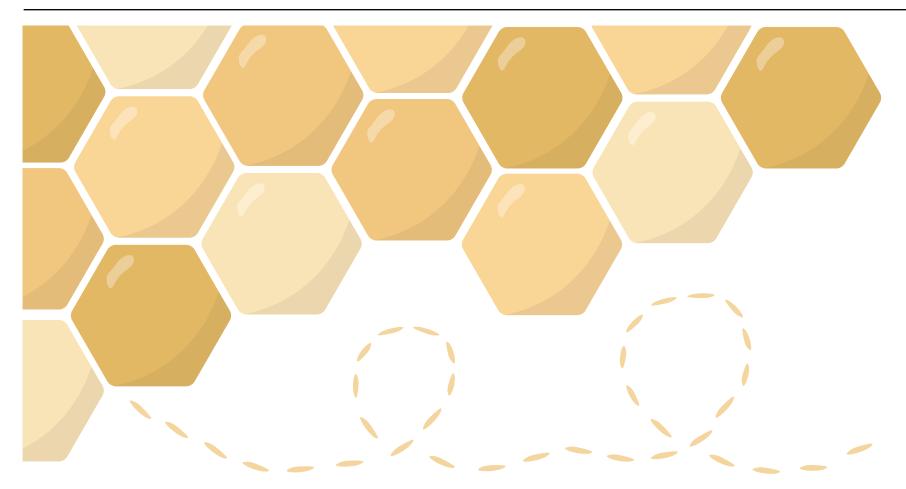
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CAROLINA BEEKEEPING **LOOKS FORWARD TO NEW** MEMBERS, NEW BEES

they're living, and unfortunately, beekeepers from swarming. Swarming is when half the bees leave the hive. Carolina Beekeeping Club's beehives absconded – they left their hives.

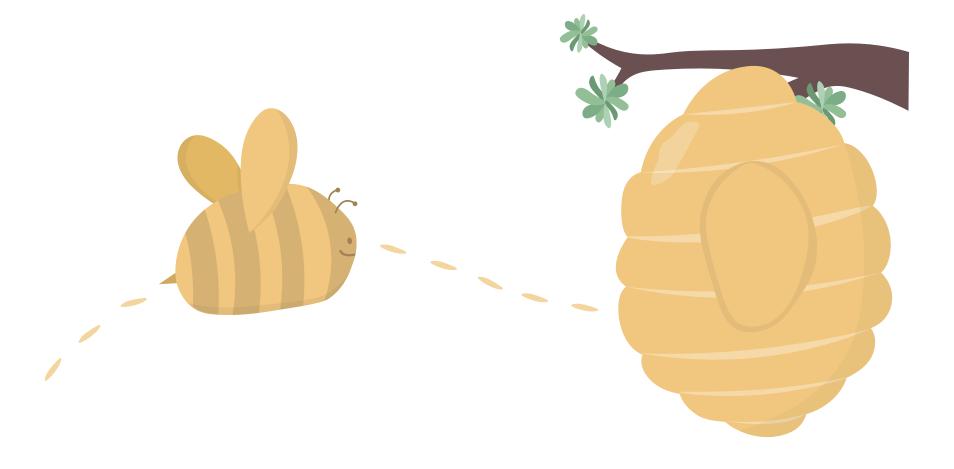
There are several reasons the bees could have concern, according to Gann. flown away, according to the club members.

the club split the hive too early. Splitting is the process of moving some of the eggs and larvae your home when it gets cold outside," Gann said.

nometimes bees decide they don't like where to a different hive box, which can prevent bees

However, hives are generally not split in December because the winter weather is a

"They probably got too cold and were like, Secretary Zackary Gann said last December 'we're gonna go find somewhere else to be, which



Co-president Megan Landrum said there may surrounding area.

hard for hives to survive."

Treasurer Katelyn Stroud said there was also of the hives.

sometimes," Stroud said.

The club plans on getting new bees this spring, once local flora in Columbia is blooming again.

Currently, the club has one hive located in Beaufort, S.C. with the club's mentor, Danny Cannon. The new hive will be kept in Columbia, which will give the club the opportunity to raise the hive from the beginning and understand what it takes to keep a strong colony from the start.

The beekeeping club members said they are not just excited for the new bees — they are for a resume, Gann said. hopeful for new members and events.

each other. I think that's kind of a cool aspect of mechanical engineering student, said. our club," Stroud said.

Many of the members of the Carolina not have been enough food for the bees in the Beekeeping Club are STEM majors and environmentally minded students involved "Which is kind of something out of our in other sustainability groups on campus, control. I mean, they did leave in winter," according to Landrum. Raising awareness for Landrum said. "When it was already kind of bees and pollination often compliments other sustainability measures, Stroud said.

"I've also been very passionate about evidence of wax moth larvae infestations in two sustainability in the natural world since I was a young," Landrum said. "I so I think that and "Sometimes bees just don't like the hives beekeeping go hand in hand. You'll find a lot of and they leave ... leaving can be kind of difficult the members are also part of like Sustainable Carolina and also have environmental science, environmental studies, biology backgrounds or an interest in those things and care very deeply about sustainability."

Beekeeping is a reasonably common hobby, according to Gann, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic since it is an outdoor hobby that can be done alone. Several of the club members said they plan on keeping hives once they are out of college.

Beekeeping also makes a good extracurricular

"It's something fun I've always mentioned in "We have like trivia nights or bee-themed job interviews, especially on the engineering paint nights where we kind of get our members side of things. I feel like people get really caught together to kind of socialize and get to know up with their academics," Gann, who is also a

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