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DIVERSITY

‘It’s an uphill fight’

Black doctoral students express concerns over diversity in their programs

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Some Black graduate students, such as Simone Wilson and Daniel Johnson, say they don’t feel supported by the University. Wilson said she felt isolated because of her race when she came to campus for her doctoral program. She said she has also experienced microaggressions and “psychological harm”

from a professor. Now the co-president of the Black Graduate and Professional Student Association, Wilson said her experience has become more positive — but she had to find that support on her own. As one of the association’s leaders, Wilson has spoken with many people of color who considered leaving the University — and has felt that way herself. “It’s been an uphill fight,” Wilson said. “It takes a lot and I feel for those that are not as self-directed as me and I see very easily why students would not stay.” Wilson is researching the experiences of

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LOCAL SUPPORT

Community rallies behind Med Deli

Over \$213,000 raised after fire damages restaurant

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Jamil Kadoura opened Mediterranean Deli 32 years ago with his mom and sister, a \$16,000 investment, six tables and 12 chairs. The business grew to what many Chapel Hill residents know today — a large storefront on West Franklin Street with a dining room, market and outdoor seating. On July 22, Kadoura called 911 to report that Med Deli’s roof was on fire. Although his

employees managed to evacuate everyone in the restaurant, Kadoura went onto the roof to try to save the building himself.

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HOUSING



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Workers replace the water line for The Edition on Rosemary Street on Monday. Residents, mainly UNC students, were unable to move in to the apartment in August before school began. According to the property owner, move-in is planned for Oct. 1.

Construction stalls apartment opening

Degraded water main under Rosemary Street delays move-in until Oct. 1

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Future residents of The Edition on Rosemary received an email on July 19 informing them their projected move-in

date will be delayed to Oct. 1. The news was sent after a degraded water main underneath Rosemary Street was discovered the week before. Adam Byrley is the chief operating officer for The

Preiss Company, which owns and manages The Edition. He said the original plan was to tap the existing water main in four locations to provide service to the property. It later became evident that the tapping sleeves originally

approved by the Orange Water and Sewer Authority were incompatible, due to the degraded condition of the pipe. After several meetings to

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DOWNTOWN CHAPEL HILL

Spot supports small businesses

Initiative hosts food vendors in pop-up events

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A new haven for lovers of food and art alike has come to Franklin Street. Tucked behind Lantern Restaurant, Garden Spot is a local initiative working to connect small food businesses with the community. Lantern’s new project hosted its first series of pop-up events in late July. Vendors apply to be part of a four- to six-week-long residency, during which they serve their food each weekend. The vendors participating in the first series of pop-up events offered cuisine from a variety of cultures: African tacos, ice cream inspired by South Indian and Arabic flavors, classic soul food and Mexican-inspired dishes. “We’re particularly wanting to support minority-owned and queer-owned businesses, knowing that on Franklin Street, and

more broadly, that people in those communities have had difficulty accessing some of the capital and assets required to start up enterprises, even though a lot of those small food enterprises are owned by people of color and the queer community,” Abby Parcell, Garden Spot’s program coordinator, said. Andrea Reusing, owner and chef at Lantern, said the idea started during the pandemic and that the Town of Chapel Hill’s ReVive Recovery Grant helped with initial funds for the project. Reusing saw Garden Spot as a valuable place to help support new businesses that lack traditional access to capital. “Franklin Street tends to be talked about as if it means the same thing to everybody, no matter who you are — whether you’re an alumni or your family has lived here for five generations or you’re an undergrad,” Reusing said. “But I think what a lot of people don’t understand about Franklin Street is not everybody in our community

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CHCCS

Nonprofit aims to close racial achievement gap

Educators lead the charge alongside two Chapel Hill natives

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Danita Mason-Hogans was desperate for change. A seventh-generation Chapel Hill native on both sides of her family, whose father was one of the Chapel Hill Nine, Mason-Hogans became a historian

because she experienced the negative consequences that desegregation had on the Black community in CHCCS, including educational staff loss and a lack of accountability. In 2019, she won the Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro’s Big Bold Ideas competition—her idea was an educational program for students who were descendants of enslaved people to help close the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools’ achievement gap between

white and Black students. “I’m thinking, finally, we’ll have an education program to deal with this achievement gap that’s been here for the folks who essentially built this town,” Mason-Hogans said. But, when the Chamber published her idea on its website, she said the information didn’t reflect what she proposed. It didn’t mention participating students would be

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Danita Mason-Hogans created the board that would become “Bridging the Gap”—a nonprofit that would provide educational opportunities for descendants of enslaved people.



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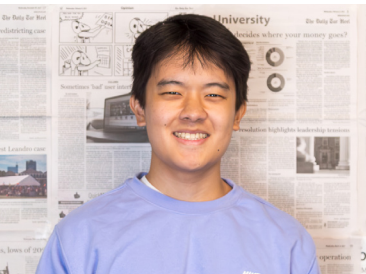
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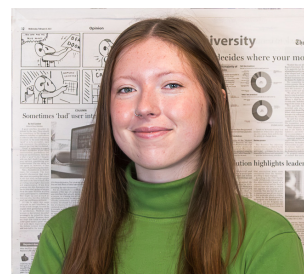
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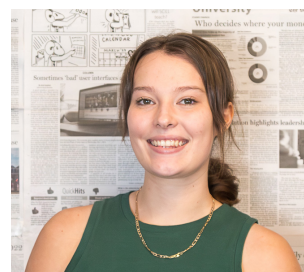
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Behind The Daily Tar Heel’s website redesign, relaunch

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Five months ago, I made a promise to you. As editor-in-chief of The Daily Tar Heel, I said I’d redesign The DTH’s website, dailytarheel.com, to be dynamic and user-centric.

Today, I’m excited to tell you that our new website is now live.

For the past few months, we’ve been busy behind the scenes creating a website that is different, new — and beautiful. But I’m probably biased.

We worked closely with SNworks, the web development division of The State News, for our website’s relaunch.

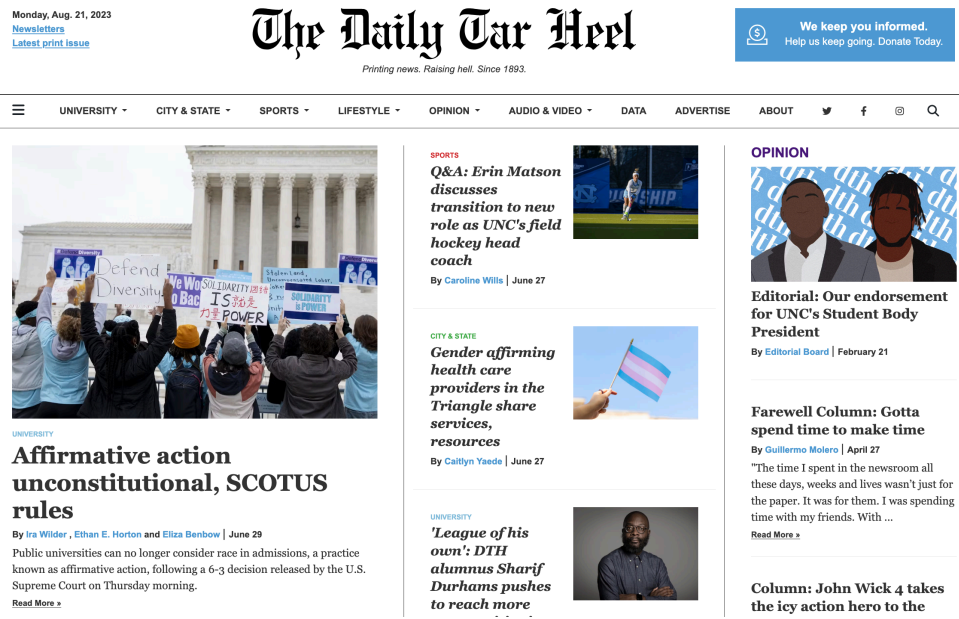
We did our best to make a page that feels surprising and fresh, while still feeling familiar. We’ve streamlined our home and article pages to be easy to read and navigate. The redesign is an enhanced version of our former digital presence.

This is our first redesign in three years. Since 2020, the world has experienced a global pandemic. We’ve all changed — it’s time our website changes too.

Finding more content that appeals to you is just a click or tap away.

You will find new article layouts, fonts, headlines and overall online page designs on our website.

The DTH’s homepage features content from every desk in an updated layout from the previous design. We moved away from a sans serif body text font in favor of Georgia. Our headline fonts are Georgia bold and



The Daily Tar Heel relaunched its website on Wednesday — it’s the newspaper’s first digital redesign since 2020. If you visit dailytarheel.com, you will find a new home page, updated article layouts, fonts, navigation and more.

bold italic. We have removed all unnecessary links, tabs, sections and elements.

To reflect our expanding coverage and multimedia focus, you can now access our lifestyle, audio & video and data content from our navigation bar.

Accessibility

The DTH prioritized usability in the relaunch of our website.

All labels are clear and descriptive to allow you to navigate more efficiently using assistive technologies. Headlines are

readable and have a hierarchy. We did our best to make our website understandable and match other sites you visit often. The website also features an improved color contrast ratio for users who are visually impaired.

I am so excited for you to visit dailytarheel.com to view the relaunched and reworked website for yourself.

Please send me questions, comments or concerns about The DTH’s relaunched website to editor@dailytarheel.com. I welcome any and all feedback.

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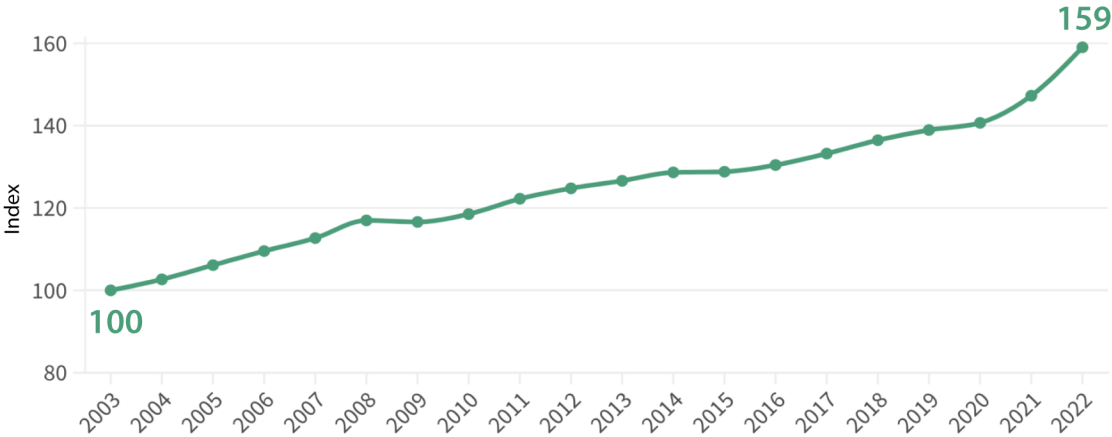
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ECONOMY

The cost of educational books and supplies is up 59% since 2003

According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Statistics’ Consumer Price Index, the cost of educational materials has steadily increased over the past 20 years.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics • The Consumer Price Index annually measures the prices paid by consumers for various goods and services; it can be used as a measure of inflation.
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Book prices outpacing inflation

Several financial factors contribute to increasing costs

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Jada Edmark, a junior nursing student at UNC, said she is already paying \$600 for this semester’s textbooks, and two of her classes have yet to list their required materials.

The steep prices of textbooks and educational materials could be caused by a number of economic factors, Chris Roark, an assistant teaching professor of economics at UNC, said. These factors include inflation, high demand and supply-side shortages on the materials used to make textbooks, he said.

Roark analyzed data from the Federal Reserve Bank and discovered that the average price of academic materials has increased by 106 percent since 1993.

“Most of that rise, though, occurred prior to 2016,” he said. “Since 2016, they’ve kind of stayed stagnant, so whatever was driving textbook

prices is not necessarily related to the current inflationary period.”

Despite the disconnect between current inflation in the United States and the relative stabilization of textbook prices since 2016, some students still believe textbooks are unusually expensive.

In his research, Roark found that the price of textbooks increased more quickly than the growth of overall inflation in the United States between 2003 and 2023.

Between 1977 and 2023, the cumulative price of the dollar rose by about 404 percent in the United States. The price of course materials rose over 1,000 percent in that same period, outpacing increases in both the housing market and the cost of medical services.

However, students struggling to pay for expensive course materials have more options available in 2023. Rental and digital copies of textbooks are usually cheaper than brand new editions, and resources like Rice University’s OpenStax offer many free introductory-level college textbooks.

For those in the UNC System, the Office of Scholarly Publishing

Services within UNC Press offers free digital textbooks and materials.

“We decided to create an office called the Office of Scholarly Publishing Services that would help units, departments and research centers throughout the UNC System publish open-access textbooks and other educational resources,” John McLeod, director and chief operating officer of OSPS, said.

In the future, McLeod said more open-access textbooks will be made available to students in the UNC System — alleviating the burden that purchasing textbooks places on students.

He said OSPS is working with faculty on a number of textbooks, which should be published within the next three to six months.

“We’re always looking into taking on more projects when we have the bandwidth to do more, so it’s really a matter of if there are faculty out there in the UNC System who have content and are ready to work with us on turning it into a textbook,” McLeod said. “We’re here to help them out.”

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Black doctoral students say they feel unsupported

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Black faculty and students at institutions such as UNC.

“I have been interviewing different students — specifically Black students — and our overwhelming sentiment is ‘No, we are not supported here,’” she said.

According to data presented on the UNC Graduate School’s website, Black students make up about nine percent of graduate and professional students.

UNC is ranked fifth among public universities for the most Black doctoral recipients, a survey by the National Science Foundation based on data from 2017 to 2021 shows.

But Wilson said graduate students of color “feel siloed or isolated in way, shape or form.”

Although he has found professors and mentors at the University, Park doctoral fellow Daniel Johnson said the Hussman School of Journalism and Media has done very little to improve its environment for non-white students.

He said he believes surveys would help the University acknowledge its diversity issues and provide a more comforting environment for Black doctoral students.

“Since I have been here, I have not gotten a survey saying, ‘Hey, do you feel like you are being supported as an African American student.’ I’ve never been directly asked that and I’ve been here three, four years,” Johnson said.

Deen Freelon, former graduate associate professor at the Hussman School, was Johnson’s mentor but said he was unhappy about the direction the University was heading.

“As a faculty member, I represented the University whenever I presented or whenever I left and did anything, and that became increasingly untenable as things went on and as the list of decisions I strongly disagree with piled up,” he said.

Johnson said seeing Black professors leave the school without



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Daniel Johnson is a doctoral fellow in the UNC Hussman School.

new ones joining the faculty indicates that there is a problem.

“Without faculty members that look like them, and come from their backgrounds, I think that’s an issue where you are left floundering,” Johnson said.

Ashley Addison is a doctor of pharmacy candidate and the vice president for diversity and inclusion in the Graduate and Professional Student Government and said she feels supported within her graduate program.

She suggested the University hold town halls or meetings with the Black graduate and professional student community to address concerns. She also said the GPSG is working to improve its diversity initiatives.

“A goal of mine this year is to make sure that I can connect with the student body more, especially post-COVID — to figure out what types of programs and initiatives they need to feel supported, because my story may not be the story of every student that walks Carolina,” she said.

In an email statement, UNC Media Relations said the University’s work is focused on creating “a culture of care to support students’ personal and professional goals while they’re pursuing a graduate or professional degree.”

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CAMPUS FACILITIES

Spencer Residence Hall sinks shut off for lead exposure

Some students began the year without access to water in rooms

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Caroline Edmondson, a student living in Spencer Residence Hall, is paying \$200 more for housing than last year – despite losing access to basic amenities.

Residents of Spencer were notified on Aug. 15 that their in-room sinks were turned off due to lead contamination in several campus buildings.

Lead contamination is nothing new for campus residents. The University discovered lead in campus buildings in the fall of 2022, and 57 in-room sinks were found to be contaminated with lead in Spencer Residence Hall.

Norah Binny, a junior at UNC, lived in Spencer for the duration of the 2022-23 school year and said lead contamination affected her decision to switch to Kenan Residence Hall this year. Binny and other students continue to express safety concerns due to fear of lead ingestion.

“We were brushing our teeth with lead water,” she said about her experience last year.



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Students living in Spencer Residence Hall were notified on Aug.15 that their in-room sinks were turned off due to lead contamination.

To alleviate the issue, Carolina Housing placed water jugs and filters around North Campus buildings and bathrooms.

“I was assuming that it was all going to be taken care of before this fall and before moving,” Edmondson said.

She said Carolina Housing told her that it would allocate rooms in other buildings for students with affected water fixtures for the fall semester.

“Well, I hadn’t heard anything else about it other than that Spencer

was going to be opened,” she said. “All residents that renewed the contract would be put in Spencer like everything was going to be fine.”

She said she renewed her room based on communications with Carolina Housing and Spencer residents last year. She thought they were going to fix the issue before move-in, she said. Then, she learned that all in-room sinks would be turned off for the foreseeable future.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, public water systems can not surpass 15 parts per

billion of lead before action is taken to improve the water quality.

The University has remediated 272 of the 435 drinking water fixtures that were contaminated, UNC Media Relations said in an email statement. This means about 63 percent of its remediation process is complete.

“It feels like nobody is really wanting to fix the problem, just kind of gloss over it,” Edmondson said.

Binny said she hoped to see more improvements to the filtration and testing process for students moving into Spencer.

“They could have bought water filters for the showers,” she said. “They did actually put a filter on the sinks, but it was just one of the sinks.”

Kameron Thomas, a junior at UNC, also renewed his housing for this semester in Spencer, but he is unsure if he will stay in the dorm for the duration of the school year.

He warned incoming students about the obstacles they may face by opting to live on campus.

“Do your best to not live on campus. You’re always going to have some sort of a problem like this,” he said. “Even if it’s not a water-related issue, it’s going to be something. There’s always something falling apart in these old buildings.”

Thomas also said he had to walk to other dorms and buildings on

campus to fill up his water bottle or wash his dishes when the water was initially shut off.

“It’s just kind of inconvenient because you have to go somewhere now to do anything,” he said.

Though Carolina Housing said they recently added additional filters to the bathroom sinks, Edmondson said she has yet to see clean water stations for residents to utilize. She urged students considering on-campus housing to stay up-to-date with lead testing in their buildings.

Edmonson also said she hopes to see more transparency from Carolina Housing communicating a plan of action for testing and maintenance throughout the semester.

“For putting students in a residence hall that has had lead problems, you would think they would want to let the residents know [about testing] for some kind of peace of mind,” she said.

Carolina Housing did not respond to The Daily Tar Heel’s request for an interview before the time of publication.

If you or someone else may have been exposed to unhealthy amounts of lead, UNC urges students to contact UNC Campus Health Services or visit their website.

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EXPLAINER

What does the EOC office do?

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The Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office exists to promote a feeling of safety at the University by monitoring identity-based discrimination and harassment, Elizabeth Hall, the office’s associate vice chancellor and Title IX coordinator, said.

The office has been fulfilling this role since 2014, when the University enacted policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment and related misconduct.

“Big picture, the EOC handles everything related to federal laws addressing protected statuses like age, race, religion, disability, sex, gender — we have 13 protected statuses,” she said.

The office has three internal teams: report and response, investigations and accommodations.

The accommodations team helps ensure that needs are met for those with disabilities, those pregnant and those practicing religion, Hall said. She said the other two teams address sexual misconduct, discrimination and harassment based on protective statuses.

“Sometimes folks are just looking for support, and if they want support only, they don’t want an investigation, they work only with the report and response team,” she said. “If they’re looking for an investigation, and that’s the right way to go, then the report and response team will connect them directly to that investigations team.”

When the EOC receives a report of discrimination, harassment or misconduct, they send an outreach email to the individual involved. Depending on the situation, the email may include reporting options, confidential resources and medical aid.

In situations involving gender-based harassment and discrimination, the EOC may connect the affected individual with Gender Violence Service Coordinators who counsel, as well as provide the option to report the incident.

Every outreach email includes the link to safe.unc.edu — a website with a comprehensive list of resources for community members.

“That has all of the resources that you could need and where to go,” Hall said. “Because we don’t gatekeep those resources. If you need those, you don’t

have to make a formal report. Those are available to folks even if they want to be confidential.”

The EOC also works with “Responsible Employees” who are required to report anything they see or hear that constitutes discrimination, harassment, sexual and interpersonal violence or stalking.

Tessa Joseph-Nicholas, a computer science professor, is a Responsible Employee because of her role as a faculty adviser to a web development student group.

If a student reveals they have been involved in or witnessed discrimination, harassment or stalking, Joseph-Nicholas said she is mandated to report it to the EOC.

She said she always clarifies with the student beforehand that she is required to do this. If a student decides to go forward with the conversation, she reports the incident.

“The EOC reaches out to the student, and the student gets to decide what to do,” Joseph-Nicholas said. “At that point, if the student doesn’t wish to go further with it, then the EOC won’t push that.”

But not all students think the EOC is a well-known resource. Second-year law student Mackenzie Roche said the only time they hear about the EOC is in orientations, syllabi and campuswide emails.

“It just feels like every time it’s talked about, it’s a footnote,” Roche said.

She said she recommends that the University do more to provide a space for student voices, such as hosting a town hall to improve visibility.

“If we could say one thing to folks who are coming back to campus or on campus for the first time, it’s that we are here if folks need support in any of these spaces,” Hall said.



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Bandido’s, which previously shared a booth with Italian Pizzeria III, has moved to a permanent location replacing Burrito Bowl in Lenoir Dining Hall.

CAMPUS LIFE

Three new restaurants come to bottom of Lenoir

Carolina Dining Services changed some food options based on student feedback

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UNC students visiting the bottom of Lenoir Dining Hall can expect to find three new restaurants this semester.

Changes have been made to dining options using student feedback from survey responses and the Student Dining Board, Christen Flowers, director of dining at the University said in an email statement.

Bento Sushi, a restaurant brand featuring hot Asian food and sushi, replaced Sushinara. Bandido’s Mexican Cafe, which previously shared a booth with Italian Pizzeria III, has been moved into a permanent location replacing Burrito Bowl. Alpaca Peruvian Charcoal Chicken, a North Carolina-based chain, is also entering the bottom of Lenoir.

Jamil Kadoura, owner of Mediterranean Deli, said he believes the vendors selected for the bottom of Lenoir represent what UNC deems “healthy” food.

Med Deli has worked with Carolina Dining Services for more than 28 years, and despite a recent fire accident at their Franklin Street storefront that halted the

regular functioning of the business, they will continue to serve food at the University as usual.

“Besides the financials and the advertising, it’s very flattering to me to be chosen and to stay for that long on campus,” Kadoura said.

Caroline Dorry, a junior at UNC, said the food options at the bottom of Lenoir allow customers to try new cuisines.

Dorry also said the dining hall’s central location on campus makes it more accessible to students who may not be able to walk to popular restaurants on Franklin Street.

The owner of Bandido’s, Antoni Sustaita, said the featured businesses in bottom of Lenoir also benefit from having locations on UNC’s campus.

The shared space at the bottom of Lenoir fosters healthy competition between vendors, but more importantly, collaboration and cooperation, he said.

Kadoura said the resident district manager of Aramark, a food service company that works with CDS, offered a location on campus for Med Deli to prepare food after the damages endured by its main building.

“[CDS] is changing [for the] better, yet holding people at higher standards,” Kadoura said. “You have to serve good, healthy food no matter what you do.”

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CAMPUS SAFETY

Alert Carolina gets updates

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UNC's campus-wide emergency notification system Alert Carolina was updated to only send alerts marked as "urgent" or "critical" via text message. Crime alerts labeled as "urgent", such as violent crime, will reach students through a text notification, in addition to an email and the Alert Carolina website. Adverse conditions warnings that require the campus to change operating status will be labeled "critical" and similarly sent out to students.

A campus-wide email sent on Aug. 9 announced the changes.

The Alert Carolina system is required by the Jeanne Clery Act, which was adopted in the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. The law aims to create an atmosphere of transparency on college campuses by requiring universities to report crime data for on-campus incidents in a timely manner. Universities also must publicly outline any efforts made to increase campus safety.

There are four types of alerts sent out through the Alert Carolina system: emergency warnings, crime alerts, notices of adverse conditions and informational messages.

"Once we determine based on the information we receive that it warrants a notification to our campus community, we will issue that out without delay," Darrell Jeter, director of Emergency Management and Planning, said.

Jeter said that the Clery Act is intentionally vague in its definition of "timely." For crime alerts and notices



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of adverse conditions, Jeter said UNC treats "timely" as meaning "as soon as pertinent information is available to send."

Kaylin Privette, a senior at UNC, said the alerts are a useful tool for raising awareness among students and cited alerts of on-campus sexual assault and COVID-19 clusters. She also said they are helpful in deterring similar crimes but would be more effective if they were sent out promptly.

"It is good information," Privette said. "Don't ignore them. If you see something, pay attention, make a note."

UNC junior Akya Forney expressed concern for crimes that occur outside of the boundaries that Alert Carolina operates within, since many students reside off campus.

Jeter said that while the Clery Act has requirements and regulations that affect the speed at which crime alerts and notices of adverse conditions can be sent out, emergency warnings differ.

Jeter also noted that text messages are a way to get important information to the UNC community. Students can register to receive alerts via text on the Alert Carolina website.

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UNIVERSITY EVENTS

'Lots of energy' for FallFest

This year's festival brought 15,000 attendees to the Pit

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As 15,000 attendees walked through the Pit in 90-degree heat on Sunday holding stuffed rams and corn dogs, they celebrated the start of the school year at the 28th annual FallFest.

FallFest, hosted by the Carolina Union, took place on Sunday from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

From the Student Union to the Pit to Polk Place, the event featured over 40 sponsors, including University departments, corporate sponsors and small businesses. Local and national vendors brought more than \$100,000 worth of food and beverage items, and over 5,000 items were distributed, including tote bags, hats and t-shirts.

The celebration is a "fun welcome back to campus" for new and returning students, according to the Carolina Union website.

The event directly followed New Student Convocation, the University's welcome for all first-year and transfer students. For first-year Ava Sharon, the celebration was a distraction from her nervousness about starting classes and sadness over leaving her family. She said that she had been looking forward to FallFest and that the free giveaways were a part of what drew her to it.



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Students enjoyed FallFest on Sunday.

"I just feel like in high school, you have to pay for everything and you get very used to always watching your bank account," she said. "So it's been really fun to come to college and be able to get free t-shirts and free stickers."

The free merchandise was one of sophomore Catharine Yoder's favorite parts of FallFest because "broke college kids love free stuff," she said.

While Yoder loved watching students getting involved, she also said there was a lot going on.

"It's crazy to see how many people actually go to the school," she said.

Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz said there was a lot of energy on campus during the event.

He said FallFest is important because it builds a sense of community, and that he loved

seeing the tradition being enjoyed by all University students, not just first-years.

"I've seen a lot of our sophomores, juniors and seniors here, and there's a lot of enthusiasm and excitement about being on campus right now," he said.

For senior Sophie Southerland, FallFest was a place to reconnect with student life one last time, she said. Southerland was a first-year in 2020 — when FallFest was canceled because of COVID-19 — and without the event, she said it was "harder to get plugged in."

"It's where you actually feel like you're a college student before school starts," she said. "Everyone's in one place and you get to see everything that UNC has to offer."

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WEATHER

County under extreme heat

Organizations share resources for vulnerable populations

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The National Weather Service has issued an influx of “heat advisories,” which are sent within 12 hours of “extremely dangerous heat conditions.”

The recent extreme heat in Orange County has posed problems for community members, especially people experiencing homelessness and people with pre-existing conditions.

Organizations — including the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, the Orange County Public Library and the Chapel Hill Public Library — have opened their doors to allow people to cool off and receive help during the summer heat. Showers are also available to the public at the Chapel Hill Community Center, the Hargraves Community Center and the Homestead Aquatic Center.

Xuewei Wang, a data scientist at Data-Driven EnviroLab, said heat can have negative effects on vulnerable communities, especially if they do not have access to cooling or green spaces.

“I definitely believe the more severe, more frequent heat wave will have more impact on unhealthy populations, especially people with conditions,” she said.

Wang said the lab is having discussions with the Town of Chapel Hill about building more green spaces for shade. She also said she has seen success with painting roads lighter so they can reflect the heat instead of absorbing it.

Rachel Waltz, the manager of the

Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness, said the OCPEH works with similar organizations to increase permanent housing options and provide emergency response services for those experiencing homelessness.

“Folks who are living unsheltered are at greater risk for all of those health conditions that are often times made worse by extreme weather,” Waltz said.

Obtaining outpatient healthcare services is harder for people experiencing homelessness, which causes a heavier reliance on emergency services, she said.

“Communities need to just increase permanent housing options for folks, but they also need to be working together to bring their individual expertise together in order to mitigate the health concerns and health risk,” she said.

Waltz said Orange County service providers are working to alleviate the burdens of the housing crisis, but that people experiencing homelessness still face obstacles. One of these obstacles, she said, includes not having always-open bathrooms with showers in downtown Chapel Hill.

“When you have nowhere to go during the day, when you have nowhere safe to sleep at night, you can’t help but be impacted by issues of climate change and heat exposure,” Waltz said.

Stephani Kilpatrick, the IFC development and communications manager, said the goal is to meet people where they are and provide low-barrier assistance to them. She said she recognizes that having housing is the first step to alleviating heat problems.

“A lot of times when people get into a stable housing situation that is not a shelter, a lot of other issues can be cleared up more quickly,” she said.

Without access to vehicles, Kilpatrick also said that those who have to walk or use public transit are disproportionately impacted by the heat. She said that in these cases, people have to be outside in high temperatures for longer periods of time.

Kilpatrick said she thinks that when there is an affordable housing crisis, that shows there are not enough resources available for the community, no matter the weather.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL



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Paris Perry, an elementary school student from Durham, played on a waterslide at the Hargrave Community Center’s Family Fun Day on Saturday. Paris’ father, Fredrick Perry, owns BOUNCE With P Inflatables and donated his services for the event.

Free book bags, school supplies distributed at Hargraves center

Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation hosts a Family Fun Day

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Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation hosted Family Fun Day and a back-to-school book bag giveaway at Hargraves Community Center on Aug. 19.

Families in the community with children in grades K-12 received free book bags, school supplies and other back-to-school essentials like socks. Classes start for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students on Aug. 28.

Anissa McLendon, who sat on the event’s planning committee, said events like this are a great help for families who may be struggling to start the school year strong.

“You don’t want the school year to be a hindrance to kids,” she said. “If we can help them out and get them through the first four or five months of school, that takes the burden off of families who are trying to figure out where their next meal is coming from.”

Leslie Davis attended the event and

said she and her husband, UNC head basketball coach Hubert Davis, were happy to participate and help low-income families in the community.

“So many people in Chapel Hill see our championships and they see our wealth and they see the advancements of our University,” she said. “They don’t realize that we have quite a lot of members of our community living below the poverty line who are low-income and really struggle to make ends meet.”

Families at the event also enjoyed vendors and community organizations set up outside the community center.

One organization that participated in the festivities was the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, which served snow cones and popcorn. Alicia Stemper manages communications for the office, which she said participates in the event every year.

“It’s just a wonderful way to have positive interactions with the community,” she said.

Another group at the event was Aveda Institute Chapel Hill, which offers programs in cosmetology and esthiology.

Tiffany Webb, a representative from Aveda, said the institute

participated because they want to show students in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro communities that there are alternatives to four-year universities after graduating high school.

“We’ve been able to talk with the community and show people that there are other options in the world,” Samantha Walton, another representative from Aveda, said.

Jim Bostian, the North Carolina president of health insurance company Aetna, said his organization attended as a vendor to fulfill its mission of being a partner in community health.

“We really want to be a partner in the community, so we are here today doing backpack giveaways, immunizations and health screenings,” he said.

The Town’s parks and recreation department organized the event. Recreation supervisor John French said the book bag giveaway and Family Fun Day was intended to bring the community together.

“It’s really important to us that we send kids to school on a positive note,” he said.

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The Edition on Rosemary to open on Oct. 1, students relocated to hotels

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review alternative methods for tapping the existing water line, the general contractor, utility subcontractor and OWASA determined that the main water line would need to be replaced, Byrley said in an email statement.

He added that, before construction began in 2021, the site was surveyed to examine buried utilities, identify potential conflicts and mitigate risks.

Though this process included a search of all available site utility records along with advanced survey techniques, Byrley said it did not provide information regarding the condition or composition of the subsurface materials.

The new apartment complex is a short distance from UNC’s campus and would be filled primarily by UNC students. The delayed move-in has raised concerns with residents, as the fall semester began on Aug. 21.

Sophomore Alexis Cromwell said that, while the delay was unexpected, she had doubts that the building would be done on time.

“It was definitely a surprise, but not as much

as I thought it would be because I knew signing the lease that they were still building, and then before I left UNC after freshman year, I went by the structure and I saw that it was kind of halfway there,” Cromwell said.

She signed her lease in October 2022 and said she had originally planned to move into The Edition around Aug. 15. Now, she is temporarily living in the Aloft Chapel Hill on South Hamilton Road, more than a mile east of campus.

Byrley said residents were given three options for housing in the meantime, including staying at one of three hotels — AC Hotel on West Rosemary Street, Aloft and the Residence Inn on Erwin Road. He said the other options were to find alternative housing during the delay or to terminate the lease with no penalty.

Transportation is a challenge due to the location of her hotel, Cromwell said. Aloft is an estimated 30-minute walk from campus, making it difficult to commute by foot.

While she said The Edition has provided parking spots in a lot on Rosemary Street, there are not enough spaces for all the students to use.

Sophomore Logan Bunce is also staying at

Aloft and shares a similar concern about the distance of the hotel. The Aloft is a longer walk to campus than The Edition on Rosemary, which will make the class schedule he created in the spring less manageable, Bunce said.

“With the busing adding time into my schedule I didn’t realize I would have to add, my schedule outside of classes also is messed up,” he said.

He said time originally set aside for activities like working out and homework will now be allotted to using transit.

Senior ChaVon Shade was supposed to live in The Edition but is currently being housed at the Residence Inn. She said she will have her car on campus this year and that she will have a parking spot in the Rosemary Street lot.

Shade said The Edition has been very helpful during this time with its customer service and has provided residents with various resources, like hotel rooms and a \$50 per day stipend. Byrley said the money is meant to fund food, laundry, transportation and other expenses during the construction delay period.

Shade said she has seen videos online of other

people experiencing a similar issue with student housing, which has helped her to feel less alone.

One-fifth of U.S. college students have faced housing insecurity, according to a 2022 report by Student Beans. These individuals are more likely to face anxiety, depression, poor health and a lower average GPA compared to their secure counterparts, according to the American Journal of Health Promotion.

Despite the delay, Shade said she is still trying to make the most out of the situation going into her senior year.

“I’m overall just excited to see a really nice, brand new fresh place that’s gonna be in Chapel Hill,” she said.

Byrley said construction continues to press forward, as work on the water main and the completion of finishes on interior units remains ongoing.

He added that The Edition does not anticipate any additional issues that would lead to more delays, and the schedule remains on track for an Oct. 1 move-in.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Crisis diversion facility gets funding from BOCC

New budget allocates \$2 million toward the planning of the facility

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The Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department is currently advancing the 2019 plans to create a crisis diversion facility after funding was approved by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners. This facility will serve individuals in Orange County experiencing a behavioral or mental health crisis.

The BOCC formed a subcommittee in 2019 to create plans and make recommendations for the facility. For the new fiscal year, the BOCC added \$2 million to the budget for the planning of the facility.

The subcommittee also hired an architect to begin searching for land to house the facility.

Jamezetta Bedford, the chair of the BOCC, said the subcommittee is currently searching for a property that



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Orange County Court House sits in Hillsborough on Jan. 29, 2020.

is near a hospital or emergency room.

Currently, if someone in Orange County places a 911 call for a mental health crisis, either an ambulance or law enforcement officer is dispatched. Travis Myren, the deputy county manager, said the goal of this facility is

to provide an alternative option.

“There can be a therapeutic approach to addressing the immediate crisis that someone is suffering, and then creating a discharge plan,” Myren said.

Bedford said the subcommittee has done virtual tours of similar urgent

care and diversion facilities in Asheville and Durham.

The BOCC estimates an up-front cost of \$20 million to build the facility. Bedford said she thinks the county budget definitely has room for the initial construction, but maintaining the day-to-day costs might be too expensive.

The idea for the crisis diversion facility in Orange County originally came from a Sequential Intercept Mapping conference in April 2019. SIM is a process used by mental health professionals to detail how individuals with mental and substance use disorders come into contact with and move through the criminal justice system, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Barbara-Ann Bybel, the director of psychiatry services for UNC Health, said during the conference the County found a large gap in services available to people with mental illnesses that this facility may be able to fill.

“Right now, if anyone’s in crisis, it’s like pretty much either you get no help and/or people end up in jails

or in [emergency departments], and this is not unique to Orange County whatsoever,” she said.

She also said there’s been a significant increase in demand for mental health treatment, especially among young adults. This makes the facility, and other mental health resources, especially needed in Chapel Hill.

“A lot of this is how do we prevent a crisis, or how do we intervene early on so that someone doesn’t actually need a hospitalization,” she said.

Now, Orange County is focused on planning the construction of the facility.

Bedford said the County will ideally have more specific construction and budget plans by the end of this year.

“We did an initial sort of feasibility and cost estimate analysis that was completed a couple months ago,” Myren said. “So that’s where we discern the total costs, estimated cost of construction. The next phase will be engaging with an architect to actually get into facility design.”

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‘This is not a business, this is my home.’

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“I was just kind of too attached to see it go,” Kadoura said.

He said he was worried about his employees, many of whom he said had been working for him for more than 13 years.

“I just wanted to talk to them and tell them, ‘Hey, we’re family, we’ll always be a family, we’ll get through this,’” Kadoura said.

During the fire, Kadoura said he remembers a man standing down the street from his restaurant, crying and telling him the town was going to raise money for the employees. Kadoura said that was when he broke down completely.

Sarah Potter, the economic development program coordinator for the Town of Chapel Hill, said Med Deli is one of the largest employers among Chapel Hill’s downtown restaurants.

Potter said she attended a meeting with Chapel Hill businesses, town officials and organizations that met the day after the fire to plan support for the deli’s employees. She said Kadoura’s primary concern was keeping all of

his staff on board.

As of Aug. 21, the GoFundMe for Med Deli has raised over \$213,000.

Kadoura said the raised money is controlled by the Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro. The money will be given out as relief to his employees until they can earn a steady paycheck again, he said.

Alex Brandwein, the owner of the local bagel store Brandwein’s Bagels, said he and other local business owners came together at the first community meeting after the fire and prepared to offered storage, freezer space and other support to Kadoura and the staff at Med Deli.

“We just want to be there for Mediterranean Deli as much as they’ve been there for us,” he said.

Kadoura and his catering staff have relocated temporarily to Elaine’s On Franklin, which is also located on West Franklin Street and owned by Kadoura.

Med Deli’s campus location in the bottom of Lenoir Dining Hall is also ready to open when students come back to campus, Kadoura said.

He said he has already begun the process of rebuilding the back half

of the building, which sustained the most fire damage. He also said, in addition to the restoration construction, he is finally going to build his dream kitchen.

Since the day of the fire, community members have been showing an overwhelming amount of support for the restaurant, Kadoura said.

Caroline Spencer, who lives in downtown Chapel Hill and has a son who works at Med Deli, said she received a call from a friend who told her to get to Franklin Street and look at the fire. Spencer and her family have known Kadoura for years. She said that the first thing he said when she saw him at the fire was, “We’re going to do it all again.”

“Med Deli means so much to so many people — Chapel Hill residents, Carrboro residents, but also people who are alums from UNC, people who lived in town, went to grad school and moved all over the world,” she said.

Kadoura said one of the ways people have been showing their love is by leaving notes on the door of the closed building. He



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Jamil Kadoura, owner of Med Deli, stands in the remains of his burned restaurant on Tuesday.

said he reads each new note every morning before heading into work.

“These notes on the deli are what energize me, and give me strength and resiliency,” Kadoura said.

Potter said the best way to help Med Deli during this time is to do business with them, which includes placing catering

orders. She also said the business will soon be selling gift cards in replacement of donations, so that when the restaurant does reopen, people can enjoy their food again.

“This is not a business, this is my home,” Kadoura said.

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James Cates Scholars present work



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Danita Mason-Hogans looks for imperfections in the bricks outside of Person Hall. Built by enslaved people, imperfections in the bricks can be attributed to fingerprints in wet clay.

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descendants of enslaved people, although the basis of her idea was that educational disparities reach all the way back to enslavement.

She had previously had multiple projects within CHCCS, like a museum and community room to honor the descendants of enslaved people. Her efforts weren't adopted.

And so, in her desperation, Mason-Hogans started forming the board for what would become Bridging the Gap, a nonprofit focused on providing educational opportunities for descendants of enslaved people.

Porch Sisters

Missy Julian-Fox, a lifelong Chapel Hill resident and a member of the family that owns Julian's fashion store on Franklin Street, met Mason-Hogans at the Big Bold Idea showcase.

"To meet Danita and some of her colleagues and friends, and for her to share this idea, for me it was like, 'My God, that's the bingo,'" she said.

After a breakfast meeting, Julian-Fox scheduled a sit-down on her porch. Mason-Hogans brought one more new friend, Sandra Wilcox Conway — a consultant and activist.

"Fast forward, and the three of us have been meeting for over three years, every Tuesday," Julian-Fox said. "One day, about

a year in, one Tuesday, Danita walked in and she said, 'Oh my gosh, I love my porch sisters.'"

Mason-Hogans said having both generational Black Chapel Hill women — like herself — and generational white women — like Conway and Julian-Fox — talking about equity issues and advocacy is special.

One day on the porch, Mason-Hogans asked Julian-Fox to be on the board of Bridging the Gap — which Julian-Fox said has been a learning experience in itself. The board is made up mainly of educators with about 150 years of combined experience.

Achievement gap

According to a 2018 study, CHCCS has the second-largest achievement gap between Black and white students in the country.

"I think that people broadly — because Chapel Hill is such a transient community — did not understand that history is present because these issues have never been dealt with from the enslavement, from Jim Crow, to today," she said. "And that history is very present in the performance of the children in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools."

Bridging the Gap's flagship project is the annual James Cates Scholars program — a paid summer internship for high school students to learn local Black history and

work on summer history projects.

The program started in 2019 when Mason-Hogans learned about students in a local high school producing a podcast asking other students about CHCCS' achievement gap. She called the students to ask how she could help.

She connected the students with recording equipment and resources at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

Those students were the first James Cates Scholars.

This summer's James Cates Scholars presented their work at the Chapel Hill Public Library on Aug. 7. One of this year's scholars was Nevaeh Hodge, whose summer project was focused on her ancestry — Hodge is a descendant of Carrboro's first Black family, the Strayhorns. He produced a documentary on their family house, built just after the Civil War.

Mason-Hogans said that summer projects are important, but without extra help during the school year students of color can fall behind. To address that, she wants Bridging the Gap to start an after-school program.

"Danita and Bridging the Gap offers us — all of us in the community, in the larger world — offers us an opportunity to change for the better the way our children learn, our school system works," Julian-Fox said.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Get free voter ID at your county board of election

Decision follows ruling that reintroduced the voting requirement

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County board of election offices across the state will now offer free photo identification for voting, according to an Aug. 2 press release.

The county office will collect the voter's name, date of birth and the last four digits of their Social Security number to issue the ID. This development follows the N.C. Supreme Court's decision in April to reintroduce an ID requirement to vote in North Carolina.

Kamaria E. Lawrence, a regional managing organizer for Democracy North Carolina, said she is concerned about a change in voting requirements.

"We are here to remove barriers to the ballot for people, specifically the Black and brown communities," Lawrence said. "But really, we want every single person who wishes to vote to be able to vote."

The photo ID requirement will be mandated for Orange County residents for the first time since 2016 in this year's upcoming Nov. 7 municipal elections, and it also applies to absentee ballots. Voters must attach a photocopy of their ID to their mail-in ballot for it to be counted.

Chris Cooper, a professor of political science and public affairs at Western Carolina University, said he is glad the requirement will be implemented during an odd election year before the 2024 nationwide election.

"I think we will be able to tease out what the effects are much better this year, so we will know what to expect in 2024," he said.

Voters can submit an ID exception form while casting their ballot if they have a reasonable impediment to showing photo ID, a religious objection to being photographed

or have been a victim of a natural disaster within the last 100 days, according to the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

Cooper said while research on voter ID requirements shows mixed results on turnout in election cycles, there is no question the law introduces a barrier.

Orange County Board of Elections chair Jamie Cox said any time there is a change in election requirements, there is a risk of creating confusion among voters.

Lawrence said, even with ID exceptions and free resources available, the presence of an ID requirement is still a deterrent when people do not receive the proper information.

"People will remember the negative longer than the positive, unfortunately," she said.

She also said other logistical barriers like work hours, transportation and inflation will continue to pose challenges for people who want to access these services.

But, this service will open up access to people in more rural areas. Seventeen of North Carolina's 100 counties lack a DMV, which was the sole provider of a free, non-driver photo ID before the state board's announcement.

Cox said the additional step of having to present an ID may cause confusion, but good communication is important.

"We have an excellent professional staff that does a fantastic job of communicating not only directly with voters, but with other stakeholders in the community," he said.

Cooper said free ID services are important and can have a positive impact, but only if people know about them.

"I think the real challenge for boards of elections and anybody who wants higher turnout is going to be letting the people know about all this," he said. "This is a big change in North Carolina."

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POLITICS

Budget stalemate impacts Medicaid, state employees

General Assembly is on track to vote starting Sept. 11

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The N.C. General Assembly has yet to pass the budget for the next two fiscal years, which began nearly two months ago on July 1.

Discussions between House and Senate leaders led to this stalemate, as they worked to reconcile disagreements on funding Medicaid expansion, state employee salaries and other issues.

"It's frustrating as a legislator, because I do believe that deadlines should have meaning," N.C. Rep. Donny Lambeth (R-Forsyth), senior chair of the House Appropriations Committee, said.

According to data provided by the N.C. Office of State Budget and Management, the General Assembly has passed seven annual budgets after the July 1 deadline since 2011.

Medicaid expansion

Medicaid expansion, which was approved by Gov. Roy Cooper in March, was originally planned to take effect on July 1 after the approval of the budget for the current fiscal year.

According to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Medicaid expansion in North Carolina will grant eligibility to those making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$20,000 per year for a single individual. The federal poverty level varies based on the number and ages of people in a household.

"The longer you have this process waiting to happen, you might actually lose some people in the process," Anca Grozav, the chief deputy budget director of the OSBM, said.

Due to the stalemate, thousands of residents were disenrolled from Medicaid on June 30 without an insurance plan to transition onto.

The NCDHHS announced an anticipated Medicaid expansion start date of Oct. 1, contingent on action by the General Assembly. In order to launch Medicaid expansion by October, the General Assembly will either have to pass a budget by Sept. 1 or "de-couple" expansion from the budget.

Decoupling expansion from the budget means passing Medicaid expansion on its own, apart from the approval of a budget.

State employee salaries

As the 2023-24 fiscal year begins without a budget, state employees

have yet to receive salary increases.

North Carolina is currently operating under continuing authority, meaning the government can operate on recurring funds from the previous fiscal year's budget.

Through continuing authority, the General Assembly cannot increase salaries. This includes step salaries, which are periodic salary increases that are already set in law for state employees.

"How can you retain and recruit teachers, hire bus drivers and school nurses if you're unsure of your budget, and what you will have for the entire year?" N.C. Rep. Renée Price (D-Caswell, Orange) said.

According to a report from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, the state had about 5,000 vacancies on the 40th day of instruction for the 2022-23 school year.

Price said each month without a new budget is delaying around \$60-\$200 in raises for teachers.

Benefit increases for retired state employees are also contingent upon an approved budget. All benefit and salary increases are retroactive, so retirees and employees will be compensated for time since July 1.

Lambeth said pre-planned vacations and meetings of General Assembly members have caused further delays in passing the budget.

He said the discussion process



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The North Carolina Legislative Building houses the Senate and House chambers. The General Assembly has not passed the budget for next two fiscal years.

for the annual budget begins with the area committee working out differences between the House and Senate budget proposals.

Those decisions are then sent to the committee chairs, which include Lambeth and other members of the House and Senate. Unresolved portions of the budget then go to the House and Senate leaders.

"The process works for a big organization, very bureaucratic, but it does take time," Lambeth said.

N.C. Rep. Allen Buansi (D-Orange) said the negotiation process is concentrated in a few people and that a lot of North Carolinians are not being heard.

"We've got a diverse state, population-wise, but then also geography-wise, infrastructure-wise," he said. "And the needs of the people of North Carolina are buried."

Lambeth said the legislature is on track to vote on the budget starting on Sept. 11.

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Campus organizations display students' works

Groups at UNC highlight student writing, art

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For students looking to share their creativity — and maybe even add to their resumes — UNC offers no shortage of artistic publications and showcases.

This list is a starter guide, so be sure to check out each organization online for specific submission guidelines.

Back Page

At the end of each year, this UNC creative writing club puts together a group portfolio called “Deep in the Drafts.” About half of the club meetings are workshops for the portfolio, making Back Page a collaborative and social experience.

“I would just encourage people to try because we usually get fewer submissions than we expect,” Back Page co-founder Naomi Ovrutsky said.

The club is open to any writer, regardless of the genre, she said.

Idiosyncrazy

For its fall and spring issues, this undergraduate literary magazine accepts emailed submissions of

poetry, fiction, philosophy, art, photography and human interest — or “anything you find entertaining and eccentric,” according to its website.

Its smaller size decreases the competitiveness associated with submitting to magazines, Yubin Kim, the magazine’s human interest editor, said.

Submissions for the upcoming fall issue, themed “The Dark Side of the Rainbow,” close on Oct. 1.

Monsoon

Monsoon, UNC’s South Asian interest magazine and advocacy platform, publishes yearly issues featuring original political writing, multimedia art, creative expression and cultural pieces.

The magazine aims to elevate, explore and express a diverse range of South Asian diasporic identities. Rachna Sehgal, former publicity chair, said Monsoon’s main goal is connecting South Asian Americans across campus and giving them a unique voice.

Monsoon takes submissions through its website, which also features its members’ multimedia art, including dance, videography and music.

Earthtones

According to the club’s mission statement, Earthtones aims to uplift artists of color and create a collaborative environment. The

collective hosts several artistic events throughout the year, such as a beat maker showcase, jam session and spring gallery show. They also publish an annual summer zine.

None of their projects are taking submissions at the moment, but the group said to keep an eye on their social media accounts for upcoming opportunities.

This year’s zine will come out early in the semester, joined by a physical arts showcase in the Student Union.

Health Humanities Journal

Every semester, this interdisciplinary journal publishes a selection of art and writing based on the intersection of the medical sciences and the human experience.

“If you have an experience that has inspired you to write and has inspired you to express the feelings, it’s going to resonate with someone else as well,” Health Humanities Journal Editor-in-Chief Ryan Phillips said.

Fall submissions close Sept. 10, with more guidelines available online.

The Global Gazette

This digital multimedia journal aims to integrate academic and creative expression relating to the theme of “the global” from an anticolonial lens, according to its website.

“For me, it has been really inspiring seeing the types of things our submitters have produced, all



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generated from this one theme of the global,” Eleni Econopouly, former president and a founding member of the Gazette, said.

Each semester, the journal accepts academic work and multimedia artwork through its website.

Cellar Door

Cellar Door is UNC’s oldest undergraduate literary journal. According to their website, they publish “the best poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and art of the student body since 1973.”

Submissions open in the fall, and print editions are released each spring.

Editor-in-Chief Abigail Welch said the journal wants the opinions,

perspectives and voices of all undergraduates — not just creative writing or studio art students.

Expresiones

Expresiones, a committee of Latine advocacy club Mi Pueblo, aims to create a space for Latine students to artistically express themselves in a nurturing environment, Expresiones Co-chair Destiny Garcia said.

The committee has no official publication but hosts several artistic events each year to support Latine students and celebrate the community’s diversity.

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CARRBORO

Farmers market offers more than greens

Community members shop creators' homemade, homegrown products

By Mila Mascenik
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Vendor tents lined the lush green yard of Carrboro Town Commons on Aug. 12, while a musician performed soulful songs to a bustling crowd at the National Farmers Market Week celebration. At the Carrboro Farmers' Market, days like this are frequent.

Run by farmers and artisans since its establishment in 1979, the market requires business owners to grow or produce their goods within a 50-mile radius of Carrboro, live within that distance and be on-site to sell.

The market consists of 75 vendors, including guest vendors who are reconsidered on a yearly basis. Most are farmers, and some have occupied the same space for years — something market manager Maggie Funkhouser believes is important for business.

"Having a permanent space is really important for customers to be able to find you," Funkhouser said. "So moving around week to week is not ideal for cultivating your relationships with your shoppers and that sort of thing."

Craft artisans are invited to the market to showcase their work, which typically includes what Funkhouser refers to as "heritage farm crafts" — goods made from woodworking, welding, quilting and similar processes.

Some vendors, such as Graham Family Farm, sell these types of crafts along with their produce.

The Pittsboro farm has been a vendor at the Saturday market for 40 years. They are known for their handcrafted woodworking items such as picnic tables, coat hangers and their most popular item, the cedar chest.

"That was our main thing for years," Louis Graham, who runs the farm with his wife and children, said. "I mean, I'm known as the cedar guy. People say, 'Oh my God, as soon as I got out of the car I could smell your place,' but for me, I can't smell cedar anymore."

He primarily uses eastern red cedar to create his woodworking items and said that about 60 percent of the wood he uses comes from logs on his farm.

Kara Thornton, the owner of Calvander Company and a new guest vendor based in Hillsborough, said she sold her modern-style pottery



PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LEWIS

Kara Thornton adjusted her booth at the Carrboro Farmers' Market on Saturday. Selling stoneware at her first Saturday show, Thornton was thrilled to be a part of the tight-knit community generated by the market.



Thornton is the owner of Calvander Company — a new guest vendor based in Hillsborough. She specializes in stoneware pottery and salvages secondhand goods.



Patrons of the Carrboro Farmers' Market can buy more than just produce. Vendors present handcrafted woodworks, pottery and more for sale.

for the first time at the Wednesday market on Aug. 9.

"Everyone was so nice and had a lot of questions and really sweet feedback," she said. "And it was so cool just to meet a bunch of people."

Thornton's company specializes in stoneware pottery, but she also salvages secondhand goods and creates handmade pieces like illustrations on stationery.

Every month during its main season — April through October — the market aims to hold various themed events, such as Strawberry Jamboree, Kids Seedling Day and June in Bloom.

The largest event is Tomato Day, which occurs during the first or

second week of July. Attendance can reach up to 6,000 customers in a five-hour window, Funkhouser said.

Most recently, the market celebrated the 24th annual National Farmers Market Week from Aug. 6 to 12.

The market hosted numerous activities, such as an educational museum experience about its history, samplings of in-season fruits and live music by Carrboro-based musician Rob Gelblum on Aug. 12.

Thornton said National Farmers Market Week was imperative for recognizing an emphasis on supporting local, getting to know the community and seeing the grassroots efforts of small

businesses, artists and farmers.

"The people, like I said, that were regulars on Wednesdays would say, 'Oh yeah, I read about you in the newsletter and that you're a new potter and welcome,'" Thornton said. "And everyone is just so friendly and invested in each other, which was just inspiring honestly."

On Sept. 2 the market is hosting Carrboro Cookout, which will highlight local meat farmers. There will also be a vendor Halloween costume contest on Oct. 28, where attendees can buy a \$1 ticket to vote for their favorite vendor.

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New Garden Spot supports small local food businesses



DTH/OLIVIA PAUL

Gail Jennings, owner of King's Pepper, served her award-winning African tacos at the Garden Spot behind Lantern Restaurant on Friday. Jennings' products are a blend of street food and West African influence.

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truly feels welcome on Franklin Street."

Garden Spot offers an unusual opportunity for vendors to participate with no fee, removing the financial boundaries of selling at a market, Parcell said.

Furthermore, Parcell said the initiative is working with the Small Business Center at Durham Technical Community College to create a network for vendors to share resources.

Another one of Garden Spot's partners is the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, which offers a music program encouraging small businesses to hire live performers to be part of the evening, Parcell said.

"We think it adds another space for the community to gather, to celebrate local vendors and help small, local businesses," Stephanie Cobert, director of marketing at the CHDP, said.

While food is the focus of Garden

Spot, Lantern and its partners also offer poetry readings and live music from local artists.

Junior Shreya Gundam, an interim sales associate for vendor Elaka Treats, said the project enforces community, and she can tell that it means a lot to the vendors because Garden Spot is a good opportunity for getting business traction.

Gail Jennings, the owner and founder of King's Pepper, has been selling her African taco kits locally but has never prepared and sold her food in North Carolina — until now. She said Garden Spot gave her the opportunity to put a personal spin on her own product.

"One of the things I love about doing Garden Spot is seeing the smiles on the faces of the customers when they take that first bite of one of my King's Pepper African tacos," Jennings said.

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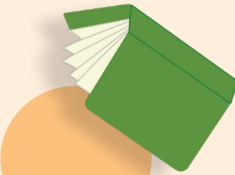
Books for between class

Lifestyle writer Madison Gagnon sat down with local booksellers to see what they've been reading. Here are their recommendations:

"The Secret History" by Donna Tartt



"A hallmark of the dark academia genre, the moody and atmospheric New England campus setting had me daydreaming of a college experience I had never had before wanted. Absolutely perfect autumn reading."
— Liv LaMarca, bookseller at Golden Fig Books



"Ninth House" by Leigh Bardugo

"It is about ghosts and attics and demons. And it's very entertaining."
— Claire Sykes, publicity chair of SOUL

"True Biz" by Sara Nović



"Sara Nović, a deaf educator and activist, crafts a fast-paced and charming story that highlights the multitudes of experiences specific to the Deaf community, while still inviting hearing readers into the conversation."

— Jacqueline Helgans, bookseller at Flyleaf Books



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Editorial Board members write unsigned editorials on behalf of the DTH and attend meetings on Monday and Thursday each week to brainstorm and pitch ideas. Each board member can expect to write a couple editorials a week.

Columnists and cartoonists produce content on a weekly basis, at the discretion of their editor.

Email Opinion Editor Le Ha at opinion@dailytarheel.com for an application and more information. Deadline is Sept. 1 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

What is the Editorial Board?

A group of student journalists who meet twice a week to discuss the latest news, seeking to comment on issues from an intersectional perspective. The Editorial Board is independent from The Daily Tar Heel's newsroom.

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COLUMN

Public transit connects UNC students to the Triangle



DTH/ANASTASIA GARCIA

Passengers ride the D bus route around UNC's campus on Sunday.

By Samad Rangoonwala
Columnist

Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Navigating

This guide gives you an overview of the routes you'll probably need or want to take and their timings, but you can use Google Maps to route your trip. Other apps like Chapel Hill Transit and Movelt will also let you track your bus and give updates on any service changes.

Chapel Hill Transit

Chapel Hill Transit runs 31 routes across Chapel Hill and Carrboro but you'll likely only need these six as a student: U, RU, NU, NS, J, D.

The U/Campus Shuttle: This route runs every 15 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays. On weekends, it runs every 25 minutes from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Key locations on the route are Franklin Street, the Student Union and South Campus.

This is your best option for getting to Franklin Street, as well as to and from North Campus.

The RU/Reverse Campus Shuttle: This route runs every 15 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays only. Key locations on the route are South Campus, the FedEx Global Education Center and directly in front of the Old Well.

This route is very similar to the U, with notable differences of stopping by the class buildings

along West Cameron Avenue and not stopping on Franklin Street or by the Student Union.

The NU: This route runs from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on weekdays, and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends. The timing is inconsistent on weekdays due to pandemic service cuts so check to see when the next bus is scheduled. The route does a loop around South Campus and the UNC Hospital before running up North Campus to the RR Lot. Unless you have a car parked in the RR lot you likely won't need to take it.

The NS: This route runs every 8 minutes, 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and every 80 minutes, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

The route goes south down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and stops on the west edge of campus and by the Craige Parking Deck before continuing to Southern Village Park-and-Ride.

This bus is best used for getting from Franklin to South Campus in a pinch or when trying to go up MLK Jr. Boulevard.

The J: This route runs every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and every 80 minutes from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. Key locations on the route are West Franklin Street, downtown Carrboro and the west edge of campus.

This bus is best for getting from campus to Carrboro, or to businesses down West Franklin Street such as Al's Burger Shack or Rumors Boutique.

The D: This route runs every 20 minutes from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and every hour from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. The route will take you from UNC Hospitals to Old Durham Road, stopping by campus on South Columbia Street. It's most useful for getting from campus to shopping centers like Eastgate Crossing, as well as the Chapel Hill Library and hidden gems like Caffe Driade.

GOTriangle

This transit agency runs the intercity bus routes across the Triangle (Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh) metro area.

400/405: This route has two buses that run it, which link between Chapel Hill and Durham. The only difference between them is the 405 stops in Carrboro and only runs during "peak hours" on the weekdays — while the 400 runs all week and only stops in Chapel Hill. Take the 400/405 from Carolina Coffee Shop if you want to go to downtown Durham (this is a good idea, it's got a lot to offer.)

The route ends at Durham's transit center where you can catch a GoDurham Bus (also free) across the city or grab a hotdog from HawkDogs, a stand next to the transit center. You can also take it to the Eastgate Crossing shopping center.

CRX: Take this route from South Road in front of the Student Stores to get to Raleigh. It runs from UNC's campus to the GoRaleigh Transit Center where you can catch a ride across the city or to our little bro N.C. State. 800/805:

This route will take you to the regional transit center. It stops on campus at South Road in front of the Student Recreation Center. From there you can take other GoTriangle buses to Raleigh-Durham International Airport, N.C. State and Cary. You can also take the 800/805 directly to the Streets at Southpoint, a popular local mall.

Other buses

Late Night (The P2P): The P2P, or as some call it the "party to party" bus, is the University-run late-night bus. It runs every 20 minutes from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. seven days a week. The route goes around campus stopping at nearly all dorms, Granville Towers and Franklin Street. Expect loud music and drunk students on weekends (sometimes weekdays too).

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OP-ED

‘Race-blindness’ is counterproductive

Their presence alone enriched the classroom environment, offering unique perspectives that expanded my understanding and patience. Their stories became a bridge for those unfamiliar with their journeys.

When I stepped foot on campus, I immediately recognized the profound contrast from my high school environment. The difference showed me that the opportunities I was about to embrace owed their existence to practices like affirmative action, which have been instrumental in fostering diversity.

Reflecting on enrollment data from past decades, we are confronted with shockingly low percentages of Black student enrollment at UNC, a stark

reminder of the institution's historical alignment with Jim Crow regulations.

With Black students only recently being granted more room in these institutions, policies like affirmative action allow for them to take up the space they deserve.

Understanding the historical context that necessitates policy like affirmative action, we can examine states that had previously banned affirmative action.

California saw a decrease in the number of Black and Hispanic students in the University of California system after it ended affirmative action. Additionally, these policies weakened the chances of those students completing college, attending graduate school and achieving higher salaries.

It's reasonable to expect that this trend will now extend to the rest of the country, significantly impacting these communities in a detrimental manner.

The Supreme Court majority's belief that a colorblind approach solves race-based disadvantage is, ironically, counterproductive.

Insisting that colleges disregard the race-related opportunity gap among students will not narrow it, but widen it. This Supreme Court decision undoubtedly prolongs the necessity for race-conscious policies. Systemic disparities are the very reason it is vital for admissions programs to consider race.

It's crucial to recognize that affirmative action aims to address the ongoing impacts of historical

injustices on the present generation.

Consider the historical practices like redlining that denied Black citizens home loans, discriminatory lending practices that charged disproportionate interest rates for Black borrowers and urban planning that reinforced residential segregation. These practices systematically hindered the ability of earlier generations to accumulate and pass on wealth, thereby limiting their descendants' opportunity for upward mobility.

Throughout my academic journey, I have personally witnessed the transformative power of affirmative action on campus dynamics. These policies have created a space where students of color, including myself, find validation and recognition.

Such an environment becomes a fertile ground for personal and intellectual growth. As we navigate the shifting landscape, it's important that we remain steadfast in our pursuit of both equity and diversity, adapting our approaches to ensure that inclusivity prevails.

— Adam Sherif, sophomore

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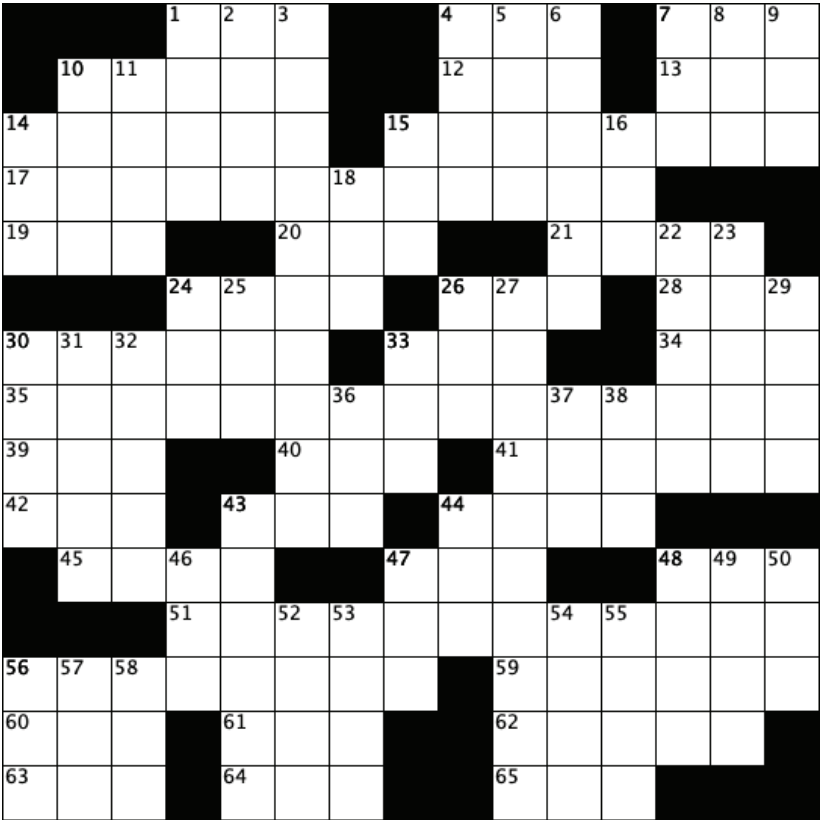
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“Breaking Up Ben Folds Five”

Liam Furlong is *The Daily Tar Heel’s* resident cruciverbalist. Liam is a UNC junior double majoring in Comparative Literature and Hispanic Literatures. He is from Wilmington, Delaware.

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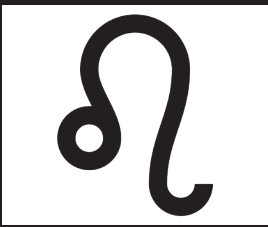
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- 30) “Flighty” character in Greek mythos
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- 43) Alexander Hamilton’s bill
- 44) Lunar New Years
- 45) Meyers of “Saturday Night Live”
- 47) Like Droopy the animated hound
- 48) Jedi ___-Wan Kenobi
- 51) Gaining and losing nothing, say
- 56) Kansas City state
- 59) Village authorities
- 60) Long period of time
- 61) Vaccine spot, usually
- 62) Taking Ms. Grafton to court?
- 63) Recent
- 64) Mr. Potato Head, for one
- 65) Arrange the plates and matching napkins?

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- 1) Still Life, for one
- 2) South Korean pop singer
- 3) Like many students switching majors
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- 14) US lawyer group
- 15) Single-helixed molecule, abbr.
- 16) de Armas of “No Time to Die”
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- 22) Hue, degree
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- 24) Cupped clothing article
- 25) Participate in cross country
- 26) The Tootsie Pop mascot, for one
- 27) Tenacity
- 29) Say it ain’t so
- 30) James Hurst story “The Scarlet ___”
- 31) Operates Python, say
- 32) Make up for one’s wrongdoings
- 33) Summer skin glow
- 36) Is able to dance to Offenbach’s music (twice!)?
- 37) Ackland exhibit
- 38) High-___ (good image quality)
- 43) Larynx location
- 44) Mai ___ (festive cocktail)
- 46) “Friends” and “Family Guy” network, abbr.
- 47) Crush some fresh powder, say
- 48) Word after ‘Dutch’ and ‘brick’
- 49) Ice mass, shortly
- 50) ___ and outs
- 52) Portuguese currency
- 53) Hit song by this puzzle’s titular band
- 54) Elmer’s product
- 55) Revision
- 56) “Two and a Half ___”
- 57) Anger
- 58) Spotted

HOROSCOPES

If August 23rd is your birthday...



Today’s Birthday (08/23/23). Embark on a fabulous and educational journey this year. Partnerships grow with steady shared rituals. Reap a lucrative autumn harvest, before winter explorations adapt around an obstacle. Making a financial adjustment next spring leads to shared summer profits. Learn valuable skills and tricks.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (MARCH 21–APRIL 19)

Today is an 8 — Prioritize health this month with the Sun in Virgo. Exercise builds energy, strength and endurance. Revise fitness goals and practices. Get your heart pumping.

LEO (JULY 23–AUG. 22)

Today is an 8 — You’re on fire this month! Generate increasing cash flow under the Virgo Sun over the next four weeks. Energize lucrative opportunities into fruitful harvest.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22–DEC. 21)

Today is a 7 — Step into greater professional leadership. Take charge at work under the Virgo Sun. Your career grows naturally over the next month. Dress for success.

TAURUS (APRIL 20–MAY 20)

Today is a 7 — Have fun with people you love. Learn from children. You’re especially lucky with romance under the Virgo Sun. Enjoy creativity, artistry and playfulness.

VIRGO (AUG. 23–SEPT. 22)

Today is a 9 — Take charge. Use your power and confidence to produce the results you want. You’re the star with the Sun in your sign this month.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22–JAN. 19)

Today is a 7 — Dig into research. Enjoy classes, workshops and seminars. Go explore over this month with the Sun in Virgo. Study and investigate. Discover unimagined wonders.

GEMINI (MAY 21–JUNE 20)

Today is a 9 — Energize domestic renovation and beautification projects this month with the Sun in Virgo. Prioritize family matters. Nurture your inner circle and home. Improvements empower.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23–OCT. 22)

Today is a 9 — Clean, organize and review. Savor peace and quiet over the next month under the Virgo Sun. Clear clutter to create space for what’s ahead.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20–FEB. 18)

Today is a 9 — Collaborate to grow shared accounts this month under the Virgo Sun. Organize and budget. Take advantage of lucrative opportunities to build financial strength.

CANCER (JUNE 21–JULY 22)

Today is an 8 — Indulge your curiosity. This month under the Virgo Sun favors communication projects. Write, record and express your views. Research and share what you’re learning.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23–NOV. 21)

Today is a 9 — Teamwork gets results with the Sun in Virgo for the next four weeks. Community efforts thrive. Social participation provides direct benefits. Network and connect.

PISCES (FEB. 19–MARCH 20)

Today is a 7 — Creative collaboration thrives. Partnership grows stronger with the Sun in Virgo this month. Rely on each other for mutual benefit. Tackle fierce competition together.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Pandemic-era summer camp still engages local youth

Hoops on the Hill reinvents the typical basketball camp

By Jordan Gooch
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In the summer of 2020, Will Tyndall and Evan Aycock were rising seniors at East Chapel Hill High School looking for something to do. Aycock’s mom suggested they start an outdoor basketball camp to provide a productive outlet for their boredom. They advertised the idea on UNC’s campus, printing out flyers for a \$15-per-day youth basketball camp to be held at UNC’s South Campus Recreation Complex. Tyndall and Aycock placed those flyers around Franklin Street and local basketball courts, hoping to draw some interest. Initially, they struggled to find consistency in numbers. Some days, there would be as few as one or two campers. “We didn’t know how to get people to come,” Aycock said.

A basketball camp unlike any other

The loosely-structured camp ran Monday through Friday for just two weeks that first summer. Anyone was welcome to attend; children

of all ages, genders and skill levels played against one another in pick-up games. That was something that made the camp unique. “We’ve had kids as young as 7 and as old as 17, and kids who could barely catch a basketball to ones that will probably play in college,” Tyndall said.

As long as the combined skill level of the teams was balanced, this dynamic worked well, Tyndall said. The younger players were taught by older, more experienced competitors. In contrast, older kids learned to be responsible and mature while playing with younger teammates.

The small number of participants was initially discouraging, Tyndall said. Still, he and Aycock decided the time they spent with the kids and the support they received from the community was worth it.

Hoops on the Hill gained traction in the following summers, and by 2023 the pick-up games had grown to nearly 70 campers. Some days this past summer, it felt like “half of Chapel Hill” was at the camp, Tyndall said.

East Chapel Hill junior Bennett Corley was one of the first people to attend the camp in 2020. He went on to participate all four summers. “I went to, I think, the second week of Hoops on the Hill they ever had,” Corley said. “I think that was one of the only things I did during that time, and it was a really good thing they did for kids — it gave



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILL TYNDALL

Camper at Hoops on the Hill hits a game-winning free throw during the championship game on July 14, 2023.

them something to do. I always had a great time being a camper there.”

A Chapel Hill tradition comes full circle

Aycock and Tyndall decided this past summer would be their last. As they shift their focus toward their career goals, the pair have handed over leadership of the camp to a new generation of teenagers.

Before entering their senior year of high school, Corley and Sam Smith of East Chapel Hill and JJ Wilcox of Durham Academy will take over the camp starting next summer. “They are really good basketball players but more importantly, they are really good kids and leaders,” said Aycock.

Corley said the uniqueness of the camp will not change. He wants to

keep the same relaxed structure that campers have become used to under the leadership of Tyndall and Aycock. “It was a major blessing,” Corley said of taking over the camp. “How many lives [Tyndall and Aycock] get to touch by doing something that simple — I feel like we all share a love for just the sport of basketball.”

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Tar Heels aim for fifth title in six seasons

UNC begins its regular season on Friday against Michigan

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The North Carolina field hockey program is entering a new era with first-year coach Erin Matson at the helm, yet the team's mantra is still the same.

"One game at a time."

All eyes are on Matson's first year as the leader of the program. After a series of exhibition games against Wake Forest and Duke, she said the players are focused on staying in the moment and taking care of business each day.

Matson said the team immediately bought into her transition as head coach following Karen Shelton's retirement. Part of that is because the expectations for the team haven't changed.

"[Matson] still has the same standards," sophomore forward Ryleigh Heck said. "She makes the team better playing with us, and as a coach, [she makes us] even better. She knows us, and she knows the program well."

New team leadership takes shape

With the graduations of Matson and former co-captain Meredith Sholder, the Tar Heels needed new



DTH/DEREK PENG

UNC sophomore forward Ryleigh Heck (12) acknowledges an assist after a goal during the exhibition field hockey match against Duke at Karen Shelton Stadium on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023. UNC won 5-3.

leadership from within the locker room. On Friday, the team selected seniors Katie Dixon and Romea Riccardo as this year's captains.

Riccardo, a starting defender for the past four years, is entering her fifth season with UNC after redshirting in 2018. She said her primary motivation is imparting the team's tight-knit culture

and legacy of winning onto her younger teammates.

Without Matson playing, the Tar Heels will have a major void to fill — Matson was not only the team's leading scorer but the ACC's all-time career leader in goals and points.

But, according to Matson, the Tar Heel roster is deep enough to make up for her absence on the field.

Matson said on Friday that Heck will most likely become the team's leader on offense. Last season, the New Jersey native was one of the Tar Heels' most consistent contributors with 18 goals and two assists. In UNC's 4-1 exhibition win over Wake Forest, Heck recorded the first goal for the Tar Heels — just like she did in the 2022 NCAA Championship game.

Matson also said the team will rely on veteran returners such as Riccardo, junior goalkeeper Abigail Taylor and junior back Kelly Smith, as well as fresh faces like first-year forward Charly Bruder and midfielder and forward Sanne Hak.

Tough opposition awaits in non-conference schedule

UNC will face the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Michigan Wolverines in Chapel Hill next weekend as a part of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge. North Carolina struggled early against the Hawkeyes in last season's iteration of the cross-conference battle but came back from a two-goal deficit to force an overtime victory.

On Sept. 1 and 3, the Tar Heels will compete in the ACC-Ivy Challenge in Philadelphia, where they will face UPenn and Princeton. Princeton was one of the better teams in the country last season, giving UNC trouble before its ultimate 4-3 loss to the Tar Heels last year.

As the defending national champions, Matson said there's a target on the Tar Heels' backs in every game, but that's nothing new for this program. For now, Riccardo said the team's eyes are set on the first games of the season against Michigan and Iowa.

"I'm super excited to start off with two tough games," she said. "It just sets the tone for the season."

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COLUMN

An open letter regarding the 2023 Football Preview



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Almost as soon as I had stepped foot within the lift, the elevator operator's query, delivered with a keen edge, cut through the air.

"Where's your press pass?"

In the intimate confines of that cramped elevator, an ironclad camaraderie of seasoned, older male peers enveloped me. I stood in stark contrast — the only woman in the elevator that carried us all up to the Kenan Stadium press box.

I looked down at the lanyard suspended around my neck, the laminated credential it held swaying gently. Words were superfluous. I looked back at the employee and pointed at my press pass in a simple, silent gesture.

There was a swift, "Oh, I'm sorry," followed by the ding of the elevator.

I'd finally arrived.

This marked my inauguration into the realm of UNC football coverage last year. It was the first home event I'd ever covered at Kenan Stadium, and I already felt like an outsider. Yet, I wasted no time immersing myself in the task at hand — delivering the best possible football coverage to our readers.

As I've given more and more to the game, the game has given back.

Over the course of the past month, our sports desk has invested countless hours in

faithfully attending near-daily football press conferences. Within open practice sessions, the minutiae of drills, strategies and potential lineups have been analyzed and dissected — a symphony of elements meticulously orchestrated for the forthcoming weeks. This intensive effort will culminate in The Daily Tar Heel's highly anticipated 2023 Football Preview, set to hit stands on Aug. 30.

Within the folds of these pages, uncharted stories about star quarterback Drake Maye, analysis of diverse position groups and updates on realignment talks and player eligibility will be sure to provide enough ammo to make any reader feel like an expert. In just a week, you'll be able to pick up a gorgeous copy filled to the brim with seven distinct position previews, five elaborate player profiles and a dazzling A1 graphic package. I'm talking a pin-to-your-wall, stick-to-your-fridge, pretty-ass paper.

This wouldn't be possible without the help of my Assistant Sports Editors Gwen Peace and Daniel Wei; our Sports Managing Editor Lucas Thomae; our Assistant Sports Photo Editor Lara Crochik; our four senior writers Brendan Lunga, Caroline Wills, Matthew Maynard and Noah Monroe; all our staff writers; all of DTH management; and the rest of the newsroom.

As Aug. 30 draws nearer, I invite you to prepare for an immersive plunge into an unparalleled football odyssey — an experience that transcends the mere physical dimensions of the field, an intricate tapestry of eloquent words and evocative images that crystallize the very essence of the Tar Heel football spirit...

Nah, I'm just playing. It's going to be a paper — a damn good one, though. Be sure to check it out.

With excitement and anticipation, Shelby Swanson, your DTH sports editor

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PROFILE

Field hockey team welcomes new assistant coach Tim Broenink

Former head of Norwegian national team joins UNC

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UNC's new assistant field hockey coach Tim Broenink is nothing short of committed.

After the Tar Heels' 4-1 exhibition win over Wake Forest on Friday, the team packed up for the 80-minute drive back to Chapel Hill. While they boarded the bus, Broenink talked with the other coaches, doing practice swings and brainstorming ways for the team to improve their shots and ball handling.

With a new head and assistant coach on the leadership staff, the players have had to adjust to a different style of practice and preparation. However, head coach Erin Matson said Broenink is transitioning into his new role perfectly.

"He has a very well-rounded resume," Matson said. "He has the same mindset as me and the rest of the staff in terms of who needs what."

A native of the Netherlands, Broenink began coaching teams there in 2009.

Later, as head coach, he led the Norway Men's National Team to a bronze medal at the 2019 Euro Hockey Championship Men IV tournament. Broenink also coached the Norwegian club team, Kringsja, and led them to a gold medal at the 2019 Euro Hockey Club Championship IV.

In addition to his international coaching experience, Broenink was an assistant field hockey coach for Syracuse for two years before joining North Carolina's program. Following former head coach Karen Shelton's retirement, he filled the vacancy created by former associate head coach



DTH/SAMANTHA LEWIS

UNC field hockey head coach Erin Matson and new assistant coach Tim Broenink walk off the field at halftime of the exhibition match against Duke at Karen Shelton Stadium on Sunday. UNC won 5-3.

Grant Fulton's departure.

Coming to Chapel Hill, Broenink had to adjust to a new life and a new locker room environment.

There is one familiar face for the new assistant coach on the Tar Heels' squad — graduate midfielder Pleun Lammers played under Broenink during his stint at Syracuse. Lammers also played for Broenink in the Netherlands with the Amsterdamsche Hockey & Bandy Club.

"Getting to know the players in the first week of preseason is pretty easy, because we have double trainings and you see them a lot," Broenink said. "I'm getting used to them; I know them all."

Although Broenink is new to the team, the players said they appreciate his style of coaching, formed by years of experience in the United States and overseas.

Senior back Romea Riccardo said Broenink challenges players to view the sport through a new lens.

"He's been a great addition," Riccardo said. "His field hockey mind is insane. He's having us think in different ways that we haven't thought of."

Broenink's impact is already visible. He started the second and final exhibition game just the same as he finished the first one — talking to players and coaches about what needs to be improved and how it needs to be handled.

As a coach, he has high aspirations for himself and the team this season. While the team's mantra is to only focus on one game at a time, Broenink said everyone knows what they're after.

"I think the team's goal is very clear," Broenink said. "We want to be national champions again. My role in that is to facilitate them the best way possible and try to help them achieve their goal."

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