



Under the law, and with few exceptions, lawful weapons carriers may carry concealed handguns in public university classes if they are conducted in buildings and facilities not otherwise exempt from the law

‘Armed and dangerous’

University community reckons with campus carry after UNC shooting

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The message came just after 1 p.m.

It was Monday afternoon — an otherwise bright start to a new week at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — and campus life hurried on as usual. That all changed when a text was sent out to the campus community warning that an “armed and dangerous” person was on or near campus.

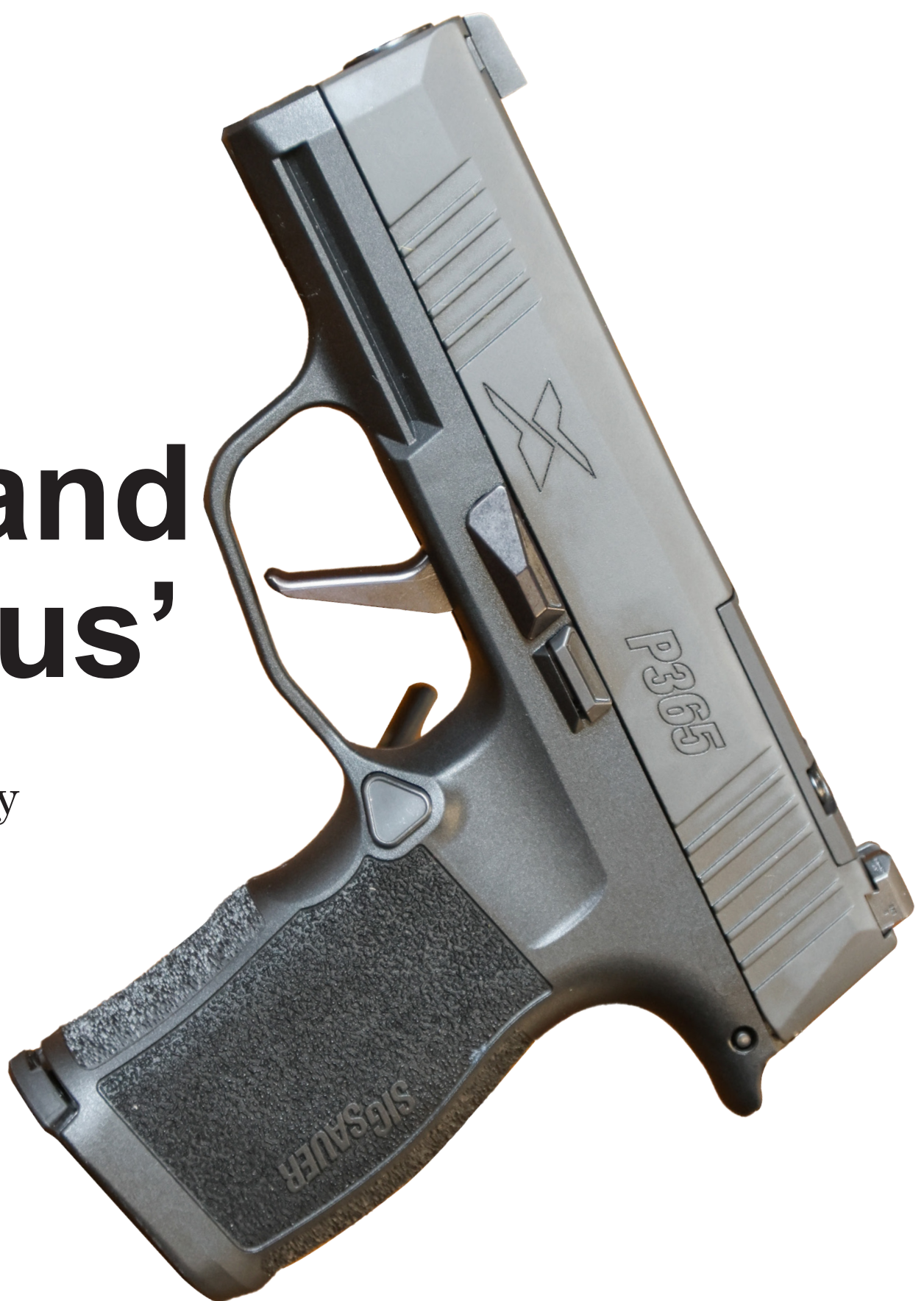
Just after the text, warning sirens blared. Students raced to take cover, shoving themselves into dark closets and gyms. Community members scrambled to alert others and tell friends and family that they loved them. Little information was available, and terror filled the empty space that knowledge couldn’t.

Police cars swarmed Caudill Labs, where the active shooter reportedly was. It was more than three hours of chaos until the “all-clear” came.

Police arrested a graduate student in the department of applied physical sciences, for shooting and killing Zijie Yan, an associate professor in the same department.

The next day, in Athens, Janet Frick — an associate professor of psychology at the University of Georgia — opened X, formerly known as Twitter. She had friends on UNC’s faculty who experienced the shooting first-hand and watched as academics discussed guns on college campuses online. Now, she wanted to contribute.

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