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Student charged in campus shooting, professor dead

University in lockdown for 3 hours, 10 minutes

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It lasted 190 minutes.

On an otherwise bright Monday afternoon, many UNC students hid in dark classrooms and closets with barricaded doors and other spaces while they waited for updates about an armed and dangerous person on campus.

As some students texted their loved-ones from lockdown with shaky hands, law enforcement officers searched the area for the suspected assailant.

Most people didn't know that Zijie Yan, associate professor in the UNC Department of Applied Physical Sciences, was dead.

Tailei Qi, a graduate student in the same department, was arrested and charged with the first-degree murder of Yan in Caudill Laboratories. Yan worked with Qi and they had previously co-authored research papers. No other injuries directly related to Qi were reported.

Qi was also arrested and charged with the possession of a firearm on educational property. Police are still looking for the firearm, a 9mm handgun, per a UNC Police news conference at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

According to information gathered by The Daily Tar Heel at Qi's first appearance in court during Tuesday's arraignment, his murder charge carries a maximum punishment of death and a minimum punishment of life without parole. However, District Attorney Jeff Nieman said his office would not pursue the death penalty.

Qi is currently being held without bail in the Orange County Detention Center.

'They told me there was an active shooter'

At 1:04 p.m. on Monday, students received an Alert Carolina message that an "armed and dangerous person" was on or near campus. Around campus, emergency warning sirens blared.

Just two minutes before the alert was sent, UNC Police received a 911 call about an active assailant near South Road.

As law enforcement and medical officials rushed to the scene, Lydia Canipe, a first-year student leaving Davis Library, saw people sprinting through campus and looking for shelter.

Unsure of what to do, Canipe jumped into the car of a student

she didn't know. She went to Kenan Stadium, where she hid crying in a small room with over a dozen other people.

Down the street, sophomore Jagur Williams was leaving the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History when he heard sirens that he said "sounded like the purge."

He didn't initially understand what was going on and continued walking to his next class. But, when he saw police cars driving down South Road, he said he began to realize that something was wrong.

"That's when I got to my next class," Williams said. "They told me there was an active shooter."

As he sat in the dark on the third floor of Woollen Gym with three other students behind a locked and barricaded door, he said that his "heart sank."

'I love y'all'

Williams was "constantly" texting and calling his friends and family to let them know what was going on, despite not having much information himself. He said it was "very scary" when they had no idea where the shooter was.

"At one point, we heard someone go down our hall and hit our doorknob," he said. "That's when it really set in, and I was texting my family 'I love y'all, I don't know what's going to happen' and it was very terrifying."

Some professors continued class during the incident, even holding meetings on Zoom.

While students sheltered in place, they looked to social media for information on the active situation. People on and off campus shared their speculations about the details — such as the number of victims or the possibility of multiple shooters.

"You seriously had no idea," Williams said. "I mean, at one point, there was rumors that there might be two shooters and that was the biggest one that I was concerned with."

'Truly a tragic day'

Less than an hour into the lockdown, an initial unidentified suspect was apprehended. They were questioned by police, but their handcuffs were removed soon after. In a news conference later Monday night, UNC Police Chief Brian James said the initial

determination was based on the description of the suspect given to the police and the proximity of the person to the incident.

During the lockdown, Alert Carolina sent several messages warning the campus community

to stay sheltered in place.

Still, for many students and faculty, there was confusion about what "shelter in place" meant. Williams said he just followed his intuition.

"I've obviously never been trained on something like this," he said.

At 2:31 p.m. the suspected armed and dangerous person was apprehended by the Chapel Hill Police Department near his residence at Williams Circle — around 2 miles away from Caudill Labs — and they verified his identity. UNC Police released a photo of Qi, labeling him as a "person of interest" minutes after at 2:35 p.m.

Some students were evacuated by law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Others did not receive direction until a 4:15 p.m. message from Alert Carolina that said "All clear. All clear. Resume normal activities."

While he was relieved to have received the message, Williams said he didn't know whether or not the alert was true.

As he stepped out of the classroom he had been hiding in for over three hours, Williams saw other students crying and hugging each other while reaching out to friends and family.

"It was such an eerie feeling being outside and out in the open when I knew there was just an active armed person on campus," he said.

During a news conference around 5:45 p.m. at the Carolina Inn on Monday, Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz said it was "truly a tragic day." The active shooter situation was something police trained for but hoped wouldn't come, James said.

"This loss is devastating, and the shooting damages the trust and safety that we so often take for granted in our campus community," James said. "We will work to rebuild that sense of trust and safety within our community."

On Monday evening, the University announced that all classes and non-mandatory operations would be canceled on Tuesday, which was then later extended through Wednesday until 11:59 p.m..

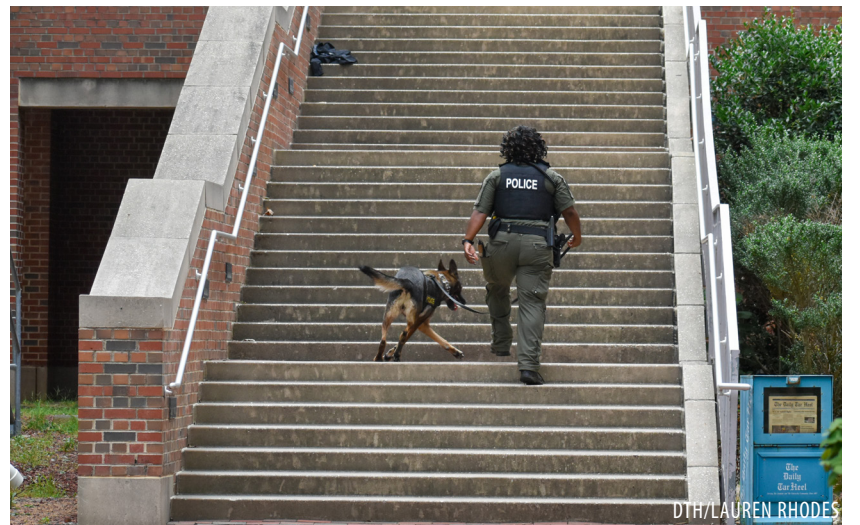
Williams said he doesn't think classes will ever feel the same again. For him, the incident still doesn't feel real.

"I don't think that I will ever sit in a lecture hall ever again and not think about something that could happen like this," he said.

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Poor crisis communication hurts us all — especially those at risk

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At a press conference about five hours after the shooting on the University's campus, UNC Police Chief Brian James confirmed his forces had initially detained the wrong person.

"That was based on, just a description we were given of the suspect and that person being in close proximity of the incident," James said.

Wrongly detained because he "fit the description" — we've heard that before.

In the press conference, James said they "very quickly" determined he wasn't the suspect, but it didn't feel that quick to us, especially when his face was circling on the news and around social media. It was terrifying for us, and we can only imagine what it felt like to him.

We watched blurry footage of his arrest from our locked-down classrooms and then we heard rumors of his handcuffs being taken off, but we don't know his name, what he was doing or if he's okay now. All we really know is that he fit the description, and he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

As a community, we need to remember him, as well as what his detainment foreshadowed. His wrongful detainment began the cycle of racism and misinformation that has plagued conversations about our campus surrounding this tragedy.

James did not bring up the fact that law enforcement handcuffed the wrong person on his own — a question from a



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Federal Bureau of Investigation agents stood next to a UNC Police car on Monday.

reporter prompted him to admit this. And we haven't heard anything about the wrongful detainee since. Neither the police nor the University have apologized publicly, and they should.

About 90 minutes into the lockdown, UNC Police released a picture of a different man on X. They didn't give a name, just that he was a person of interest in the "armed and dangerous person situation."

Students, their loved ones and interested bystanders alike acted fast; the internet found that the man in the photo was a student here at UNC. They found his LinkedIn and X accounts, and then they started commenting.

The photo remains on the police department's X account and a top response — though notably not the most liked or reposted — reads: "He studied at Wuhan University. Was there a connection?"

Scroll through the rest of the responses, or look up "Chapel Hill"

on X, and there's more of the same. Comments range from political speculation to blatant racism.

Posts on X compared the event to the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech, in which the perpetrator was also Asian. Before some of us had been let out of our locked lecture halls, we had heard strings of conspiracy theories about the suspect's connection to COVID-19.

Too often, a lack of reliable information from those in power leaves people to string together their own understanding of tragedies. That vacuum gets filled with divisive rhetoric, political arguments and outright lies.

The next morning, a booking report confirmed that the man in the photo was the man detained and later charged. More news is trickling in, but even as official sources begin to clear up details, wild speculation continues to gain traction across the internet.

UNC Police acting quickly based on a loose description left us — and

an innocent man — confused and scared. Their lack of communication left us 40 minutes into the lockdown, streaming emergency services radio from our school computers worrying about everything from potential hostages to a second or third shooter.

Any clarity would've been helpful. Instead, we sat huddled, questioning whether information we saw on X or on interviews of students could be believed.

From that moment on, we have been trying to piece together what actually happened. Our confusion, and the way we were forced to fill in the gaps ourselves, made an already horrific situation more terrifying.

As the hours pass, more information is and will likely continue to be available. Understanding how difficult crisis communications at such a large institution can be, we know it will take time to iron out the details.

But in this time, we have the opportunity to be more careful and conscious than the police were able to be in the moment they detained an innocent man. We don't have to jump to conclusions, we don't have to work just based on a description. Even though we're all still scared, we know from our experience that using this fear to perpetuate misinformed and hateful narratives causes more harm than good.

It's time UNC recognizes that gaps in their communications will be filled by misinformation — whether it's malicious, divisive and racist rhetorics, or tens of thousands of students attempting to make sense of a crisis situation.

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University support, resources

As the UNC community begins to process Monday's events, the University has compiled a list of resources for students, faculty, staff and the greater campus community in the days and months ahead.

Starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, the University set up a hotline (919) 918-1999 for students, parents, staff and concerned community members to answer questions and address concerns.

Drop-in, open counseling sessions for students are available in the following locations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the week: Carolina Union, Room 2420; Student and Academic Services Building North, Room 1118 and Campus Health.

UNC also encourages students to reach out to the Dean of Students for support.

For any student who wishes to meet with a mental health provider, Counseling and Psychological Services can be reached at all hours via (919) 966-3658 or CAPS@unc.edu. Additional wellness resources can be found at care.unc.edu and healthyheels.org.

For faculty and staff, the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is offering free and confidential counseling from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Chapman Hall, Room 125 on Tuesday and Wednesday. EAP support is also available by phone at (704) 525-5850 and online through GuidanceConnect.

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CHCCS enters 'secure mode' on first day of school year

UNC shooting prompted locked doors, delayed dismissal at local public schools

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A message came over the loudspeaker at Guy B. Phillips Middle School around 1:30 p.m. on Monday: the school would be going into "secure mode." No students would be allowed outside.

Kelly Fox, a sixth grade teacher at Phillips, said she knew by the tone of voice over the intercom that something was not right. This was not a drill.

About half an hour earlier, a faculty member at UNC was shot in Caudill Laboratories, and the University was under a full lockdown. It was the first day of the school year in surrounding Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

But, inside, class went on. Fox kept trying to get to know her new students. The class bells kept ringing. Nobody really knew for a while what was going on, but Fox said teachers kept getting texts asking if they were okay.

A student asked Fox what was going on. She told the student — since she didn't have much information herself — that they were in a safe space.

"I've been teaching for 20 years, and this was a first," Fox said. "It made me nervous. But if there was a school system that I was going to be in with something like this occurring, I'm glad I was where I was. I felt safe."

Monday was Sarah LaTour's first day as a teacher. LaTour is a recent graduate of N.C. State University, and she was teaching sixth grade students at Culbreth Middle School

when administrators came down the hallway and told her to close her door, she said.

The administrators didn't immediately tell LaTour what was really happening, she said. She thought there might be something going on in the school, or maybe outside, until an announcement was made by administrators that Culbreth was in a secure lockdown. Nobody was allowed to leave the school building, but classes could continue as normal.

"It was a little nerve-racking," LaTour said. "I mean, I tried to be — I tried to be as calm and collected as I could. But the kids, they could tell something was up."

Culbreth usually has a no cell phone policy, but during her last period of the day, LaTour told her students to contact their parents. She said that helped them settle down.

LaTour's first day of teaching didn't end until CHCCS got an "all clear" at 3:40 p.m., and she didn't leave the school until around 5 p.m. Some students who rode the bus home didn't leave until 5:30 or 6 p.m., she said.

"Especially the first day of school, all the kids were confused, even kind of scared themselves," LaTour said.

Fox said she checked in with her daughters, who both attend East Chapel Hill High School, and got several updates throughout the afternoon from Andy Jenks, chief communications office for CHCCS.

Patrick Nagle, a parent of two children at Estes Hills Elementary School and Phillips, said he felt that his children were safe during the lockdown, partially because of the constant communication from the district.

"That actually brought some distinct confidence that the school was taking measures to really ensure safety, that they wouldn't dismiss kids until they were given



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An Estes Hills Elementary School parent walked their child home from school on Tuesday.

the all clear," he said.

When schools were finally dismissed, Nagle said he walked out of his home to meet his middle schooler, whom he thought would be heading home by then.

He hadn't walked more than 50 yards before he saw his daughter coming down the street.

"I just played it cool when I saw her and said, 'Hey, how was school today?'" Nagle said. "And she's a typical teenager, you know: 'Good.' 'How were the classes?' 'Good.' 'You hear anything going on at school?' 'Yeah.'"

Then, Nagle said he went to Estes Hills to pick up his son, who immediately started talking about how he didn't like his first day of school because he had to stay inside all day.

"I think he thinks that it's the new school

that does it like that," Nagle said. "He's not getting that he was in 'secure mode.'"

Amy Evers, a music teacher at Seawell Elementary School, said she had first graders in her class when the lockdown began. They were genuinely curious about what was going on, she said. Some students thought it might have been the rain that was delaying their dismissal.

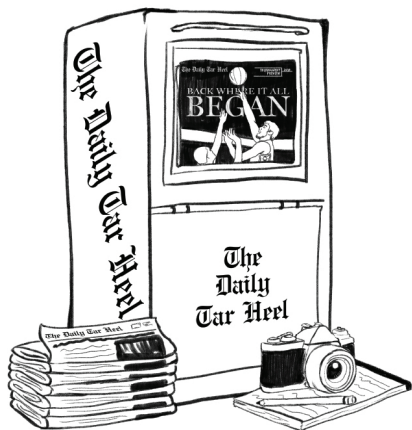
She told her students there was an emergency at UNC and that they would be staying inside until they got the "all clear." Evers said she felt utter disappointment — "Not again," she thought.

"I had a parent come up to me and ask, 'How do I talk to my first grader about gun violence?'" Evers said.

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FRANKLIN STREET

Chapel Hill families own businesses for decades, generations

Family-operated downtown storefronts and restaurants are staples in the community

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Maurice Julian opened a men's clothing store, Julian's, on Franklin Street in 1942. More than 80 years later, Julian's grandson Bart carries on his namesake and legacy.

Bart Fox took ownership of Julian's last month and said it's his turn to "put his stamp on things" as the third generation of store owners within the family. His grandfather, mother and uncle all owned the store before him.

"Just having the amount of experience that my mom and uncle have is the most valuable thing," Fox said.

Julian's Franklin Street storefront is just one of several businesses passed down through generations of Chapel Hill families.

Henry House is the president of University Florist and now runs the flower shop that his father bought over 35 years ago. He worked for his father in the shop since he was a teenager, and took over the store upon his father's retirement about six years ago.

"You definitely know the inside out, so if nothing else, the course of time and osmosis — and just being around it and breathing it in — puts you above the learning curve," House said.

Mama Dip's Kitchen, a southern-style restaurant, has been a staple in Chapel Hill for over 40 years.

Spring Council co-owns the restaurant with her seven siblings. Mildred Council, their mother and the original 'Mama Dip,' passed it down to them.

"My mom always put us in positions in the business where we can learn to carry on, so

everything that we are doing now, we were doing when she was alive," Council said.

She said customers who return years later get a sense of nostalgia, as many customers grew up on food from Mama Dip's.

Council's children and grandchildren have shown interest in leading Mama Dip's, she said, she could see herself setting it up for them to take over at some point.

Sutton's Drug Store has served customers in Chapel Hill for 100 years. Don Pinney, the current owner, said he has watched the students in town grow up through college and beyond.

Pinney is the first generation owner in his family, but his parents worked at the store and raised him on the stools at the counter, he said.

In 2014, Pinney bought Sutton's and gained full ownership.

"You're carrying on a legacy that someone else had started," Pinney said.

"These generational businesses are the fabric, not just of downtown, but of the local community," Stephanie Cobert, director of marketing for the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, said. "Families that are able to keep a business within a family, to keep the same business practices, the same menus, it helps anchor a lot of our downtown spaces."

House said one advantage of passing down a family business is the customer base that follows. He said he relies on his father's customers to spread the word about the flower shop to future generations.

House also said he is unsure of what the next generation holds for University Florist.

"It's rewarding, but it's also a very time-consuming business, so I don't know how much of that I wish on the next generation," he said.

Fox said that knowing the customer base from decades prior allowed him to "hit the ground running" when he gained ownership last month.

Rather than getting dropped off at home after school, Fox said he would arrive at his grandfather's store, absorbing the business



DTH/OLIVIA PAUL

The president of University Florist, Henry House, is pictured alongside the co-owner of Mama Dip's Kitchen, Spring Council, and the owner of Julian's, Bart Fox, on Franklin Street on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023. The ownership of all three businesses is multigenerational.

from a young age. His family would even discuss fittings and patterns at the dinner table, he said.

He said he would like to get the store to 100 years.

"My daughter is six and a half years old and already really good with a tape measure," he said. "So, it's here for her if she wants it."

Pinney said the future of Sutton's is his son, Clay Pinney. He said they have already begun the transition process to eventually transfer ownership to his son several years from now.

"It needs new blood, new life," he said.

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DOWNTOWN CHAPEL HILL

B3 Coffee to open new location

Full-service java bar coming to coworking space on Rosemary

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This September, B3 Coffee will collaborate with Innovate Carolina Junction to open a new location on East Rosemary Street for entrepreneurs, community members and students.

Once the Junction officially opens next month, B3 will operate a coffee bar for events as a part of a phased approach in the new space.

The organization will also have a full-service coffee bar at the Junction from Sept. 18-22 and Oct. 16-20.

The agreement between the two organizations is that — as long as this location is financially viable and has enough traffic to sustain B3 — it will be permanent, Jacklyn Boheler, co-founder and executive director of B3, said.

B3 — which stands for being, belonging and becoming — started as a partnership with the Best Buddies student organization at UNC in January 2020.

In the span of three years, it has evolved into a nonprofit coffee business, and Boheler said they have employees with and without disabilities working together in non-hierarchical ways.

Boheler said she feels like inclusion

initiatives often exclude intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"We're really trying to push past the charity mindset when it comes to disability and focus on the disability justice framework to really embed disability within the broader diversity, equity and inclusion movement," Boheler said. "B3 is coffee, but it's so much more."

The organization was formed by Boheler and two other former UNC graduate students, Greg Boheler and Hannah Steen. Since its creation, B3 has hosted pop-ups across the Triangle and in July 2022, it opened its first

Launch Chapel Hill's startup accelerator and innovation services. It will also be the home of Innovate Carolina — UNC's central team for innovation, entrepreneurship and economic development.

After this transition, B3 will be able to hire more long-term employees at the location while offering more transitional, short-term employment and internship opportunities at the Chapel Hill Public Library stand.

Alex Martel, also known as B3 as "Ambassador Alex," has been a member and ambassador of the organization for over three years. He works at pop-up events, serves coffee and records vlogs for the B3 Instagram.

"I think our community is the best," Martel said. "It has very amazing people and I am just grateful for our community and what our customers come to support."

With B3 at the Junction location, more UNC students will be able to easily access the organization and interact with concepts of allyship and disability culture.

"I think this will be an opportunity for UNC students to either grow in their allyship journey or experience disability culture," Boheler said. "I think disability isn't often thought of as a culture, and there's not really many designated spaces for disability culture to thrive on campus and I think this will be one of those spaces, which I'm really excited about."

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permanent kiosk in the Chapel Hill Public Library.

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CONSTRUCTION

Three major Chapel Hill roads close, buses rerouted

East Rosemary Street expected to reopen in six months

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Sections of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, East Rosemary Street and Ephesus Church Road were closed as various road projects began this week.

The closures will affect driving routes, as well as pedestrian walkways and public transit stops, according to the Town of Chapel Hill's website.

East Rosemary Street will be closed between the Rosemary Lot and Wallace Deck for six months for construction of a new parking deck, and Ephesus Church Road will be closed for two months between Fordham Boulevard and South Elliott Road to replace a stormwater pipe. A northbound lane on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near Estes Drive will be closed for three months.

Alex Carrasquillo, the Chapel Hill community safety public information officer, said there may be community frustration around the closures and the traffic they may cause.

"There's not really a good time to close Rosemary with something that long," he said. "But just something I like to point out is that it's frustrating, but I think the payoff will be really good in the end."

Vision Zero Chapel Hill, a program meant to eliminate pedestrian fatalities, worked with the Town to close an outside lane to vehicles and turn it into a walkway for pedestrians while construction takes place on the road's sidewalk as part of the Estes Drive Connectivity Project.

Chapel Hill complete streets specialist Ian Baltutis — who is a part of Vision Zero — said pedestrian safety was especially a concern along a busy road like Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, where many fatalities have occurred in the past.

"Our council committed the community to the idea that we should not sacrifice human life in the pursuit of efficiency or reducing congestion, and that's the Vision Zero mindset," he said. "So closing a lane, causing some congestion, is a worthy price to pay to prevent the loss of human life."

The YMCA bus stop — where the G, HS, NS, T, 420 and Route 4 bus routes stop — also falls in that area. The stop was moved to the Airport Road pedestrian crossing, Emily Powell, Chapel Hill Transit community outreach manager, said. The new stop will be marked with temporary flags.

"As soon as we get word that there is some construction or development going on, then we immediately start working to identify the routes that are affected, the stops or bus shelters that are affected and how we can help our customers," she said.

The Ephesus Church Road closure, which the D and F bus routes would ordinarily go through, required four bus stops to fully close for construction. For drivers, Carrasquillo said the recently completed South Elliott Road extension can be used as a detour. The East Rosemary Street closure will not affect any bus routes or pedestrian routes.

For residents to see different bus routes and stop changes, Powell said they can use the new CHT app to see alerts, or follow CHT's social media accounts. However, she said the maps on the CHT website are not updated to reflect the route and stop changes.

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A permanent ramp and lowered water fountain were added to the Old Well after months of construction. But, UNC's maintenance backlog has reached \$1 billion and students with disabilities are paying the price.

ACCESSIBILITY

'I just want to go to class'

UNC students with disabilities continue to struggle on campus

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Since the introduction of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, UNC has been slow to implement accessibility measures for students with all types of disabilities, junior Eleanor Bolton said.

Student perspective

Born with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), Bolton hopes to see changes to the University's accessibility features this semester.

"It's kind of outrageous that I am just expected to pick up the slack of the University and advocate for myself constantly," she said.

In February 2022, the Koury Residence Hall elevator stopped working and two students,

including Bolton, could not leave the upper floors of the building. Elevator accessibility continues to be an ongoing issue across campus.

"My first day of class last fall, I couldn't get to one or two of my classes for an entire week, because the elevators in Hamilton were down," Bolton said.

She said University officials didn't inform her or her professors of the malfunction, causing her to be counted as absent.

"I feel a lot of times as though I'm looked at as a problem or someone that's making a lot of noise," she said. "When in reality, I just want to go to class."

Legal requirements

Professor Kym Weed teaches English 269: Introduction to Disability Studies. As part of the course, students are required to informally audit different spaces around campus and find ways to improve campus accessibility.

"One classic example is if the accessible entrance to a building is around back when it might be more inconvenient or harder to get to, it makes an argument about who

belongs in that space," Weed said. She said accommodations have to be both physically helpful and intentional.

Future funding

Undergraduate student body secretary Jaleah Taylor said leaders in Student Government met last Wednesday to discuss students' accessibility needs.

"President Everett met with some of the folks from Crips in College, the accessibility and advocacy group here on campus," she said. "We're discussing needs and how student government can serve as a soundboard."

The UNC school system also expanded their funding for ADA compliance and ARS, Accessibility Resources and Service, from \$30 million to \$250 million a year — over an 830 percent increase.

Taylor said the University hopes to use this additional funding to increase the number of staff members working for ARS accommodations.

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UNC SYSTEM

Gov. Roy Cooper vetoes bill expanding Board of Trustees

State Senate bill aims to change N.C. public board appointment structure

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Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed Senate Bill 512 on Thursday, which aims to change the appointment structure of several North Carolina public boards and commissions — including the UNC Board of Trustees and UNC System Board of Governors.

The N.C. General Assembly passed the bill on Aug. 17, and Republicans can override the governor's veto because of their supermajority.

"Fundamentally, it violates the separation of powers enshrined in the state constitution," Cooper said in his veto.

If Republicans use their supermajority in the state legislature, the bill would increase the size of the BOT by two members — from 13 to 15.

"There's always a tremendous amount of work to do, overseeing the University, and anybody that's so inclined that wants to help out with that, I welcome their addition," Trustee Perrin Jones said.

Under the new bill, six members would be appointed by the General Assembly and eight would be elected by the BOG. The final, ex-officio member is the UNC student body president.

In June, the Governor's Commission on the Governance of Public Universities in NC released recommendations to strengthen the NC public university governance system.

The full report suggested increasing the size of each university's Board of Trustees to 15 members, excluding ex-officio members. Seven would be appointed by the BOG, four by the General Assembly and four by the governor.

The Commission also proposed increasing the BOG from 24 to 32 members — the additional eight of which would be selected by the "largest minority party in the House and Senate" — currently the Democratic Party.



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Members of the Board of Trustees sat in a meeting on March 22, 2023.

"This selection requirement will ensure a more bipartisan Board of Governors with greater diversity of political thought and reduce the perception of political influence in university governance," the report said.

S.B.512 dictates that each chamber of the state legislature will elect 12 members to the BOG — a change not recommended by the Commission, which suggested eight members be selected by the largest minority party.

State Democrats have expressed concern that the bill is a partisan maneuver by Republicans to allocate more control to their own party.

"Legislative efforts to seize executive power are unconstitutional and damage vital state work," Cooper wrote in his veto.

University Communications told The Daily Tar Heel they have "nothing to add at this time" about the bill or its impact on University governance.

If Democrats continue to challenge the bill's constitutionality, the decision may go to the state Supreme Court, in which Republicans hold a 5-2 majority.

"Everyone agrees generally that the amount of power that [the General Assembly] has stripped from the governor is not only politically motivated but unconventional," UNC law professor Rick Su said. "Is it all the way to unconstitutional? That's an open question," Su said.

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ATHLETICS

New Kenan Stadium LED lighting to enhance game day

Duke, N.C. State have already upgraded their facilities

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As the North Carolina football team heads into a highly anticipated season, Kenan Stadium will be more awash in Carolina Blue than ever before — thanks to an upgraded lighting system.

More than 200 new LED game lights and moving spotlights were installed throughout the stadium over the summer. This will allow for brighter lighting during night games, as well as specialized light shows during the season.

Carmichael Arena also received upgraded LED lighting and new video boards.

"Kenan Stadium and Carmichael Arena will look much better on TV,"

Rick Steinbacher, senior associate athletic director, said. "It costs a lot less to operate. [The lights] are more beneficial for the environment. And because they're LED lights, they can do a lot of things that the older halogen lights couldn't do."

Steinbacher also said this type of lighting is the new standard for stadiums. Duke University's Wallace Wade Stadium switched to LED lighting in 2016, and N.C. State University followed suit last year.

"The lights that we had were in danger of no longer working anymore," Steinbacher said.

These stadium updates come at a time when the University continues to face backlash over funding priorities because of its extensive maintenance backlog. However, funds for the Kenan Stadium lights came from an athletics-specific source.

A fund directed toward the stadium's maintenance and upgrades, alongside additional money from the UNC Athletics operating budget,

provided the \$1.3 million for the lighting project.

The Carmichael Arena project was funded by an alternate source — the Champion Sustainability Fund, a recent partnership between Champion and Sustainable Carolina that provides investments for energy efficiency projects on campus.

The Carmichael lights are the first completed project to come out of this partnership.

UNC sustainability analyst Melanie Elliott, who manages the Champion Sustainability Fund, said the University has been working to install more LED lighting in buildings across campus for more than a decade.

"I definitely think that LEDs are worth pursuing, simply for the fact that they have that high rate of return," Elliott said. "It's going to pay back in energy savings in five years or less, and very few energy efficiency projects will do that."

In addition to improving television visibility and conserving energy, the



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The LED lighting in Kenan Stadium colors the field in blue on Aug. 16.

new LED lights are expected to elevate the overall game day experience, according to UNC senior Lydia Waddell, co-chair of Carolina Fever.

"I mean, personally, I would love it," Waddell said. "I am all about football. I think the lights that they are doing — we saw the other day. They look great."

The Stadium's new lights made their debut this past Saturday at a pep rally and will be seen again as the Tar Heels take the field for their first home game against Appalachian State on Sept. 9.

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Police tape lined the exterior of Caudill Labs on Monday following an active shooting incident on the UNC campus.

EDITORIAL

We deserve to be kept informed, we deserve dignity



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UNC students evacuated campus through Fraternity Court on Monday after the shelter in place warning was lifted.

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On Monday at 1:04 p.m., warning sirens went off and an Alert Carolina message went out alerting the campus community of an “Armed and Dangerous Person On or Near Campus.”

UNC Police advised students and faculty to shelter in place and wait for the all-clear, which came from a different Alert Carolina message at 4:14 p.m.

Perhaps UNC and Chapel Hill Police were inadequately prepared for a crisis like this, resulting in further chaos and stress for students. In a world threatened by gun violence daily, students deserve more support. We deserve to be kept informed, we deserve dignity and we deserve to feel safe and protected.

A lack of information

Over a span of three hours, students received a total of four Alert Carolina messages. This was just one indication of how poorly informed students were at the time of the crisis.

Rumors floated around about what the shooter was doing and where he was; we heard that he was dressed as a police officer and knocking on classrooms, trying to gain entrance. We heard that he was holding hostages in Caudill labs. We heard that he had a driver who was moving him between North and South Campus.

Students could not answer frantic loved ones’ “are you okay” texts accurately. They could not even provide them with information, because there was none. We could not even ensure for ourselves that we were going to be okay, because we

were sitting in darkened basements, classrooms and dorm rooms, filling the void of facts with word-of-mouth updates from students, faculty and conflicting news reports. We were kept in the dark.

The ambiguity and lack of updates about who the suspect was also contributed to the misinformation. Images of one individual being taken into police custody were shared. People thought it was over at this point, and began to update loved ones. Shortly after that, claims that UNC Police detained the wrong man began to spread, and we knew nothing all over again.

Poor safety directions

There wasn’t just uncertainty about what was happening, but also confusion about how to respond. Students received mixed messages as they were evacuated from campus buildings. Being told to go to North Campus, South Campus, Franklin Street. There was no clear safe space, and in students’ minds, the shooter could have been anywhere. Where do you go when it feels like the whole campus is unsafe?

While people were able to seek shelter in businesses on Franklin Street like Sutton’s Drug Store and Epilogue, we cannot only have the community and each other for protection. At a bare minimum, our law enforcement and safety resources need to offer more clarity and safety.

Insensitive responses from teachers and reporters

Before the official notification from the University announcing that all classes would be canceled, some teachers continued instruction. Some continued in the

classroom, and some sent out Zoom links for students to join.

While some professors and instructors took the empathetic initiative to call off class, it is unreasonable to ask students to go to class during a life-threatening situation. It is frankly a disturbing reflection of how our faculty did not know how to adequately support students in the worst of times, even when they were the only support system in the room.

This insensitivity didn’t just stop at faculty — news organizations interviewed students during the emergency. Withholding students’ time and space to process the tragic crisis while it occurred felt exploitative, insensitive and, frankly, like poor journalism. Reporters were also asking students to disclose their location, which was not only disrespectful but also jeopardized their safety.

UNC did not cancel all classes and events for the remainder of the day until 3:14 p.m., according to an Alert Carolina message. The University needed to take into account students’ reactions to this horrific and terrifying event and prioritize our wellbeing.

Thoughts and prayers will not be enough. They need to cancel classes for the remainder of the week and provide resources to support wellness. We cannot be expected to focus on assignments in the wake of an event as terrible as this.

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Monday’s tragedy is a sobering reminder about gun violence

By Zari Taylor
Columnist

Content Warning: This article contains mentions of gun violence and death.

Not even two full weeks into the semester, our University was put on lockdown Monday under the threat of an active shooter. This tragedy, which ended with the death of a faculty member, is a sobering reminder of the prevalence of gun violence in our country.

I was home after a morning meeting on campus when the alerts about sheltering in place were sent out. My phone lit up with calls and text messages from concerned family and friends worried about my safety. I, too, was frantically reaching out to my friends and graduate student colleagues who were teaching, in class or in our grad office. I heard about barricaded classrooms, frightened students and conflicting reports on the status of the shooter.

While this is the first time I have ever been in this situation, it is, unfortunately, very familiar to so many across the United States.

In 2019, two students were killed and four injured when a gunman opened fire in a classroom at UNC Charlotte. The next year, a report of an armed individual near UNC Chapel Hill triggered emergency protocol, though that report was determined to be false. These instances are among increased cases of gun-related violence in Chapel Hill and numerous acts that have occurred in other states.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, there have been over 28,000 deaths by various forms of gun violence in 2023 thus far. Nearly half of these are categorized as homicide, murder, unintentional or defensive gun use. These statistics — and the people behind them — are just a fraction of a longer history and pattern of immense death and loss that spans decades.

These acts of violence have happened everywhere, with various motivations. Locations include churches, restaurants, supermarkets and clubs. Just this past weekend, a gunman in Jacksonville, Fla., opened fire in a Dollar General. It seems there is no place untouched by this tragedy.

Gun violence has become a seemingly permanent fixture in our everyday lives, and our flagship University is no different. The history of gun violence in American schools is too devastating to reproduce. We grew up hearing about Columbine, and the list of school shootings only increases every year.

Worse yet, many children who survived or were the same age as the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, one of the deadliest in the nation’s history, are now in college — only to face the same kind of debilitating fear once again. This cannot be what students’ parents had in mind when they dropped them off in Chapel Hill earlier this month.

Despite these alarming statistics and decades of harm, both federal and state regulations and gun laws remain stagnant. Earlier this year, North Carolina lawmakers debated over the N.C. Constitutional Carry Act, which would’ve allowed individuals to carry concealed weapons without a permit. Though it was removed by House Speaker Tim Moore, the fact that this legislation was introduced and supported demonstrates a dismissal of the continuous outcry for more strict gun control — including the student-led March For Our Lives movement on our campus.

I’m finding myself stuck on how quotidian gun violence has become, how little is being done to prevent it and how we are expected to move forward.

Because these incidents occur so frequently, we can become desensitized and numb to them — even when they’re so close to home. We often want to resume to “normal” after such occurrences, but how can we when there has just been so much loss? How much time is enough?

While I’m sure the shooting will spark local and national headlines on gun laws and gun control, I have little faith that anything will come out of it. The investigation will make clear how much gun laws, or the lack thereof, shaped the destructive actions that took place this week.

Nevertheless, the news media will move on like they always have, until there is another incident that is perhaps more grave and calamitous, as there always seems to be. And — on cue — the cycle will continue once again with similar cries for change. I know I sound cynical, but I promise I hope to be wrong.

What is most important for us now is figuring out what comes next. How do we grapple with the feeling of never-ending violence? How do we rebuild trust in our community? How do we actually address the impact that years of compounded violence have had on us?

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Sports

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2023 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Drake Maye prepares for second year as UNC QB1

The signal caller is predicted to be a top-3 NFL draft pick

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At this year's ACC Kickoff, it was easy for Mack Brown to sit back and laugh.

"First, let me say I made a good choice," Brown said. "Facts."

This time last year, UNC was in the midst of a quarterback battle. Brown kept the cards close to his chest, waiting until the Monday before North Carolina's opening game to name then-redshirt first-year Drake Maye as the top signal caller over Jacoby Criswell.

Almost 400 days following that fateful Brown press conference, Maye has accumulated over 4,300 passing yards, garnered considerable Heisman Trophy and NFL draft hype and enters the 2023 season as the reigning ACC Player of the Year.

Last year, there were no expectations. But now?

"Pretty much everyone knows he's probably going to leave after this year, because he's going to be a top two or three pick, which is incredible," Steelers quarterback and former UNC standout Mitch Trubisky said. "So I wouldn't say there's more pressure, but he's more in the spotlight than I was."

It's a lot on the shoulders of Maye, who just turned 21. But, according to those who know him and his competitive nature, he'll be just fine.

"I think Drake's Drake," Brown said. "When Drake misses a pass, we are all in shock."

On the first day of fall camp,



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Maye threw a pass over sophomore wide receiver Kobe Paysour's head. Afterwards, Paysour jogged toward Brown, who told him "Great route, we've got to get him to hit you."

Paysour replied, without a shred of doubt, "He will."

'A different type of cat mentality'

Maye's former basketball teammates at Myers Park High School in Charlotte might still have hard feelings.

For two straight years, Maye would join the team late, following a lengthy football season, and immediately usurp everyone as the best player on the court. He was dominant off the hardwood too. Former teammate Jeb Lloyd

recalls the time Maye went 3-0 against all his teammates, coaches and managers in a post-practice laser tag trip.

Possibly the most agonizing feat, the most casual, yet calculated move of dominance, was Maye's reign as the Myers Park boys' basketball NBA 2K champion.

The Xbox in the locker room and the TV used to review film were Maye's weapons of choice. The whiteboard upon which coach Scott Taylor drew up plays served as Maye's personal scoreboard.

In big, all-caps copy at the top of the whiteboard sat Maye's record. Lloyd can't remember the exact number of wins Maye tallied over the course of his junior season, but it's somewhere around 30.

The losses? There were none.

"There would be people in [the locker room] that had a chance [to beat Maye]," Lloyd said. "Half the team would be in the training room and they'd all get called in [to the locker room] because Maye might lose. And then it never happened."

The cheering for Maye's opponent would stop. Players would sulk out. And then, Maye would have the audacity to open his mouth and add, "Yeah. That's how it goes. What did y'all expect?"

Moments like these are why Lloyd remembers Maye as a "different type of cat mentality." It's the "competitive thing" that former teammate Duwe Farris said makes Maye fearless. It's the same cutthroat mentality that gives

Maye an edge on the field.

"I think the best aspect about him is he's competitive," UNC junior tight end John Copenhaver said at the 2023 ACC Kickoff. "Whether that's playing ping pong in the players' lounge or playing pickleball, he is out there to win no matter what."

'He's grounded'

When Myers Park assistant principal Michelle Richards talks to Maye now, she sees the same kid she remembers from high school.

"Drake handles the publicity very well," Richards said. "He's grounded. He understands who he is and he understands the responsibility he has."

He remembers to check in about her knee surgeries, to pick up and hold onto her bag when she forgets it at a high school game and is sure to always ask her "Are you taking care of yourself?"

Maye was also there last week when Farris, who previously walked on to the UNC men's basketball team, was awarded an athletic scholarship. Farris said, within an hour of receiving the news, Maye called his old buddy to congratulate him.

"He's about to be a Heisman front-runner and he'll still think about his old friends from high school," Farris said. "That shows his character. That was just a nice thing to do that he didn't need to do."

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NCAA

'He deserves to play': UNC wide receiver Tez Walker seeks immediate eligibility

Preseason All-ACC first team pick may not see field on Saturday

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Devontez "Tez" Walker's biggest fan has yet to watch him play college football in person.

The North Carolina wide receiver's grandmother, Loretta Black, couldn't travel to Ohio to see him play at Kent State due to severe scoliosis and multiple hip and knee surgeries. Before he went to college, Walker was her caretaker.

Walker's primary reason for transferring to North Carolina was to be closer to her.

Black will be in attendance when the UNC football team opens its season against South Carolina on Sept. 2 in Walker's hometown of Charlotte.

However, Black's grandson may not see the field.

On Aug. 8, UNC football coach Mack Brown announced the NCAA had denied the preseason All-ACC player's immediate eligibility waiver.

"I was shocked, I didn't understand why [his waiver was

denied]," Black said. "He went through the proper procedure to do this. He did his research and everything to see if he could make this move."

Walker, who hasn't had a general media availability since spring camp, released a statement on the UNC football team's X account soon after the news broke.

"I just want to play," Walker's statement read. "I want my grandmother to come watch me. I want to be a student and an athlete

"I just want to play. I want my grandmother to come watch me. I want to be a student and an athlete, and I hope those in charge give me that opportunity."

Devontez "Tez" Walker
North Carolina wide receiver

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Transfer eligibility rules change

Walker spent his first year of college at N.C. Central, but the MEAC canceled its football season because of COVID-19. The next year, Walker transferred to Kent State. Because Walker transferred

schools twice, he would have had to sit out a season before playing for the Tar Heels.

Walker, however, filled out a waiver for immediate eligibility. In the past, these waivers have been available to players facing financial hardship, familial medical situations or the cancellation of academic programs.

However, two days after Walker enrolled in classes at North Carolina for the spring semester, the NCAA changed its guidelines in regard to two-time transfers.

According to the NCAA's new directive, there are only two reasons a player can transfer to a four-year school a second time and be immediately eligible — either danger to the athlete's well-being or because of "exigent" circumstances outside of the athlete's control.

"They've eliminated all the different types of waivers and said, 'Hey, these two circumstances are the only reasons we'll even consider a [second four-year university to four-year university] transfer as an



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undergrad," Marielle vanGelder, the Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance at North Carolina, said. "So they kind of backed off all of the other areas where previously we'd be able to seek relief in a given category."

Public rallies behind Walker

Soon after Walker's waiver was denied, the University appealed the NCAA's decision. Social media was flooded with support for Walker, and even politicians and media figures became involved.

"I just don't see why the NCAA keeps drawing these arbitrary lines in the sand," ESPN analyst and former Duke basketball player Jay Bilas told The Daily Tar Heel.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper sent a letter on Aug. 9 to NCAA President Charlie Baker, the former governor of Massachusetts, urging him to reverse the decision.

"This is the first time I have taken such an action, but this is an unusual and compelling case amidst the backdrop of all the major changes happening in the NCAA," the letter read.

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SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

Brown predicts physical season for UNC

The schedule will be a test of North Carolina's defense

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When Mack Brown took the podium at the 2023 ACC Kickoff in Charlotte, he made one thing clear about UNC's schedule:

It will be physical.

Brown and the Tar Heels will return to Charlotte for their season-opener to play South Carolina in the Duke's Mayo Classic on Saturday, Sept. 2.

The preseason No. 21 Tar Heels will be tested from the jump.

Physical teams with a knack for running the ball — just like South Carolina — gave UNC trouble in 2022. The Tar Heels finished in the bottom three in the ACC in rushing defense last season. Now, in 2023, the Tar Heels will be challenged on the ground from day one.

South Carolina will look to run the ball, and so will Appalachian State, whom UNC will face the following week on Sept. 9. This theme of defending on the ground will continue throughout the first third of the season, with games against Minnesota and then Pittsburgh.

"It will be a great four games to start out to see if we've improved like we think we have on defense," Brown said at the ACC Kickoff.

Not only are South Carolina and

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Mack Brown
UNC football head coach

App State physical teams, but they are also regional rivals. Along with those matchups will come electric gameday atmospheres.

Brown expects the game with the Mountaineers to be a nail-biter, just as last season's 63-61 victory and 2019's 34-31 loss were.

"We've had two games that came down to the last play with [App State], and I expect this one to be the same this year," Brown said.

The Tar Heels will host Minnesota in another early physical test in Chapel Hill on Saturday, Sept.

16. Then, UNC will play its first conference game, as well as its first true road game, at Pittsburgh on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Conference play resumes on Oct. 7 as UNC hosts Syracuse. This season, the ACC has done away with divisions, making a wider variety of matchups possible. Since the Orange joined the ACC, they have only played UNC twice. Now, the door is open for more games between ACC schools that were previously separated by divisions.

After Syracuse, UNC continues a three-game home stretch, with contests against Miami and Virginia on Oct. 14 and 21, respectively.

The second road game of the season will happen just before Halloween when the Tar Heels travel to Atlanta to play Georgia Tech on Oct. 28. Then, UNC will take a one-week hiatus from conference play as they host non-conference foe, Campbell, on Nov. 4.

The following week will be Homecoming and Senior Night in Chapel Hill. Oh, and rivalry day.

Duke will play the Tar Heels on Nov. 11 as UNC will look to extend a four-game winning streak over its rivals.

The final two games of the season might be two of the most critical and most hyped for UNC. On Nov. 18, the Tar Heels are at preseason No. 9 Clemson in what is projected to be the highest-rated opponent they face all season.

Finally, UNC ends the season in Raleigh, at N.C. State on Nov.

25. Last season's double-overtime thriller against the Wolfpack will be hard to match, but any time these two teams match up it's certain to command attention.

The Tar Heels will start the season running, and each game will be a test of how they have improved at dealing with physicality. The degree to which they succeed at handling it will determine whether or not they can make another run to the ACC Championship this year.

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GAME PREVIEW



Then-sophomore wide receiver Josh Downs (11) carried the ball at the Duke's Mayo Bowl against South Carolina at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte on Dec. 30, 2021. DTH FILE/HELEN MCGINNIS

UNC to face South Carolina in Duke's Mayo Classic

Tar Heels lost in last matchup against the Gamecocks, 38-21

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On Saturday, the North Carolina football team will face South Carolina in the Duke's Mayo Classic in Charlotte.

UNC last played South Carolina in 2021, losing 38-21. The game will set the tone for the Tar Heels' 2023 season and is an opportunity to display their growth on both sides of the ball.

Here are three big themes to watch for:

Improved defense

The Tar Heels held a 9-1 record before dropping the last four games of the season. Assistant head coach for defense Gene Chizik expressed the importance of consistency and increased physicality within the defensive line, which was criticized for weak performances last year.

"I sense a sense of urgency," Chizik said.

With last year's woes behind them,

North Carolina is hoping to eliminate hesitation within the defense and improve communication to contain South Carolina quarterback Spencer Rattler, who threw over 3,000 yards last year. The signal caller also led the Gamecocks to wins over elite programs in Clemson and Tennessee.

Expanding the run game

Chip Lindsey joined UNC's football program over the offseason as the new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

"We want to be physical, fast, tough," Lindsey said. "That's mental and physical. We have really tried to push that and get that mindset."

Lindsey has worked during the offseason to develop a run game with increased depth.

While facing South Carolina, an established ground game is critical to relieve pressure off Maye and the wide receivers. With the return of graduate British Brooks and junior Caleb Hood after season-ending injuries in 2022, along with junior Elijah Green and sophomore Omarion Hampton, UNC has the much-needed running back depth that it lacked last season.

South Carolina will also be testing new offensive strategies after naming Dowell Loggains as the new offensive

coordinator and quarterbacks coach. With two new offensive coaches on the sidelines, Saturday's game will be a chance for both teams to develop their offensive identities.

Quarterback matchups

On top of the game pitting the two Carolinas against each other, Maye and Rattler will also be in a battle of their own. Recently, Maye was ranked as the fifth-best college football player in 2023 after a dominant first season.

"A second year of me, I think that's a big deal," Maye said. "I've seen a lot of stuff. I've seen a lot of what defense has [brought] at me. With a year under my belt, I'll hopefully be a better player and have new experiences."

Although Rattler was not as consistent last season, South Carolina was able to pull out significant wins against No. 5 Tennessee and No. 7 Clemson with his help. Rattler showed his ability to take control of high-pressure games after throwing for 438 yards and six touchdowns against Tennessee. If Rattler is at his best, UNC will look to a strong performance from Maye, a solid ground game and an effective defensive showing to pull out a win.

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VETERAN PRESENCE

'He's just an unbelievable kid': Running back British Brooks bounces back

The graduate student from Gastonia, N.C., spent last year recovering from a torn knee ligament



DTH FILE/IRA WILDER
Then-senior running back British Brooks (24) received a handoff from Sam Howell (7) during the home game against GSU on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.

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UNC graduate running back British Brooks has unfinished business.

He might be one of the oldest

guys on the UNC football team, but despite that, he still has something to prove. The running back from Gastonia, N.C., quickly climbed the ladder of the Tar Heel roster — going from a preferred walk-on in 2018, to the presumptive starting running back in 2022.

But that progress was swiftly halted when Brooks suffered a lower-body injury last year during preseason practice. What was shaping up to be his best season yet quickly became a nightmare. Brooks tore a knee ligament mere weeks before the first game of 2022. Suddenly, he was out for the season, barely able to get out of his bed and walk around.

Still, Brooks said he never "thought about not playing." In his mind, there was only one option — run it back one last time.

"I literally woke up one day and I told [Brown] I'd come back," he said.

Over the past year, Brooks hasn't been resting. He was on the sidelines each game last season, coaching his

teammates and providing them with sound advice, in his trademark, quiet fashion. Coach Mack Brown said Brooks went to every running back meeting in 2022, despite being unable to play.

"He's just an unbelievable kid," Brown said.

This summer, he was back on the field practicing with his teammates — something that seems to have paid off. Brooks is currently listed as a starter, alongside sophomore Omarion Hampton, at the running back position. On Saturday, he will finally look to reenergize UNC's run game against South Carolina in a position he has waited and worked for all his life.

A quiet child

When Brooks was young, he had a missing front tooth.

As a result, he often would stumble over, and mess up his words. His solution for that was not to speak very much at all.

Instead of talking, Brooks took up football. At age seven, he started playing for a Pop Warner team, the Union Road Jaguars.

It wasn't love at first sight.

"I took him to practice and he had a very bad day and he wanted to quit," Brooks' father Darius James said. "So on the ride home, I told him, 'Give it one more day and if you want to quit after that you can quit.'"

The next day was a lot better, and from then on, Brooks was hooked.

By the time high school rolled around, he was fully committed to football. The summer between his ninth and tenth grades, Brooks had a growth spurt — jumping to 5-foot-10-inches and filling out.

Despite his dedication and sudden size, he still wasn't a starter.

The man behind

"Weird thing is he's always been behind somebody," James said. "He's been very good, but he's always kind of been behind somebody."

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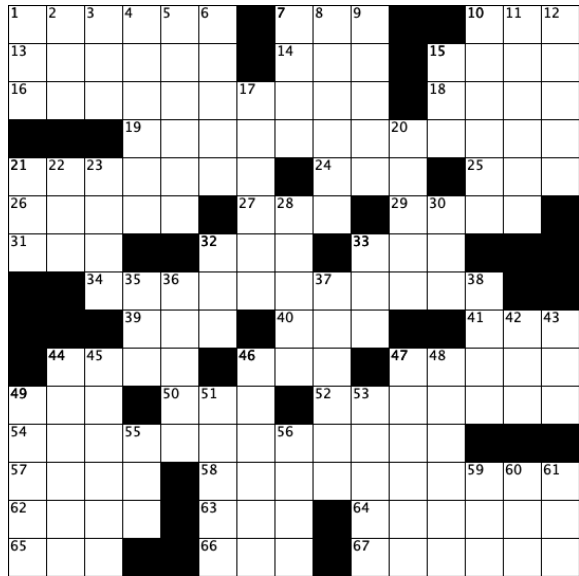
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"**SUBLIMINAL MESSAGING**"

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.

HOROSCOPES

If August 30th is Your Birthday...



Today's Birthday (08/30/23). Make valuable long-distance connections this year. Grow and deepen partnership with steady contribution. Catch a lucrative autumn opportunity, before resolving a challenge with winter research and exploration. Jump a financial hurdle next spring, before summer collaborative efforts hit gold.

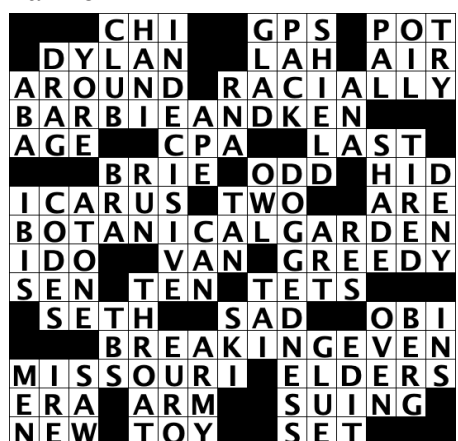
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Across

- 1 Complex riddle
- 7 Joe Namath org.
- 10 Male scoundrel
- 13 Array of numbers
- 14 Try to court
- 15 ~280 words from a "Dorothy Must Die" book?
- 16 Not hygienic
- 18 Heated kitchen environment?
- 19 "The Pink Panther"'s four-time Oscar-winning composer
- 21 Trade restriction
- 24 Apple pie ___ mode
- 25 Cash machine, abbr.
- 26 There are nine on a "Clue" board
- 27 Poundal unit, abbr.
- 29 His/___ towel set
- 31 Single-helixed molecule
- 32 X, on Fraternity Court
- 33 Call at the plate, often
- 34 American composer best known for "Toy Story"
- 39 Viva ___ Vegas
- 40 What weapon Annie ought to get
- 41 The first lady
- 44 Ripens like fine cheese
- 46 McStuffins' title
- 47 Call dibs on
- 49 Harambe, for one
- 50 Boardwalk shirt, shortly
- 52 Novice driver signs
- 54 70s singer best known for "Copacabana" and "Mandy"
- 57 By definition, the most perfect supermarket?
- 58 Part of the wedding party
- 62 Michael Murray of "One Tree Hill"
- 63 Moose relative
- 64 Vaccine administrator, often
- 65 Gosling's role in 2023's "Barbie"
- 66 Coloring fluid
- 67 Golf legend and beverage Palmer

Down

- 1 Insurance mascot
- 2 Gram alternative
- 3 "___ ' Gonna Be Me" (NSYNC hit song)
- 4 North Campus memorial hall name
- 5 Gold diggers, hopefully of age
- 6 Cutting from the program
- 7 Like non-UNC teams playing at the Dean Dome
- 8 Like black-tie occasions
- 9 Dependable
- 10 'Egg-spensive' delicacy
- 11 Intelligence operatives
- 12 Jean jacket material
- 15 African American or Asian American, for short
- 17 The Stanley Cup, for one
- 20 Old Testament prophet
- 21 Do wrong, as humans do
- 22 Day after Sun. rises
- 23 Animal whose head is on many deli packages
- 28 Australian wild dog
- 30 Train station stat
- 32 Compact discs, compactly
- 33 Possess
- 35 Dead Mule product
- 36 Disgusting
- 37 Intelligent
- 38 "That's interesting!"
- 42 Compete for
- 43 Ambulance personnel
- 44 Military helicopter
- 45 Bonn-born, perhaps
- 46 Opening for 'Beloved'?
- 47 Indigo Girls hit song "___ to Fine"
- 48 Old West sheriffs
- 49 Taken ___; startled
- 51 Put inside of something, like a hyperlink
- 53 Full assemblies
- 55 Pixar's "Turning ___"
- 56 "Just do it" brand
- 59 "Much ___ about Nothing"
- 60 Sick
- 61 Teaching deg.



ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Today is a 7 — Review priorities privately. This Full Moon illuminates transitions. Begin a two-week introspective phase. Balance old responsibilities with new. Meditate on dreams, past and future.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Today is an 8 — Tonight's Full Moon illuminates social changes. One door closes and another opens. Friends come and go in your community. Share appreciations, goodbyes and greetings.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Today is an 8 — Consider an exciting career opportunity. Make professional changes under this Full Moon. Redirect efforts over the next two weeks toward your talents, passions and purpose.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Today is a 7 — Adapt an exploration. The Full Moon illuminates a shift in your educational direction over two weeks.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Today is an 8 — Collaborate on family finances after tonight's Full Moon. Shift directions with shared finances over the next two weeks. Work out the next phase together.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Today is a 9 — Reach a turning point with a partnership under the Pisces Full Moon. Compromise and collaborate for shared commitments. Adjust to plan changes. Support each other.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Today is an 8 — Begin a new physical fitness phase. Adapt practices for changing conditions illuminated by this Full Moon. Shift practices over two weeks for growing health..

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Today is a 7 — Change directions with a romance, passion or creative endeavor under tonight's Full Moon in Pisces.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Today is an 8 — Make repairs. Renovate, remodel and tend your garden. Domestic changes require adaptation under this Pisces Full Moon. Enjoy a two-week home and family phase.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Today is a 9 — Start a new chapter. Write your views. This two-week Full Moon phase favors communications, connection and intellectual discovery. Consider familiar stories from another perspective.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)

Today is an 8 — Make a shift around income and finances. Discover profitable opportunities in new directions under this Pisces Full Moon.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Today is an 8 — A challenge redirects you. This Full Moon in your sign illuminates a new personal direction. Expand your boundaries.

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LOCAL BUSINESS

'Emporium of fun and funk' creates safe space

Hidden art hub offers workshops, food pantry, live music and good vibes

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Along the winding Mt. Carmel Church Road in Chapel Hill, situated in the vibrantly painted building of an old gas station, is a hidden hub for the arts: Tripp's Store.

Described as an "emporium of fun and funk" by its founders, Tracy Kilpatrick and Danielle Lyn, Tripp's is a safe space for everything under the sun.

The store hosts acting workshops, writing classes and jams in the parking lot. It also sells art, as well as vintage and hand-stitched clothes. It offers a free library and a new free food pantry.

Through all of these projects, Kilpatrick and Lyn have one simple mission: to create community.

"People need people, and people need connection," Lyn said. "And it's something that we see all the time — that there's a lot of people who are just reaching and hoping that someone sees them and interacts with them as a person."

For many who visit Tripp's, this mission is apparent.

"When I did the class, given how relaxed and comfortable it was and how collaborative it felt, I left knowing I had made a strong connection with Tracy and Danielle, but also with everybody else in the class," Ellie Plourde, an actor who attended the Connecting the Actor to Truth studio at Tripp's Store, said.

Another actor who attended CTATT, Siobhan Hsu, said she felt very comfortable being vulnerable as a performer with Kilpatrick and Lyn, who both have experience in the film industry.

The crowd at Tripp's is varied. People of all ages and backgrounds visit — some looking to purchase, and some just looking for a conversation.

"We just want to have a good place with good vibes and we have the coolest people that come

by here and hang out with us," Kilpatrick said. "Some people come and buy, some people bought, and now they come back just to hang out with us and so it's pretty wonderful."

The welcoming environment can be attributed to the dynamic of its hosts. Kilpatrick and Lyn are an unlikely pairing, but they work in colorful harmony.

"She's the kid I never had," Kilpatrick said.

The two met when Lyn, an actor, auditioned for Kilpatrick, who is an Emmy award-winning casting director. They opened the store together in 2019, just before the COVID-19 pandemic began.

The store — which cannot be described simply as a store — is a space for Kilpatrick and Lyn's long list of passions.

One such project is their line of upcycled clothes: "Authentissimo."

"We wanted to repurpose fabrics and items that were being discarded," Lyn said. "We wanted to really try to push sustainability because there's so much waste in the fashion industry."

The line is essentially wearable art, according to the store's website, with brightly colored stitching and painted designs.

Art is everywhere at Tripp's, from the illustrations covering the exterior walls to the sizable collection of paintings, posters and mixed media creations within.

Their art collection includes pieces Kilpatrick created herself, works she found at auctions and art from her own personal collection of folk art, acquired over 25 years.

They also engage the community in creativity and provide a space for people to recycle their old items for art.

"We've got spaces in the back of the smokehouse for recycling, for art projects and things like that, so that people in the neighborhood can bring broken dishes and all that sort of stuff, and at some point we'll do



PHOTOS BY KENNEDY COX
Tracy Kilpatrick and Danielle Lyn, founders of Tripp's Store, posed outside of the building on Mt. Carmel Church Road on Friday.



Clementine, Lyn's rescue beagle, rested on the couch inside of Tripp's Store. She greets customers at the door each day.

a big mosaic piece," Kilpatrick said.

Above the art, the clothes, the music — above everything — Kilpatrick and Lyn opened Tripp's Store for the people.

"My favorite is the people who return to us, and they come regularly, and then their faces beam when they round the corner

and it just makes me so happy because they're the fibers of why we do it," Lyn said.

Tripp's Store is open from Wednesday to Saturday from 12-5 p.m. for any shopping, dancing, singing, painting and conversing needs.

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11 a.m.-12 p.m.

12

UNC Jazz Faculty Concert, UNC's Hill Hall
7:30 p.m.

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The Bazaar Craft & Art Market, Carrboro Town Commons
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Carolina Waves, CURRENT ArtSpace + Studio
3 p.m.

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LIVE SHOWS

Puppeteers use art as form of activism

'Where Our Spirits Reside' performed at the Forest Theatre

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Under sunlight streaming through a leafy canopy of swaying oaks, Pierce Freelon, children's musician and collaborator with Paperhand Puppet Intervention, walked barefoot onto the dirt floor of the Forest Theatre.

"Ago," Freelon shouted to the large crowd gathered on the stone benches before the stage.

"Ame!" They responded. In the Ghanaian call and response, "Ago" means "to pay attention," and "Ame" means "you have my attention."

The crowd erupted in cheers, and Freelon smiled and introduced his mother, Nnenna Freelon, musician and fellow collaborator, to the stage. Four puppeteers, wearing delicate and vibrant cloth wings, followed her on stilts and music exploded from the orchestra pit.

The show, "Where Our Spirits Reside," began.



DTH/MORGAN BRENNER
Paperhand Puppet Intervention performed at the Forest Theatre on Aug. 11. The show is a collaboration between Paperhand and mother-son duo Nnenna and Pierce Freelon, both Grammy-nominated artists.

Paperhand Puppet Intervention has put on elaborate and colorful spectacles like this since 1998, when co-founders Donovan Zimmerman and Jan Burger met in Saxapahaw, N.C. Every year since, the two begin to collaborate in January to put on their annual puppet pageant, Zimmerman said.

The shows are about connection, Zimmerman said, amongst artists, between humans and the Earth and between the performers on stage and the community.

"What do I think art is?" he said. "I mean, I think it's food and it feeds people and it gives them

hope, it gives them opportunities to feel together in the collective, which I think is an important part of the human experience. I think it's here to reflect life back to us in a way that can deepen the meaning — in a meaningful way — that we're engaging with life as we're here."

The show was originally titled, "Objects: Where Our Spirits Reside," but Burger said he wanted to cut out the "objects" to expand the connection people have with their loved ones and their own spirits.

"We reside where we are," Burger said. "And we live where we are, if we

remember that." Burger grew up watching Bread and Puppet Theater — another puppet production company in Vermont — and has been working with puppets for years.

"I think puppets exist in an in-between world, between living things and inanimate objects," he said. "They speak to us in a way that plays with our brains and our memories."

Sophie Joy grew up watching Paperhand shows and has worked with them as an artist and puppeteer for the past five years.

"When we come together in collaborative art like that, it helps us remember to feel, and to love and breathe and heal ourselves and each other, and out of that richness, remember and germinate the seeds of inspiration that will us into action," Joy said.

Jackie Doyle started interning for Paperhand this summer, and she said working on the show has been a life-changing experience.

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