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N.C. GOP lost its supermajority. What changes?

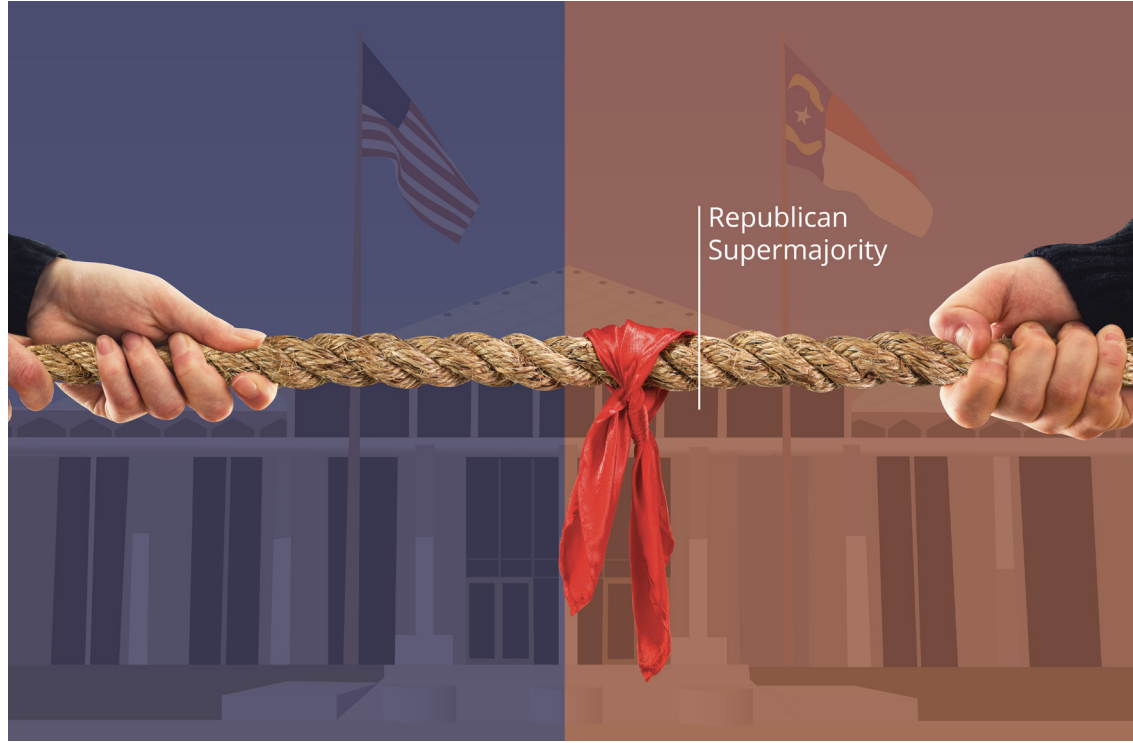
Republicans lose override power over future governor

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After the November election, Republicans in the N.C. General Assembly lost their ability to override gubernatorial vetoes along party lines after only retaining 71 out of 120 House seats, one seat shy of their previously held supermajority.

A supermajority allows a party to override a veto with a two-thirds vote in both the state house and senate without having to consult the opposing party.

Republicans have held the supermajority since April 2023, after Rep. Tricia Cotham (R-Mecklenburg), elected as a Democrat, switched parties during her term.



Republican Supermajority

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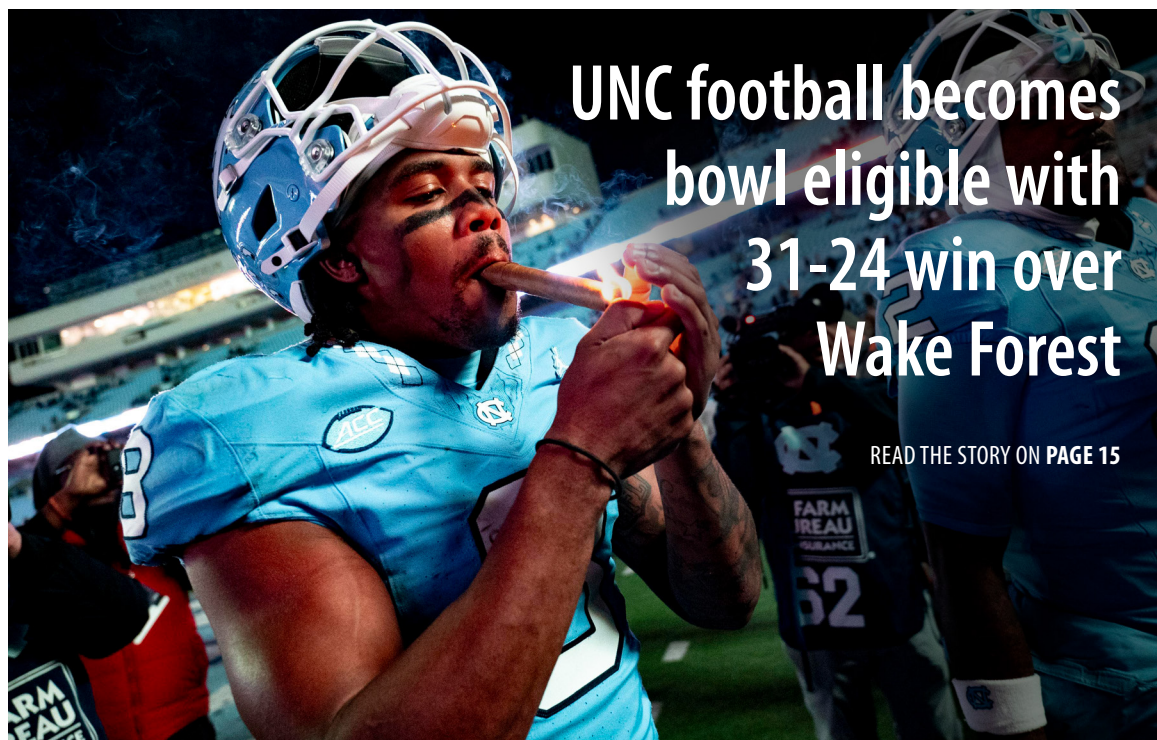
Equity questions surround scholarship

Morehead-Cain nominations may favor certain students

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Socio-economic equity concerns surrounding Morehead-Cain Scholarship nominations for both sophomore and first-year applicants were reignited by the Nov. 4 announcement of the Morehead-Cain Foundation's new Sophomore Selection Scholars. Some Morehead-Cain recipients

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UNC football becomes bowl eligible with 31-24 win over Wake Forest

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North Carolina junior wide receiver Kobe Paysour (8) lights a cigar as he exits the field after UNC defeated Wake Forest at Kenan Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 16.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Undergraduate Senate advances own interests through gerrymandering

Some former, current members denounce corruption within body

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Within five months, 11 members of student government re-did the entire districting and election process for Undergraduate Senate.

Some current and former members of student government have raised concerns that these changes advance the interests of those already involved in student government rather than the entire campus community.

"Everything is performative," Samuel Hendrix, a former senator and member of student government said. "And it's performative for them, never for the student body."

Andrew Gary, a graduate justice on the UNC supreme court who self-identified as one of the major architects of these changes, admitted the changes amount to "gerrymandering."

'A shadow government'

Former chair of the Undergraduate

Student Government Board of Election, Sophie Van Duin, said the overreach started when the senate passed the innocent sounding "resolution to clarify previous resolutions."

"Everything is performative. And it's performative for them, never the student body."

Samuel Hendrix
Former member of Undergraduate Senate

of a Transitional Council, giving 11 student government members "all powers delegated to the

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FEATURE

UNC student shares her life through poetry

Melody Dalili is the second Tennessee Youth Poet Laureate

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It was on April 20 of this year, while getting food at Chase Dining Hall and listening to an announcement on a phone call, that UNC student Melody Dalili received the life-altering news that she would be the second Youth Poet Laureate of Tennessee.

"I think when I walked out of Chase, I laid on the brick on the ground and I just sat there for a little bit, and I was like, 'What is going on?'" Dalili said.

Since then, Dalili has played an impactful role not only in her community in Tennessee, but also the community she has found in Chapel Hill, sharing the intricate story of her life and experiences through poetry.

Prior to being named Youth Poet Laureate of Tennessee, Dalili was announced as the 2022-23 Knoxville Youth Poet Laureate on April 10, 2022 when she was 16, just two years after being removed from an abusive home. The life she faced while growing up plays a heavy role in her work and her drive for change.

The gravity and importance of her new role, Dalili said, didn't hit her until her very first event as Tennessee Youth Poet Laureate, while sitting in a hotel room after being flown back home for the occasion.

"My writing is so unique to my own personal experiences that when people say that they are moved by my poetry, it feels like they're also moved by personal experiences." Dalili said.

After being removed from an abusive home, Dalili found herself homeless for four years, living with her father in a warehouse he

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UNC sophomore Melody Dalili poses with her book, "Thank You For Staying," on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

“You will not find poetry anywhere unless you bring some of it with you.”

JOSEPH JOUBERT

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Kamala Harris wins North Carolina

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Josh Stein to become governor

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“What up, I’m Jared, I’m 19, and I never learned how to read.”

JOSH OVALLE

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Lee Roberts elected by BOG as UNC chancellor

Former interim reflects on term

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After being elected UNC's 13th chancellor, Lee Roberts sat down with DTH University Editor Ananya Cox to discuss his experience as interim chancellor and plans for this upcoming year.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

Daily Tar Heel: Why would you consider yourself qualified to be UNC's chancellor?

Lee Roberts: It's true that I don't have traditional academic experience, but I do think I have relevant experience, and my hope is that the work ahead allows me to combine my background in business and finance and management and budgeting with the extraordinary talent that's already here.

DTH: Moving from the interim to permanent chancellor position, do you have any specific plans for this year?

LR: We'll be taking a look at how we deploy AI, both internally and for our research priorities.

The state has grown very rapidly and every year we enroll a decreasing percentage of North Carolina's graduating high school seniors. Should that continue? If not, how do we grow?



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Chancellor Lee Roberts sits in the Board of Governors meeting on May 23, 2024.

Not everyone thinks of us as an engineering school, but we've got about 170 faculty teaching engineering subjects right now, and we've got superb programs in applied physical sciences, in biomedical engineering, in data science and in Environmental Engineering, very strong student demand for those programs, very strong employer demand for those students. And so the question is, should they grow?

We have a series of new capital needs as we always do, including our Translational Research Building, including the Porthole Alley project. We've got a long list.

We're also excited to get the School of Civic Life and Leadership off the ground. The new Dean is off to an extremely strong start, has hired nine new faculty members starting by Sept. 1, all with exceptional backgrounds.

Also, everything that's happening in college athletics.

It's obviously a time of significant change and upheaval, and our job is to make sure that when the dust settles, Carolina is better off.

DTH: During pro-Palestine protests on April 30, counterprotesters were heard saying identity-based slurs and seen committing acts of physical violence. You shook hands

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Students react to the Aug. 9 selection

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On Aug. 9, the UNC Board of Governors unanimously elected interim chancellor Lee Roberts as the permanent chancellor of the University. Since then, some community members have voiced their feelings — some of outrage, some of excitement and some of indifference.

The Daily Tar Heel's Adele Morris conducted an informal poll on campus on Aug. 19 of 228 students in the Pit. She spoke with students across a span of approximately four hours, asking about their stance on Lee Roberts' chancellorship. Of the respondents, 18 approved, 119 disapproved and 95 said they were indifferent. The majority of those who asserted indifference said they were either uninformed or didn't have enough information to provide an opinion.

The Southern Student Action Coalition has taken a hard stance against Roberts' permanent status. On Aug. 14, the group posted on their Instagram account, inviting the University's community members to sign a letter opposing Roberts' new role.

The letter, which had over 600 signatures at the time of publication, references Roberts' "violent actions against student protesters," lack of higher education experience,

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POLITICS

What's next for Roy Cooper after exit from vice presidential bid?

N.C. governor leaves the national stage and plans ahead

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In a whirlwind month of national politics, Gov. Roy Cooper gained national attention after being considered for Vice President Kamala Harris' 2024 running mate, and subsequently removing himself from the race on July 29.

Cooper was among a number of state governors and Democratic leaders who appeared on Harris' shortlist for vice president. Harris selected Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate on Aug. 6.

"This just wasn't the right time for North Carolina and for me to potentially be on a national ticket,"

Cooper wrote on social media, announcing his withdrawal from the so-called "veepstakes."

From 2001 to 2017, Cooper served as the North Carolina attorney general, which overlapped with Harris' tenure as attorney general of California from 2011 until she was sworn into the U.S. Senate in 2017. Apart from their shared time as state attorneys general, Cooper has also accompanied Harris on campaign stops in North Carolina.

In multiple press appearances shortly after Cooper announced his withdrawal, he mentioned concerns about current Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson seizing attention while Cooper would have been on the campaign trail. According to North Carolina's state constitution, during a governor's absence from the state, the lieutenant governor would serve as acting governor.

Robinson is the republican candidate for the NC gubernatorial



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Gov. Roy Cooper greets the crowd at a Kamala Harris campaign event in Raleigh on Friday, Aug. 16.

race, running against current attorney general and Democratic candidate, Josh Stein. The race has garnered significant national media

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ATHLETICS

Anson Dorrance steps down after 45 seasons

First and only UNC women's soccer coach retires a legend

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Anson Dorrance doesn't like vacations.

During his 45 seasons with the UNC women's soccer team, he's never gone on a vacation longer than seven days.

"Whenever we used to go on vacation, I would think that someone was getting ahead of me," Dorrance said.

But this summer, the head coach went to Lisbon with his extended family. Then he went to Rome. Then to Tuscany and Vinci. Dorrance stayed away from Chapel Hill — or what he calls the southern part of heaven — for a few weeks.

On Aug. 11, Dorrance announced his retirement from UNC. And while Dorrance didn't directly answer when or why he decided to call it quits during Monday's press conference, he noticed small changes in his typical airtight coaching style.

After 22 national championships and a 934-88-53 record, Dorrance grew tired of responding to emails for four hours per day and having weekends saturated by recruiting. He likes spending time with family and eating gelato on vacation. While he's trained to "beat everyone to death," he said he feels he cannot give the team the same zeal.

"What you find out eventually is that you're gonna run out of energy," Dorrance said.

In January, the Director of Athletics Bubba Cunningham approached the head coach and

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If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one.

DOLLY PARTON



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ACADEMICS

Four inaugural faculty leave SCiLL

New hires' studies concern political thought, religion

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The School of Civic Life and Leadership, which is offering classes for the first time this semester, has undergone significant faculty turnover since its inception.

The nine inaugural faculty members of the school were announced in an email by Jim White, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, in October 2023. Political science professor Sarah Treul was appointed as the interim director and dean of the school; the faculty she would oversee spanned eight different academic departments.

Former director of Duke's Civil Discourse Project Jed Atkins was named permanent director and dean of the School of Civic Life and Leadership in March, following a dean search involving Treul and two other candidates. Since the time Atkins was appointed, Treul and three other members of the original faculty told The Daily Tar Heel that they are no longer affiliated with the school.

"As a social scientist, my hope was that SCiLL would be a place that exposed students to a variety of viewpoints and ideas, with the goal of teaching them how to converse across difference[s]. I hoped its scholarship would be interdisciplinary and applicable to students from majors all across the College," Treul said in an email statement. "The recent hires suggest SCiLL has narrowed its focus to the humanities with a further concentration in religion and historical political thought. This is not a space I have expertise in, so it was no longer a good fit for me."

11 new faculty members joined the school in August, many of them experts in historical political thought and religion. Four have master's degrees in religion or theological studies. Atkins himself recently published a book titled "The Christian Origins of Tolerance."

"I am extremely excited about the high caliber of faculty who are coming to join the School of Civic Life and Leadership. Attracting a team like this so quickly and outside the normal hiring cycle affirms both the vision for this school and its leadership," Provost Chris Clemens said in a statement.

Some faculty said they felt the hiring process was highly irregular. History professor Jay Smith wrote an op-ed published in The Daily Tar Heel on Sept. 12, claiming that the new faculty "escaped the rigors of the normal academic hiring practices."

"The school to which they were recruited is unconstrained by traditions of disciplinary expertise," Smith wrote. "It measures academic merit not by disciplinary standards but by one's location on an ideological spectrum."

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Mobile One Card remains valid voter ID

State judge denies Republican request, fears of future fraud

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On Thursday, a North Carolina judge denied the N.C. Republican Party and Republican National Committee's joint request to prevent the UNC mobile One Card as a valid form of voter ID.

The complaint, which was filed on Sept. 12 against the North Carolina State Board of Elections, stated that North Carolina law prohibits using a photo ID on mobile devices when voting and the One Card is not a valid form of voter ID, since it is not a physical "card."

It further alleged that allowing voters to use an electronically stored ID would make it easier for a user to commit fraud and potentially allow ineligible voters to vote.

The One Card has been an acceptable form of Voter ID since 2020, but until the decision on Aug. 20, only physical One Cards



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were accepted at polling places.

The Democratic National Committee and UNC's Affirmative Action Coalition both also filed motions to intervene Monday.

"The State Board's decision to allow UNC students to use our official university-issued digital IDs for voting simply recognizes the reality of how students live and operate today," Alexander Denza, Affirmative Action Coalition

and TransparUNCy executive member, said in a text statement. "This lawsuit by the Republican National Committee and North Carolina Republican Party is a thinly veiled attempt to make it harder for students to vote by eliminating a form of official ID that is ubiquitous on our campus."

Martha Plaehn, a UNC junior and the co-campus coordinator for the North Carolina Public Interest

Research Group New Voters Project, said having accessible identification options makes it easier for students to vote. Plaehn said as physical One Cards become antiquated, it is important for students and employees to have the option to use their mobile One Card.

The One Card Office went through a long process to make the digital One Card a verifiable ID, meaning it would not lead to voter fraud any more than a physical One Card would, Plaehn added.

The RNC and NCGOP have filed seven lawsuits against the NCSBE in the past 50 days questioning how different election procedures are implemented, Policy and Programs Manager at Democracy N.C. Carol Moreno said.

"Across the nation, the more that different entities are able to question the power of local election officials or state election officials, the more they're able to get people to distrust the elections process," she said.

On Sept. 20, the Republican plaintiffs appealed the case to the N.C. Court of Appeals.

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FOOTBALL

Defensive collapse leads to Tar Heels' record-setting 70-50 loss



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UNC senior linebacker Power Echols (23) and junior defensive back Marcus Allen (29) tackle a JMU wide receiver during the game on Saturday.

Head coach Mack Brown reflects on UNC falling to JMU

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Mack Brown had no one to blame. Red-faced and dejected, the UNC football head coach looked inward for North Carolina's defensive collapse against JMU. The Tar Heels surrendered 53 first-half points — the most by any opponent against UNC in a half — en route to their first loss of the season, 70-50, on Saturday afternoon. The 70 points are also the most UNC has ever given up in a game.

"It can only come back to one person and that's me," Brown said, later adding, "The people that want to blame me, they should. Because I am at fault, 100 percent."

North Carolina's defensive issues began during the first play from scrimmage. In the week prior, Brown and other UNC coaches vocalized their desire for a quick start against the Dukes. But JMU quarterback Alonza Barnett III thrashed those hopes with his 38-yard keeper on the game's first snap.

The Dukes capitalized on 14 big plays — eight of which tallied 24 yards or more — to record 611 total yards and nine touchdowns. It was a consistent dose of deep balls, often

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STORYTELLING

Keith Knight chronicles his life through cartoons

Local artist's work includes 18 books, comic strip, Hulu show

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Keith Knight, who is currently based in Chapel Hill, is one of the lucky few to have worldwide success in the art of cartooning.

"He's like a gem to have in this area," Bob Goldstein, biology professor and adjunct faculty in art at UNC, said. Goldstein said that he has sent students to Knight's workshops and they have appreciated what they learned from the sessions.

Over the next weeks, Knight will be holding beginner and advanced cartooning classes in three two-hour-long sessions at the Carrboro Century Center.

Knight has drawn cartoons

since grade school. Early on, he discovered his interest in drawing autobiographical cartoons.

"I got more books where animals were the heroes than Black people," Knight said. "So I would create these comics about me and my friends, where we were the center, you know, we were the heroes."

While in school, Knight drew for his junior high newsletter, high school newspaper and college

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“ You are not defeated when you lose. You are defeated when you quit. ”

PAULO COELHO

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FACULTY

Former professor files legal complaint

Larry Chavis' contract was not renewed after 18 years at UNC

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On Thursday, former UNC Kenan-Flagler business school clinical professor Larry Chavis filed a complaint to begin a lawsuit against UNC-Chapel Hill and the UNC System Board of Governors for relief and damages around his termination from the University. He cited "unlawful and unconstitutional employment practices" in allegations of a First Amendment violation.

In the complaint, Chavis alleges that his termination was in retaliation for him challenging the lack of diversity in UNC faculty and pay disparities between him



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Larry Chavis sits for a portrait in the Chapel Hill Public Library on June 24.

and faculty of other races. Chavis is seeking economic damages, lost benefits and legal costs.

Chavis, who was operating on a one-year contract from 2023-24,

was notified of his contract ending in a June 10 letter from Kenan-Flagler Dean Mary Margaret Frank that Chavis shared on his LinkedIn account Monday morning.

The complaint

The complaint described some of Chavis' history with UNC administration, discussing a 2021 Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office investigation into his treatment at Kenan-Flagler. It stated that findings recommended expanding recruitment of racial minorities, but there were no conclusions about Chavis' specific complaints about racial discrimination and denied advancement in the school.

The document stated that as Chavis gathered more of an outspoken profile, his financial compensation "began to stall."

Based on information from the UNC Salary Database, UNC's business school employs 27 assistant professors who each earn an average of \$229,784 each year. As stated in the lawsuit and found

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CHCCS

'Under a level of stress all the time'

Community reflects on recent school violence threats

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Laura Hill was in a work meeting when she received texts from her son at Carrboro High School that the school had entered secure mode, a protocol utilized by Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools to safeguard students and staff within buildings during emergencies by locking all doors.

Carrboro High School entered secure mode the day after a social media post circulated online where multiple CHCCS students were mentioned as potential targets for violence.

The Chapel Hill Police Department later released a statement deeming the social media post as not credible and identified a juvenile responsible.

"You just don't even know how to take it," Hill, who's the parent of a Carrboro High School senior and a Culbreth Middle School seventh grader, said. "It's all very unsettling — it's like, every week."

Ian Baker, Hill's son, said he was thrown off by the situation and could not focus on learning for the rest of the day.

"I feel like, if there was a really bad threat and stuff, we wouldn't know until it was too late," Baker said.

CHCCS Chief Communications Officer Andy Jenks said threats of school violence are not unique to CHCCS.

"You can call around to every school district in our area, and they will tell you that they deal with this multiple times throughout a school year," Jenks said.

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PERFORMANCE

Saxsquatch Flash Mob swings by Franklin Street

Town of Chapel Hill organized dance party with local legend

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Several students walking at the intersection of Franklin and Columbia on Saturday stopped in their tracks and stared at the sasquatch playing the saxophone on the street. The sasquatch was leading a group of people dressed up like elves, fairies and even a disco ball. Some students, decked out in game day gear, joined in once they learned it was a flash mob.

Saturday's flash mob was a part of Cryptids with a Cause, a joint mob and dance party hosted by the Town of Chapel Hill. Xavier Vallejo, the

Town's events coordinator, said that the event was inspired by Saxsquatch, a Chapel Hill native and a musician known for playing the saxophone in a Bigfoot costume. Saxsquatch — also known as Dean Mitchell — reached out to the Town about getting the performance opportunity.

Mitchell's saxophone rendition of popular songs, including "Hotel Room Service" by Pitbull, as well as performances by aerialists and acrobats in Imagine Circus, a Raleigh-based entertainment company, kept the energy up.

"The purpose for this event is to bring the weird back to Chapel Hill, I think really lean into the craziness of what Chapel Hill is as a college town," Vallejo said.

The Town combined these performances with a food drive

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Displaying his signature "rock on" sign, Saxsquatch performs at the intersection of 100 E. Franklin St. on Saturday, Sept. 28.

FOOTBALL

Tar Heels fall 21-20 to Blue Devils

Offense fails to respond to Duke's second half tear

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DURHAM — On a make-or-break possession, the pocket collapsed around Jacoby Criswell.

With 30 seconds left on the clock and down by one, he looked to graduate tight end John Copenhaver downfield. The graduate quarterback had three seconds to make a play before Duke's Jaylen Stinson broke through a gap in the line and ran at him full-speed.

As Criswell released the ball, Stinson took him to the ground. The pass was off-target, landing in the hands of Duke's Tre Freeman. Game over.

Criswell stood up from the grass, walked toward the sideline and took off his helmet. As Duke fans poured out of the stands and onto the field, he kept his eyes ahead of him. Heads bowed, Criswell and the rest of the Tar Heels slowly trudged off the field and toward the visitor's locker room.

Not enough time. Not enough weapons. Not enough momentum. On Saturday, North Carolina fell to Duke, 21-20, at Wallace Wade Stadium, giving up a 20-0 lead. In UNC's first loss to the Blue Devils since 2018 — a season in which the Tar Heels posted a 2-9 record — North Carolina's offense evaporated, unable to answer Duke's 21-point second half.

"It came down to one play, right at the end," head coach Mack Brown said. "One drive. They made the play, and we didn't."

Rebounding from a scoreless 30 minutes of regulation, the Blue Devils stormed down the field after halftime,

finding gaps in the line and utilizing their run game to score three unanswered touchdowns. Meanwhile, the Tar Heels slowed to a halt.

UNC's ground game fizzled out, recording 105 rushing yards in the first half to just 51 in the second.

Penalties cost momentum and yardage at key moments.

A play that would've pushed North Carolina closer to the end zone for a first down in the third

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UNC junior running back Omarion Hampton (28) gets tackled during the football game against Duke on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Wallace Wade Stadium.

How to help with hurricane relief efforts in N.C.



Link to Carolina Center for Public Service.

“ Sometimes, I'm fearful and sometimes, I'm hopeful. But, overwhelmingly, I'm hopeful. ”

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Behind our 2024 general election coverage

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Since the day The Daily Tar Heel's Editor-in-Chief Laney Crawley chose me to be City & State editor, people have asked me about my election coverage plans. It seems like I've been told a million iterations of "If you can cover a general election as City & State editor, you can do anything!"

It's true, covering elections (general, midterm or municipal) is a big deal. And there's historically been pressure from both inside and outside the newsroom for the City & State editors to put together something more creative, more innovative than the year before.

But focusing on how to stand out from previous editors didn't feel right to me. I didn't become the City & State editor to prove something, but rather to serve two important groups: the writers on my desk and our audience. When I anchored my focus to how our coverage could best benefit those people, the pressure washed away and the ideas started to flow.

Focusing on our audience kept me grounded in making sure election coverage was accessible and helpful to readers. I know that finding and understanding the candidates, issues and voting regulations is time-consuming, so we focused on creating a product that takes the difficulty out of understanding how to cast your ballot and figuring out which candidate you support the most. In a year where the presidential election has garnered so much media attention, our coverage of state and down-ballot races becomes that much more important.

I also knew that I wanted our election coverage to reflect the efforts of our entire desk, not just the editors and a few senior writers. To me, The DTH shouldn't just be a place for already-impressive student journalists to showcase their talents, but rather stay grounded in its role as a teaching and learning newspaper. I knew I wanted every writer to have the chance to contribute to a project that will provide important coverage to the community they're reporting on.

So, here's what we've been up to.

Interactive quiz site

The head of DTH engineering, Leo Davidson, worked with his team to bring my idea of an interactive quiz site to life. The online site includes BuzzFeed-style quizzes that readers can take to find out which Democratic or Republican candidate they most strongly align with for every council of state race, as well as the North Carolina General Assembly and U.S. House of Representatives contests that appear on the Orange County ballots.

To create the quiz questions, we decided to assign candidate profiles to writers. For consistency, writers sourced the profiles, which you can find in this week's print edition and online, from applicable campaign materials and social media as well as any radio or TV appearances, rallies and debates. I made the editorial decision not to have writers conduct interviews with any candidate, because inevitably, some would've been interested and available to talk, while others wouldn't have.

I also decided not to include third-party candidates in the quizzes. Many candidates are running on single-issue campaigns, and don't have social media or websites to look through, which would've created a consistency issue in the quiz questions.

At the end of a quiz, readers will see how they align with candidates on the issues, and if every issue were weighed equally, which candidate they are most similar to. In order to remove bias and retain consistency, the quiz questions focus on policy, rather than a candidate's character. Please note that these quizzes are a good place to start when thinking about who you want to vote for, but not the be-all and end-all.

The Opinion desk's endorsements and other editorial content are completely separate from the City & State election coverage. We are not endorsing any candidate.

Election print edition

Our print product is a 24-page voter guide. Much of the paper includes a mix of shorter stories, like how to vote early and on Election Day, and longer enterprise stories that dive into some of the main tensions of the North Carolina election, including referendums on the ballot, AI in campaigns and North Carolina's history as a swing state. We also included Q&As with the candidates for judicial seats on Orange County ballots and with the candidates for Carrboro's special town council election.

The paper also includes a print version of the profiles City & State writers worked on to create the quizzes. Carrie-Anne Rogers and her design team created amazing profile cards for each candidate, including third parties, that readers can flip through in the print edition.

I hope our quiz site and special print edition are helpful in your voting endeavors, and I hope you share them with your friends and family. I hope that if you remember anything from this column, you remember that down-ballot and state races impact your daily lives just as much, if not more than, the presidential contest.

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