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MAYORAL RACE

Misinformation surrounds key local issues

Candidates disagree about prevalence of contradicting info

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Ahead of Chapel Hill's municipal Election Day, some contradicting information has circulated online and on social media about some of the Town's current issues.

Property taxes, coal ash and changes to the Land Use Management Ordinance have all prompted debate among current council members, candidates and residents.

The mayoral race between current Chapel Hill Town Council members Jess Anderson and Adam Searing has specifically gained much of the community's attention.

Anderson said a lot of effort has gone into ensuring residents have the correct information about policy issues so there can be productive conversations.

"It's been really hard to have those conversations this cycle because the foundational information that a lot of folks are working from, it's just not true," she said.

Searing said he doesn't think misinformation has been much of a problem in this specific election cycle, but said it happens "in any hard-fought political campaign."

"I think that's why we have an independent press, to try and investigate this stuff and look at what's going on," he said.

Housing policy

In June, the town council voted 6-3 to amend the Town's LUMO to allow duplexes in R-1 areas — or areas that were previously zoned for single-family lots only.



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The change, called the Housing Choices amendment, also allowed three and four-family homes in zones that already allow multi-family properties.

The amendment was debated extensively, with a council meeting devoted solely to public comment on it. Searing voted against the amendment and Anderson voted for it.

Searing has assured his supporters that if elected, he will work to reverse this amendment immediately. On his campaign website, he said that part of his reasoning for opposing the amendment was that it would only apply to neighborhoods with older or "more modest" homes.

"How can I support a change that wouldn't even apply to my neighborhood or the neighborhoods of a majority of town council members?" he said on his website.

According to the Town's website, the LUMO change cannot override existing neighborhood covenants that only allow single-family properties.

Neighborhood covenants are created by residents and can be amended. When covenants and municipal zoning ordinances contradict each other, the more restrictive regulation takes precedence.

Anderson said the text amendment only allows duplexes the size of single-family homes to be built in single-family neighborhoods.

"This is not this is not going to erode the 'character' of anyone's neighborhood," Anderson said.

The Town's website said that the height of these multi-family structures will not be greater than the height allowed by the zoning district. Furthermore, zoning has

not changed since the ordinance went into effect.

Searing said on his website that a study shows that loosening zoning restrictions doesn't make housing more affordable or accessible.

Anderson said that the amendment's purpose was to allow people who cannot afford the "whole home" to be able to afford "half a home."

According to a Town staff presentation, increasing affordable housing was not a stated purpose of the Housing Choices LUMO amendment.

The study Searing cites found that zoning changes alone do not increase the availability of affordable housing, but the authors suggested that this is possible when municipalities

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ARTS AND SCIENCES

Breaking down departmental expenditures

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Within the College of Arts and Sciences, departments receive funding from the state, University and private donors for expenses and research.

In the 2022-23 fiscal year, the five programs with the top expenditures, all of which were STEM, received and spent \$20 million and \$42 million each, according to data provided by the University. The English, dramatic arts and music departments spent \$23 million combined.

These expenditures refer to the spending of funds within each department from the state, tuition, fees and private donors, among other sources.

Not every department feels the same way about the amount of funding they are given to make those expenditures.

English and comparative

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EQUITY

Students call for \$15 hourly minimum wage

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UNC student employees are making renewed calls for increased wages, with some citing an inability to support themselves on the current pay scale.

Tj Edwards, a UNC senior and chair of the Carolina Union Board of Directors, created an ad hoc committee called Student Conditions at the beginning of the academic year that advocates for higher student wages.

According to an email statement from UNC Media Relations, Student Union student employee wages vary from \$9.50 to \$11 an hour depending on their role. Edwards said they are looking to increase wages by \$2, but wants to eventually see a \$15 minimum wage for all student employees.

Edwards said that a "significant population" of student employees at the Union have to work more than one job to support themselves, and that an

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FOOTBALL

Tar Heels fall to Virginia in first loss of season

The Cavaliers won Saturday's game at Kenan Stadium, 31-27

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For graduate center Corey Gaynor, the game of football is incredibly fickle. One touchdown or one sack can change an entire game. One loss, and a team's narrative changes for the entire season.

"You wouldn't believe, you feel on top of the world one day, right?" Gaynor warned in a press conference on Tuesday. "And everyone's patting you on the back. You lose one time. You give up one

sack, you give up one TFL, and the narrative changes on you."

On Saturday, the narrative completely shifted for then-No. 10 North Carolina after falling, 31-27, to an underwhelming Virginia team with nothing to lose. However, it was not one sack or one touchdown — it wasn't even that last-ditch drive in the final minute — that lost it for the Tar Heels. It was a series of missteps and miscommunication that led to the downfall of a potential dreamlike season for UNC.

The first sign of trouble appeared just four minutes into the game. After failing to score on their opening drive, the Tar Heels

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UNC sophomore quarterback Drake Maye (10) prepares to throw the ball during the football game against UVA in Kenan Stadium on Saturday.

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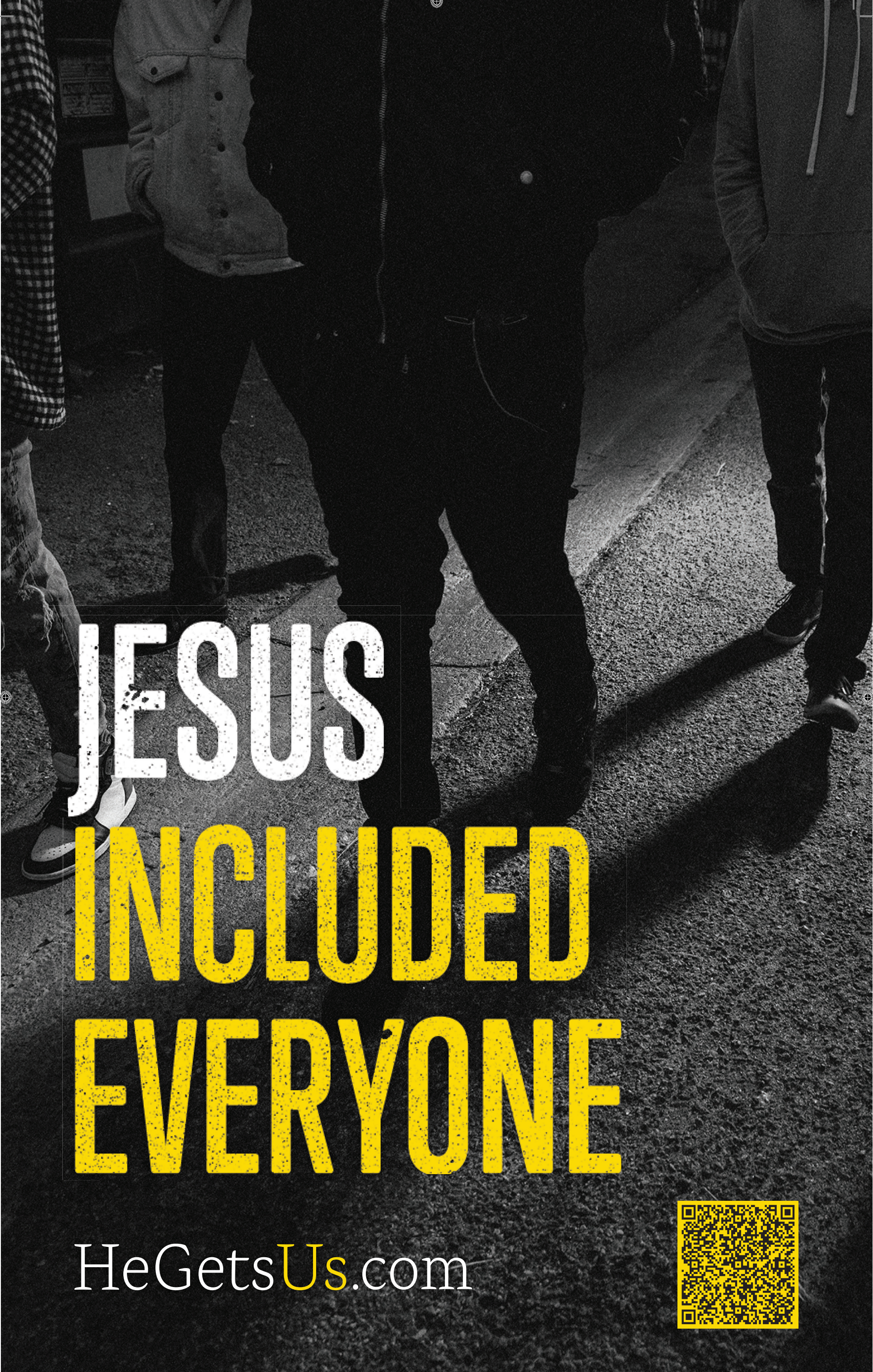
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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Adam Searing campaign violates finance law

Mailer did not include clear disclosure of who paid for print media

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Many Chapel Hill residents received a mailer advertising Adam Searing's campaign for mayor — which broke state campaign finance law by not including a clear disclosure of who paid for the print media.

Print media includes any printed communication from billboards to mass mailings. Those found intentionally in violation of the law are subject to a criminal referral for a class 2 misdemeanor, which carries a maximum sentence of 60 days in jail and a fine of \$1,000.

Searing said the lack of a disclosure was an "editing error." He said his campaign intended to include the disclosure and that it was "inadvertently" left off.

These disclosures are required

to include the phrase "Paid for by," followed by the name of the candidate, committee or other group or individual that sponsored the advertisement. The Searing mailer included no indication of who paid for it, though there was a mark suggesting postage fees had been paid.

"I made the final check, so it's my mistake," Searing said. "I've confirmed our 'Paid for' designation is on all our other printed materials and is included in all our other upcoming mailers."

Pre-election campaign finance filings with the N.C. State Board of Elections should include expenditures for the mailer under Searing's campaign committee. The pre-election filing period ended on Monday and is due to the NCSBE by Oct. 30.

Nondisclosure cases rarely result in a criminal referral, NCSBE Public Information Director Patrick Gannon said.

Instead, most are resolved through an expedited complaints process through the NCSBE.

If the NCSBE receives a



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A sign outside The Purple Bowl showed support for Chapel Hill mayoral candidate Adam Searing on Oct. 18.

complaint about the mailer — which Gannon was unable to confirm has happened in this case — board staff will determine if a violation has been committed and if there is sufficient evidence of intentionality. If they decide there is not enough evidence to prove the violation was intentional, board staff will work with the candidate's committee to take

corrective action.

Corrective action can include notifying the targeted audience of the error in a subsequent mailer, ensuring the notice is on future mailers and signing a statement acknowledging the rules and committing to compliance in the future.

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BRIEFS

N.C. gets new congressional maps

The N.C. Senate approved new congressional maps, 28-18, on Tuesday that would give Republicans at least three more seats in Congress. The map creates 10 safe Republican districts, three safe Democrat districts and one tossup district leaning toward Democrats and incumbent Rep. Don Davis (D-N.C. 1st).

The state's current congressional

delegation is made up of seven Democrats and seven Republicans after court-imposed maps were used for the 2022 elections. The new maps released last week come under loosened redistricting rules after the 5-2 Republican majority on the N.C. Supreme Court said in April that North Carolina state courts can have no oversight over issues of political gerrymandering. Federal courts had already passed the issue of partisan gerrymandering to state courts.

- Ethan E. Horton

UNC One Card will be accepted as voter ID

This year, students who are eligible to vote in North Carolina can register during the early voting period can also use their physical UNC One Card as a valid form of voter ID.

The new Mobile One Card will not be accepted. Other forms of voter ID include an N.C. driver's license or U.S. passport.

People who are voting in Orange

County may use their physical UNC One Card as proof of residency, but those voting in other districts should bring a copy of their lease or a utility bill with their name and current address.

Students can vote on and near campus at Chapel of the Cross, the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, the Carrboro Town Hall Complex, the Chapel Hill Public Library and the Seymour Senior Center.

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WELLNESS

Student seeks to remove calorie labels from dining halls

The petition has garnered more than 130 signatures

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For students with eating disorders and others susceptible to eating struggles, the screens in UNC dining halls, which display caloric information on all foods, are a “huge trigger,” UNC junior Gabriela Giulumian said.

In an effort to advocate for students facing these struggles, Giulumian created a petition two months ago pushing Carolina Dining Services to remove calorie labels from the displays in dining halls. The petition had 139 signatures as of Tuesday evening.

The typical onset for eating disorders ranges from ages 18-21, which is also the age range for most undergraduate students, Anna Bardone-Cone, UNC professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, said.

In a 2022 study about college students, around 25 percent of participants struggled with disordered eating and around 3 percent had diagnosed eating disorders, UNC clinical psychology doctoral student Lauren Wash said.

Eating disorders, the second deadliest of all mental illnesses, are



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at their peak during college years, Bardone-Cone said.

“College students are in this sort of unique environment where they’re surrounded by their peers,” she said. “For the first time, they’re away from home, for a lot of them. They’re reestablishing their relationship with food.”

Although not all eating disorders are the same, they all involve a “complex relationship with food,” Wash said.

Bardone-Cone also cited a 2017 National Institutes of Health study that showed that calorie labels led to significantly less caloric intake

for those with anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, and significantly higher caloric intake for those with binge eating disorder.

UNC Media Relations said in an email statement that the goal of the dining hall screens is to “reduce obesity and improve the health outcomes of Americans by providing consumers with information to guide their choices.”

In response to the concept of reducing obesity, Giulumian said that although obesity is a public health crisis in the United States, measures that address the issue should not simultaneously

exacerbate eating disorders and other food-related illnesses.

Wash said the display of calorie labels on their own won’t lead to an eating disorder, but it can further perpetuate symptoms of some eating disorders — including calorie restriction, low body weight and overexercising.

Emily Dolegowski, a UNC alumna and current graduate student studying mental health counseling at N.C. State, has worked in multiple eating disorder recovery centers. She said she has seen “firsthand how calorie labels can negatively impact the recovery process.”

“In higher levels of care, they are usually entirely marked out and inaccessible to clients because of how distressing this information can be,” Dolegowski said in an email.

Dolegowski said she thinks it’s still important for dining halls to share nutritional information, just not calorie labels directly.

“Currently, this information is easily accessible on the dining hall’s website, and that should absolutely remain. What [Giulumian] is proposing just creates a line of defense,” she said.

Giulumian said Carolina Dining Services has a duty to its students to remove calorie labels. She suggested alternatives such as QR codes that students could scan for nutritional information or handheld menus.

“I would love to see UNC come up with an alternative,” Bardone-Cone said.

Giulumian said she has already given the request to remove calorie labels from screens to Carolina Dining Services once but was unsuccessful. Although, she said Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz was receptive to the idea in fall 2022. Since then, she said she has continued to do research on the legality of the issue and continues to work for the removal of the information.

“This proposal has potential to make a big impact on [students] in a very positive way,” she said.

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SPRING 2024

UNC makes changes to graduation ceremonies

Commencement will take place on a Saturday for first time

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UNC's graduation ceremony has coincided with Mother's Day for decades.

But, the University announced last week that the 2024 commencement would take place at 7 p.m. on May 11 — the first time the event has ever been held on a Saturday.

In an Oct. 19 message, UNC moved the ceremony to "provide a more celebratory atmosphere for our graduates and offer families coming from long distances more time to return home on Sunday."

The University also said the date change allows for flexibility in case of severe weather. If the event is postponed for that reason, it will take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 12.

In addition to the date change, the University will also reduce the number of graduation ceremonies for departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, according to UNC Media Relations.

"The University is working with departments to ensure divisional ceremonies remain personal for graduates," Media Relations said.

The decision was made for a variety of reasons, including challenges with scheduling, campus

venue space, rental equipment and parking, Media Relations said.

While some departments in the College of Arts and Sciences have been given an official grouping for their ceremonies, other majors are currently unassigned.

Associate classics professor Emily Baragwanath said combining divisional graduations overlooks the separate identities of each department.

"I'm amazed that the leaders of our university didn't feel a need to consult our faculty and students before deciding on such a major change," Baragwanath said in an email.

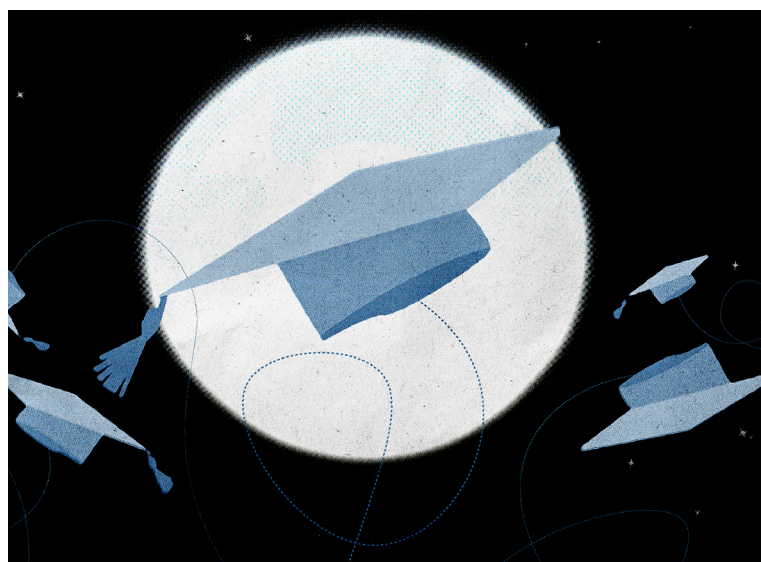
She said the announced plan will eliminate the opportunity for students to experience graduation in the buildings and classrooms where they took their courses.

"The space adds a great deal to the magic of the graduation ceremony," Baragwanath said.

Noreen McDonald, the senior associate dean for social sciences and global programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, said she thinks the change to a Saturday ceremony is great but will impact department ceremonies.

She said larger departments, such as the Department of Economics, will primarily experience a change in time to their ceremonies due to the new commencement date. Smaller departments, she said, will be "heavily impacted" and have a multi-department ceremony.

"The ceremonies for many



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departments will be different this year but we'll work to keep the great opportunities for families, friends, and faculty to connect," McDonald said in an email.

Caroline Mays is a senior majoring in music and communications. She said she is frustrated that she and her peers have endured many issues during their time at UNC, from being sent home during their first year due to the COVID-19 pandemic to now experiencing graduation changes.

Mays attended last year's public policy graduation because her best friend was graduating, which she said highlighted the accomplishments of the department. Mays raised concerns

over whether this academic year's departmental graduations will feel as personal as past ceremonies.

Senior Ryan Phillips, who is studying music and English, said he liked the change in the commencement date, but was concerned about whether larger divisional ceremonies may prevent him from celebrating closely with the group of students in his programs.

"[Music and English] are two departments that, while there are many people in them, to me feel like a pretty insular community," Phillips said. "I imagine that many departments will still, I hope, host independent ceremonies that are honoring the specifics of the program."

Senior Katie Noble, a history and public policy major, said her mom had anticipated her graduation being the "best Mother's Day present" she could ask for. As a clinical associate professor, Katie Noble's mother Lauren Noble will join her on the field for the procession.

Lauren Noble, who also attended UNC, said having graduation on Mother's Day made it "extra special."

"We have had graduation on Mother's Day for as long as I can remember because when I graduated from here, it was on Mother's Day," she said.

However, she added that the change may be beneficial for faculty members who were previously unable to attend commencement because of the holiday.

These changes will cause travel issues for her grandparents too, Katie Noble said, because her department and commencement ceremonies will span Friday through Sunday.

Along with logistical concerns, she added she is worried that the divisional ceremonies will be "more surface level." The ceremony for the history department will be grouped with 13 other majors.

"I want [my grandparents] to see me in my department, interact with my professors, get to talk to them and see that this is my hard work that paid off," Noble said.

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Student employees call for higher pay

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increase in wages could help students and reduce the need for second jobs.

"Changing our pay to \$15 an hour would certainly allow us to better support ourselves to feel more comfortable, and letting this be our only position allows us to be more successful in our classes," they said.

Edwards said that their decision for the \$15 baseline was inspired by Fight for \$15, an organization and movement that advocates for "underpaid workers everywhere."

The current minimum wage in North Carolina is \$7.25 and was last changed in 2009 from \$6.55.

Edwards said that this state wage is "nowhere near livable" and that it is "completely unacceptable" that state legislation has refused to improve the NC minimum wage.

In March, N.C. Senate Bill 440 was filed, which would increase the North Carolina minimum wage to \$15 an hour. After passing the first reading, S.B. 440 was referred to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, where it has stalled.

Edwards said the Student Conditions Committee is currently working to collect information about pay and conditions across different campus organizations that employ students and compare that data to other UNC System universities and other universities nationwide.

"I am certainly worried UNC is lagging behind other schools," they said.

Edwards said they hope to garner support for higher student wages from the Undergraduate Student Government and other student organizations and clubs.

They also said that they plan for USG and other student organizations to release a statement of support for student campus workers by the end of the academic year. Edwards added that this statement of support could

help show that a wage increase is a "change that our students are willing to pay for."

In an email statement, Student Body President Christopher Everett shared his support for increasing student employee wages.

"I've sat in various meetings and have had conversations with Tj Edwards, the Chair of the Carolina Union Board of Directors, about these proposals and am dedicated to ensuring that our university no longer fails to adequately pay our student employees," Everett said in the email.

In order for many of the organizations that employ students on campus — like Campus Recreation and the Carolina Union — to increase wages, they must request an increase in the student activity fee.

The student activity fees are a part of every student's tuition at UNC and are used to fund programs and services on campus. Currently, the student fees make up \$394 of a student's tuition.

Edwards is advocating for an increase in student activity fees and is in the process of bringing this request to the UNC Board of Trustees to be voted on.

Before the BOT votes on the request, it must first pass through the Student Fee Audit Committee, the Student Fee Advisory Subcommittee and then be approved by University administration.

Edwards said that Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Amy Johnson have been receptive to increasing student wages and that they think Student Conditions will be able to raise wages for student employees within the Carolina Union in the next fiscal year.

"It's scary knowing it's going to cost more to pay for our education, but fee increases at our University are good and necessary in order to support our most underserved communities," Edwards said.

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CONTAMINATION

At UNC, 64 buildings still have lead in fixtures

Some students ask for greater transparency from University

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There are currently 64 University buildings with water fixtures that have yet to be remediated or replaced due to lead contamination, according to the testing webpage by UNC Environment, Health and Safety.

The fixture with the highest detected amount of lead is located on the eighth floor of the Brinkhous-Bullitt Building — home to Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. The water fountain was measured at 1,100 parts per billion of lead on Nov. 15, 2022 and has since been taped off.

Within the last year, detectable levels of lead were discovered in at least one fixture of 125 buildings on UNC's campus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that immediate corrective action must be taken on water fixtures at or above 15 parts per billion. The N.C. General Assembly passed a law lowering the standard to 10 ppb for drinking water consumed by children in 2021, but the CDC said the maximum contaminant level goal is zero.

Current affected campus fixtures include bottle fillers, drinking fountains, ice makers, sinks, water dispensers and other water filler systems.

UNC Media Relations said in an email statement that remediation for the Brinkhous-Bullitt Building will take longer because there is already a separate project in place to replace a section of piping in the building unrelated to the lead issue.

"The water fountain drain line connects to this piping, so the fixture cannot be replaced until the pipe replacement project is completed," Media Relations said.

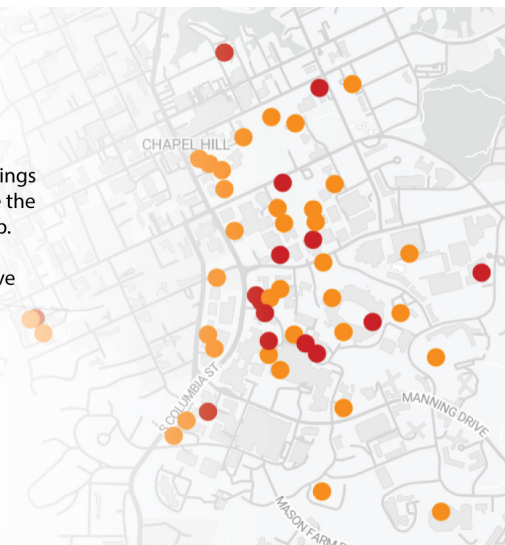
Though the use of lead pipes was banned in 1986 by the federal

Sixty-four UNC buildings still contain lead

Water fixtures in 16 buildings contain lead levels above the EPA action level of 15 ppb. Three out of those 16 buildings continue to have out-of-service fixtures due to remediation.

● Has fixtures containing lead above the EPA action threshold
● Has fixtures containing lead

Source: UNC Environment, Health and Safety



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government, lead was found in four newly constructed or renovated buildings in 2007 at UNC due to corrosion of brass fittings. Brinkhous-Bullitt's supply piping is made of copper, and the water piping that will be replaced is cast iron, Media Relations said.

"We will not be able to determine the specific source of lead in this instance until we remove and examine the water fountain," Media Relations said.

Junior Anuragh Sriram is a biology and neuroscience major working as a research assistant in the Neurosciences Research Building — a location that saw two fixtures with detectable levels of lead in February.

He said he wishes there was more urgency to replace and remediate fixtures around campus, not just the central ones.

Junior Stevie Levite has a class in Hanes Art Center — one of the buildings with contaminated fixtures. She questioned why some construction projects have been prioritized over lead remediation.

As of Aug. 14, UNC's deferred maintenance backlog remains at \$1.1 billion, with \$82 million of those costs directed towards plumbing.

Levite said delaying remediation is jeopardizing the health of students,

faculty and staff.

Research done by the Education Law Center in Flint, Mich. showed that children with high levels of exposure to lead were found to have significantly lower test scores and higher dropout rates.

Lead poses a risk to the brain and kidney health of those who ingest it, Sriram said.

"Being able to feel various things, being able to respond to various stimuli — that ability of yours is going to be diminished with lead, but also your ability to learn new things," he said.

He said lead is not easily biodegradable, and natural systems cannot quickly remove the ion.

Both Sriram and Levite called for greater transparency from the University on the continued severity of the contamination.

"I think if they're not going to take care of something, they may need to make the public aware of it, because it seems like they might be sweeping some things under the rug and prioritizing some things over others," Levite said.

"The real issue is, it's great that the problem was identified, but how long has this lead been there?" Sriram said.

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Departments see differences in funds, expenditures

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literature professor Jessica Wolfe said the Department of English and Comparative Literature suffers from a lack of University funding, which has led to staffing issues and difficulties attracting doctoral candidates.

According to Wolfe, programs within the ECL department are often only funded by the University when they are started. The programs are eventually forced to find their own sources of funding.

“My sense is that the extent to which many areas at UNC are being asked to secure their own private funding for essential academic work, including research, makes us functionally like a private university,” Wolfe said.

Taylor Dowell, a dramatic art and English double major at UNC, said she thinks the dramatic art department has adequate funding, but the English department could use better buildings and more updated educational resources.

The Department of Dramatic Art at UNC spent just over \$3 million from funds it received in the 2022-23 fiscal year and had 53 declared undergraduate majors during that time. The ECL department spent under \$13 million and had 358 undergraduate declared majors during that fiscal year.

The Department of Chemistry had 323 undergraduate declared majors, less than the number of undergraduates in the ECL department, with about \$42.5 million in expenditures in the 2022-23 fiscal year. The biology department had about \$27 million in expenditures and had 1,528 undergraduate declared majors in the same year.

A difference in funding and expenditures between arts and sciences is something Dowell said she expected from UNC and other colleges like it.

“I think that is something that’s pretty universal to most colleges, that they’ll have more funding to STEM majors or STEM classes,” Dowell said.

Robert Duronio, chair of the biology department, said one of the department’s main funding sources is the state of North Carolina, which often supports faculty salaries. Federal grants primarily fund research in the department.

He said he feels very well-supported by the college and that the University gives support and state funding to meet its needs.

Biology’s funded expenditures are the second highest in the College of Arts and Sciences, after chemistry, and it is the second largest major, after psychology and neuroscience.

Similar to the English department, he thinks there could be some upgrades to the buildings, especially Wilson Hall.

“It’s just a problem with a major institution like this is it takes a lot of resources just to maintain it. Normal operating costs, but building in costs to maintain infrastructure like that is a challenge,” Duronio said.

As of Aug. 14, UNC’s deferred maintenance backlog remains at \$1.1 billion.

Unlike biology, the jazz studies area in the music department has been almost entirely donor-funded since 2020, according to professor Stephen Anderson. Only he and the other tenured professor, Raahsaan Barber, have salaries not funded by donors.

Anderson said the program has never done a pledge drive for

funding. Instead, the donations come from people who attend their events and concerts. Some donations go to the College of Arts and Sciences, directed to the jazz area, but other donations go directly to the department through the chair.

Sophomore Payton Salmonson, a music major with a focus in jazz studies, said the current model in the program is difficult for students. With only two tenured professors, most students are taught by adjunct professors.

Salmonson said this makes it harder for students to reach their professors outside of class and form personal relationships with them.

Because they have a tenured professor, Salmonson can just knock on an office door when they need help. They said many of the adjunct professors are only on campus one or two days a week and their friends who play brass, bass or drums must wait for email responses or until their next class if they need additional help.

“It just definitely makes it more difficult to have a closer relationship with the instructor, and be able to learn whenever you need them,” they said.

Chair of the Department of Dramatic Art Kathryn Hunter-Williams said the department is very

supported by the college, but keeping up with technology upgrades is difficult. The department specifically needs a better theater lighting system and more sound equipment.

Hunter-Williams said they get some donations from alumni and other sources, and she raises department action items to potential donors.

“We always find a way to fix it when it breaks, because we do shows, and the show must go on,” she said.

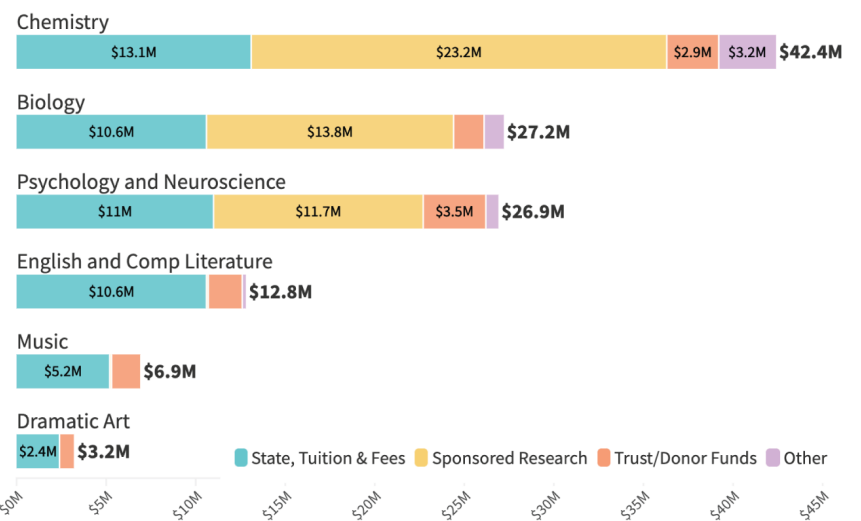
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Arts and humanities departments see lower funding, expenditures than STEM departments across the board

In the last fiscal year, English, dramatic arts and music departments’ spending totaled to \$23 million. Chemistry was the highest funded department within the College of Arts and Sciences, with expenditures of \$42 million alone — a budget greater than the lowest 32 departments combined.

Expenditures by department



The graph provided is not a ranking, but a comparison. | Source: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Dear Fellow Chamber of Commerce Members and Chapel Hill Business Owners,

The Chamber of Commerce Candidate Survey - which is to be published in this newspaper - posed several questions that I could not accurately answer with the available options:

“Yes,” “No,” or “Unsure.” My answer to those questions is therefore shown by the Chamber as “did not conform with instructions,” which is true enough.

The questions concerned pace of growth and housing in Chapel Hill and whether or not increasing housing supply is key to affordability, and to balancing the number of jobs in Chapel Hill with the number of employees who live here.

The market influences that affect the affordability of housing are far more complicated than simple supply and demand. I support increasing housing supply, but ultimately, unless affordable housing options are untethered to the open market, we cannot ensure that they will be affordable, which is why I am a proponent of non-profit, limited-profit, and public housing.

I would like you, as my peers in the Chapel Hill business community, to know that I am pro-growth. Chapel Hill is not growing too quickly, but it has been growing poorly. However, if we can grow a town that is attractive, dynamic and diverse, we will no doubt be a place where businesses thrive and local employees want to, and can, live.

**Respectfully,
Elizabeth Sharp
Candidate for Chapel Hill Town Council
Co-Owner, Hawthorne & Wood and Bluebird**

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CARRBORO

Bolin Creek Greenway a contentious topic in election

The town council recently approved the Creekside Alignment

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Since the Bolin Creek Greenway Conceptual Master Plan was adopted by the Town in 2009, the future of the greenway has been a key issue for the Carrboro community.

The master plan includes five total phases. Phases 1a and 1b have already been completed, and phase 2 is included in long-range transportation plans, according to the Town.

The town council recently approved the Creekside Alignment as the preferred path option for phases 3 and 4 on Oct. 17.

Three town council seats are available in Carrboro in the upcoming municipal elections. Eliazar Posada, Jason Merrill and Catherine Fray are running on a slate, along with two other candidates, Stephanie Wade and April Mills.

All three members of the slate have actively endorsed the greenway and the Creekside Alignment. Mills

did not respond to The Daily Tar Heel's requests for comment before the time of publication, and Wade declined to comment.

In a Q&A report from The Local Reporter, Mills said she is concerned about the Creekside Alignment. In the same report, Wade said she looks forward to further information that will be gathered when the Town conducts updated feasibility assessments, engages with property owners along the alignment, performs environmental, stormwater and water quality assessments and considers costs and funding options.

Posada said he has strongly supported the greenway even before he decided to run for re-election. Posada — the only incumbent in the race — also voted for the Creekside Alignment at the Oct. 17 meeting.

"I'm not thinking of this as a political stance, I'm thinking about it like this is something that we need to get done — this is a promise done to community many years ago," Posada said.

Melody Kramer, a community member and editor for Triangle Blog Blog, said she will be supporting the slate in the upcoming election because of their



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A person biked down a stretch of the Bolin Creek Greenway on Thursday.

focus on climate action and racial justice. She said the issue of the greenway connects to those goals.

"It will help us create a more equitable Carrboro, and more people can access the greenway and it centers our thinking around doing things at the local level that we can do to mitigate climate change," Kramer said.

Some community members have voiced concerns that paving the greenway will negatively impact the health of Bolin Creek and be difficult to maintain.

Toni Hartley, a resident of Carrboro since 2007, said the creek floods constantly and the stormwater will wash away any infrastructure built next to the creek. Hartley said the Town is constantly repairing the section of greenway near her house that has not been damaged by water.

Fray, another candidate for council running on the slate, has served on the Carrboro Planning Board since 2012. Fray said in an email that the Town needs to review expert analysis about the creek and environmental impacts.

If elected, they said they would keep a close watch on the process and make sure the Town doesn't miss any concerns.

"I want this greenway to set a new standard for good infrastructure in Carrboro, so we need to do it right," Fray said.

The approved Creekside Alignment option will connect the existing greenway to Seawell Elementary School, Smith Middle School and Chapel Hill High School.

Merrill, the third candidate on the slate, served on the Chapel Hill Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board for six years.

He said the top contributor to carbon emissions that individuals make is their choice of transportation. Merrill said the greenway will benefit the climate by making alternative transportation methods more accessible.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7 for the towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, and early voting is underway. Voting locations and sample ballots can be found on the Orange County website.

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Candidates urge community, students to vote

Turnout was 23 percent in 2021 Orange County municipal elections

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Municipal election years in North Carolina see a significantly smaller turnout rate than primary or general elections. In 2019 and 2021, only 16 percent of registered voters participated in November municipal elections, compared to 75 percent in 2020 and 51 percent in 2022.

In Orange County, slightly higher rates of eligible voters cast a ballot during recent elections compared to the statewide average — with 23 percent of eligible voters participating. In 2019 and 2017, about 18 percent voted.

Municipal elections across the state will take place on Nov. 7. These elections will determine mayor, town council and school board seats.

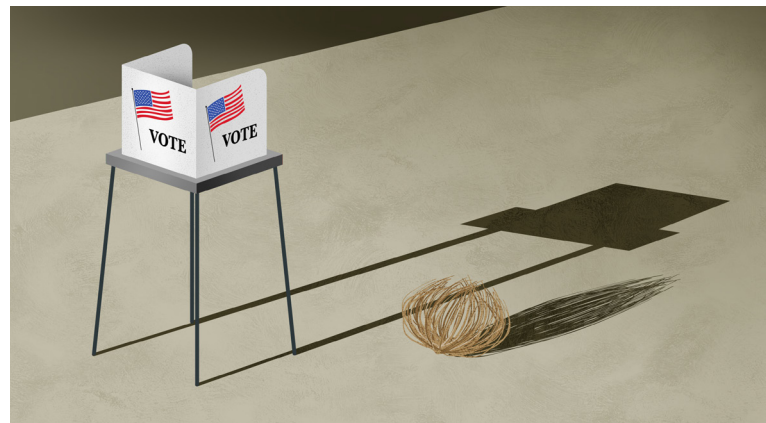
Rick Morse, a professor of public administration and government at UNC, co-authored The Citizens Academy Handbook, which provides local governments with information on how to structure civic education classes that the public can attend to learn about how a town or county operates.

He said, while voting is an influential way to be involved, there are other channels of local government that also need to be emphasized.

"If people are paying attention and understand what's happening in local government, there's a myriad of ways that they can get involved," he said.

The Town of Chapel Hill offers a citizens academy class, called the Peoples Academy, every February and March. The class teaches participants about Town services and provides the opportunity to connect with Town leadership and discuss community issues.

Morse said in the last decade, local governments have been more



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proactive in engaging citizens beyond what is required by law. He said he thinks citizens academies create goodwill and knowledgeable residents who can serve as ambassadors to their neighborhoods when issues arise.

"I would argue that in terms of people's day-to-day lives, local government impacts them way more than state or federal or anything else," Morse said.

Students are among the block of people that Morse said the Peoples Academy was created for.

Theodore Nollert is a current UNC doctoral candidate running for Chapel Hill Town Council. Before declaring his candidacy, Nollert was the president of the Graduate and Professional Student Government and he currently serves on the Town's planning commission.

He said engaging students has been a large part of his campaign.

"There are enough students who could register to vote here and vote that they could basically determine the outcome of every election," he said. "Young folks just don't register and vote in those numbers."

Nollert said his engagement strategy consists of being present on campus at student events and going door to door to talk with voters.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City school board candidate Rani Dasi has also implemented face-to-face engagement as a main strategy in her campaign.

Dasi said word of mouth and

pre-established connections from her involvement in the community are useful to get the word out and campaign as a school board veteran running for reelection.

She has occupied both vice chair and chair positions on the school board during her eight-year tenure.

"I think it's important that when you are interested in an office like this, that you're doing the work before the campaign starts," Dasi said.

Dasi and Barbara Fedders, an associate professor of law at UNC and another candidate for the school board, have both been endorsed by Indy Week and Equality NC. Fedders said these endorsements will make a big difference for her campaign, especially in a race with 12 other candidates.

"I think that is going to help a lot of people who don't have time to go to candidate forums and to make up their minds," she said.

Nollert said that in local elections, one vote counts the most — because of how close the margins can be.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Tai Huynh — who was a UNC student when he was elected — won his seat by just 24 votes in 2019.

"If 15 percent of registered voters are voting in the election, that does not take a lot to change the election," Morse said. "So I think there's a lot of untapped potential in that sense."

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EXPLAINER

Understanding nonprofit roles

Federal law outlines public charities, social welfare organizations

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The Friends of Bolin Creek "meet and greet" at Umstead Park on Sept. 24 and comments from mayoral candidate Adam Searing on "dark money" have raised questions about the types of nonprofit organizations and what roles they can play in municipal elections.

The two main types of nonprofit organizations under federal law are 501(c)(3)s and 501(c)(4)s.

501(c)(3)s are often referred to as public charities, while 501(c)(4)s are referred to as social welfare organizations.

One of the main differences between the two types is that 501(c)(3)s are prohibited from endorsing political candidates or participating in partisan political advocacy.

They are also tax deductible, meaning donors can deduct their donations to these organizations on their tax returns. Some well-known examples of these organizations are the Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross and the Chapel Hill Public Library Foundation.

Meanwhile, 501(c)(4)s do not have to disclose their donors and can participate in political activity, as long as it is not their primary activity. Two local examples of 501(c)(4) corporations are Shameful Nuisance — which runs Triangle Blog Blog — and NC Blue Cross Blue Shield.

David Heinen, the vice president for public policy and advocacy at the North Carolina Center for Nonprofits, said there are further important differences between the

two types of organizations. He said 501(c)(3)s have limited lobbying capabilities and cannot contribute to political action committees.

But, 501(c)(4) nonprofits can do an unlimited amount of lobbying, endorse or oppose candidates, make campaign contributions and work with PACs, Heinen said.

Political involvement is not supposed to be a 501(c)(4) nonprofit's primary activity, Heinen said the IRS has failed to establish clear guidelines.

While PACs are required to reveal their donors and spending on a regular basis, 501(c)(4)s are not.

Often, nonprofit organizations have a 501(c)(3) arm and a 501(c)(4) arm, according to Heinen.

A local example of this is the 501(c)(3) NEXT Chapel Hill-Carrboro and its 501(c)(4) arm, the NEXT Chapel Hill-Carrboro Action Fund.

Molly De Marco, a co-founder and board member of NEXT, said NEXT Chapel Hill-Carrboro, the group's 501(c)(3), can only provide educational materials to the community and cannot use funds to tell others how to vote.

During election years, she said the NEXT Action Fund, the group's 501(c)(4), is allowed to use half of its money specifically towards promoting and endorsing candidates.

Mayoral candidate Adam Searing has accused Triangle Blog Blog and the NEXT Chapel Hill-Carrboro Action Fund of being "dark money" holding up the "powers-that-be" in his newsletters, saying they are nefarious organizations who hide their donors.

Triangle Blog Blog says on its website that it conceals its donors partially because the addresses of some of its donors were posted on social media earlier this year. A link in a Searing newsletter on "dark money" also contained the addresses of TBB's board.

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CHAPEL HILL

Town Council candidates focus on sustainability

The ten running share plans for fewer community emissions

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In the upcoming municipal election, environmental issues are central to many Chapel Hill Town Council candidates' positions on housing, parks and transportation. Ten candidates are vying for four seats on the council, and each has a plan for how to build a cleaner and healthier community.

Housing

Town council candidate Erik Valera said he thinks it is important to "build up" rather than "build out" to increase the density of Chapel Hill. High-density housing occupies less space and makes alternative forms of transportation more accessible, including public transit and walking or biking.

Valera supports the change to the land use management ordinance, or the LUMO, which allows multiple-unit homes to be built on land that was originally zoned for single-family homes.

Jeffrey Hoagland, another candidate, said he supports a "planned sprawl" instead — repurposing abandoned railways and building greenways to connect neighborhoods while also giving people the option to drive.



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Environmental issues factor into candidates' discussions of housing, transportation and parks.

He acknowledged that building out may get rid of part of the rural buffer, which is a rural watershed area on the outskirts of a town designed to not require public services.

"I think people are more important than just a rural buffer that makes the town look slightly nicer," Hoagland said.

Town council candidate Renuka Soll wants to consider the ecological impact of building housing, conserving mature trees and green space as much as possible.

The operational emissions and construction of buildings account for 39 percent of global energy-related carbon emissions. Soll said the Town needs guidelines for less environmentally harmful building

designs and construction.

"Should a developer request a zoning change to upzoning, we can set policies on what that would require from an environmental perspective to offset the increased density," Soll said in an email.

Parks

All council candidates have acknowledged the importance of more parks and green space, which can contribute to environmental sustainability. A priority for some candidates is how the Town should use the American Legion Property.

Some candidates, including Melissa McCullough, support using one-third of the land on the property

to build affordable housing, and adding the rest of the land to the neighboring Ephesus Park.

"We'll have a win-win — so a great park and affordable housing," McCullough said.

With this plan, the pond on the property will be drained. Town council candidate Jon Mitchell, who also supports the housing plan, said although the pond has environmental benefits, it needs to be drained because the dam is extremely old, creating a potentially hazardous situation if the dam were to fail.

Town council candidate Breckany Eckhardt said in an email that the slate she is running on with Soll, David Adams and Elizabeth Sharp supports keeping the pond and converting the entire space into a park.

Hoagland supported turning the space into a park as well as keeping the pond, but he said the property should also be home to a new police station.

Transportation

Vehicle emissions are the top source of air pollution in Chapel Hill, so building more greenways will encourage people to walk and bike as alternative modes of transportation, said town council candidate Theodore Nollert. Chapel Hill currently has about 17.6 miles of both paved and natural-surface greenways, and all candidates advocate for adding more of these shared-use paths.

For example, Mitchell said most of his transportation around Chapel Hill is via e-bike. Mitchell said the current mileage of greenways must at least double in order for people to change

their habits and turn to their bike as a primary use of transportation.

"If we do it, I think we can get a lot of results in terms of lower carbon emissions and freeing up roadway capacity, not to mention just more fun to get around," Mitchell said.

He said building paved trails is expensive — construction can cost over \$1 million per mile — so federal funding can be the solution. This year the Town received a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility analysis on an additional 25 miles of greenways.

Eckhardt said in an email that natural surface trails are much less costly and would be a smarter design.

Greenways serve an ecological purpose, too. McCullough, who has decades of experience with the Environmental Protection Agency, said pollinators are "in trouble" due to habitat destruction, so she supports planting greenways with native species to serve as pollinator corridors.

To help reduce vehicle emissions, additions to Chapel Hill Transit can also limit the number of cars on the road. Mitchell and McCullough support a Bus Rapid Transit route between Durham and Chapel Hill, a major commuter route.

"We're thinking about how to design a town that adapts to the reality of both the climate crisis and the type of lifestyle that folks of our generation and younger seem to be interested in," Nollert said.

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ZONING

Residents feel impacts of Town land use

Voters say housing policy is a major concern for upcoming election

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With Chapel Hill municipal elections approaching on Nov. 7, housing policy has been a concern for residents when considering which candidates to vote for.

Housing Choices for a Complete Community, a text amendment to the town's land use management ordinance, was passed on June 21 and has become a prominent issue in this year's mayoral race.

The text amendment allows for some types of multi-family housing to be built in lots previously zoned for single-family units. It aims to increase the range of housing available in the community and meet demands for missing middle housing.

Adam Searing, a Chapel Hill mayoral candidate, was one of three town council members to vote against the text amendment.

Searing's campaign website says he believes the change won't create more affordable homes for lower and middle-income families, but it will contribute to the building of expensive luxury multi-unit and investor-owned duplexes.

He also opposes building housing of any kind on top of preserved forest and open space purchased by voter-approved environmental bonds to maintain town green space, according to Searing's website.

Jess Anderson, Searing's opponent in the mayoral race, voted in favor of the amendment.

Anderson's campaign website says the goal of the amendment is to provide flexible housing options that will promote a more sustainable and inclusive Chapel Hill while ensuring that people can



DTH FILE/GAGE AUSTIN

Signs protesting against the Chapel Hill Town Council's amendment to the Town's Land Use Management Ordinance efforts, like this one in front of a home on Hillsborough Street on April 18, became a staple on many lawns in Chapel Hill ahead of the council's vote on the issue.

afford to stay in their homes.

Since the passage of the text amendment, no newly allowed multi-family developments have been approved.

Kelly Crane, a Chapel Hill resident and homeowner, said when she purchased her home in early 2021, there was not much housing inventory available on the market and her family ended up paying more for their house than they had planned.

"I think what I've observed is that that has a downmarket effect too," she said. "So, when affordable housing purchasing is few and far between, the renters' market gets squeezed."

Crane said she wants to see candidates working on the housing issue and giving it their attention — but she understands that it is a multi-year process.

Samuel Gee, a Chapel Hill resident currently renting in a duplex with three roommates, said housing opportunities play the most significant role in him deciding which candidates to support.

"Who I'm choosing to support is really simple," Gee said. "If somebody is pro-housing, if they support the town council or the mayoral position connecting policies that make it easier to build dense housing in Chapel Hill, I support them."

He also said candidates in the municipal elections who believe that areas like Franklin and Rosemary streets should not be changed must consider that it is time for those beliefs to adapt to the present.

Height limitations kept in place in downtown Chapel Hill, Gee said, kill any hopes of new developments getting built because they make approval difficult.

"The housing problem in Chapel Hill, if we really want to meet it head on, has to be something where we hold very little sacred," Gee said.

Mark Shelburne, a housing policy consultant and professor of practice at the UNC Department of City and Regional Planning, said candidates should allow apartments and other dense housing options to be built in some areas currently zoned for residential and commercial use to combat rising demand and costs.

While multiple candidates are running against housing changes, Shelburne said, existing housing policy changes are minimal compared to the policy changes needed to minimize exclusionary zoning — the use of zoning ordinances to exclude certain types of land use from groups in a community.

"What I can say is a lot of municipalities, including Chapel Hill, have made their housing circumstance dramatically worse by perpetuating exclusionary zoning," Shelburne said. "Those jurisdictions would materially ease the housing crisis if they were to reduce the extent to which their zoning is exclusionary."

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Housing, taxes, coal ash among disputed issues

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pair zoning reforms with investments in housing subsidies.

One goal of the Town's recently passed Affordable Housing Plan is to dedicate consistent funding sources to affordable housing investments.

Residential property taxes, coal ash

Searing said in a Sept. 27 blog post that the Town's most recent budget will raise property tax rates by 11 percent. He also said it raised property taxes by almost 10 percent under his "Issues" page on his website.

This year's budget will raise the property tax rate by about 9.6 percent. His website also said that Chapel Hill residents pay the highest average property taxes in the Southeast after the increase. Searing voted against the budget, and Anderson voted for it.

Chapel Hill residents in Orange County pay more in property taxes than other counties in North Carolina, according to the Tax Foundation. The Town's property tax rate is not the highest in the region. There are 193 towns and cities in North Carolina that have higher municipal property tax rates.

Property taxes are determined by the value of the home, owners of the most expensive homes pay the most.

Another issue community members and the two mayoral candidates are

talking about is the future of 828 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., where coal ash was discovered in 2013.

The site is currently home to the Chapel Hill Police Department and has been a controversial issue in the Town.

Searing's campaign website said the Town plans to build a new municipal services center on the site and said the council has not completely ruled out building family housing on the site.

During a March town council meeting, Town Manager Chris Blue updated the council about the future of the site. He said that housing had been eliminated from the plan.

Searing expressed concerns about putting housing on the site and asked staff if housing would be considered in the future. Staff said the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality will draft a brownfields agreement based on the current concept plan, which does not include housing. If a future council wished to put housing at 828 MLK, they would have to repeat the brownfields program and amend the original agreement.

Jane Pinsky, director of the NC Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform, said sometimes misinformation can result in people not voting if they feel it won't matter or they don't trust candidates.

"I think we all need to realize that we can make a difference," she said.

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HOUSING

EmPOWERment breaks ground on PEACH apartments

The Pine Knolls development will have 10 affordable units

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The PEACH apartments — an affordable housing project sponsored by EmPOWERment, Inc., and located in Pine Knolls, a historically black neighborhood in Chapel Hill — broke ground on Oct. 17, marking a new milestone for affordable housing in Chapel Hill.

PEACH stands for Pine Knolls Empowerment Affordable Community Housing.

The PEACH apartments have 10 rental units available for families earning 30 percent or less of the area's median income.

The household median income for Chapel Hill is \$77,037, meaning residents of the PEACH apartments will be earning less than \$23,111.

Delores Bailey, the executive director of EmPOWERment, Inc., said that for her, the groundbreaking was an opportunity to set the atmosphere of what PEACH apartments will mean for the community.

"This is a project that is being constructed and developed by five African American women with lived experience," she said. "Our combined experience is probably over 50 years and we have the opportunity to break ground on something that is historic."

Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger said the groundbreaking was emotional



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107 Johnson St. recently underwent a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the PEACH apartments that will be built at that location soon.

for her because of how the community came together. Over 150 community members came to the groundbreaking to celebrate EmPOWERment's work.

"It was incredible to me, I did not expect that many people would show up," Bailey said.

EmPOWERment, raised \$3.5 million to build the PEACH apartments through a zero-debt financed project.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Tai Huynh said that serving

people earning under 30 percent of the area's median income is a difficult thing to do in the affordable housing world because it requires a

"This is just PEACH one. I've got my eyes set on two, three and four before this is all over with."

Delores Bailey

Executive Director of EmPOWERment, Inc.

lot of investment and subsidy. "But this project shows what is possible when the county and federal government all come

together to invest in projects like this that serve our most vulnerable members," Huynh said.

EmPOWERment partnered with the Town for the development of PEACH.

The Town donated over \$1 million to this project and donated the land

for the apartments. Retired U.S. Rep. David Price also helped secure federal funding for the project.

"I just can't say enough about

how putting partnerships together to make affordable housing, in reality, takes time and persistence," Hemminger said.

Bailey said before EmPOWERment owned the property the apartments are being built on, it belonged to the Pine Knolls Association Board.

"I actually knew that property when the Pine Knolls Community Center was there," Bailey said. "I also watched it fall into disrepair, and then just wondered, 'What is going to happen with that?'"

Bailey said housing is the largest need in Orange County and it is not being addressed well by commercial builders.

"Honestly, other nonprofits that are building in this area are very expensive," she said.

Bailey said developments like PEACH are important because they help maintain racial and economic diversity in the community. She also said PEACH represents people of all income levels.

"Affordable housing is important for everyone, so when we think about that, we cannot forget about everyone," she said.

Hemminger said the PEACH apartments will be family-oriented.

"It's in a great walkable neighborhood close to schools close to transit close to downtown," she said. "It's a perfect place for people who are working in our community to live."

For Bailey, this is just the beginning. "This is just PEACH one," she said. "I've got my eyes set on two, three and four before this is all over with."

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Q&A

Outgoing mayor discusses possible election outcomes

Pam Hemminger endorsed Jess Anderson when she announced

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As election day for local municipalities quickly approaches, The Daily Tar Heel's Annika Duneja spoke with Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger — who is not running for reelection — to hear her thoughts on candidates, their policies and the importance of the election. Hemminger has endorsed Jess Anderson in the mayoral race.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

The Daily Tar Heel: Why is this specific year's election in Chapel Hill important to you? Is there anything different or unique about it?

Pam Hemminger: We have spent so much time the last eight years, doing the research, asking the questions and formulating a plan for Complete Communities, for climate action, for affordable housing, for all things downtown. I feel like this election really sets the tone for implementing the plans that we spent the time to put together after doing all that research.

DTH: What do you think this election will mean, depending on who is elected?

PH: If the group gets elected who is anti-all this development, anti-growing, anti-creating more spaces for affordable housing, then I think things will stall out



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Mayor Pam Hemminger posed for a portrait outside of the Sancar Turkish Cultural and Community Center on Monday. Hemminger did not run for reelection.

for a period of time. I think it's going to be a big decision point, whether we keep the wheels turning the way they're going, or whether we come to a break and take a stop. Which, in the long run, we're going to have to grow.

DTH: You endorsed Jess Anderson as the candidate who you think should replace you as mayor. Can you tell me why you endorsed her?

PH: Jess has been at the table doing the work toward this Complete Communities

framework, toward the Climate Action Plan, toward the affordable housing plan. She gets it. She understands policy decisions. She doesn't react to one-off decisions. She brings people together.

She actually likes to hear from people who have different opinions. And she likes to figure out what the common ground is. She has the passion and the energy. She reaches out to her colleagues, even the ones she disagrees with, to have this conversation.

I've also endorsed Amy Ryan,

Jon Mitchell and Theodore Nollert because, again, they've been involved in the Complete Community strategy from both the planning board, and Amy from being on council — they get the bigger picture.

DTH: What do you think would happen if the candidates you've endorsed were to lose the election?

PH: I think it'd be sad for Chapel Hill because the other slate represents one part of the community and not the whole part. They just want to stop

things, but they don't have plans for the future.

Doing the work and being open to collaborating with your other council colleagues, whether they agree with you or not, would be sacrificed because none of them have reached out to me, even to learn more about the job or what's involved. They're just making assumptions and going. And that's not a way to lead, by making assumptions and only listening to parts of the community. You have to be willing to work together for the future. And I don't see that quality in those folks.

DTH: What are your thoughts the divisive rhetoric around the election?

PH: I think it shows us at that crossroads of trying to understand what the pressures of growth mean for the community. And for some people, it's too much. They don't want to grow at all. Other people understand that we have to make changes, and we have to shape the growth.

I think you're seeing it nationally that people feel emboldened to, instead of having respectful discourse, they feel emboldened to smack. And I hate that because I didn't want that to come to Chapel Hill. But we are seeing it. They're smacking verbally, they're smacking by stealing signs. They're smacking by posting misinformation and making accusations, instead of talking about what plans they have for making Chapel Hill a better place.

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CHCCS

Vickie Feaster Fornville reflects on her career, school policy

School board candidate talks student insecurity, racial achievement gap

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Editor's note: This story is part of a series on Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Board of Education candidates. The Daily Tar Heel is not endorsing any CHCCS school board candidates.

Vickie Feaster Fornville, a retired probation parole officer and special projects coordinator for Orange County, wants to bring a local voice back to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education.

Feaster Fornville said she filed for the school board race with her mother and youngest daughter beside her. Her youngest daughter currently attends Chapel Hill High School, and her oldest graduated in 2020.

Feaster Fornville also graduated from CHHS, attending six schools in the district growing up. After attending college at UNC Wilmington, she moved back to Orange County to begin training to be a probation parole officer, where she supervised local high school students on probation.

Natasha Adams, an assistant public defender in Orange County, said she met Feaster Fornville in the court system and has known her for 19 years.

"She genuinely cared about the individual, and it was never about, 'This person being on my caseload,'" she said. "It was about, 'What can I do in the capacity that I have right now to help provide all services that I can to put that person in a better position.'"

Feaster Fornville said she also was assigned to Orange County's

first specialty mental health court, Community Resource Court, where she worked with people with severe and persistent mental illness and substance use.

"The best part of my job was people successfully completing probation and being able to have better outcomes than they would have had had they not had the opportunity for probation," she said.

Feaster Fornville said as a parent, she was happy with how CHCCS handled communication and safety during the two active shooter situations on UNC's campus this fall.

"The district pushed out communication, our kids were in a secure lockdown, which nobody, nobody in and nobody out, and we could trust that we were getting good information ongoing," she said.

She said she is in support of the district's adoption of its 2027 Strategic Plan, and that she thinks the district can be more intentional and breathe more life into the words of the plan.

The plan's mission is to create a safe and joyful learning environment for students and collaborate with families to establish a community where students and staff members feel affirmed and respected.

Feaster Fornville said she would like to see the district further address student insecurity. She said some students are teased about food insecurity, and that she would support the district offering free breakfast and lunch for all students.

"I think our district needs to do a better job pushing policies and practices that allow our students to show up as their authentic self every day and meet them to help elevate them to the best people that they can become," she said.



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Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education candidate Vickie Feaster Fornville stood in front of Carrboro Elementary School on Tuesday. She attended the school as a child.

She said there is not enough movement to address the racial achievement gap within CHCCS because the district lacks collective engagement for improvement.

"That's vocational training, or different avenues for things outside of going straight to college, after high school, and even different ways

to get to college and the different opportunities so that when we start meeting those people and making sure that Black and brown [students] are engaged in that as well," she said.

Feaster Fornville said she will continue to serve the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area regardless of if she wins a school board seat.

"I am just as committed now as I was before I ever ran," she said. "I've been committed to home my entire life. This is home and this is what I know. And this is where I want to be."

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Our endorsements for the Chapel Hill and Carrboro municipal elections

This November, voters will choose their municipal representatives in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. The Editorial Board, composed of 15 undergraduate students, has made its endorsements for the upcoming mayoral and town council elections.

A large part of this election has seemed characterized by tensions such as a potentially illegal candidate forum and PAC interference.

The Editorial Board strove to look past this. The board came together and decided on the policy interests that we felt were important to us and the greater Chapel Hill and Carrboro community, including:

- Affordable housing
- Sustainability
- Transit
- Collaboration with UNC
- Diversity, equity and inclusion

We reached out to all candidates for interviews, and based our questions on candidates' policy plans in regard to those issues. We held interviews with candidates who were able to speak with us and researched the platforms of those who were unable to be interviewed. Whether or not a candidate was able to interview had no influence on our endorsement decisions.

After careful consideration of this year's candidates, we decided on those who we felt would make strong officials to represent the community.

The pool of candidates for this election has shown the dedication people have to serving our community. We encourage voters to do their own research on all of the candidates before heading to the polls on Nov. 7 or before. Early voting began on Oct. 19 in Hillsborough, and Chapel Hill and Carrboro early voting locations open on Oct. 26. Voting ends on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Chapel Hill Mayor: Jess Anderson
Candidates: Jess Anderson, Adam Searing

Jess Anderson has had a formidable tenure on the town council, where, among other successes, her leadership was key to the adoption of the Complete Community Strategy, which Anderson envisioned to include introducing diverse housing types and access to shopping and job opportunities without car use.

In addition, given her career as a professional policy analyst and position as a professor in UNC's Department of Public Policy, we feel that Anderson is well-qualified and prepared to lead public policy in a mayoral position.

Anderson also spoke of collaboration with the board as a whole and wants to work with every player possible, including the University, to combat real town issues. She doesn't believe in "people or environment," but rather a solution that promotes positive outcomes for both.

We particularly favored her attitude surrounding affordable housing. She acknowledged the discriminatory practices around Chapel Hill's "legacy of redlining" and how they led to high prices which drove specific demographics out of town. She said when looking for solutions, she was not willing to just say no to ideas because of fears of change or being scared of people "who maybe don't look like us living near and with us." We thought this was a sentiment that embodied exactly the kind of leadership this Town needs.

Chapel Hill Town Council: Theodore Nollert, Erik Valera, Jon Mitchell and Amy Ryan

Candidates: Theodore Nollert, Erik Valera, Jon Mitchell, Amy Ryan, David Adams, Breckany Teal Eckhardt, Jeffrey Hoagland, Melissa McCullough, Renuka Soll.

As a Chapel Hill Planning Commissioner and former UNC Graduate and Professional Student Government president, Theodore Nollert seeks to bring a young, insightful perspective to the council that promises to champion small businesses, affordable housing and transit. Nollert looks upon the UNC community and its students as an asset, not a scourge, and will be a much-needed advocate for young renters in the town. Nollert's experience as a graduate student leader at UNC, with successes like achieving a pay raise for graduate students, also makes him the best liaison for working with the University.

With two decades in nonprofit management, community leadership, and public health, Erik Valera brings a diversity-focused viewpoint to the table. A second-generation immigrant of Cuban and Mexican descent, Valera served as the COO of El Centro Hispano, the oldest Latino organization in North Carolina, as well as on Governor Roy Cooper's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latino affairs and Chapel Hill's Town Planning Commission. Valera plans to make inclusion a cornerstone factor in considering in any and all decisions, connecting the community by prioritizing art and culture and eliminating structural inequalities.

Jon Mitchell emphasizes the alignment of Chapel Hill's growth with the values of livability, affordability and environmental sustainability. He contends to take a measured approach to development that puts ideas into action, which is shown through his stated commitment to implement the Complete Community framework. Mitchell has also served as the chair of the Chapel Hill Planning Commission, giving him valuable experience in local government and making him suitable to be part of addressing the issues of affordable housing and sustainable development.

We appreciated his discussion of historically discriminatory practices associated with single-family rezoning in our interview and hope he will bring similar nuanced insights to discussions of development and housing if elected to council.

As the only town council member running for re-election, Amy Ryan adds a level of experience to the ballot that other candidates do not offer. While we do not agree with Ryan's vote against the Housing Choices text amendment, we believe that she will still work to address the issue of affordable housing, as evidenced by the record 435 units of affordable housing that Ryan helped to create and preserve during her time on the town council. Ryan has also had a hand in increasing park and greenway funding and adopting the Complete Community framework, which demonstrates her involvement in a wide breadth of issues.

Carrboro Mayor: Barbara Foushee
Candidates: Barbara Foushee

While Barbara Foushee is running unopposed, we still voice our support for her mayoralship. With her long-standing commitment to public service both on the Carrboro Town Council and through community organizations such as the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP, Foushee brings years of experience that will help her lead Carrboro towards goals of housing affordability, community safety, equitable transportation, and sustainable development.

Carrboro Town Council: Eliazar Posada, Catherine Fray and Jason Merrill
Candidates: Catherine Fray, Jason Merrill, April Mills, Eliazar Posada, Stephanie Wade.

As a Carrboro Town Council incumbent, Eliazar Posada has demonstrated his commitment

to creating a more diverse and equitable community by improving funding for affordable housing, implementing a language equity plan and supporting Carrboro Connects, Carrboro's comprehensive plan. In addition to his experience in Carrboro municipal government, his work as the acting president and CEO of El Centro Hispano, a nonprofit that aims to increase engagement and representation of the Hispanic and Latino community, further shows his dedication towards advocacy for underrepresented communities.

Catherine Fray has over a decade of experience on the Carrboro Planning Board, which makes them a great candidate to help further address issues of affordable housing and sustainability. Their platform includes initiatives such as revising the land use ordinance, strengthening stormwater infrastructure, and improving diversity in community engagement, such as representation on the town's advisory boards. Given their expertise and these specific goals, Fray is a knowledgeable candidate who will help lead the town council in effectively addressing specific issues.

While the Editorial Board did not feel as strongly about a third choice for Carrboro Town Council, Jason Merrill's platform aligned the closest to what we were looking for in a third candidate. Merrill's background as a small business owner and six-year member of Chapel Hill Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board will bring insights about the needs of local businesses and municipal government functions to the table. In addition, Merrill's support for multimodal transportation and equitable community engagement through the Comprehensive Plan, are two priorities we can get behind.

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COLUMN

It's always been about housing

By Samad Rangoonwala
Columnist

There's an election happening – right now.

Early voting in Orange County began on Oct. 19 and will run through 3 p.m. on Nov. 4. Election day is Nov. 7 and, once the results are finalized, Chapel Hill will have a new mayor and at least three new council members.

In a predominately progressive town like Chapel Hill, it can be hard to tell local candidates apart. President Joe Biden got nearly 75 percent of the vote in Orange County.

This is deep blue territory, in more ways than one.

This election is more than a partisan issue, though – there are multiple issues at play. Mayoral candidate and current town council member Adam Searing and his slate have made parks a big part of their campaigns. Erik Valera is an experienced community leader who would give a much-needed voice to Chapel Hill's Hispanic community. Mellisa McCollough would bring decades of environmental experience through her work with the Environmental Protection Agency, and Elizabeth Sharp's business experience could help keep Franklin Street vibrant and bustling.

Considering their ideological similarities, it seems that housing

policy is the only major difference between a Searing or Jess Anderson victory in next month's mayoral race.

Housing issues in Chapel Hill are complicated. Affordable housing for the lowest-income residents isn't profitable for developers without town subsidies. Studies in the town show that we need to be building 485 units per year to keep up with growth. Hitting that mark will – best-case scenario – keep housing costs where they are. To actually reduce costs, you need a housing surplus.

Creating that in Chapel Hill should require two things. First, is UNC stepping up and building more student housing? One building the size of Hinton James Residence Hall houses nearly 1,000 people. Even if UNC builds more apartment-style housing like Taylor Hall, that's 247 students taken out of the Chapel Hill rental market. The second is making it easier to build housing of any kind.

That's the point of June's land use management ordinance (LUMO) amendments: allowing more forms of housing to be built in more places, without needing Town approval.

Mayoral candidate Jess Anderson and town council candidates Theodore Nollert, Amy Ryan, Jon Mitchell, Valera and McCollough would all represent a continuation of the policies the Town has been implementing on

housing for the last few years. That's not to say they are a monolith.

Council member Ryan, for example, voted against the LUMO text amendments. But generally, they are in favor of the solutions that would make housing easier to build, more accessible and more affordable in Chapel Hill.

In the last two years, the Town has approved thousands of new housing units, passed the LUMO amendments, adopted the Complete Communities Strategy to align the Town's housing policy with its transportation and environmental goals and adopted an affordable housing investment plan. Anderson and Ryan worked on these as council members, and Mitchell, Valera and Nollert are all members of the Town's Planning Commission.

Searing and the town council candidates aligned with him – Renuka Soll, Elizabeth Sharp, Breckany Eckhardt and David Adams – all say they support affordable housing and more growth. I'm inclined to believe their hearts are in the right place, but the rhetoric and policy they support just don't match up.

Take the Legion property, for example. It's a 36.2-acre piece of Town property. The Town is planning on building a park on it and using nine acres to build affordable housing for Chapel Hill's lowest-income residents.



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Searing and his slate oppose this plan because they want the entire property to be a park. When Soll was asked about whether she would support a bond for affordable housing within the next two years, she said she would prefer the next bond be for new park projects.

Considering this, there's also the shocking reality that the entire slate was recruited to run for the express purpose of overturning the LUMO text amendments passed last year.

The Searing slate talks a lot about green space and the environment. But the policies they support would mean more people driving long distances

from Chatham and Durham counties into town for work, as well as more clear-cutting of trees and destruction of green spaces for single-family housing and sprawl. It's an attempt to preserve the town in amber, while the rest of the state moves on without us.

The reality is this: The Searing slate has made it clear they support parks and splash pads over people and housing. That would be fine and dandy if the town wasn't in a housing crisis. The Searing slate is made up of intelligent, accomplished people, but they aren't the leadership we need.

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COLUMN

Non-English-speaking voters need more than translating

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Election Day is fast approaching, but you probably don't need reminding. You've likely heard about the elections from the news, social media or a neighbor. As English speakers, this information seems almost unavoidable. But do constituents with limited English proficiency share this experience?

Limited English proficiency makes the complicated electoral process even more difficult to navigate. Language barriers could be one reason Hispanic and Asian voters, who are most likely to be non-English speakers, consistently have the lowest voter turnout.

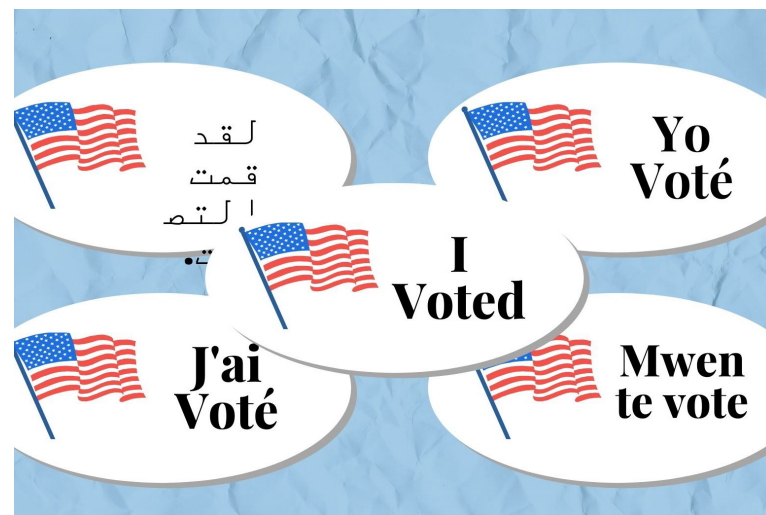
Without equitable access to election materials, they are effectively barred from having a say in policies that greatly affect their lives.

In order to have a representative government that serves all constituents, election resources need to be available in multiple languages.

Provisions for multilingual election resources are coded into law by the Voting Rights Act. This legislation leaves out languages like Arabic and Haitian Creole because of a historically discriminatory system of language classification. This makes it all the more important that all voters in the upcoming municipal elections are given information in their native languages. This need is present even in Orange County, where 16.7 percent of residents aged five and older speak a language other than English at home. Around 37 percent of these residents do not speak English fluently. Even though they are a minority, the Orange County Board of Elections provides these residents with voting materials in multiple languages.

In an email, the Orange County Board of Elections director Rachel Raper said the county is "committed to improving the accessibility of services to persons with limited English proficiency."

This commitment is substantiated by the easily navigable information in both English and Spanish about early voting and the new photo ID



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requirements available on the Board of Elections website.

The bilingual presence of these resources is a crucial step toward full voter participation and should be commended as such. However, that doesn't necessarily mean that they are sufficient to achieve this goal. For example, election information resources are only provided in English and Spanish on the Board of Elections website. This leaves out speakers of other languages, which make up around half of Orange County residents who do not speak English fluently.

Even for Spanish speakers, the resources that exist fall short. "Achieving full democratic participation goes beyond the literal translation of documents and requires cultural competency," said Emilia Ismael-Simental, the manager of civic and community participation at the nonprofit El Centro Hispano.

She said cultural competency entails "understanding how people and communities at large may approach a process like elections," especially with regard to trusting institutions and the election process.

Cultural competency is also key in facilitating participation in other aspects of the democratic process that non-English speaking communities do not fully participate in. "It is not enough to just translate stuff," Ismael-Simental said. Although the Orange County BOE translated materials, it

falls short of cultural competency. This deficit is often made up for by grassroots community-based organizations such as El Centro Hispano and the Refugee Community Partnership. Even with this work to ensure the representation of people with limited English proficiency, there are still areas that need to be improved. Juan Carlos Navarro, a recently naturalized U.S. citizen, first-time voter and Spanish speaker, said that he has not received information about the elections. When asked about ways that information could better reach people in similar situations to him, Navarro suggested more publicity related to elections or that information could be delivered to houses.

Ismael-Simental also cited the need for more poll workers who speak multiple languages to help non-English speakers through the voting process. This improvement is not only contingent upon government policies but also "widespread education and encouragement of the community to be involved," she said.

Providing meaningful language access for all is a complex task. But it's a task that we must not shy away from because it is a key aspect of our democracy.

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COLUMN

Voting in municipal elections is important. Do your research.

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The first time I ever voted in a general election was in 2020. It was in the middle of the pandemic, and I remember it was an unseasonably warm Sunday before Election Day, so my breath under the mask I wore while standing in line was a little unpleasant.

And, let's be clear – it was a long line. The line for my polling place was single file for several hundred yards. Most people turned out to vote with their eyes fixed on the presidential election. That's where my eyes were, too.

When I finally got into the polling place, I knew who I was going to vote for at the top of the ballot. Just like most others, I was sure of myself while filling in the first few choices for president and Senate and House.

I guess I didn't realize that there were more races on the ballot than the ones everyone had been talking about. It was not just Donald Trump vs. Joe Biden – it was Heather Scott vs. Deborah Prickett for the Wake County School Board District 1.

I got more and more lost as I got lower and lower. The last race on the ballot was for Wake County's soil and water conservation district supervisor. I'll be completely honest – I filled in a random name and moved on.

So here's the lesson: don't be 18-year-old me. This year's election is a municipal one and there are only three races – you'll see a mayor's race, a town council race and a school board race on your ballot. Do your research for all of them. Three is not that many.

When you see 13 candidates running for CHCCS' Board of Education, don't let that faze you. Look at endorsements and watch candidate forums, if you have time. Put it on in the background while you work on something else.

The point is, don't go in blind. While you're in Chapel Hill, you owe it to the community to let your voice be heard. You owe it to democracy.



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Plus, your vote counts for much more in these municipal elections. It's one of the most important votes you can cast.

Barely 16 percent of eligible people voted in the last municipal election in North Carolina in 2021. Just over 18 percent voted in Orange County during the 2019 municipal election, when a UNC student won a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council by just 24 votes. One vote really does make a difference.

If you're a Chapel Hill resident, you'll see the names Adam Searing and Jess Anderson on your ballot. Do your research on them. Poke around on their campaign websites. See what they stand for. If you have questions – reach out to them. Candidates should be able to answer questions from the public.

You'll see some town council candidates below them. There are 10 of them – which, yes, is a lot. Four of them are running together with Adam Searing, one is Republican and the other five are running on pretty similar pro-development platforms. Look them up. See what they stand for. Ask questions.

Do your research, and then vote. Don't let democracy – or our town – down.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

Tarot readers bring practice's history to Chapel Hill

Local practitioners teach new learners, expand knowledge

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Triangle Tarot and Friends meets every month to deepen their understanding of an old practice, and most importantly, to connect with other like-minded people.

Beth Livingston, the group's coordinator, who is known magically as Beth Owl's Daughter said they host guest speakers, discuss tarot card interpretations and occasionally create tarot-related crafts like candles and junk journals.

Livingston has read tarot for over 50 years. During a reading, the tarot cards are used to perceive wisdom and guidance, not only for the future, but also for an individual's present state of being. However, the cards' original use was not so mystical.

In 15th century Italy, Francesco Sforza and Bianca Maria Visconti, the duke and duchess of Milan, commissioned a deck of tarot-like cards, with no intention of fortune-telling or divination. The deck of elaborately hand-painted cards, likely completed by fresco artist Bonifacio Bembo, was intended as

a simple card game called tarocchi.

"Originally, they were ways to commemorate this noble family and their friends," Jameela Dallis, a writer and tarot reader who received a doctorate in English from UNC, said.

When Dallis was 16, she received a tarot reading in the back of a coffee shop in her Tennessee hometown.

She said that it changed her life and kick-started her interest in tarot. Dallis went on to write part of her dissertation about it.

Dallis said the correlation between tarot cards and divination didn't come until the 18th century.

The connection started when a French author, Antoine Court de Gébelin, falsely traced tarot

imagery back to ancient Egyptian wisdom. Although the association was found to be incorrect, Court de Gébelin gave tarot a new life in the spiritual realm.

One of the most popular decks used today, the Rider-Waite-Smith deck, was created in the early 1900s by Arthur Edward Waite and Pamela Colman Smith. Both were occultists and met through an occult organization.

Smith was a talented artist, so Waite commissioned her to create the art for his new tarot deck. She was paid only a small flat fee for her work and the name of the publisher, Rider, was put on the deck instead of hers, making it the Rider-Waite deck.

Although Smith's contribution to the tarot world was overshadowed by Waite, her illustrations for the deck are some of the most iconic symbols of tarot, even today.

"Most educated tarot people call it the Waite-Smith deck now and give her credit," Livingston said. "And we know more and more about her life because tarot people have wanted to know more about her and they've done some digging, and she lived a very rich, interesting life."

The culture of tarot has changed dramatically since the early days of occult clubs and hand-painted decks. Now, just about anyone can pick up a deck and start learning.

Jenna Matlin, a tarot reader in Chapel Hill, has been a full-time professional tarot reader since 2012 and began practicing in the '90s.

"I did not think that 10 years later, we would have the acceptance of it in popular culture that I'm seeing," Matlin said. "That has really just accelerated and I'm pleasantly surprised and happy with that."

Beginners in tarot have a plethora of resources at their fingertips, from books like Matlin's "Will You Give Me a Reading?" to meet-up groups like Livingston's Triangle Tarot and Friends.

Livingston said that part of her tarot teachings involve helping people unlearn the misinformation they've been taught from unreliable sources like social media.

Still, there are many people committed to learning the truths of tarot, she said.

"There are people that really are dedicated and care about it and they'll still be doing it ten years from now when the next fad has come along," Livingston said. "And that's what's really interesting. There are some amazing, younger people that are involved with it now that are just — it gives me such great hope for the future."



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RECOMMENDATIONS

Eerie novels to leave you on the edge of your seat

UNC students, local booksellers give spooky suggestions

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With Halloween just around the corner, an eerie feeling is in the air. Community members — including booksellers from Epilogue Books Chocolate Breads and Flyleaf Books — recommend horror, mystery and thriller novels to deepen this season's sinister undertones. "Don't be afraid to be confused," Catherine Pabalate, a sophomore double-majoring in English and comparative literature and biology, said. "I think that's my best advice because they're genres that are usually meant to challenge your previous mindset."

"Tell Me I'm Worthless" by Alison Rumfitt

"It is single-handedly the best horror novel I've ever read," Terrance Hudson, Epilogue's small press book buyer and book manager, said. "It's based around the horrors of being trans in Britain

and is built around a haunted house that is just utterly malefic — the tone never lets up. It's absolutely smothering. And it's written by a trans woman and I love that."

"Starling House" by Alix E. Harrow

The story takes place in Eden, Ky. — a town made popular by the fictional 19th-century author and illustrator E. Starling who suddenly disappeared, leaving behind the Starling House.

When the opportunity to work as a housekeeper at the Starling House arises, Opal, the book's main character, takes the job. Starling House feels like a home to her, which is something she hasn't had before.

Opal and the house's last heir must work together to uncover the secrets of Starling House and face the converging evil forces in Eden.

"Starling House is an absolutely stunning and intoxicating take on the Southern Gothic tradition, wonderfully wrought and imbued with secrets," Jordan April, a bookseller and receiver at Flyleaf, wrote on a bookseller's recommendation card in the store.

"Kala" by Colin Walsh

This story unfolds through the eyes of three narrators — Helen, Joe

and Mush — who spent the summer of 2003 in a close-knit friend group with three other teenagers, until one of them disappeared.

Now in their 30s, their friend's remains are discovered in the woods, causing them to reflect on that summer when everything around them — including themselves — changed.

"It's very melancholic, it's very atmospheric," Emma Holland, bookseller and events coordinator at Flyleaf, said. "I loved reading it now because the book felt like the weather outside, and it was just kind of perfect. Very dark, very gritty, but just also very emotional, in-tune read."

"The Near Witch" by Victoria Schwab

For her whole life, Lexi has been told three truths about her hometown: there are no strangers, the Near Witch is nothing but a folk tale and one should not listen to the wind.

One night, a ghost-like boy materializes outside of Lexi's home. And when children begin to disappear, the mysterious boy becomes the first suspect.

Lexi begins to search for the children and quickly learns more about the folk tale, the wind and the peculiar boy.



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Flyleaf Books' Halloween selections were on display to give recommendations to readers in Chapel Hill.

"It's got a lot of fantasy elements to it, but it's also got a sort of dark, eerie mystery element, as well as a little bit of romance too, which is a cute little aside," Pabalate said. "I feel like it's a fun blend of genres that ends up with a very Halloween-esque product."

"The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle" by Stuart Turton

Turton's debut novel follows Aiden Bishop, who begins to wake up in a new body every day. He is given eight

days to inhabit eight suspects in the murder of Evelyn Hardcastle.

The only way to escape the cycle is to find the killer, or else Evelyn will die every day at precisely 11 p.m.

"It spurs a lot of critical thinking, I feel," Pabalate said. "You have to really think outside of the box to solve the mystery with that one. But it's really rewarding at the end because you get that moment where everything lines up."

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REVIEW

Unconventional movies to stream and scream to this Halloween

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The best way to celebrate Halloween — besides trick-or-treating — is to turn off the lights and find a movie that makes you question whether there's a monster underneath your bed.

Instead of rewatching "The Conjuring" or hoping you forgot the jumpscare in "Insidious," consider some lesser-known films that are sure to haunt you long after the credits roll.

"Barbarian"

Zach Cregger's 2022 horror film will make you reconsider your next Airbnb stay.

Best watched with a friend to cling to, "Barbarian" follows two strangers who are accidentally double-booked in an Airbnb, but they soon find out

that the scariest thing in the house certainly isn't the other person.

"Barbarian" is twisted, gory and leaves little to the imagination.

"As Above, So Below"

This fan-favorite found-footage film is mostly shown through the view of a handheld camera as a documentary team explores the Catacombs of Paris.

Released in 2014, it's the first film ever granted access to shoot in the Catacombs, making some of the terror and claustrophobia suffered by the characters all the more convincing.

"As Above, So Below" brings together cults, demons and thousands of real skeletons.

"Fresh"

Mimi Cave's "Fresh" makes a bad Hinge date look like heaven. A

young woman, played by the radiant Daisy Edgar-Jones, is smitten by her new boyfriend — rightfully so, as he is depicted by Sebastian Stan. However, when he brings her on a weekend getaway, she learns he has a rather interesting taste.

The 2022 thriller's fantastic writing and acting combine for a surprisingly enjoyable watch, despite the stomach-twisting premise.

"Creature from the Black Lagoon"

This 1954 classic might make you laugh more than scream, as the campy costumes and score aren't exactly nightmare-inducing. Nevertheless, it is the quintessential monster horror film from the Golden Age of Hollywood.

A group of scientists discover an amphibious humanoid, referred to as both the Creature and the Gill-Man, deep in the Amazon River. The

Creature is soon enamored with the beautiful female scientist, played by Julie Adams, and follows the team violently and relentlessly.

If you want a classic, corny black-and-white horror movie, "Creature from the Black Lagoon" is the perfect display of pre-special effects Hollywood.

"The Killing of a Sacred Deer"

Yorgos Lanthimos' psychological thriller, "The Killing of a Sacred Deer," is an uncomfortable, disarming watch.

Produced by A24, the film centers around a teenager obsessed with the heart surgeon who unsuccessfully operated on his father. The teen, portrayed by the talented Barry Keoghan, is creepy, unrelenting and above all, merciless.

The entire cast gives a stellar performance, and "The Killing of a

Sacred Deer" is true to its genre, relying more on terror than outright fear.

"Mandy"

Nicolas Cage might not seem like the obvious choice for the lead role in a brutally gory horror movie, but he delivers with a deeply disturbing performance.

The only unrated film on this list, "Mandy" is hard to summarize because there is so much action and horror packed into two hours, but it's a personal favorite of mine.

"Mandy" includes a religious cult, a cannibalistic and LSD-happy biker gang and a blood-soaked, cackling Nicolas Cage. This film is weird and not for the faint of heart, but it sure is original and disgustingly absorbing.

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- 27** Halloween Carnival, Carrboro Town Commons 5:30-8 p.m.
- 28** Movies by Moonlight with Carolina After Dark and Chelsea Theater, Carolina Square 7:30 p.m.
- 28** Haunted Hill, Chapel Hill Community Center Park 5 p.m.
- 29** Halloween Spooktacular, The Barn of Chapel Hill 6-8 p.m.

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Sports

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GIVING BACK

Former men's lacrosse player to oversee Heels Helping Heels

Peter Murphy was named the team's new director of operations on Sept. 25

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Whether it's on LinkedIn, the field or the sidelines, Peter Murphy has done a little bit of everything for the North Carolina men's lacrosse team.

The former star defenseman was named as the team's new director of operations on Sept. 25. A 1997 graduate of UNC, Murphy was a captain and three-year starter for the Tar Heels, where he also earned All-America honors. During his tenure as a player, Murphy helped his team claim two ACC titles and currently ranks third all-time in defensive takeaways in the North Carolina record books.

"We're thrilled to see Murph move into the role of director of operations for our Tar Heel lacrosse program," head coach Joe Breschi said in the hiring announcement. "His passion for the game and this program is unmeasurable, and I'm excited to see the positive impact he continues to have on our young men, on and off the field."

Murphy's general roles include supervising fundraising, organizing events, and preparing on-field strategies and scouting reports. His major responsibility, however, is facilitating the Heels Helping Heels program, which helps players transition to the professional sphere.



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UNC men's lacrosse Director of Operations and former player Peter Murphy observes a game against Ohio State at Finley Fields on Sunday, Oct. 15.

'I don't think there's any way that I would go back'

Murphy, a native of Long Island, New York, pursued a career in equity trading in Manhattan and Chicago following his graduation. But, after 20 years in the industry and coaching his kids in their respective sports, he realized he missed being immersed in athletics.

"I had a great career in equities, but my passion is being on the field, working with the kids, and coaching," Murphy said. "I don't think there's any way that I would go back."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Murphy moved to Chapel Hill with his

family and returned to the program as a volunteer assistant coach in the fall of 2022. On top of his general responsibilities, the role he said he was most excited to assume is being the main liaison in the Heels Helping Heels organization.

Founded during the pandemic, Heels Helping Heels aims to connect lacrosse alumni with current athletes. Matching is based on similarities in geographical location, industries of interest and positions played on the field, among other criteria.

"For the first year in [Heels Helping Heels] existence, we had a hundred mentors that raised their hand to individually be assigned to a new

player on the team," Murphy said. "So every player on the team — as a first-year program — with 65 guys on the roster, everyone had a mentor."

Murphy explained that once the alumni are paired with players, the athletes are introduced to the professional sphere to ensure they have career plans upon graduation.

As a member of the Heels Helping Heels board of directors, Murphy is responsible for creating networking opportunities for the athletes, which consists of inviting alumni to on-campus events and hosting Zoom meetings for career prep workshops.

Murphy also requires that the athletes create resumes and develop

LinkedIn profiles as early as possible.

"I think that's been really effective just in terms of framing things for [the players] and having an understanding of how big the network is and how easily things can be connected softly and passively, and let the network start working for them," he said.

'It's a 40-year relationship'

Murphy serves as the mentor to junior defenseman Grant Pierce. The two instantly clicked last year over shared experiences as defensive players. Now their relationship extends beyond the sport.

"[Murphy's] really taken me under his wing," Pierce said. "It's really awesome to have a coach like that who is able to have you over for dinner and just kind of treat you like a bit of a father figure."

As a media and journalism major, Pierce hopes to pursue a career in sports public relations, so Murphy has been pairing Pierce with experts in the field — including women's head coach Jenny Levy's husband, Dan Levy, who is a senior vice president of Olympic and women's sports at Wasserman, a sports marketing agency.

As Heels Helping Heels continues to grow, Murphy is looking forward to forging relationships that last long after his campaign at North Carolina.

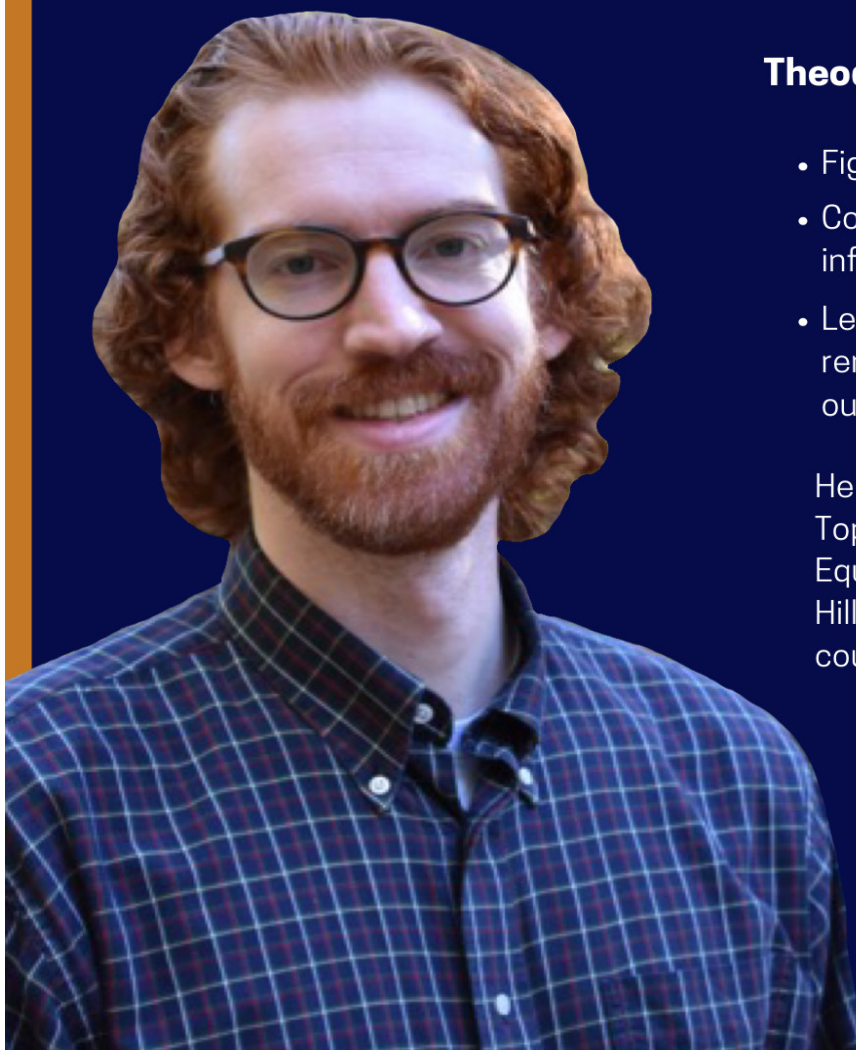
"The saying that we keep talking about in the office is that this is not a four-year relationship," Murphy said. "It's a 40-year relationship."

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LEADERSHIP

'That's a Tar Heel': Julia Dorsey mentors UNC women's soccer

The dual-sport athlete takes on new role following ACL injury

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Over the past four years, it seems like Julia Dorsey has seen it all.

As the sixth player in UNC history to compete for both the women's lacrosse and soccer teams, Dorsey experienced the peak of winning the 2022 NCAA women's lacrosse championship, as well as the trough of North Carolina's crushing College Cup Final loss to UCLA last year.

But perhaps her toughest challenge yet came this past spring, when Dorsey suffered a season-ending ACL tear.

Before the injury, women's lacrosse head coach Jenny Levy and Dorsey devised a plan: Dorsey was going to play lacrosse in the spring and complete her final semester as a UNC athlete in the fall playing soccer. She would then graduate in the winter and enter the National Women's Soccer League draft.

"As we know, the best-laid plans don't always work out," Levy said.

Recovering and watching her team from the sidelines isn't where Dorsey envisioned herself during her final season of collegiate soccer. Still, as the season comes to a close — the team just recognized Dorsey along with its nine other soon-to-be graduates in Sunday's Senior Day festivities — she's making the best of her recovery by assuming an invaluable leadership role among the Tar Heels.



UNC graduate defender Julia Dorsey (center) sang the alma mater following the UNC women's soccer victory against Syracuse at Dorrance Field on Sunday.

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'I know what it takes'

After falling just short in the championship game last season, UNC women's soccer's mantra this year is "chasing 23 in '23," seeking its 23rd championship. Having won a national title herself — albeit in lacrosse — Dorsey feels she knows firsthand what the Tar Heels need, both on and off the field, in order to achieve their lofty goals.

"I've been there for the highest highs, like winning a national championship," Dorsey said. "I know what it takes and what kind of team culture that takes."

On the other hand, Dorsey has also experienced her fair share of lows. She was part of the 2021 women's soccer team that got upset by South Carolina in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament, marking head coach Anson Dorrance's first-ever loss in the first round. During the prior spring season, the women's lacrosse team went 20-0 before falling to Boston College in the Final Four.

The Baltimore native's varied experiences across both sports help her give advice to her younger teammates. "It's sometimes easy to lose sight of the light at the end of the

tunnel, a big prize, but it is a season-long commitment," Dorsey said. "If you want to win the national championship, you can't really take weeks off."

'That's a Tar Heel'

Whether competing for Levy or Dorrance, Dorsey knows that team culture plays a role in UNC's success.

"First and foremost, you have to love each other," she said. "Not everyone can be best friends, but there has to be that level of respect and camaraderie, and this team definitely has that."

Just as Dorsey has mentored her teammates, the team returned the favor throughout her recovery process. She said everyone helped in "keeping the spirits up."

Dorsey has continued to hold her team accountable and has made significant progress on her recovery.

"She's getting a lot of her speed back," Dorrance noted after observing her in practice. He also highlighted how encouraging it was to see Dorsey doing sprints, given that speed, agility and quickness are all things lost immediately to ACL injuries, according to Dorrance.

Even though the end of her final semester at UNC is approaching, questions about Dorsey's future remain unanswered. While she said that playing professional soccer is "definitely a dream of [hers]," her expectations for the 2023 National Women's Soccer League draft remain low, given her injury. Levy, however, said she has "no doubt" that Dorsey will get drafted.

The National Women's Soccer League plans to expand to 14 teams in 2024 and, eventually, 16 teams by 2026, opening up more opportunities for amateur players to be drafted. Whether Dorsey transitions to the pros in this year's draft or down the road, one thing remains clear: she serves as an exemplary figure for what it means to be an athlete at UNC.

As Dorrance reminisced about Dorsey's first season in Carolina Blue, he kept it simple.

"I remember thinking to myself, 'Yep, that's a Tar Heel.'"

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CROSS COUNTRY

Men finish 10th at Nuttycombe

Junior Parker Wolfe led the Tar Heels, placed seventh

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One hundred and thirty-three spots. That's how many positions separated junior Ethan Strand from the next-best UNC cross country finisher in the Nuttycombe Invitational in Wisconsin.

On Friday, Oct. 13, the Tar Heels met unfavorable conditions in their third meet of the season. As Strand took his jacket off and positioned himself at the starting line, he was met with the coldest racing conditions he had ever felt. Still, while being plagued by a muddy course, gusts of wind and low temperatures, three UNC runners placed in the top 30.

Junior Parker Wolfe, graduate Alex Phillip and Strand were able to secure the seventh, 11th and 27th spots, respectively.

The next best UNC runner was graduate Jake Gebhardt, who posted a 160th-place finish. The rest of the Tar Heels were scattered in the 200s, out of 275 runners that competed. After placing in the top three as a team in their previous two invitationals this season, the UNC men's cross country fell to 10th place at Nuttycombe.

Following this weekend's meet, Chris Miltenberg, director of track and field and cross country, emphasized the importance of strengthening the team as a whole.

"They weren't having great days and it's learning to scrap and fight for that D-plus day and I think we could do that a lot better," he said. "If we just shore that up at number four or five, then we're really, really

good because we got good firepower up front."

At the Virginia Invitational last month — which Miltenberg called the "most competitive early season meet in the country" — similar problems afflicted the Tar Heels. Wolfe, Phillip and Strand placed in the top 20. While Gebhardt joined the top-40 finishers, the other North Carolina runners did not break the top 90.

After the Nuttycombe, where depth problems plagued the Tar Heels, the team dropped six spots in the polls. The previous fifth-place ranking was the highest in program history.

To solve these problems, Wolfe believes North Carolina's identity needs to be more developed before the later half of the season.

"We're really working on just being accountable and even when things aren't going your way, being able to muscle it up and come out with a decent day rather than completely turning it in," Wolfe said. "[It is] something we're working on every race and I think the Nuttycombe didn't go exactly as well as we planned as a team, and so we're going to keep practicing it throughout ACC, regionals and on the to the national meet."

This Friday, North Carolina will travel to Florida to compete in the ACC Championships. To achieve the success that the team is craving, it's safe to say that large improvements will need to be made to UNC's depth through the eighth runner.

With goals of winning the ACC, the Tar Heels will need to make these changes quickly.

"We've been building towards [the ACC title] over the past few years and I think we are in a spot where we can do that this year," Strand said.

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ON THE ROAD

Volleyball finishes 1-1 in weekend slate

North Carolina defeated Clemson, fell to No. 13 Georgia Tech

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The North Carolina volleyball team (10-9, 4-6 ACC) won in five sets against Clemson (12-9, 3-6 ACC) on Friday night. On Sunday, though, they lost in four sets at No. 13 Georgia Tech (17-3, 8-2 ACC).

UNC opened weekend play at Clemson with a 3-2 victory against the Tigers. The win served as North Carolina's third straight conference win, giving the Tar Heels the momentum they need as they approach the final month of regular season play.

In the first set, UNC and Clemson traded points back and forth, keeping the game tight early on. First-year setter Zoe Behrendt orchestrated the offense for the Tar Heels, spreading the ball between several North Carolina attackers.

In only her seventh kill of the night, junior outside hitter Mabrey Shaffmaster tallied her 1,000th career kill, and finished with a match-high 25 kills.

In a match that was led by strong attackers on both sides, the game was won at the net with UNC recording a season-best 16 total blocks in the match. Sophomore middle blocker Sadie Swift led the Tar Heels in blocks with eight total and two in the fifth set, both at crucial moments.

First-year opposite hitter Sydney Nolan had a career-best six total blocks, while Shaffmaster, Behrendt and graduate setter Maria Miggins each added five blocks apiece.

After North Carolina dropped the fourth set 25-20, the Tar Heels entered the fifth set hoping to uphold their three match win-streak.



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UNC first-year outside hitter Safi Hampton (22) receives the ball during the volleyball game against Louisville in Carmichael Arena on Oct. 6.

UNC won the set 15-8, behind Behrendt's career-best 48 assists on the night and 18 digs by sophomore libero Maddy May. On the defensive end, May, Shaffmaster and Miggins each finished with double-digits digs in the match against the Tigers.

"Friday night was a hard fought win against Clemson who's playing really well," head coach Mike Schall said. "Our kids were really tough and just kind of gutted out a win against a team that had been playing well."

On Sunday, the Tar Heels took on Georgia Tech in Atlanta, losing in four sets.

The Georgia Tech offense moved the Tar Heels around in all four sets, pounding the ball down the line at Behrendt and cross-court at May. Although UNC got a touch on most balls, it was usually shanked out of bounds or sent high into the ceiling, causing North Carolina to operate out of system.

In the first two sets of the match, UNC scored 15 and 16 points, respectively. In the third set, Georgia Tech held a early six-point lead and it looked like the set would end

similar to the first two. However, graduate outside hitter Emani Foster led the Tar Heels in a 5-0 run to go up 22-21 in the set.

Brendhart found Shaffmaster in the back row for a perfectly placed kill in the seam, allowing UNC to take their first lead of the set. Following a net violation and kill by freshman opposite hitter Romani Thurman, North Carolina sealed the third set, winning 26-24.

"[Georgia Tech] put a lot of pressure on us and we didn't handle it the best," Schall said. "I was really pleased with how we fought in the third set to extend it to four and we want more than that."

Despite her 15 kills in the match, Foster struggled to get around the block in the fourth set. Sophomore Georgia Tech middle blocker Anna Boezi had seven blocks in the match, helping lead the Yellow Jackets to a 25-17 victory and end the match.

North Carolina will play at Duke on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

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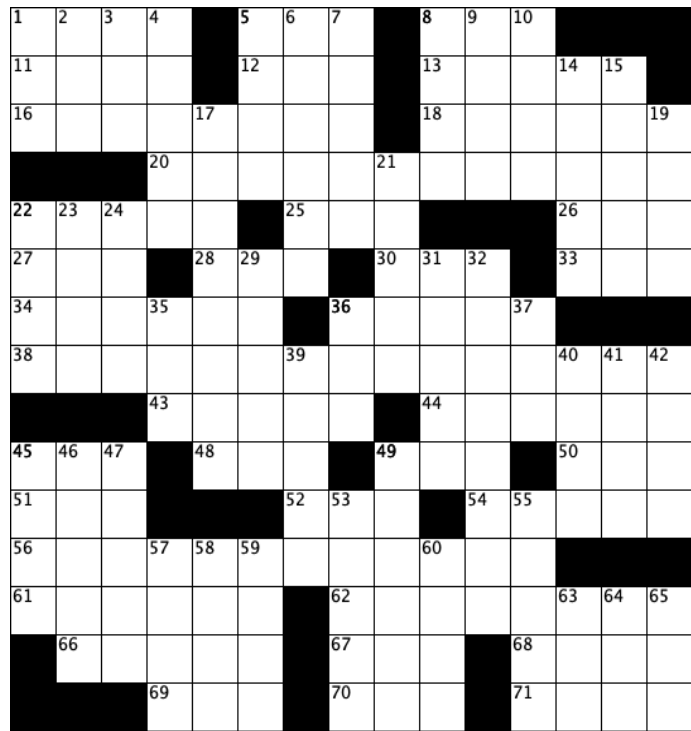


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This week's crossword was created by Liam Furlong. Liam is a UNC junior majoring in comparative literature and education. He is from Wilmington, Delaware.

Title: "Fall Break"

Across

- 1 That jerk Mr. Van Dyke?
- 5 "No Scrubs" girl group
- 8 Finale
- 11 "How'd I get to Iraq" punch line
- 12 Bit of corn
- 13 Appeared on television
- 16 Make a mathematical guess
- 18 Surmounts a mountain
- 20 "So long, old friend!"
- 22 The Frosted Flakes mascot, for one
- 25 With 17-down, "Adventure Time" character
- 26 Aura
- 27 Northern Ireland org.
- 28 "___ it ain't so"
- 30 UNC science requirement
- 33 Pointy end
- 34 Old German governments
- 36 Frontman for the Chipmunks
- 38 Seasonal tournament for sports fans
- 43 Solid rain
- 44 Pisa's place, to pisanos
- 45 Protected web browser
- 48 Drug inspiring "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds"
- 49 Honoric poem
- 50 Gives a thumbs up to, abbr.
- 51 Wrath
- 52 Bear's abode
- 54 Evaluates one's looks, from 1 to 10
- 56 Posting space in the Metaverse
- 61 Vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry
- 62 The (Old) Bay Area?
- 66 Turns until dizzy
- 67 "___ You There God? It's Me, Margaret"
- 68 Privy to the punch line, say
- 69 Bspectacled "Little Einsteins" character
- 70 "Don't share this" doc.
- 71 The 'nothing,' in 'Granada'

Down

- 1 Action Bruce Willis hardly does?
- 2 W2 org.
- 3 Word after 'fat' and 'grumpy'
- 4 Kitchen instrument
- 5 One of many, during a good cry
- 6 In the recent past
- 7 Greek holiday destination
- 8 User-friendliness
- 9 Kindhearted
- 10 Word before '2' and '4'
- 14 Choose via voting
- 15 New _____, India
- 17 With 25-across, "Adventure Time" character
- 19 With 'on,' hit a banana peel in Mario Kart
- 21 "Hi there!"
- 22 Bouncy field material
- 23 Bit of thought
- 24 Profit
- 29 Braying animals
- 31 Stay away from
- 32 With cynicism
- 35 Painful wrist syndrome, abbr.
- 36 Boat deck behind the helm
- 37 Kevin Durant org.
- 39 Tokyo's former name
- 40 Many
- 41 Put your heart out there, on Instagram?
- 42 Young lady
- 45 Spat, quarrel
- 46 Presentations sans slides
- 47 Rundown of recent events
- 49 "Let's sally forth!"
- 53 Swedish oceanographer
- 55 Last resort bet, in poker
- 57 Villainous
- 58 "Bad to the ___"
- 59 "Just about"
- 60 Length x Width
- 63 de Armas of "Knives Out"
- 64 Silently agree
- 65 "I just took a ___ test" (Lizzo lyric)



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If October 25th is Your Birthday...



Today's Birthday (10/25/23). Together, you're invincible this year. Dedicated practice deepens a connection to passion. Rediscover a forgotten dream this autumn, before resolving a winter puzzle with your partner. Processing and adjusting to changes next spring motivates healthy physical practices for summer growth.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Today is a 7 — Enjoy peace and privacy. Get a second opinion before making a big decision. Review options and plans. Think and envision. Rest and recharge.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Today is a 9 — Share social connection and grow. Both accept and offer assistance. Friends come to your rescue again. Show up for others, too. Pay it forward.

GEMINI (MAY 21 -JUNE 20)

Today is a 9 — Discover additional benefits to a professional project. Gather up windfall fruit. The better you serve, the more you benefit. Deeds speak louder than words.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Today is a 9 — Widen your exploration. Savor dreamy vistas along the way. Expand your investigation as you follow fascinating threads. Study, research and discover amazing treasure.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Today is an 8 — Collaborate with your partner to realize a shared dream. What are you building for? Follow your heart. Envision perfection and put the pieces together.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Today is a 9 — You're on the same wavelength with your partner. Talk about dreams, concerns and desires. You're building something wonderful together. Share encouragement and support.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Today is a 9 — Maintain healthy practices for real gains. Make optimism your bottom line. Focus on your work. Upgrade your equipment, if needed. Go for a prize.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Today is an 8 — Fun is the name of the game. Make a creative mess and clean later. Take advantage of a lucky break. Things could get romantic.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Today is a 7 — Follow your instincts with a domestic challenge. Make repairs and upgrades. Clean a mess. Get creative. Consider all possibilities. Whip up something dreamy.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Today is an 8 — Discipline with messaging can advance your cause enormously. Monitor the news. Dig into a mess for underlying facts. Take advantage of good fortune.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)

Today is a 9 — Monitor financial conditions closely before making a move. You can see what's not working. Take advantage of lucrative conditions to advance and grow.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Today is a 9 — Follow your own drumbeat. You're especially intuitive. Grab a lucky break to advance a personal dream.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Til Zinnhardt leads Tar Heels to victory over Louisville

UNC's defense held strong against the Cardinals in win

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Slowly sweeping his hand away from his body, in a horizontal motion, Carlos Somoano illustrated how consistent senior center-back Til Zinnhardt has been for the North Carolina men's soccer team.

"He's that guy that doesn't ever falter," Somoano said.

In a year where UNC has struggled to find the back of the net, North Carolina has been stout on defense. Led by Zinnhardt, the Tar Heels have only allowed eight goals this season, and never more than one in a game. Sunday evening's 2-0 victory against Louisville was more of the same, as North Carolina displayed a defensive clinic to grab a vital ACC win.

An aggressive high press reaped benefits in just the first three minutes of the game, as graduate midfielder Quenzi Huerman smashed home the first chance for UNC. From then on, it was North Carolina's game to lose.

Louisville's offense took a long time to build up its attack throughout the game. When it seemed like the Cardinals were finally knocking on the door within the last 15 minutes of play, the Tar Heels' defense dug in.

"We knew they were going to come out there, we were up 1-0 and time was running out for them," Zinnhardt said. "They sent everything forward and obviously we had five in the back, just tryna hold on."

In a position where the team has often found themselves throughout the season, Zinnhardt led the North Carolina backline to its sixth shutout of the year. Defending tirelessly for the final stretch of the game, a weathered Tar Heel defense stood strong.

Zinnhardt proved his defensive



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UNC graduate defender Til Zinnhardt (2) dribbles the ball during the men's soccer game against Louisville at Dorrance Field on Sunday.

pro prowess by deflecting crosses out of the box and timing vital tackles to suspend the Cardinals' attack.

"He can just concentrate and stay engaged for long periods of time," Somoano said. "Other guys, they may lose their focus for a moment here or there, but he is just so dialed in and I think that obviously makes a big difference."

Zinnhardt credits his freedom to play so well under pressure to the man who has his back, redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Andrew Cordes. After coming in to replace injured goalie Quinn Closson midway through the season, Cordes has solidified the defense by continuously making plays between the sticks.

Despite his introduction to the lineup midway through the season, Cordes has developed a symbiotic relationship with his backline of defenders. In the rare moments that an opposing attacker breaks through UNC's defense, Cordes is almost always there to extinguish the threat.

"Having these guys win balls over the top, heading them and being

able to just shut it down before it can even get to me is really important," Cordes said.

"It's a really good unit and I have full confidence in all the guys in front of me," he continued.

Yet Zinnhardt doesn't command his defense with the same vocal cadence of most center backs. Instead, the German-born defender will rarely open his mouth.

Somoano claimed he almost never talks, but instead leads by example. Often on the training ground, the head coach says that he can always point to Zinnhardt as a model for other players.

Commanding a strong back line all year, Zinnhardt just wants to be someone his teammates can trust as they transition into postseason play.

"I think it's important to be a guy other people can count on," he said. "Especially in my role as a center-back, you don't have that much room for error. So you have to be consistent in order to be good and perform."

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Cavaliers complete unexpected upset

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allowed Virginia to march down the field and score in just seven plays — the first time an opponent has scored in the opening quarter at Kenan Stadium this season.

After the game, sophomore quarterback Drake Maye was asked when he first sensed things were off with the team.

He pointed to the first quarter. "Just that first drive of lackadaisical [offense] and then they came down and scored," Maye said. "And, you know from there, it's like we're in a dogfight."

For the remainder of that dogfight, head coach Mack Brown said his team employed the perfect "formula for losing."

UNC allowed the Cavaliers to dominate possession (roughly 37 to 23 minutes), had poor field position due to inconsistent punting, gave up 228 rushing yards against a previously sputtering Virginia offense and dropped passes.

"Virginia just happened to have us on a one-up," senior Jack Kaimon Rucker said. "I feel like we were ready to play. We just had a lot of misfits. We didn't execute a lot of plays that were given. So it is what it is."

For an anxiety-ridden Brown who understands these upsets are common, this was just what he feared. His Tar Heels ate the "poisonous cheese" and succumbed to the complacency he had warned them about.

"We didn't play very well," Brown said. "We didn't stop the run. We gave them too many explosives in the passing game and we missed on our passes. So we hit on some but we dropped more passes than I have ever seen us drop since we've been here."

But despite roughly 59 minutes of alarming play — including a failed fourth-quarter drive following a UVA fumble and subsequent touchback — the Tar Heels were given a last-ditch

chance with just over a minute left.

In enemy territory, with the game on the line, North Carolina completely fell apart.

After he was blindsided by a defender, Maye threw the ball away and it landed in the hands of Virginia linebacker James Jackson.

Game over.

UNC graduate offensive lineman Ed Montilus, in a moment of exhaustion, bent over and put his hands on his knees. Maye shook his head. Meanwhile, the Cavaliers — who had just recorded their first top-10 road win in program history — began to run around in a frenzy.

They'd done it. The Cavaliers had completed an upset few thought was possible.

But it didn't come down to just that one play. It wasn't a single touchdown or sack that shifted the game. The Tar Heels were behind on their routes, the defense couldn't contain UVA's run game and Maye misplaced throws in front of a depressing half-filled UNC student section.

What was supposed to be an easy win — a fall break game many thought was not even worth the watch — turned into a season-shifting loss.

"We didn't play our brand of football," Maye said. "And it ended up costing us."

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UNC junior wide receiver Tez Walker scores in the football game against UVA in Kenan Stadium on Saturday.

SENIOR DAY

Women's soccer takes down Syracuse, breaks three-game tie streak

The Tar Heels celebrated seniors and a 6-1 victory on Sunday

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All season, the North Carolina women's soccer players wrote "FTS" on their wrist tape, signifying the program's years-long motto: "For the seniors."

After a three-game streak of 1-1 draws, the Tar Heels finally put a stop to their offensive troubles in a 6-1 victory over Syracuse on Sunday's senior day. Four of the six goals came from seniors themselves, providing a fitting end to their final regular season game at Dorrance Field.

"Honestly, it's been really emotional," redshirt senior defender Maycee Bell said. "We have our senior posters and senior locker room decorations. It's been a long five years, but a short five years, and I am so happy for the class I'm graduating with, and I wouldn't want to play with anyone else."

Bell welcomed nine of her loved ones on the field for the pre-game festivities, the largest group of any of her teammates, and she said it was the first time in her five-year college career that all nine of them were in the crowd to watch her play.

So, when sophomore forward Maddie Dahlien passed the ball into



DTH/SAMANTHA LEWIS

UNC senior forward Avery Patterson (15) scores a goal at Dorrance Field during the women's soccer game against Syracuse on Sunday. North Carolina won, 6-1, with four of the six goals coming from seniors.

the box amidst a crowd of white and orange jerseys in the 35th minute, Bell made sure she got her foot on it, putting it past the keeper to score her first goal in over two years.

"It was honestly a dream come true to score in front of them," Bell said. "I've been working really hard to try and get that, so it was awesome."

Bell's goal came at a perfect time — not only for her but for the team as well.

To start the game, the Tar Heels missed 14 shots, prompting head

coach Anson Dorrance to tell his team, "If you shoot the ball over the bar, I'm immediately subbing you." After that, the goal-scoring barrage began.

Two of those scores came from senior forward Avery Patterson in the second half. Patterson's first goal in the 77th minute, a header in which she toppled over her defender on her way down, was Dorrance's favorite memory from the day.

"I want Avery to come into this ACC Tournament and NCAA Tournament like she shot out of a

cannon," Dorrance said. "She's the kind of a player where she can score a goal a game, so I'm glad she scored two today."

After recording a brace and extending her goal streak to three games, you'd think that might be Patterson's favorite part of senior day, too.

But it wasn't. "[My favorite thing was,] honestly, my mom walking on the field with me, and [my dad and brother,] but especially my mom because she's a crying mess,"



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UNC women's soccer players celebrate a goal on Dorrance Field on Sunday.

Patterson said. "And they decorate our lockers before the game so I was thoroughly surprised with some of the things that were in front of my locker, and I couldn't have had a better day."

Not only did the Tar Heels finally break out of their offensive slump on Sunday, but they played for and celebrated the seniors. One of UNC's best performances of the season happened on a day dedicated to the seniors and their families in attendance.

As Patterson walked up to the post-game press conference, she let her thoughts on the day be known, simply stating, "I'm feeling very happy today."

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