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## Meta sued for unethical data collection

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On Oct. 24, N.C. Attorney General Josh Stein, along with 41 other attorneys general across the United States, sued Meta, the owner of Instagram and Facebook. The lawsuit claims Meta created a business model that focuses on maximizing the time and attention young users spend on its platforms while implementing harmful and manipulative product features to prolong usage.

It also alleged the company knowingly collected data from users under the age of 13 without parental consent — which is in direct violation of the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act.

“A whole generation of young people struggle with their health and safety because companies are trying to make an extra dollar,” Stein said in a press release. “I am bringing this action to demand that Meta do better and not

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## H.B. 259 shocks, concerns UNC faculty



DTH/KENNEDY COX  
W. Fitzhugh Brundage, a distinguished professor of history, learned about a UNC System change when peers from other universities asked for his thoughts.

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Members of the UNC Board of Trustees called for “a full and open explanation to the entire University community” in a Nov. 3 letter regarding the North Carolina General Assembly’s decision to limit distinguished professorships to STEM fields.

A provision in House Bill 259, which became law in October, prevents professors outside of STEM fields from earning distinguished professorships in the UNC System. In a Board of Governors meeting on Oct. 19, the BOG proposed a revision to

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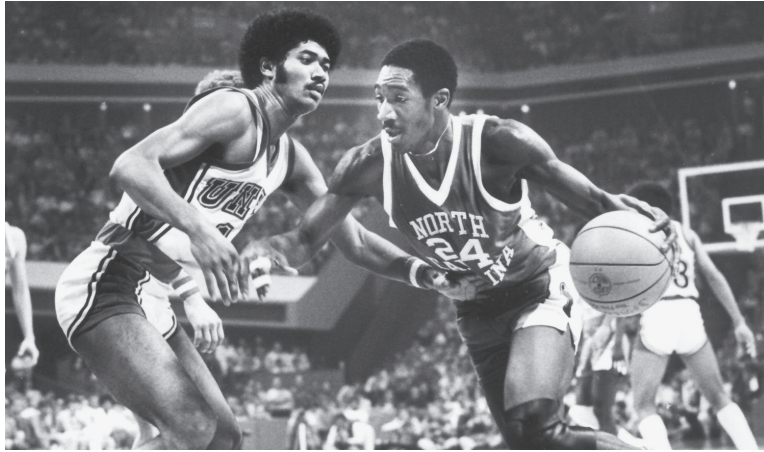


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Former UNC small forward Walter Davis (24) dribbles the ball during a game against UNLV.

## Walter Davis dies at 69

Tar Heel community remembers uncle of Hubert Davis

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With the broken index finger of his shooting hand taped to his middle finger, Walter Davis wrapped his arm around a sobbing Mike O’Koren.

UNC had just lost the 1977 national championship to Marquette.

The image of Walter consoling O’Koren stands out to Mitch Kupchak to this day.

“He’s caring for his teammate,” Kupchak, a former teammate and close friend of Walter, said. “It’s a big loss and, probably, you should have your head in your own lap, but he’s got his arm around O’Koren.”

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ACC CHAMPIONSHIP

## One Heck of a win

UNC field hockey claims seventh consecutive conference title

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — In Friday’s ACC Championship, Ryleigh Heck earned a top spot on SportsCenter’s Top-10.

After her initial shot was blocked by Duke midfielder Paige Bitting, the UNC sophomore forward grabbed her rebound, flicked the ball up, dribbled it in the air off her stick and then bounced it over the head of ACC Goalkeeper of the Year Piper Hampsch to give the Tar Heels a 1-0 advantage early in the third period.

“In my head, I’m like, ‘Oh, maybe I’ll just try it right now,’” Heck said. “Why not? You probably won’t even see it coming because you don’t really see that a lot in a lot of games.”

And, for about six minutes, Heck claimed her spot as North Carolina’s leading scorer over the season, off of one of her favorite moves, “air dribbling” — a skill she started practicing in the fourth grade tucked between the walls of her childhood bedroom.

But when first-year forward and ACC Freshman of the Year Charly Bruder found the back of the cage in the 39th minute off a pass from Heck, the title of the leading goal scorer was split once again between Heck and Bruder, both with 11 goals a piece.

According to head coach Erin Matson, Bruder and Heck are a “unit” inside the circle this year. The pair’s cohesiveness carried No. 2 UNC to a 2-0 victory over No. 3 Duke in the ACC title match to clinch the program’s seventh consecutive championship crown.

With the absence of Matson on the field in a North Carolina uniform, the Tar Heels needed someone to step up on offense this year to fill the gap left by the ACC’s all-time scoring



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UNC sophomore midfielder Ryleigh Heck (12) drives the ball down the field during the field hockey game against Duke during the ACC Championship on Friday.

leader. Now, UNC has solidified not one, but two underclassmen as the new leaders of the offense. Currently, Heck and Bruder are tied for fourth in the ACC for goals.

“They’re both just desperate to score,” Matson said. “They love it. They’ll never be sick of it.”

After Heck’s goal ignited the UNC offense, the duo made sure to work together to put away the match for good later in the third period.

At the top of the circle, Heck strategically passed the ball through traffic to Bruder, who slung a shot over her shoulder into the left corner of the cage.

“We knew we had to put one away just to kind of solidify the win,” the first-year said. “Ryleigh passing a perfect ball, I knew I had to execute it.”

Not only are the two complementary offensive machines on the field, but Bruder also calls Heck one of her best friends. Heck is the person who is always willing to go out on the field to get in reps with her early in the morning. They rarely compete against each other in practice, preferring to work together. She’s the teammate the rookie turns to for advice. And, over the summer, Heck and Bruder vacationed at the beach together.



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UNC junior midfielder Jasmina Smolenaars (22) takes the ball during the field hockey game against Duke during the ACC Championship on Friday.

Bruder said their friendship off the field has only served to deepen their connection on it. Matson sees it, too.

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## ATHLETE WELLNESS

# 'Completely overlooked': Professor fills gaps in sports science research



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Little is known about the effects of hormonal contraceptive use on athlete performance. One UNC researcher is attempting to fill the gaps by looking into the specific health needs of female athletes.

Abbie Smith-Ryan is looking into impacts of menstruation on athletes

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UNC professor of exercise physiology Abbie Smith-Ryan said she thinks “estrogen is a superpower.” Director of UNC’s Applied Physiology Laboratory, Smith-Ryan currently researches practical applications for exercise, performance, recovery and nutritional strategies for women and men. Her research has revealed key differences in the health needs of female athletes, who often require specific consideration due to their menstrual cycles, hormonal contraception and other factors that can impact performance.

She said there should be more investment into understanding and applying these gendered differences in the sports field.

According to the National Library of Medicine, there are major gaps in research dedicated to women’s health in sports. A 2021 study in the *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*, Six percent of sports and exercise science research published between 2014 and 2020 centered on women specifically.

“If you think about coaching and education and support, there’s not a lot of conversations or people are afraid to talk about periods,” she said.

Smith-Ryan was selected alongside colleague Anthony Hackney, professor of exercise physiology and nutrition, to participate in the FIFA Female Health Project as part of the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup this past summer, where she helped develop a framework for combating inequalities in women’s health in sports.

“It’s always pretty incredible when your research can have some sort of impact. And the most exciting part is that this is just the beginning,” she said.

Sam Moore, a third-year doctoral student in UNC’s Human Movement Science curriculum and a student of Smith-Ryan’s, said she has enjoyed the opportunity to present similar findings to different strength and conditioning staff and other sports exercise professionals.

However, she said she has been surprised by the responses her work has received. She said she faced resistance against changing training according to menstrual cycles and birth control for female athletes.

She said she has observed discomfort from male strength coaches who must adapt to gendered training, in addition to the larger research community. Despite the reactions Moore received, she said female athletes have responded to her efforts “incredibly positively.”

Before coming to UNC in 2021, Moore worked at NC State as an assistant strength and conditioning coach where she helped design training programs around aspects of the female hormonal landscape regarding factors like birth control and the menstrual cycle.

She said for many of her athletes, it was their first time having a female strength coach, which she suspected was a source of doubt at first.

“When you have these experiences across the menstrual cycle at whatever point, sometimes the feedback that you can hear from former female athletes or other women is like, ‘Well, I went through it, and I was fine, and so you need to just buck up and get through it,’” she said.

Grace Saccone, a former soccer player at Indiana University, said if everyone on her team had discussed their period cycle openly, she would have felt more compelled to work to understand her period health.

Saccone said she struggled with amenorrhea, a condition resulting in the absence of a regular menstrual period, while entering college. She added that because of their physical activity levels, many of her teammates experienced a similar condition, which was regularly considered a “badge of honor” rather than a cause for concern.

Hormone pills prescribed to her by nutritionists were only “band-aids”

on a much larger issue, Saccone said. It was not until a doctor questioned her about her physical activity levels and restrictions she had placed on her eating that she realized she needed to make changes in her behavior.

“There are so many things we can leverage about female physiology to make us better athletes that are completely overlooked either because they’re cliché or uncomfortable,” she said.

Smith-Ryan said in an email that while practical applications have been “slow to integrate” at UNC, many women’s teams at the University have begun tracking and comparing menstrual cycles and hormonal contraceptive use to athlete performance. She also said her department has made efforts to qualify these observations as research, and has initiated conversations with UNC athletics about the unique support needed by female athletes.

Moore said female health evaluations and collaborations between UNC’s academic and athletic community can be difficult due to a lack of enforcement. She said these partnerships can often be individualized, such as when she approached UNC women’s teams about developing a universal female athletic questionnaire.

“I think making it this systematic collaboration and [having] clear expectations and clear roles, I think will help in the future of consistency of data collection and consistency of implementation and [ensure] everyone’s on the same page,” Moore said.

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## EQUITY

## Graduate students face gaps in insurance coverage

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Toni DiNardo has postponed an appointment for medical scans recommended by her doctor for a year because she “can’t face the price.”

DiNardo suffers from sarcoidosis, a chronic disorder that causes pockets of inflamed tissue to develop in various organs. She said the condition requires many preventative treatments, including CT scans, MRIs and other expensive imaging procedures.

As an English graduate teaching fellow, DiNardo is covered by the Graduate Student Health Insurance Program. GSHIP provides insurance to graduate students who work as research assistants, teaching assistants, fellows or trainees and who earn a minimum stipend of \$8,000.

The plan includes a \$400 deductible and an out-of-pocket maximum of \$2,000 for individuals in-network.

Coinurance is a fixed percentage of the cost of a service paid by the insurance holder.

“The problem is while it’s good for catastrophic stuff like that — you have to go to the ER, you have to get surgery, stuff like that — I often don’t get routine care,” DiNardo said.

She said in addition to the cost risk of coinsurance in comparison to copay, the lack of transparency in healthcare prices often requires her to decide whether the financial burden of various tests and procedures was worth it when she was not certain until after the procedure how much it would cost her.

Despite helping many individuals find in-network doctors, some graduate students covered by GSHIP, like DiNardo, are still barred from accessing care due to difficulty meeting a deductible and keeping up with coinsurance payments.

Lauren Hawkinson, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Government, said multiple students, including herself, have expressed concerns about the lack of dental insurance within the plan.

She also said while Counseling and Psychological Services is available to students, many end up connecting with outside mental health providers. She said when seeking a provider, the financial strain of meeting the deductible and paying for the portion of appointments not covered by coinsurance inhibit graduate workers’ ability to access mental health services.

Jake Diana, the director of health and wellness for the Graduate and Professional Student Government who also struggles with a chronic illness, said that in addition to gaps in the plan, graduate school is many individuals’ first time independently shouldering the responsibility of their health insurance.

“Having a chronic condition and understanding whether or not your health insurance covers the unique treatments that you need is very anxiety-inducing, and it can be cost-intensive,” Diana said.

In response to recent concerns of over a nearly 104 percent increase in the price of student health insurance rates within the UNC System, the Board of Governors



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hired an independent consulting firm, Gallagher Student Health and Special Risk, to conduct a feasibility study to reassess the potential for changes that might be made to health insurance for all schools in the UNC system going forward.

A summary of the resulting Gallagher report was released last week, and a BOG meeting took place Tuesday with representatives from the firm to discuss the findings. The study indicated the benefits of switching to a “self-funded” system where employers are responsible for paying back insurance claims.

The study also found that a self-funded plan could offer potential savings of approximately \$1-6 million per year and lower rate inflation since the University, as opposed to a third-party insurer.

Currently, all universities in the UNC system have uniform rates for

Student Health Insurance Programs. The report recommended tiered premiums instead to ensure that student expenses reflect the average costs of each university, “creating a fair and equitable system where students contribute to their SHIP coverage in a manner that accurately reflects their university’s unique costs.”

While the report displayed the benefits of a switch to a self-funded insurance model, the UNC system is in charge of deciding whether such a switch will be made. Furthermore, the contents of the report were pertinent to graduate insurance but ultimately evaluated the SHIP, which is all student health insurance. The Board is set to make a decision in early 2024, Vice Chair Wendy Murphy said at the meeting.

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## MAINTENANCE

## Wilson Library to close for renovations

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In anticipation of Wilson Library’s centennial in 2029, improvements to the building’s infrastructure will result in temporary restrictions to the library and most library-housed resources until 2027.

María Estorino, Vice Provost for University Libraries and a University Librarian, said the three official priorities for the Wilson Library Improvement Project are extending sprinkler coverage, creating emergency exit stairs and upgrading the fire alarm system per current safety standards.

“Once we get these projects done, then a whole new possibility of what Wilson Library can be in its next century becomes possible,” she said.

In a Faculty Council meeting on Oct. 6, Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz first announced the plans for “major renovations” to the library. The University sent a campus-wide email statement last Tuesday that said Wilson Library will remain open for “study, meetings and special events at least until the early spring semester of 2025.”

Most special collections materials present in the library will be in secure storage and unavailable for use beginning August 2024.

“I think that it’s extremely important to have access to the archives,” she said. “That’s the history of our University. That’s the history of our state.”

Seth Kotch, director of the UNC Southern Oral History Program, said many of the library’s archives have been digitized over the years and are available online.

Although analog audio recordings, paper transcripts and supplementary files can only be accessed in-person, Kotch said that efforts are being made in conjunction with the library to find new ways to ensure access to these materials.

“Anytime you lose access to historic material, it is a concern,” he said.

Estorino said that apart from the upgrades carried out in the renovation, upgrades in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act are also being designed to be implemented in the building process and that “[the University] will determine what will be possible from there.”

Due to the impact that the renovation project has on library operations, 60 full-time employees and 50 student employees working at the Wilson Special Collections and Music Library will have to be relocated.

“It’s not just the stuff that has to be moved,” Estorino said. “We are also very carefully planning for the people that really bring the collections and the building alive.”

While the Wilson Project is in its initial stages, a website has been created that will be updated with specific dates and project information as it becomes available.

“I think that Wilson Library is a jewel on this campus, and I think that we should be devoting as much resources as possible to maintain this position as one of the most important and meaningful places — not just on campus — but in the study of the American South around the world,” Kotch said.

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## WELLNESS

## Self-defense LFIT expected in spring 2024

Course will include jiu-jitsu, Muay Thai and boxing

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As a previous instructor of the boxing club, UNC fifth-year Eszter Rimanyi is using her skills another way.

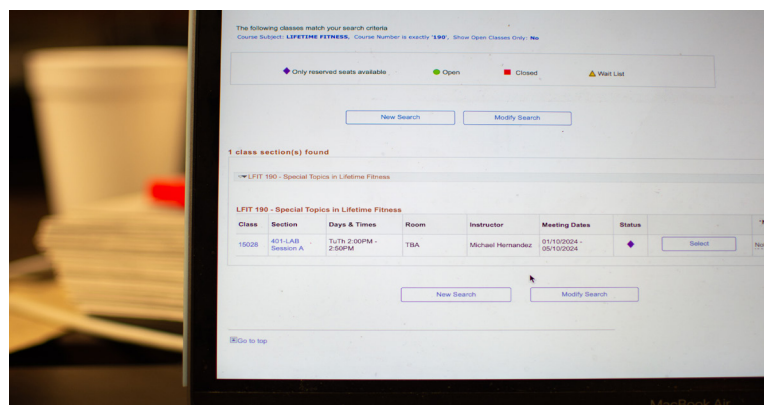
She worked with Lifetime Fitness director Becca Battaglini and University administration to create a course titled Lifetime Fitness 190: Special Topics. It is available in ConnectCarolina as a one-credit course.

“Self-defense is something that you can take power in and it can boost your confidence,” Rimanyi said. “It can make you feel less afraid in a lot of situations because you know that you’ve done everything that you can, on your part, to protect yourself.”

Michael Hernandez, an exercise and sport science graduate student and former U.S. Marine, will be the course instructor. He said he became an instructor of martial arts in the Marine Corps and will teach students basic training skills.

Lifetime Fitness 190 will teach students skills that derive from three different martial arts forms: jiu-jitsu, Muay Thai and boxing.

“I’m going to provide them with the foundational pieces to build on to become more efficient, like



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LFIT 190 is open for enrollment next semester and will focus on self-defense skills.

handling techniques and controlling techniques,” Hernandez said. “Very simple things that could be beneficial in day-to-day life.”

By offering this course, Rimanyi said the University will give students the opportunity to learn self-defense without having to sign up for outside classes.

Since students can only take one Lifetime Fitness class during their undergraduate career, Rimanyi said the class can be taken as a Physical Activities elective for students who have already fulfilled their Lifetime Fitness requirement.

“Other UNC students should also be able to take this class and not miss out on the opportunity just because of enrollment differences,” she said.

Typically, Lifetime Fitness courses are led by one graduate student, but Rimanyi said she wanted to structure the course so that other

students who have expertise in different martial arts can provide additional instruction.

“I was advocating for how amazing this plan would be because you would have student-to-student interaction of gaining strength together as a community,” she said. “Feeling like your other fellow Tar Heel has your back.”

The presidents of UNC’s jiu-jitsu, Muay Thai and boxing clubs will be involved in the course, Rimanyi said.

Emily Cornell, president and founder of UNC’s Muay Thai club, said she will teach students a form of traditional Thai kickboxing.

“It is similar to kickboxing, except for the fact it’s called the ‘Art of Eight Limbs.’ So, instead of kicking and punching, you also are able to use elbows and knees for knee strikes and elbow strikes,” she said.

Battaglini said she wants this

student-teaching model to be repeatable in future semesters.

“We want to make sure that they’re training up the next leaders within their group to be able to make this something that everybody’s contributing their best to, but not getting burnt out,” she said.

The class will be offered as a special topics course next semester. If students and teaching assistants are happy with the class, Battaglini said it will get its own course number for the following year.

In addition to teaching self-defense skills, Rimanyi said she plans to coordinate guest speakers like a UNC Police officer to come speak to the class.

Hernandez said he is excited to teach people skills that they can use to protect themselves on a large college campus and added that he is looking forward to seeing students grow and learn techniques.

“When you see it click in their head and you see that emotion on their face, that is rewarding,” he said.

Along with the education and skill sets the course will provide, Rimanyi said she hopes it will help foster a connection among students.

“You’re gaining the community and gaining the sense that being a Tar Heel means something beyond the fact that we go to the same classrooms,” she said. “It means that we’re together in this.”

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## REPRESENTATION



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The American Indian Center, home of the Carolina Indian Center, sits on Wilson Street on Tuesday.

## UNC to host Native speakers

Guests cover Indigeneity at schools, resources for students

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Dalton Locklear, president of the Carolina Indian Circle, said he doesn't think UNC appropriately acknowledges that the University sits on the land of the Occaneechi nation. "American Indian Heritage Month gives us the time and opportunity to reflect on that," he said.

The University is currently hosting multiple events in recognition of the month. These activities started on Nov. 1 and will continue until Nov. 13.

The leading event is a keynote speech presented by University of Manitoba professor Niigaan Sinclair. The lecture is titled "Indigenizing the University: A Call to Action" and will take place on Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. in Hyde Hall.

Sinclair said his speech is about equipping Indigenous populations in universities with the resources they need, in addition to forming relationships with Indigenous individuals. Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations need to work together, he said, and universities should be the places to begin to educate the nation.

"It might just be that Indigenous

knowledge is going to save the world," he said.

Sinclair also said Indigenous populations are a key foundation of America, and that non-Indigenous people need to recognize these roots. Indigenous people have the most experience living in the lands they inhabit, he said.

"You have to invest in Indigenous education," he added.

Marissa Carmi, associate director of the UNC American Indian Center, said North Carolina has a huge population of native people.

Carmi said she is very excited about the events being hosted this month, including her anticipation of Sinclair's speech. She said because of UNC's prominence in North Carolina, she thinks it is appropriate to celebrate Indigenous heritage at the University.

The Carolina Indian Circle, which was founded in the fall of 1974 by UNC students to recruit and retain Indigenous students, also aims to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month.

Filled with dancing, singing and free food, Locklear said the Carolina Indian Circle's annual cultural showcase, which will be held on Nov. 13 is the second largest event the circle hosts each year, following their spring powwow.

Other events throughout the week include "Salish Ethnobotany for Community Wellbeing" on Nov. 9

and the "American Indian Heritage Celebration" on Nov. 11.

Though Indigenous studies are being highlighted this month, Carmi said students should continue learning throughout the year.

Misconceptions about Native Americans remain to this day, Locklear said.

"Believe it or not, I don't live in a teepee," he said. "I live in Granville Residence Hall."

The misconception that not many Native Americans are left, Carmi said, contributes to a real sense of invisibility. She said there can always be more Indigenous representation around campus.

Carmi suggested the University host more Indigenous studies courses, hire more Indigenous faculty and include content about native scholars in classes.

Locklear also advocated for more intentional efforts to grow Native American populations on campus. He mentioned purposeful hiring, tuition waivers and more acknowledgment of Native Americans on campus in general.

"The work of native scholars and native peoples across time does not have to be just limited to American Indian Indigenous Studies classrooms," Carmi said.

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## State legislature limits distinguished professorships

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the UNC Policy Manual to comply with the General Assembly.

The committee members who wrote the letter to BOT chair John Preyer asked that the "gravity of [their] unease" regarding the exclusion be conveyed to Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz.

Tenured faculty with distinguished professorships receive an honorary title and substantial research funds, which may be provided for a fixed period or until their retirement.

"I always thought it was the next honor one would aspire to, to be given this kind of position, and I appreciated it very much," Philip Gura, UNC's William S. Newman distinguished professor of American literature and culture, said.

Some professors at UNC learned of the change through their University emails. Others, like W. Fitzhugh Brundage, a William Umstead distinguished professor of history, learned about the change when colleagues from other universities asked them how they felt about the decision.

"It certainly is not going to add luster to the reputation of [UNC] in the social sciences or humanities," Brundage said.

Hooker distinguished professor of biology Mark Peifer, who served on the Distinguished Chairs Selection Committee, said he saw no justification to change a decades-long approach to choosing distinguished professors.

He also said the General Assembly has made multiple "disturbing" decisions within the last five years that suggest that broad support for public education has been lost among some of the leadership of the current legislature.

For Gura, his distinguished professorship made him feel rewarded for his work. He said the University could lose personnel if it stopped offering chaired positions to tenured faculty in the humanities.

"It's hard to ascribe motive if we don't know the people, but I suspect that it has something to do with the fact that they feel that those other fields — the STEM fields — are becoming more important to students," Gura said.

Alan Jones, a Kenan distinguished professor of biology, said he does not see a reason to exclude qualified scholars in humanities and social sciences.

"I think it would have a real impact at the higher level," Jones said.

While alumni can still donate to distinguished professorships in the humanities, the state will no longer contribute money for these positions.

Laurie McNeil, the Bernard Gray distinguished professor of physics and astronomy, said the lack of support from the legislature would make it harder for humanities professors to earn distinguished chairs through private donations alone.

"I would imagine that some donors, who are interested in enhancing the quality of faculty at UNC [and] who have interests other than in STEM, may not be so inclined to give those donations," McNeil said.

During Peifer's time on the selection committee, he said he reviewed the work of impressive humanities faculty like Alan Shapiro, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award.

"Honestly, I think Alan Shapiro was much more qualified for a distinguished professorship than me," Peifer said. "I'm sure you could find a dozen examples easily of people here like that — people who are literally at the top of their discipline nationally."

While H.B. 259 provided no rationale for these changes, some professors and faculty have speculated about their purpose. McNeil said one reason might be that STEM education can lead to well-paying jobs for graduates, but that preparing students for lucrative careers is not the only purpose of a university.

"The other reason, which is an even less favorable inference, is that the areas that are not being supported are areas where there is more political controversy," McNeil said.

Brundage said he feels the decision diminishes the contributions of humanities and social sciences departments on college campuses.

"I think this will discourage private donations to establish distinguished chairs in the humanities and social sciences, and it sends a message to devalue the humanities and social sciences," Brundage said. "Why would they do that?"

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## CURRICULUM

## Hussman to introduce political communication certificate

Enrollment for new program expected to begin in fall 2024

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The Hussman School of Journalism and Media will be launching a new certificate program in Political Communication next fall.

The program will consist of a four-course sequence, culminating in a semester-long internship in Washington, D.C. Students enrolled in the Hussman School are able to apply for the certificate starting in the fall 2024 semester. Faculty are expecting to welcome a cohort of 15-20 students to the program in the fall, with the potential to expand.

"I think in the course of just the last few years, we've built up a really amazing alumni network of people working in

D.C.," Daniel Kreiss, the Edgar T. Cato distinguished professor, who is involved in the program, said. "So, it became very natural to then ask the question of 'what's next?'"

Some faculty members involved said the creation of the program was driven by a high demand among students for political communication courses. Kreiss, who teaches MEJO 537: The Washington Experience, said he often keeps waitlists for the class more than a year in advance.

The first course in the sequence, offered during the fall semester, will be an introduction to political communication that will cover how policymakers and candidates use media, how media has changed and how that affects campaigns, legislative efforts and public opinion, Kreiss said.

The second course, offered in the spring, will be called Public Issues in the Platform Era and is a renamed version

of MEJO 244: Talk Politics, which has been offered by the Hussman School in past years and will be taught by Professor Shannon McGregor this spring.

McGregor said the course aims to familiarize students with the political communication process from strategic communication to reporting on political campaigns. Students who enroll in Talk Politics in the upcoming spring semester will receive credit toward the new course in the certificate program.

The Washington Experience will become a capstone course and the third leg of the certificate program. In the course, 16 students participate in a semester-long campaign simulation in which they take on the roles of campaign strategists or journalists covering a simulated congressional race.

"So [it's] giving you very hands on campaign experience to the extent that we can do it through this simulation where

they're actually covering a campaign on a weekly basis as they would be doing if they were in DC."

During fall break, the class travels with Kreiss to Washington, DC, where they meet with alumni and professionals in all facets of the political communication industry.

As with "Talk Politics," students who have already taken the course are able to count it as credit toward the certificate program. Kreiss said offering multiple sections is possible if demand for the certificate program exceeds course availability and if faculty availability permits.

Students completing the certificate will partake in a full-time internship in Washington, D.C. during the spring semester as the final part of the program. The internship, along with an online practicum course once a week, will count toward a full semester of credits at UNC.

"I think it's going to benefit the students in terms of making them more competitive on the job market and more prepared for the jobs that they're going to want to be applying for when they finish," McGregor said.

McGregor, who will be teaching the practicum course and traveling once a month to meet with students completing their internships in D.C., said the program is partnering with The Washington Center to assist students in funding the experience.

Kreiss said political communication courses attract students from both the journalism and advertising and public relations concentrations and sees the program as a way to bring students together from across both areas of study.

Micah Mangot, a first-year political science major considering pursuing a career in political communication, said she was anticipating

having to stitch together her own curriculum under the communication major. For Mangot, the launch of this program is a motivating factor to apply to the Hussman School.

"I am excited," she said. "I didn't realize we were even close to having a program like that."

The certificate program was approved on May 30 by the Academic Policy Committee. Senior associate dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs Heidi Hennink-Kaminski said a third faculty member is being hired who will teach courses in the certificate under the title of Associate Professor for Race and Political Communication.

The Hussman School currently has four certificate programs: Business Journalism, Sports Communication, Health Communication and Marketing and a new Fashion Communication and Marketing Certificate that was launched this fall.

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# City & State

## The Daily Tar Heel

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### ‘A way to remind people that we are still here’

#### The state celebrates Native American Heritage Month

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November is Native American Heritage Month — a time to honor the traditions and stories of Native American, Native Hawaiian, Alaska Native and associated Island communities. North Carolina is home to the largest Native population east of the Mississippi River.

In October 2021, the Biden Administration officially declared November as National Native American Heritage Month because it concludes the traditional harvest season. There are currently 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States and numerous tribes still seeking federal recognition.

There are eight state-recognized tribes in North Carolina — the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Lumbee, the Coharie, the Meherrin, the Saponny, the Waccamaw Siouan, the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation and the Haliwa-Saponi. The Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians is the only federally recognized tribe in the state.

Greg Richardson, the executive director of the N.C. Department of Administration’s Commission of Indian Affairs, said it is important for every population to know about their heritage, culture and where they come from.

“We know our history, we know our legends, we know the various historic things that have happened to our population throughout the history of the United States,” he said.

He also said it is important to continue to educate the public about Native Americans to know that they are still here.

“It’s just a way of keeping our legacy alive in terms of who we are as a people,” he said.

Wanda Burns-Ramsey, the president of the Triangle Native American Society and member of the Lumbee Tribe, said her family has historically struggled with maintaining their identity.

“It would have been a lot easier years ago for my grandparents and their parents to deny that they were Native Americans — but that



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AJ Briggs Hunt is a former UNC student and a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Briggs Hunt works as the Administrative Support Associate at the UNC American Indian Center.

was never what they wanted to do or would have done,” she said.

In collaboration with the N.C. Museum of History, the N.C. American Indian Heritage Commission, tribal organizations and urban Native American organizations, the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs is organizing a weekend of special events in honor of Native

American Heritage Month.

The 28th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration starts on Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. with a virtual education day featuring pottery activities and storytelling.

A celebration will also be held at the N.C. Museum of History on Nov. 18 and will include several performances highlighting the culture of the tribes in the state.

Locally, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is celebrating all state-recognized tribes on Nov. 3 at the Carrboro Town Commons with dancing, storytelling and more.

AJ Briggs Hunt, administrative support associate at UNC’s American Indian Center, said attending events in the community and following Native content creators on social media are ways that citizens can learn more about Native American history and celebrate the month.

The American Indian Center aims to make UNC a place for Native American research and scholarship, and make Native issues a permanent part of the University.

“It’s a good way to let people know that we’re still here, and that our culture and communities are thriving and putting on events and being in community with each other,” Briggs Hunt said.

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TRANSPORTATION

### CHCCS adds new late bus routes

Students and families express support for after-school accomodation

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On Nov. 1, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools began offering evening buses for middle and high school students who want to participate in after-school programs. One bus per school leaves each middle school at 5:35 p.m. and each high school at 6:35 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The district said it implemented the program to make it easier on students to join sports, clubs, arts and other activities and that transportation home should not be a barrier for families.

Andy Jenks, the chief communications officer for CHCCS, said the Board of Education considered input from the community that evening buses would be a good idea and then collaborated with

CHCCS administrative leadership to put a plan in place.

“No student should have to decline participation in sports or after-school activities or other extracurriculars because a ride home might be a question,” Jenks said.

He said the decision to extend bus services has been well-received by the community and that the district needs community members to help spread the word that this will be an option for families throughout the year.

“Once we get the word out, and people are sharing information about it, we’re going to be thrilled to have increased participation in a variety of activities and extracurricular things. We’re really proud of that as a district and we hope our community is proud of that as well,” Jenks said.

Elizabeth Anderson, the director of the NC Center for After School Programs at the Public School Forum, said after-school programs expand the learning day for students.

She said these programs provide a place for students to get additional academic support, participate in

enrichment activities, and develop social and emotional skills that will help them to function in the world.

They also serve as a safe place for children to be looked after while their parents are working, she said.

Anderson said transportation is a major access barrier in North Carolina for students who want to or who would otherwise be enrolled in afterschool activities.

The nonprofit Afterschool Alliance published the fourth edition of America After 3PM, a report that surveyed parents on after-school programs, in 2022.

The report found that in 2020, 48 percent of N.C. parents cited “no safe way to get their child to and from programs” as a challenge to enrolling their child in a program and that 47 percent of N.C. students would participate in an after-school program if they had access to one.

The same year, transportation was nationally cited as a challenge for more low-income households and low-income households of color than high-income households, the report found.

“For school districts to partner with out-of-school time programs to offer extended hours for busing and things like that can make a really big difference to families,” Anderson said.

Taylor Dansby, the president of the Culbreth Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association, said he is excited about the district’s decision.

“We’re creating more equity in the public education here, just by making sure that there are fewer barriers keeping kids from participating in — in my opinion — one of the most valuable aspects of education,” he said.

Dansby said evening buses will allow students who rely on buses to participate in activities they wouldn’t have been able to participate in otherwise.

“It’s going to have a critical impact,” he said.



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Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools buses sit in a parking lot on Aug. 24. CHCCS has implemented a program to offer evening buses for students to participate in after-school extracurriculars.

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BRIEFS

#### UNC resource addresses gender-based violence

Violence Prevention and Advocacy Services, or VPAS, is a resource provided by UNC that addresses gender-based violence.

Individuals who have been impacted by gender-based violence can reach out to VPAS by email or phone for support and will be met with a VPAS-affiliated Gender Violence Service Coordinator, a confidential resource to help guide processing.

VPAS also works to inform the campus community of how to carefully handle circumstances of gender-based violence when they present themselves. They offer multiple training and leadership opportunities.

– Isabella Hopkins

#### Foushee to be mayor of Carrboro

Barbara Foushee will be Carrboro’s next mayor, according to unofficial results from last night’s election. Foushee ran unopposed for the seat after spending six years on the town council.

Foushee’s platform is centered on building community. She hopes to continue the work of Carrboro’s comprehensive plan, which focuses on racial equity and climate action. She recently voted in favor of the Creekside Alignment for the Bolin Creek Greenway.

– Ethan E. Horton

#### Record show hosts 33rd bi-annual sale

Inside the Carrboro Century Center on Sunday, 42 tables were filled with everything from 1950s R&B to Psychedelic Rock and New Wave music for the Carrboro CD and Record Show’s 33rd bi-annual sale — a way for community members and music buffs alike to browse thousands of albums.

The show started in 2004 after founder and promoter Gerry Williams introduced the idea to the Town of Carrboro Recreation, Parks and Cultural Resources department as an annual show, but has turned into a bi-annual event due to its popularity. Williams said the record show is a great source for vinyl records and CDs of wide-ranging music genres.

– Morgan Brenner

#### UNC volleyball defeated by Wake Forest

The North Carolina volleyball team (11-12, 5-9 ACC) fell in a reverse sweep to the Wake Forest Demon Deacons (17-8, 8-6 ACC) in five sets on Sunday afternoon at Carmichael Arena.

North Carolina dominated the first set, securing a 25-12 victory. Despite an early lead, the two teams were locked up at seven points apiece early in the second set. Following service errors, kills and aces, neither the Tar Heels or Demon Deacons could get out to a sizeable lead. UNC eventually claimed the set, 25-22.

Wake Forest won a similarly competitive third set, 25-22, and took that momentum into the later sets. The Demon Deacons won the fourth, 25-22, and the fifth set 16-14.

UNC will take on Wake Forest again on Friday night in Winston-Salem at 7 p.m.

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## LOCAL BUSINESS

## Boutique to add second Franklin Street location

Shrunken Head  
“maxed out” its  
current space

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Shrunken Head Boutique is adding an additional storefront at 161 E. Franklin St., just a few doors down from its current location, which has been in business since 1969.

Melissa Pate, store manager of Shrunken Head and granddaughter of the shop's founders, said the business has maxed out its store space. She currently uses her home in Cary to run a “warehouse operation” of online orders and shipments, she said. The additional space of the new location will allow Pate to run the business from Chapel Hill rather than her home.

“[The current store] is wall-to-wall, shoulder-to-shoulder,” Pate said. “So we’re hoping that in the new space, people can come and linger a little bit more.”

Pate looks to open the new store, which will house Shrunken Head's UNC merchandise, in early 2024. She



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Melissa Pate, store manager of Shrunken Head, is the granddaughter of the store's founders. Now, the boutique of more than 50 years is opening a second location a few doors down from its current Franklin Street storefront.

said she hopes to sell mainly Chapel Hill merchandise in the current location, which will remain open.

When customers walk into the new store, they will have around 1,200 square feet to shop for UNC merchandise, Pate said, in comparison to the original store's 900 square feet.

“A lot of people, their first question they ask is, ‘But you’re not closing this store, right?’” Melissa Nobling, a store manager, said. “This store has a nostalgia in it that everybody vibes with.”

Shrunken Head has not seen an expansion like this in the 54 years

it has been in business, Pate said. In 2021, the store was forced to renovate due to flooding, and Pate said the renovation paved the way for the upcoming expansion. The management team decided within the last year that an expansion of retail space was necessary.

Pate grew up working at Shrunken Head on UNC game days, and she began working full-time in 2016. She described Shrunken Head as a “family atmosphere” and said customers become part of the family when they walk into the store.

Throughout her childhood, Pate said she witnessed her grandparents form relationships with customers, and she has carried on the legacy of connecting with the community.

For Shrunken Head's brand manager Alana Loken, the expansion will mean a new advertising venture. Loken was hired at Shrunken Head on her first day as a student at UNC nine years ago and has worked there ever since. Loken said working at the store was the biggest part of her college experience.

“It's really exciting that a family-owned business can expand and grow in a historic town,” Loken said. “I think that's

such a tribute to how successful Shrunken Head is and how special it is to other people.”

Pate said she will need to be flexible through the renovation, as she cannot predict what the future will bring for Shrunken Head.

“We're very fluid here, she said. “We're just rolling with it.”

With the expansion, Pate said Shrunken Head could potentially double their staff. The store currently employs 30 crew members — most of whom are college students — and four managers.

Crew member Abigail Sutherby, a sophomore at UNC, started working at Shrunken Head in August but said she had been shopping at the store long before she was a student.

She said she is excited to see what new products Shrunken Head will offer and hopes she will get to work in the new location. She said she thinks customers will be thrilled about the addition.

“We are a store that's very high-energy, very excited, very bubbly, so it'll expand that energy as well,” Sutherby said. “We just get to spread the love some more.”

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## EDUCATION

## New partnership to aid research in public schools

The N.C. Recovery Practitioners network will support 16 districts

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The N.C. Recovery Practitioners Network, a partnership between the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and the UNC School of Education, among other institutions, hosted its first in-person workshop on Friday.

The network aims to support individual school districts across North Carolina as they advance their capacity for in-house research and evaluation.

The partnership also includes the N.C. Collaboratory, Harvard University, Georgetown University and 16 public school districts throughout the state.

Participating school districts identify a unique need in their district and are then paired with university researchers who are both experts in that specific field and geographically close to the district.

Jeni Corn, the director of research and evaluation at NCDPI, said the robust postsecondary education landscape in North Carolina provides a unique opportunity for local districts.

“We are very fortunate to have just a wealth of research resources all over North Carolina,” Corn said. “So really the purpose of this network is to kind of be like a matchmaker to connect districts who have a desire to address a problem that they're struggling with at the local level.”

Greer Arthur, the research director for the N.C. Collaboratory, said the partnerships that are being established between researchers and practitioners are essential in creating research specific to each district's needs.

The mutual exchange of information and the involvement of practitioners is critical for making sure the research actually addresses the questions the districts need to answer, Arthur said.

Lauren Sartain, assistant professor in the UNC School of Education and co-leader of the network, said the geographical proximity to the district when thinking about individual partnerships is important considering

the wide range of districts participating in the network.

Districts as far west as Cleveland County and as far east as Chowan County are participating.

“What we are hoping to facilitate is match the school district with local faculty members or research partners who are geographically close to the school district so they can know the school context really well,” she said.

Chatham County Schools is one of the 16 districts participating in the program. Assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support Amanda Moran said her district wanted to participate to increase its research capacity on a variety of topics. She said the district currently lacks a research department.

“So, tapping into the power of this network of individuals and practitioners will bring resources to us that we don't have the capacity on our own to do,” she said.

During the network's first in-person session on Friday, the participating districts met to begin discussing the infrastructure each district needs to work with research partners and brainstorm topics.

Corn said many of the common concerns districts express interest in researching are phenomena that emerged after the COVID-19 pandemic — including chronic absenteeism, increases in student disciplinary actions and decreased educator recruitment and retention.

Participants will attend five workshops to further identify what topic they want to research and how they will proceed in that investigation.

Sartain said that she hopes districts can walk away with a better understanding of the topic they chose to study and ways they can improve moving forward.

“Hopefully we can work through helping them choose better practices and policies, improve student learning and school culture, make schools better places to learn and also to work,” she said. “And so that is what we are really focused on.”

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## MILITARY

## Operation Green Light honors veterans

Carrboro encourages citizens to participate from Nov. 6-12

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The Town of Carrboro — following a resolution passed by the town council on Oct. 24 — will join communities across the country by participating in Operation Green Light, an initiative to honor the sacrifices of veterans.

From Nov. 6-12, the Town will display green lights on Carrboro Town Hall and encourage residents to do the same in the windows of their homes or businesses.

Town council member and mayoral candidate Barbara Foushee, who introduced the resolution, said the initiative is very personal for her because her late father served in the Navy and her late brother-in-law, an army veteran, died last year around the time the resolution was introduced.

She said the resolution's purpose is to shed light on veterans and their struggles, including mental illness,

physical ailments and difficulties obtaining housing and healthcare.

John Brooker, the director of the Military and Veterans Law Clinic at the UNC School of Law, served in the Army for 20 years. He said that upon transitioning out of the military, many veterans struggle to access the services available to them.

“I've actually gone through the process myself of transitioning out of the military into the civilian workspace, or the civilian sphere,” he said. “One of the big challenges veterans face in accessing service and benefits is simply knowing which services and benefits are available.”

Brooker, also a professor at UNC School of Law, said when a service member is actively in the military, services are automatically provided. When they finish their service though, veterans do not always know what services are available and it can be difficult to file a claim.

Rob Palermo, the program director of the Carolina Veterans Resource Center, said transitioning from an institution like the military into the civilian world is a big cultural shift for many.

Palermo said it can also be

difficult for veterans to receive services they need because they have been taught to be self-sufficient — a phenomenon Noah Raftogianis, the president of UNC's Veterans Advocacy Legal Organization, said he has seen when trying to provide pro bono legal services to veterans.

“They're oftentimes the last people to ask for help,” Raftogianis said. “And that can be a real obstacle in providing pro bono assistance, and providing aid they need. So that's one thing, and as part of knowing what's available, I think there's a reluctance to go seek out help.”

Brooker said initiatives like Operation Green Light are important to local veterans because it makes them feel welcomed in communities away from military bases.

“It makes them feel appreciated, and it may seem like a really small thing — and it is a really small thing, but really small things add up,” Brooker said.

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## CARRBORO

## The Cheese Shop plans restaurant expansion

The business will offer small plates, private events next summer

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The Cheese Shop, a Carrboro business, is set to expand from an 80 square foot space inside the wine bar Glasshalfull to a new 1,800 square foot restaurant next summer.

The restaurant will be next to the Belltree Cocktail Club at 100B Brewer Lane. The expansion will include a cheese case, a larger retail section, a dine-in menu and workshops giving people more insight into how cheese is made, and why it tastes the way it does.

Michelle Webb, the founder and co-owner of The Cheese Shop, said it is the responsibility of small cheese shops to educate people on the difference

between independently-made cheese and mass-produced grocery cheese.

Webb said the expansion will also widen The Cheese Shop's wholesale business. The expansion will include a 16-seat cheese bar, where guests will be able to taste small cheese dishes and hold private events.

“Basically you're going to be able to sit at a chef's counter, like you would in a real restaurant, and we're just going to have dishes — small plates — that really revolve around cheese,” she said.

Drew Jackson, a food writer for The News & Observer who first wrote about the expansion, said what makes The Cheese Shop particularly unique is its level of service and expertise.

“I think it's always exciting to see a small idea blossoming into something larger,” he said.

Webb said the shop is focused on impacting the local community.

The shop is certified by Orange County Living Wage — meaning that at the time of certification

they reported paying employees a living wage — and are promoted throughout Orange County as a living wage employer.

Susan Romaine, one of the founding members of OCLW and a member of the Carrboro Town Council, said the new location is an area that already includes some of Orange County's living wage employers, which means that the relocation would increase visibility for living wage employers.

She said it is challenging for small businesses to become certified, because of the fixed costs in places such as rent, taxes and the cost of doing business.

“The Cheese Shop should really be lifted up as a business here in the community who has prioritized living wages, creating more opportunities for those workers who are here in Chapel Hill, Carrboro or throughout the county,” she said.

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# Josh Stein joins nationwide suit

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exploit our children.”

Sam Hiner, a co-founder and executive director of Young People’s Alliance, said almost all young people have been affected by social media in some way.

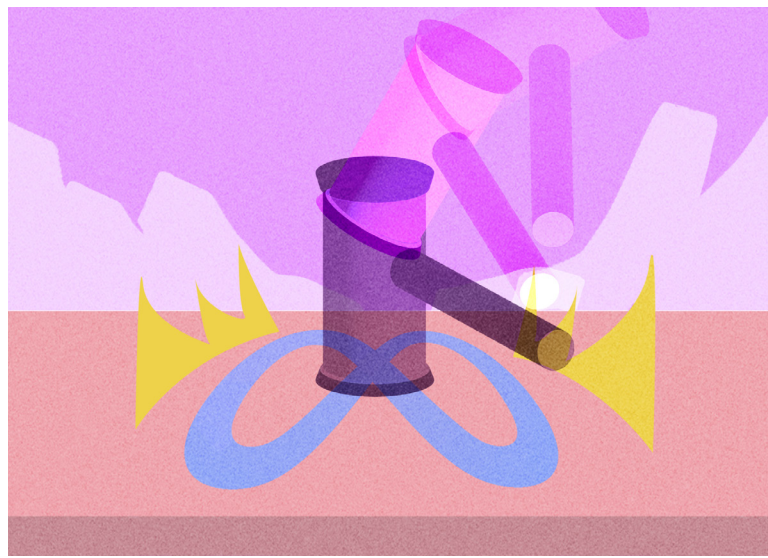
Hiner said the issue is that social media companies, like Meta, collect as much data as they can to create personalized feeds aimed at keeping people online for as long as possible. One major implication of these algorithms, he said, is disordered eating and body image issues in many adolescents. He said some individuals already feeling insecurities about their body or eating patterns often pay more attention to healthy eating posts, which in turn causes more healthy eating posts to be suggested.

He also said many people might see the manipulation of social media sites as a personal failing rather than a policy issue.

“I realized that it’s not just me, it’s everyone — and it’s because these apps are designed by some of the smartest people on the planet working on designing these apps in a way to be as addictive as possible,” Hiner said.

Because companies will likely not regulate these algorithms themselves, he said he believes the only real solution is to directly say in the law that companies cannot use user data in their algorithms to filter content.

Rosa Li, a teaching assistant professor at UNC and a researcher at the Winston National Center on Technology Use, Brain, and Psychological Development, said she finds it highly unlikely that social media companies would voluntarily take steps to decrease their profits without having external



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pressures — like the lawsuit.

“The tech companies are democratizing this platform because they want you to have fun,” Li said. “They design these platforms because they want you to stay on there as long as possible and that’s where they get their money from.”

While reducing harm includes pressures from legislatures, Li said the issue must be addressed from multiple directions, like educating children about safe social media usage.

Children from underrepresented groups, such as those who identify as LGBTQ+ or are part of racial or ethnic minorities, seem to benefit from the ability to interact with people online because they might not be getting the support they need in person, she said.

Kaitlyn Burnell, a research assistant professor at UNC, said the effects of social media usage depend on who is using it and what they are doing on the platforms.

Burnell said that due to a lack of research, they are not at the point where social media can be declared addictive. She also said there are several features that can be appealing to all, especially adolescents.

As many adolescents are undergoing identity development, social media provides an opportunity to compare themselves to their peers, she said.

Burnell added that while legal actions can be helpful in some cases, they may be ultimately ineffective. She said social media likely isn’t going away — so we have to target ways to encourage the healthiest types of use.

“I think what we really need is for these policymakers to work with researchers in order to figure out what the best path forward is,” Burnell said. “What different prevention and intervention efforts we can implement in schools and give guidance to parents and families, and things like that.”

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## AWARDS

# David Price to receive state’s highest civilian honor

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Gov. Roy Cooper will present six recipients with the North Carolina Award, the state’s highest civilian honor, on Nov. 9 for their contributions to the state and nation. One of the recipients is familiar to Chapel Hill — David Price.

Price served as the U.S. representative for North Carolina’s 4th congressional district for more than three decades. Though the district was reconfigured several times during his career, it has always included Chapel Hill and portions of Orange County.

Price, along with fellow former representative G.K. Butterfield and Charlotte Hornets Sports and Entertainment President and Vice Chair Fred Whitfield, received the award for public service. Others received the award for their work in fine arts, literature and science.

“I don’t think you can find too many people in the state of North Carolina who have served as valiantly and for as long a period of time and with such consistency as Congressman Price has,” U.S. Rep. Valerie Foushee (D-NC 4th), said.

Price’s political involvement began in the 1960s. He said he initially worked on other politicians’ campaigns and was inspired to run for office after a series of Democratic electoral losses at both the state and federal levels in 1984.

“I was caught up in the civil rights movement and understood

how much things needed to change in this country and also understood that politics and government were essential to achieving that change,” he said.

During his career in Congress, Price focused on housing and transportation efforts — serving as chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies during the 116th and 117th Congresses.

Later, he worked in foreign affairs, both initiating and chairing the House Democracy Partnership to work with countries with developing democratic institutions.

Price said that public service must be founded on an underlying purpose and community involvement, rather than just ambition.

He said that when he talks with students, he encourages them to find opportunities to serve their communities in order to learn more about them and their needs.

Throughout his career, Price’s impact and inspiration have been felt at the local level by his constituents and local officials.

As for why he received the North Carolina Award, Price said that he would “leave it to others to say that.”

“I’m very grateful for the award and feel like I’m in very good company, both the fellow honorees this year and those who have preceded me, many of them I know very well,” he said. “But I’ll leave the citation to the award committee.”

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## STYLE

## Student designer, Robertson Scholar pursues fashion at UNC

Senior creates own area of study, takes courses across departments

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Juniper Rakhman Gerardi has long been on a path toward fashion.

When they were young, they learned to knit and sew from their family. During high school, they began to work more with Indigenous beadwork.

But it was during a summer in college spent working at a glamping resort in Maine when Rakhman Gerardi decided they would make fashion their career.

The senior is a Robertson scholar, meaning they are dual enrolled at both UNC and Duke University. They created their own area of study, fashion and apparel design, through the interdisciplinary studies major at UNC, combining courses from drama, media and journalism and studio art departments.

Already, Rakhman Gerardi is building up an extensive resume. They spent the past summer in South Africa, designing a line for an established brand called Ginger Mary. The brand is influenced by the many cultures of South Africa, a detail that Rakhman Gerardi highlighted in their designs.

“As I was developing this collection, I was both using my own creativity as well as trying to think, ‘How can I honor Ginger Mary’s heritage as a brand and the symbols that their customers expect from them while giving us something new?’” Rakhman Gerardi said.

The collection was made up of three subcollections, called Creatively Capetonian, Boudoir Dressing and Elevated Basics.

Creatively Capetonian focused on the heritage of Cape Town and its many cultures. Boudoir Dressing reflected on recent trends in fashion, like corsets and slip dresses. Elevated Basics was their unique take on staple pieces like t-shirts and tank tops.

Personal style is something very important for Rakhman Gerardi, as they said it reflects so much of a person’s character and beliefs. They design for people who value vintage and artistic pieces, and aren’t afraid to shy away from a unique statement.

“They’re very much a fashion inspiration, because I used to be someone who really sticks to trends a lot, like my Pinterest boards and my TikTok stuff,” Jemmie Chinje, a photographer and model who worked with Rakhman Gerardi on their collection for Ginger Mary, said. “But just even looking at Juniper’s wardrobe, I would say it’s very inspiring because they really



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UNC student and designer Juniper Rakhman Gerardi poses for a portrait in the Forest Theater on Oct. 30.

just do whatever the hell they want.”

Coming from a mixed heritage background of Mi’gmaq, Jewish and Italian, multiculturalism is also heavily influential in Rakhman Gerardi’s independent designs.

“I would say that my design is — it’s shaped by who I am,” Rakhman Gerardi said. “It’s shaped by the ancestors that make me who I am, as well as all of the places I’ve had

the chance to visit, and places I haven’t had the chance to visit, that I’ve heard about through fashion history studies, through costume studies, through looking at designers from the past several centuries, that sort of thing.”

On their mother’s side, Rakhman Gerardi is a part of the Listuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation in Canada. They’ve participated in groups on

campus like the Carolina Indian Circle and built a supportive community within the American Indian Center.

“I’m always happy to see Juniper smile,” Qua Adkins, the Native student engagement coordinator at the AIC, said. “They just kind of light up the room when you’re around them.”

Sustainability is also an important value in Rakhman Gerardi’s design work. Their designs are crafted mostly from sustainable materials like vintage or second-hand garments and textiles.

“I have a love for textiles and for fashion, but also, I love nature and the outdoors,” Rakhman Gerardi said. “And I know that the fashion industry is one of the largest polluters of the planet that there is, so that’s a trend that I’m trying to work against while also being able to make something unique and artistic.”

Ultimately, their goal is to start a brand of their own or creative direct at another brand. As of right now, Rakhman Gerardi is working on a new collection of fully upcycled garments to be released in the spring.

They will hold a fashion show for the collection on campus and it will be available to purchase through Rakhman Gerardi’s brand, Little Rabbit Boutique.

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## LITERATURE

## Student self-publishes poetry collection

“What’s Left of Me” is composed of works written in both English and Arabic

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Five years and more than 500 poems.

UNC student and newly-published author Nora Elsayed is not the type of person who is very vocal about her feelings. Still, poetry has proven to be an outlet for unburdening herself, expressing her emotions and preserving her love for others.

Elsayed said she began writing poetry in her sophomore year of high school.

Now a junior at UNC, Elsayed compiled years of her personal work into a poetry collection. She published her debut book, “What’s Left of Me: An English and Arabic Poetry Collection,” on her 21st birthday on Oct. 2.

The collection is centered around Elsayed’s life, from her upbringing to her experiences of life’s joys and sorrows.

She said the title comes from her realization that emotions are the only things we truly own. “Everything else is material, and it will be gone and disintegrate,” Elsayed explained.

Elsayed is originally from Sudan and grew up in Maryland, which she said created a duality that inspired her to always highlight her cultural heritage.

The inclusion of Arabic, which is her first language, is what she sees as the most valuable asset of the book.

“It adds a different layer and I feel like it allows people to understand me even more,” Elsayed said.

Elsayed said that translating from English to Arabic is a complex process and her father’s good friend, Yasin Mohammed, helped her translate the book’s poems.

There is a poem toward the end of the book called “Nora and Noura,” which is Elsayed’s first name in both English and Arabic. The poem consists of two paragraphs that chronicle her existence within her American and Arab identities.

When Elsayed was younger, she said her family always tried to surround her with

Sudanese culture. Her father, Yasier Elsayed, said they always spoke Arabic at home, and if there was something Sudanese that his daughter didn’t understand, he would explain it to her.

“Sometimes, when she was at home, I read for her some stuff from my language to know, like a couple of people from my country, like al-Ṭayyib Ṣāliḥ — he is a famous writer,” Yasier Elsayed said.

Elsayed’s upbringing was fundamental to the integration of cultural elements and the emotional impacts of her literary creations.

Elsayed said that the process of writing “What’s Left of Me” in both English and Arabic has allowed her to not only be more comfortable with herself but also to appreciate the little joys and people around her, especially during her college years when she is away from her family.

Valery Orellana, one of Elsayed’s closest friends and her roommate, shared that her favorite poem from the book is “Our College Home,” which encapsulates the memories made within their shared space.

Allison Schlobohm, a clinical associate professor of management and corporate communication at Kenan-Flagler Business School, said that Elsayed is always community oriented and has a vision for making positive impacts and turns that vision to fruition.

Elsayed, a double major in business administration and advertising and public relations, is the co-president of the Minority Business Student Alliance. She also teamed up with Orellana and co-founded Evenin’ Out The Playing Field, an organization that aims to increase the representation of young women of color in field hockey.

“Every time she’s lifting as she climbs and she’s building space for other people and she’s opening doors and opening windows,” Schlobohm said.

Elsayed said she will keep writing and basing her poetry on her experiences.

“I think that’s what keeps my work very authentic, is being organic with it and just allowing myself to live,” she said.

“What’s Left of Me: An English and Arabic Poetry Collection” is now available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other online vendors.

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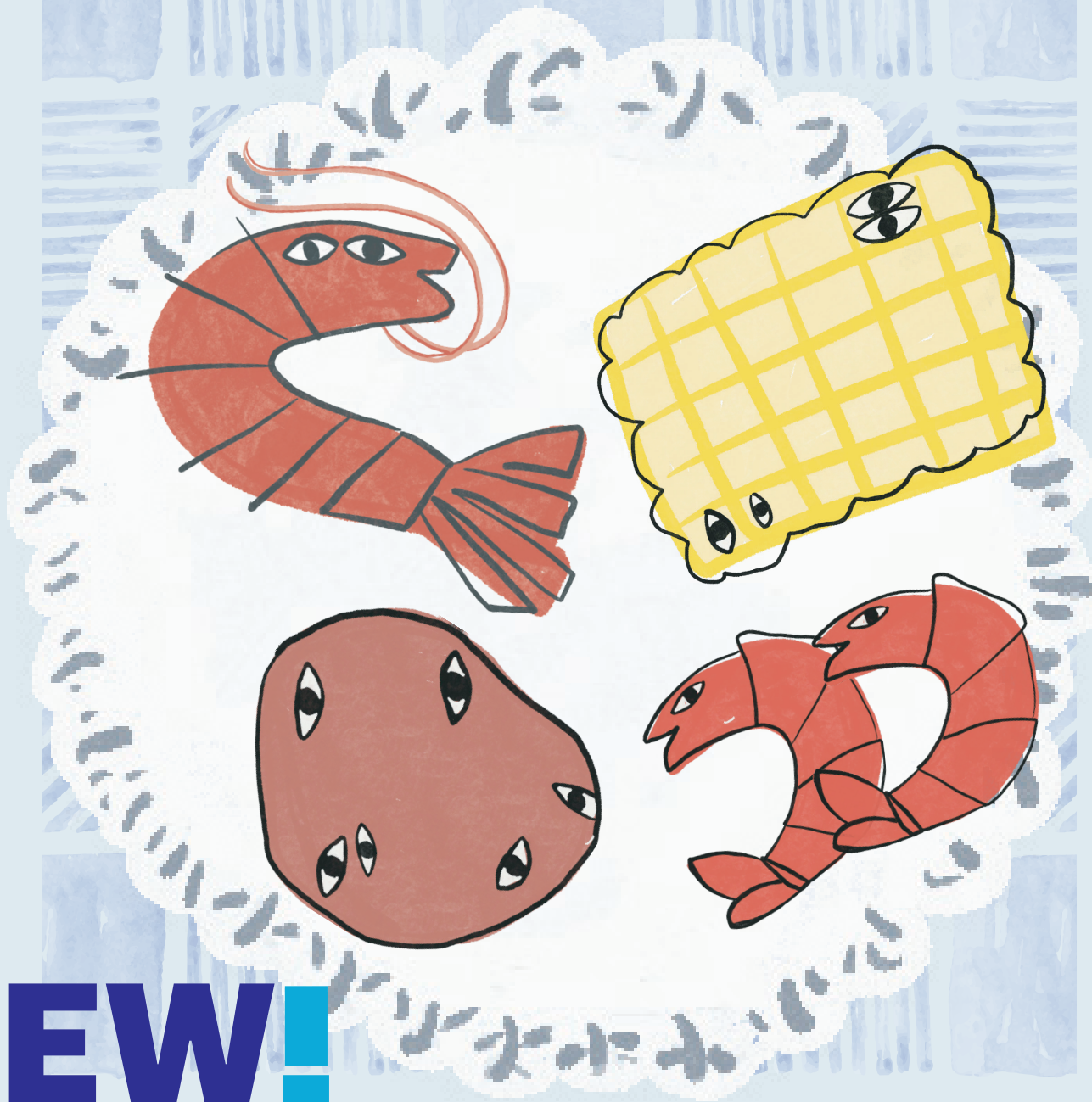
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## ECONOMY

# Farming in Orange County changes with development

N.C. is at high risk of agricultural land loss, according to study

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Jane Saiers, owner of RambleRill farm in Hillsborough, said development that reduces farmland is happening all around her.

A 2022 study by the American Farmland Trust found North Carolina ranks second in the country for potential agricultural land loss by 2040.

“What used to be farms of a couple 100 acres or so, or even 100 acres or 50 acres, they’re being fragmented and bits and pieces of the old farms are being sold off, and it’s fragmenting the farmland, and that makes it more difficult, just generally, for farmers to do their job,” Saiers said.

RambleRill is one of more than 600 farms in Orange County that operates directly to consumers or through local farmers’ markets.

The 2017 Orange County U.S. Department of Agriculture census found that the number of farms in the county had increased by six percent since 2012.

However, Noah Ranells, the NC FarmLink Director for Eastern North Carolina, said the county’s farmland acreage has generally declined steadily over time. He said counties in the Piedmont Crescent — which includes the Triangle — are seeing lots of development pressure.

The Orange County Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation has programs to help preserve farmland, including the Voluntary Agricultural Districts program and the Lands Legacy Program.

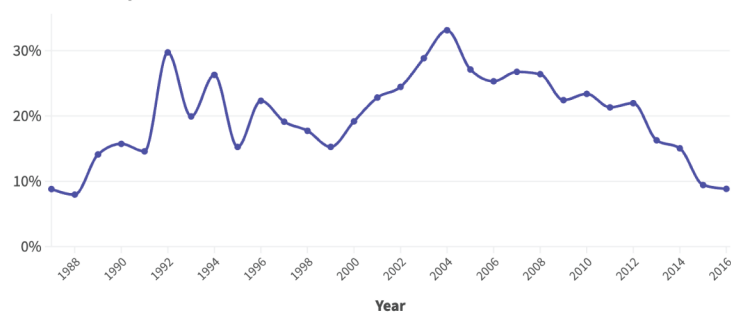
The Lands Legacy Program aims to protect the county’s most important natural and cultural resource lands. Most are protected through a conservation easement — a permanent, legal agreement between the County and property owners who are interested in conserving their land.

“A lot of farmers don’t want their land developed, and they wanted to

## Corporate market share of Orange County farm income falls to its lowest value in nearly 30 years

Since peaking in 2004, the corporate percentage of total farm income in Orange County has plummeted to nine percent, a value unseen since 1987.

Percent of Corporate Market Share



Source: Office of State Budget and Management

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stay in farming, and that’s one way to try to ensure that that happens for the future,” Saiers said.

McAdams Farm in Efland is one of 24 Century Farms in the county — a title given to farms that have maintained continuous ownership in the same family for over 100 years.

Callie McAdams, a fifth-generation farmer, helps run the farm, which was founded in 1885. She said it is enrolled in the Voluntary Agricultural Districts program, which encourages preservation and protection of farmland from non-farmland development. McAdams said she has seen farms size down operations in the county over the years.

In 2017, the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) reported that 291, or 42.4 percent, of farms in Orange County had between 10 and 49 acres of land. In 1969, 223 farms, or 24.91 percent, had this amount, according to the county’s census of agriculture.

“Now, the size of farms has shifted, and there’s also a lot of new and beginning farmers in the county as well,” she said.

RambleRill Farm, which has been open for 13 years, has 28 acres of land, two of which are used for production. They grow certified organic fruits, vegetables and shiitake mushrooms.

Ranells said there is a small resurgence in direct consumer farming due to ‘Eat Local’ movements and consumers connecting to farms in

their community through farmers’ markets, community-supported agriculture and farm sales.

Corporate farms’ percentage of total farm income in Orange County peaked in 2004 at 33 percent, but decreased to nine percent in 2015, the lowest in nearly 30 years, according to the OSBM.

Parker Farm and Vineyard is a North Carolina Century Farm in Hurdle Mills. Ashley Parker helps run the farm along with her dad and her husband. They sell produce, flowers, beef and pork at the South Durham Farmers’ Market and the Cary Downtown Farmers Market.

“I will say from my husband and I’s perspective, we couldn’t do what we do in a different area — we are able to resell direct sales, we’re super close to lots of farmers markets and to lots of people,” she said.

She said it’s a privilege to grow food eaten by people in her community.

“It’s not static, but I think that’s one of the really interesting and incredible things about agriculture is that people still need to eat,” she said. “And the ways that that happens get to continue to change and to evolve to meet the needs of the population.”

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## CONNECTIONS

# Readings uplift diverse voices

Indigena Collective showcases literary creators

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When Luna Hou, a junior at UNC, arrived at Indigena Collective’s 14th reading event and first ever open mic in August, she was greeted with red fairy lights, a standing mic and a welcoming literary community.

She braved the stage, compelled to share an excerpt of a fictional piece inspired by her relationship with her Chinese American heritage.

Indigena Collective, founded by poet Ina Cariño, is a reading series that showcases new and established writers with historically marginalized backgrounds. The collective recently began incorporating open mic sessions at the end of the programmed readings.

“For me that is very fulfilling to be able to showcase their voices,” Cariño said. “In the room, it’s just very unpredictable who will be there, but so far, I’ve been very lucky and grateful.”

Cariño started the collective in late 2019 after having trouble finding a dedicated space for writers of color, including those who identify as queer and transgender, as well as creators with disabilities.

“In this industry which is so hard to get a foothold in, I think it’s really admirable that the point is to try to uplift voices that are harder to hear,” Roshni Iyer, an English major at N.C. State University who read in August at the collective, said.

When Iyer was younger, they had limited access to books that featured South Asian characters. Now, as a writer, they said they are incorporating their Indian heritage into their stories.

Growing up, Cariño had a different experience. They said their mother surrounded them with Indigenous Filipino folktales and Tagalog writings. That exposure inspired their current writings about displacement and living in the Filipino diaspora, they said.

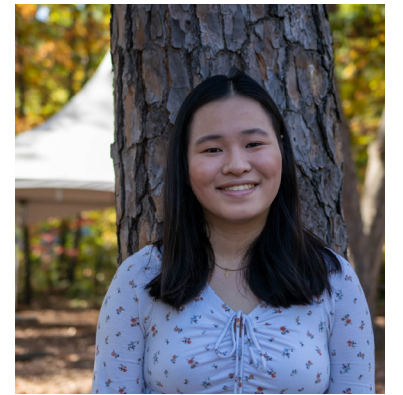
“Literature helps you feel seen, helps you feel connected to other people that share your heritage around the world,” Tuesday Pil, an N.C. State English major who read at the collective in August, said.

Like Cariño, they often write characters who represent different

parts of growing up in the Asian American diaspora, highlighting their struggles with identity, language barriers and loss of homeland. Pil said she enjoys writing fiction, particularly for children.

“I feel like it’s important for a lot of kids to feel that they are important to the literary canon, that they can be like main characters in their own stories and heroes in their own stories,” Pil said.

Hou described the collective as a supportive and intimate community,



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UNC junior English major Luna Hou is a volunteer reader and performer for the Indigena Collective.

a space where others could provide more personalized feedback.

For her, performing felt like a new medium, one that was more involved and engaged than just publishing.

After the collective’s events, Hou said the attendees and performers talked about the readings, exchanged social media accounts and shared ways to find more of each others’ works.

In the future, Cariño plans to expand the collective by paying artists and hosting writing workshops and craft talks. A new sponsor, VAE Gallery, a community center and art gallery in Raleigh, will allow them to apply to arts grants and funding despite not being a nonprofit organization.

Until then, speakers are voluntary, performing without compensation.

“It’s very freeing and very cathartic to just be in the same room with a bunch of people that inspire you,” Pil said.

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## CREATIVITY

# Local groups promote National Novel Writing Month

Community members aim to complete a 50,000-word project

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While Halloween may elicit emotions ranging from fear to glee, it is the 30 days after that intimidate and excite writers worldwide. November marks the beginning of an intense, month-long challenge hundreds of thousands of writers undertake: National Novel Writing Month.

The challenge, also called NaNoWriMo or NaNo, invites people to write 50,000 words over the course of November. On average, this requires writing about 1,667 words a day, though many writers utilize their weekends and the Thanksgiving holiday to meet the goal.

By the end, winning participants have a novel-length piece of writing, as well as improved skills. Heather Thompson, 13-time NaNo winner, said developing writing habits and having words on the page are equally important to the word count goal itself.

Many writers have even gone on to revise and publish the works they

wrote during the challenge, according to the NaNoWriMo website.

Taking on NaNo is daunting, but it encourages community connection to complete the goal. The official website is a source of information and a social platform, allowing users to create an account to track their progress, share story information and connect with others.

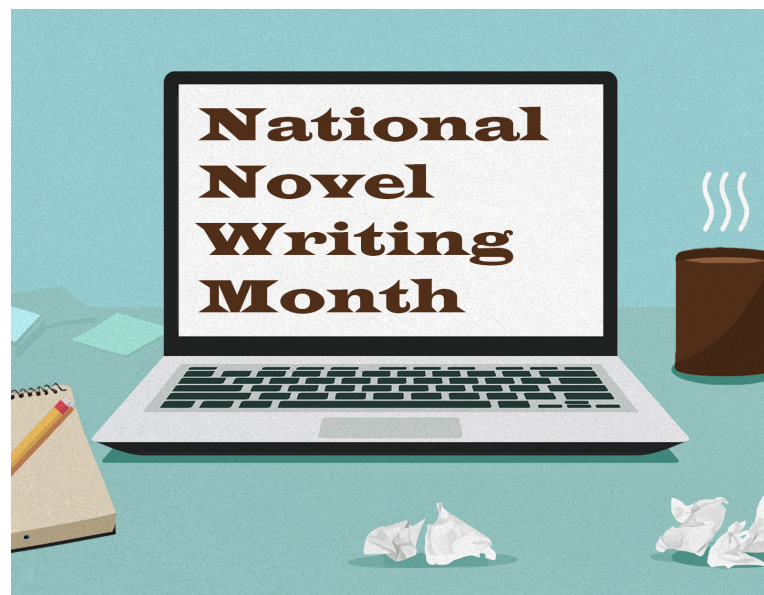
Participants can even join NaNo regions to meet up with local writers for writing sessions, celebrate milestones together and more.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, the Wake-Orange-Durham counties group hosted a kickoff event at Chapel Hill Public Library. The participating community members encompassed a variety of ages, experiences and writing genres, but all shared the overall excitement for the upcoming month.

The group, run by municipal liaisons, is offering events for almost every day of November.

Thompson, a municipal liaison, said that after her first year of NaNo, she discovered the large community behind the project and the difference it made in participation.

“I really love the community, especially in this area, because they’re very generous and they’re super fun



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and it’s always a very motivational space to be in,” she said.

Nineteen-time participant Katrina Nash, explained that while the challenge is intimidating, the rush of the win is worth the effort.

“It feels so good,” she said. “And then you know, you also have a draft that you can edit into something that you’d be willing to let other people read.”

UNC graduate student Katarina Harrison, an eight-time winner, has always been in school when she’s participated in NaNo. She said it is hard to strike the balance required to succeed in the challenge and stay on top of school work, but she said the effort is worth it.

“The deeper you go into it, the more it’s like, ‘Okay, this victory is a sign that I have put something I care about

ahead of things that other people try and put in front of me,” she said.

For UNC students looking to take on this year’s challenge but lacking the community to spur them through the ups and downs, the Wake-Orange-Durham counties NaNoWriMo group is a great place to start.

However, for those looking for more student-oriented NaNo communities, UNC’s Back Page creative writing club is encouraging members to take on the task.

Back Page is doing weekly check-ins with NaNo participants, offering prizes to those on track with the writing goals and emphasizing collaboration and support among the UNC student NaNo community.

Regardless of how much preparation NaNo participants have done before November, the next month will be an exciting time for writers looking to complete the challenge.

Nash encouraged those considering taking on the challenge to move past trepidation and jump right in.

“Just do it,” she said. “It’s so much fun. Definitely go to events if you can — write-ins are fantastic for motivation, and we have an amazing community.”

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# Opinion

## The Daily Tar Heel

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

# Submissions received about the Israel-Gaza war

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The Daily Tar Heel has received several op-eds of varying opinions related to the ongoing war in Israel and Gaza.

We take notice and acknowledge the heightened emotions on UNC's campus — and at universities across the U.S. — since Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7.

After reviewing these submissions, it is clear that discussion on the topic is important to our community.

We have decided to create a series of these op-eds titled, "Submissions on the Israel-Gaza war." Accessible on The DTH's website, the submissions presented in the series are sent in by members of the UNC and local community outside The DTH.

The term "op-ed" is an abbreviation for "opposite the editorial page." The

New York Times created the first op-ed page in 1970, where opinion pieces were printed on the opposite side of a news page.

Letters to the editor and op-eds are pieces written by someone outside the newspaper who hopes to share their opinion on a specific issue. They are published in the opinion section of The DTH. Submissions are limited to approximately 500 words, and are edited for clarity, grammar, accuracy and vulgarity. The DTH is committed to creating a forum for free and fair debate on our college campus and in our local community. Just as we prioritize unbiased reporting in the newsroom, The DTH takes pride in making space for productive dialogue on our opinion page. In the past, the opinion page has served as a forum for the community to voice its diverse perspectives during and after critical moments. This remains true today.

We welcome input from everyone, and value the range of opinions and lively discourse in the opinion section of our paper and website. We reserve the right, however, to reject submissions that do not meet our editorial standards. While some readers may find language used in op-eds surprising, we believe it is crucial to accurately represent the voices within our community. To hold ourselves and our contributors accountable, anyone interested in writing an op-ed or letter is asked to provide links to reputable sources when citing a claim as fact.

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### OP-EDS

## No place for hate

The campus community has been reeling since Oct. 7, as we all struggle to process the unfathomable suffering that is being experienced in the Middle East.

There is certainly room for divergent perspectives on these issues, and it is important to resist the suggestion that any criticism of the Israeli government is necessarily antisemitic, just as we ought to resist the analogous suggestion that any criticism of the Palestinian government is necessarily Islamophobic.

However, when we disagree with others — both on campus and in the broader society — it matters a great deal how we do that.

The line between animated public discourse and hate speech can sometimes be difficult to identify, especially when participants in that discourse understandably feel anger, fear and an urgent need to support their local and global communities.

And yet, that line is a vitally important one, both morally and legally. Morally speaking, hate speech demeans and devalues individuals on the basis of their identities, and is inconsistent with the basic respect to which every member of a campus community is entitled. Legally speaking, hate speech can create a hostile environment on campus for members of the targeted group, which triggers remedial requirements for the University under Title VI.

On Oct. 10, the UNC Students for Justice in Palestine released a graphic on their Instagram advertising a protest on campus. That image included a paraglider in the background, which unmistakably references and glorifies the Hamas paragliders who had murdered, raped and kidnapped many Jewish people just three days prior.

The only available interpretation of that image is as an endorsement of these acts of terrorism, leading to reasonable fear among Jewish members of our community that they too would soon become victims of violent antisemitic acts.

To introduce this hateful image into our campus community is utterly indefensible, just as it would be indefensible to introduce images endorsing other forms of hateful violence.

And yet, if the image at issue had been one endorsing violence aimed at minority groups other than Jewish people — say, if it had been a celebratory image of Derek Chauvin's knee on George Floyd's neck — I strongly suspect that the campus's reaction would have been very different. It is important that we all consider whether and why that is so.

It is also important that we work hard to disentangle the legal and moral issues at stake here. Legally, a public university is rightly severely limited in its ability to take action restricting expressive conduct, even when that conduct is an unambiguous case of hate speech.

And yet, morally, we as a community should expect more from each other, even when — especially when — we are all wounded by the suffering of individuals and communities we hold dear. I hold both the student leaders of SJP, as well as their faculty advisor, Elyse Crystall, responsible for this gross breach of respectful dialogue on campus, and I sincerely hope that in the future, they will more carefully consider the impact of their conduct on the health and security of the campus community.

— Matthew Kotzen, professor and chair of the UNC Department of Philosophy

## I loved Hillel. I thought it loved me back

As a Jewish UNC graduate, I often get updates from NC Hillel, which I took part in as a student. In light of the horrific Israeli attacks on Gaza, Hillel is very concerned about antisemitism on campus, which to them means any vocal solidarity with Palestine. Hillel's narrative is that solidarity with Palestine is an attack on Jewish students. As a proudly anti-Zionist Jewish alumna, I want to fight that narrative.

I dedicated a mountain of time, effort and care to UNC Hillel. I led Shabbat services almost every week of my student career. I served on Hillel's student board. I co-wrote the Haggadah for Hillel's queer Passover Seder. I loved Hillel. I thought it loved me back. But that love only went as far as I could pass as a Zionist.

During my first year at UNC, excited to take part in Jewish life, I joined Hillel's student board. We went to a dinner where I recall the president of Hillel International railed against Jewish Voice for Peace and Students for Justice in Palestine. This event wasn't supposed to be about Israel; it was supposed to be about Hillel. The purpose of Hillel, apparently, was to silence pro-Palestine sentiment, especially from other Jews.

In 2017, Hillel at Ohio State broke ties with a fellow Jewish group for working with a student organization that supports the boycott and divestment of Israel. In 2019, Hillels of Georgia partnered with a Christian law firm to file a federal complaint after Georgia Tech's Hillel director was barred from a pro-Palestine event. They

painted the incident as antisemitic, when in fact it was an attempt to protect the event from disruption.

You can't have it both ways, Hillel. Either you're a home for all Jewish students, including those of us who support Palestine, or you're a Zionist organization. It's heartbreaking to remember the hours I spent in the Hillel house, the work I put in preparing Seders and leading services, knowing all that work and love was feeding a reactionary, genocidal ideology. You said you were my Jewish home, and I wanted that to be true. Even knowing you'd drop me if I voiced support for Palestine, I gave my time to you anyway. I didn't see another option. There was no formal Jewish community at UNC outside Hillel. I felt forced into an impossible choice, giving up spiritual community or supporting genocidal propaganda. I chose wrong.

Because it's a lie. Even as I led services and listened to my peers pray for Israel, I also made Jewish friends who supported Palestine. I met Palestinian students who showed me a degree of patience they were by no means obligated to. The community I didn't think I could have was right there.

Jewish students: Hillel doesn't love you. It wants to use you, and you deserve better. You can build your own community, with Jews and non-Jews alike. Loving, anti-Zionist Jewish community is possible. Don't let propagandists tell you otherwise.

Solidarity with Palestine.

— Jayna Fishman, UNC class of 2017

## UNC SJP responds to hostile campus climate, anti-Palestinian racism

UNC Students for Justice in Palestine is appalled by the anti-Palestinian racism, anti-Arab bigotry and Islamophobia at UNC since Oct. 7.

UNC has long ignored threats directed at students exercising their First Amendment right to condemn Israel's colonization and occupation of Palestine; and as Israel's genocidal war in Gaza intensifies, so does the harassment of pro-Palestine students, faculty and staff.

Furthermore, we are disappointed by Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz's message to the community on Oct. 13. We reject the claim that events in Palestine can be reduced to a religious conflict between Muslims and Jews.

This framing erases the history of co-existence between Palestinian Jews, Christians and Muslims prior to the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948. It also erases the existence of Palestinian Christians, many of whom witnessed the damaging of one of the world's oldest Greek Orthodox churches in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza.

In addition, the notion that a Muslim/Jewish religious conflict is the root cause of the 75-year-old settlement of Palestinian land dismisses the thousands of Jewish voices calling for an end to Israel's apartheid regime.

We are aware that UNC administration contacted Israeli students and Jewish organizations soon after Oct. 7, but, to our knowledge, failed to reach out to Palestinian, Arab and Muslim students — many of whom have family in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

On Oct. 27, we hand-delivered a letter to the UNC administration calling for the University's divestment from Israeli apartheid. We continue to await a response and are disappointed by the administration's failure to act promptly.

This careless approach demonstrates the administration's failure to support all the members of this community. Moreover, it shows that the administration values the life and well-being of certain students more than others. We condemn this lack of concern for Palestinians, especially given that we know UNC students whose family members have been killed during Israel's indiscriminate bombing in Gaza.

During SJP's Oct. 12 rally, the consequences of the administration's lack of concern for Palestinian students and allies were on full display. Pro-Israel counter-demonstrators physically and verbally harassed students participating in the rally. A faculty member disrupted the non-violent demonstration when he harassed students, violating their personal space to such an extent that he was led away by campus police.

Since Oct. 12, individual members of UNC SJP have faced death threats, targeted harassment and other forms of doxxing. The national organization as a whole has been characterized as antisemitic by the U.S. Senate, as well as a current presidential candidate who proposed the deportation of non-citizen students engaged in pro-Palestine activism.

We reject the characterization of the Oct. 12 rally or any of SJP's other activities as antisemitic. Anti-Zionism and antisemitism are not the same — many of SJP's executive board members are Jewish. Furthermore, we reject the assertion that supporting colonized peoples' right to resistance is the same as endorsing violence in our community.

More than 10,000 civilians have now been killed in Israel's nearly month-long assault on Gaza. We call on the whole UNC community to stand in solidarity with Palestinians against this ongoing genocide.

— UNC Students for Justice in Palestine



# Sports

## The Daily Tar Heel

### OFFENSIVE ANALYSIS

# Omarion Hampton rushes for 144 yards against Campbell

The running back's performance led UNC to a 59-7 victory

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Walking into the postgame press conference wearing slides and sporting a nonchalant expression, one might have thought it was just an ordinary game for Omarion Hampton.

It wasn't.

In the Tar Heels' Saturday afternoon 59-7 victory over the Campbell Camels, the sophomore running back raced past the 1,000-yard threshold for rushing yards over a single season, becoming the fastest Tar Heel to do so since Giovanni Bernard in 2012.

Hampton's 144 yards against Campbell is the fourth consecutive 100-plus yard game for the Clayton native. So, it should come as no surprise that Hampton leads the ACC in total rushing yards, touchdowns and average rushing yards per game.

Hampton still isn't satisfied though.

"It's a good honor and everything, I just know I have to keep pushing and keep getting better," he said directly after taking the podium.

Despite his quick ascent to the 1,000-yard threshold, head coach Mack Brown said he thought with Hampton's skill set, he would have reached it last year. But, because of a

sprained ankle, ball protection issues and an offensive scheme that heavily emphasized the Drake Maye air raid, Hampton found himself sitting behind Elijah Green on the depth chart.

He also had issues carrying the ball, dropping it in a key moment during last year's ACC championship game at the 24-yard line, and recording three fumbles over the season.

But those ball protection challenges are now just a distant memory, as Hampton now boasts the most rush attempts — 175 — without a single fumble this season.

And, he's continuing to improve.

Hampton found holes in the Campbell defensive line all day, notching two touchdowns: a 54-yard sprint down the right side and a 4-yard end zone crash. Hampton would've scored three touchdowns if not for a holding penalty that called back a 75-yard run into the end zone.

"He's a great player — we get in trouble sometimes, I may miss a block, someone misses a block and he'll shrug them right off and go take it for 60 yards," said junior tight end Bryson Nesbit. "He's a special guy."

The run game for the Tar Heels has come a long way since last year. At the end of 2022, it ranked sixth in the ACC and featured sophomore quarterback Drake Maye as the leading rusher in attempts. Now, it has jumped to third with the help of Hampton.

An increased reliance on the ground game as a whole has propelled the UNC offense to



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UNC sophomore running back Omarion Hampton (28) runs for a touchdown during the football game against Campbell on Saturday in Kenan Stadium.

second-best in the conference in average points per game behind Florida State, and the best in total yards per game — something that Brown has pointed to as being critical to the Tar Heels' success.

"The biggest thing is to win college football games you have to stop the run and run the damn ball," Brown said.

It's safe to say Hampton has been running the damn ball.

Headed into Saturday, Hampton was tied with Texas' Jonathon Brooks for seventh-most rushing yards in the FBS. Hampton has been

named ACC Running Back of the Week twice and is on the Maxwell Award Watch List, awarded to the best player in college football.

But Hampton couldn't do it alone. If there's one other essential piece, it's the leader of the running back room: graduate British Brooks.

Hampton draws from Brooks' experience and uses the strength and confidence of the veteran as inspiration for his own game.

"British is one of the best people I've ever been around, and a great teacher," Brown said. "And Omarion, as he gains

confidence, he would tell you he looks at British for everything he does."

As the season draws on, Hampton will be looking to continue learning from Brooks, improving his game and helping lead the Tar Heels to more definitive wins.

But most of all, he doesn't want to simply fall into the trap of complacency after achieving the milestone.

After all, he said there's only one thing he's aiming to do for the rest of the year: "Try and achieve more goals."

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## UNC downs Duke, 2-0

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"They've grown as a unit — as a duo — all season, just reading each other's tendencies, what they like to do and what they need from each other in terms of communication, leadership and everything off the field and on the field," Matson said.

Long after the buzzer sounded, the Tar Heels ran from their celebration in the corner of the stadium to collect their trophies and tournament memorabilia at midfield. An MVP trophy awaited Heck, while an All-Tournament team honor awaited Bruder.

But afterwards, the duo fell back from the rest of the crowd, shared a glance and wrapped an arm around each other.

A promising future awaits them, but for now, they'll enjoy this moment. Together.

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### WOMEN'S GOLF

## Tar Heels earn first place in Scotland

Iadpluem, Smith led the team during the St. Andrews Links Collegiate

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To prepare for the frigid weather at the St. Andrews Links Collegiate from Oct. 23-25, first-year Ing Iadpluem turned the air conditioning in her Granville Towers dorm room to 40 degrees.

She put on a big puffer coat and practiced her swings in Chapel Hill in preparation for the cold temperatures and biting winds of the courses she was about to face in Scotland.

Despite it being her first time in Europe, this method of preparation clearly worked.

Fulfilling what she called a "dream come true," Iadpluem set the women's Jubilee Course record for a single round at the St. Andrews Links Collegiate. The North Carolina women's golf team finished first place, aided by fifth-year Kayla Smith's top-placing individual finish.

When UNC assistant coach Katherine Hamski told Iadpluem she had set a new record, the first-year almost didn't believe her.

"I was like, 'Huh, really?'" Iadpluem said. Iadpluem had been dreaming of this moment since she began playing golf. Traditionally called the "home of golf," St. Andrews Links boasts one of the oldest golf courses in the world.

Fittingly, the Jubilee Course that the invitational was played on is also one of the most difficult. With high-speed winds and piercing temperatures, it presents challenges for even the best of golfers.

"I just feel so lucky," Iadpluem said. "I had a chance to be there and compete as a UNC [athlete]. And even more, I just, like, [shot] so good."

While Iadpluem may have been surprised by her success, head coach Aimee Neff was not.

"She's not only a worker, but she's a student," she said. "Anytime you're talking through things, she takes notes."

Although Iadpluem didn't come out the gate strong, she bounced back on day two. On day one, she shot an eight-over-par 80 which put her toward the bottom of the standings. She turned it around the next day, shooting four-under with a score of 68.

"[I had] a lot of self-doubt on the first day," Iadpluem said. "So after the first day, to actually sit down and be like, 'Hey, I shouldn't have that mindset [of] self-doubt on the course. I'm just gonna go out there and enjoy [and] control what I can, and just enjoy what has happened.'"

On day one of the invitational, Smith shot a three-under-par 69 which tied the same record that Iadpluem broke on day two. Smith finished the invitational in first place — the second first-place victory of her collegiate career.

"As a kid, you always dream of yourself like getting there and playing there," Smith said. "And not only like, in a fun fashion, but then for us to be able to play there competitively was an insane dream come true, for sure."

The first-place finish for the Tar Heels was their first overall victory of the season. The team is currently transitioning into its off-season, as the St. Andrews Links Collegiate was the last match for the Tar Heels until the spring season begins in February.

During the three-month break, Neff and her coaching staff will look at what each player needs to individually prepare for the coming spring season that begins in February.

Maybe, for Iadpluem, preparation will continue to involve a big puffer coat and a freezing cold dorm room.

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Eli N. Evans Distinguished Lecture in Jewish Studies

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Lay People's Voices in Talmudic Jewish Courts

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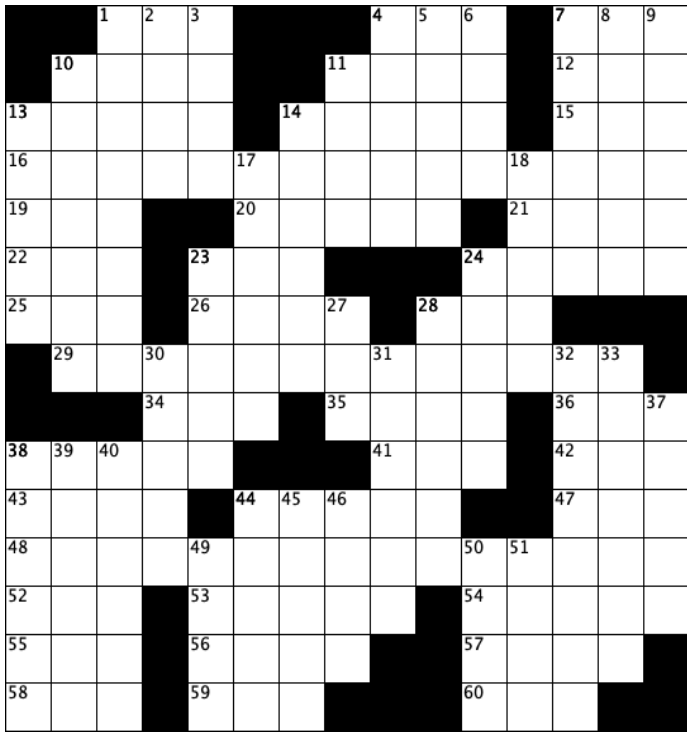
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This week's crossword was created by Liam Furlong. Liam is a UNC junior majoring in comparative literature and education. He is from Wilmington, Delaware.

Title: "Murder of Songbirds"

Across

- 1 Write 'in ink'?
- 4 "Peace Train" singer Stevens
- 7 Masterchef fuel cooker
- 10 Magritte: "This is not 10-across"
- 11 Character found in "Victorious?"
- 12 Women's shirt
- 13 Like charged atoms
- 14 Studied hard, with 'up'
- 15 Place to put a dinner napkin
- 16 Cause for a November shopping rush
- 19 Organize the chess board?
- 20 Mobiles
- 21 14-down's location
- 22 Ostrich relative
- 23 Word before 'house' and 'home'
- 24 "Come in, please"
- 25 Pointed end of 1-across
- 26 Carolina Brewery beverages
- 28 Chow down at Chick-fil-A, say
- 29 2013 OneRepublic hit song
- 34 Macs, for instance
- 35 With 'night,' popular meal at Chase Dining Hall
- 36 Opp. of WWN
- 38 Glad to listen to Pharrell Williams?
- 41 Got messy, like mascara
- 42 Cul-de-\_\_\_\_\_
- 43 Not doing much
- 44 Webpage with mission statements
- 47 Pre-check org.
- 48 Comedian who hosts "The Talk"
- 52 The Caspian, for one
- 53 Like a sailor on the Caspian
- 54 They're raised in Lancaster County
- 55 Medical units, abbr.
- 56 "Dang it, another infestation!"
- 57 Frosts the cake
- 58 Look into the future
- 59 Ruby Rae Spiegel play "\_\_\_\_ Land"
- 60 Fresh turf

Down

- 1 Large Filipino volcano
- 2 "Awesome video game!"
- 3 Something to stick out for your friends
- 4 Seaside villa
- 5 Word after 'bay' and 'gray'
- 6 Organized
- 7 Response to "Raising Canes is finally here!"
- 8 Soccer keeper
- 9 Manifest, show up
- 10 Controversial writing
- 11 "There's nothing \_\_\_\_\_"
- 13 "A Doll's House" playwright
- 14 Sultanate of Borneo
- 17 Flaws, like those in our stars
- 18 Holiday mall attraction
- 23 Upscale
- 24 \_\_\_\_\_ away, corroded
- 27 Weekend comedy special, abbr.
- 28 Property
- 30 Word before 'case' and 'hand'
- 31 Half-bird, half-man Hindu deity
- 32 Refurbished, like an artifact
- 33 "Rent" opening number "\_\_\_\_\_ of Love"
- 37 Copious amounts
- 38 Speaks in snake, say
- 39 Abide by
- 40 "I beg of you!"
- 44 Sacrificial platform
- 45 Like a lady with a lot on her chest?
- 46 Bills brought to the club
- 49 Three feet
- 50 Stats for David Ortiz
- 51 Site of infamous

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If November 8 is your birthday...



Today's Birthday (11/08/23). Flourish together this year. Schedule regular creativity, romance and fun. Winter changes reorient plans with your partner, for spring reorganization. Get your body moving this summer for health and energy. Solve romantic or creative challenges next autumn, for renewed inspiration. Share connection, collaboration and contribution.

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 — Walk and talk together. Connect at a deeper level. Partnerships seem easier for the next month, with Venus in Libra. Compromise comes easier.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Today is a 9 — Pour your heart into your actions to grow. There's more work this month, with Venus in Libra. You're growing healthier and more beautiful.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Today is an 8 — Relax and enjoy the company. This month favors love, romance and fun, with Venus in Libra. Creativity and artistry flower. Discover extraordinary beauty.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Today is an 8 — Beautify your love nest. You're inspired and energized for domestic projects, with Venus in Libra for four weeks. Strategize with family. Host gatherings.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Today is a 9 — Listen to your heart. Creative communications flower, with Venus in Libra this month. Make valuable connections for profit and intellectual growth. Share and network.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Today is a 9 — Use your charms. The next month could get especially profitable, with Venus in Libra. Put love into your work and demand for it rises.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Today is a 9 — Dress for success. You're attracting the attention of someone important. Abandon old fears. You've got this. Enjoy the professional spotlight. Smile for the camera.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Today is a 7 — Rest, recharge and make plans over the next four weeks, with Venus in Libra. Revel in peace and quiet. Get lost in beauty.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Today is an 8 — Enjoy the public spotlight. You're especially popular, with Venus in Libra for a month. Contribute to advance community causes. Savor fun, friends and teamwork.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Today is a 9 — Expand your territory. Develop your career toward passion, with Venus in Libra. Advance your professional agenda for fun and profit this month. Take charge.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Today is an 8 — Collaborate for financial growth. Travel can be mind-expanding. Make an educational exploration with Venus in Libra this month. Study and discover rare treasures.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Today is a 9 — Collaborate to grow your shared assets. This month, with Venus in Libra, is good for saving money. Reduce waste. Sow, plant and harvest together. games, sports and hobbies feed your spirit.

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## ON THE RISE



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UNC director of cross country Chris Miltenberg has worked hard to rebuild the program and its culture from the ground up.

## Cross country coach discusses team culture, positive results

In fourth year, Chris Miltenberg reflects on the progress made

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The very first practice Chris Miltenberg, the director of cross country at UNC, oversaw in 2019 told him all he needed to know about the team's culture.

It wasn't good.

In fairness, Miltenberg and his coaching staff were the third different set of coaches in three years for the program. The team was worn out.

Still, runners would joke about being too hurt or too tired to complete a workout or losing to competitors in meets. These weren't just jokes for Miltenberg — they reeked of an acceptance of inferiority.

"The way you talk reflects the way you think," Miltenberg said.

The growth of North Carolina men's cross country began with building a more positive culture.

When Miltenberg arrived in 2019, his coaching staff worked toward deconstructing the team's low expectations of itself. Not only did success follow, but the Miltenberg era created a winning culture. In the ACC Championships on Oct. 27, the men won for the first time since 1985 and now hold a No. 5 national ranking.

Miltenberg needed to show the Tar Heels that they could win. Pedigree helped in this regard — he won a women's cross country championship as a coach at Georgetown in 2011 and coached 30 cross country runners to All-America honors at Stanford.

But building belief required more than experience. Miltenberg needed runners who would embody a new mentality. He credited former Tar Heel Brandon Tubby for taking that responsibility on for the men's team.

Practicing at Umstead Park in Miltenberg's first month, Tubby recalled stopping 20 minutes into the run because he hadn't eaten properly before practice. As he headed back to where the team vans were parked, Tubby ran into a frustrated Miltenberg.

"He was like, 'Brandon, if you really want to be good, you have to figure out how to eat,'" he said.

Tubby said Miltenberg would frequently challenge his runners when he saw a bad habit getting in the way of their goals.

Miltenberg sent weekly individual plans to the athletes aimed at helping them improve, and the plans worked. In the 2021 indoor and outdoor track seasons, Tubby reached new heights. He recorded an under four-minute mile for the first time in his career at the 2021 ACC Indoor

Championships and qualified for the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships for the first time.

When it comes to recruiting, Miltenberg looks for runners who would fit best within the program's expectations of a 365-days-per-year running lifestyle. In his words, he doesn't try to "talk anyone into coming."

After his first recruiting visits in 2019, he remembered a team member asking him why no recruit stayed afterward for the Saturday football game. That was the point: the visit was reflective of the challenge recruits had to accept.

"We scare people off, probably, and we're okay with that," Miltenberg said.

Miltenberg attracted highly-touted high school runners like junior Parker Wolfe, who was the 2020-21 Gatorade National Boys Cross Country Player of the Year.

Wolfe said he spurned established programs in favor of building something new at UNC under the guidance of Miltenberg. He already knew some runners in his class, like Ethan Strand, from competing against them in national races, and was excited to join forces in Chapel Hill.

"It's just something special about you and your best friends going out and trying to build something really cool and trying to be one of the best teams in the country," Wolfe said.

Wolfe feeds off the team culture that Miltenberg created in the years preceding his arrival. He enjoys running next to teammates who have similar goals of running at a professional level. He regularly talks about qualifying for Olympic trials with Strand.

"I always thought running was just kind of gonna be part of my college experience," Wolfe said. "But these guys have really made me realize how much I like it."

Wolfe was one of seven runners who qualified for the NCAA Championships last season. For comparison, UNC sent no runners in 2018, the season before Miltenberg arrived. And now, Wolfe is UNC's first individual conference champion this century.

The talent leveled up. There were no new bells and whistles in attracting that talent, though. To create a nationally competitive program, North Carolina's newfound culture did the talking.

"Winners and losers have the same goals, right? So it's not about your goals," Miltenberg said. "It's about what you do day after day and your systems to achieve your goals."

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## MEN'S SOCCER

## Ahmad Al-Qaq's goal defeats Wake Forest

Team moves to first ACC Tournament semifinal since 2018

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WINSTON-SALEM — Kneeling on the pitch, Ahmad Al-Qaq bent down and gave the grass of Spry Soccer Stadium a kiss.

As a practicing Muslim, it was a spiritual moment for Al-Qaq — something he does after every goal he scores. On Sunday, this goal was "no doubt" the biggest one of his North Carolina career.

In UNC men's soccer's 1-0 victory over No. 2 seed Wake Forest in the ACC quarterfinals, his goal was the decider, sending the Tar Heels to the ACC Tournament semifinals for the first time since 2018.

The game represented the transformation Al-Qaq has had over his long career at UNC.

"You're talking about a big jump," head coach Carlos Somoano said.

Al-Qaq has been the rock off the bench this year, coming in to effect the game with his fresh legs. On Sunday, he entered the game earlier than he normally does — just seven minutes into the contest.

He subbed in for graduate forward Martin Vician because Somoano said the team wasn't playing to the game plan, which was "to go out there and get into [Wake Forest], impress them and harass them."

"I mean, we went over it, this is how we're supposed to play," Somoano said.

Al-Qaq would make his presence felt just under nine minutes later. Capitalizing off a turnover in the 16th minute, he faked the defender to the right, dribbled the ball to his left and rocketed in a goal from outside the box.

It was just his third career goal, all of which have come this season.



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UNC senior midfielder Ahmad Al-Qaq (34) runs during a men's soccer game on Sept. 24.

"After [the goal], I was like, 'can we maintain this 1-0 lead?' — that's really all that was on my mind," Al-Qaq said, later adding that he was "so happy that the goal actually meant something at the end of the day."

The goal displayed the offensive skill that makes Al-Qaq unique amongst this squad. In Somoano's words, Al-Qaq has the ability to "buckle your knee." Put differently, he excels in one-on-one scenarios, unbalancing defenders and creating space to boot a shot at net.

In a game that saw the Demon Deacons outshoot the Tar Heels 11-5 and double their time of possession, Al-Qaq's goal allowed UNC to play its game.

"The way we play, we try to play hard from the beginning," graduate forward David Bercedo said. "If we score early, we have a lot of chances to win."

Al-Qaq's journey to this moment began just 30 minutes from Spry Stadium in his hometown of Oak Ridge. He played for the NC Fusion Academy club team before arriving at Chapel Hill in 2020. Despite getting zero playing time in his first two years, he leaned on all the work he had put in prior to coming to North Carolina.

He said he stayed motivated after watching his team go to the College Cup in 2020, and he wanted to replicate that moment. On Sunday — after three years of hard work — he finally got a taste of that postseason glory in the ACC quarterfinals.

"I think coach Somoano just taught me a lot," Al-Qaq said. "And each year I just kept improving and taking in the information like a sponge."

Al-Qaq said he still doesn't know if this year will be his last, but he hopes to produce more moments like these in the coming months. He will continue to be an important piece of the bench for Somoano's team as it looks to win the ACC Tournament for the first time since 2011.

"It's been a long process for him," Somoano said, dragging out the 'o' in 'long' for emphasis. "He's been accumulating over time, and I think what people see is, 'what clicked this year?' There's nothing that clicked this year. This is day after day after day, hard work and commitment."

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## SCHOOL SPIRIT

## A sea of Carolina Blue



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The fans in the UNC student section wave their flags during the men's soccer game against Duke on Sept. 24.



BRINGING IT HOME

# Lucky number seven: Field hockey raises the ACC trophy again

## Defense shuts out Duke in ACC Championship

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The Blue Devils' first goal never came. But when the buzzer sounded, the Tar Heels' 26th ACC title did.

No. 2 UNC held No. 3 Duke to just one first-half shot and seven shots in the game — tied for the second-lowest mark of the season for Duke. The Tar Heels took home their seventh consecutive ACC Championship on Friday night with a 2-0 win, largely thanks to their defensive stronghold.

Then, UNC's offense started to gain some confidence in the second. Still, it couldn't put points on the board. But it didn't matter, because Duke didn't score. The defense gave the offense time to breathe.

"Our defense is, I think, one of the best in the nation, and without them, we wouldn't be getting goals," sophomore forward Ryleigh Heck said. "So it all just came down to doing it together and doing it as a unit."

With the proper amount of airspace, talent and practice, you can make a shot fly, and that's just what Heck did. On a penalty corner in the third quarter, she rebounded her shot, flipped it up high into the air and watched as it dropped in the net.



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Field hockey head coach Erin Matson celebrated with her team after winning the 2023 ACC Championship against Duke on Friday.

North Carolina got on the board, and soon, the Blue Devils came back swinging. Duke drew three consecutive penalty corners shortly after Heck's goal.

Duke inserted the first corner, took a shot at the goal and was denied by graduate goalie Maddie Kahn. The Blue Devils drew another corner, with the ball crashing right into Kahn's pads. Stopped again.

"We talked about our line goals," Kahn said. "My line goal that I made for myself was executing on defensive penalty corners, picking a skill in executing. So for me, that was a really big focus point."

On the third penalty corner, UNC sixth-year back Romea Riccardo moved expeditiously and immediately got her stick on the ball to stifle the shot.

Duke didn't score.

"Within the past couple of games, we definitely have been struggling with our corner defense execution," Riccardo said. "So that was something that we really wanted to focus on."

Duke's defense was aggressive out of the gate. The Blue Devils were jumping on passes and tightening their grip on the Tar Heels' offense

throughout the night.

"We knew they were going to come out really hard, this was a big game for them," Kahn said. "They haven't won an ACC Championship before in the tournament. So we kind of knew they were going to come out hard and weren't really surprised."

Despite their impact on the championship, no UNC defenders made the All-Tournament team. The results speak for themselves, though.

Riccardo has now won six ACC Tournament championships. She laughed when asked if she would hold it over her former teammate and current head coach Erin Matson, who has five as a player.

"Well, I guess I was given one more opportunity," Riccardo said. "I'm sure if she was given a sixth one, she would have won it too."

Matson wasn't caught up in the numbers, though. This was her first time experiencing a championship at UNC from the sidelines.

"It's something you wish everyone feels," Matson said. "One of those moments you're like, I wish I could share this feeling with everybody."

On Friday night, she got to share that moment with her team. And without the defensive efforts by her Tar Heels, that moment may have never been possible.

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NEW BEGINNING

# No. 19 Tar Heels open up basketball season with win

## Men's basketball defeats Radford, 86-70, in home opener

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The North Carolina men's basketball team (1-0) opened its season with a win over Radford (0-1), 86-70, at the Dean E. Smith Center on Monday night, securing Hubert Davis' 50th win as a head coach.

Graduate center Armando Bacot led the Tar Heel offense with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Transfer wings Harrison Ingram and Cormac Ryan also contributed with three 3-pointers from Ryan and two 3-pointers from Ingram. First-year guard Elliot Cadeau lived up to his pass-first reputation with six assists in the win.

UNC opened with three new faces on the court — Brown transfer Paxson Wojcik, Ryan and Ingram — joining Tar Heel stalwarts Armando Bacot and senior guard RJ Davis.

"With their leadership qualities and their desire and love to play for Carolina, I think that's what makes [the starters] so special," RJ Davis said. "They just love to put that jersey on and go battle. The one thing I do know for sure is that, they're willing to put their bodies on the line."

Bacot started the game off on a high note with a splashy dunk on an assist from Wojcik to score the first points in the regular season for the Tar Heels. The offense kept rolling as Wojcik and Harrison drained back-to-back threes to give the Tar Heels a lead. However, without ample defense in the paint, Radford put a few buckets on UNC to keep the game close. At the first media timeout, the Tar Heels sat up seven points, 17-10, and were 3-3 from beyond the arc.

"[Ingram's] built like a tank, he's

strong, he can guard one through five," Bacot said. "So Harry is definitely a different look but glad we got a big guy like that."

The Highlanders, however, were able to capitalize on Tar Heel turnovers — six halfway through in the first half alone — and quickly evened it up with the home team.

With a little under eight minutes left, the Tar Heels found themselves down by three to the Highlanders, ultimately losing the lead and not regaining it until the final minutes of the first half.

But, as a recurring thorn in the side of the Tar Heels, defense in the paint helped Radford stay a few points ahead of UNC. The Highlanders and Tar Heels went shot-for-shot until the final minutes of the half when Ryan stole the ball and passed to Ingram, who took it to the hole on a fast break, drawing a foul and raucous cheers from the crowd.

RJ Davis scored the final points of the half and UNC went into the

locker room up 46-41.

Ingram started the second half off for UNC with his first 3-pointer of the game, and the offense relied heavily on the rebounding and abilities of Bacot and Ingram, who had the bulk of UNC's points six minutes into the second frame.

Midway through the second half, the Tar Heels started to pull away from the Highlanders by finding an effective offensive rhythm, propelled by Bacot layups, RJ Davis jumpers and 3-pointers courtesy of Ryan.

With five minutes remaining, UNC sat at a 79-66 lead that it would maintain as the clock ran down. Bacot and Ingram ran the offense in the second half, with a combined 19 points and seven rebounds.

"I was happy to you know, give some fire and provide some energy in that way," Ryan said. "It was good. We hung in there, we connected well, and we were able to get done."

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UNC graduate forward Armando Bacot (5) reaches for the ball during the basketball game against Radford on Monday.

# Tar Heel, six-time NBA All-Star remembered

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That's just who "Sweet D" was.

Walter, a UNC basketball legend and the uncle of current North Carolina coach Hubert Davis, died at the age of 69 on Thursday due to natural causes. Walter was an Olympic gold medalist and six-time NBA All-Star. But, above all else, he is remembered by his family, friends and former teammates for his kind demeanor.

"[Walter] would give you the coat off his back," former UNC teammate Phil Ford said. "It didn't matter who you were, your status or anything. He was just a great person that cared about everybody. There wasn't a single ounce of jealousy or hatred in his body."

Before Monday's game against Radford, the crowd in the Dean E. Smith Center paused for a moment of silence to honor Walter. During warmups, the Tar Heels wore long sleeve shirts with "Davis" and Walter's number, 24, on the back.

Hubert said that upon seeing the tribute it was hard not to get emotional.

"I told the team that the reason I'm here is because of Uncle Walt," Hubert said. "I don't get a scholarship, I don't get a chance to go here without Uncle Walt being here. Because of that, everything significant in my life has happened here because of Uncle Walt."

While Walter was "Uncle Walt" to Hubert, he was known to the masses as "Sweet D," a nickname earned primarily because of his silky-smooth shot, famously displayed in his iconic buzzer-beater against Duke in 1974. Former UNC coach Roy Williams noted that in the four corners offense, which is primarily used to create high-percentage layups, Walter was the only player whom coach Dean Smith allowed to shoot jump shots.

"Sometimes he'd go past you, and you'd find yourself going,

"Wow, that was really good," said Dan Bonner, a former Virginia Cavalier who played against Walter as a senior in 1975. "And then you'd realize, 'Wait, a minute, I'm supposed to be stopping him.' He played intensely without being a jackass about it."

While "Sweet D" was emblematic of Walter's elegant playing style, it also represented his character.

Walter helped Ford get comfortable during his first year at UNC. Ford said Walter acted as an "older brother," helping him get registered, showing him where his classes were and settling Ford into his dorm.

This friendship extended roughly 50 years, well beyond their playing days. Walter was the best man at Ford's wedding, and vice versa.

"I loved him and he loved me," Ford said.

When Walter broke his finger in the 1977 ACC Tournament, the team doctor tried to drain some blood from his digit before the conference championship game, Ford recalls. Walter hated needles. He cried, so the whole team cried. That's how much his teammates loved him.

Nearly two weeks later in the Sweet 16, UNC fans wore blue ribbons wrapped around their fingers in honor of Walter. That's how much fans adored him.

And with that same broken finger, Walter nearly led the Tar Heels to a national championship in 1977.

When his 20 points in the title game weren't enough, he didn't sulk. Instead, he comforted his teammate, because that's exactly who "Sweet D" was.

"I remember Walter as a person, and the kind soul he was and how he was all-in, 100 percent on North Carolina," Williams said. "Walter Davis is one of those guys that, when you cut him, everyone thinks it's going to come out red, but it's going to come out Carolina Blue."

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