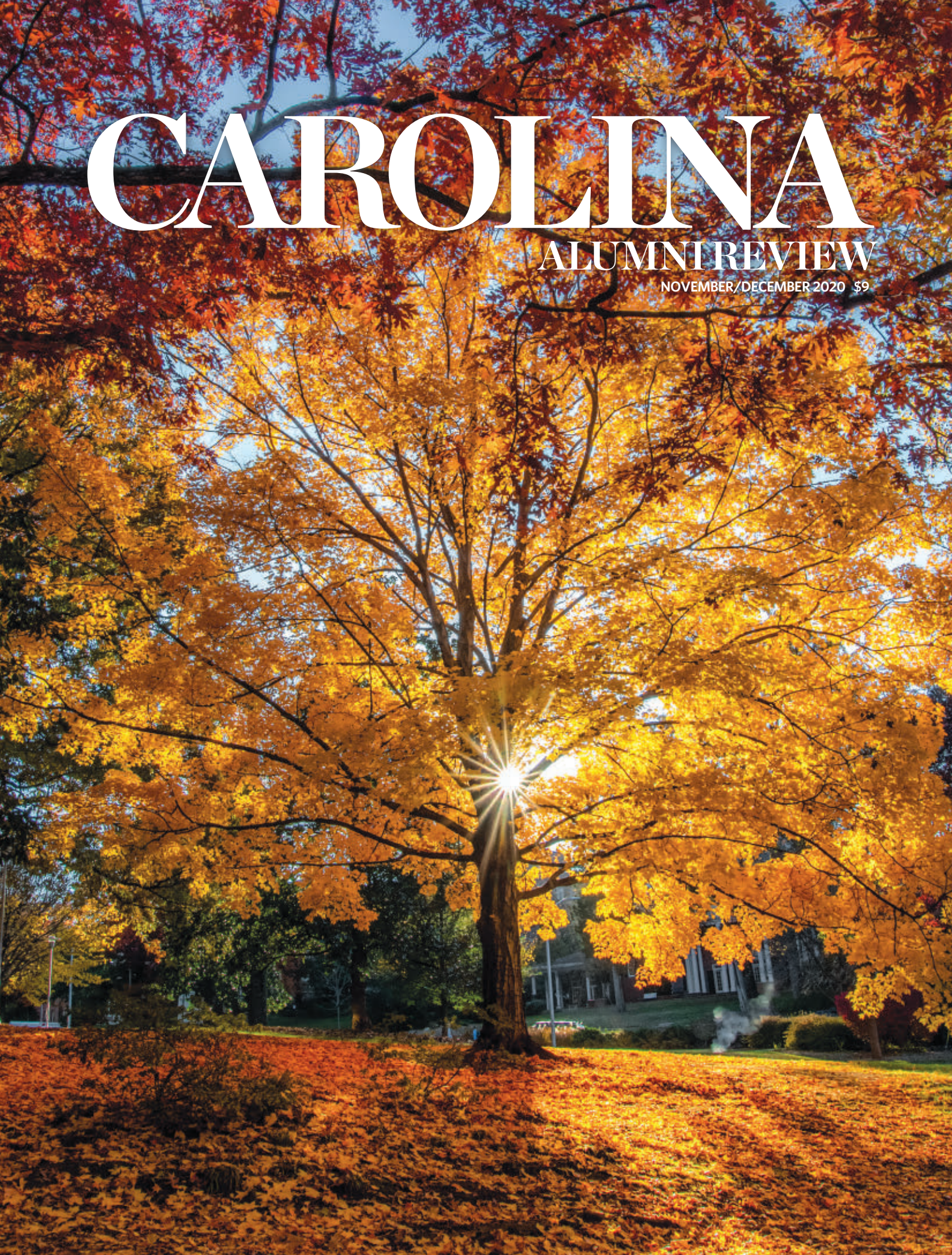

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CELEBRATIONS

Guskiewicz Sees the Future in the Founders' Words

"What causes trust to break?

"Can we rebuild trust in a divided nation?

"Can we, as a university, be part of rebuilding and strengthening the fabric of our democracy, our institutions and our community?"

Kevin Guskiewicz posed those questions on Oct. 11 to a modest in-person audience and a bigger virtual one — many of whom would not otherwise have had a chance to see the 12th chancellor's installation; live attendance was restricted due to COVID-19. Guskiewicz also announced an enrollment growth push, pledging to increase the first-year class size in each of the next four years.

"As a nation, we are in a fight to live up to our founding ideals. Carolina faces the same fight. Our history, as imperfect as it is, is defined by the successive generations who have tried to close the gap between what we are and what we can be.

"Our students, faculty and staff want us to be true to those ideals. Our ability to do so will determine our success as an institution. It will break or build our community's trust. It will fulfill or fail our mission and mandate."

Guskiewicz took a look at what the University's founders wrote.

"They talked about a rising generation."

As part of a two-day University Day observance, Guskiewicz took the public oath that officially installed him as 12th chancellor of the University, the job he already had been doing for nearly 20 months, first on an interim basis, then as the permanent choice of the UNC System Board of Governors. Since he arrived in Chapel Hill as a faculty member in 1995, Guskiewicz had progressed to department chair, center director, senior associate dean and then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Along the way, Guskiewicz also attracted national attention, receiving the MacArthur Fellowship (sometimes called the "genius grant") and being named one of 18 "game changers" by *Time* magazine for his concussion research. He is founder and co-director of UNC's Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related Brain Injury Research Center as well as director of the University's Center for the Study of Retired Athletes. His research has influenced concussion protocols for the NFL and the NCAA as well as the Return to Play laws now in effect for younger athletes in all 50 states.

"Long before concussion research was a topic of interest to the world, Dr. Guskiewicz was the first one in, doing amazing work. He is on our Mount Rushmore for former NFL players,"

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"We will expand the number we accept and bring in more first-generation students, more minority students, more rural students … the next Rhodes Scholars, civic leaders, CEOs, teachers and doctors."

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said Andre Collins, former NFL player and executive director of the NFL Players Association's Professional Athletes Foundation. He is the players' union's liaison with the retired athletes center.

Seven words of the founders stuck with Guskiewicz: Consult the happiness of the rising generation.

"Because many things are responsible for UNC's success, but I believe it's because — more often than not — we've listened to those seven words from our charter.

"Our power as an institution does not come from stale tradition; it comes from the vision and renewable energy of our community. Our power does not come from old ideas. It comes from innovation, fresh ideas and action. It comes from consulting the rising generation."

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What no one foresaw

Six weeks into his tenure as chancellor, Guskiewicz faced a difficult decision. A deadly virus threatened to spread rapidly through the campus when students returned from spring break. He gathered facts, consulted experts and campus colleagues and then quickly did what none of his predecessors had ever done in the University's 227-year history: switched the nation's oldest public university to remote-only instruction.

"I love bold action," Guskiewicz said recently. "And I do think that we have been bold."

This generation he said, is not happy.

"They're not waiting patiently in the wings; they're not content with accepting injustice.

"That's a good thing. They shouldn't be happy with how things are. They see an American dream that is fading: The boomer generation had a 90 percent chance of earning more than their own parents. For millennials, it's 50-50.

"They see a global pandemic that threatens the very things in life that build happiness: making your best friends, discovering new places, watching your team win championships.

"Our power as an institution does not come from stale tradition; it comes from the vision and renewable energy of our community. Our power does not come from old ideas. It comes from innovation, fresh ideas and action. It comes from consulting the rising generation."
— Kevin Guskiewicz

"They see racial inequity in our criminal justice system, our schools, our board rooms and our streets. This is not what I want for the students of North Carolina. This is not what I want for my own kids."

Guskiewicz said that "decade after decade, we have expanded our definition of who belongs to that rising generation. And for the last quarter century, Carolina has earned the distinction as the best value in higher education."

"We are well on our way to raising $1 billion in student scholarships to meet the needs of our students and reflect the state that we serve. Our financial aid is already the best in the nation among public — and most private — universities, and we will increase that support.

"We will expand the number of students we accept and bring more first-generation students, more minority students, more rural students to Carolina, training them to become the next Rhodes Scholars, civic leaders, CEOs, teachers and doctors.

"Last year, I asked our admissions team to enroll the largest class ever at Carolina. Today, I'm proud to announce that we will continue that growth. Each of the next four years, we will increase our first-year class size and build the largest ever Carolina undergraduate community. This state is expanding — and Carolina must expand as well."

UNC System President Peter Hans '91 presided over the Oct. 11 event, which was aired on the University's YouTube channel with live and recorded content, including remarks from Gov. Roy Cooper '79 ('82 JD); Board of Trustees Chair Richard Stevens '70 ('74 MPA, '74 JD), who also is a former chair of the GAA Board of Directors; GAA Board of Directors Chair Jill Silverstein Gammon '70 ('72 MSW); and faculty, staff and student leaders.

Sports lover and scientist

Guskiewicz grew up a smart, sports-loving kid in Latrobe, Pa., in hardcore Pittsburgh Steelers country. As a high school player, he spent more time injured than on the field, sparking an interest in sports medicine. He earned a bachelor's degree in athletic training from West Chester University and studied for a master's in exercise physiology from the University of Pittsburgh while working as an athletic trainer for his beloved Steelers.

Seeing the unscientific guesswork behind decisions about whether to send players with concussions back into games prompted him to study concussions as a doctoral student at the University of Virginia. He continued his research on concussions and balance at Carolina, where he worked with coaches and players to put science behind deciding fitness to play. He wasn't trying to shut down football; he wanted to make it safer.

As his reputation as a neuroscientist and concussion researcher grew, so did the number of students who wanted to work with him. Associate professor Jason Mihalik '09 (PhD), now co-director of the Gfeller Center, was impressed that Guskiewicz responded to an email he sent as an undergraduate in Montreal. When Mihalik came to Carolina as a graduate student in 2004, Guskiewicz was chair of the exercise and sport science department.

"He's fantastic to work with. He is unmatched in his work ethic. I once joked that he doesn't sleep, that he plugs himself into the wall at night," Mihalik said.

The scope of Guskiewicz's job broadened when he became chancellor. Taking over amid the controversy over UNC's Confederate monument, he dealt with issues of history and race and with campus safety. He established commissions and conducted listening sessions across campus. As a result, the trustees voted this summer to change some University policies and removed the names of four white supremacists from campus buildings.

Earlier, in March, when Guskiewicz made the decision to switch to remote instruction, it meant that the class of 2020, including his son Nathan, had a virtual celebration — until they can safely gather on campus for a Commencement ceremony.

Guskiewicz faced an even tougher decision in the fall. He and his leadership team spent the spring and summer developing a plan to bring students back to campus for the fall semester.

Over the summer, research labs reopened and some graduate and professional students returned to class with no COVID-19 outbreaks. With community standards and practices based on advice from the University's own infectious disease research faculty, Carolina prepped for resuming on-campus instruction.

Only a week into classes, the University announced clusters of infections at some residence halls and a fraternity, and the weekend brought even more cases.

"That pivot in August was the hardest decision I've made," he said.

Within days, most residential students had moved back home or off campus, leaving Carolina's classroom buildings and grassy quads abandoned.

Yet the University is still open, with its largest enrollment ever. And Guskiewicz will face the same decision for the third time — to instruct students in person or virtually — for the spring semester.

"These past six months, we've traveled quite a journey. We've learned from some things that didn't work. So I want to look back on that road we've traveled but, more importantly, make sure people are focused on the road in front of us," he said.

On Oct. 11, he concluded: "We have work to do. Staying true to those words on paper will focus our attention on the rising generation. It's they who we must consult. It is my absolute intention to be a chancellor who consults, who seeks input, who is a servant leader. It's the type of leader I've been and will continue to be for Carolina."

University Day commemorates the Oct. 12, 1793, laying of the cornerstone of Old East.

Portions of this article were written by Susan Hudson '84 and originally appeared in *The Well,* UNC's online news site for faculty and staff.

TAKE A BOW

Awarded on University Day

The University presented Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards to six recipients:

- **Anubha Anand** '95, a graduate of the Hussman School of Journalism and Media, is an anchor and reporter for the BBC World Service in London. She has spent 24 years reporting international news for the BBC, as well as for *The Guardian,* The Associated Press, CNN, Al Jazeera and other major news organizations.
- **Dr. Francis Collins** '77 (MD), who has distinguished himself in the field of medical science, has served as director of the National Institutes of Health since 2009 and is credited with being one of the agency's most influential leaders. Prior to joining the NIH, he directed the Human Genome Project, which led to major breakthroughs in both genomics and medicine.
- **Mary Estes** '72 (PhD) has made invaluable impacts in virology and microbiology, the field in which she received her doctorate from Carolina. She is the Distinguished Service Professor of virology and microbiology and Cullen Foundation endowed chair at the Baylor College of Medicine.
- **Daniel Patterson** '55 (MA, '59 PhD), a Kenan professor emeritus at the University, is a nationally respected folklorist. He revived and revitalized Carolina's academic folklore program, laid the foundation for the nation's largest archive of Southern traditional song and folklife, mentored countless students over more than three decades of teaching and pioneered an ethic of community-based collaboration and public-facing scholarship that continues to define UNC's folklore program to this day.
- **Peter Skillern** '92 (MRP), a graduate of UNC's department of city and regional planning, has pursued a career dedicated to creatively and effectively addressing poverty and inequality in North Carolina and the nation. He serves as the executive director of Durham-based Reinvestment Partners, an innovative nonprofit that works with people, places and policy to foster healthy and just communities.
- **Marla Smith-Nilson** '94 (MSEnv), notable for her positive impact on water and sanitation initiatives across the globe, is the founder and executive director of Water 1st International, which helps poor communities build and independently maintain water supply and sanitation systems. Over the past three decades, her work has brought clean water and sanitation to hundreds of thousands of people in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Also:

- **Nick Didow** '70 ('73 MBA), associate professor of marketing in the Kenan-Flagler Business School, received the Edward Kidder Graham Faculty Service Award.
- The Employee Forum presented its inaugural Rebecca Clark Staff Award for Moral Courage to **James Holman**, crew leader in Housekeeping Services. Clark, a former UNC staff member, African American political activist and civil rights organizer, fought against unequal pay and workplace discrimination.

PANDEMIC

Spring Plan: Some In-Person Instruction, Limited Dorm Space

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The University plans to house about 3,500 students in single-occupancy rooms in dorms and Granville Towers for the spring semester and to teach some in-person classes. Most classes with more than 35 students will be taught remotely.

Classes will start Jan. 19, and UNC will forego spring break in anticipation of continued disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic, planning instead for five break days incorporated into the calendar, either individually or in clusters. The last day of classes will be May 5; Commencement is scheduled for May 16.

All plans could change, as they did dramatically when the University shut down in-person instruction and most dorms in the first week of fall classes.

"This virus continues to impact the lives of everyone in our community in so many ways," Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz and Provost Robert Blouin wrote to the campus community on Oct. 23. "We will continue to monitor its path over the coming months, and the compounding effect of the annual flu season, as we finalize plans for the spring semester. We are prepared to modify our approach in order to support our community based upon the prevailing trends. We will continue to work closely with our campus partners to discuss and communicate any additional changes or accommodations given the circumstances we may be facing in early to mid-January."

They said there would be mandatory reentry and regular COVID-19 evaluation testing for students, faculty and staff. They did not announce details on frequency, administration and processing of the tests.

About 1,500 students with special circumstances have remained in on-campus housing this fall. On-campus rates of COVID-19 infection by mid-October were negligible.

UNC will offer five modes of instruction for the spring: two in-person and three remote modes of synchronous and asynchronous learning. Deans are working with their schools and departments to identify courses that benefit most from in-person instructional modes.

The University will be able to accommodate a limited number of courses with up to 50 students for in-person modes of delivery based on the needs of the course.

Generally, priority for in-person courses will be given to classes designed to allow first-year students to explore a discipline; classes designed to provide seniors opportunities to enroll in capstones, seminars and specialized topics; and classes at any level that especially benefit from hands-on, in-person instruction.

Normal dorm capacity is 9,500. Besides offering only single-occupancy rooms, UNC plans to expand quarantine and isolation spaces. Carolina Housing sent information to all current residents and those who previously held housing contracts. Decisions about who would be able to live in the limited dorm space had not been announced by late October.

Decisions on in-person and remote courses are linked with those regarding on-campus residency and testing.

Registration appointments for the spring will begin Nov. 30 and continue through Jan. 25.

PHILANTHROPY

Naming Gift, Match Put Kenan-Flagler Closer to Goal

The Kenan-Flagler Business School has moved closer to its goal of raising the money to match state funds for a building expansion that will enable it to grow its undergraduate program at least 50 percent as a result of two new gift pledges: Steve Bell '67 and his wife, Jackie Bell, are adding to a pledge they made earlier this year, and an anonymous donor has pledged a match.

The school announced in May that the Bells had committed $11 million; they have increased that to $25 million, and the match plus other privately raised funds puts the total at $58 million. Kenan-Flagler aims to raise half of the estimated $150 million cost of a 140,000-square-foot addition on the southern border of the campus. The state had committed $75 million if the school could raise that much. The total includes renovations to the McColl Building and the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise.

The new building will be named in Steve Bell's honor. The $25 million gifts by two donors are the largest gifts made by individuals to Kenan-Flagler.

"This is truly a transformational moment for UNC Kenan-Flagler, for Carolina and for our state," said Doug Shackelford '80, dean of the school. He said the new building is critical to teaching, researching and serving at the highest levels.

"I concluded there is nothing I could do that would benefit our state more than supporting UNC Kenan-Flagler," Steve Bell said.

Demand for a business degree at Carolina exceeds the available space in the 23-year-old McColl Building. Kenan-Flagler has about 1,000 undergraduates, 400 master of accounting students, 1,600 students in the MBA program and 70 doctoral students.

Kenan-Flagler is able to accept only half of its undergraduate applicants each year. The expansion also will help alleviate space challenges and benefit learning for students in the MBA, master of accounting and doctoral programs.

Bell is chair of Bell Partners, one of the nation's leading apartment investment and management companies.

BY THE NUMBERS

Class of '24: UNC Welcomes 5,303 New Undergrads

47,607
applied
(a record number, and the 15th consecutive year of increase)

9,611
admitted
(21% of applicants)

4,444
first-year students and

859
transfer students enrolled

39%
qualified for need-based financial aid

12%
are Carolina Covenant Scholars

60% female

40% male

20%
will be the first in their families to pursue a bachelor's degree

35%
have at least one parent who was born outside of the U.S.

44%
of transfers attended a community college

41%
ranked within the top 10 students in their high school*

74%
ranked within the top 10 percent of their high school*

Admitted students come from

97
NC counties, including

36%
from rural NC counties;

44
states and the District of Columbia; and

52
countries.

2% American Indian or Alaska Native
11% Black or African American
11% Hispanic, Latino or Latina
20% Asian or Asian American
66% White or Caucasian

Top 5 Intended Majors
1. Biology
2. Business
3. Psychology & Neuroscience
4. Computer Science
5. Political Science

*OF THOSE REPORTING RANK
SOURCE: OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

WHERE AM I?

Two clues — how could you lose? On walks through the gorgeous old quads, it's good to have places to pause, have a look around and get some perspective. Think of it as your home away from home. "Where Am I" goes only to easily accessible campus locations. ***Answer, page 28.***

YOUR GAA ON INSTAGRAM

Oh, the memories (and the brick monsters). #UNCAlumni

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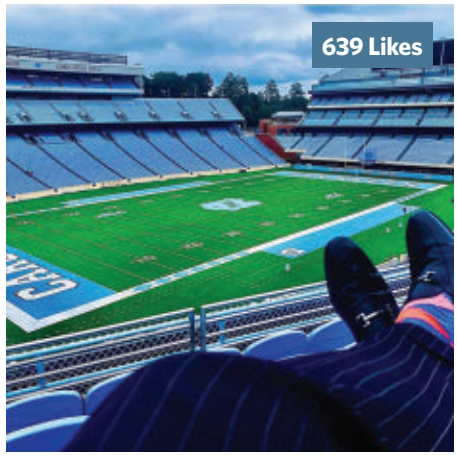

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CELEBRATIONS

Pomp and Circumstances

ALLISON WOMACK

In summer 1952, Jerry Robert Womack '52 completed the four remaining courses needed to graduate with a bachelor of science in business administration. But the Air Force ROTC cadet had to report for duty before he could walk in cap and gown at UNC's Commencement that December.

His diploma was mailed to his home in Spencer, and it remained in its mailing tube — until this year.

When Womack turned 90 in May, COVID-19 safety concerns prevented his family from throwing him a birthday party at his retirement home in Cary. But they were determined the retired banker wouldn't miss out on marking this milestone — and they saw an opportunity to make up for his missing that other one as well.

They got his diploma and had it framed, and his granddaughters borrowed a cap and gown from a friend who graduated from UNC last spring. Then they joined Womack at the Old Well, where he donned the regalia and received his diploma with all the proper pomp they could conjure under current circumstances.

And, of course, they took graduation photos.

YOUR GAA

Where's Rameses?

Somewhere in the pages of this magazine we've hidden a cartoon Rameses like the one below (except smaller). We'll mail a prize to the first person who lets us know where it is via email: findrameses@unc.edu.

Good hunting — and congratulations to last issue's winner, Dan McCord Hartzog Sr. '69 (JD '73) of Raleigh.

GRANT HALVERSON '93

YOUR GAA

Remembering Those Lost on 9/11

The GAA's memorial service for the six alumni killed in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, is held annually at the 9/11 Memorial Garden on Stadium Drive, near the George Watts Hill Alumni Center. It takes place between 8:46 and 9:03 a.m., the times when hijacked planes struck the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York.

The place and timing were the same for 2020. The GAA placed flowers at the memorial, built as a gift from the class of 2005, who had entered UNC only a few weeks before the planes crashed in New York, at the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., and in a field in Pennsylvania.

Framed by a rectangle of low stone walls like those that hug the campus, the garden has a plaque that bears the names of the alumni lost: Karleton Fyfe '92, Mary Lou Hague '96, Andrew King '83, Ryan Kohart '98, Dora Menchaca '78 (MSPH) and Christopher Quackenbush '79.

In this year of remote classes and other safety measures to curtail the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the UNC community could not gather for the ceremony. Instead, the GAA offered an online collection of articles, photos, audio and videos showing how Tar Heels have remained steadfast in remembrance of that time, of this place and of the lives cut short:

- *Carolina Alumni Review* coverage of the events of 9/11 and the aftermath on campus;
- Biographies of the six alumni killed;
- "Yours at Carolina" columns by GAA President Doug Dibbert '70;
- A link to a recording of the GAA's Sept. 13, 2001, public forum, "Understanding the Attack on America," which brought together UNC experts in American foreign policy, business and finance, psychology, political science, national defense and military policy, and Middle East studies to discuss the attacks; and
- Highlights of memorial services, including the dedication of the memorial in 2007; a tribute to Quackenbush in 2018 by nephew Dylan Melisaratos, then a first-year student; and a remembrance of Kohart in 2019 by lacrosse teammate Justin Donaton '99.

More: alumni.unc.edu/remembering-9-11-then-and-now-at-carolina

PHOTOS BY MEGAN MAY

Carolina researchers are testing wastewater to learn whether it might serve as a sentinel for community spread of the coronavirus.

PANDEMIC

The Asymptomatic People Not Tested, the Potential Clues in Wastewater

Carolina research technician Tom Clerkin and graduate student Mark Ciesielski turn off a gravel road and into the Beaufort Wastewater Treatment Plant near the North Carolina coast. They jump out of their truck, greeted by the scorching sun and an aroma that is unique to these types of facilities. Grabbing armloads of equipment, they climb atop the wastewater intake platform, where incoming sewage is cleared of large debris. They don full protective gear, including face masks, gloves and face shields, and collect their weekly samples. The work is far from glamorous, but it serves an important purpose.

The team, led by UNC Institute of Marine Sciences microbiologist Rachel Noble, is quantifying COVID-19 concentrations in communities throughout North Carolina. While testing an individual is useful for the person who receives it, the people they come into contact with and official coronavirus case counts, it doesn't provide information about the number of asymptomatic people not tested — which experts believe is significant.

Noble, known for her expertise in the human impacts of coastal water quality and marine microbial ecology, expects their data will help account for asymptomatic carriers, identify hot spots and inform public health measures like school policies and face mask mandates. As of August, preliminary results have shown an increase of the virus in wastewater about five to seven days before spikes in clinical cases — leading researchers to think results could serve as a sentinel for community spread.

The key, Noble says, is to focus on the concentration of the virus throughout the population.

"We're not just looking for the positive or negative result of the virus in the wastewater samples," she said. "What we're looking for are the trends of whether the numbers are increasing or decreasing, and we're particularly looking for the time whenever the signal disappears."

Seeing SARS-CoV-2 rapidly spread across the globe, Noble's team proposed the study in February — weeks before the virus was considered a pandemic by the World Health Organization. Wastewater-based epidemiology was previously used to study outbreaks of polio and opioid use. Knowing coronaviruses are shed through fecal material, Noble realized this would be an efficient way to track this virus as well.

The research was originally focused on rural communities, but collaborators from across the state joined in and broadened the project's scope. Now it's fully funded by UNC's N.C. Policy Collaboratory, at $1.8 million, and other collaborators include UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health, N.C. State University, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Charlotte, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services and the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality.

Although not testing every municipality in the state, the large collaboration gives the researchers an opportunity to understand how the virus spreads through different types of communities — urban, suburban and rural.

Still in the early phase of the project, the team has now vetted standardizing sensitive and quantitative sampling and testing methods. Eventually, Noble hopes epidemiologists will be able to translate their results into the number of individual people infected. Not only will this information inform policy this fall, but it also will lay the groundwork to help battle future outbreaks.

"There will be other coronaviruses that we face in our lifetime," Noble says. "So, it is very interesting to think about setting up a system in North Carolina that can be more effective to identify those hot spots so we don't get ourselves in the predicament that we are in now."

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THE HILL | **SIGHTINGS**

Talk about livin' the dream. Charles Gainey '68 and his grandson Graham Hardison enjoyed a high-scoring win over Virginia Tech. And those around them — perfectly behaved.

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DISCOVERY

UNC Research Points to N95 Mask Efficiency

Last spring, due to limited national supplies of N95 face masks, hospitals across the country asked public and private companies to donate personal protective equipment, including many types of masks, to be sure health care workers were protected while caring for patients.

With so many options, infection prevention experts at UNC Medical Center set out to gather evidence on the fitted filtration efficiency of dozens of types of masks and mask modifications, including masks sterilized for reuse, expired masks, novel masks sourced from domestic and overseas sources, and homemade masks.

Their data, published Aug. 11 in *JAMA Internal Medicine,* show that reused, sterilized N95 masks and very out-of-date N95 masks retain their effectiveness at protecting health care workers from COVID-19 infection.

To assess mask filtration effectiveness, Emily Sickbert-Bennett '00 ('02 MS, '10 PhD), director of infection prevention at the medical center, and colleagues turned to someone she knew she could trust: her dad, Dr. William Bennett, professor of medicine, who leads the Mucociliary Clearance and Aerosol Research Laboratory at UNC's Center for Environmental Medicine, Asthma and Lung Biology.

"I told him we had two types of masks — used, sterilized and expired N95 masks — and we needed to know whether they would offer safe and effective protection, in case we needed our health care co-workers to use them," Sickbert-Bennett said. "And he said it would be possible for his lab to test them and give us data upon which to base our decision-making."

Researchers teamed with the EPA Human Studies Facility on campus to measure the fraction of submicron particles that penetrate into the breathing space of subjects wearing a mask while performing a series of tasks that simulate conditions such as speech and movement during a work shift.

The researchers found that certain N95 masks — as rated by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Administration — provide greater than 95 percent effectiveness at keeping the wearer from inhaling airborne particles that may carry SARS-CoV-2, the virus that can cause COVID-19. These masks retain such effectiveness many years beyond the masks' expiration dates, and the NIOSH-rated masks can be subjected to sterilization with hydrogen peroxide or ethylene oxide without compromising their efficiency.

Their fitted filtration procedures also showed that surgical masks with ties were about 70 percent effective at filtering their inhaled particles, while surgical masks with ear loops were about 40 percent effective. Research Assistant Professor Phillip Clapp '04 ('18 PhD), co-first author of the article, noted: "One of the keys to protection is how snug a mask fits. An N95 mask that forms a tight seal offers the optimal infection prevention. However, evidence from previous studies suggests that even the surgical masks with less than 95 percent efficiency are effective in preventing acquisition of epidemic coronaviruses."

DISCOVERY

Carolina Enters Research Agreement With BASF

BASF Corp. and the University have signed a master research agreement that will facilitate easier collaboration between industry and academia on the journey to jointly address global challenges, including climate change, food insecurity and scarcity of resources. The interdisciplinary approach will draw on the strengths of each to accelerate scientific discovery.

By connecting its deep bioscience expertise to UNC's fundamental research capabilities, initially focused on biomedical, health and pharma applications, BASF expects to find new innovations for its customers in agriculture, health and personal care.

The agreement will enable open scientific discussions and speed the process of starting collaborations. Several research projects focused on plant science already are underway.

BASF, based in Florham Park, N.J., is the North American affiliate of BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, Germany. The compnay has more than 18,800 employees in North America and had sales of $18.4 billion in 2019.

GRANT HALVERSON '93

Bubba Cunningham

PANDEMIC

Athletics Addresses Revenue Losses With Pay Cuts, Furloughs

Carolina athletics, facing projected revenue losses of $30 million to $52 million, began salary reductions Oct. 1 for higher paid coaches and staff and 15-day furloughs for others.

In a Sept. 3 letter to the department, Athletics Director Bubba Cunningham said that coaches and staff members making $200,000 or more would have their salaries reduced 20 percent, those making $100,000 to $200,000 would see 10 percent cuts, and those making less than $100,000 would have 15-day furloughs.

The salary cuts will be in effect through June 30, 2021.

"As you know, we already have cut our sport budgets by 10 percent for 2020-21, implemented a spending freeze, halted non-essential travel and left 17 full-time open positions in the department unfilled," Cunningham wrote.

The department, which supports 28 varsity sports, makes money through ticket sales, sponsorship and television revenue, conference distributions and concessions sales.

UNC opened the football season at home Sept. 12, defeating Syracuse 31-6. No fans were in attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. About 3,500 fans were allowed in Oct. 10 for the 56-45 win over Virginia Tech.

Cunningham said the department will seek additional ways to address financial challenges in the future.

UNC/JON GARDINER '98

Farmer Returning to Virginia After 20 Years in Admissions

Steve Farmer, Carolina's undergraduate admissions director since 2004, is leaving the University at the end of the semester to become vice provost for enrollment at his alma mater, the University of Virginia.

Farmer came to Chapel Hill from Virginia in 2000 as senior associate director of admissions. He became vice provost for enrollment and undergraduate admissions in 2011.

Rachelle Feldman, associate provost and director of scholarships and student aid, will hold the vice provost position in the interim. She came to UNC in 2016.

"Steve has distinguished himself as an invaluable member of our community, continuously seeking to expand the affordability and accessibility of Carolina while maintaining our standards of academic excellence and enriching thousands of lives in the process," Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz and Provost Robert Blouin wrote to the campus community.

"He led the team that recruited record numbers of applications for 14 consecutive years and evaluated each candidate in a deliberate and compassionate way."

Farmer helped the University raise $179 million for scholarships and student aid, sustaining the Carolina Covenant, a ground-breaking program for academically qualified low-income students that offers a debt-free path to graduation through a combination of grants, scholarships and work-study jobs. To date, more than 8,200 scholars have come to Carolina through the Covenant program, which has led to dramatically improved graduation rates among the University's lowest-income students.

More recently, Farmer helped launch the Blue Sky Scholars program, which supports exceptionally qualified North Carolina students from middle-income backgrounds.

He founded the Carolina College Advising Corps, which places recent graduates in underserved high schools to reinforce the importance of a college education and guide them through the admissions process. The program now has 58 advisers serving 15,000 graduating seniors in 78 high schools across the state.

Farmer spearheaded the Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program in partnership with the state's community colleges to ensure UNC meets the needs of transfer students before they arrive. In recognition of these and other efforts, including the Carolina Covenant, in 2017 the University received the $1 million Cooke Prize for Equity in Educational Excellence.

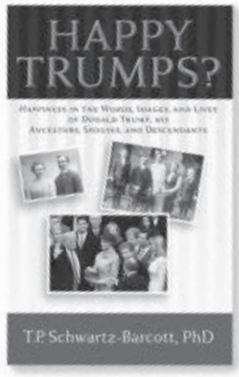
Farmer was instrumental in efforts to strengthen equity in success for all students, first through Thrive@Carolina, a collaboration among various student success offices across campus, and more recently through an initiative to reimagine academic advising as part of the University's strategic plan Carolina Next: Innovations for Public Good.

He received the GAA's Distinguished Service Medal in 2017 and the University's Massey Award for service in 2010.

"HAPPY TRUMPS?"

The new book by UNC grad

T.P. Schwartz-Barcott, PhD



Here are some of the questions answered as objectively as possible in this book:

- What have been the most significant sources of happiness and unhappiness to the Trumps?
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GAA to Honor Six With Awards

The GAA Board of Directors has chosen recipients for its 2020 Distinguished Service Medals and Distinguished Young Alumni Awards.

The honors usually are presented at regularly scheduled GAA events, but due to COVID-19 pandemic limits on gatherings and other safety precautions, they will be presented when such gatherings can resume.

Distinguished Service Medals

The medals have been awarded since 1978 to alumni and others who have provided outstanding service to the GAA or the University. They usually are presented at the Annual Alumni Luncheon during Spring Reunions and Commencement weekend in May. Recipients of the 2020 medals will be:

James E. "Jim" Delany '70, of Nashville, Tenn., who played basketball at Carolina and retired at the end of 2019 as commissioner of the Big 10 Conference, a position he held since 1989. At UNC, Delany and his wife, Kitty, have been supporters of scholarships for Carolina Covenant, law school and other students, and he has been a guest lecturer in the business, journalism and law schools. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from UNC and from the School of Law, where he also earned a degree in 1973. He served on the GAA Board of Directors for 10 years, including as chair in 2017–18.

Charles E. "Chuck" Lovelace Jr. '77, of Chapel Hill, who attended UNC as a Morehead Scholar and has announced his retirement as executive director of the Morehead-Cain Foundation, pending a successor being in place. Lovelace, who also earned an MBA from UNC in 1979, joined the foundation that oversees the merit-based scholarship program in 1984 as treasurer and assistant director, rising to director in 1987. During Lovelace's tenure, the Cain Foundation contributed $100 million to the endowment for the scholarship program — established in 1945 to cover all expenses for four years of undergraduate study at UNC — doubling the number of students who could participate to about 70 with each incoming class.

John L. Townsend III '77, of Greenwich, Conn., a retired investment banker who has served on UNC's Board of Trustees and is chair of the University's Investment Fund. He also has served on the Endowment Fund Board, as well as UNC's fundraising campaigns and the boards of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities and Ackland Art Museum, where he and his wife, Marree '77, have made significant donations from their art collection. Townsend has taught classes at UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, where he earned an MBA in 1982, and received the school's Outstanding MBA Alumnus Award. In 2017, he received the William Richardson Davie Award, the highest honor from the trustees.

Distinguished Young Alumni Awards

Established in 1989, the awards recognize alumni age 40 or younger whose achievements have brought credit to the University. They usually are presented at the GAA board's fall meeting. Recipients of the 2020 awards will be:

Jason Brown '05, of Henderson, a former Carolina and NFL football player who retired at the height of his career to start a farm aimed at feeding those who might not be able to afford enough to eat. First Fruits Farm — a nonprofit Brown and his wife, Dr. Tayeashai Brown '09 (DDS), founded in 2012 — has given away more than 1 million pounds of food, including sweet potatoes, corn, squash, tomatoes and cantaloupe. It also provides field trips and service-learning experiences for young people. The *Review* published a profile of Brown, "The Best of the Harvest," in its July/August 2015 issue, available at alumni.unc.edu/CARarchive.

Constance R. Jones '03, of Chicago, CEO of Noble Network of Charter Schools, 17 award-winning public charter high schools and a middle school serving Chicago students from mostly economically disadvantaged backgrounds. After earning an MBA from Harvard, Jones worked in the pharmaceutical and hospitality industries until the Great Recession hit in 2008. She switched to education; in college she had tutored students in a low-income apartment complex and received the GAA-sponsored Black Alumni Reunion's Harvey Beech Outstanding Senior Award. Jones joined KIPP, a private charter school foundation for minority and low-income students, rising to national development director before moving to Noble.

Scott A. Quilty '15 (MBA), of Fuquay-Varina, co-founder and president of MedScribes, which employs new college graduates interested in health care careers to perform electronic record-keeping, taking the burden off physicians so they can engage better with patients. Besides gaining experience, the scribes build relationships with professionals who can recommend them for graduate or medical schools. The former Army Ranger attended Kenan-Flagler Business School after losing his right arm and leg in a bomb blast in Iraq. Soon after graduation, Quilty and classmate Dr. Abhi Mehrotra '15 (MBA) launched the company, which has more than 100 scribes with over 200 physicians.

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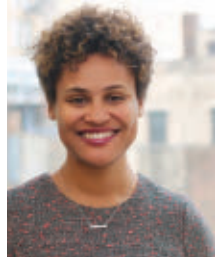

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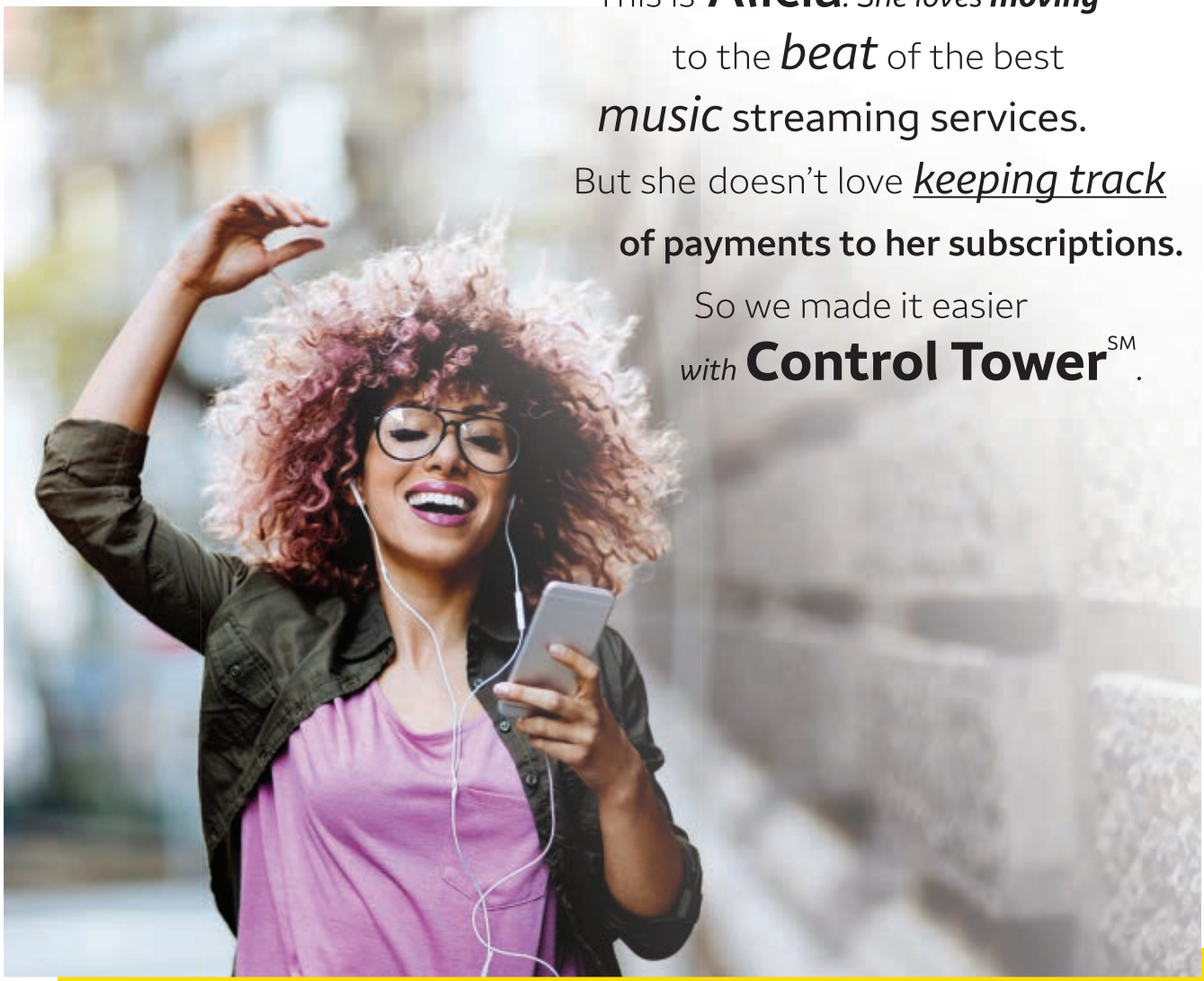

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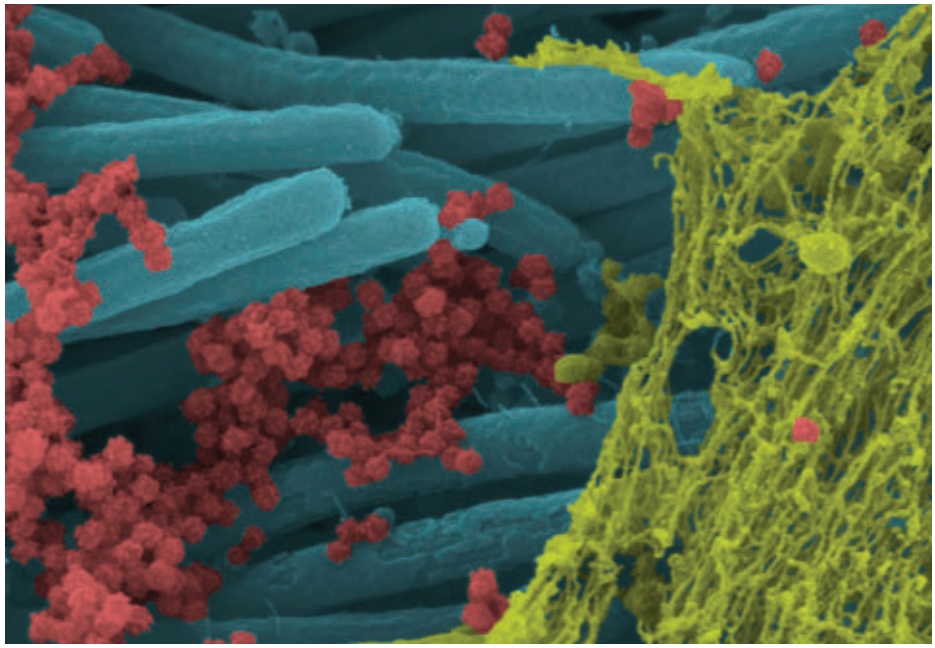
Weaponized Cells: A Sobering Message About the Virus



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Dr. Camille Ehre's images piqued her interest in how infectious diseases behave in the lungs. Now she is looking at how the virus affects asthmatics, diabetics and cystic fibrosis patients.

Lung researcher Dr. Camille Ehre felt like she was flying a drone over a dense forest, looking for poisonous apples on the ground or in the swaying trees. For more than a month, she piloted her powerful microscope over an area 12 millimeters in diameter populated by cells from the lungs' airways. Zooming in and out, she hunted between and below their hairlike protrusions for the infectious, spiky orbs of COVID-19.

When she spotted the virions, each about 80 nanometers around, she was shell-shocked by their strength and cunning. COVID-19's ground assault was formidable.

"The virions just ooze out of the cells," said Ehre, an assistant professor of pediatrics at UNC. "It's astonishing numbers that are coming out of a single infected cell. The things I've seen under that microscope are pretty scary."

Those airway cells and their cilia — the hairs that rhythmically beat above them — usually are one of our lungs' best defenses against foreign invaders. They clear away bacteria and virus particles like windshield wipers and prevent pathogens from entering the lobes of the lungs. To the coronavirus, however, our ciliated cells are co-opted weapons of mass production, tiny manufacturing facilities that churn out new COVID attackers at an exponential rate. As they do, the cilia continue to swish back and forth, spreading new virions to new cell hosts.

"An hour after the infection, you have maybe 100 virions stuck to ciliated cells," said Ehre, who noted that viruses do not commonly infect ciliated cells in humans. "That's when things get interesting. One day after the infection, you would have 1,000 viral particles. But two or three days later, you will have 10 million."

Ehre's aerial images of this cellular zombie apocalypse, published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* in September, delivered a sobering visual message about the unrelenting power of the virus and the preventive measures crucial to overcoming it. That's because the attack mounted in our bronchial airways occurs first in the ciliated cells of our nasal passages, Ehre said. The sheer number of virions produced from even one infected cell helps explain why many COVID patients lose their sense of smell.

When she found the infectious, spiky orbs lurking in lung cells, Dr. Camille Ehre was shell-shocked by their strength and cunning. COVID-19's ground assault was formidable.

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"We know that the nose is the region where the virus starts replicating," she said. "So even if you are asymptomatic, and the virus only replicates in your nose, you can prevent the transmission to the next cell in a different nose by wearing a mask.

"Wear a mask," she stressed, "and wear it on the nose, not under the nose."

In the days that follow a cell's infection, Ehre observed, it becomes so engorged with COVID particles that it detaches from the epithelium, or lining of the airway, and begins floating. As it does, virions continue to replicate.

"They are mobile factories for the virus at that point," she said. "If you inhale this high load of viral particles deep down into your lungs, that's when you start having shortness of breath and pneumonia that can cause death. At the same time, if you exhale them out of your nose, you can transmit the virus to others without even knowing you have it."

Before the pandemic, Ehre studied cystic fibrosis and its relationship to one of the lung's other natural defenses: mucus.

The sticky substance that is produced by nonciliated airway cells usually traps stray particles in its netting before the cilia bounce both the mucus and its hangers-on to the throat.

But coronavirus changed her focus. Last spring, Ehre asked Ralph Baric — the Kenan Distinguished Professor of epidemiology, whose lab was among the first to receive COVID-19 for research — to infect a culture of bronchial cells so she could study how the coronavirus interacted with mucus. She expected to see virions trapped in the mucus; instead, the airway combatants mostly repelled one another. A mutually negative electrostatic charge could be why, she said.

"I thought I would see mucus as a hero for a change," said Ehre, who is accustomed to seeing CF patients whose breathing struggles are caused by the overproduction of thick mucus.

"We do see a spike in mucus production when a cell is infected with COVID, but it's in vain. And now you also need to clear that mucus, which is the job of the ciliated cells. But if they are taken over by virions and dying, they won't be able to clear it out of the lungs."

Her time under the microscope with COVID has spurred Ehre's interest in how infectious diseases behave in the lungs. Now, she is looking at how coronavirus impacts the airways of asthmatics, diabetics and CF patients. Ehre's already "booming" lab also is investigating how a customized nasal spray or an increase in goblet cells, which produce the protective layer of mucus, might limit the virus' entry to airways.

Ehre, who has not taken a day off work since December 2019, admits that those swaying cilia trees and poisonous COVID apples visit her in her sleep. She flies through her days on adrenaline, mission-focused while raising young children who are homeschooling during the pandemic.

"During this shutdown, the only thing I was thinking about was, 'What can I do to help?' " Ehre said. "We don't slow down. I'm very motivated — more than I've ever been. My husband tells me that we need to take a break, and I always say, 'Yeah, next week ... maybe.' I feel a sense of urgency that I've never felt before."

— Beth McNichol '95

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A new program at UNC's Hussman School of Journalism and Media, named for Frank Daniels Jr. '53, right, will pair students and faculty with industry leaders.

Journalism School Honors Legacy of Frank Daniels Jr. '53

UNC's Hussman School of Journalism and Media will be home to an executive-in-residence program honoring Frank A. Daniels Jr. '53, the longtime president and publisher of *The News & Observer* who, in his 26 years at the helm of *The N&O,* saw it rise to national prominence and established a legacy of exemplary journalism and public service.

The program, established by members of the Daniels family and announced Sept. 23, will enable students and faculty to work with and learn from leaders in the fields of journalism, media and related professions.

"This executive-in-residence program extends Frank's legacy to future generations and celebrates his position as the dean of North Carolina newspaper publishers and media innovators," said Hussman Dean Susan King. "Thanks to the Daniels family, our school will continue to learn from media leaders who, like Frank, believe that shining light in dark places enables citizens to make informed decisions in our democracy."

Executives-in-residence will lead semesterlong courses in their areas of expertise, leveraging their networks to involve journalism and media professionals to work with students and engage the larger campus community. The program also will establish the Frank A. Daniels Jr. Lecture, which will feature a discussion of issues at the intersection of media, politics and public discourse.

"Everyone can use a Frank Jr. in their lives," said his nephew David Woronoff '88, publisher of *The Pilot* in Southern Pines and a member of the Hussman board of advisers. "For the better part of my life, I've been the beneficiary of his wisdom and counsel. This executive-in-residence program allows the legacy that I was so fortunate to enjoy to be shared with future generations of North Carolinians."

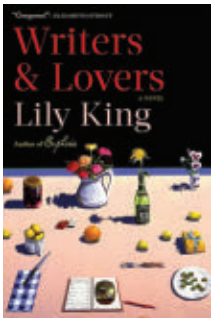
Under Daniels' direction, *The N&O* was recognized as one of the best state capital newspapers in America and a leading progressive voice in the South.

"Frank A. Daniels Jr. has built a legacy of truth-telling, education, democracy and courageous journalism across the state of North Carolina," said Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz. "This new program will prepare the next generation of media leaders and give them the unique opportunity to work closely with a thought leader at the top of their profession."

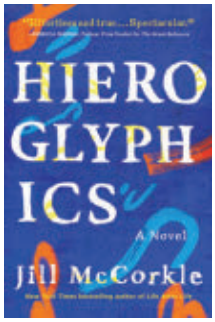
Hugh Stevens '65 ('68 JD), Daniels' longtime attorney, said: "Frank ran *The News & Observer* not just as a business but also as the embodiment of his progressive and optimistic vision for his community and state. He provided the news department with the people and resources to investigate incompetent or corrupt public officials without fear or favor. Under his direction, the editorial page endorsed minority candidates who became Raleigh's first Black mayor and Wake County's first Black sheriff, and [he] assiduously fought for transparency and accountability on the part of public officials and institutions."

Daniels has been a longtime supporter of education in North Carolina. As a member of the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce, he was part of the group that engineered the merger of the Raleigh and Wake County public school systems, which enabled the systems to integrate and become one of the leading large school systems in the country. He is a former member of the UNC System Board of Governors and has been a trustee at UNC's Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, Appalachian State University, Saint Mary's College (now Saint Mary's School) and Peace College (now William Peace University).

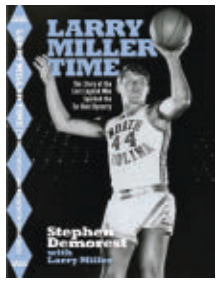
Daniels is former chair of The Associated Press, the American Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation and the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and a former board member of Landmark Communications.



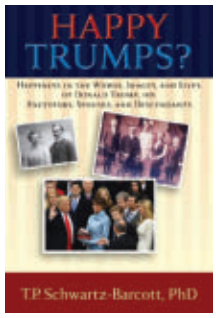
Writers & Lovers, Grove Press, by Lily King '85. With humor and heart, this portrait of an artist as a young woman shows her navigating one emotional crisis after another — the sudden death of her mother, a wrecked love affair, new relationships at the same time with very different men, wedding invitations, final notices from bill collectors — while trying to finish the novel she's been working on for years, clutching to her determination to live a creative life.



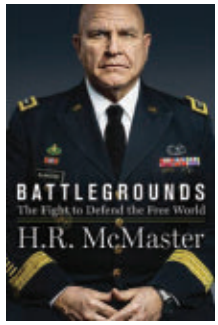
Hieroglyphics, Algonquin Books, by Jill McCorkle '80. The novel follows Lil and Frank, who married young after bonding over how as children they both tragically lost a parent. Now retired, the couple grapples with the difficulty of ever really knowing the intentions, dreams and secrets of parents. McCorkle explores what it means to be a father or a mother, as well as a child piecing together the world, learning to make sense of history and memory.



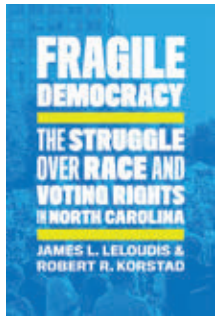
Larry Miller Time: The Story of the Lost Legend Who Sparked the Tar Heel Dynasty, Tamarind Publishing, by Stephen Demorest with Larry Miller '87. Miller already was a basketball legend when he arrived at Carolina in 1964 from Pennsylvania, having played against semi-pros before he reached high school. The game-changer elevated the Tar Heels to perennial national title contenders and helped launch the legend of coach Dean Smith.



Happy Trumps?: Happiness in the Words, Images, and Lives of Donald Trump, his Ancestors, Spouses, and Descendants, Independent, by T.P. Schwartz-Barcott '70 (MA, '75 PhD). This research sociologist aims to objectively assess the life of the 45th president to determine what has made him and four generations of his family happy, analyzing the most significant sources of happiness and unhappiness.



Battlegrounds: The Fight to Defend the Free World, Harper, by H.R. McMaster '94 (MA, '96 PhD). The retired Army lieutenant general describes efforts when he was national security adviser in the Trump administration to reassess and fundamentally shift policies to address threats, such as nuclear proliferation and jihadist terrorism. He calls for transcending partisan politics to improve strategic competence and keep pace with rivals for power and influence around the world.



Fragile Democracy: The Struggle Over Race and Voting Rights in North Carolina, UNC Press, by James L. Leloudis '77 ('89 PhD) and Robert R. Korstad '71 ('88 PhD). Leloudis, a UNC history professor, and Korstad, professor emeritus at Duke University's Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, examine race and voting rights in North Carolina from the end of the Civil War until now, arguing that using race to exclude people from political life denies them meaningful freedom.

Metaphors of Mobility and a Genius Grant

TUESDAY AGENCY/MONICA ESCAMILLA

Sociologist, author and public scholar Tressie McMillan Cottom, who joined UNC's School of Information and Library Science this past summer, is a recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship "genius grant."

As a 2020 MacArthur Fellow, McMillan Cottom receives a $625,000, no-strings-attached prize presented to "extraordinarily talented and creative individuals as an investment in their potential."

Through her scholarship and writing and her ability to reach broad audiences, McMillan Cottom has been recognized for helping make sense of current events, including social upheaval. She thinks about how digital technologies have transformed the public good and social institutions, especially as they relate to race, class and gender inequality.

"Right now, I'm studying how African American women piece together economic security through their activity on social media platforms like Instagram," she said. "Part of my work is to connect the dots between things people might consider disparate or not relevant to their daily lives. Connecting those dots in academic discourse and public life brings me a great deal of personal and professional satisfaction."

McMillan Cottom's most recent book, *THICK: And Other Essays,* centers on Black women's intellectual tradition. It was shortlisted for the 2019 National Book Award in nonfiction.

"Public discourse benefits when we have a deeper, richer set of discursive tools to talk about social problems," she told CNN. "And my hope is that that will socialize and condition a listener to expect the voice of authority or the voice of expertise to be a complex, African American woman's voice."

In a video posted on the foundation's website, McMillan Cottom said: "I unpack what I call the metaphors of mobility. These are these ideas, like the American dream [and] equal opportunity. I try to rewrite those metaphors in a way that sheds a light on just how unfair and unjust they are."

The criteria for the MacArthur Foundation's selection of fellows are exceptional creativity, promise for important future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishments and potential for the fellowship to lead to subsequent creative work.

Writers, scientists, a documentary filmmaker, a legal scholar and an environmental health advocate are among those named this year. The Chicago-based foundation has awarded the grants every year since 1981.

The foundation said McMillan Cottom's work is "shaping discourse on pressing issues at the confluence of race, gender, education and digital technology. In work across multiple platforms, ranging from academic scholarship to essays and social media engagement, McMillan Cottom combines analytical insights and personal experiences in a frank, accessible style of communication that resonates with broad audiences within and outside of academia."

McMillan Cottom's columns have appeared in *The Atlantic, The New York Times, The Washington Post* and *Dissent* magazine. She has appeared on *Aman-*

pour & Co., MSNBC, *The Daily Show* and National Public Radio, and she has testified before U.S. Senate subcommittees on student loan debt.

She is regarded as an influential voice on Twitter and is co-host of *Hear to Slay,* a Black feminist podcast with writer Roxane Gay.

McMillan Cottom holds a bachelor of arts from N.C. Central University and a doctorate from Emory University. Her dissertation research formed the foundation for her first book, *Lower Ed: The Troubling Rise of For-Profit Colleges in the New Economy.*

A faculty affiliate at Harvard University's Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, McMillan Cottom came to Carolina from Virginia Commonwealth University.

"Carolina is a beacon in the popular imagination for good reason," she said recently. "It is not only one of the most intellectually stimulating communities I've had experience with, it is also a beautiful place to think, to live and to build a life."

Between roots and achievements

McMillan Cottom never wanted to be an outlier, heralded as a singularly brilliant voice for Black America. She doesn't like the separation it implies.

"I won't allow you to make me exceptional, because it's one of the first steps in creating social distance between me and the people I care about," she said in an interview with *The Sun* magazine in February. "I refuse that, even as I win at the academics' game. In fact, part of the fun is to win at their game and then refuse their approval."

And she would like the world to get comfortable with the notion that an outspoken Black woman who follows weird anime Twitter accounts absolutely can be the face of academic authority.

"If you think that I am intelligent and ambitious and reasoned and formidable, if you think one good thing about me at all, then I insist you reconcile that with me just being regular black-black," she wrote in *THICK,* explaining why she won't tone down her Southern accent or limit herself to carefully sanitized, scholarly prose. "I will not code switch on NPR or on *The Daily Show With Trevor Noah* or at the White House. I do not do it in front of my students or with the young people in my life. I do not want to be unattainable to these people that I love."

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That refusal to put distance between her roots and her achievements has made it possible for McMillan Cottom to take on some of the hardest, ugliest issues in American life in a voice that people genuinely want to hear. Her essays confront the impossible perceptions of Black women as both caregiving superheroes and public burdens; the draining anxiety of self-presentation online; the maddening battle for security and respectability in a society that traditionally has resisted granting either to women of color.

"It's much more intimate than uncontrolled anger, which is what Black people are often accused of," she said in the *Sun* interview. "It's a constant, low-level static in your ear that you adjust to."

She traces her family roots to the tiny Robeson County crossroads of Shannon, and in an essay posted on Medium a few days after the McArthur Fellowship was announced, McMillan Cottom talked about her family history. Her grandmother left eastern North Carolina in the 1940s to work in Harlem, drawn by a contract that promised work with "nice, white families" in the North. She ended up working in a button factory, part of the Great Migration that saw millions of Black Americans leave behind homes and extended families in the South.

"I keep wondering, how did I end up here when we started there? For all I know about how cruel mobility metaphors are for promising opportunity where there is so much oppression, I cannot deny that I am here. Here is a mighty long way from where my people started from," McMillan Cottom wrote. "It is a long way from Shannon to here, but I am sure that there has been genius all along the way. If nothing else, I am proof of that."

— Eric Johnson '08 and David E. Brown '75

McMillan Cottom, who also is a senior faculty researcher in UNC's Center for Information, Technology and Public Life, is one of 21 MacArthur fellows for 2020. Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz received a genius grant in 2011 for his sport medicine research.

THE HILL

PANDEMIC

Swine Strain of Coronavirus Could Spread to Humans

New research from the Baric lab at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health suggests that a strain of coronavirus that has recently been alarming the swine industry may have the potential to spread to humans as well.

The coronavirus strain, known as swine acute diarrhea syndrome coronavirus, or SADS-CoV, has emerged from bats and has been infecting swine herds throughout China since it was first discovered in 2016.

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The virus causes severe diarrhea and vomiting and has been especially deadly to young piglets. Outbreaks of such an illness have the potential to wreak economic havoc in many countries that rely on the pork industry.

Though it is in the same family of viruses as SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19 in humans, SADS-CoV is an alphacoronavirus that causes gastrointestinal illness in swine. SADS-CoV also is distinct from two circulating common cold alphacoronaviruses in humans.

While SADS-CoV has not been known to affect humans to date, the COVID-19 pandemic serves as a potent reminder that many coronavirus strains found in animals have the potential to infect humans as well — an effect known as spillover.

"While many investigators focus on the emergent potential of the betacoronaviruses like SARS and MERS, actually the alphacoronaviruses may prove equally prominent — if not greater — concerns to human health, given their potential to rapidly jump between species," said virologist Ralph Baric, William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of epidemiology at Gillings.

Research specialist and master of public health student Caitlin Edwards '15 is first author on a study released Oct. 12 with findings that suggest humans may be susceptible to spillover of SADS-CoV. Edwards tested several types of cells by infecting them with a synthetic form of SADS-CoV to understand how high the cross-species contamination risk could be.

Evidence from the study indicates that a wide range of mammalian cells, including primary human lung and intestinal cells, are susceptible to infection. According to Edwards, SADS-CoV shows a higher rate of growth in enteric cells found in the human gut, unlike SARS-CoV-2, which primarily infects lung cells.

Cross-protective herd immunity often prevents humans from contracting many coronaviruses found in animals. However, results from the testing done by Edwards and her team suggest that humans have not yet developed such immunity to SADS-CoV.

"SADS-CoV is derived from bat coronaviruses called HKU2, which is a heterogeneous group of viruses with a worldwide distribution," Edwards explained. "It is impossible to predict if this virus, or a closely related HKU2 bat strain, could emerge and infect human populations. However, the broad host range of SADS-CoV, coupled with an ability to replicate in primary human lung and enteric cells, demonstrates potential risk for future emergence events in human and animal populations."

In response to these findings, Edwards and her team tested the broad-spectrum antiviral remdesivir as a potential method of treatment for the infection. Working with Gilead Sciences, remdesivir was developed by the Baric lab to combat all known coronaviruses, including SADS-CoV. It currently is being used to treat COVID-19 infections in humans. Preliminary results from this study show that it has robust activity against SADS-CoV, though Edwards cautions that more testing is necessary on additional cell types and in animals to confirm these findings.

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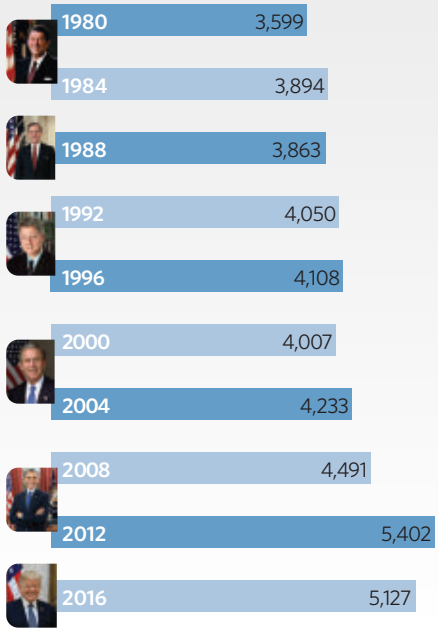
Who We Are: Presidential Classes

Alumni classes by previous 10 presidential election years



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FOR THE PEOPLE

A 1,918-Hour Day: Dentistry Logs Sixth Day of Service

A total of 475 volunteers provided 1,918 hours of service on Oct. 7, the UNC Adams School of Dentistry's sixth annual day of service, held in memory of the late Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha.

This year's efforts spanned 35 sites across four counties and nine cities in North Carolina, including six virtual volunteer opportunities. Volunteers provided free dental care in clinics across the Triangle, delivered food with Meals on Wheels, seeded crops with Food Shuttle Farms, collected 59 bags of trash along two miles of shoreline and distributed more than 100 bags of personal protective equipment, among a wide range of other contributions.

Barakat, a member of the school's class of 2017, and Abu-Salha, an incoming member of the class of 2019, were two of three victims of a fatal shooting in February 2015. The third victim was Razan Abu-Salha, Yusor's younger sister.

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GRANT HALVERSON '93

Ethics at the Forefront

Honest questions are the foundation of ethical thought. That's why Rebecca Walker is so intrigued by events that force the hard questions we'd rather not answer.

"What is it we don't want to think about? What are we trying not to talk about?" said Walker, who holds dual appointments at Carolina in philosophy and social medicine. "Usually those issues are the most important to be thinking and talking about."

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— Rebecca Walker

The coronavirus pandemic is bringing all kinds of painful calculations to the surface, highlighting plenty of issues we don't want to think about too explicitly, plenty of questions we don't want to articulate too clearly.

What's the right balance between protecting life and destroying livelihoods? When does public safety override personal autonomy? Exactly how much risk is a restaurant meal worth?

Decisions big and small are now fraught with moral dilemmas. For a medical ethicist like Walker, who has spent years training doctors how to weigh impossible tradeoffs around life and health, it has been sobering to watch the whole world grapple with similar riddles in daily life.

"Throughout this pandemic, there has been a way in which we're thinking much more consciously about each other and how we weigh our responsibilities to each other, even in small things," she said. Ethics is about making values-based decisions, and we're now being asked to rank competing values in all sorts of newly urgent ways. It's easy to proclaim that safety is the most important priority, but what if it is in conflict with education? With mental health? With human relationships?

"How do you put all of those at the forefront? You can't. You have to balance those, and any balance is going to leave some people unhappy."

Facing up to hard choices is Walker's specialty. Since 2003, she has led seminars for medical school students on the social dimensions of care and the ethical dilemmas that are baked into the health care system. Physicians have traditionally focused on solving discrete medical problems — mending wounds, treating diseases, restoring patients to health. Walker and her colleagues push UNC's future physicians to think broader, to recognize that every patient carries a different set of values and that "health" is just one of them.

"Medicine shapes how we think about the most fundamental, enduring human

experiences — conception, birth, maturation, sickness, suffering, healing, aging and death — as well as the metaphors we use to express our deepest concerns," reads the intro to *The Social Medicine Reader,* which Walker helped edit and which forms the backbone of the seminar. "Social forces likewise have a powerful influence on medicine."

That's another core lesson the pandemic is driving home. The disparate impact of COVID-19 by race, profession and geography has sparked intense debate about the way social and economic differences affect health. Giving physicians a deeper background in those issues makes them more effective, Walker said, helping them see the peculiarities of each patient instead of simply focusing on the disease.

"We talk about family, we talk about race and gender. We talk about ethics, health policy, health care financing — thinking about these issues is important for doctor-patient relationships," she said.

"As the view about medical school curriculum has evolved in the country, having a department like [social medicine] has become more attractive to the School of Medicine. So they've gotten even more invested in the idea that all medical students should have this experience."

Walker's deep interest in medical ethics emerged from a fellowship at Johns Hopkins. Fresh off her philosophy studies at Stanford, she was looking for a program that would help her take a highly academic approach to ethical reasoning and apply it to more pragmatic situations.

"I was always interested in how moral theory relates to moral practice," she said. At Hopkins, she worked alongside a medical specialist and a law and policy expert to study the real-world implications of health care decisions for doctors and patients. Untangling the ethical implications of hospital policies, insurance rules and medical regulations gave her a new way of talking about ethical thinking.

"In that setting, you learn that the way you were talking about issues from your disciplinary standpoint just did not translate." Nobody wants to debate the finer points of analytic philosophy in the emergency room, but the tools of philosophy could be useful in all kinds of day-to-day decisions about patient care. "It was really just two years of learning how to talk to other people about things I was interested in, and in ways that they could understand."

Those lessons still show up in her writing and teaching. Her co-authored essay in *The Social Medicine Reader* is full of case studies and clear examples. Is it OK to lie to a patient if it might benefit his health? If a patient has religious objections to a treatment that would save her life, are you bound to honor her choice?

Reasonable people can argue either way. What Walker demands is an honest rendering of how you arrived at your answer. "I believe in transparency," she said. "Being honest about the values and reasons that are driving us."

At a time when everyday decisions seem to carry a whole seminar's worth of ethical reasoning, getting back to first principles is a start.

"Thinking on a values-based level is really quite hard," Walker said. "The truth is, we have a lot of values at play, and it's complicated. But that's why we have to try."

— Eric Johnson '08

THE HILL

YOU SAID IT: JULY/AUGUST 2020 *REVIEW*

Party Politics

I enjoyed Elizabeth Leland's '76 interesting article about the 1898 armed coup and massacre in Wilmington ("The Haunting Back Home"). Some of the white supremacists responsible were mentioned, but how is it there was no mention that those responsible were prominent members of the N.C. Democratic Party and that their targets were Black and white Republicans? Could it be that to do so would not fit the modern narrative by most of the media, academia and Hollywood that Democrats are always the good guys, that the president is a racist and that most Republicans are bigots intent on suppressing the Black vote?

— **W. Arthur Hays Jr.** '64 ('68 JD)
Murphy

"The Haunting Back Home" is fine as far as it goes: Extolling David Zucchino's '73 exemplary career and his excellent book, *Wilmington's Lie*. But the article confined the narrative to white supremacists overthrowing a duly elected "multiracial Fusionist government" and forcing "progressive city leaders" to leave the city, massacring multitudes of Blacks in the process. The *Review* should have explained the context of the coup.

The overthrown multiracial government consisted mainly of Republicans, most of the Black citizens of Wilmington were Republicans, and the white supremacists were Democrats. The coup was more than a "campaign to undo the gains that Black people achieved after the Civil War." It also was an effort to remove Republicans from political power by denying them the votes of their Black supporters. If you read *Wilmington's Lie,* you know that the coup was part of a statewide plan by state Democratic Party Chairman Furnifold Simmons and Democratic publisher and editor Josephus Daniels (class of 1885) for a "white supremacy" campaign to restore Democrats to power statewide. They succeeded, shamefully, in Wilmington in 1898 and statewide in 1900. Their success ushered in the Jim Crow era, disfranchised people who were Black and subjected the state to Democratic Party dominance for over a century.

To the *Review*'s credit, an article in the same issue, "UNC Moves Toward Renaming Buildings," recognized that Democrats resorted "to violence, particularly in Wilmington in 1898," and that Democrats "wrestled control of the state from a coalition of white and Black Republicans."

It is a disservice to your readers that "The Haunting Back Home" conveniently omits these historical facts and confines the narrative to racial animus, especially in these times of identity politics and racial grievances and unrest, when the racial animus was used by the Democrats for a violent political purpose.

— **Arch T. Allen III** '62 ('65 LLBJD)
Raleigh

Correction: A story in the September/October *Review* about one of UNC's first African American students, James R. Walker Jr. '52 (LLB), said erroneously that he was raised by his maternal grandmother. Walker and his seven siblings were raised by their parents.

FOR THE PEOPLE

Researchers Making Economic Data More Accessible

Noreen McDonald, professor and chair of city and regional planning, is one of the principal investigators for a project that is developing a digital data dashboard to help inform policymakers' decisions on the state's economic recovery.

She and her team, which includes professors Nichola Lowe and Nikhil Kaza, are collecting data in four major categories: employment, spending, transportation and housing.

These diverse categories help paint a more accurate picture of North Carolina's economic needs, according to McDonald. "We're focused on the economic recovery, but we're casting a wide net," McDonald said. "We're looking at what's going on with rents, evictions, foreclosures, and how much people are traveling."

They are able to do this, in part, with funding from the N.C. Policy Collaboratory, established by the N.C. General Assembly in 2016 to apply expertise within the UNC System to practical problems faced by the state and local government.

The interactive dashboard features a selection tool that allows individuals to view indicators in their county on a digital map. McDonald and her team are gathering information from public web postings, government databases and mobile phone tracking data.

"A lot of what we're doing is making data —that's in theory public — truly public and accessible," McDonald said.

The research team also can provide a better picture of employment rates with a database of layoff reports as well as notices and job postings on internet sites, providing information faster and more precisely than published unemployment statistics from the government. They also can program the dashboard to automatically update the information in real time, helping pinpoint economic gaps across the state.

ANSWER: WHERE AM I? *(from page 9)*
Thomas Wolfe earned his degree in 1920 and set out on literary adventures. The Thomas Wolfe Memorial pays homage to his famous *Look Homeward, Angel* with this sculpture. Originally placed out of the way between Davie Hall and New East, it was moved and given its own sitting garden behind Murphey Hall.

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Her Christmas Story

When she was a little girl and 'twas the night before Christmas, Elinor Dixon Hawkins '50 would nearly burst with excitement. A dedicated believer in the jolly ol' elf, she counted the minutes until it was time for her and her younger sister, Liz '56, to go to bed.

"It was my favorite night of the year," recalled Hawkins, who at age 93 still feels that excitement. "Mother would always tuck us in and read *The Night Before Christmas* to us. She started when we were children and kept on reading, long after we had children and then our children were grown."

The tradition continued until her mother became ill at age 94, with the responsibility shifting to Hawkins. It was by then a most familiar task; she had read it to countless North Carolina kids as a librarian and host of *Telestory Time*, a children's TV show she started shortly after graduation. (Guinness World Records is in the process of determining whether the program, which began on WFMY in Greensboro and moved with her in the early 1960s to WCTI in New Bern, is the longest-running children's television show with the same host.)

The book instilled not only a love of reading for Hawkins but also a desire since sixth grade to study library science at UNC. When she arrived in 1949, her instructors included Dean Susan Grey Akers and Louis Round Wilson (class of 1899), namesake of the library that houses UNC's special collections. Eventually, it will include Hawkins' more than 1,000 editions of *The Night Before Christmas*, believed to be the largest collection in the world. They fill two breakfronts in her Cove City home, carefully catalogued in boxes and crates. The oldest dates to 1851; the latest were purchased in September, typically when new editions are published.

She has bequeathed all of them to the UNC Rare Book Collection upon her death. "I don't want to give them up any sooner than I have to."

FAITH TEASLEY FOR OUR STATE MAGAZINE

Origin stories

First published anonymously in 1823 and later credited to the biblical scholar Clement Clark Moore, the book is adored around the globe. Hawkins collects copies of the book in dozens of languages, including Braille, and from diverse cultural traditions.

Among her favorites is a miniature, no bigger than your thumbnail, that was commissioned as a gift from her sister and brother-in-law, the late state legislator and UNC lobbyist R.D. McMillan Jr. '34. Several in her collection were gifts from the late UNC Professor Emeritus William S. Powell '40 and his wife, Virginia '52, who annually sent Hawkins copies they found while traveling.

Hawkins said she also loved hunting for the books while traveling with her late husband, Carroll Hawkins '51. "Now I bid

for them online. I've gotten pretty good at it, but there aren't many out there I don't already have."

Hawkins credits her collecting to one of her library science professors, Lucile Kelling Henderson '33 (MA), who charged students on the first day of class to identify a book that they could dedicate themselves to researching and collecting their entire life.

Immediately settling on *The Night Before Christmas,* Hawkins bought her first copy that day at the Intimate Bookshop on Franklin Street. That edition, illustrated by Leonard Weisgard, remains a favorite. She also cherishes the 1933 version that her mother read to her; she read it to her son, John Carroll Hawkins '83, and now reads it to her grandchildren.

When he was a freshman, John Hawkins was pressed into service to obtain a British first edition illustrated by Arthur Rackham from a rare book auction in Chapel Hill. "Carroll told him, 'No matter what happens, get that book for your mama,' " she recalled. Bidding became intense, but he got it. When his competitor learned why John was so persistent, he apologized. "He told John he would have stopped if he knew why he was so determined," Hawkins said. "It's one of the gems in my collection."

Her scholarly commitment has led several people to share prized editions over the years. Once, while her husband was playing golf at Asheville's Grove Park Inn, Hawkins visited a nearby bookstore. The owner brusquely stated she had no copies, but Hawkins stuck around and helped customers pick out books. Inspired by her generosity, the owner ushered her into a back room, past a growling dog, where she revealed several vintage editions.

"She picked one up and read it to me, very slowly, then she told me it had been hers as a child and wanted me to have it," Hawkins said. "Isn't that beautiful? I had already made arrangements with Carolina, so I could promise her it would be preserved."

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▲ **Elinor Hawkins '50 has bequeathed her collection of more than 1,000 editions of *The Night Before Christmas* to the UNC Rare Book Collection.**

◀ **Guinness World Records is working to determine whether *Telestory Time*, the TV show Hawkins started soon after graduation, is the longest-running children's show with the same host.**

The Christmas spirit all year

Sometimes, when she came up empty on her search for another edition, she settled for other Christmas-themed keepsakes. "That's why I have so many Santa Claus figurines," she said, explaining the dozens whose eyes peer through the rails of her staircase, and innumerable other chubby guardians tucked around the house. "I guess you could say that collection started as a consolation prize."

While Hawkins derives pleasure from these trinkets, she and her husband observed Christmas with solemnity. They faithfully attended a candlelit service at Freewill Baptist Church in Cove City, built by his forefathers, and they appeared as Mary and Joseph for years in its live Nativity. She also displays a Nativity set the couple received from her parents on their first Christmas after marrying, a match to one she grew up with. It sits on a high shelf designed specially for it in her home's library addition, built by her husband to celebrate her retirement in 1992 after 42 years of library service.

Hawkins is planning for a quiet Christmas this year. With pandemic concerns, she will not spend the preceding weeks reading her favorite book at community events. But you can count on her to recite it yet again for her family, and she'd like you to read it to yours.

"I tell people all the time what a beautiful thing it is to have it read to you before you go to bed," she said. "It's such a magical story, and it can take you on a wonderful journey."

— Jill Warren Lucas

Mack's Books

It was a trophy year for Mackenzie Ross "Mack" Hollins '16 when the wide receiver and special teams player made the jump from Kenan Stadium to the 2018 Super Bowl as a member of the champion Philadelphia Eagles.

Then the year took a turn: an injury and surgery sidelined him, and frustration piled on.

"I wasn't getting any better," Hollins said, "and I was going a little crazy."

About that time, Eagles teammate Brandon Brooks handed Hollins his copy of *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. Hollins had been a reluctant reader: "My parents always told me how important reading is, but I loved to ignore it. What's the easiest way out? Maybe I'll just watch the movie."

But with time on his hands, Hollins dove in.

"The majority of stuff I had heard was all about Martin Luther King versus Malcolm X," Hollins said. "I didn't know that Malcolm X had switched from saying all white people are bad to saying that all people can be together. That was eye-opening."

Hollins acknowledges that Denzel Washington did a good job in *Malcom X*, but the book went deeper and rekindled his interest in reading. He backtracked through reading lists he had skimmed over: *The Great Gatsby*, a lot of Dickens, contemporary authors like Donna Tartt's *The Goldfinch*. "I read *Harry Potter* and *Lord of the Rings*, all the books I should have read growing up."

And he wanted to make sure kids didn't miss out on this pleasure the way he had.

"When I was in Philadelphia, we had Community Monday, an hour of community service," Hollins said. "I ended up going to Camden, N.J., with my girlfriend. We took on these two kids, and they would come to the house. They wanted to play video games, but I started doing educational stuff. I asked them to name the months of the year. They were 8 or 9, and they could not do the months of the year in order."

Hollins connected the kids' lack of knowledge to their own resistance to reading. To them, reading was not cool. Hollins

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decided that if anyone could change that attitude, it was a young football pro.

He contacted bookstores and began doing public readings of one of his favorites, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein. He started an Instagram account, @mackbookmondays, where he posts photos of himself reading his latest favorites. There's also a contest: Kids can go to @mackbookmondays, check out Hollins dressed as a character from a book and message him the name of the character.

This year the COVID-19 pandemic has limited Hollins to such virtual readings, but he did go offline to host a book drive for underserved children in the Miami area, where he's now with the Dolphins.

Hollins admits he's still having to develop a taste for some literature; he's not into Shakespeare yet. But though his injury has healed, he's still carrying books everywhere and turning pages whenever he gets a chance.

"I can catch three or four hours a day," he says of working in reading time. "When I'm getting my legs iced. If you come at lunch, I'll be reading while I'm eating."

— Susan Simone

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Mack Hollins '16 reads favorite books in bookstores and on social media to inspire kids to read.

Mack's Picks

What are you reading now?

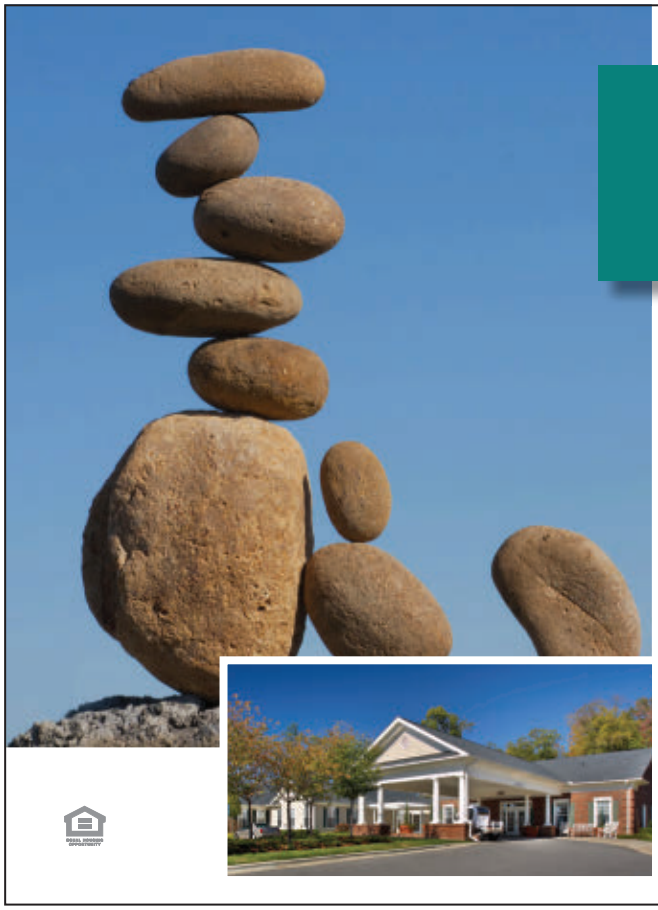
"Jon Dorenbos, *Life is Magic*." The book's subtitle is *My Inspiring Journey from Tragedy to Self-Discovery*; the professional magician and former All-Pro NFL player (and Hollins' teammate on the Philadelphia Eagles) writes about overcoming a family tragedy as a boy and a life-threatening health crisis that ended his football career.

What's your desert island book?

"First, *Malcom X*. After that, *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* [by Yuval Noah Harari]; whether you believe everything in it or not, it gets the mind thinking."

What's your favorite place to read?

"Anywhere. Everywhere."



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Little Comfort as Restaurants Close Permanently

The COVID-19 economic downturn continues to hit Chapel Hill's restaurant sector hard, with two favorites for fans of diner-style comfort food among the latest casualties.

Elmo's — which had served waffles, omelets, tuna melts and other home-style fare in Carr Mill Mall since 1991— announced in September it would not be reopening.

When COVID-19 prompted Gov. Roy Cooper '79 ('82 JD) to issue stay-at-home orders in the spring, Elmo's joined many retail businesses that shuttered for what they hoped would be just long enough to let the worst of the pandemic pass. But even as restrictions relaxed, Elmo's told its fans on Facebook that it couldn't find a way to reopen and ensure that staff and customers would be safe. With no end to the pandemic in sight, Elmo's closed permanently.

Just two weeks earlier, K&W Cafeteria at University Place mall had shut down its buffet of Southern favorites. The family-owned chain that started in Winston-Salem in 1937 announced at the end of August that it had permanently closed the Chapel Hill restaurant, as well as one in Raleigh and others in Goldsboro, Salisbury, South Carolina and West Virginia. It kept open 18 locations elsewhere in the Carolinas and Virginia as it restructured under Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The pandemic had disproportionately affected its clientele, skewed toward older customers who appreciated its fresh-from-the-kitchen meals at affordable prices but who are particularly at risk from COVID-19.

Closings and Alterations

Meadowmont Village

Pandemic-induced shutdowns nationwide prompted the **Chronic Tacos** chain, which opened in Meadowmont in early 2016, to pull out of some markets, including the Triangle. ■ Don't play a requiem for **Cafe Carolina** just yet. The popular spot for meetings over breakfast, lunch or coffee closed all three of its stores — Raleigh, Cary and Chapel Hill — upon the state's shutting dining rooms in March. The Raleigh store reopened in early June. The Cary store closed permanently, as it relied on office workers and, said owner Ron Hines, "no one was working in offices anymore." Hines opened the Meadowmont store in 2001. "We really want that store to reopen," he said. "We have relationships there. It would be hard for me to say I'm going to give up on it."

East 54

Without sports, **Tobacco Road Sports Cafe** had to call it quits. The cancelation of the NCAA's March Madness at the same time the state closed bars and dining rooms delivered a one-two punch from which it couldn't recover. So in early August, just before students returned briefly to campus, the owners of the three Triangle sports bars closed the Chapel Hill spot to focus on the Raleigh and Durham locations.

Franklin Street

On East Franklin, **Ms. Mong**, an independently owned Asian restaurant where customers built their own stir-fry bowls, burritos and banh-mi sandwiches, closed permanently in mid-August. ■ A month later, **Blue Spoon Microcreamery** across the street did the same. The independent ice cream shop, which opened in early 2019, emptied its freezer by giving away free ice cream on its last day. ■ On West Franklin, **Soul Cocina** left its spot in Blue Dogwood Market in mid-August. The independent eatery serving vegan Latin American cuisine will sell its tamales, juices and salsa at local farmers markets. ■ **Moe's Southwest Grill** closed at the end of August. The national Tex-Mex chain, which opened in Chapel Hill in 2015, had switched to takeout only and drastically reduced staff in the spring under the state's pandemic restric-

tions. When UNC switched back to remote learning a week after classes started in August, Moe's customer base dwindled too low to keep going.

Eastgate Crossing

After the corporate office of **Stein Mart** announced that it had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy due to the pandemic and was closing all 279 of its stores, the Eastgate shop shut its doors at the end of August. ■ **Zoës Kitchen** closed in August. The Mediterranean fast-casual cafe had continued to offer takeout during pandemic restrictions, but the national chain closed all four locations in the Triangle.

Timberlyne Village

Chapel Hill lost one of its few confectionaries when the nonprofit **Special Treats Chocolate Lounge** closed over the summer. It had been selling homemade chocolate next to Cup a Joe for three years, hiring workers with disabilities to make and sell its chocolate and coffee. In the evenings, it sold wine and provided stage space for musicians.

University Place

The latest changes at the mall don't stem from the pandemic as much as its makeover plans. Discounter **Burlington Shoes** closed its store in late August. ■ Also around that time, a moving truck pulled up in front of **City Kitchen**. Mall management and Giorgios Bakatsias, who owns City Kitchen, Village Burgers, Bin 54 and Kipos Greek Taverna, and other restaurants in Durham, were unable to reach a lease agreement. Bakatsias had been in the space for 20 years, first with Spice Street and, since 2012, as City Kitchen. ■ As the mall pivoted to creating entrances to stores from the exterior, the **Verizon** store inside chose a new space with a front door facing outside. **Night Gallery/Branching Out** branched out from its interior store to the street-facing spot next to William Travis Jewelry.

Summit Coffee Bucks the Trend

But wait — what's that ray of hope in the former Frutta Bowls spot in the 140 West complex?

Brian Helfrich has brought the success he honed roasting and selling coffee in the college towns of Davidson, Asheville and Charlotte to open Summit Coffee. In early October, Summit began serving coffee and espresso drinks as well as a light food menu, and eventually it will add beer and wine. Helfrich, who opened his Davidson store in 1998, envisions the Chapel Hill location being the "base camp" for other Triangle locations.

Helfrich posted on the company's website that he crunches the numbers and pores over a market's analytics before opening a shop, but that "for a business that's built on soul and character, any big decision regarding our future needs to rely just as much, if not more, on gut instinct. ... At risk of being super cliché and cheesy, it puts a smile on my face and gives me goosebumps to think about jogging down the tree-lined Franklin Street to get coffee from Summit."

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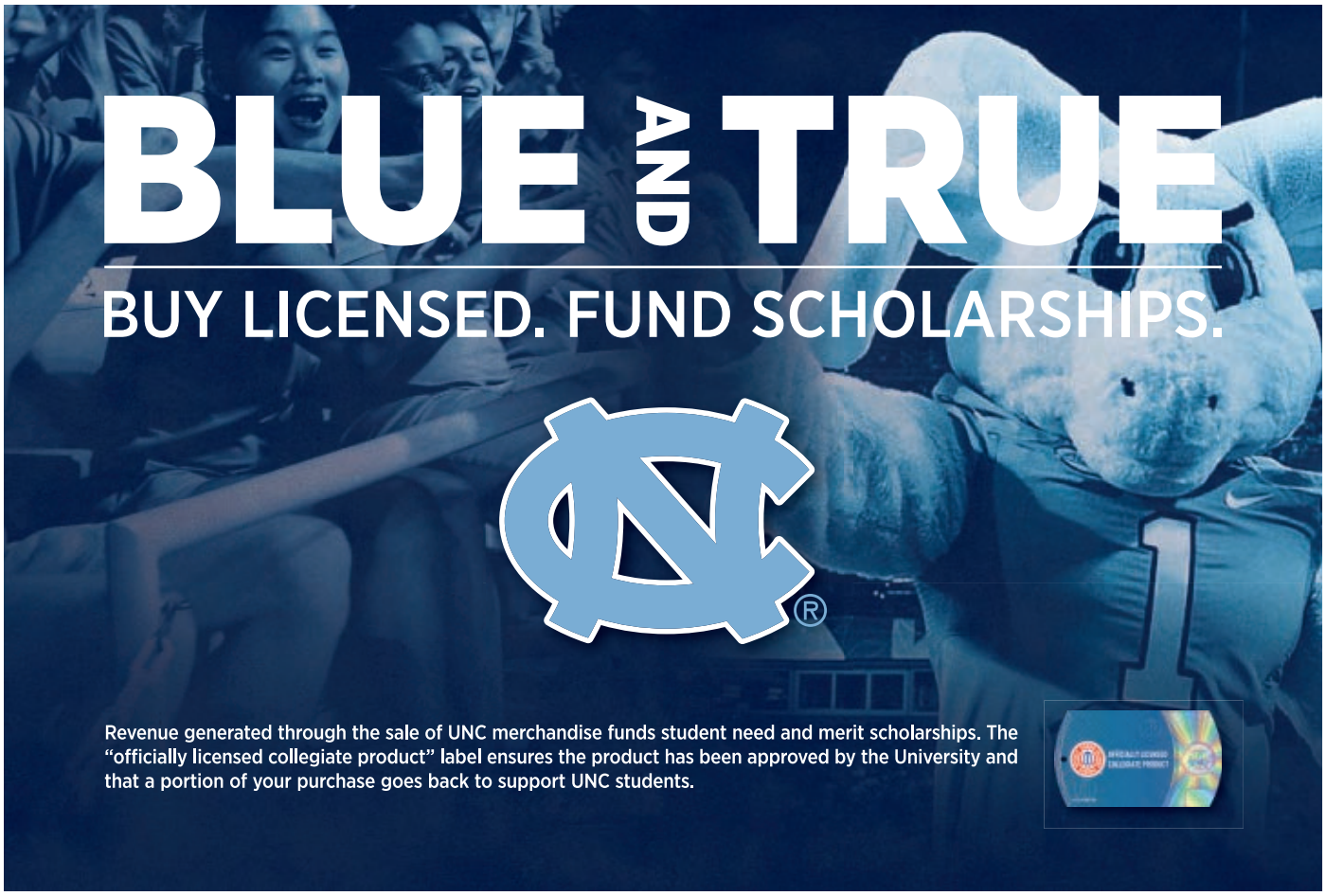

Science Project

The planetarium is a 70-year-old story of awe and wonder — and of deferrals of the bigger mission to showcase the range of Carolina's scientific research. At last, it has pushed out the horizons.

by David E. Brown '75

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In the space that held the once-fascinating orrery, the Morehead is installing nine interactive, changeable exhibits from across the landscape of UNC's physical science teaching and research. On previous pages, the original rotunda will be the front door to the new Morehead.

"Larger than life" is a special category of praise. In Carolina's life, the phrase evokes Frank Graham (class of 1909) in the front office, Michael Jordan '86 and Mia Hamm '94 on the fields of play, the civil rights lawyer Julius Chambers '62 (LLBJD).

And John Motley Morehead (class of 1891). Scientist, entrepreneur, soldier, politician, ambassador, philanthropist extraordinaire. One of those could have been a full life. As he moved on from the Bell Tower donation to focus on his real passion — discovery — Morehead articulated his thoughts about the fruits of education. The educated man, he said (he was not, apparently, ahead of his time in gender equity), was one "who knows everything about something and something about everything. ... History, philosophy, law, economics, art, music and the classics, of course — but all of the natural sciences as well."

Morehead probably could not have chosen a more visually and sensuously impressive scientific spectacle than a planetarium. In 1949, his work led to the first one in the South, the first outside a major city and the first attached to a university anywhere in the world.

For UNC's astronomers and physicists it was showtime. Who can dream up publicity like the barely 10-year-old planetarium received when real-life spacemen came there to train?

But it was a one-act.

The planetarium was renamed the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center two decades ago, and the vision of this jewel at the University's front door as a more broad-based science exhibition center is older than that. The challenge was not only money; the design Morehead oversaw packed in a massive star theater; a state dining room; an elegant salon; a rotunda to display Mrs. Morehead's art; and, on the lower floor, a large space for a mechanical planet display ringed by a dark, narrow passageway of still-life displays, which gradually became dreary antiques.

The theater, converted to digital 10 years ago, and the dining room remain.

Where the Moreheads once showed off a "living room" with a then-astonishing $25,000 worth of furniture will soon become a science classroom. Where a towering rotunda gave a hands-off, walk-softly-and-quietly vibe will be an interactive exhibit on the planetarium's history, including a sit-in replica of the model in which the astronauts trained. Where cutting-edge expos circa 1949 fell to dust, walls have been pushed out for a wave tank, maker space and exhibits of current UNC research in environmental science, public health, biomedical engineering — the gamut of the physical sciences.

The Morehead has introduced programming in the nonastronomy sciences for several years — notably in a series of children's camps.

"Now, finally, we have a facility with exhibits and other experiences that match our name and broad mission," said Todd Boyette, who has been director since 2006, only the Morehead's fifth, "and I look forward to sharing these experiences with the state of North Carolina. We are highlighting the unique resources of UNC — we're able to convey the broad array of sciences that are studied and researched on campus."

John Motley Morehead was, after all, a chemist.

Insurmountable — not

"Wish it wasn't in the middle of a pandemic, but we persisted," Boyette said as exhibit installation began in September. The new Morehead with its sixfold increase in exhibit space opened on Nov. 7. "This has been on my mind since I arrived. We've run into a lot of roadblocks, and we kept taking detours."

The renovation has been through several iterations. Once, the Morehead Foundation that occupies the east end of the building considered swapping sides with the science folks. There was talk of underground parking and expanding the building toward Franklin Street. That plan was ambitious, but by 2009 the Morehead was high on UNC's capital projects funding list; then the economy collapsed. Boyette realized it would be many years before such a project would be a priority again.

"The people who were saying it was insurmountable were right — it was difficult — but they underestimated the determination of a lot of these people," said Holden Thorp '86, the former chancellor who directed the planetarium for five years and got the camps going but labored with an ancient analog star projector long after the Morehead's prominent peers had gone digital. "It's a story of persistence and determination, mainly Todd.

"I had hoped we could keep people in the building for longer and we could have a way to showcase science at Carolina and beyond," added Thorp, now editor-in-chief of the *Science* family of journals. "There's a need for interpretation of science for the broader public. I felt, and I still do, the people who really know what they're doing need to explain science for the broader public. It's not easy. Informal science education is a highly specialized and important skill. Most scientists don't have it, and there's often even pressure among scientists to shun that."

Without it, he said, you're dependent on the mainstream media to tell your story.

In about 2012, the Morehead decided to self-fund the remake with no expectation of money from the state. It wound up getting $2.7 million in repair and renovation money from the University, and the rest of the $9.2 million project came from private gifts.

Before renovation began, the public had access to 10,000 square feet. That's been raised to more than 16,000 without adding to the building.

UNC/JON GARDINER '98

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The maker space will show young people about, for instance, work with prosthetic hands in biomedical engineering. "We wanted the visitor to have a continual experience that's easy to move through and makes sense," said Jay Heinz '07 (MA), digital production manager.

Lab-to-life exhibits

"This is a wonderful storytelling room."

Five generations agree. Boyette is in the somewhat reimagined 70-year-old star theater, underneath the eerie glow of the dome amid new seats that no longer surround the room in concentric circles. There's a quadrant left empty; stories aren't told just by unseen voices narrating planetarium shows but by live lecturers, poets, musicians and dancers — the heavens are their ambience. Catered dinners have a place here. The space, freed up when the old Zeiss projector departed, has created opportunities.

Astronomy will have a prominent place in the new Morehead as the first thing encountered after visitors pass through the new main entrance on the building's imposing west side — the side that was designed as the front door but for so many years was not for planetarium audiences. The rotunda, now absent of the paintings and the statue of 1818 graduate President James K. Polk, houses a permanent exhibit on the planetarium's history — its founder's vision; a star-sighting video game; and a focus on the Apollo 12 mission, whose pilots had to rely on what they learned here after they were twice struck by lightning and lost some instrumentation sensors.

"The building was not constructed to be a science center," said Jay Heinz '07 (MA), the Morehead's digital production and exhibits manager. "The science center aspect of it was shoehorned into the building, and the experience for a visitor was always sort of disjointed. These corners of the building you had to search out.

"We wanted the visitor to step into the new entrance on the west side and have a continual experience that's easy to move through and makes sense."

Downstairs, the mechanical model of the solar system stopped revolving long ago, and the big round room became storage. It's now the center of the nine new lab-to-life exhibits.

Visitors can activate a wave tank to learn about the ways seawalls and dunes affect rising sea levels, and vice versa. They can put an arm in a cuff and manipulate a prosthetic device on a mannequin to study biomedical engineering work in prosthetics. Hand gestures and body movements cue software that enables the Evryscope, an array of telescopes developed at Carolina that cover the entire accessible sky, to tour just the area you tell it to.

When sea turtles hatch on North Carolina beaches and start their migratory journey in the Atlantic, they're guided by a kind of GPS that reads magnetic fields. Kids can grab a knob and move a turtle around the Earth and manipulate a magnet to understand how all that works.

"This is the place where the public is going to be able to get a view into the world of science at UNC that they wouldn't be able to get normally," Heinz said.

"There is this rich history that's connected to UNC science and connected to NASA and the state. We're telling the story in an experiential way of cutting-edge science that's happening here. You can learn about these scientists who are doing this incredible research. But a kid also can put themselves in the shoes of scientists and experience what it's actually like to be a scientist at UNC."

The opening exhibits were designed pre-pandemic, but the renovation includes flexible space where UNC's virus research can be addressed. "Our renovation has been totally a reinvention of our entire visitor experience," said exhibits manager Lizz Alfano. "It has brought our building up to the 21st century."

The UNC focus on maker spaces fits into the Morehead's interactive programming. Where traditional labs emphasize learning about tools and takeaway products, this one is about young people grasping scientific concepts and process.

"Not to make a thing and leave with it but to manipulate things and learn about circuits, or heart valve research," said programming director Whit McMillan. "What is a valve and how does that work within their own bodies? We want them to design something to solve problems — can you build a one-way valve? — then test what they build. You don't want blood to flow backward in your heart.

"This is not a show. Here it is much more self-discovery, and that's what we want to foster. As a friend of mine said, 'You want to be the guide on the side instead of the sage on the stage.' "

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Details of the Morehead reopening, including COVID-19 safety measures: moreheadplanetarium.org.

A Star Maker and His Machinery

When Carol "CJ" Jenzano '69 was growing up in Chapel Hill, her father, Tony, used to bring home from his office visitors in town on business.

These were no ordinary business associates.

"I had a terrible crush on Neil Armstrong," she recalls with a laugh.

Yes, that Neil Armstrong, the Apollo 11 mission commander, who in 1969 would become the first man to walk on the moon.

"It was because he looked collegiate, and I was used to that look in Chapel Hill," said Jenzano, who also earned a master's in education from UNC in 1972. "He was the boy next door, very proper. Mischievous, but not dirty. Did not smoke or curse, and cute as a button."

She got to know Armstrong personally when he was among the NASA astronauts who came to UNC's Morehead Planetarium to learn to navigate by the stars — a skill just as handy in space travel as it was for ancient mariners sailing far from familiar shores. Her father was in charge of teaching the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Skylab astronauts that skill, using Morehead's cutting-edge star projector and apparatuses he rigged up.

Her father's contribution to the U.S. space program is told in the new book *Tony Jenzano, Astronaut Trainer: The Man Who Made the Stars Shine,* written by Michael G. Neece '97. It's the first project beyond pamphlets published by the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, in conjunction with UNC Press. Filled with illustrations by Benlin Alexander of Tony Jenzano and the astronauts, moonscapes and cosmic vistas, it's aimed at inspiring elementary school-age students, readers who often have their first contact with UNC visiting the planetarium and other Morehead attractions.

To his daughter, the book is an acknowledgement of all of the work he put into the place — how no task was too small to warrant his attention, how no challenge was too big for his ingenuity.

"I can honestly say my father was always my hero, such a good role model both in life and work ethic," she said. "He took the attitude that he couldn't be the boss of the planetarium until he'd done every job there — taking tickets, ushering, working the control room, narrating shows. He did it all."

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Tony Jenzano came to the planetarium to install its first star projector in 1949 — and stayed.

An ingeniously simple idea

Jenzano's story is both remarkable and improbable. A native of Philadelphia, he was a largely self-taught mechanical genius with only a high school education, learning the electrician's trade in the Navy during World War II. He came to Chapel Hill to install Morehead's first star projector in 1949 and never left, becoming director and running the planetarium for more than 30 years before retiring in 1981.

Jenzano, who died in 1997, is remembered by almost everyone who knew him as Morehead's heartbeat. The planetarium had just five employees in those early days, a fraction of its current staff, and the most significant part of Jenzano's tenure was the decade and a half when he oversaw astronaut training. It started with an ingeniously simple idea, teaching navigation by the stars so if spacecraft systems failed the "star sailors" wouldn't be lost in space.

"People who used to sail on old ships, if you *didn't* know the stars, you did not get home," Neece said. "Nowadays everybody's got GPS. But if we send someone to Mars, they better be able to look up and know which way they're headed."

Between 1960 and 1975, 62 astronauts came to sit under the stars in Morehead's 69-foot-high dome, starting with the original Mercury 7. As Neece recounts in the book, Jenzano's innovations included rigging the Gemini trainer — a plywood box around a swiveling barber's chair — to approximate the narrow views from the capsule. Of the 12 Apollo astronauts who walked on the moon, 11 trained with Jenzano.

Besides Jenzano's ingenuity and the planetarium's technology, Chapel Hill offered an ideal site, a small town with a population in 1960 of under 13,000. That era's astronauts were celebrities, regularly mobbed for autographs in public, but they were able to come and go quietly and keep a low profile in Chapel Hill in those pre-Instagram days.

"Tony's decision to offer the planetarium's services to NASA for free was probably the most influential decision made in the history of the planetarium, after John Motley Morehead's decision to build it in the first place," says Jim Horn, a planetarium technician Jenzano hired in 1969.

Space and time

Neece, a part-time historian and educator at the Morehead who presents shows under the same dome where the astronauts trained, started working there in the early 1990s during his student days as a physics major, long after its space program had ended. And while he never met Jenzano, stories about him and his astronauts were still legion among planetarium old-timers.

Neece has been working on an ambitious history of the planetarium in recent years. But he decided that it would be worthwhile to break out Jenzano's NASA experience and publish it now because, as the landmark sundial out front of the facility reminds us, time is slipping away.

"I felt like it had an expiration date because all the people involved are either really old or already gone," Neece said. "This was the most fun writing experience I've ever had, in part because I give shows at the planetarium, and I love relating to kids. In the text, I can almost hear my own voice anticipating the curious questions kids come up with. It just seemed like one of those stories that needed to be told.

"You can relate to how amazing this guy was, which is the heartbeat of any kids' book — having a relatable character you can look up to and aspire to be like. In an era where we all feel powerless and locked up, this is the story of making a big difference even if you're a little guy."

— David Menconi

ALEX KORMANN '19

Franklin in Hibernation

The main street of your home away from home is mainly quiet and eerily low-energy, like a jigsaw puzzle whose pieces are scattered and waiting to be connected.

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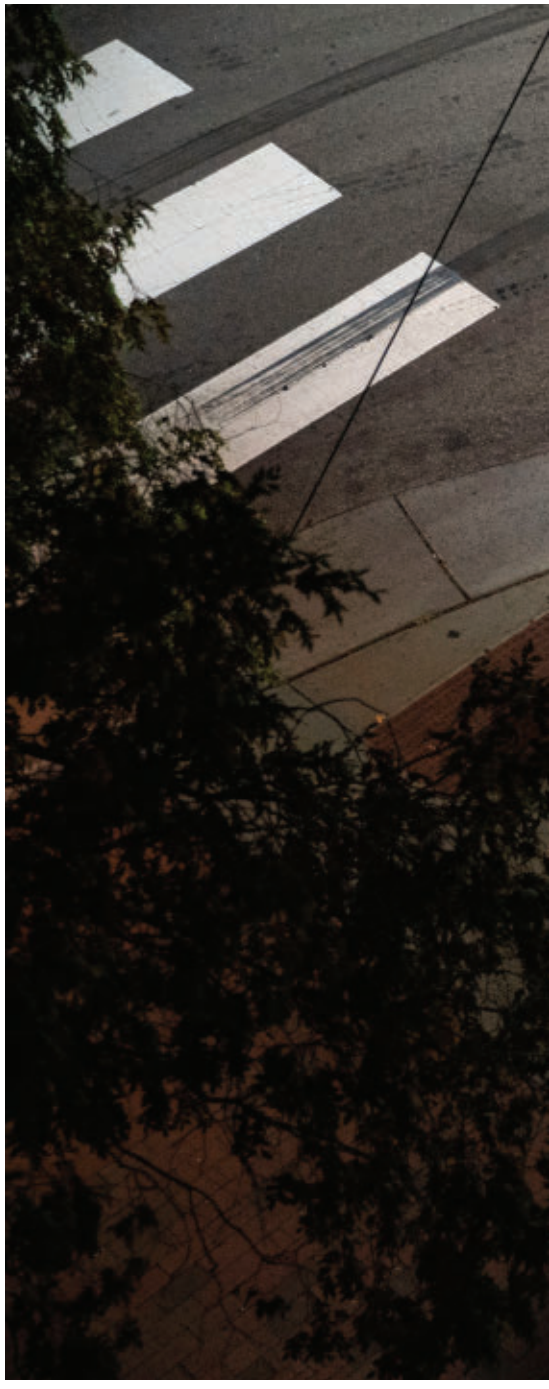

ALEX KORMANN '19

- With fewer parking spots needed, there was an extra lane for social distancing.
- Then the extra lane was empty.
- And, on this day, the sidewalk cafe, too.
- Looking down at the Columbia intersection in the evening, bustling gave way to casual.
- Two friends walking in the 100 block, there was nothing but their reflections to make it a crowd.
- A popular sub shop still could attract the lunchtimers who had to be out — or had to get out.

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- The Varsity: Always good for inspiration.
- Navigating the crosswalk is not much of a challenge.
- Yelling your orders in the bar took on a new masked urgency.
- Lunch for one on the popular corner.
- This may be the perfect time for a new pastime.
- Sutton's outdoors — an idea that could stick?

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- If George can mask, how could we not?
- Chicken biscuits and veggies waited in the neon glow of the perpetually open Time-Out.
- Makeshift hand sanitizers were a new feature of the street.
- The fine line between discreet and lonely at a construction site stand.
- A blue mask for Michael.

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- What passed for a busy evening on a Columbia corner.
- The hymns were sung this way at a virtual-only Chapel of the Cross by Michael Smith '16 ('18 MA).
- Timeless words as we contemplate how much more time it will take.

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Stateside Study Abroad

When you're stuck at home, sometimes the best strategy is to take off for the other side of the world.

by Elizabeth Leland '76

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From the bedroom of her family home in Graham, Anna Doan recorded a video introducing herself to students in Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. "Meeting people from different parts of the world — even if it's virtual — it's an experience I can't wait to experience!" she said. "I'm a freshman here at UNC-Chapel Hill, and I'm majoring in pharmacy."

Doan told the Thai students that she had never before considered studying abroad because "it sounds terrifying to me." But over the fall semester, living at home because of the coronavirus pandemic, she eagerly traveled via Zoom on a "virtual study abroad" to East Asia with the 16 other students in Marc Cohen's '11 (PhD) composition and rhetoric class.

While learning how to compose papers and deliver presentations, Doan and her classmates swapped stories and shared videos with university students and Carolina alumni in Thailand, Singapore, Japan and South Korea.

Cohen, who is a teaching associate professor in the department of English and comparative literature, was determined to teach an online course that would help his students connect socially, envisioning the project as a way to "uplift and inspire my socially isolated students." By midway through the semester, he would have them all singing and swaying to *Hark The Sound*.

"We're social creatures, we human beings," Cohen said. "They're at an age where they want to leave home, and now they're living at home again in their high school bedrooms. This is my typical way of thinking: I've got to create something that's going to mentally liberate them. I have to get them out of this state of mind. These kids need a break."

At the start of each class, Cohen appeared on the computer screen, wearing big over-the-ear headphones and sitting in his living room in front of floor-to-ceiling shelves filled with books and with mementos given to him by former students: Coasters from Lebanon. A bottle opener from Singapore. A hand-painted box designed to look like a book and featuring a quote from Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Cohen is applying that weapon to that goal, one student at a time.

Their faces popped up on the screen of his laptop, one at a time, most joining from their childhood bedrooms across North Carolina; a couple were from as far away as Mexico and South Korea. Tony Grimes, a cornerback on Carolina's football team, logged on from his dorm. Seven thousand miles away in Pyeongchon, South Korea, Andy Pyo logged on at 2:18 a.m. Korean time.

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In one Zoom class early in the semester, the students presented oral reports about students from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok with whom they had exchanged recorded videos. Afterward, Cohen asked them to separate into breakout rooms, ostensibly to discuss in more detail what they had learned about their Thai counterparts — but just as importantly, he believed, for a chance to simply talk with each other.

Cohen's daughter, Olivia, is a junior at Carolina, and Cohen has witnessed firsthand the disappointment that college students have felt over the upheaval of their lives.

"One of the things students are missing so much right now is student life," he said. "This is a way for students to connect with students."

Cohen devised four units for the class, each with a different topic: Japan (public transportation), South Korea (how young people spend their leisure time), Singapore (food) and Thailand (student life at college). He solicited people he knew in each country to partner on the project.

Interspersed with the "study abroad" classes were more traditional classes devoted to the fundamentals of writing. Cohen's goal was that by the end of the semester his students would have mastered the techniques to write papers about what they learned from the online exchanges — and have had fun doing it.

Cohen's teaching philosophy is known as experiential education — a learn-by-doing approach that encourages students to immerse themselves in an experience and reflect on it using skills taught in the classroom. One pre-COVID class shadowed medical professionals in the UNC Health emergency department. One studied the Carolina field hockey program. Another attended a concert by rapper Tierra Whack as part of a study of Afro-surrealism.

"The idea is to create an interdisciplinary experience that will bring to life the literature or the culture associated with the literature," Cohen said. "It can have a powerful impact on your classroom. It can connect you with the themes of the literature we're studying, provide source material for writing, and it creates community.

"I like this approach because it allows me the freedom to be creative, which is essential to who I am. And I think my units are better because I have freedom to create."

Danielle Aiello was so taken by the class visit to the emergency room in fall 2019 when she was a first-year student that she is pursuing a major in nursing with hopes of becoming a physician's assistant — a profession she had never before considered.

"We worked hard. We wrote multiple papers, with multiple drafts. But it was fun, and it was more than just English," Aiello said. She described her thrill at shadowing doctors in the ER and drinking tea with the consul general of Turkey for a unit about social norms in Turkey. "When you have someone like Professor Cohen who is so excited about what they're teaching, it makes you more excited."

High school experiments

Cohen didn't know about the theories and scholarship behind experiential education when he tried it for the first time in 1998 while teaching high school in Los Angeles. It was just a hunch he landed on — not yet the passion that drives him forward each semester with each new student. "I was looking for ways to bring the literature to life for my students," he said. "It was a low-income neighborhood ... a mostly immigrant population ... and for a lot of them, school was the least of their challenges. A

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number of them were not connecting with the work we were doing in class."

He came up with an ambitious plan to change that. He had grown up in Portland, where the Oregon Shakespeare Festival was an annual rite of passage for middle school students from middle-class families. If he could take his high school students there, he thought, perhaps the experience would bring Shakespeare's plays to life for them.

He raised more than $20,000, which paid for 50 students and five chaperones to go to the festival, a 10-hour bus drive from Los Angeles. The students saw two plays, slept in dorms at Southern Oregon University, sat in on a couple of classes, dressed up for a nice dinner and jet-skied on the Rogue River.

"It was about theater, but about so much more," Cohen said. "It truly was about the total experience. When I first hatched the idea for Project Shakespeare, I told them, 'You're going to have to trust me on this. Be my partner on this thing.' "

Because of that experience, Regina Castellon chose to attend Southern Oregon University. She was so inspired by Cohen that she got a master's in education from the University of Southern California. A first-generation college student, she now teaches part time at a community college in addition to her full-time job as an employee relations manager.

"I've never met anybody in my life who cared so much about my education," Castellon said. "The modeling of it really stayed with me. Mr. Cohen let us explore what we enjoyed and explore our reading. That was my first time really thinking about a deeper understanding of literature and about how I interpret the text and how that matters."

Cohen took students to the festival for two more years. "One of the greatest moments was equally horrifying and joyful," he recalled. "One of the groups studied *Othello.* The students knew that play by heart. So the play starts, and the next thing you know, my students are reciting the play with the actors out loud. I was dying. Obviously, it wasn't typical audience behavior. But at the same time, I felt incredible joy because we had achieved our goal and they really were connected with the literature. It was a beautiful thing."

A student-centered environment

Cohen learned something about himself, too, from the experience. Before taking the teaching job, he had worked 10 years in the movie business, primarily as a script reader and story editor but also as location assistant on *Terminator 2: Judgment Day.* When it became evident that he was unlikely to achieve his dream job of screenwriter, he decided to try teaching. It was at James Monroe High School in the North Hills area of Los Angeles that he discovered his passion.

He left the school to get a master's in English from California Polytechnic

and was so convinced of his path that he uprooted his family — his wife, Pam, who now works at Duke Health, and their two children, Olivia and Asher — and moved across the country in 2004 to pursue a doctorate at Carolina. He has been a member of the faculty since 2012.

Kelly Hogan '01 (PhD), associate dean of instructional innovation at Carolina, looks forward every semester to hearing what Cohen has conjured up. "He's all smiles when he talks about his courses," Hogan said. "He's really good at putting timely stuff in front of students in ways that transform them, in topics they might not know they're interested in. He's making connections at a time when it's not easy to make connections."

Cohen has a special knack, colleagues said, for teaching international students and others who might not have a strong background in English. The judges described his efforts with those students as "magical" when they named Cohen a 2018 recipient of the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

"I heard from so many students how he's creating a student-centered environment," said Gidi Shemer, a teaching associate professor of biology, who helped judge the nominations. "All the students praised him for being somebody who cared for the students and cared for their success. He wasn't just throwing material at them. He was trying in the best way possible to engage those students with the materials."

Desmond Yeo '18 took Cohen's "English Literature and Cultural Diversity" class when he studied at Carolina as part of the UNC-NUS (National University of Singapore) Joint Degree Program.

He is now a middle and high school teacher in Singapore with a new appreciation for Cohen's devotion not only to teaching but also to the students themselves. Yeo said he will be forever grateful to Cohen for inviting him and another international student to dinner with his family one Thanksgiving. He gladly agreed to help out on the Singapore leg of the virtual study abroad.

Jittima Pruttipurk '16 (PhD), a professor at Chulalongkorn University, became involved with the project for similar reasons. She said Cohen had a significant impact on her life when he volunteered to be her mentor while she was studying for her doctorate. Her students in Bangkok partnered with his students in Chapel Hill. "We have been corresponding in the morning as early as 4 a.m. and as late as midnight," she said. "His energy inspires me."

Cohen estimates he gets about five hours of sleep a night during the school year, mostly because of demands he puts on himself. "The things I like to do require extra time," he said. "I'm very fortunate because I have a job that I don't have to separate from my life. I choose to live it while I'm doing it, and there are so many rewards ... watching people transform both in terms of learning and maturity, watching people fall in love with the subject, helping people discover a passion. ... I get a charge out of it."

Ringing clear and true

A few minutes before the start of one class in mid-September, Cohen logged on as usual from in front of the floor-to-ceiling bookcase in his living room. One by one, the faces of his students appeared. They were working on expository papers about their exchange partners in Thailand, writing and rewriting from home with feedback from Cohen and from peer critiques.

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— Kelly Hogan '01 (PhD)

For part of the class, and in keeping with the theme of study abroad, Cohen separated the students into small online breakout rooms to research different UNC study abroad scholarships. When they gathered back together, they made short presentations to the class about each opportunity. What may have seemed like a random research and rhetoric assignment actually carried an unspoken message from Cohen to his students: "You could do this. For those who might not think study abroad is for them, that's not true. It's for everybody, and it could be for you, too."

They also devoted a few minutes that afternoon to rehearsing a group welcome in anticipation of their first "face to face" virtual meeting as a class with the students from Thailand. Again, what might have seemed like a light-hearted exercise held an underlying purpose. "They're not just in an individual relationship with me," Cohen explained. "They're in a relationship with each other, and I'm trying to the best of my abilities to establish those relationships in a COVID environment."

Cohen uploaded an audio version over Zoom of Carolina's alma mater and fight song and instructed the students to pantomime certain parts of the recording. With their computer screens set to "gallery view," their faces appeared in a grid format, sitting virtually next to each other.

"This is an ice-breaker," he said later. "Think of it as a semesterlong icebreaker. They will always, as a result of this experience, have this connection to one another that no one else in the University will have had. It's my hope they connect with their classmates in addition to connecting with people overseas."

Cohen hit play, and the lyrics rang out around the world from his students' computers:

Hark the sound of Tar Heel voices, ringing clear and true.

The students swayed to the beat as if they were at Kenan Stadium or the Dean Dome. As Cohen instructed, they held their arms outstretched at shoulder height as if they had their arms draped around the shoulders of students on the screens next to them. From La Paz in Mexico, Aranza Vazquez swayed side to side, her right arm stretched toward the screen to her right, where Allie Spies swayed side to side from Matthews, with her left arm outstretched toward Vazquez.

Singing Carolina's praises, shouting N.C.U.

The students fist-pumped in unison. During the next verse, they held up handwritten messages for their study abroad exchange partners, using their Thai nicknames: "Hello Jam." "Hi Mei-Yu." "Hello Bua." And then the fight song launched:

I'm a Tar Heel born, I'm a Tar Heel bred.

Together the students all clapped along to the familiar rousing beat. They were smiling. Tears welled in Cohen's eyes when he saw their joy, a shared experience despite so many miles apart.

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'43 obituary Julian Carlyle Davis ('43), 99, of Waynesville; May 11, 2020. Davis spent 32 years as a clinical and forensic psychologist at Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee, Fla. He co-authored *The Medical Examiner's Sourcebook* and was elected to the Gadsden County school board.

'44 obituary Dr. Earl Eugene Correll ('44 CMED, '44 BSMED), 96, of Kannapolis; May 1, 2020. Correll practiced medicine in Kannapolis for more than 50 years. He founded and owned Kannapolis Recreation Park, received the state's Order of the Long Leaf Pine and was past grand marshal of the Kannapolis Christmas Parade. He was a veteran of the Navy.

'45 obituaries Ann Christian Goodno ('45 BSCOM), 99, of Raleigh; May 28, 2020. Goodno was one of the first women to graduate from UNC's business school. At UNC, she belonged to Alpha Delta Pi. ■ **Marian Castellow Perry** ('45 BA), 95, of Colerain; June 9, 2020. During her career in education, Perry was a guidance counselor at Plymouth and Ahoskie high schools and was a member of the Bertie County school board. She was past president of the Hertford County unit of the N.C. Association of Educators and the Historic Hope Foundation. At UNC, she was among the founding members of Delta Delta Delta. ■ **Charles L. "Buddy" Weill Jr.** ('45 BSCOM), 95, of Greensboro; July 1, 2020. Weill owned and operated Weill Investment Co. and was past president and CEO of Robins & Weill Inc. A former president of the Greater Greensboro Realtors Association, he also was on UNC's Board of Visitors and the board of UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. He was an Eagle Scout and served in the Army in WWII. At UNC, he belonged to Zeta Beta Tau and Hillel Foundation and was on the staff of *The Daily Tar Heel*.

'46 obituaries Louis John Dye ('46), 95, of Cranbury, N.J.; May 21, 2020. Dye formed Nutrition-Scan Inc. and was a consultant in the animal feed industry. Previously, he was general manager of animal nutrition and vice president of Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co. He served in the Navy in WWII. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Phi Omega. ■ **Leigh Kemper Jones** ('46 BA), 95, of Swannanoa; June 12, 2020. An accountant early in her career, Jones was the bookkeeper for the Oaks Episcopal Conference Center and The Old Depot gift shop in Black Mountain. At UNC, she belonged to Theta Psi Epsilon. ■ **Mary Riser Schaeffer** ('46 MSPH), 95, of Inman, S.C.; April 6, 2020. With her husband, a Lutheran minister, Schaeffer helped establish mission churches in South Carolina and Maryland and as a certified remotivation therapist led sessions at nursing homes into her 80s.

'47 obituaries Joan Blase Goodson ('47 ABJO), 94, of St. Louis; May 9, 2020. Early in her career, Goodson was an advertising copywriter and publicist in the retail sector. ■ **Paul Edgar Orr** ('47), 96, of Greenfield, Ohio; June 28, 2020. Orr taught, was a high school principal and coached football at Greenfield schools and was superintendent of Leesburg schools. Later, he was Highland County Court bailiff for 30 years, retiring at age 90. Elected to the McLain High School Alumni Hall of Fame and the Hamilton Township Athletic Hall of Fame, he received a special proclamation from the Ohio House of Representatives. In WWII, he served in the Army. ■ **Katherine Bain Taylor** ('47 BA), 94, of Elizabethtown; June 12, 2020. For 33 years, Taylor taught English at high schools in Henderson, Elizabethtown and East Bladen, where she chaired the English department. She taught at Southeastern College and at Bladen Community College, where she was on its foundation board, and was an organizer of the Bladen County Literacy Council. At UNC, she helped establish a chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta.

'49 obituaries Thomas Newton Heath ('49), 91, of Chaska, Minn.; Jan. 7, 2020. Heath worked in publishing and was a professional singer with the Philadelphia Oratorio Choir and a quartet at the Chaska Moravian Church, where he also was a trustee on the church board. He served in the Navy in the Korean War. ■ **William Gray Long** ('49), 93, of Garysburg; May 17, 2020. Long was a farmer who owned and operated Longview Farms in Garysburg and was on the board of the Meredith College Parents Association. At UNC, he belonged to Zeta Psi. ■ **Randall Wesley Proctor Sr.** ('49 BSCOM), 91, of Raleigh; July 14, 2020. Proctor's career was with The Equitable insurance agency, working in Raleigh, New York and Washington, D.C. He rose to be chief of the company's national sales force. As president of Equitable International, he worked in Tokyo and London. He was a founding member of the N.C. Opera. He served in the Army in the Korean War. At UNC, he belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha. ■ **Paul Stephenson Swope** ('49 BSCOM), 94, of Newnan, Ga.; Jan. 13, 2020. Swope worked for 37 years as a merchandising executive with Colonial Stores and retired as executive vice president of the Norfolk, Va., division. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII.

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Amy Susan Alexander ('06 MSN), 66, of Graham; May 19, 2020. *See 2006 Class Notes.* ◆ **Dr. Robert Alan Briggaman**, 85, of Chapel Hill; June 4, 2020. Briggaman retired in 1999 as chair of UNC's dermatology department, where he spent his entire career. Among his many recognitions garnered by his research and clinical work, he received the UNC Distinguished Faculty Award in 1998, the Sulzberger Memorial Award and Lectureship from the American Academy of Dermatology in 1985 and the National Institutes of Health MERIT Award in 1990. He served in the Army. ◆ **Bruce H. Curran** ('94 MA), 72, of Durham; June 20, 2020. *See 1994 Class Notes.* ◆ **George Michael Gottfried**, 83, of Northfield, Minn.; July 1, 2020. A professor of social work, Gottfried retired as an internship adviser at UNC. Previously, he helped establish the social work department at the College of St. Benedict, where he taught for 22 years. He was an Eagle Scout. ◆ **Ronnie Maurice Hackney**, 46, of Apex; June 19, 2020. Hackney was a research technician at UNC. ◆ **Robert George Heyneman**, 90, of Chapel Hill; June 30, 2019. Heyneman was professor emeritus of mathematics at UNC. ◆ **Risden Hamilton Hill** ('61 BA), 81, of Wadesboro; April 6, 2020. *See 1961 Class Notes.* ◆ **Dr. Edward L. Hogan**, 87, of Charleston, S.C.; May 3, 2020. Hogan taught on the faculty of the UNC School of Medicine from 1966 to 1973. He chaired the neurology department at the Medical University of South Carolina and conducted research on multiple sclerosis at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta. He served in the Army Medical Corps. ◆ **David James Holbrook Jr.** ('59 PhD), 87, of Chapel Hill; May 3, 2020. *See 1959 Class Notes.* ◆ **James Lawrence Howard** ('63 BA), 78, of Chapel Hill; June 20, 2020. *See 1963 Class Notes.* ◆ **Dr. Daniel Ian Kaufer**, 61, of Durham; July 2, 2020. Kaufer was an associate professor in neurology at the UNC School of Medicine and was founding director of the UNC Memory Disorders Program. He specialized in dementia and Alzheimer's disease. ◆ **Randall Garrett Kenan** ('85 BA), 57, of Hillsborough; Aug. 28, 2020. *See story, page 73.* ◆ **Cynthia Lowdermilk Kraus**, 68, of Carrboro; Dec. 19, 2019. Kraus was a project coordinator at UNC's Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. ◆ **Paul Joseph "Skip" Kropp**, 84, of Chapel Hill; June 5, 2020. A professor of chemistry, Kropp taught at UNC from 1970 to 2016. He received the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the Johnston Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Edward Kidder Graham Outstanding Faculty Award. He founded the UNC Boxing Club and was an active member of the Newman Catholic Student Center. ◆ **Clifford R. Parks**, 84, of Chapel Hill; July 18, 2020. Parks was professor emeritus of biology at UNC. He was an expert on camellias, having developed many cultivars and co-authored the book *Collected Species of the Genus Camellia*. ◆ **Celia Strader Sabiston** ('59 BSN), 82, of Kinston; June 11, 2020. *See 1959 Class Notes.*

'50 obituaries

William Richard "Dick" Coffey ('50 MA), 93, of Vestavia, Ala.; June 8, 2020. Coffey retired from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. During his career with the federal government, he worked for the Veterans Administration, the Social Security Administration and the Internal Revenue Service. He served in the Navy in WWII. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Phi Omega. ■ **Dr. W. Jackson Grant III** ('50 BA, '54 MD), 91, of Winston-Salem; July 2, 2020. Grant practiced psychiatry in Winston-Salem and was a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at Bowman Gray School of Medicine and chief of psychiatric education at Forsyth Medical Center. An Eagle Scout, he served in the Navy. At UNC, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. ■ **Arthur Francis Jones II** ('50), 94, of Daytona Beach, Fla.; June 2, 2020. Jones was a financial adviser and stockbroker with Thompson McKinnon Securities for more than 40 years and retired as vice president. He served in the Navy in WWII. At UNC, he belonged to Kappa Alpha Order. ■ **Walter Hobson Kirk Jr.** ('50), 92, of Salisbury; July 27, 2019. Kirk retired as a minister in the Baptist Church. He served in the Marines in WWII and played professional baseball in the farm system for the Brooklyn Dodgers. ■ **William Connie Mathis Jr.** ('50 BSCH, '54 PhD), 94, of Charlotte; May 11, 2020. Mathis retired as director of research with American Enka in Asheville, where he worked for 30 years. He served in the Army. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Chi Sigma and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. ■ **Robert Know Morrow** ('50 BSBA), 91, of Charlotte; June 12, 2020. Morrow spent 36 years as a sales representative with Package Products/Engraph. He served in the Army in the Korean War. At UNC, he belonged to Zeta Psi, Order of Gimghoul and the track and field team. ■ **Ward Peacock** ('50 BSCOM), 90, of Charlotte; May 13, 2020. During his career in the textile industry, Peacock held executive positions with Erwin Mills in Durham and Dixie Yarns in Chattanooga, Tenn. He retired as executive vice president and CFO of Springs Industries in Fort Mill, S.C., then taught at Winthrop University's executive MBA program. He was on the boards of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, Science Museums of Charlotte and the Charlotte Symphony and was a veteran of the Air Force in the Korean War. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Kappa Psi and Sigma Nu and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. ■ **W. Kenan Rand Jr.** ('50), 93, of Durham; July 18, 2020. Rand spent his entire career with Durham Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and developed and managed Northgate Shopping Mall. He received the Durham Chamber of Commerce Civic Honor Award in 1973 and was designated a Living Legend by the Coca-Cola Bottlers Association. He served in the Navy in WWII. At UNC, he belonged to Phi Delta Theta, Order of Gimghoul and the football team.

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L. Edsel Kiser ('51 BSBA), 92, of Charlotte; June 11, 2020. Kiser retired as a sales representative, spending the bulk of his career with Procter & Gamble. Previously, he worked for Farah Slacks. He served in the Navy during WWII. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Kappa Psi. ■ **DeVere Craven Lentz Jr.** ('51 BA, '54 LLBJD), 91, of Asheville; June 15, 2020. Lentz practiced law in Asheville for 52 years. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Theta Phi. ■ **Dr. James Clayton Metts Jr.** ('51 BA), 88, of Savannah, Ga.; Jan. 20, 2020. Metts practiced medicine in Savannah and co-founded the Community Cardiovascular Council, which provided free health screenings and stroke prevention services. He was Chatham County coroner for 40 years and was featured in a chapter of the book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. He served in the Air Force. ■ **Thomas Gwyn Reich Sr.** ('51 BSBA), 91, of Wilmington; April 2, 2020. Reich founded Tom Reich Chevrolet in Wilmington. He competed in sailboat races and was a pilot who received the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award in 2018. At UNC, he belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma and student government.

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Mary Lib Pope Davenport ('52 ABEd), 89, of Raleigh; July 1, 2020. Davenport was past president of the N.C. Museum of History Associates and the first woman to chair Nashville United Methodist Church's administrative board. At UNC, she belonged to Delta Delta Delta. ■ **John H. Robison Jr.** ('52 BSBA), 89, of Salisbury; June 8, 2020. Robison founded UVEST Financial Services and the executive search consulting firm Robison Sockwell & McAuley. He served in the Army. At UNC, he belonged to Kappa Alpha Order, Order of the Golden Fleece and Order of the Old Well. ■ **William Moffitt Teague** ('52), 89, of Raleigh; July 19, 2020. Teague retired from the N.C. Department of Commerce, where he was an economic developer. He was chief of staff for Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker and received the state's Order of the Long Leaf Pine. An Eagle Scout, he coached youth league baseball and basketball teams in the 1960s, '70s and '80s. He served in the Army in the Korean War. At UNC, he belonged to Sigma Chi.

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Ruth Mary Davis Bowman ('53 BSPHN), 93, of Durango, Colo.; Feb. 19, 2020. For two decades, Bowman was director of health services and health education for the Durango 9-R school district. A co-founder of the Durango Head Start program, she helped establish the tennis program and girls' swim team at Durango High School and coached both sports. ■ **Charles Reid Johnson Sr.** ('53 BSBA), 89, of Jacksonville, Fla.; June 9, 2020. Johnson retired as manager of human resources development at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., where he worked for 36 years. He volunteered at the Jacksonville Zoo, where he enjoyed working with wallabies. He served in the Army in the Korean War. ■ **Joseph Cheves Walker Jr.** ('53 BA), 89, of Greenbelt, Md.; June 11, 2020. Walker spent 36 years as an analyst with the National Security Agency. At UNC, he belonged to the lacrosse team.

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Richard Arlen Beamer ('54), 88, of Durham; June 22, 2020. Beamer retired as senior vice president of Pied-

mont Federal Savings & Loan. A founding board member of Potomac Hospital, he started the Woodbridge, Va., Boys & Girls Club. He served in the Army in the Korean War. At UNC, he belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha. ■ **Dr. Jerry Clifton Brown** ('54 BA, '59 MD), 87, of Jersey City, N.J.; May 15, 2020. During his career in medicine, Brown practiced neurosurgery and psychiatry in New York. ■ **Martha Belle Caldwell** ('54), 88, of Harrisonburg, Va.; June 15, 2020. Caldwell retired as professor of art history at James Madison University, where she taught for more than 30 years. A past president of the Southeastern College Art Conference, she helped found the Southeastern chapter of the Women's Caucus for Art as well as the Faculty Emeriti Association for JMU. At UNC, she belonged to Pi Beta Phi. ■ **Dr. Thomas Milton Johnson** ('54 BSMED, '57 MD), 87, of Smithfield; May 16, 2020. Johnson practiced medicine in Smithfield and Johnston County for 33 years. A past president of the Johnston County Medical Society, he was medical adviser for the Johnston County Health Department as it formed home health services in the 1980s. He served in the Army. At UNC, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. ■ **Kenneth Earle Neese Jr.** ('54 BSBA), 89, of Lumberton; May 15, 2020. Neese was a provider relations representative with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Sigma Pi. ■ **Keen Oliver O'Sullivan** ('54 BA), 86, of Tampa, Fla.; April 17, 2020. O'Sullivan was a travel writer, actress, teacher and journalist. ■ **John Moore Stuart** ('54 BSBA), 87, of Hickory; March 10, 2020. Stuart had a 40-year career in the insurance business and retired as vice president of Pan-American Life Insurance Co. of New Orleans. An Eagle Scout, he was a scoutmaster in Greensboro for several years. He served in the Air Force. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Kappa Psi, AFROTC and the swim team. ■ **William P. Whitesides Jr.** ('54 MA), 90, of Arlington, Va.; May 1, 2020. Whitesides taught music at Tulane University and Mars Hill College and retired as a professor of voice at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. A tenor, he performed at Carnegie Hall, traveled the world with the Robert Shaw Chorale and performed in opera houses in Bonn, Germany, and Bern, Switzerland. He was an Eagle Scout. At UNC, he belonged to Glee Club.

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Joseph Edward Belton ('55), 86, of Wilmington; May 18, 2020. Belton retired as a sales executive with IBM, where he worked for 27 years. He served in the Army. ■ **Boyd George Brogden Jr.** ('55), 88, of Princeton; May 13, 2020. Brogden retired as branch manager of Motor Bearings & Parts in Carrboro, where he worked for more than 30 years. ■ **Johnny Robert Parker** ('55 MEd, '62 EdD), 91, of Asheboro; June 2, 2020. Parker retired as assistant superintendent of the Asheboro city schools, where he worked from 1965 to 1986. Previously, he taught in Bladenboro and Oxford high schools and was a principal in Whiteville elementary schools. He served in the Army in the Korean War. ■ **Dr. Julian Wood Selig** ('55 BSMED, '59 MD), 86, of Norfolk, Va.; May 31, 2020. Selig practiced psychiatry in Norfolk and was on the staff of Norfolk General, Leigh Memorial and DePaul hospitals. At UNC, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

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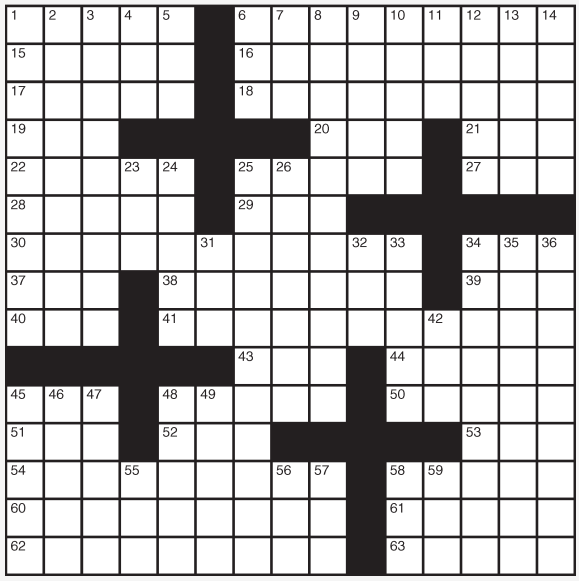

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H. Dolph Berry ('56; '62 LLBJD), 85, of Fayetteville; June 5, 2020. Berry practiced law for almost 60 years in Fayetteville and was town attorney for Falcon, solicitor of the Fayetteville City Recorder's Court and president of the Cumberland County Bar Association. He served in the Army. At UNC, he belonged to Order of the Coif and the football team and was editor of *Law Review*. ■ **Leonard Storey Bullock Sr.** ('56), 87, of Charlotte; June 12, 2020. Bullock retired as chair and CEO of Aon Construction Industries Division. Early in his career, he performed on Broadway in *No Time for Sergeants* and appeared in TV commercials and outdoor dramas. He served in the Marines. At UNC, he belonged to the football team and Sigma Nu and performed with PlayMakers Repertory Company. ■ **Elizabeth Hamilton Darden** ('56 BSN), 86, of Tucker, Ga.; June 15, 2020. Darden practiced nursing at Georgia Mental Health Institute, Grady Memorial Hospital and Northwest Regional Hospital. A former jail nurse in both DeKalb and Fulton counties, she led Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops and performed in church productions of *Oklahoma!* and *Oliver!* ■ **James Kirkpatrick "J.K." Norfleet** ('56), 85, of Manteo; May 13, 2020. During his career, Norfleet was president of First Securities of North Carolina and Galaxy Oil Co., owned a custom boot company and founded JK's Restaurant in Kill Devil Hills. He was on the board of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. At UNC, he belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. ■ **John Wesley Wilkinson** ('56 PhD), 91, of Acton, Mass.; May 14, 2020. Wilkinson retired as professor emeritus of statistics at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In 2009, he and his wife, Jean, received the Giraffe Award from Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson for "sticking their necks out for reproductive rights." In addition to his service on the board of trustees for Girls Inc. Foundation Trust of Schenectady, N.Y., he taught round dancing — a choreographed and cued ballroom dance that progresses in a circular pattern around the dance floor — and started a national carousel dance club. He served in the Canadian navy.

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Dr. James Robert Clapp ('57 MD), 88, of Durham; May 2, 2020. Clapp retired as a professor of medicine at Duke University and was past director of the Wallace Clinic and founder of the Duke Executive Health Program. He received the UNC School of Medicine Distinguished Service Award and the Duke Medical Award of Distinction. An endowed professorship and nephrology and research endowments have been established in his name. ■ **Dr. Thomas B. Cornell** ('57 BSDEN, '60 DDS), 85, of Beverly Hills, Fla.; July 1, 2020. Cornell practiced dentistry in Homestead, Fla., for 39 years and was a veteran of the Navy. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Upsilon and Marching Band. ■ **Dr. Carl "Sandy" Dann III** ('57 BSDEN, '58 DDS, '59 MSORT), 88, of Orlando, Fla.; June 18, 2020. Dann practiced orthodontics in Orlando. He was an avid hunter, diver, skier and sailor, having made 15 trips to Africa, three to Mongolia and six all over Europe, visited half of the countries in South America and sailed all of the "seven seas." At UNC, he belonged to Phi Delta Theta and Delta Sigma Delta.

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Harold Eustace "Skipper" Igoe Jr. ('58 BA), 83, of Charleston, S.C.; May 12, 2020. Igoe was a stockbroker, real estate agent and harbor pilot. He collected rare books and portraits from the Elizabethan age and donated his collection to the Charleston Library Society, where it is housed in the Igoe Shakespeare Library. At UNC, he belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. ■ **Howard Macon Mustian Jr.** ('58 BA, '65 MEd), 84, of Crewe, Va.; July 8, 2020. Mustian retired as superintendent of Nottoway County, Va., schools. A former elementary, middle and high school principal, he was elected to the Crewe Town Council. ■ **Dr. Frank Mayo Ramos** ('58 BA, '63 DDS), 87, of Durham; May 10, 2020. Ramos practiced dentistry in Durham for more than 50 years. He was a past president of the Durham-Orange County Dental Society. Early in his career, he performed in *The Lost Colony* alongside Andy Griffith ('49 BA). He served in the Army in the Korean War. He was a cheerleader at UNC.

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Claude Francis Burnham ('59 BSBA), 83, of Salisbury; June 21, 2020. Burnham owned Rowan Temporary Services and Trans Title Insurance Co. He began his career as an industrial engineer with Cone Mills in Greensboro. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Sigma Pi. ■ **Elizabeth Cauley** ('59 MEd), 88, of Pensacola, Fla.; June 18, 2020. Cauley retired as professor emeritus of mathematics at Pensacola State College. ■ **Dr. Alvin Stewart Goodman** ('59), 82, of Charlotte; April 20, 2020. Goodman practiced dentistry and endodontics in Charlotte and Winston-Salem. He volunteered his expertise at free dental clinics in the Charlotte area. At UNC, he belonged to Pi Lambda Phi. ■ **Ann Harvey** ('59 BA), 82, of Birmingham, Ala.; July 10, 2020. Harvey retired as executive editor with Oxmoor House and worked on books with Walter Cronkite, Fannie Flagg, Rod McKuen and James Dickey. Previously, she was a professor of English at Samford University in Birmingham. At UNC, she belonged to Alpha Delta Pi and student government. ■ **David James Holbrook Jr.** ('59 PhD), 87, of Chapel Hill; May 3, 2020. Holbrook was one of the founders of the curriculum in toxicology at UNC's School of Medicine, where he taught for 39 years and was director of graduate studies and director of postdoctoral training in toxicology. A recipient of the Society of Toxicology Education Award, he received the Mentor Award for Lifetime Achievement in Toxicology in 2004 from the medical school. ■ **Richard Owen Jackson** ('59 BA, '68 MBA), 83, of Greensboro; June 6, 2020. Jackson retired as a financial analyst with Lorillard Tobacco Co. in Greensboro. He worked to preserve the College Hill section of Greensboro as a historic community. ■ **Edwin Nick Kearns** ('59 BA, '61 LLB), 86, of Wilson; June 29, 2020. Kearns practiced law in Raleigh and was Wake County's first full-time county attorney. A former FBI agent and prosecutor for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, he played piano and sang with his band, Nick Kearns Satellites, in the late 1950s. He served in the Air Force. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Theta Phi. ■ **Lois Gallagher O'Keefe** ('59 BSN), 82, of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; May 14, 2020. During her career in nursing, O'Keefe was assistant head nurse at Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C. ■ **Celia Strader Sabiston** ('59 BSN), 82, of Kinston; June 11, 2020. Early in her career, Sabiston was assistant head nurse in the newborn nursery at N.C. Memorial Hospital. She volunteered with the SPCA.

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Anthony Brady "Toni" Frankfort ('60 BA, '62 MSW), 82, of Kinston; May 10, 2020. Frankfort retired as a librarian with the Kinston Public Library. Previously, she was a clinical social worker at the Murdoch Center at Butner. At UNC, she belonged to Kappa Delta, Order of the Valkyries and Order of the Old Well.

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Rosalynde Gibson Cowdrey ('61 MA), 83, of Jacksonville, Fla.; June 25, 2020. Cowdrey was a librarian and taught French and English at high schools in the Duval County school system for 20 years. Previously, she taught at Jacksonville University and was a librarian at the University of North Florida. ■ **F. Eric Deaton Jr.** ('61 BA), 81, of Fairfax, Va.; May 4, 2020. For more than three decades, Deaton was a professor of political science at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale. At UNC, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Dialectic Society. ■ **Loletta Arnold Faulkenberry** ('61 CPHN, '65 BSPHN, '72 MPH), 94, of Burlington; May 21, 2020. During her nursing career, Faulkenberry was quality assurance director at Durham County Regional Hospital, a professor at Watts School of Nursing in Durham and an assistant professor at UNC-Greensboro School of Nursing. She was inducted into The Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina. ■ **Judith Clippard Fiorentino** ('61), 80, of Madison, Ala.; June 28, 2020. Fiorentino founded Steel Prize Stables and taught horsemanship. As a successful equestrian, she competed and received bronze, silver and gold medals from the U.S. Dressage Foundation. ■ **Margaret "Peggy" Howard Hackney** ('61 ABEd), 81, of Cary; July 30, 2020. Hackney co-owned Triangle Publications and was former national director of promotions with Encyclopedia Britannica in Aurora, Colo. Early in her career, she taught in schools in Winston-Salem and High Point. ■ **Risden Hamilton Hill** ('61 BA), 81, of Wadesboro; April 6, 2020. Hill worked at UNC Student Stores for 40 years. A member of the Anson County Historical Society, he specialized in the Revolutionary War and county history. ■ **Adora "Dody" Prevost Ragsdale** ('61 BA), 81, of Raleigh; June 19, 2020. Ragsdale was a founding board member of the American Dance Festival, chaired the Raleigh Junior League and was on the board of the N.C. Symphony. At UNC, she belonged to Chi Omega.

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Shanta Kumari Bhutani ('62 MA), 87, of Candor; Jan. 1, 2020. Bhutani worked 34 years with Samarkand Manor in Eagle Springs and retired as unit manager. In retirement, she was an advocate for nursing home residents. In 2017, the town of Candor designated Dec. 22 as Shanta Bhutani Day. At UNC, she belonged to the Order of the Valkyries. ■ **W. Scott Brent Jr.** ('62 ABEd), 80, of Winston-Salem; June 23, 2020. During Brent's teaching career, he taught history, and for 41 years he coached track and cross country at North Forsyth High School. He served in the Army. At UNC, he belonged to the soccer and track and field teams. ■ **Jane Shaw Brill** ('62 ABEd), 79, of Chapel Hill; June 17, 2020. Brill taught English at William Fleming High School in Roanoke, Va., and at Salem High School in Salem, Va., where she helped establish the International Baccalaureate Program. At UNC, she belonged to Phi Mu, Campus Y officers, Order of the Valkyries and Order of the Old Well. ■ **David Alan Crawford** ('62 MBA), 82, of St. Simons Island, Ga.; July 12, 2020. Crawford was the owner and president of Southern Cross Corp., a utility field services provider in Norcross, Ga. Among his board service, he was president of the American Gas Association. He served in the Army. ■ **Thomas Patrick "Pat" Hayes III** ('62), 80, of Henrietta Township, Ohio; June 26, 2020. Hayes worked for Nordson Corp., an adhesives and coatings manufacturer. He created the Lorain County Soccer League and was a commissioner, coach and referee. ■ **Elizabeth Bingham Marney** ('62 BA, '63 MA), 79, of Nashville, Tenn.; May 26, 2020. Marney was an assistant attorney general in the criminal appellate division of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office. Early in her career, she taught English literature at Southern Methodist University and Harpeth Hall School. At UNC, she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. ■ **M. Rust "Rusty" Sharp** ('62 BA), 79, of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Jan. 28, 2020. Sharp practiced law in Philadelphia for 28 years and was former director of VF Corp., formerly Vanity Fair Mills. He served in the Navy. At UNC, he belonged to St. Anthony Hall, Debate Team and NROTC.

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Jon Perry Brady ('63 BA), 78, of Charlotte; July 1, 2020. Brady retired as president and CEO of Brady Distributing

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Co. He was an Eagle Scout. At UNC, he belonged to Sigma Chi and Gorgon's Head Lodge. ■ **Fred Eugene "Gene" Falls** ('63), 79, of Greensboro; July 19, 2020. During his career in investment banking, Falls was director of the trust division of Southern Bank, and he was a trust and wealth adviser with C&S Bank, BB&T and First Citizens. At UNC, he belonged to Sigma Chi. ■ **Roy Beauford Greene Jr.** ('63), 78, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; June 4, 2020. Greene retired as project supervisor with Honeywell International, where he worked for 36 years. He served in the Air Force. ■ **James Lawrence Howard** ('63 BA), 78, of Chapel Hill; June 20, 2020. Howard taught on the faculty in the UNC department of psychiatry from 1968 to 1974. He founded Howard Associates, an independent research lab in Research Triangle Park and was former director of the Behavioral Pharmacology Laboratory with Burroughs Wellcome. At UNC, he belonged to Pi Kappa Phi. ■ **Martha Sanderson Lee** ('63 BA), 78, of Clemson, S.C.; Feb. 18, 2020. Lee retired as business manager with Oconee Pediatrics in Seneca, S.C. ■ **George Anne Marston** ('63), 79, of La Jolla, Calif.; March 31, 2020. Marston retired as project manager and worldwide inventory manager with Pulse Engineering, where she worked for 40 years, including stints in Mexico, Germany, China, Malaysia and Hong Kong. ■ **Robert Allen Vermilya** ('63 BA), 79, of Chapel Hill; July 2, 2020. Vermilya's career in Chapel Hill real estate included forming his own company, Vermilya Waud Realtors, as well as working with Mel Rashkis Realtors and Coldwell Banker Howard Perry & Walston. He served in the Air National Guard. ■ **Ormonde Deane Wilkinson** ('63 BA), 79, of Richmond, Va.; June 9, 2020. Wilkinson directed volunteer services with Westminster-Canterbury Corp. Early in her career, she was recreation director with the University of Virginia Hospital.

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James Blaine Alderman III ('64 ABEd), 77, of Apollo Beach, Fla.; July 10, 2020. Alderman taught biology, oceanography and environmental science at Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes, Del., and helped establish the James Farm Ecological Preserve. He coached football and was named Coach of the Year when his team won the DIAA state championship in 1979. At UNC, he belonged to the football team and played on the 1963 team that won the ACC championship. ■ **Carolyn Bond Morrison** ('64 ABEd), 77, of Raleigh; July 26, 2020. After teaching in the Wake County public schools for 34 years, Morrison became an associate professor in the School of Education at Campbell University, where she led the master's of school administration program. She then became director of the Division of Education at Peace College as well as an associate professor. A recipient of the state's Order of the Long Leaf Pine, she was a docent at the Governor's Mansion and the N.C. Museum of History and was on the Executive Mansion Fund Inc. board of directors. At UNC, she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. ■ **H. Lee Riddle III** ('64 BA), 79, of Durham; June 27, 2020. Riddle made his career in sales in the packaging field, including with Packaging Corp. of America. He served in the Marines. At UNC, he belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. ■ **Sidney Chesley Turner** ('64), 78, of Atlanta; May 1, 2020. Turner's career was in the medical and elder-care industry with Care Technologies, Senior TV and Ames Color File. An Eagle Scout, he served in the Army at Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Phi Omega.

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David Malcolm Glantz ('65 MA) of Carlisle, Pa., has received the Pritzker Military Museum and Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing, which includes a gold medallion, a citation and a $100,000 honorarium. Glantz, a retired colonel, is the author or co-author of over 60 publications and was the founding editor of *Journal of Soviet* (now Slavic) *Military Studies* from 1988 to 2018. His work highlights the military history of the Soviet Union and the Red Army in World War II. ■ **Marie Avery Mickey** ('65 BA) of Raleigh has published *No Line for the Ladies' Room*, a humorous work of creative nonfiction drawn from her experience as a woman in 1980s corporate America. Mickey creates a 30-something divorced mother of two who is hired as an instructional designer by the training department of a major pharmaceutical company, where she finds herself in a world of entertaining interactions with mostly well-intentioned males and some females.

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Barry K. Armstrong ('65 BSBA), 78, of Charlotte; April 30, 2020. Armstrong retired as a business development manager with Advantage Sales & Marketing. Previously, he worked for 26 years with Scott Paper. ■ **J. David Hawkins** ('65), 76, of Kannapolis; Jan. 16, 2020. Hawkins retired from First Charter Bank, where he was vice president and regional manager. He served on the interim city council and the Kannapolis Charter Commission. ■ **Robert Carl Hord Jr.** ('65 LLB), 79, of Charlotte; May 30, 2020. Hord practiced law in Charlotte for more than 50 years. He served in the Army. At UNC, he belonged to Phi Delta Phi. ■ **Donald Ray Loveday Sr.** ('65 BA), 78, of Knoxville, Tenn.; June 4, 2020. Loveday was a sales representative with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He refereed high school football games and worked the sidelines at University of Tennessee football games as a member of the chain crew. At UNC, he belonged to the football team. ■ **Patricia Hayman Lowry** ('65 CMT, '65 BSMTC), of Chapel Hill; June 6, 2020. For 25 years, Lowry was an interior designer for businesses and homes in Chapel Hill. Previously, she was a real estate agent in Greensboro and a medical laboratory technician. ■ **Charles Lynn Pate** ('65 BA), 79, of Montgomery, Ala.; May 20, 2020. Pate was a senior-level insurance adjuster in North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama. An avid runner and cyclist, he was race director for the Smoky Mountain Marathon in 1989 and was inducted into the Knoxville Track Club Hall of Fame.

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Judy Atchley-Benson ('66 BA), 76, of Hendersonville; June 7, 2020. Atchley-Benson made her career as a licensed clinical social worker and mental health therapist in Mecklenburg County. ■ **Robert Newton Crowley** ('66 MAT), 89, of Kill Devil Hills; June 1, 2020. Crowley taught at Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe. He served in the Navy. ■ **Gloria Ann Grizzle** ('66 MPA, '74 PhD), 80, of Monetta, S.C.; June 4, 2020. Grizzle was a professor in the School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University, specializing in teaching and research in public financial management and policy analysis. At UNC, she belonged to Alpha Sigma Pi. ■ **Virginia "Ginger" Prince McLaughlin** ('66 BA), 76, of Dunwoody, Ga.; July 21, 2020. McLaughlin owned and operated Design Perspective, an interior design company. She also sang with the Robert Shaw Choral Guild and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. At UNC, she belonged to Phi Mu. ■ **Gene Lloyd Rector** ('66 ABJO), 76, of North Little Rock, Ark.; April 19, 2020. During his 26-year career in the Air Force, Rector was director of public affairs at four bases, chief of logistics at several locations and a deputy base commander in Greenland. He retired as a colonel. After leaving the Air Force, he spent 13 years as a military writer, including 10 years with *The Telegraph* in Macon, Ga. At UNC, he belonged to AFROTC and was a desk editor with *The Daily Tar Heel*.

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G. Curtis Branscome ('67 BA), 74, of Bakersville; March 7, 2020. Branscome was CEO of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association. He was former general manager of Stone Mountain State Park and for 20 years was city manager of Decatur, Ga. At UNC, he was a Morehead Scholar and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. ■ **Harold Donald Colston** ('67 JD), 83, of Rocky Mount; June 27, 2020. Colston practiced law in Rocky Mount for 40 years. He was past chair of the Senior Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association. He served in the Army Reserve. ■ **Robert Warren Dilks** ('67 BA), 81, of Chapel Hill; May 19, 2020. A flight officer, Dilks had a 31-year career in the Navy and retired as a captain. He flew combat missions in the Vietnam War, was officer-in-charge of the Navy's crisis action team at the Pentagon during Operation Desert Storm and was a flight instructor aboard several aircraft carriers. At UNC, he belonged to Glee Club. ■ **Charles Marion "Toby" Hill III** ('67 ABEd), 74, of Warner Robins, Ga.; May 24, 2020. During his career in education, Hill was director of vocational education for the Houston County school board as well as a principal at schools for at-risk and special needs students. He was elected to two terms on the Houston County school board and taught at Fort Valley State University and Georgia Military College. ■ **Max Edward Justice** ('67 BA), 74, of Charlotte; Jan. 31, 2020. Justice practiced environmental law in Charlotte and was past president of the Carolinas Air Pollution Control Association. At UNC, he belonged to *Law Review*. ■ **Truman Lynn "Mac" McCasland** ('67 MPH), 83, of Wilmington; May 12, 2020. McCasland retired as director of the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program with the U.S. Public Health Service. During his career, he was chief of environmental health and biomedical engineering for the service's hospital system in Washington, D.C., and was director of refugee health in the Cuban refugee crisis under the Carter administration and director of the Public Health Service Hospital in San Francisco. He served in the Navy. At UNC, he was a Campus Y officer. ■ **Mitchell Monroe McEntire** ('67 BA, '70 JD), 75, of Old Fort; June 26, 2020. McEntire practiced law in Graham his whole career. ■ **John Hansell "Jack" Sullivan Jr.** ('67 MBA), 77, of Atlanta; April 24, 2020. Sullivan was a chartered financial analyst and investor. He retired from Wells Fargo

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as vice president and counselor. ■ **Paul Joseph Ripa** ('67 BSBA), 74, of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; June 16, 2020. Ripa retired in 2014 as vice president of Dougherty Equipment Co. in Charleston, S.C. He served in the Army. At UNC, he belonged to the golf team. ■ **Carole Norman Willmot** ('67 BSN), 75, of Spartanburg, S.C.; July 16, 2020. Willmot retired as a professor of nursing at the University of South Carolina Upstate. At UNC, she belonged to Order of the Valkyries and Sigma Theta Tau.

'68 update **Richard Arthur Klein** ('68 BA) of Matthews has published *Something to Crow About*, a book for parents and children to share. It tells the story of evolution through the unexpected connection between a diminutive crow and his dinosaur ancestors. Klein is a filmmaker and scriptwriter for television and schools, a professional fundraiser and a retired associate director of the Jewish Federations of North America.

obituaries **Martha Louise Brooke** ('68 BA, '71 MEd, '82 PhD), 74, of Atlanta; July 5, 2020. Brooke retired as an instructional designer in the human resources department of the IRS in Washington, D.C., where she worked for the federal government for more than 30 years. ■ **Joseph Frederick "Rick" Cline Jr.** ('68 MA), 83, of Chatham, Va.; June 27, 2020. Cline taught history for four decades at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, where he also was former coach, athletics director and admissions director. He served in the Army. ■ **Lucille Ginsburg Eckels** ('68 MEd), 91, of Bayfield, Wis.; May 26, 2020. Eckels retired as director of teacher education at Northland College in Ashland, Wis. She was on the State Superintendents Advisory Council for teacher education and on the board of Wisconsin Public Radio. She started a pottery and gallery in Bayfield and a chapter of League of Women Voters. ■ **Dr. Alan Davidson III** ('68 MD), 78, of Colfax; June 26, 2020. Davidson was an emergency room physician for more than 40 years in Greensboro, Binghamton, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., and was a clinical instructor at Moses Cone Hospital, SUNY-Binghamton and UMass-Worcester. He served in the Army Medical Corps in the Vietnam War. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Omega Alpha. ■ **Robert Lee Gribble Jr.** ('68 MSW), 86, of Yanceyville; June 7, 2020. Gribble retired from the N.C. Department of Social Services, where he worked for 40 years. He served in the Army in the Korean War. ■ **Dr. William Cummings Tate II** ('68 BA, '72 MD), 73, of Linville; May 27, 2020. Tate practiced medicine in Avery County for more than 40 years. He served on the Avery County school board for 20 years and on the boards of trustees of Lees-McRae College and the Grandfather Home for Children.

'69 update **David William Lowrance** ('69 BSBA) of Hollis, N.H., has been designated an honorary member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants after 40 years of service. Lowerance is a trustee of the Congregational Church of Hollis.

obituaries **Reginald Ogburn Graves** ('69 BA), 73, of Charlotte; June 3, 2020. Graves worked for 27 years in the hospital laboratory of the VA Hospital in Tucson, Ariz., retiring as a medical technician. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Chi Sigma. ■ **Dr. Frank Benton Gray** ('69 MD), 78, of Knoxville, Tenn.; May 29, 2020. Gray practiced orthopedic surgery with the Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic, from which he retired in 2000. He then volunteered as a physician at an interfaith clinic until 2017. A classical pianist, he was on the board of the Knoxville Symphony for 40 years, including as president. He was a Navy veteran. ■ **Polly Cabe Roberts** ('69 PhD), 87, of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; May 3, 2020. During her career in education, Roberts was a professor and chaired the Division of Education at Brenau College, where she was inducted into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame. She taught at Macon Junior College and Judson College, where she was chair of the department of physical education. She owned a 1927 Model T that she drove around Mount Pleasant and in local holiday parades. ■ **Dr. George Arthur Reich** ('69 MPH), 87, of Winter Haven, Fla.; June 25, 2020. Reich spent his career with the U.S. Public Health Service, rising to the rank of assistant surgeon general and rear admiral. A fellow in the American College of Preventive Medicine, he received the Distinguished Service Medal from the USPHS and the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Omega. ■ **Terry Lee Rowe** ('69), 73, of Murrells Inlet, S.C.; April 27, 2020. Rowe was a real estate agent in York, S.C., where he previously taught and coached at high schools. At UNC, he belonged to the football team. ■ **Ronald George Wilson** ('69 MAT), 85, of Southern Pines; Dec. 24, 2019. After retiring as a major from the Army, Wilson taught middle school in Southern Pines and coached girls' basketball. He served in the Marines in the Korean War and was a paratrooper with the Air Force Special Operations Combat Control Team.

'70 obituaries **Marilyn Smith Avis** ('70 MEd), 75, of Chapel Hill; June 11, 2020. Avis was a real estate agent, most recently with RE/MAX. ■ **Stephen John Carrig** ('70), 72, of New Canaan, Conn.; May 14, 2020. Carrig was in the Foreign Service for 23 years as an economics officer and was stationed in Cuba, Pakistan, the Balkans and

Kuwait. Previously, he spent 10 years in the Army as a counterterrorism officer. ■ **George Lafayette Collins** ('70 BSBA), 76, of Jacksonville; April 16, 2020. Collins practiced law in Jacksonville for 37 years and was a past president of the Chamber of Commerce. Before obtaining a law degree, he was a CPA and on the faculty of Campbell University. ■ **Gail Fowler Latham** ('70 MEd), 72, of Unionville; May 11, 2020. Latham retired as director of secondary education in Union County public schools. She spent 30 years as an educator, teaching in Charlotte schools and directing the health education curriculum project for Concord, Cabarrus and Kannapolis school systems. ■ **Alan Carroll Leonard** ('70 BA, '75 JD), 72, of Tryon; May 21, 2020. Leonard was a district attorney and assistant district attorney in western N.C. for 23 years. He was a navigator on C-130 aircraft for the N.C. Air National Guard and was posted to fight fires in the Pacific Northwest. He served two tours of duty in Persian Gulf wars. A Civil War reenactor, he played bass drum with the Carolina Fifes & Drums and taught himself to play the bugle, performing at ceremonies with the Hendersonville Honor Guard. At UNC, he belonged to Pi Alpha Theta. ■ **Rebecca DeLeo Meleney** ('70 ABEd), 71, of Charlotte; July 3, 2020. During her teaching career in Charlotte that spanned five decades, Meleney taught at Providence Day School, at The Fletcher School, at The Oaks School and in Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools. ■ **Frank Powell Jr.** ('70), 70, of Durham; June 24, 2020. Powell retired as restaurant manager with Time-Out in Chapel Hill. He held managerial and culinary positions with several other Chapel Hill eateries and helped develop the N.C. Botanical Garden.

'71 updates

John Douglas Swofford ('71 BA) of Greensboro has announced that he will retire at the end of the 2020-21 college athletics year as commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference. During his 24-year tenure, Swofford expanded the ACC from nine to 15 members. He was a member of the first UNC football team recruited by coach Bill Dooley and returned to UNC in 1980 as athletics director for 17 years.

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Andrew Marion Blackmon ('71 BA), 71, of Cary; June 23, 2020. Blackmon was a real estate agent and an entrepreneur who ran laundromats, car washes and a fish market. Early in his career, he taught in Halifax County, Va., schools. At UNC, he was a Morehead Scholar. ■ **Francis John "Frank" Byrd** ('71 MEd, '72 MA), 77, of Hendersonville; June 25, 2020. Byrd retired as dean of student services at Blue Ridge Community College, where he worked for almost 30 years. He volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Young Leaders Program and was inducted into the Henderson County Education Hall of Fame. He received the Governor's Volunteer Service Award and the Community Foundation of Henderson County's Sauer Charitable Leadership Award. ■ **Robert Emile Croonenberghs** ('71 BSZOO), 71, of Goochland, Va.; May 23, 2020. For 20 years of his 40-year career with the Bureau of Shellfish Sanitation in the Virginia Health Department, Croonenberghs was its director. At UNC, he belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha. ■ **Gregory William Erdos** ('71 PhD), 74, of Micanopy, Fla.; June 19, 2020. Erdos retired as assistant director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research at the University of Florida. Previously, he was director of the university's Electron Microscopy Core Laboratory. ■ **Ronald Preston Greene** ('71 BSPHR), 72, of Chapel Hill; May 2, 2020. Greene spent 39 years as a pharmacist at Duke University Hospital and the Durham VA Medical Center. An Air Force veteran, he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. At UNC, he belonged to Marching Band. ■ **Theodore Cooke Nelson** ('71 MSPH), 89, of Iowa City, Iowa; May 9, 2020. Nelson retired from the U.S. State Department in 1983. He was based in embassies in Hungary, South Africa and the Balkans and was seconded to the United Nations as coordinator of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities in Iran and Afghanistan. In retirement, he joined the Teaching Assistant/Simulated Parent program at the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He served in the Army. ■ **Daniel Richard Robinson** ('71), 70, of Troy; Aug. 10, 2019. Robinson worked at Russell Hosiery Mill, Claston Knitting and Fidelity Bank. He volunteered with the Montgomery County Rescue Squad. ■ **John M. Skinner** ('71 BA, '75 JD), 71, of Williamston; July 30, 2020. Skinner practiced law in Williamston. He was a medical corpsman in the Navy in the Vietnam War. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Eta Sigma and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. ■ **Elizabeth "Betsy" Goodwin Wright** ('71 MAT), 81, of Durham; May 19, 2020. Wright taught in Granville County schools and was a consultant for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

'72 updates

Scott Edward Evenbeck ('72 MA, '73 PhD) of West New York, N.J., has retired as founding president of Stella and Charles Guttman Community College, part of the City University of New York. Previously a professor of psychology and founding dean of the University College at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, Evenbeck has been named a professor at CUNY's Baruch College. ■ **Donnie McCoy Hardison Jr.** ('72 BA) of La Jolla, Calif., has joined the strategic advisory board for Decode Health, a predictive analytics company. Hardison is president, CEO and a director of Biotheranostics, a molecular diagnostics company that develops tests for treating cancer. He is the former president, CEO and director of Good Start Genetics and was in senior management at EXACT Sciences, LabCorp, Quest Diagnostics and SmithKline Beecham. ■ **R. Kirk Walker Jr.** ('72 BA) of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been named interim head of Girls Preparatory School for the 2020-21 school year. Walker retired as headmaster of McCallie School and, in 2019, completed his term as president of the Southern Association of Independent Schools. He is president of the Worth Foundation and mayor of the community of Ridgeside, Tenn. ■ **Roy Allen Williams** ('72 ABEd, '73 MAT), head coach of UNC's men's basketball team, and his wife, **Wanda Jones Williams** ('72 ABEd), of Chapel Hill donated more than $600,000 to fund the scholarships for spring sports seniors who planned to return to UNC for the extra year of eligibility (2020-21) they were granted after the 2020 spring season was canceled due to COVID-19. The gift, originally anonymous, was made public in July after student-athletes returned to campus for workouts. Roy Williams received the GAA's Distinguished Service Medal in 2010.

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Daniel Regis Knighton ('72 PhD), 80, of Southport; Oct. 1, 2019. Knighton taught at Minnesota State University-Moorhead for three decades and was president of the faculty union. He founded a forensic economics firm. He served in the Army. ■ **Jon Wayne Lodge** ('72 MA), 72, of Chapel Hill; Oct. 9, 2019. Lodge retired as a research chemist with the Research Triangle Institute. ■ **Ovella Jones Ngwenya** ('72 MPH), 70, of Hueytown, Ala.; June 2, 2020. Ngwenya was a counselor for children and adolescents in Philadelphia. ■ **Gary Lester Presnell** ('72 BA), 69, of Raleigh; June 17, 2020. Presnell practiced law as a partner in a private practice in Raleigh. ■ **Dennis Stanley Rogers** ('72 ABJO), 77, of Garner; Aug. 8, 2020. Rogers was a reporter and columnist for *The News & Observer* in Raleigh for more than 34 years. He began his career with *The Fayetteville Times* and won state journalism awards, publishing five books, including *It's Bad News When the Bartender Cries* and *Home Grown*. He was an Army veteran. At UNC, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. *Story, page 68.*

'73 updates

Lewis William Lucke ('73 BA) of Austin, Texas, has published *From Timbuktu to Duck and Cover: Improbable Tales of a Career in Foreign Service*, a memoir of his adventures during 30 years in the Foreign Service. Lucke, former U.S. ambassador to Swaziland, was in the U.S. Department of State with postings in Mali, Senegal, Costa Rica, Tunisia, Kuwait, Swaziland and elsewhere. He was the USAID mission director in Bolivia, Jordan, Haiti and Iraq, and the U.S. response coordinator after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Lucke is the executive vice president of Middle East and Africa initiatives for Grainster and a co-founder of Waste to Energy Global Partners. ■ **Catherine Harvey Sevier** ('73 MSN) of Greensboro has been named a member of the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental and Health Equity Task Force, established by the N.C. governor's Executive Order 143 to address the social, environmental, economic and health disparities in communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sevier is the managing director of The Generations Study Group, an adjunct professor of public health at UNC-Greensboro and co-chair of the N.C. Future of Nursing Action Coalition.

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John Philip Algar ('73 JD), 76, of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; May 12, 2020. Algar practiced law in Charleston, S.C., for almost 40 years. He served in the Army in Vietnam. ■ **Hugh Hammond Bennett III** ('73), 70, of Greensboro; June 8, 2020. Bennett owned and managed several movie theaters in the Greensboro area. ■ **Linda Karen Griffin** ('73 BSPHR), 70, of Chapel Hill; April 30, 2020. Griffin was vice president for respiratory and AI sales with GlaxoSmithKline. ■ **Donald Steven "Steve" Myers** ('73), 68, of Lexington; May 18, 2020. Myers owned D.S. Myers Co., an HVAC contracting business. ■ **Douglas Eugene Pickelsimer** ('73 BA), 69, of Gastonia; June 9, 2020. Pickelsimer retired from Schneider Trucking Co., where he worked for more than 20 years and was cited for having driven more than "1 Million Safe Miles." He served in the Marines. At UNC, he belonged to NROTC. ■ **Dr. James Van Taylor III** ('73 BA, '80 MD), 71, of Wilson; July 27, 2020. Tay-

IN MEMORIAM

DENNIS STANLEY ROGERS '72 | 1942-2020

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Former newspaper columnist **Dennis Rogers** '72 had some sound advice for folks thinking about moving to North Carolina.

"Y'all is plural. There is no such thing as one grit," he wrote in 1977 in a column headlined "Lissen up, before y'all come." "And barbecue — for the thousandth time — is a noun. It is not a verb or an adjective. You cook a pig and you get barbecue. You grill steaks and burgers. You do not 'barbecue' anything. So shut up about it."

Rogers spent 31 years dispensing such wisdom and common sense in the pages of *The News & Observer* in Raleigh, where he began working in 1976.

Rogers had a natural talent for turning out memorable phrases and vivid descriptions in an easy-to-read, conversational style, said Ken Ripley '72, editor emeritus of *The Spring Hope Enterprise* and a former classmate at what is now UNC's Hussman School of Journalism and Media.

"But the root of his real genius was that Dennis was a great reporter," Ripley said, "with a nose for human features and a great eye for detail."

Jim Jenkins '74, who worked with Rogers at *The N&O*, described Rogers as a consummate storyteller.

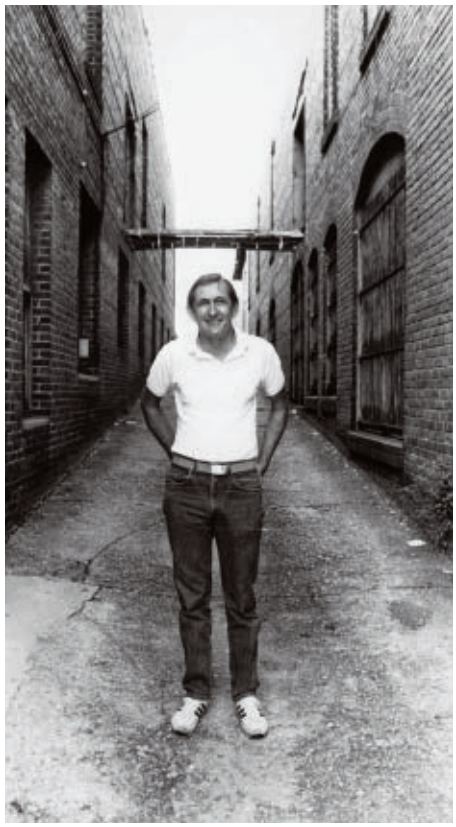
"He knew how to talk to people," Jenkins told the paper. "He was the best there was at what he did."

Rogers died Aug. 8. He was 77.

Rogers learned his craft from legendary newspaperman and former UNC journalism professor Jim Shumaker '49 while at *The Chapel Hill Newspaper*. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa a few months shy of his 30th birthday and worked at *The Fayetteville Times*, where he won a few N.C. Press Association awards, and *The Charlotte News* before moving to *The N&O*.

When Rogers took on the role of columnist, he was told to seek out interesting people and focus on North Carolina east of I-95. He took to the task like a black-bellied whistling duck might take to open water in the Roanoke Sound. After all, he had been raised in Wilson by his grandmother and knew the area and its people well.

Rogers found plenty to report on in the feed stores, barbecue joints (he referred to himself as "oracle of the holy grub") and Ruritan Club meetings. He wrote about family, wars, politics, motorcycle safety, a space shuttle lift-off and the aftermath of 9/11. One of his most popular columns included a recipe for "The Best Biscuits You Ever Ate."



In a typical week, he would hit the road on Monday morning and return to the office on Wednesday or Thursday and turn out four or five columns. He once estimated that he had interviewed people for more than 4,000 columns.

Rogers wrote five books, including *It's Bad News When the Bartender Cries*. And he took a few turns on the stage, acting in Raleigh Little Theatre productions of *On Golden Pond*, *The Skin of Our Teeth* and *Shenandoah*.

The Army veteran rode thousands of miles on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, traveling to Memorial Day "Run for the Wall" rallies at the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and pushing for motorcycle safety in ways that didn't ruffle any feathers among serious bikers.

After retiring from *The News & Observer* in 2007, he took to traveling around the country in a motor home and started a reporting project, Home Front, about how life changes for soldiers, Marines and their families and communities in a time of war.

Rogers once said that he graduated from UNC wanting to make the world better and thought he could do that for the people in North Carolina because he shared the same DNA.

"He loved having the voice and having the effect and being able to do good and make a difference in the world," said his wife, HollyAnn Nye Rogers.

— Don Evans '80

lor practiced medicine at the Wilson Clinic for 40 years. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Tau Omega. ■ **Michael Joe Thompson** ('73 BMUS), 67, of Blanch; Oct. 11, 2019. Thompson was a musician and taught guitar and banjo at Piedmont Community College. He was a featured performer with the Mississippi Queen Steamboat Co. and a visiting artist with the N.C. Arts Council. At UNC, he belonged to Carolina Choir and Glee Club and was the first guitarist awarded a music degree.

'74 update **Earl Goodwin Chesson** ('74 BSBA) of Chapel Hill has joined Capitol Financial Solutions as an adviser for sophisticated life insurance planning in the business, personal and philanthropic markets. Chesson is the founder and principal of Chesson Partners, a division of Hill, Chesson & Woody, specializing in student health insurance, employee benefits, and wealth and philanthropy strategies.

obituaries **Elvadean Wilson Daughtry** ('74 BSN), 76, of Greensboro; April 30, 2020. Daughtry was a school nurse and public health nurse with the Guilford County Health Department. At UNC, she was a Johnston Scholar. ■ **Millicent Gibson Diehl** ('74 JD), 70, of Sanford; Aug. 19, 2019. Diehl retired as staff attorney with the Hoke County Department of Social Services and practiced law in Raeford. She was on the boards of Moore County's Children's Center and Youth Services Commission. ■ **C. Daniel Flowe** ('74 BSIR), 68, of Salisbury; June 25, 2020. Flowe owned Flowe Realty & Development, building homes and subdivisions in Rowan County. He collected Coke memorabilia and antiques. ■ **Margaret Proctor Saetveit** ('74 BMUS), 67, of Buffalo, N.Y.; Jan. 4. 2020. Saetveit was a Suzuki method teacher and music therapist with PS 33 Bilingual Center in Buffalo. At UNC, she belonged to Kappa Kappa Gamma and Order of the Valkyries.

'75 update **Emily Jones Rushing** ('75 MA) of Birmingham, Ala., has joined the board of trustees for Converse College. Jones retired as director of communications and marketing at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham in 2013. A Converse graduate, Jones established the need-based Emily Jones Rushing Scholarship in 2001 and supports the Converse Writing Center through the Jones-Rushing Endowment Fund.

obituaries **William Reid Dalton III** ('75 BA, '78 JD), 66, of Burlington; July 19, 2020. A lawyer and Presbyterian minister, Dalton served congregations in Ruffin, Roanoke, Va., and Laurens, N.Y. Previously, he practiced law in Eden and Yanceyville. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Theta Pi. ■ **Stephen Austin Hayes** ('75 BA), 67, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; May 21, 2020. Hayes was president and vice chair of DHR International, where he worked for 25 years and was an inaugural inductee into the DHR Hall of Fame. His charitable activities included the James M. Johnston Trust and the presidential library of his great-great-grandfather, President Rutherford B. Hayes. At UNC, he belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Order of Gimghoul. ■ **Dr. Louis Craig Peron** ('75 MSEND), 73, of Virginia Beach, Va.; May 1, 2020. Peron

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Carolina waited a long time for Kenan Stadium, and this was the standing-room-only debut, on Thanksgiving Day in 1927 — a 14-13 win over then-top rival Virginia. PHOTO: "FOLDER 1155 FOOTBALL PANORAMA OF KENAN STADIUM DURING GAME 1927 SCAN 1," IN THE N.C. COUNTY PHOTO COLLECTION #P0031, N.C. COLLECTION PHOTO ARCHIVES, UNC.

practiced endodontics in the Tidewater area for 43 years and was co-founder of the Chesbay Brewing Co. ■ **Graham Stuart Poindexter** ('75 PhD), 71, of Aiken, S.C.; June 18, 2020. Poindexter was a chemist in pharmaceutical research and development with Bristol Meyers Squibb, where he worked for 32 years, garnered many patents and presented internationally. ■ **Donald Bishop Saunders** ('75 PhD), 79, of Blowing Rock; July 9, 2020. Saunders taught history at Appalachian State University, where he was a professor and director of the honors program. ■ **W. John Woestendiek Jr**. ('75 ABJO), 66, of Winston-Salem; June 24, 2020. During his journalism career, Woestendiek wrote for *The Lexington* (Ky.) *Leader*, *The Charlotte Observer*, *The Baltimore Sun* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. In 1987, he received the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting for a series of stories about an innocent man who was serving a life sentence for murder. At UNC, he wrote a news story about grade forgeries for *The Daily Tar Heel* that prompted a policy change to reconfirm grade changes.

'76 obituaries **William Leroy Nichols** ('76), 67, of Washington, N.C.; May 31, 2020. Nichols retired as a sports writer with the *Washington Daily News*. ■ **David Paul Schuyler** ('76 MA), 70, of Newburgh, N.Y.; July 24, 2020. Schuyler spent 40 years as professor of humanities and American studies at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. He received the college's Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and the 1991 Historic Preservation Award from the Preservation League of New York State. His books include *Embattled River: The Hudson and Modern American Environmentalism* and *Sanctified Landscape: Writers, Artists and the Hudson River Valley 1820-1909*. ■ **Karen Maxine Smith** ('76 MSW), 74, of Mocksville; July 14, 2020. Smith retired as director of the Davie County Department of Social Services, where she worked for 38 years. She was on the boards of the Davie Domestic Violence Service, CareNet and the Surry County Housing Consortium. She received the state's Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

'77 updates **Anthony Fox** ('77 MPA) of Charlotte has been honored as a Legal Legend of Color by the N.C. Bar Association. Fox is a partner in Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein and the first African American on the firm's board of directors. Fox advises cities and towns on issues that range from legal matters like annexation, zoning and construction, and land-use disputes to shaping public-private developments and structuring municipal acquisitions. ■ **Michael Thomas Harvey** ('77 BA) of Raleigh has published *Intelligence at the Edge: Using SAS with the Internet of Things*, an explanation of how to apply SAS software and analytics to process and analyze continuously flowing events in real time. Each chapter explores a different aspect of the "internet of things," including analytics life cycle, monitoring, deployment, geofencing, machine learning, artificial intelligence, condition-based maintenance, computer vision and edge devices. Harvey, principal technical writer at SAS, is documentation project leader for the "internet of things," in which physical objects embedded with sensors, software and other technologies connect and exchange data with other devices and systems over the internet. ■ **J. Walker Smith Jr.** ('77 BA, '81 MA, '86 PhD) of Isle of Palms, S.C., has received the 2020 Charles Coolidge Parlin Award from the American Marketing Association for lifetime achievement in marketing and marketing research. Smith is the chief knowledge officer at the data, insights and consulting company Kantar. He is a member of the Foundation Board of UNC's Hussman School of Journalism and Media, where he was president from 2016 to 2018. He is a 2012 inductee into the N.C. Media and Journalism Hall of Fame.

obituary **Glenn Alton Dover** ('77 CGREd), 87, of Dallas, N.C.; Jan. 2, 2020. For 35 years, Dover was a teacher and principal at elementary schools in Dallas and Lowell. A former Boy Scouts scoutmaster, he was on the Gaston County Board of Elections and served in the Army.

'78 updates **James Talmage Dobbins III** ('78 BSPHY) of Durham has been selected as president-elect of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and will be its president in 2021. Dobbins is a professor of radiology, biomedical engineering and physics at Duke University and founding director of Duke's medical physics graduate program. He recently completed a five-year term as associate vice provost, overseeing the academic and programmatic aspects of Duke's joint venture university in Kunshan, China. ■ **A. Douglas Rothwell** ('78 MPA) of Chapel Hill has announced his retirement, as of Dec. 31, 2020, as president and CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan, where for 15 years he has led the organization and its predecessor, Detroit Renaissance. Rothwell, former chief of staff and chief executive of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., chaired both incoming and outgoing gubernatorial transition teams, managed the General Motors real estate portfolio and was chief administrative officer at the credit card subsidiary of Bank of America and part of the IPO team.

obituaries **Gwendolyn Catrina Bullock** ('78 BA), 63, of Augusta, Ga.; June 8, 2020. Bullock was a financial analyst with the Augusta Minority Business Development Center. At UNC, she belonged to Alpha Kappa Alpha. ■ **Karen Lea "Kay" Carlton** ('78 BA), 64, of Sneads Ferry; May 12, 2020. Carlton retired as the occupational preparation teacher at Southwest High School in Jacksonville. ■ **Dr. Neil Lee Spector** ('78 BA), 63, of Chapel Hill; June 14, 2020. Spector was an oncologist at the Duke University Medical Center who focused on molecularly targeted cancer treatments and Lyme disease. His book, *Gone in a Heartbeat*, chronicled his heart-transplant experience due to undiagnosed Lyme disease as a doctor and a patient. At UNC, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa

'79 updates **Josephine Mewborn Baker** ('79 BA, '81 MSW) of Raleigh was honored by Mayor Jimmy Stallings of Edenton with

the reading of a proclamation designating May 22 as Josephine Baker Day in Edenton. Baker was the coordinator of the Reconciliation Group in Edenton from its formation in 2014 until she retired in 2020. The group works to create racial harmony and address issues of discrimination and divisions within the Edenton community. ■ **Kimbrell Dee Anna Brattain** ('79 BA) of Charlotte and her company, Kim Brattain Media, have received three Silver Telly awards — Not for Profit, Social Responsibility, and Social Impact — for the short documentary *Finding Hope*. The film documents the lifesaving work of Safe Alliance, Charlotte's domestic violence shelter. Brattain is a veteran television journalist and anchorwoman. Benjamine Joseph Reid Jr. ('09 BA) directed the film. ■ **Dr. Julia Wilkerson Burns** ('79 BA) of Chapel Hill has published *Songs for the Forgotten: A Psychiatrist's Record of Truth*, a memoir that combines pivotal moments from her Southern upbringing with case histories from her 35-year career treating psychiatric patients, particularly those who have experienced child abuse. The book details her struggle with belief and the addition of the tools of somatic energy techniques and prayer to her healing practice. ■ **Vincent Davis Childress Jr.** ('79 BA, '83 JD) of Asheville has been elected to the Board of Governors of the N.C. Bar Association. Childress, a partner in Roberts & Stevens, has been practicing for more than 30 years in the areas of business and corporate law, trust and estate planning and probate, and health care law. ■ **Susan Claytor Macer** ('79 BSPHR) of Taylors, S.C., has retired as a clinical pharmacist at Carteret General Hospital. Macer had a 40-year career, working in hospitals in North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

obituaries **David Lang Smith** ('79 BSIR), 64, of Columbia, S.C.; May 24, 2020. Smith was a representative of The Navigators ministry and was based in Ukraine and at the University of South Carolina. Previously, he spent 16 years with Jefferson Pilot Insurance. At UNC, he belonged to Sigma Nu. ■ **Cheri McInturff Strickland** ('79 ABJO), 64, of Blowing Rock; July 1, 2020. During her career in journalism, Strickland worked for Charlotte Weekly Newspapers and in public relations with Carowinds. She was president of Explore Communications and co-owner of Phase Two Inc.

'80 updates

Marjorie Ann Berry ('80 BA) of Elizabeth City has published *Legendary Locals of Elizabeth City*. In the book, Berry's list of lore includes harbor visits by the pirate Blackbeard, the building of the Wright brothers' flying machine, the antics of the champion nine-ball player Luther "Wimpy" Lassiter, the murder of Nell Cropsey, the fate of the teacher Tamsen Donner, who was a member of the ill-fated Donner Party, and tales of Fred Fearing's Rose Buddies. Berry is a writer and local historian in Pasquotank County. ■ **William L. Scarborough Jr.** ('80 BSBA) of Asheville has retired as director of finance and operations for The Canadian Academy, an international school in Kobe, Japan, on Rokko Island. Scarborough lived abroad for 20 years, working in Russia, Romania, Singapore and Japan. ■ **David Tomberlin Stacks** ('80 ABJO) of Augusta, Ga., has been elected to the board of governors of the Editorial Freelancers Association. Stacks, a senior editor and founder of Stacks Editing, was recently inducted into the Authors Club of Augusta as editor in service to authors in Georgia and South Carolina. Stacks was on the GAA Board of Directors (1979-80) as editor of *The Daily Tar Heel*, and he is a founding member of the alumni board for UNC's Hussman School of Journalism and Media.

'80 obituary

Beverly Washington Jones ('80 PhD), 72, of Durham; July 19, 2020. Jones was provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs at N.C. Central University, where she taught for 25 years before becoming an administrator. She also had been interim chancellor at NCCU. She was the first African American woman to receive a doctorate in history from UNC.

'82 update

Joseph Moody Buckner ('82 BA, '87 JD) of Chapel Hill has retired as chief judge of District Court 15B, presiding over Orange and Chatham counties. Buckner was on the bench for 25 years, one of the longest tenures in local history.

obituaries **Keith Warren Adams** ('82 MA), 71, of Amherst, Va.; May 15, 2020. Adams was an archaeologist who worked at digs around the world, including Turkey, Botswana and in the U.S. He taught at Sweetbriar College and at the University of Lynchburg and was former director of Hurt & Profitt Archeology and Material Conservation Laboratories. He served in the Air Force. ■ **Michael Alfred Bass** ('82), 60, of Charleston, S.C.; June 30, 2020. ■ **Alice Gwyn Heusel** ('82 BSBA), 60, of Tacoma, Wash.; April 29, 2020. Heusel worked in investor relations with Cerulean Cos. A former CPA with Ernst & Whinney and GE, she held senior executive leadership positions with several firms. At UNC, she belonged to Chi Omega. ■ **Franklin Ennis Wells Jr.** ('82 BA '85 JD), 60, of Asheboro; April 12, 2020. Wells, a partner at the law firm Megerian & Wells, was an advocate for those facing the death penalty. In June, he won his last case, argued in February, when the N.C. Supreme Court ruled on *State v. Bennett*, addressing racial discrimination in jury selection.

'83 updates

James Anderson Barrett ('83 JD) of Asheville has received the Deborah Greenblatt Outstanding Legal Services Attorney Award from the N.C. Bar Association for his pro bono work. Barrett, executive director of Pisgah Legal Services since 1993, has expanded the organization, mobilizing more than 15,000 volunteer hours to serve more than 16,000 people in 2018 and raising more than $1.5 million for its 2019 annual campaign. ■ **Katherine Jett Hayes** ('83 BA) of Alexandria, Va., has joined the board of directors for Lutheran Services in America. Hayes is the director of health policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center, where she focuses on health care reform, delivery system reform, and chronic and long-term care. Hayes is on the Health Law and Policy Advisory Council for the American University Washington College of Law.

obituaries **Kenneth Riley McLeroy** ('83 PhD), 74, of College Station, Texas; May 27, 2020. A public health scholar, McLeroy retired as Distinguished Professor Emeritus from Texas A&M University's School of Public Health, where he was associate dean for academic affairs. He pioneered the use of social ecology as a framework for public health research and practice and was a founder of the American Academy of Health Behavior. He chaired the editorial board of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

■ **Thomas Edward Small** ('83), 59, of Gold Hill; June 17, 2020. Small worked for Desco Inc. an electrical supplies vendor in Salisbury. ■ **Bes Stark Spangler** ('83 PhD), 82, of Blacksburg, Va.; April 19, 2020. During her 53-year career as an educator, Spangler was a professor of English at William Peace University (1983-2008) and twice chaired the English department. She retired as an Alumni Distinguished Professor and lectured for the N.C. Humanities Council.

'84 updates

Kathleen Esther Harring ('84 MA, '84 PhD) of Harleysville, Pa., has been named president of Muhlenberg College, the first woman to hold this position. Harring, interim president since June 2019, has been provost, vice president and dean of institutional effectiveness and planning, dean of instructional assessment and academic planning, and professor and chair of the psychology department. ■ **Gregory Herman-Giddens** ('84 BA) of Miami has been reappointed to the Florida State Bar Senior Lawyers Committee. Herman-Giddens, a stockholder in Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt and a certified financial planner, focuses his practice on estate planning, including trusts, estates, small business and nonprofit organization formation and trust protector services. ■ **B. Perry Morrison Jr.** ('84 BA, '88 JD) of Wilson, a lawyer with the Morrison Law Firm, has been reappointed to the N.C. Historical Commission, where he served from 1993 to 2017. He was on the GAA Board of Directors (1983-84) as the representative of the Order of the Bell Tower.

obituaries

James August Brandewie Jr. ('84 BA, '91 MBA, '91 MRP), 58, of Chapel Hill; June 4, 2020. Brandewie established Homescape Development Co. and built homes in the Triangle for 30 years. ■ **James Vernon Jessup** ('84 MSN), 81, of Gainesville, Fla.; June 3, 2020. Jessup was an associate professor of adult and elderly nursing at the University of Florida-Gainesville, retiring in 2011. Early in his career, he taught scuba diving and formed Underwater World, a company based at Wrightsville Beach that offered innovative diving equipment and training methods to a range of students, including Green Berets. He was a Green Beret in the Army.

'85 updates

Dr. Charlene Edwards Green ('85 BA) of Greensboro has been named a member of the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental and Health Equity Task Force, established by the N.C. governor's Executive Order 143 to address the social, environmental, economic and health disparities in communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Green is an anesthesiologist at Cone Health and president of Old North State Medical Society. ■ **John Avery Simpson** ('85 BA) of Fort Mill, S.C., has retired after 20 years as a custom design specialist with the Boy Scouts of America. Simpson is now a sales associate for the Mecklenburg County ABC Board.

obituary

Kay Sutton Hollowell ('85 BSN), 79, of Wake Forest; Nov. 12, 2019. Hollowell was a registered nurse with Wayne Memorial Hospital for more than 23 years. ■ **Randall Garrett Kenan** ('85 BA), 57, of Hillsborough; Aug. 28, 2020. Kenan was an author and professor in UNC's creative writing program. *Story, page 73.*

'86 updates

Bradley Lee Daugherty ('86 BA) of Harrisburg has been named a member of the NBC Sports NASCAR commentary team. Daugherty, a lifelong NASCAR fan, wore No. 43 during his eight-year NBA career with the Cleveland Cavaliers as a nod to Richard Petty. Daugherty is part owner of the JTG Daugherty Racing Cup Series team and was a NASCAR analyst for ESPN. A recipient of UNC's highest athletics honor, the Patterson Medal, as a member of UNC's men's basketball team, he was on the GAA Board of Directors (2000-03) as a representative on the Athletic Council. He received the GAA's Distinguished Young Alumni Award in 2004. ■ **Craig Taylor Lynch** ('86 JD) of Charlotte has been elected secretary of the board of trustees for the Florida State University Foundation. Lynch chaired the Florida State University Alumni Association board from June 2017 to May 2018 and has received its Circle of Gold Award. Lynch, a commercial real estate lawyer and partner in Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, was on the GAA Board of Directors (2014-15) as president of the UNC School of Law alumni board. ■ **Traci Dawn Teer** ('86 BSBA) of Atlanta has been named senior attorney at Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers. Teer focuses her practice on workers' compensation defense, guiding employers, insurers and third-party administrators through complex medical issues impacting work status and multiple injury claims.

obituaries

Deana Watkins Godfrey ('86 BSPHR), 56, of Rockingham; June 4, 2020. Godfrey was a pharmacist with Rite-Aid, Wal-Mart and Mabry's Drug in Hamlet. At UNC, she belonged to Rho Chi. ■ **Bari Martha Lewis** ('86 JD), 59, of Oceanside, N.Y.; May 18, 2020. Lewis practiced law for 33 years. ■ **Juanita Diggs Wilks** ('86 MSLS), 82, of Ellicott City, Md.; May 8, 2020. Wilks retired as school librarian at Churchland High School in Portsmouth, Va., where she also taught history.

'87 update

C. Mark Holt ('87 JD) of Raleigh has been installed as president of the N.C. Bar Association and the N.C. Bar Foundation. Holt is a partner in Holt Sherlin, co-founded in 2013 with David Landon Sherlin ('98 BA), focusing on personal injury or wrongful death and injuries to children. Holt is a member of the Platt D. Walker Society, signifying his designation of a planned gift to the N.C. Bar Foundation Endowment.

obituaries

Elizabeth Ann Barnhill ('87 JD), 70, of Holly Springs; May 19, 2020. Barnhill practiced law in Raleigh and was a Job Training Partnership Act consultant for the Neuse River Council of Government. Earlier in her career, she wrote grants for the N.C. Department of Employment and Training. ■ **Susan Mae Hubbard** ('87 BSADJ), 54, of Fayetteville; June 17, 2020. Hubbard was a nurse at Womack Army Medical Center. Previously, she worked in the N.C. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and with Cumberland County mental health services. ■ **Robert Chandler "Chan" McRee** ('87 BA), 56, of Melbourne, Fla.; April 22, 2020. McRee was an associate professor of communications at Eastern Florida State College.

'88 updates

Robert Charles Knoeppel ('88 BA) of Williamsburg, Va., has been named dean of the William & Mary School of Education. Knoeppel, a scholar of educational finance innovation, had been dean of the College of Education at the University of South Florida. ■ **Bobby Lee Padgett II** ('88 BSCH) of Gastonia has been voted a Star Teacher by students of the class of 2020 at the Highland School of Technology, where he teaches chemistry, coaches the Quiz Bowl team and co-sponsors the Beta Club. Padgett began teaching 16 years ago after working as a professional chemist at Applied Analytical (now Alcami) and Rochester Button Co.

obituaries

Timothy John Colby ('88 BSBIO), 54, of Emerald Hills, Calif.; June 6, 2020. Colby spent the last six years as a global project manager with Genentech/Roche. During his 30 years as a research scientist in the biotechnology industry, he was a project manager with companies in San Diego and San Francisco. At UNC, he belonged to Delta Sigma Pi. ■ **Susanne Kathleen Slock** ('88 BA), 54, of Raleigh; June 16, 2020. Slock retired from American Airlines.

'89 updates

Cynthia Lynn Counts ('89 BA) of Atlanta has joined FisherBroyles as a partner. Counts is a trial and appellate lawyer with experience in criminal and domestic cases and a national practice in communications, entertainment and free speech. ■ **Anne Reeder Heck** ('89 MAT) of Asheville has published *A Fierce Belief in Miracles: My Journey from Rape to Healing and Wholeness*, the story of her "year of strength" when, 14 years after the crime, the man who brutally raped her as a young woman is identified. The story garnered national attention, including a front-page story in *The Washington Post* and an interview with Diane Sawyer on *Good Morning America*. Heck is a speaker, healer, mentor and artist devoted to inspiring and guiding women to trust themselves. ■ **Alyshia Wood Smith** ('89 BSN) of Phoenix has been named executive director of the Phoenix VA Health Care System. Smith joined the Phoenix VA as associate director for patient care services and nurse executive in 2015. She had been interim director since October 2019.

'90 updates

Dr. Cedric Marc Bright ('90 MD) of Greenville has been named a member of the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental and Health Equity Task Force, established by the N.C. governor's Executive Order 143 to address the social, environmental, economic and health disparities in communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Bright is the associate dean of admissions for the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Previously, he was the associate dean for inclusive excellence at UNC's School of Medicine. ■ **William Gaither "Billy" Crudup** ('90 BA) of New York won a 2020 Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series for his role in *The Morning Show* on Apple TV Plus. Crudup plays Cory Ellison, a slick news executive whose motives and objectives are not immediately evident and are sometimes offensive. Crudup also has won a 2020 Critics' Choice Award and has been nominated for a SAG Award for his performance. The *Review* published a profile of Crudup, "Famous Enough," in its May/June 2015 issue, available at alumni.unc.edu/CARarchive. ■ **Laura Susan Hamill** ('90 BA) of Woodinville, Wash., has published *Take Care*, a children's book about the power of mutual caring at work. Hamill, chief people

IN MEMORIAM

RANDALL GARRETT KENAN '85 | 1963-2020

The door to the office on the third floor of Greenlaw Hall, home to UNC's department of English and comparative literature, seemed a portal to a magical world.

It was covered with posters for performances of *The Forbidden Kingdom*, a presentation by novelist Tayari Jones, a lecture by writer Dorothy Allison, public readings on campus, poems and a magazine cover picture of Barack Obama.

Amidst it all, a sign under the name of its occupant, professor Randall Kenan '85, proclaimed this place a "Safe Zone."

Teaching at UNC was a dream job for Kenan, and that door was an intrinsic part of his connection to the creative writing program, with the ideas and aspirations of a multitude of students and colleagues passing through it. His talent for inspiring and educating infused first-year as well as honors writing courses.

"He loved it, and each class brought its own joys," said Daniel Wallace '08, director of the creative writing program. "He taught how to appreciate a student's work for what it was trying to be, to nurture ambitions. He was a nurturer as well as an immense talent."

Despite his success and accomplishments, Kenan always engaged his students as equals, said senior Ashlyn Beach.

"He made long and thoughtful comments on our stories, never just going through the motions for critiques," said Beach, who took an intermediate fiction class with Kenan. "Instead, he showed a genuine interest in our creations and how to make them better. He was always positive and had a gentle way of speaking, even while offering critiques."

In his own writing, Kenan embraced two basic facts of his life — that he was a Black man and that he was gay, never ruing, but instead celebrating how those identities could enrich a life.

His first novel, *A Visitation of Spirits*, was published in 1989 and was written while he lived in New York City and worked as an assistant to novelist Toni Morrison at Random House. *Spirits* examined a close-knit network of Black families and their struggles with race, sexuality and religion. That book was followed in 1992 with the short story collection *Let the Dead Bury Their Dead*, which was nominated for *The Los Angeles Times* Book Award for Fiction, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and was one of *The New York Times* Notable Books of 1992.

Kenan's most recent collection, *If I Had Two Wings*, published in August, returned to the fictional town inspired by his Duplin County upbringing by three women: a great-aunt who encouraged him to read, a cousin and a family friend. A story from that new work called "God's Gonna Trouble the Water

ANNA ROUTH BARZIN '07

or, Where Is Marisol?" was featured on the *O, The Oprah Magazine* website.

Kenan died Aug. 28, 2020. He was 57.

A distinct voice

Many of Kenan's colleagues considered him to be one of the nation's best short story writers.

"Nobody wrote like Randall," Wallace said. "He created a voice that was distinctly his own, something new and different. And he brought a presence to the campus that will be missed the most. That's why the shock and grief of this loss has reverberated across the campus."

Kenan seemed to bear witness to growing up in a close, Black community in Chinquapin in eastern North Carolina.

"He took a lot from old Black folk tales and passed it down," novelist Lee Smith told *The News & Observer*. "I think he owes a lot to the Southern oral tradition and the church."

Ed Southern, executive director of the N.C. Writers' Network, went further, telling the *N&O* that Kenan "probably has as significant of an impact as any North Carolina writer of the last 40 or 50 years. He had a national and international reputation and audience. He remained deeply rooted in North Carolina."

Kenan's career in education spanned 20 years, including Duke University, Sarah Lawrence College and Columbia University; he spent the past eight at UNC.

The fact that he was nudged into a writing career as a student at UNC added to his sense of mission.

"He found his voice at UNC," Wallace said. "His UNC relationships here changed the course of his creative life. He came back to that to do that which UNC instructors had done for him. He wanted to change lives as they had changed his."

Those relationships included advice and guidance from UNC writing luminaries Daphne Athas '43, Doris Betts '54 and Max Steele '46. It was Steele who urged him to abandon his first literary inclination — science fiction — and challenged him to look at his cultural background and its potential for literary inspiration.

"Open to anything"

Kenan's fascination with what it means to be Black in America led him to step away from novels and short stories for a spell and travel across the country to interview people about their lives and the nation's history. The result, *Walking on Water: Black American Lives at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century*, published in 2000, included exhaustive interviews with Black Americans of many ages and conditions, from an Air Force major to a Baptist minister in Utah, from a filmmaker to a retired college professor.

That 688-page book also confirmed for him the richness and multifaceted nature of the Southern region in which he grew up and the differences in people from Virginia to Louisiana.

"I could spend forever studying the South and its peoples," he had said.

Kenan's recognitions included a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Whiting Award, the Sherwood Anderson Award, the John Dos Passos Prize and the Rome Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He received the N.C. Award for Literature, the state's highest civilian award, and was a fellow of the Fellowship of Southern Writers. In 2018, he was inducted into the N.C. Literary Hall of Fame.

The New York-based Publishing Triangle, an association of gay and lesbian writers, editors, agents and publishers, included Kenan's *A Visitation of Spirits* on its list of 100 greatest gay novels of all time.

Kenan brought to his art the experience he described of growing up near the swamps of eastern North Carolina and being raised in severe poverty, but he also employed a deep knowledge of literature and art forms, and a broadness of tastes that Wallace still marvels at.

"His musical favorites ran the gamut from Verdi operas to Taylor Swift, and in literature he was just as likely to be rereading *Moby-Dick* as taking in the latest Marvel comics," Wallace said. "He had the kind of mind that was open to anything."

— Don Evans '80

More: "High on the Hog" in the *Review*'s July/August 2018 food issue tapped into Kenan's broad knowledge of the foods, cultures and communities of Southern cuisine, available at alumni.unc.edu/CARarchive.

officer and chief science officer at the Limeade Institute, tells the story of Louise, who sees that simple rules she has learned in school are not being followed at her mom's workplace. Together Louise and her mom hatch a plan to apply the values of the classroom to the world of work. ■ **Tamara Watson Skonie** ('90 BA) of North Port, Fla., has been named a litigation paralegal at Williams Parker. Skonie is a NALA Advanced Certified Paralegal in land use and chairs the audit committee of the Southwest Florida Paralegal Association. ■ **Stephen Aaron Strother** ('90 BSBA) of Concord has left a 20-plus-year corporate sales career to found Finding Men's Peace, a life coaching business that offers group webinars, coaching, workshops and retreats to allow men to dig into the aspects of their lives where they are experiencing challenges and work to find solutions.

obituary **James Edward "Tres" Magner III** ('90 BSBIO), 52, of Newland; Dec. 16, 2019. Magner was an extension agent in Yancey County. At UNC, he was a cheerleader, a residence assistant in a number of dorms and crowned Mr. UNC his senior year.

'92 updates

Sara Denise Austin ('92 BA) of New York has been named editorial director of *northforker*, a publication of the Times Review Media Group focused on the north fork of Long Island. Austin had been executive editor of *Real Simple* magazine, senior deputy editor at *Cosmopolitan*, features director for *Self* and senior news editor at *Marie Claire* magazine. ■ **John Bruce "J.B." Buxton** ('92 BA) of Raleigh has been named president of Durham Technical Community College. Buxton worked in state government and public education before founding the Education Innovations Group. He also was an adjunct assistant professor at UNC and is a member of the N.C. State Board of Education. ■ **Michael Anthony White** ('92 PhD) of Carlsbad, Calif., has been named chief scientific officer for Samumed, a clinical-state biotechnology company. White was chief scientific officer for tumor biology at Pfizer, where he led cross-disciplinary groups to build an oncology small-molecule pipeline focused on first-in-class therapies.

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'94 updates

Cheryl Ann Marie Anderson ('94 MPH) of La Jolla, Calif., has been named founding dean of the Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science at the University of California-San Diego. Anderson was professor of epidemiology and interim chair of the department of family medicine and public health in the UCSD School of Medicine. Her research focuses on connections between nutrition and chronic diseases. ■ **Ronney Bassel Mourad** ('94 BA) of Chelsea, Mich., has been named provost of Albion College. Mourad is a professor in the department of religious studies, which he chaired. His scholarship focuses on the epistemology of religion and its implications for theological method.

obituaries **Bruce H. Curran** ('94 MA), 72, of Durham; June 20, 2020. Curran taught communications courses as an adjunct instructor in UNC's Hussman School of Journalism and Media. Previously, he was communications manager with GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park. He served in the Air Force and flew jet aircraft in the Vietnam War. ■ **R. Christopher Lawing** ('94 BMUS), 48, of Charlotte; June 2, 2020. Lawing was vice president of programming with the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, where he instituted such programs as Jazz at the Bechtler, as well as programs for the blind, the developmentally disabled, the incarcerated and those with dementia. He was named Museum Educator of the Year in 2011. At UNC, he belonged to Glee Club.

'95 updates

C. Robin Britt Jr. ('95 BA, '01 MBA, '01 JD) of Greensboro has been named principal at Monticello-Brown Summit Elementary. Britt, who left his legal practice to teach middle and elementary school, had been assistant principal at Bessemer Elementary since 2017 after working as director of instructional technology and innovation since 2014. ■ **Merrie Manning Conaway** ('95 BA, '98 MEd) of Greensboro has been named principal at Jesse Wharton Elementary. Conaway was principal at Foust Elementary, where she narrowed the student performance gap between the district and school by 56 percent and decreased discipline referrals by 73 percent through the implementation of Opportunity Culture Multi-Classroom Leader positions. ■ **David Scott Henson** ('95 BA, '98 JD) of Raleigh has been named of counsel at Grimes Teich Anderson, handling eminent domain cases against condemnation authorities. Henson, who will continue as a partner at the personal injury firm Henson & Fuerst, was winner of a 2019 Ebbie Award from the

N.C. Advocates for Justice and was elected NCAJ president for 2020-21. ■ **Mark Brian McNasby** ('95 BA) of Boulder, Colo., CEO of Ivy.ai, and his company have collaborated with Creighton University to develop #CampusClear, a free mobile app and fast-pass system to support COVID-19 self-screening for students, faculty and campus visitors. As of July, more than 1,000 universities had signed up for the app, which also supports contact tracing.

obituary **Dr. Jeanne M. Salcetti** ('95 MS), 61, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; July 28, 2020. Salcetti practiced periodontics in Colorado Springs and was the first woman to be elected president of the Colorado Dental Association. She volunteered with the Dominican Dental Mission Project.

'96 updates

Lisa Bowers Bohn ('96 BA) of Chapel Hill has been named director of educational technology for the Montessori Community School in Durham. Bohn, who has been working at the school for two years, is a certified Apple teacher and Apple learning specialist and a certified Google teacher. She led workshops in instructional technology and online teaching in her previous position as an associate professor at Arkansas State University. ■ **Stephanie Grice McGarrah** ('96 BA) of Durham has joined the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental and Health Equity Task Force, established by the N.C. governor's Executive Order 143 to address the social, environmental, economic and health disparities in communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. McGarrah is the executive director of the N.C. Pandemic Recovery Office and assistant secretary at the N.C. Department of Commerce. Previously, she was vice president of policy at the N.C. Healthcare Association.

family addition **Bradley Clark Davis** ('96 BA) and **Brandi Brooks Davis** ('07 BA) of Raleigh; a daughter, Brooklyn Grace Davis, in April 2020.

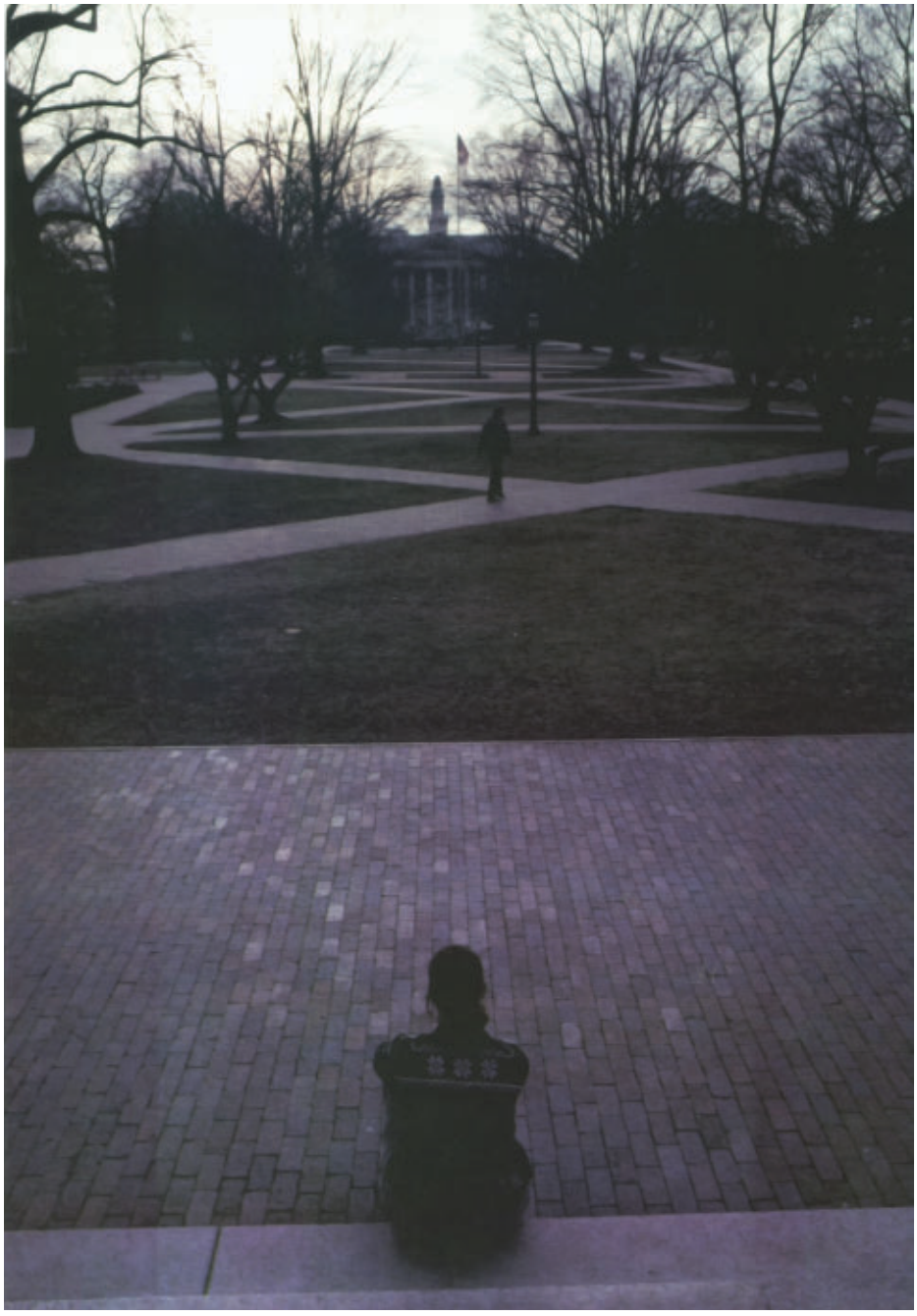
obituaries **Martha Hufham Rivenbark** ('96 BSPHR), 77, of Cornelius; June 1, 2020. Rivenbark spent 20 years as a pharmacist with Walmart and Kroger in Greensboro. Enrolled in her early 50s, she was the oldest UNC pharmacy student. ■ **John Carmichael "Michael" Healy** ('96 MSW), 60, of Raleigh; July 3, 2019. A licensed clinical social worker, Healy was a child and family therapist for 15 years. He volunteered at national parks.

'98 update

Edward Steven Slavishak ('98 MA, '02 PhD) of Selinsgrove, Pa., has received the Susquehanna University Faculty Award for Distinguished Scholarship and Creative Activity. Slavishak, a member of the faculty since 2003, was head of the history department and chaired the university theme selection committee. He is the Digital Scholar Program coordinator and co-director of both the Medical Humanities Initiative and the Czech History + Theatre Global Opportunities program.

'99 updates

Vincent Lamar Carter ('99 BA) of Atlanta has retired after 22 seasons in the NBA, playing for the Toronto Raptors, New Jersey Nets, Orlando Magic, Phoenix Suns, Dallas Mavericks, Memphis Grizzlies, Sacramento Kings and Atlanta Hawks. Carter had signed with the Atlanta Hawks for 2019-20 but decided to retire when the Hawks were one of eight teams not invited to restart the season after it was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ■ **Michael Weiland Chen** ('99 BA) of Charlotte has been named of counsel at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, concentrating on immigration and international business. Chen is an adjunct instructor in the certified paralegal program at Central Piedmont Community College, president of the Charlotte Taiwanese American Association and a member of the board of the N.C. chapter of the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of North America. He is on the board of the Charlotte Chinese School, where he is vice principal. ■ **Dr. Katherine Eubanks Hartmann** ('99 PhD) of Nashville, Tenn., has been named vice president for research integration for Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Hartmann is the Lucius E. Burch Chair of reproductive physiology and family planning at Vanderbilt and an epidemiologist known for her leadership of Right From the Start, a study focused on early pregnancy. She held leadership roles at the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research and was deputy director of the Vanderbilt Institute for Medicine and Public Health. ■ **Timothy Patrick O'Brien** ('99 BSPH) of Montclair, N.J., has been named CEO of Hackensack



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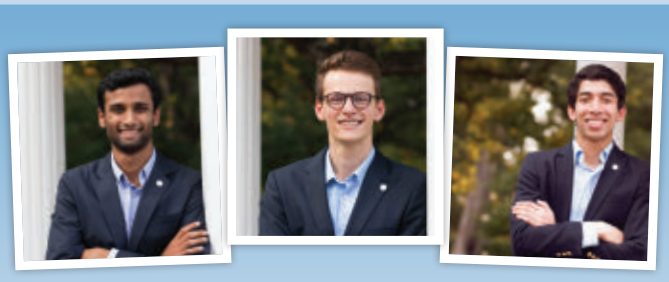

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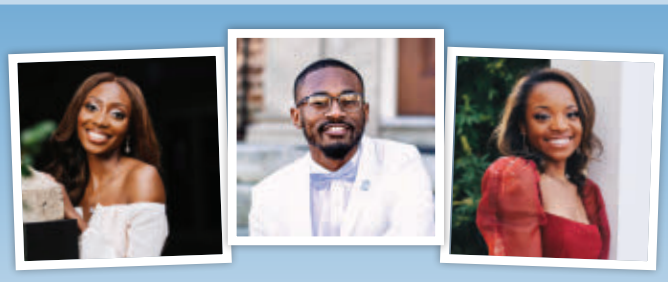

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Meridian Mountainside Medical Center. O'Brien had been COO for Mountainside since 2017 and leads the COVID-19 preparedness operations at the hospital. As COO, he led the program development efforts to add advanced neuroendovascular services and implement the Epic electronic health records system.

'00 updates **John Vernon Brown Jr.** ('00 JD) of Chapel Hill has been named Duke University's vice provost for the arts. Brown, professor of the practice of music and director of the Duke University Jazz Program, is a bassist, composer and producer who has toured internationally and performed for then-President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama, and with artists including Wynton, Ellis and Delfeayo Marsalis and Elvin Jones. ■ **Scott Webster Nurkin** ('00 BFA) of Chapel Hill, owner of The Mural Shop, has taken the seeds of the mural idea he birthed at Pepper's Pizza and grown it to form the N.C. Musicians Murals Project. Over the course of two years, Nurkin plans to paint murals of the state's famous musicians in their hometowns. The project kicked off in the summer with a 60-foot-tall mural of jazz legend John Coltrane in Hamlet. ■ **Matthew Scott Roberson** ('00 BA) of Fletcher has received the William Thorp Pro Bono Service Award from the N.C. Bar Association. Roberson, a lawyer with McGuire, Wood & Bissette since 2017, joined the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program when he began practicing law in Asheville in 2004. Since then he has donated 1,143 hours in 54 legal cases to help families secure safety from domestic violence, avoid eviction, foreclosure and homelessness, and stop creditor harassment and abuse. In 2017-18, he contributed over 100 hours assisting a low-income widow in appealing the foreclosure of her home to the N.C. Court of Appeals and N.C. Supreme Court.

obituary **Douglas Phillip Whitley** ('00 BSBA), 43, of Charlotte; July 27, 2020. Whitley directed client administration with SCOR Global Life Americas. At UNC, he belonged to Kappa Alpha Order and Order of Omega and was on the staff of *Blue & White* magazine.

'01 updates **Ryan Christopher Gardner** ('01 BA) of Kinston has been named 2020-21 Lenoir County Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Gardner chairs the science department at Lenoir High School, is active in the N.C. Technology in Education Society and the N.C. Science Teachers Association and is a clinical teacher for student teachers and a new teacher mentor. For the past seven summers, he has been part of the national AP Biology Leadership team. He coaches South Lenoir's Science Olympiad and Quiz Bowl teams. ■ **Sonyia Copeland Richardson** ('01 MSW) of Concord has been named a member of the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental and Health Equity Task Force, established by the N.C. governor's Executive Order 143 to address the social, environmental, economic and health disparities in communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. A licensed clinical social worker and supervisor, Richardson is an assistant professor and BSW program director at UNC–Charlotte School of Social Work. ■ **Janice Elizabeth Tennant** ('01 MBA) of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been named chief marketing officer for Merrell, a division of Wolverine World Wide. Tennant has 18 years of global marketing experience, including positions as chief marketing officer for Cat Footwear and director of marketing for Kimberly-Clark and PepsiCo.

family additions **Brian Irwin Leinwand** ('01 BA, '05 MSPH, '11 PhD) and **Amber Abernethy Leinwand** ('07 BSRS) of Chapel Hill; a daughter, Lilly Catherine Leinwand, in September 2019. ■ **Patrick Watson Price** ('01 BA) and Anna Claire Murnick Price of Raleigh; a daughter, Anne Magnolia Price, in June 2020.

'02 update **Anna Conrad Sebastian** ('02 BA) of Lewisville has taken a position as an operating room nurse at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center. Sebastian received her bachelor of science in nursing degree from UNC-Greensboro in May.

'04 update **D. Summers Clarke** ('04 BSBA) of Mount Pleasant, S.C., has been promoted to member in the Charleston law office of Barnwell Whaley Patterson & Helms, where she focuses on civil litigation and appeals. ■ **Twanjua Gentry Jones** ('04 MSA) of Lexington, Ky., has been named principal of Morton Middle School in Lexington. Jones had been principal of Yates Elementary School since 2014 and previously was associate principal at Morton Middle School.

obituary **Gary Sherwood Pittman** ('04 MSPH), 52, of Chapel Hill; May 30, 2020. Pittman was an epidemiologist and biologist with the National Institutes of Health.

'05 updates **Kiley Cameron Baker** ('05 BA) of Denver has been named executive director of client advisory at Crestone Capital. Baker was an executive director with J.P. Morgan Private Bank, advising on wealth management. ■ **Rebecca Shirley Wingo** ('05 BA) of Cincinnati has published *Digital Community Engagement: Partnering Communities With the Academy*, co-edited with Jason Heppler and Paul Schadewald. The book focuses on campus-community partnerships with a focus on digital projects presented through a series of case studies that model practices and explore the ethical challenges of this approach. Wingo is a scholar of the Indigenous and American West, a digital historian and the director of public history at the University of Cincinnati.

family additions **Grace Johnson Roede** ('05 BA) and Christopher Harrison Roede of Raleigh; twin sons, Brooks McKnight Roede and Charles Shepard Roede, in October 2019.

obituaries **Tommy Travelle Davis** ('05 BA), 37, of Goldsboro; June 4, 2020. Davis was a defensive line coach at St. Joseph's University and former graduate assistant with the UNC football team. He spent time on practice squads with several NFL teams. At UNC, he played four seasons as a defensive end on the football team. ■ **William Thomas "Tom" Marcoux Jr.** ('05 MBA), 63, of Aspen Hill, Md.; June 27, 2020. Marcoux was president of WTM Services. ■ **Steven Alexander "Alex" Smith** ('05 BA), 35, of Wilton Manors, Fla.; April 4, 2020. Smith was vice president of professional services at Omnicia Drug Co. of San Francisco. Previously, he was with Salix Pharmaceuticals in Raleigh.

'06 updates **Dr. Justin Michael Johnson** ('06 BSBIO) of Charlotte has been named director of veterans services for Hopeway of Charlotte, which provides mental health services for veterans. Johnson, a specialist in the mental health of combat veterans, is an assistant consulting professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Duke University and a major in the Army Reserve and the Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. ■ **Amy Murphy Navejas** ('06 BA) of Fayetteville has been named CEO and executive director of the United Way of Cumberland County. Navejas was CEO and executive director of Better Health, where she oversaw the addition of Spring Lake Diabetes Clinic and began the Fayfit childhood obesity program. ■ **Hathaway Steele Pendergrass** ('06 BSBA) of Hillsborough has been sworn in as a District Court judge in Orange and Chatham counties. Pendergrass, who had won the Democratic primary in March, was appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper ('79 BA, '82 JD) in June to the vacancy in District 15B. He was unopposed in the November election for a four-year term. Pendergrass had been practicing law at Epting & Hackney, focusing on civil litigation and criminal defense.

obituary **Amy Susan Alexander** ('06 MSN), 66, of Graham; May 19, 2020. Alexander was director of nursing at Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill. Previously, she worked at UNC Hospitals.

'07 update **Christopher Scott Gerlach** ('07 MRP) of Bethesda, Md., has been named director of industry analytics for the U.S. Apple Association. Gerlach had been director of research for the International Council of Shopping Centers.

family additions **Brandi Brooks Davis** ('07 BA) and **Bradley Clark Davis** ('96 BA) of Raleigh; a daughter, Brooklyn Grace Davis, in April 2020. ■ **Amber Abernethy Leinwand** ('07 BSRS) and **Brian Irwin Leinwand** ('01 BA, '05 MSPH, '11 PhD) of Chapel Hill; a daughter, Lilly Catherine Leinwand, in September 2019.

'08 updates **Leslie Thomas Grab** ('08 JD) of San Carlos, Calif., has been named vice president of intellectual property for Peronalis, specializing in advanced genomics cancer therapies. Grab had been senior counsel, patent and employment, at Verily Life Sciences. ■ **Nicholas Clarence Chapman Stewart** ('08 BA) of Charleston, S.C., has been named an associate in the insurance and product liability practice group at Turner Padget.

marriage **DeForest "Trey" Kenemer III** ('08 BA) and **Emily Anne Dean** ('11 BA, '12 MAC) of Charlotte.

'09 updates **Gregory A. Daddis** ('09 PhD) of San Diego has been named director of the Center for Military History at San Diego State University. Daddis, who was director of the war and society graduate program at Chapman University, will hold the *USS Midway* Chair in modern U.S. military history at SDSU. ■ **Benjamine Joseph Reid Jr.** ('09 BA) of Charlotte has received three Silver Telly awards for the short documentary he directed for Kim Brittain Media, *Finding Hope*, about the work

of Safe Alliance, Charlotte's domestic violence shelter. Kimbrell Dee Anna Brattain ('79 BA) was executive director of the project. Reid, recently relocated from Los Angeles to Charlotte, is a producer and editor whose work spans several genres, including training and fitness, educational concepts, step-by-step recipe cooking and reality-style documentaries.

marriage **Dr. Charles Griffin Murphy** ('09 BA) and Dr. Nina Suda of New York.

'10 updates **Alyssa Paige Byrd** ('10 BA-JMC) of Apex has been named economic development director for the town of Fuquay-Varina. Former president of the Chatham Economic Development Corp., Byrd is the emerging executives co-chair for the N.C. Economic Development Association and on the board of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership. ■ **Arman Samani** ('10 MBA) of Sandy, Utah, has been named chief product officer for Covetrus, an animal-health technology company. Samani had been chief operating officer of AdvancedMD.

family addition **Brian Taylor Murphy** ('10 BA, '20 MPA) and **Jennifer Tesh Murphy** ('11 BA) of Durham; a daughter, Sutton Grace Murphy, in June 2020.

'11 update **Dionne V. McLaughlin** ('11 EdD) of Durham has published *Personalized Principal Leadership Practices: Eight Strategies for Leading Equitable, High Achieving Schools*, a collection of practical solutions to underachievement among students of color. The book features principals of schools where 80 percent or more of African American and Latinx students are proficient on the state's standardized English and math assessments and examines the strategies the principals use to achieve those results. McLaughlin is an assistant professor at N.C. Central University.

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obituaries **Adegboyega Gbolahan "Ade" Ayodele** ('11 BA), 31, of Charlotte; June 23, 2020. Ayodele worked in partnership management and business development with the Charlotte Hornets NBA basketball team. At UNC, he belonged to Alpha Kappa Psi. ■ **Russell Kyle Lewis** ('11 BA), 31, of Carteret County; June 7, 2020. Lewis owned and operated two restaurants, Queen Anne's Revenge and Tight Line Pub & Brewing.

'13 updates **Charles Hunter Douthitt** ('13 BA) of Chapel Hill has founded Bum Dash, an app-based company that offers zero-contact delivery of organic cotton diapers. The company, test-marketing in Charlotte, was conceived by Douthitt in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the long term, Douthitt also sees the Bum Dash model as a way to reduce waste from disposable diapers. ■ **Michael Harris Little** ('13 BA, '18 PhD) of Durham has been named assistant professor of literacy, policy analysis and program evaluation at N.C. State University College of Education. Little focuses his research on pre-K to third grade education policy.

'14 obituary **David Michael Khrakovsky** ('14 BA), 28, of Stoughton, Mass.; July 2, 2020. Khrakovsky was an associate at Ropes & Gray law firm in Boston.

'16 update **William Robert Whitehurst Jr.** ('16 BA) of Cambridge, Mass., has received

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a Jefferson Fellowship from Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. Whitehurst, a consultant at McKinsey & Co. in Atlanta for four years, is studying for his master's in public policy at Harvard Kennedy School. He plans to begin his fellowship at Darden in fall 2022.

'17 updates **Dr. Diego Garza** ('17 MPH) of Morrisville has received a 40 Under 40 Leadership Award from *Triangle Business Journal*. Garza is the director of telehealth and vice president of strategy and innovation for the outpatient mental and behavioral health care provider MindPath Care Centers, is board chair of El Centro Hispano and is an adjunct assistant professor at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health. ■ **Dr. Daniel L.W. Hanley** ('17 MBA) of Cape Coral, Fla., and his wife, chiropractor Nadia Hanley, have opened Ancuram, a clinic in Bokeelia on Pine Island. Daniel Hanley provides a full-service family medicine practice, a dream he has pursued despite experiencing profound hearing loss before he could speak.

marriage **Matthew Charles "Charlie" Martin** ('17 BA) and Catherine Brooks "Katie" Russell of Charlotte.

'18 update **Yazmin Garcia Rico** ('18 MSW) of Mebane has been named a member of the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental and Health Equity Task Force, established by the N.C. governor's Executive Order 143 to address the social, environmental, economic and health disparities in communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Rico is program manager for healthy communities at the Alamance Regional Medical Center and an instructor at Alamance Community College.

'19 update **Bellamy Abbott Harden** ('19 BA) of New York has become a business analyst, communications, for The Estee Lauder Companies. Harden has been at Estee Lauder since September 2019.

'20 update **Quinny Ruth Sanchez Lopez** ('20 MSW) of Waxhaw has been named a member of the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental and Health Equity Task Force, established by the N.C. governor's Executive Order 143 to address the social, environmental, economic and health disparities in communities of color that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2019, Sanchez Lopez worked with UNC's School of Social Work and the N.C. Department of Public Safety on efforts to promote specialty mental health probation. During the pandemic, Lopez was a contract tracer for Durham County.

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Teresa Holland Williams '77 and Richard T. "Stick" Williams '75 grew up near each other — Teresa in High Point and Stick in Greensboro — but didn't meet until a Christian fellowship gathering at Carolina. With magnetic smiles and infectious enthusiasm for Carolina, they have been inspiring volunteer leaders for Carolina for many years, and each has received the GAA's Distinguished Service Medal — 13 years apart. Teresa and Stick also are recipients of the Board of Trustees' William Richardson Davie Award — 10 years apart.

Teresa insists: "I don't see myself as a leader. ... I'm a helper," yet those fortunate to have worked with her observe that she has long helped by leading.

Teresa's Distinguished Service Medal citation, awarded in 2018, noted her "direct questions and get-it-done imperative" and how "her comments change the conversation. ... She moves beyond talk to action, doing something to solve the problem. ... She is trustworthy, nonjudgmental and known for digging deep to find resolutions."

Although Teresa had no previous affiliation with Western Carolina University, a colleague encouraged her to fill a seat on its board of trustees. She served two terms, retired as board chair and received that university's Distinguished Service Award.

Teresa's decision to apply to Carolina was prompted by seeing Charles Scott '70 make a jump shot that she witnessed on a grainy black-and-white television. She attended on a music scholarship, played the flute and sang as a soloist in the Black Student Movement Gospel Choir — her voice winning over Stick.

She and Stick were living in Chapel Hill and raising their three daughters when Teresa took on several leadership roles. She was elected to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board as well as being elected president of the Chapel Hill Service League and chair of the PTA.

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Teresa Holland Williams '77 and Richard T. "Stick" Williams '75 are inspirations to all Carolina alumni for their volunteer service and remarkable leadership.

When Teresa became chair of the GAA Board of Directors, the board and staff learned that she "does her homework before going into any meeting, and that pushes other members to prepare better, too. They know she will ask substantive questions."

Stick, one of three brothers, was born in the Ray Warren Homes housing project and raised by a single mom. While he attended Carolina on an academic scholarship, he intended to play football until he injured his knee; he later described that as "the best thing that has ever happened to me. And the most painful."

Stick excelled, was certified as a CPA and launched a distinguished 30-plus-year career with Duke Energy. His professional and volunteer success has been greatly aided by his innate ability to make people comfortable. He smiles encouragement and listens intently. Stick describes himself as "kind of a reluctant leader ... but I've always been very good at influencing people and being personable. ... I never have the sense that I'm an expert at anything. I always pick the brains of other people. ... If you are interested in people, they will absolutely tell you the world."

Stick was chair of the GAA board before becoming chair of UNC's Board of Visitors and chair of the University's Board of Trustees. He also was the first chair of the Light on the Hill Society Scholarship Committee.

In each volunteer leadership position at UNC, Stick has challenged his colleagues to make decisions based on what would "raise Carolina's standing and do the most good for all people."

Teresa and Stick Williams are not Carolina's *only* Carolina couple, but they are the only Carolina couple who have shared service as chair of the GAA's Board of Directors — 14 years apart. And they remain inspirations to all Carolina alumni for their volunteer service and remarkable leadership.

Yours at Carolina,

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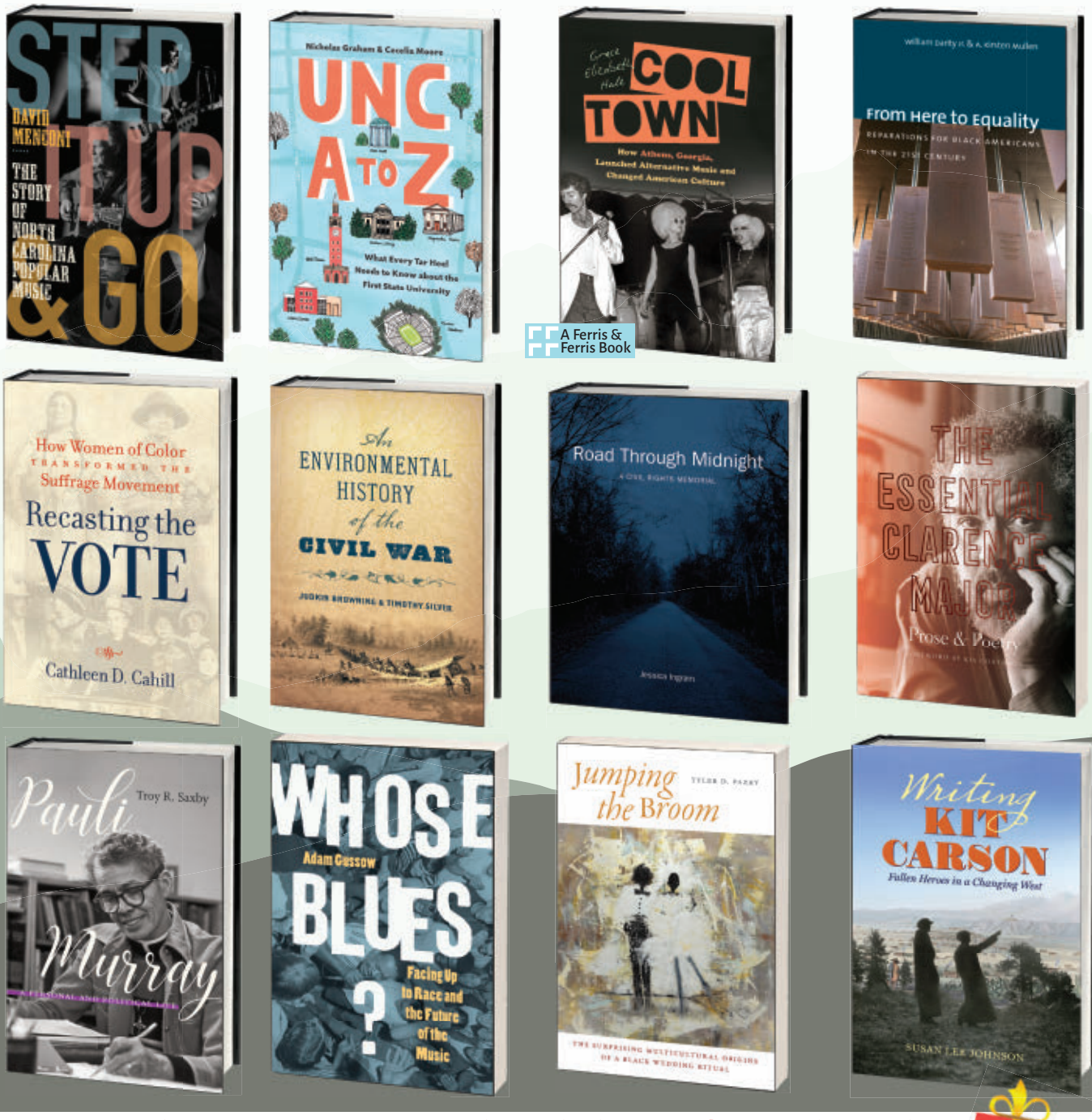

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Our 12th Chancellor

At his installation ceremony on Oct. 11, Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz was presented with a symbol of Carolina leadership past and present. The chancellor's medallion features the University's seal and motto, "Lux, Libertas." The chain of office includes silver rectangles engraved with all the names and dates of service of former chancellors. Some of the links connecting the rectangles are shaped like the Old Well and leaves from the Davie Poplar.
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