Businesses saw more break-ins in October

By Trevor Moore
Staff Writer

Nine businesses were broken into in Chapel Hill and Carrboro during the month of October.

Aaron Nelson, president and CEO of the Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro, said in an Oct. 30 email to local businesses that the incidents were unusual, and either a glass-door or window was shattered to gain access inside.

Some of the businesses that were broken into include Bread&Stuff, The Pig, Chapel Hill Wine Company, Epilogue and Carrboro police reports. None of the businesses broken into responded to a request for comment.

But Dan Norham, interim communications manager for the Town of Chapel Hill, said a slight spike in the number of forcible break-ins to Chapel Hill businesses is likely an anomaly.

Six of the businesses broken into with force in October were in Chapel Hill, according to Chapel Hill and Carrboro police reports.

Two of these businesses were broken into on the same night, which Norham said could account for the three instances of breaking and entering.

Five of the six breaking and entering cases from October involved the breaking of glass. This includes the two businesses that were broken into on the same night.

Before October, six businesses in Chapel Hill were broken into with force in Chapel Hill from July through September.

“It’s not this huge spike for the month, because of those three happening at once,” Norham said. “Maybe it was one person who went door-to-door and quickly went into businesses in the first thing at once.”

And they weren’t an increase in one specific business type.

“Northam said Chapel Hill police are doing what they can to find the perpetrator or perpetrators.

“Unfortunately, it’s during the month of October, the Chapel Hill Police Department takes this very seriously,” Northam said. “And even if it weren’t three cases, if...”

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never missed any of his games, which she started attending at 10 years-old. She continued going until he was 12 years old when the coach taught her how to catch a ball. She used to think that the boys have an advantage in the sense that they can help more in the batting, singles, and games practices,” Vargas said.

In basketball, more than their duties include setting up for practices and games, doing statistics, picking up meals, rebounds and wiping the floors, doing laundry and helping with equipment.

As head manager, Steinbacher has been involved in and away from the game. She takes on more responsibility by coordinating with the coaches and making sure the players are where they need to be. “I feel very lucky to be at UNC and I think coach Williams has made Carolina basketball a family,” Steinbacher said.

Although managing one of UNC’s prestigious teams is a big time commitment, it opens up many opportunities for networking and internships in sports communication. Working 30-40 hours a week can help to protect them. Every case is important, especially in these times.”

**Matt Gladek**, Executive Director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, said he has not seen a change in how safe the Chapel Hill community is, even during the pandemic.

There’s just a lot more that are more desperate and are taking more risks,” Gladek said. “I’ve not been aware of anyone who’s been put at risk in any of these break-ins that have happened across the Triangle.”

Gladek shared a few tips from the Chapel Hill Police Department on how to reduce the likelihood of a business becoming a target for burglary.

“Keeping business well lit, locking security doors with deadbolts and making sure safes are fireproof and securely anchored. The email concluded by saying businesses concerned with safety can reach out for more tips and potentially even more help.

Both Chapel Hill and Carrboro police offer free security surveys for businesses looking to improve their level of safety.

**Office DJ: Take a trip around the world**

By Nathan Wesley

If you told me The Cheetah Girls would one day be in my life, I never thought about different cultures around the world, Spanish and foreign music, I would have said you were insane.

Bop beep beep, dick, beep beep beep, I used to try and memorize every single day of the day into Radio Disney because I knew the top song of that night.

“So What” by PINK.

The next year, my school offered me a Spanish class and I jumped at the opportunity. From Argentina to Venezuela, I was introduced to different cultures and what they had to offer, which related to foreign songs.

When I was applying to college, I sought out a campus that offered not only a good education, but also a diverse pool of students from different backgrounds.

Although UNC is not the most diverse school, I have been able to meet people from all around the world. By meeting new people, I have also gained new perspectives on life and exposure to fashion styles and music I would have never discovered otherwise.

For most of the foreign songs that I like, I find it challenging to find the lyrics to see if my assumptions were correct. Most of the time, I was enlightened, sharing their culture with me and introducing me to songs like “La Bamba” and “La Lumbre”. Although I may not remember the lyrics to “A Hiphop” in the song “On the Brain,” I have been able to enjoy the making of a major Bollywood film.

“Festival last year, I discovered BTS music that you want to bounce. While ’Boys With Luv’ and hip-hop, BTS has climbed the charts as being one of the most successful and popular global bands. The K-pop group raps, sings and has collaborated with various American artists. I don’t always know what some of the foreign songs are saying, but I like them. And I like being in touch with you. So, take a trip around the world with me in only two hours.”

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**Female managers blazing trails in male sports**

By Kelly Kendall

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Carolina Housing will be rehiring a limited number of student staff for the 2021-2022 academic year after fall semester resident advisers and other staff members in the fall. In an email to student staff on Nov. 6, Carolina Housing said it will rehire a limited number of staff based on operational need. This decision was made in light of UNC’s plan to reduce housing capacity by having students seeking residence in on-campus housing or Gramville Towers live in single-occupancy rooms.

This decision has been met with mixed reactions by current student staff members who are understanding of the unusual circumstances, but nervous they won’t be rehired.

Allan Blattner, Carolina Housing executive director, said in a statement that Housing will increase operations for the spring relative to the fall.

“Decision to reduce housing numbers will be based on operational need, as we are planning to move out 3,500 residents on campus, which will be reduced capacity than our residence halls typically have when we have 4,500 to 5,000 residents,” Blattner said in the statement.

To be rehired, current student staff must complete an application for the available positions, including resident adviser, community manager and office assistant. The position of resident advisor mentor has been eliminated — but these student staff will be allowed to reapply for RA positions.

“As we wait for final residence hall occupancy numbers, the application process is open for eligible, former student staff members who are interested in potentially being re-hired for the spring semester,” Blattner said in the statement. “We reached out to those students to let them know about the application process.”

One former RAM, who requested anonymity due to future employment concerns, said he is planning to see the RAM position taken away.

“As an RA who’s been in the position for a while, there was something about the resident advisor mentor position that felt like you’re going a step further, you were getting more professional development on your end,” the RAM said.

Eliminating the position RAM also means a financial change for current resident adviser mentors.

“A lot of the distress I’ve heard from RAMs is that our position gets about $8,000 less than not having the RA position,” they said.

The RAMs said getting this position will affect not only students holding that position, but also the broader community living with them.

Despite these challenges, the RAMs said they are still planning to reapply for an RA position next semester.

All student staff who wish to continue working for Carolina Housing are asked to reapply for spring positions. Housing confirmed their requested anonymity, said they do not plan to reapply for their position next semester.

“I think having to do an entire reapplication process with essays is really extraneous,” the RAM said. “Especially considering the fact that they’ve been really doing this rigorous application process to even become an RA in the first place.”

Though they appreciate Housing’s effort to maintain some student employment, the RA said the reapplication process felt unnecessary.

“I don’t envy Carolina Housing in making this decision, because I’m going to be having somebody mad at me,” the RAM said.

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The 2020 election showed that white people must be better allies to communities of color.

If COVID-19 were a YouTuber, it would be preparing for a special Thanksgiving video in hopes of increasing its following. COVID-19 doesn’t want you to be safe this holiday season. It wants to continue to rack up high numbers. The video would provide tips for Thanksgiving, detailing the most unsafe ways to spend the holidays during the pandemic. The first tip would be to gather in the largest group you can. Doing so would need to be packed into one house. Everyone should wear masks, because you know what they say, “Viruses need days to live.” The video will thank Black Lives Matter as well, no need to worry about it.

The third tip would be to make sure to share all utensils. It’s OK, and actually encouraged, to eat and drink after all the family members. Everyone is family anyway. This is your ‘no infecting family rule’.

The last and most important tip is to cough. Cough everywhere, on everything. Don’t cover your mouth. Just let the particles fly in every direction: in the mac and cheese, the rolls and the turkey.

That’s right. Not one spot of the house should be germless by the time the feast is finished. The terrible messaging that would be in that video wouldn’t be much different from messages that influencers have been spreading throughout the pandemic. They’re here at parties and traveling overseas, not as worried about the devastation that the virus has caused millions of people.

If COVID-19 were a YouTuber, it would want about time to cancel it. I’m not one to buy into cancel culture, but aren’t you all tired of the COVID-19 news cycle and the rage that it holds — claiming 10 million lives in the United States alone? It’s time to take power back by being responsible, wearing a mask and spreading the word about it.

It’s time to finally hit the stop button on this long COVID-19 YouTube video, and hit play on the part of our lives that was paused back in March.
Students combat boredom with trendy TikToks

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North Carolina high schools navigate return of sports

By Brian Keyes
Sports Editor

Athletes are back in North Carolina high schools, but just what that looks like has varied greatly between public and private schools. Back in August, the North Carolina High School Athletics Association (NCHSAA) approved an altered schedule that only just started allowing volleyball and cross country teams at public North Carolina high schools to return to practice on Nov. 4.

Meanwhile, the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association (NCISAA), which governs athletics at private schools in the state, has completed its fall schedule — except for its fall football championships.

The cause for the difference in schedules was due to the NCHSAA board of directors voting before the Aug. 12 calendar release to delay the season. An internal survey of NCHSAA member schools revealed that most principals were in favor of playing sports, but delaying most activities until the spring semester.

The only sports taking place in public high schools are cross country, which is labeled as a low-risk sport by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, and volleyball, which is a medium-risk sport.

Qua Tucker, commissioner of the NCHSAA, said because the NCHSAA governs public schools, the recommendations of the health department regarding amateur athletics are more like mandates that the public schools must follow. That means high-risk sports like football won’t be played until the state gives the go-ahead for public schools.

“We need to get a green light, if you want to put it that way, from the Department of Health and Human Services. We can’t play football right now,” Tucker said.

Schools in the NCISAA have already nearly finished their fall seasons, opting to delay the full slate of fall sports only until September.

Susan Steadman, assistant director of the NCISAA, said the NCISAA considered postponing the athletics season until the new year, like the NCHSAA, but ultimately decided it wasn’t necessary to delay that long.

Durham Academy is one private high school that plays under NCISAA in the Triangle Independent Schools Athletic Conference. Andy Pogach, Durham Academy’s athletic director, said the school is following all the guidelines from the NCDHHS.

“If anything, I think we were more stringent in our rule-following than what the state has put out there,” Pogach said.

Durham Academy doesn’t have a football program, which Pogach said made the return easier because no decision had to be made about playing a high-risk sport this fall. The school allowed workouts over the summer that were socially distanced with heavy restrictions; students were masks and were not allowed to share any equipment.

When Gov. Roy Cooper moved the state in late July from Phase 3 to Phase 2 of its reopening, students were allowed to share equipment and tryouts were conducted while socially distant. By mid-September, students were scrimmaging while wearing masks, and Durham Academy even had players wear masks during competitions, although that restriction was lifted in mid-October.

Steadman said during the season for NCISAA schools, there were students participating in athletics who tested positive for COVID-19, although declined to say how many or at which schools. Schools that had positive cases canceled part of their schedule.

“They quarantined, they did what their local health department told them to do with tracing and quarantining,” Steadman said. “No one sacrificed safety or health to get in games, they responded, and none of it impacted our us on a large enough scale to stop playing sports.”

For public schools, their county school boards had to approve a plan to return. Orange County Schools, which contains Cedar Ridge High School and Orange High School, approved a plan that differed slightly from the overall guidelines from the NCHSAA, requiring schools to return to workouts in a gradual manner.

For the first week of optional workouts starting on Oct. 14, coaches and athletic directors at OCS were allowed to only conduct two workout sessions with 50 percent intensity said Jason Johnson, the OCS athletic director. Programs were allowed to increase the intensity and number of workouts each week until practice started on Nov. 4.

“You want to bring them back slowly, where you’re not giving 100 percent all out the first practice because that you do that and you know, the chances of injury increases,” Johnson said.

Because of the differences in schedules, its unlikely public and private schools will be able to compete against each other in competitions this year. There will be some possibilities for cross play though — Tucker said in a panel with HighSchoolOT.com on Oct. 29 that some schools would be allowed to schedule football games with NCISAA schools who opted to have spring football seasons.

Both private and public athletics organizations said they felt it was important to have some form of athletics for students this fall while schools are at altered schedules.

“(Sports) have a role to play in enhancing our academic pursuits of our student athletes. That’s our mission,” Tucker said. “And in keeping with our mission, we want it to be able to provide interscholastic athletics that enrich and support our AP academic programs.”

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The athletic fields of Chapel Hill High School sits empty on a Wednesday afternoon on Nov. 4, 2020.

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Nonprofit finds ways to support public library

By Claire Tynan
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UNC Advisory Committee members met Wednesday to discuss the process of naming a new secretary of the faculty, the potential formation of a staff advisory committee and how to reopen campus in the spring.

Members shared thoughts on how to make the process for vetting and nominating a new secretary of the faculty open to a wider pool of candidates of more diverse identities.

This position, held in five-year terms, is important among faculty because the selected faculty member will serve on 10 committees and play an important role in conducting elections and key council votes.

Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz explained that rigorous COVID-19 testing is a large aspect of the plan to reopen campus in the spring. He said there will be four COVID-19 testing centers on campus, with more information coming in the next couple of weeks.

**What’s new?**

• Robust COVID-19 testing will be a focus for the spring, Guskiewicz said. He said another goal is to reactivate the campus and give students a better college experience.

• "We have to be sure that students recognize that there's more that happens beyond the in-classroom experience," he said.

• Tom Kelley, a professor at the UNC School of Law, said there are different metrics to consider in determining a safe return to campus. He also said the University needs to be very transparent with students and the community.

• "We need a robust testing program," he said. "We need programs that are going to help support the mental health of our students. But, we also need to be extremely clear about the ways in which we are going to very strictly enforce these rules."

• "In searching for a new secretary of the faculty, multiple members of the committee emphasized the need for diversity among nominees, including identities such as gender orientation, race, ethnicity and others."

• Dr. Kenya McNeal-Trice, a professor of pediatrics, said the nomination process, which currently does not ask for a nominee’s race or gender, should include more identifiers.

• "We will need to roll that momentum over into Saturday’s game against Wake Forest. Although Hartman only has four passing touchdowns this season, he’s an effective passer who makes few mistakes. He’s the only starting quarterback in the ACC without an interception to his name, and he boasts a 160-97 quarterback rating."

Hartman’s most dangerous target is wide receiver Jaquarii Roberson, who leads Wake Forest in receiving yards with 490. Containing Roberson and an efficient Wake Forest passing game will be key in Saturday’s matchup.

By Cooper Metts
Staff Writer

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UNC quarterback Sam Howell (7) runs the football against Wake Forest on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019.

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Internal bank would allow UNC System to lend

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significant concerns about the establishment of a UNC System internal bank, after learning that the UNC System was moving forward with its plans.

The System has still received no response to the letter, Folwell said.

How will an internal bank work?

The UNC System internal bank would house money in its constituent institutions for various capital projects, including energy-saving projects, equipment and technology leasing, construction bridge loans and other short-term, small projects.

Additional details were shared during the meeting on July 22 at the UNC Board of Governors Committee on Budget and Finance meeting, as Carter updated the group about progress that had been made toward the internal bank.

At the meeting, Carter said the internal bank is envisioned as a way to leverage the collective buying power of the UNC System Office — its "perceived credit rating." He said that for a decade, universities had been unable to borrow money on their own terms, and on starkly different terms.

The internal loans would effectively reduce the overall institutional borrowing cost, decrease time required to access funds and provide predictable interest rates, according to the UNC System’s assessment of the project stated in the meeting documents.

“This is what I believe to be a cottage-
dge concept that I think we’ve pleased to lead,” James Holmes Jr., budget and finance committee chairperson, said at the July meeting. “I think everybody would like to find this to be an exiting way to leverage the economies of scale created in the system.”

According to meeting documents, the bank concept has been used effectively by other multi-campus and large private universities.

Concerns

After learning about the updated plans for the internal bank Carter presented in July, Folwell sent a letter to Hans and listed over a dozen questions. In the letter, Folwell also requested the opportunity to speak about the internal bank at the UNC Board of Governors meeting.

While Folwell was not given the chance to speak at the meeting, he said he understood why part of the meeting’s agenda was not allocated to discussing the internal bank due to necessity of COVID-19 matters.

He had the opportunity to address the BOG, Folwell said he would have mentioned, "chasing solutions in search of a problem.

Folwell said he saw no reason in the current borrowing system.

Folwell said he is also critical of the possibility of the internal bank being used by the UNC System to generate a profit. He said the UNC System is not starved for capital as the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer just issued $140 million voter-approved Connect NC Bonds, with a zero percent interest rate on the UNC System. The amount received is an estimate of what the projects on the UNC System’s capital improvement lists will cost.

Looking ahead

Folwell emphasized the need for more details about the internal bank and its implementation, since the implications could be far-reaching.

"We’re not in the business of no, but he cannot support it right now because details are lacking. Folwell said he expects the UNC System to respond to his questions.

"The UNC System has been continuing our due diligence efforts on the internal bank program while developing the proper oversight, reviewing requirements, and credit policies for when the program is launched,” Ellis said in the email.
The group of Raleigh Charter High School students in the “Freedom Struggle Committee” who are working to memorialize victims of lynching in North Carolina.

What the DTH’s first diversity audit reveals

Racial Makeup

- Other
- Latino/Hispanic
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- White

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Editor’s Note: This is one of the first concrete steps we’ve taken to create a newroom to understand who we are and how we can do better. We know we have a lot of work to do, and I asked staffers to do this last summer. When we changed our social media policy, all I ask is that you hold us accountable.

Ramishah Maruf
Arts and Culture Editor

For the first time, The Daily Tar Heel distributed an internal audit to give our staff a sense of the diversity of our staff, asking questions on race, ethnicity, income level and more. Though we don’t have data to compare to past years, the audit shows what the newsroom has always known: the staff of The Daily Tar Heel is overwhelmingly white and upper middle class from suburban areas.

The Daily Tar Heel is not the presentation on the memorial, the committee received an anonymous donation of $10,000, allowing them to formally launch the fund for the memorial with the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Allison Jimerson, a committee member, said the donation was a major encouragement for the group in making them feel supported in their efforts.

“From feel like you’re the only person that really cares about this work,” Jimerson said. “But once you see there’s support from our school community, and just from our community in North Carolina, it’s really encouraging because we know that there’s actually people who are backing us.”

Many members said they’ve seen a growth in support for the project over the past summer, in light of national conversations surrounding systemic racism and police brutality.

As the movement gains traction in the school and local community, the committee remains involved in conversation with local architects, policy makers, historians and activists to decide what the memorial should look like, and where it should be placed.

Winter said some concerns among members include how to create something meaningful without being evocative or traumatic, and how to pick the right location so people won’t feel as if they can’t view it personally.

However, she said all members agree they want the memorial to say the names of those who were lost across the state from lynching, as well as include appropriate historical context of all known victims in NC. In addition, members want to include an element that memorializes “unknown” victims, who may not have been recorded or identified by public databases, such as the student-driven project the Red Record.

Sammi Tucker, a committee member, said she hopes the memorial will prompt people in the community to realize how locally Lynchings took place, and how that history still affects people today.

“Lynchings were not just something that happened to people in the Deep South,” Tucker said. “It happened here, in North Carolina.”

Tucker said the memorial was important to her as a Black woman, as she believes the burden of the history of Lynchings is often solely placed on Black Americans, while formal education tends to sweep the subject under the rug.

“It’s very important for me to bring up these conversations, and to have other people bring up the conversations about my history and the brutal things that were done to me as an ancestor,” Tucker said.

She said she hopes the memorial helps people engage in knowledgeable conversations about the history of lynching and how it’s relevant to current events.

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