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## CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

# Support by students, for students



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From left to right: Senior Sonam Shah, Senior Toby Turla, Senior Clare Landis and Junior Michelle Kang are peer responders for the student-run organization Peer2Peer. The organization offers free one-on-one sessions via text, phone call and Zoom.

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

# Carolina Indian Circle celebrates

Attendees experienced readings, song, dance and community

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The beat of a drum and the melody of Native American songs flowed through the Pit on Monday evening as the Carolina Indian Circle celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The CIC hosted the celebration in The Gift, a brick art installation next to the Student Union that incorporates imagery from Native American storytelling. Members of the UNC student body and staff filled The Gift to experience readings, song and community, and a celebration where attendees were invited to participate in a ritualistic ceremony and cultural dance.

The University and the UNC American Indian Center issued a proclamation Sunday recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day. The proclamation follows years of petitions and activism from the Carolina Indian Circle for the University to recognize the day. It also acknowledges that UNC was built on land originally belonging to the Enos, Occaneechis, Shakoris and Sissipahaws.

AJ Hunt-Briggs, president of the CIC and member of the Lumbee tribe, said the theme of this year's celebration focused on the Every Child Matters Movement. The Every Child Matters Movement is an activist movement that supports children who died and adults who are survivors of Indian Residential Schools.

"It's to raise awareness about how damaging residential schools were to Native people and culture and how it was government destruction of our culture," Hunt-Briggs said.

Lydia Ruth Mansfield, CIC historian, said that — especially on Indigenous Peoples' Day — it is important for the CIC community to celebrate who they are. It is a powerful movement, she said.

Jake Gerardi is the CIC political action chairperson and a member of the Listuguj Mi'kmaq Nation. Gerardi performed the Mi'kmaq honor song to open the ceremony.

"The song is celebrating our being Native and our gathering together," said Gerardi.

Native American dances were performed by Mansfield, CIC culture co-chairperson Jalyn Oxendine, first

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# Peer2Peer offers mental health resources

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Founded in 2020, Peer2Peer is a student-run organization that offers mental health resources to UNC undergraduate and graduate students.

The organization set itself apart from University services, such as Counseling and Psychological Services by providing one-on-one sessions with peer responders who are also students.

Senior Sonam Shah, a health policy management and neuroscience double major, is one of the co-founders of Peer2Peer. She said the organization

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**INSIDE:** See a compiled list of mental health resources for the UNC community on **Page 6**.

aims to de-stigmatize asking for help and normalize mental health struggles experienced by college students.

Shah, who also works as a peer responder, said that students can connect through shared experiences.

"I think there's something to say about a perspective that a student holds and being able to understand that somebody who looks just like me, who is just like me, has experienced things just like me," she said.

To connect with a peer responder, students can fill out a survey on the organization's website. On

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## CAMPUS COMMUNITY REMEMBERS AND REFLECTS



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A makeshift memorial was set up in the Pit on Monday as community members grieved after the weekend's events. By Tuesday morning, passersby had overflowed the memorial with notes of encouragement, candles and flowers.

Many onlookers stopped to pay their respects and to reflect upon the broader question of mental health on campus that the weekend's tragedies have prompted.



**DTH ONLINE:** Visit [dailytarheel.com](http://dailytarheel.com) to see additional pictures from Monday's memorial.

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## COALITION FOR CAROLINA

# Organization plans to assess UNC governance

Roughly 600 join in response to concerns of partisan interference

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The Coalition for Carolina introduced themselves in an ad in the Carolina Alumni Review entitled “What the hell is going on in Chapel Hill?” last month.

The coalition formed in response to recent concerns about the politicization of University governance and partisan interference in the UNC Board of Trustees and Board of Governors. These concerns were reflected in Chairperson of the Faculty Mimi Chapman’s July op-ed in The Daily Tar Heel, directly calling for a coalition to address them.

“I hope it can be a real voice to do a number of things – first is to shine a light on this governance structure, and also to really highlight the role that this campus plays in the state,” said Chapman, one of the coalition’s co-founders and steering committee members.

While the coalition is still in the early days of planning, its goals are to study political interference and its effect of University governance and campus culture.

## ‘There’s strength in numbers’

Since the Coalition launched on Sept. 16, about 600 individuals have joined via a signup link on their website, said Joyce Fitzpatrick, chairperson of the Hussman School of Journalism and Media Board of Advisers and another member of the coalition steering committee.

Chapman said early goals of the coalition include raising awareness of the UNC’s governance structure — including ways it has changed in recent years — and assessing if that structure will work for UNC moving forward.

“The governance structure influences things that happen on campus in very particular ways,” Chapman said. “And often, it is influencing the ways in which controversies develop and the ways in which they can be settled.”

The coalition specifically cited three controversies that sparked its founding: the handling of the Confederate monument Silent Sam after it was toppled on campus in 2018, UNC’s failed reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic in



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The Old Well is located on East Cameron Avenue across from South Building, which houses the office of the Chancellor.

fall 2020, and the initial failure of the BOT to award tenure to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones in summer 2021.

In 2016, after Democrat Roy Cooper was elected governor of North Carolina but before he assumed office, House Bill 17 passed through a Republican-controlled legislature.

Chapman said these changes to the trustee appointment process meant there was not as much room for balance on the BOT, prompting increased politicization – or at least the potential for it – and agendas that do not necessarily represent the favor of the institution.

Tom Ross, the former president of the UNC System who served from 2011 to 2016, said the makeup of the BOG and state legislature – both of which currently have Republican majorities – has prompted more of a one-party board, which in his view is not the healthiest form of leadership.

“The damage can be often more reputational, because if a university or college gets the reputation of being political – it doesn’t matter whether its party politics or liberals and conservatives or however you want to draw the line,” Ross said.

Marty Kotis III, a current member of the BOT and a former member of the BOG, said he does not feel like the

BOT and BOG are as partisan as the coalition has made them out to be.

“I think this coalition is not really designed to work with the Board of Trustees,” Kotis said. “It’s more designed to criticize it and the Board of Governors.”

## ‘Support and defend the University of the People’

The coalition’s website does not include specific information about these goals. Its general mission states that it aims to “support and defend the University of the People and its independence from partisan interference.”

Deb Aikat, professor at the Hussman School, said he was concerned about a lack of communication among the coalition – both with the coalition’s membership and with the members of the Board of Trustees.

“There is a yawning gap in terms of how we are working with each other,” Aikat said, who joined the coalition via the link on the website.

Fitzpatrick said the coalition is still in its very early planning stages, which is why there has not been any communication yet with members.

“We’re just four weeks in, so as it matures and as we get more members, we’ll poll our members, or, you know, coalition members to

see what kind of information and activities they want,” she said.

When asked for comment, UNC Media Relations provided the same statement from Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz as it did on Sept. 16.

“As a taxpayer-supported public institution, our partnership with the General Assembly is critical,” Guskiewicz said in the statement.

Media Relations said it has no further comment at this time.

## Delegations of authority

Before the Coalition for Carolina launched, all UNC System institutions were directed to clarify and change, if necessary, the stated authorities of the system’s governing bodies in a July BOG resolution.

At a special meeting of the BOT on Oct. 7, a resolution was passed to amend and restate the current delegations of authority between the BOT, BOG and University administration.

“The question is, when you’re delegating these various authorities, when the legislature gets certain powers for the Board of Governors or the Board of Governors gives power to the Board of Trustees – how much of that has been delegated further?” Kotis said.

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# Group connects peers for support

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to talk via phone call, Zoom or over text message. Students can choose to remain anonymous on the form.

Clare Landis, a senior majoring in psychology, is also an executive team member and peer responder who has been with Peer2Peer since it started.

While there are also professional resources provided by the University, Landis said their organization works well with those programs.

“When struggling with mental health, I think it is really important to have social support and professional support,” Landis said. “And hopefully that’s where we can bridge the gap.”

In a statement to The Daily Tar Heel, CAPS Associate and Clinical Director Avery Cook said Peer2Peer is a unique and supplemental resource to CAPS for students to use as they navigate their mental health needs.

Because Peer2Peer operates virtually, co-founder Toby Turla, a senior majoring in environmental health sciences, said many students have used its service because they can remain anonymous on Zoom.

“Being in a public space sometimes might make the respondee uncomfortable,” he said.

## Incident this weekend

Peer2Peer said in a statement that they express their deepest condolences to the friends and family affected by this weekend’s incidents.

“We want to emphasize the importance of everyone’s mental health not only during this time of mourning, but every single day,” the statement said. “We hope and ask that you all take care of yourselves and your peers and reach out to support if needed.”

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**ECOLOGY AND ECONOMY**

# Shellebrate good times — it's Oyster Week



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Jennifer Reyes, a staff member at Saltbox Seafood Joint in Durham, adds seasoning to fish on Oct. 7. The restaurant is one of the many seafood

The event highlights the mollusks' impact on marine ecosystems

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North Carolina Oyster Week, a

celebration of the ecology, economy and culture of oysters in the state, is running from Oct. 11-15, and is filled with events aimed at saluting the shellfish.

Morehead City began the festivities ahead of time with the N.C. Seafood Festival from Oct. 1-3, which blended education on the ecological effects oysters have on marine ecosystems and wine-paired

tastings into one weekend.

White Oak Oyster Company's owner Benjy Davey said he founded his company after sensing a need for locally sourced oysters.

"Harvesting is a lot of work, but at the same time, I just enjoy being out there," Davey said. "It's just something fun, relaxing, enjoyable, fulfilling."

Oysters are recognized not only for their connection to North Carolina cuisine and their taste, but their positive impact on marine ecosystems. Davey said he thinks Oyster Week is an opportunity for the North Carolina shellfish industry to get its name out there.

"It's all about awareness," Davey said. "A lot of people just don't know that North Carolina, that we grow some of the best oysters in the country."

Beyond building an awareness toward oyster consumption, having that same recognition to oyster's ecological improvements, especially on water quality, are incredibly important, Davey said.

Jane Harrison, a coastal economics specialist at N.C. Sea Grant, a coastal research and education institution, said she believes the presence of oysters on

North Carolina's shore is beneficial.

The shellfish industry supports the livelihoods of many by creating more than \$27 million in economic impact and over 500 jobs for North Carolina, according to a press release from Sea Grant News.

"They're really a keystone species for North Carolina's coastal ecosystems," Harrison said.

Ryan Bethea, a teacher-turned-oyster farmer, partner of the Oyster Trail and owner of Oysters Carolina, hosted a livestream on Oct. 12 in conjunction with the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources as part of the Oyster Week festivities.

Bethea said he believes the most important part of oysters' ecological effect is their ability to filter and clear water which allows more sunlight to reach the sea floor.

"We're really on the cusp of taking over nationally," Bethea said. "We just haven't had the interest and the ability. Now we're getting recognized by the governor, and it's all part of the process to get North Carolina oysters, to separate them into a league of its own."

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**ORANGE COUNTY**

# Vaccination rate lower than previously reported

Miscalculations led to reported rate 11 percent higher than actual

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The COVID-19 vaccination rate in Orange County is not as high as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention previously reported.

The error stems from calculating vaccination rates based on where people received their shots instead of where they lived.

After the miscalculation was accounted for, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced Orange County's vaccination rate decreased 11 percent.

"Last week, the state discovered a reporting error which impacted vaccination rates for several counties across the state," Orange County Health Director Quintana Stewart said in an email. "It appears that the CDC was using a vaccination report based on county of administration rather than county of residence."

Stewart said the CDC is now providing the NCDHHS with the correct information, which can be found on its online public dashboard.

Orange County had the second-greatest drop in vaccination rates after the data was adjusted. Hoke

County saw the highest reduction in vaccination rates at 19 percent.

The rate of fully vaccinated individuals in Orange County as of Oct. 12 is 70 percent, while 72 percent of the population is partially vaccinated.

However, not all of the previously used information was misrepresented.

"The change in county data for federal entities will not impact demographic data, which does not include vaccinations provided by the Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs or Indian Health Service," Stewart wrote.

North Carolina was the first state to question the CDC on the miscalculations, according to a press release from the NCDHHS.

The agency said in a statement they believe this is due to the amount of data its public dashboard reports.

"Throughout the pandemic, NCDHHS has worked to improve data accuracy and transparency in its reporting," Bailey Pennington, NCDHHS communications specialist, wrote in an email.

The NCDHHS is working with local health departments on any needed changes to vaccine strategy and communication in the seven counties that the reporting errors most affected.

"Having the most accurate information available is important so local and state leaders have the data needed to inform decision-making,"



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UNC pharmacists prepare a vaccine dose in the former Wendy's in the Student Union on March 31, 2021.

the press release said.

On Oct. 4, the NCDHHS began reporting individuals reinfected with COVID-19 as part of their case count.

The NCDHHS said in the press release that it believes that including reinfections on the dashboard provides a better representation of the case counts in each individual county. However, reinfection data prior to Oct. 1 will not be included on the dashboard.

Jordan Montgomery, a first-year student at UNC, said she is happy to hear the COVID-19 vaccination rates

have been revised in the county and hopes community members will take note of the new data.

"The vaccine makes everyone safer as a whole," Montgomery said. "The more people that get the vaccine, the closer we get to ending the pandemic."

Montgomery said she feels more comfortable when people are vaccinated, especially because her dad is high-risk. She said she hopes more people will operate with high-risk patients in mind.

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**STORYTELLING**

# Latin American Film Festival returns for 36th year

The showcase aims to provide space for films to reach wider audiences

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The North Carolina Latin American Film Festival returned for its 36th year on Thursday, celebrating the power and artistry of Latin American films and stories.

The festival will last through Oct. 18, with an additional film showing on Oct. 31. All events and screenings are open and free to the public, with some occurring virtually and others in person in various locations in the Triangle.

Miguel Rojas-Sotelo, the festival's

director, said that after such a tumultuous year, this festival's film lineup will feature overarching topics such as COVID-19, systemic racism and economic downturn.

The festival aims to provide a space for Latin American films to reach a wider audience. It is produced and organized by the Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at UNC and Duke, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Rojas-Sotelo said he could not name just one favorite from this year's films, but he mentioned "Heroes of the Pandemic" as a standout.

"Heroes of the Pandemic" is a short film co-directed by two UNC alumnae: Andrea Patiño Contreras and Victoria Bouloubasis. The film tells the story of

numerous Latin American residents of the Triangle, whose occupations range from a pastor to a doctor. They step up during the pandemic to serve the Latin American community.

Patiño Contreras and Bouloubasis met at UNC and have continued to work on projects together since.

Patiño Contreras said there is a lack of equal representation for Latinx individuals in the film industry.

"I do realize that, especially with COVID, we saw that it's an industry that has a lot of blind spots," Patiño Contreras said.

Rojas-Sotelo said the N.C. Latin American Film Festival is meant to help close that gap by spreading awareness and stories to audiences who may otherwise not be reached.

Rojas-Sotelo said the Triangle is

a great host location for the festival, since the region is dynamic and has a diverse, evolving population. He said the festival is highlighting a diverse group of filmmakers this year, including women as well as people from Afro-Latinx backgrounds.

Featured movies include "Guie'dani's Navel," a coming-of-age film that explores the racism and subjugation Indigenous people experience in Mexico, and "Negra," which tells the story of five Afro-descendant women from southern Mexico and their experiences with discrimination and self-acceptance.

"I hope it makes a lot of Latinx folks feel seen in their own backyard," Bouloubasis said.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

# Tar Heels set career highs in 3-0 home win

Weekend matches break UNC's four-game ACC losing streak

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If you look around Carmichael Arena, you'll stumble upon a sign that reads, "Playing at Carolina is an honor, winning at Carolina is a tradition." And on Sunday, the North Carolina volleyball team did just that.

Following a win against Wake Forest on Friday to snap a four-game losing streak, a 3-0 win over Virginia Tech wrapped up a successful weekend for the Tar Heels.

"We needed to play well, we wanted to play well at home, so that was significant, and we wanted to see how we challenged the team to play their best," head coach Joe Sagula said.

The team's high hopes became a reality as it picked up its second ACC win of the season, setting a new season best hitting percentage at .433 while several players recorded new career and season bests.

The first set could have gone either way. It started off close, but the Tar Heels pulled through and took the lead. First-year Mabrey Shaffmaster was a dominant player in the game from the time she stepped on the court, contributing five aces en route to a 25-8 victory.

Going into the second set, the Tar Heels started strong, but Virginia Tech refused to back down after the first loss. With nine ties and four lead changes, the teams were neck-and-neck up until the end of the set.

Graduate transfer Nia Robinson proved to be a crucial player for North Carolina in this set. Her three consecutive kills toward the end of the set put the score at 24-21, and though

the Hokies were able to squeeze in two more points, Howard clinched the set for North Carolina with a 25-23 finish.

After an intense second set, the third set seemed to be less challenging as North Carolina won by yet another dominant score, 25-8.

The game against Virginia Tech demonstrates the Tar Heels can still play winning volleyball despite the previous four-game losing streak. After opening conference play winless, the weekend served as a chance for the Tar Heels to come back home and reset, and to restore some confidence as they got back in their groove.

"To see us go out there and play how we've been playing the last couple of games knowing that wasn't us, it's just frustrating not being able to show people what we can do," said Howard.

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Graduate outside hitter Nia Robinson (18) spikes the ball in the UNC women's volleyball game against Virginia Tech on Oct. 10.

ANALYSIS

# Football report cards: UNC midway through season

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The North Carolina football team couldn't control the hype built around it this offseason, but it can control its play on the field.

And so far, it hasn't been good.

With half of the season in the rearview mirror, the Tar Heels sit at just 3-3 — with the preseason No. 10 team's losses coming against squads with a combined record of 8-9.

With that in mind, here are midseason grades for the Tar Heels' offense, defense and coordinators.

The offense? Not good. Not good at all.

In six words, that's the most efficient way to summarize how North Carolina has looked with possession of the ball this year.

That 'not good' starts with offensive line play — the group that has allowed 3.83 sacks per game, good for 124th out of 130 FBS teams nationally.

This offense has not measured up

to the previous two years' precedent, forcing UNC to rely on its inconsistent defense to keep games close.

**Grade: C-**

While the defensive unit has shown some signs of improvement when compared to previous campaigns, it still isn't quite capable of carrying the Tar Heels to any wins.

Still, UNC has continued to struggle against the quarterback run, a common theme that has forced this group into bad losses continuously

the last three years.

**Grade: B-**

Offensive coordinator Phil Longo has struggled to adjust to life post-Williams, Carter and Brown this season, as UNC has continued to rely on a run-pass-option system, despite the absence of the running part.

Long-developing routes behind one of the nation's worst offensive lines have often forced Howell to move outside of a collapsing pocket to progress through reads, and made one of the nation's most

talented quarterbacks play below his skill level.

**Grade: D-**

Despite Saturday's results, working with a young group of players in key positions across both the front seven and secondary, defensive coordinator Jay Bateman has overseen improvement in a defense that struggled to get stops in previous years.

**Grade: B-**

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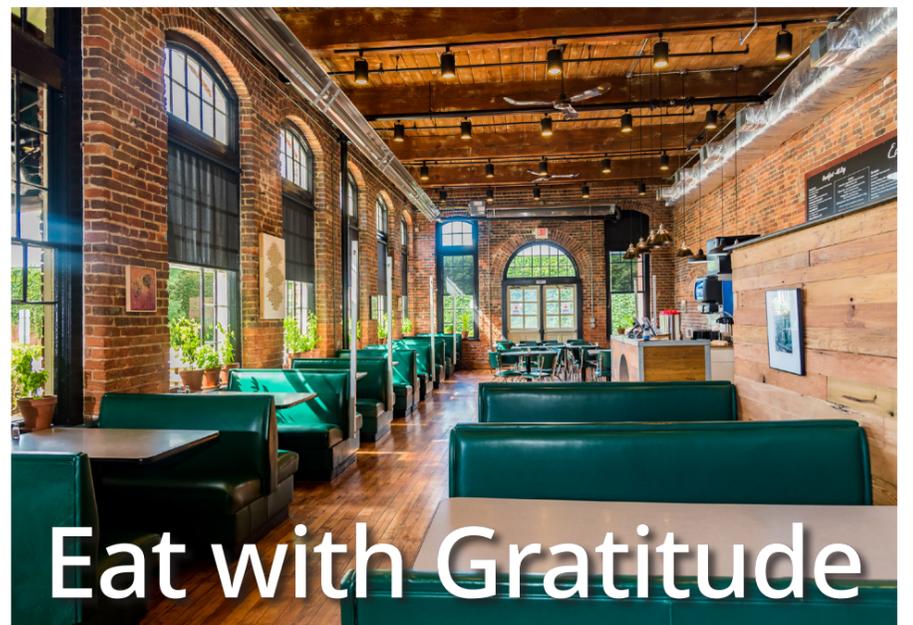
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# UNC falls to Florida State in third upset of season

Halfway through the 2021 campaign, the once-hyped Tar Heels are 3-3

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Late in the fourth quarter of the North Carolina football team's 35-25 loss to Florida State, the rings from the Bell Tower on third down were much more reminiscent of a death knell.

With the Seminoles coming into Saturday with a 1-4 record, this matchup was the perfect opportunity for the Tar Heels to string together a pair of wins and get their 2021 campaign back on track. Instead, UNC was handed their first home loss of the season and struck back down to a .500 winning percentage.

It was a gut punch to a team that now has three losses in games that it was heavily favored to win.

Now, at the halfway point of the season, UNC must grapple with the question of what it has left to play for. The team that was once the darling of the preseason may now have to fight tooth and nail to reach the bowl-eligible mark of six wins.

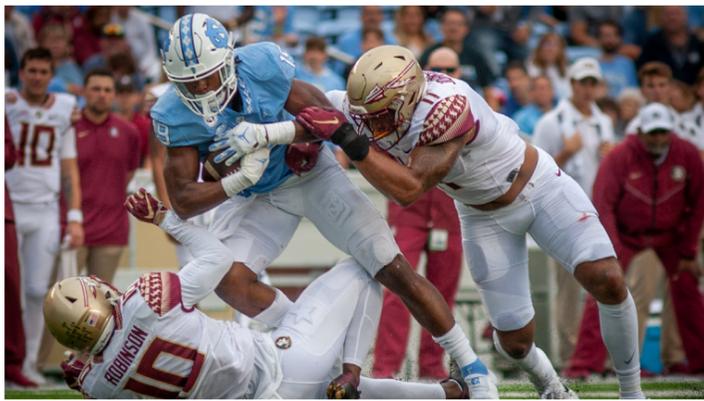
"My expectation is to win every game. So three times we've met it, and three times we haven't," Brown said. "The national media expectation, the expectations for us to be a top-10 team, were wrong."

The reasons for this loss didn't seem to correlate with the reasons for UNC's previous two defeats. After the game, junior quarterback Sam Howell praised the play-calling from offensive coordinator Phil Longo and the performance of the offensive line, which throughout the season has struggled with allowing sacks.



North Carolina senior wide receiver Antoine Green (3) attempts to stay in bounds at Kenan Stadium on Saturday.

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UNC graduate running back Ty Chandler (19) defends the ball during the first quarter of the Tar Heels' home football game on Oct. 9.

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Junior defensive back Giovanni Biggers (27) celebrates during UNC's game against Florida State.

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UNC produced 432 yards of offense, yet failed to find the end zone in key situations. Penalties, dropped passes and an interception in the end zone crushed the offense's momentum.

The defense seemed to take a step back after holding Duke to just seven points last week. Seminole quarterback Jordan Travis ran for 121 yards and two touchdowns, and he was nearly perfect as a passer with three touchdowns on just 13 attempts.

Senior linebacker Jeremiah Gemmel said lack of communication and players being out of position were key issues.

"Being able to play one week so good, so sound and be able to communicate so well, and then to go to the next week and not be able to communicate as well — I mean it's extremely frustrating," Gemmel said.

Gemmel said he called a meeting for the defense after tomorrow's lift session, so that they can discuss what went wrong in this game.

After this week's home matchup against Miami, UNC will still have to face a gauntlet of ranked opponents with No. 14 Notre Dame in South Bend, No. 19 Wake Forest at home and No. 23 N.C. State in Raleigh.

All of the preseason goals and expectations have been thrown out the window. For Howell, these next six games are a chance for him and his teammates to play for themselves and for the love of the game.

"You know, it's disappointing for us, disappointing for our fans, just with expectations coming into this year," Howell said. "But we love football, we love each other and we're gonna go out there and fight and try to win every single game that we have left on our schedule."

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## COLUMN

## Clarity in election signage



**Ben Rappaport** is the assistant opinion editor. [opinion@dailytarheel.com](mailto:opinion@dailytarheel.com)

Earlier this week, signs were spotted along Estes Drive and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The signs read, “Stegman voted for Aura,” then in bold, red font “& Betrayed You.”

While the message on the signs is inflammatory, the more concerning issue is that the signs are anonymous.

They spread fear in the community with early voting for municipal elections starting Oct. 14. Signs aimed at division rather than town unity have no place in Chapel Hill, regardless of your opinions on Stegman’s politics, the Aura development or the best candidate for Chapel Hill Town Council.

The approval of Aura, a mixed-use development, was contentious. It narrowly passed with a 5-3 vote over the summer. It saw neighborhood groups, like Estes Neighbors, opposing the plan due to land use and traffic concerns. Stegman approved the plan because she said it fit with the Town’s land use goals and the need for affordable housing.

At the time, Estes Neighbors posted signs in similar locations to the current anonymous signs that were against Aura — saying things like “luxury housing is not what we need.” Those signs, however, are not as problematic, given the source was clearly identified as being from Estes Neighbors.

Posting anonymous signs like the ones that attacked Stegman is not illegal in Chapel Hill, and certainly, people have a right to free political speech. It would not be legal to remove these, as stealing, defacing, vandalizing or unlawfully removing political signs is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

So, frustrating as it may be, seeing these signs in public spaces is perfectly allowed. But this isn’t a question of legality. It is a matter of shady politics that should be viewed as unacceptable in a town that prides itself on inclusivity and progressivism.

People of all opinions should want to get involved in local politics, but that doesn’t mean throwing personal attacks at folks without putting a name behind it. Engagement is talking with council members, going to town meetings and finding common ground to make our community better for everyone.

It is one thing to see anonymous posters at a national or state level, but Town Council candidates are our neighbors. Yes, they represent us, and we absolutely should be critical of the decisions they make to hold them accountable. But this means dialogue, rather than yard signs from a nameless person or organization.

“Those signs were posted by an individual, or group, who would rather spread fear than have an open dialogue about our community’s future,” Stegman said in a public statement. “I would just ignore it if it weren’t a symptom of a more serious problem facing Chapel Hill.”

The rise of social media groups in Chapel Hill have become echo chambers for subsets of the community to stir up anger about certain issues. These groups then shout about feeling wronged, without actually confronting the official they say “betrayed” them.

It’s time for dialogue and conversations. No political official in our local community should be subjected to anonymous attacks that question their character. We all want this community to be more welcoming, inclusive and open to folks across the political spectrum.

## EDITORIAL

## Mental health resources for UNC community



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UNC Campus Health offers a variety of medical services, like counseling and psychological services and other wellness care.

In light of recent events, the Editorial Board has compiled a list of mental health resources for the UNC community. These resources are intended to be helpful for people throughout the UNC and Chapel Hill communities.

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**, (800) 273-8255, is available 24/7. It is free and confidential.

Additionally, the **Crisis Text Line** can be found here: Text HOME to 741-741 (open 24/7).

UNC students who need assistance during this time may contact **Counseling and Psychological Services**, the Office of the Dean of

Students or Student Wellness. CAPS can be reached 24/7 by phone at (919) 966-3658. University employees can reach out to the Employee Assistance Program for more information.

Peer supporters from student-run organization **Peer2Peer**, which offers mental health resources for graduate and undergraduate students, can be reached through their online form. Students can remain anonymous.

**Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group** is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide. Attendance is not required each month and you can attend as needed. There are no fees required.

The group meets on the second

Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the United Church of Chapel Hill in the Parlor Room, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information about the group, please email Jodi Flick [joflick@email.unc.edu](mailto:joflick@email.unc.edu) prior to attending.

**Mental health first-aid training** provides free training for faculty, students and staff. All October events are full, but November event dates will be posted later this week, Tara Bohley, who oversees the program, said.

**Psychology Today and Good Therapy** has a list of licensed therapists and can be filtered by location, insurance network and specialty area.

**Faith Connections on Mental Illness** is a Triangle-based group that works with all faith communities to welcome, include, support, educate and advocate for individuals and families who are living with mental illness. It provides support, education and forum, and helps create connections between individuals with mental illness or those caring for them.

**Family Advocacy Network** provides support for parents and caregivers of children with emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges.

**Josh’s Hope Foundation** works with young adults who have serious mental health issues, helping them identify resources, build skills and develop plans to successfully transition to adulthood.

**Mind Path Care Centers** provides compassionate mental health care throughout North Carolina by helping clients match with a therapist or

psychologist that fits their needs.

The **Orange County Health Department** offers free short-term counseling to clinic patients experiencing mental health issues.

**UNC Care Team** for outreach, information and referral for UNC students of concern.

The **Trevor Project crisis line** for LGBTQ Youth: (866) 488-7386

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**UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health** provides treatment and support services for people with severe mental illness, substance use disorders and intellectual or developmental disabilities: 200 N. Greensboro St. Suite C-3 Carrboro, N.C. 27510, 919-962-4919

**Open Path Psychotherapy Collective** is a nonprofit nationwide network of mental health professionals dedicated to providing in-office and online mental health care — at a steeply reduced rate — to individuals, couples, children and families in need.

**Melanin Therapy** is a comprehensive directory of treatment options designed to meet the unique mental health needs of African Americans and other people of color.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When struggling with mental health, I think it is really important to have social support and professional support.”

Claire Landis,

Executive team member and peer responder for Peer2Peer, a student-run organization that offers mental health resources to UNC undergraduate and graduate students.

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## COLUMN

## UNC Libraries budget cut jeopardizes research

By Rajee Ganesan  
Opinion Editor

University Libraries announced this week it is facing a significant budget cut, with a loss of \$2 million this fiscal year and \$3 million the next. To mitigate this, librarians plan to reduce the purchase of books and multimedia items and cancel certain subscription journals, packages and databases.

University Librarian Elaine Westbrook said the budget cut stems from three major problems:

Journals and databases inflate their prices yearly — a problem that has existed for decades across higher education. This cost has become nearly impossible for libraries to sustain.

The cost of buying journal access is becoming exorbitant. And for many years in the past, UNC has signed NDA clauses with journal providers, making librarians unable to legally discuss journal costs with other universities.

This in turn discouraged public negotiations and allowed journals publishers to create their own terms with each university. UNC made budget cuts across all departments, and the library system was simply a part of that.

However, it’s easy to compare the \$5 million library budget cut to the \$2.5 million settlement UNC was prepared to offer to the Sons of Confederate Veterans over the Silent Sam monument or the cushy salaries of sports coaches and vice chancellors. Westbrook made it clear that

University Libraries is committed to continue offering resources to students and faculty across campus. However, research done at UNC should be available globally, and it not being so is a disservice to taxpayers and the community at Chapel Hill. Investments must be made into open science, open data and open access, which is an issue that affects all of higher education.

“UNC’s endowments made one of the biggest record profits this year, and we are cutting \$5 million from one of the basic tools we need as a University,” Carlos Patino Descovich, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology, said.

He also said the decrease in resource availability will drive students to get articles through illegal sources — letting the University off the hook and putting fault on people attempting to access resources.

Ellie Campbell, a reference librarian and clinical associate professor in the School of Law, works to support research. She doesn’t know how UNC can continue to support the state without robustly supporting the library.

“UNC library will be able to get things for people that they need, but it’ll be more difficult, not through the same services, and take more time,” she said. “It’s going to make things harder for people than they have been in the past.”

The broader mission of University Libraries is to be a repository of information for everyone — not just students and faculty, but alumni and North Carolinians at large.



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Students congregate in Davis Library on Oct. 4. UNC Libraries will undergo a \$2 million budget cut this fiscal year and \$3 million during the next.

Having worked at smaller schools, Campbell said that the budget cut will make the Libraries’ job more difficult, and that she hates to see this happen at UNC. Westbrook and Campbell share the same sentiment — the last two weeks have been difficult for librarians and library staff across campus.

Librarians, though they are voicing their opinions, still have to face University’s decision to cut \$5 million from the budget. The fault lands on the leaders who made the decision to cut the library budget significantly.

UNC cannot continue to rank as

a top university for federal research, conduct the same level of research and serve the state as an integral public institution when decisions are made to cut resources that allow the University to do so.

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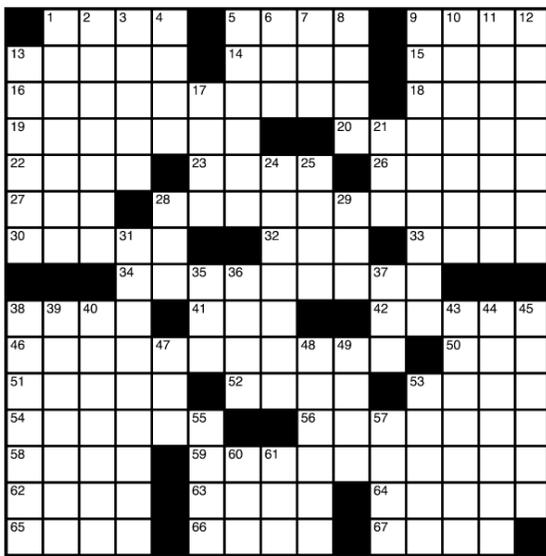
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- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 Today is a 9 — You're especially creative and clever. Try tested methods first. Master the rules before breaking them. Listen to another perspective. Broaden your understanding.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
 Today is a 9 — Forge ahead with professional priorities. Disciplined action gets results. Adapt around a temporary distraction. Put your heart into your work.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 Today is an 8 — Maintain physical and health routines. All this practice builds strength and endurance. Slow around sharp corners. Exercise, good food, nature and rest energize you.
- Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
 Today is an 8 — Investigate and study. Discipline is required. Discover a hidden truth. Avoid a heckler. Don't react without thinking. Disagree respectfully.
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 Today is a 9 — Extra income is possible. Your morale gets a boost along with your wallet. Get terms in writing. Disciplined efforts provide satisfying rewards.
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 Today is a 7 — Relax and have fun with your inner circle. Play favorite games and activities. Share good food, music and stories. Distractions abound. Love is the answer.
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 Today is a 7 — Peaceful surroundings soothe frazzled nerves. Avoid risk, overstimulation or noise. Reduce stress with nature, music and meditation. Contemplate options and possibilities.

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## MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

# Supermodel Halima Aden speaks on faith and fortune

Aden was this year's feature at UNC MSA's discussion event

By Jade Neptune

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As the audience filed into the Great Hall Friday evening, the scene was reminiscent of a high fashion show. A sea of black ties, floor-length gowns and multi-colored hijabs filled the room —



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Supermodel Halima Aden speaks on her faith and modeling career for MSA Live in the Great Hall on Oct. 9.

even a hot-pink bedazzled cowboy hat made its way through the crowd.

Muslim supermodel Halima Aden walked on stage to cheers from the audience.

Every year, UNC Muslim Students Association hosts an event called MSA Live, which features a discussion on a meaningful topic of faith with an influential Muslim figure. Aden, known for starring on the covers of Vogue Arabia, British Vogue and Sports Illustrated, was the featured speaker at this year's event.

Aden's discussion was titled "Navigating Faith and Fortune: Working in this World for the Next," where she spoke about her decision to take a step back from her modeling career to focus on her faith in November.

Aden's work now continues to focus on awareness and visibility for refugees and Muslim women.

"As a Muslim girl who wears a headscarf, you face all of these struggles about fitting in," senior Saratu Garba, an emcee for Friday's event, said. "People are always looking at you, making comments, so seeing such a powerful icon in the fashion industry try to show everybody that it's okay to take a step back to focus on your spirituality is very touching to me."

Like Garba, some attendees said they saw pieces of their own story in Aden's faith journey and her experience growing up as a Somali refugee.

"We are originally from the same country. She's a Somali-American and so am I," Habon Ahmed, the mother of a recent UNC graduate, said.

Ahmed said it felt good to hear Aden tell her story, noting some of the similarities in the trajectory of their journeys to the United States.

"This is my home, this is my country," Ahmed said. "Every time I travel, I get goosebumps when I return. I came here in 1984, didn't speak English, went to school, worked hard and I love it."

Aden also said in her speech that she didn't speak English when she moved to the U.S., and she emphasized the positive impact her education had on her.

"When I started modeling, my family didn't approve, but my mom made me promise I'd pray on set," Aden said.

At first, Aden said this is exactly what she did — even when she faced shock and disrespect from those around her. She said she felt a pressure to conform. "Then I started making exceptions," Aden said. "I started to lose part of my Muslim identity, which was a test I felt I'd failed."

Aden then turned her attention to



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Halima Aden takes a photo with the audience alongside members of the Muslim Students Association's Executive Board.

the audience. "How many of you have struggled with your faith?" she asked.

Nearly everyone raised their hand. "Trying to practice Islam the way that you want in a country you're stigmatized in can be very difficult," Dalal Azzam, vice president of UNC MSA, said. "To see someone so big-named doing this, it's made us all feel like we can do it. Halima shows that you can still be passionate and achieve

your dreams while carrying your faith."

Aden closed her speech with some simple advice for attendees.

"Be proud of who you are and don't feel the pressure to shrink your hijab. The right people should accept you for who you are," Aden said. "We are small in numbers, but we are resilient. We are out here doing amazing things."

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## UNC ADAMS SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

# Students organize projects for annual DEAH Day



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Sarah Liebkemann, a dental hygiene educator, teaches children how to properly brush their teeth using a puppet patient during DEAH DAY on Oct. 6.

The event honors the legacies of Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha

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The UNC Adams School of Dentistry held its seventh annual DEAH DAY on Wednesday to honor the legacies of the late Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha, who were students at the school.

DEAH DAY stands for "Directing Efforts And Honoring Deah And Yusor." Deah and Yusor, a young married couple, and Yusor's sister,

Razan Abu-Salha, were murdered in 2015 by their neighbor in a crime that family members said stemmed from hatred. The shooter pleaded guilty to the murders but was not charged with a hate crime. However, family members noted his aggressive behavior toward non-white neighbors, including showing the outline of a gun tucked into his clothing.

DEAH DAY honors Deah and Yusor's legacies and their commitment to volunteer work. Each year, School of Dentistry students organize service projects around the Triangle.

Rand Khasawneh and Deborah Liu, both fourth-year students in the dental school, co-chaired this year's DEAH DAY. A total of 353 volunteers

participated in projects at 33 sites.

Khasawneh, who knew Deah, Yusor and Razan, said the goal of the event is always to help as many people as possible through outreach projects.

"This is a way of continuing what they cared about and the things that they enjoyed," Khasawneh said.

Ed Swift, executive vice dean of education and professor at the School of Dentistry, said DEAH DAY is almost entirely organized by students. He said no classes are held at the dental school on DEAH DAY to allow students and faculty to participate in volunteer opportunities if they wish.

Swift said he knew Deah as a student, but many current dental students did not know Deah or Yusor personally.

DEAH DAY reminds everyone, Swift said, of what happened to them and the legacies that they left.

"As time goes by, you start to lose perspective on what actually happened and why we're doing DEAH DAY," he said. "And so, I think it's a real credit to our student body and the leaders of our student body that they've been able to, every year, get the new students involved."

On DEAH DAY, Cheyenne Lewis, a second-year dental hygiene student, was a site leader at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange counties.

Lewis said she and 23 other volunteers helped clean the facility in the morning and taught dental hygiene to kids in the afternoon.

Lewis said she also spent time that day at the DYOR Clinic, a clinic in Raleigh that gives free dental care to refugees and low-income families. Established in partnership with the School of Dentistry, the DYOR clinic

honors Deah and Yusor's memory, with its name paying tribute to the social media hashtag that was used for their wedding celebration.

Lewis serves as a dental hygiene representative for the clinic.

"I think it's important that the dental school does continue carrying on DEAH DAY," she said. "And I like DYOR particularly because I want to do public health, and DYOR allows me to be around like-minded people who have the same goal of serving those who don't have the best access to care."

Liu said she wants more community members to know about this event and who Deah and Yusor were.

"As students graduate from the dental school, fewer and fewer people in the UNC community know them, and the dental school is going to continue this tradition for the foreseeable future," Liu said.

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Caroline Jennings, a third-year dental student, dresses as the tooth fairy and makes balloon animals as she volunteers for DEAH DAY on Oct. 6.

# CIC ceremony celebrates Native American culture

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-year CIC member Halona Lewis, CIC Secretary Taylor Williams and first-year CIC member Evynn Richardson.

The performances included a Women's Southern Traditional Dance, Fancy Shawl Dance, Jingle Dress Dance and a Hoop Dance. The crowd was engaged throughout the night in conversation, celebration, applause and cheers for performers and speakers.

Before the performance, Mansfield said the women who danced at this celebration were also honoring all of the past women who have come and gone through Native American history.

Representatives from both the Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity and Alpha Pi Omega Sorority shared information about the two oldest Native American Greek life organizations.

Spectators of the celebration were also asked to participate in a smudging ceremony, a Native American

cleansing ritual that is performed to drive away negative energy, Evynn Richardson said.

During the ceremony, a circle was formed around The Gift while a CIC member cleansed each individual with a smoking bundle of plants made from tobacco, sage and other herbs.

Junior Zianne Richardson is CIC's vice president. She and her sister Evynn Richardson are members of the Haliwa-Saponi and Nansmond tribes.

They performed a spoken word poem and a creation story in honor of Native American culture to conclude the ceremony before performing a dance that honors the female spirit.

"Just having that sense of community and other people coming, not just CIC, is what I love about it," Zianne Richardson said. "And I'm glad that we're able to do that instead of just having to resort to only social media campaigns."

Due to COVID-19, the CIC's in-person celebrations have been limited. Last year's Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration was conducted via social media.

"It's a physical meeting of us where other people walking by or people who choose to come, can learn something about us and actually talk to us about what our experiences are as Indigenous people," Zianne Richardson said.

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