinking about any of that — just trying to find ways to get better and actually win a game, not tie," Somoano said.

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## VOLLEYBALL

## UNC stays undefeated at home

Tar Heels take down Santa Clara, Coastal Carolina

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Mike Schall said there were no magic speeches during Friday night's match against Santa Clara.

But whatever the UNC volleyball head coach said to his team after a tough second set worked.

After the break, the Tar Heels didn't drop a set the rest of the weekend, defeating the Broncos 3-1 and sweeping Coastal Carolina on Sunday.

"It's relieving to know that we can fight through things," first-year opposite hitter Romani Thurman said after Friday's win.

After winning just one set total in last weekend's ACC-Big Ten challenge against Michigan and Michigan State, it was clear something needed to change for North Carolina.

However, the Tar Heels got off to a slow start on Friday night, eking out a 25-22 opening set win. After the Broncos took the second set, 25-18, UNC's lack of energy was evident.

The third set, however, was a different story.

North Carolina torched the Broncos 25-13, building all the momentum needed to rejuvenate the team. Despite Santa Clara's late push in the fourth set, the Tar Heels pulled away for a match-clinching 25-23 win.

Outside hitters Emani Foster and Mabrey Shaffmaster tallied a game-high 19 and 14 kills, respectively. While Schall refers to graduate transfer Foster as a "quiet leader," Shaffmaster has a more vocal presence on the court.

Following UNC's 3-0



DTH/OLIVIA PAUL

UNC junior outside hitter Mabrey Shaffmaster (9) attacked the ball during the volleyball match against Santa Clara on Friday.

win over Coastal Carolina, the team captain was quick to point out the Tar Heels' tendency to fall into the wrong mindset.

"I think we have a trend of letting other teams' energies affect our own," Shaffmaster said.

She said the team began to dictate its own energy in the third set.

It wasn't just up to Shaffmaster and Foster to get the Tar Heels going, though — junior libero Marissa Meyerhoefer and redshirt sophomore defensive specialist Carson Overbeck also stepped up as leaders this weekend.

Meyerhoefer provided much-needed sparks off the bench at times during both matches. Overbeck, according to Schall, is an encouraging voice on the sidelines and is very involved with the game — something that the team calls "bench points."

Though Schall said there were no magic speeches, by the end of the weekend, it was clear his players didn't need one.

As North Carolina begins ACC play next weekend — hosting Virginia and Pittsburgh — Schall looks to continue building that leadership within his team.

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## Junior wide receiver makes mark on field



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UNC junior wide receiver Nate McCollum (6) ran into the endzone during the football game against Minnesota on Saturday.

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could do. We didn't want to put him back out there and get him hurt again. And then after the game, he said, 'You know I could've played more tonight.'

Before Saturday's game, McCollum confided in Maye that he was "itching to play."

"Once you hear that from

anybody, you know you're expecting them to be clicking on all cylinders," Maye said. "[Nate McCollum] showed that tonight."

After catching just one pass against the Mountaineers, McCollum immediately set the tone on the opening drive against the Gophers. Maye targeted him five times, the

final pass being a 46-yard deep ball for UNC's first touchdown.

Despite his dominant performance and chemistry with Maye, McCollum still wasn't sure about being compared to Downs.

"A lot of people say that," McCollum said. "But I just think I'm my own player."

He knows the Indianapolis Colts wide receiver well — the two Georgia natives grew up playing on the same baseball team and faced off against each other in high school football, he said.

McCollum also knew that in coming to UNC, he would be asked to fill Downs' shoes, a role that he told reporters in January he would want to "step in" to.

However, McCollum wants to make a name for himself at North Carolina.

With his injury seemingly

resolved, coupled with fellow transfer wideout Devontez 'Tez' Walker being sidelined due to eligibility issues, McCollum looks to be the go-to slot receiver for Maye.

Graduate defensive back Armani Chatman praised his teammate after the game, telling reporters on Saturday that McCollum's hard work is paying off.

Still, in his mind, UNC hasn't "arrived yet," he said.

"We can definitely be the best team in the country," he said. "Not even just the ACC. I tell the guys all the time, 'This team can go 15-0, like you could win a national championship with this team.'"

And, as the go-to receiver, it might just be McCollum helping to lead that charge.

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