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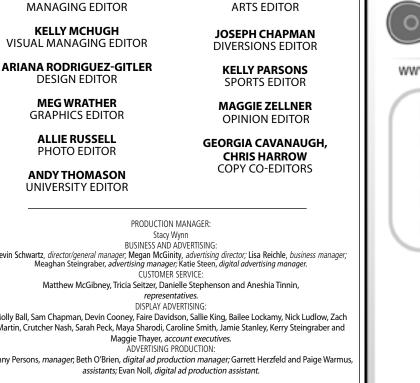
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# Sweet home Carolina:

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#### April 19-22 • Chatham County

The April iteration of the Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival of Music and Dance has a more eclectic focus than its cousin in the fall. Incorporating different kinds of world music as well as jam bands and indie rock, it's got the goods to please most any taste. It also boasts ambience as it takes place on a rustic Chatham County farm that's retrofitted with plenty of hippie charm.

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#### MERLEFEST

#### April 26-29 • Wilkesboro

The star power comes to Wilkes County this year for MerleFest. With a bill that includes names like Doc Watson and Vince Gill, this year's line-up proves the festival has grown into a North Carolina tradition with national prominence. With an incredibly strong bluegrass and Americana ensemble bolstering the smaller stages, this year's festival should prove a fun four-day romp.

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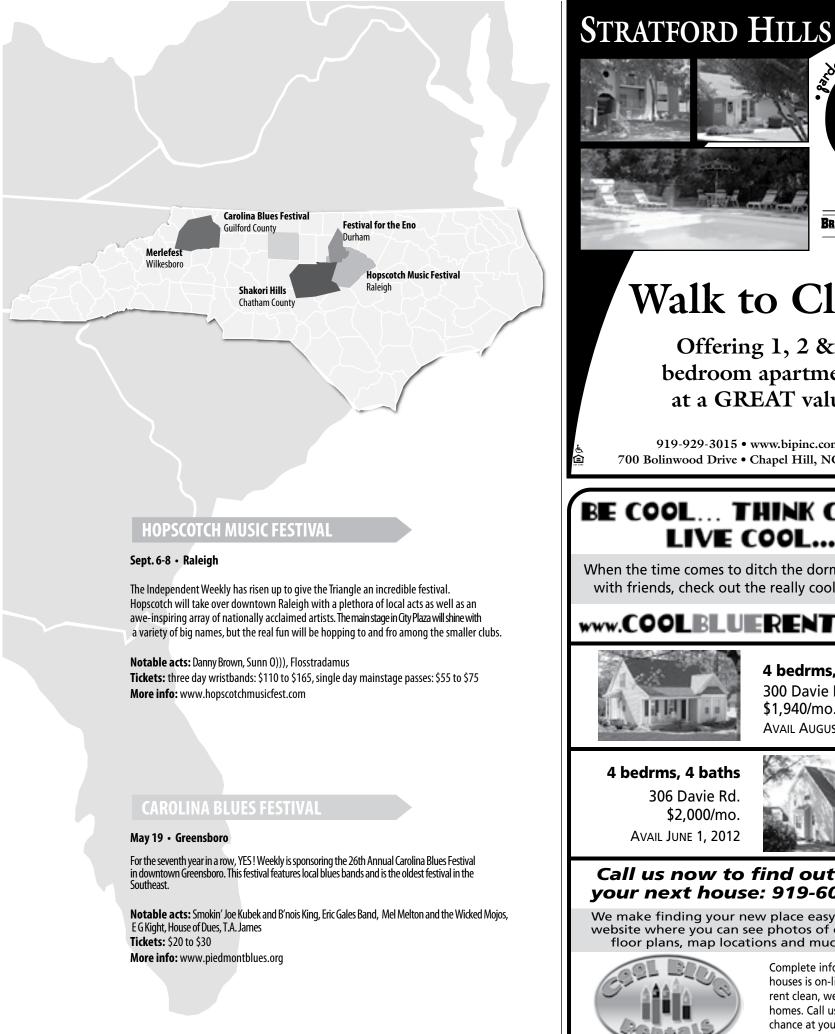
### **FESTIVAL FOR THE ENO**

#### July 4,7-8 • Durham

Great cause, great festival. The Festival for the Eno funds the Eno River Association, which strives to preserve this beautiful river in Durham County. Placing their line-ups in the park along its banks, the organizers use the area to craft well-balanced schedules that include local blues artists, talented Triangle indie rock favorites and various Americana acts.

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# Summer school offers study abroad alternative

#### By Hunter Powell Staff Writer

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Jan Yopp, dean of summer school, said the five-week courses offer an opportunity for students

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to develop a strong base in a language and immerse themselves in a foreign culture.

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culture."

During the day, students in the program spend six to seven hours in the classroom speaking and interacting completely in the target language.

In the evening, students participate in a variety of cultural activities, ranging from musical concerts to cooking classes. This blend allows the students to become fully immersed in the culture of the language, Yopp said.

The program, which takes place during the first summer session, is especially beneficial to those who are looking to study abroad in the future.

All of the program's instructors praised the structure and believe the lack of distraction is ideal for learning a language.

Glynis Cowell, director of the Spanish Immersion Program, who also teaches classes in the program, said students are not able to take any other courses during the time they are enrolled in the program.

All the courses offered through

the immersion program are entrylevel courses, which make them popular to those looking to learn a new language.

She said summer school offers the next levels in the three languages during the second summer session so students can fulfill their language requirement in one summer while it's fresh on their minds.

Yopp said the new Arabic course has already filled up faster than the other courses and that she's excited to add this new language to the program.

Yopp said that the immersion program's success is due to its excellent faculty and advisers.

The instructors said they wholeheartedly believed in this program and the benefits of the smaller, condensed structure. They also pointed out the many benefits of the program and highlighted why spending a summer in the program is a great substitute for studying abroad.

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# Science camp fun for kids and students

#### By Caroline Hudson Staff Writer

UNC junior Kent Torell was amused as he watched a room full of kids interrogate his brother.

As part of the CSI camp at the Morehead Planetarium Summer Science Camps, where Torell has worked since 2010, the kids were testing their interrogation skills.

The exercise involved a mystery that students had to solve, with Torell's brother as a suspect.

"It was kind of amusing," Torell said.

The planetarium actively seeks UNC students to work at the camps, said Torell.

In order to qualify, you must be enrolled at UNC for the following fall semester.

Torell said students can gain a lot of good experience in teaching and leadership by volunteering at the camp.

For Torell, watching the kids' reactions to the CSI camp stuck out as a special experience.

"It made me feel like I was helping the kids," he said.

Besides the CSI camp, the camps offer hands-on science activities, crafts and outdoor recreation, Marketing Manager Karen Kornegay said.

She said that the camps have been offered for about 10 years. "The first year it was 12 kids.

Now it's 2,000 kids," Kornegay said.

The camps are a great, fun way for kids to explore different topics in science, from dinosaurs to space exploration to Legos, she said. This year, they have also added a new camp at Research Triangle Park, Kornegay said.

The new location is Kestrel Heights School, a public charter school in Durham.

The funding for the camps is feebased, Kornegay said. At the planetarium location, tuition is \$345 for planetarium members' children and \$360 for non-members'.

The camps are targeted toward children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade, with morning and afternoon sessions, she said. The camps rotate every year and include Lego camps, underwater camps, marine biology programs and Wright brothers programs.

"It's a great opportunity for the children," Kornegay said.

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# Plan ahead to make summer sublets easier

#### By Daniel Schere Staff Writer

As students leave town for the summer, some who live off campus must find other students to sublease their apartments.

Subleasing occurs when students have time remaining on their apartment lease but will be leaving for the summer and need someone to take their place to avoid paying rent for an empty apartment.

Townhouse Apartments Property Manager Gina Turner said it is important that tenants considering subleasing fill out the necessary paperwork for the property manager beforehand to ensure the sublessee is fully entitled to the property.

"If they get into a situation where they are locked out or can't park their car, they technically don't have the rights to that apart-

ment if they're not on the lease," she said.

Senior Fola Goke-Pariola said after subleasing his apartment last year, he realized the importance of taking care of legal obligations.

"Make sure that you go through your apartment office," he said. He said close friends usually

make good sublessees as long as they are reliable.

Under a sublease agreement, the original tenant is responsible for any damage caused by the sublessee, which Raleigh real estate lawyer Frederick Davis said is a concern for students.

"If they trash the place, you will have to pay for it," he said.

To ensure that the landlord is compensated in case damage does occur, students can make a security deposit on the lease that will cover a certain amount of damage, which Dunlap Lilley Properties Manager Will Duncan

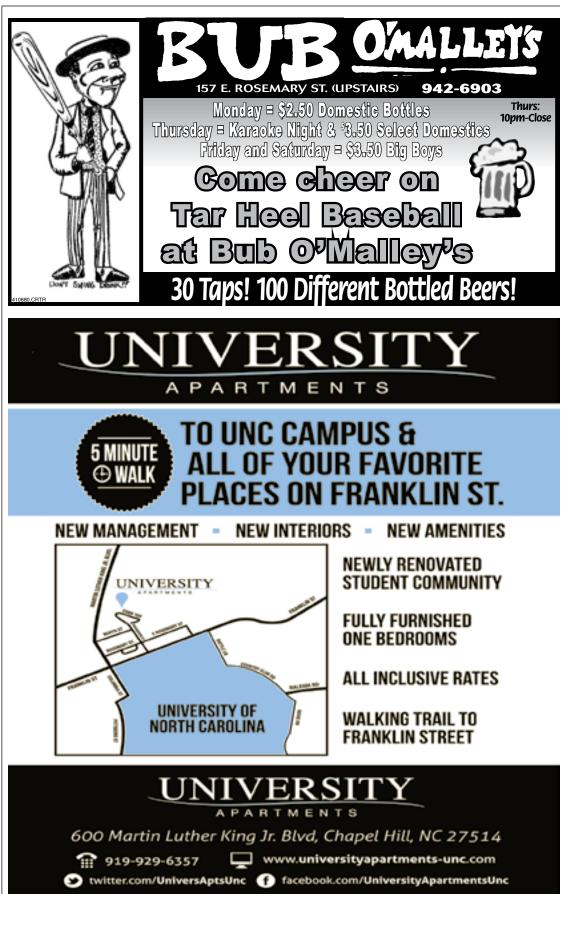
ase," encourages students to do. Duncan emphasized the said importance of finding a reliable nt last sublessee.

"Although you have an agreement between the two of you, you are still responsible for paying the rent," he said, adding that his company screens potential sublessees.

Leases often contain language that is crucial for students to understand. Davis said the sublessor must make sure the sublessee's name is on the lease in order to ensure the two have a legal relationship. He also noted students should be aware of renewal clauses in the lease.

"Leases have automatic renewals, so you could be stuck for another year," he said.

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# Keeping pools safe in the summer season

#### By Andrew Edwards Staff Writer

As the summer heat returns, so does the urge to jump into a pool. And while swimming holds countless hours of fun, it is important to be aware of the potential dangers and health risks associated with it.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, the myth that chlorine kills germs instantly is a misconception.

If chemical levels in pools or hot tubs are not properly maintained, germs can multiply and cause swimmers to become sick after coming into contact with contaminated water. Such sicknesses, known as recreational water illnesses (RWIs), are concerns that both pool managers and swimmers should recognize and understand.

RWIs include a wide variety of infections, including skin, ear, gastrointestinal and respiratory conditions. In Orange County, a pool must pass an inspection conducted by Environmental Health Services, a branch of the county health department.

"We inspect all public pools in the county and municipal jurisdiction," said Tom Konsler, environmental health director for Orange County. "Pools that fall in our jurisdiction are apartments, hotels, the YMCA and city parks that have pools. We do not inspect privately owned pools".

Konsler explained that in order to pass inspection and be issued an operation permit, pools must exhibit proper water chemistry and meet all safety standards listed on the county health department's website.

Tyler Phillips, operations manager of Granville Towers, described how the most important of these safety standards are those assessed daily as part of the maintenance routine for a public pool.

"We check pH and water levels on a daily basis, check all drain covers and pool safety equipment, ensure that the phone line by the pool is working and that the pool deck area is cleaned," Phillips said. Due to the high degree of

attentiveness required to properly maintain a pool, the occurrence of failing inspections is high, said Konsler.

"There are times when we would go to a pool for inspection and the water chemistry was out of kilter," Konsler said. "At that point it's considered a critical item and warrants immediate closure of the pool until they get the chemicals right and make whatever corrections are necessary."

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poetry readings, music and dancing as well as interactive field games. This event is free to the public. range from \$10 to \$45. Time: May 6, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Location: Carrboro Town Commons

Hillsborough Hog Day: Good food, live music, family fund and fair vendors await guests who decide to visit Hillsborough for the 30th Annual Hillsborough Hogs Day, which celebrates good ol'-fashioned pig cooking. Several cooking teams from across the state will compete for the best cooked pig and sauce, and there will also be the area's largest auto show happening at the same time.

Admission is free to the public. Time: May 18, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and May 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Location: River Park in Hillsborough

Greek Festival: East Chapel Hill High School will help put on the St. Barbara's Greek Festival this year, featuring Greek food, music, arts and crafts. There will also be other Greek-themed items for sale as well as a raffle to benefit the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Durham. **Time**: May 20, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., May 21, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and May 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: East Chapel Hill High School

#### JUNE

Youth Fishing Rodeo: Come watch some childrend test out their fishwrangling abilities at the Youth Fish Rodeo, where children ages 3 to 15 can win awards and door prizes in three age group categories for fish they catch. Bait is provided, as is a free hot dog for all participants. Time: June 2, 9 a.m. Location: Strayhorn's Pond, Chapel Hill

Rhythm Tap Festival: Several nationally renowned tap dancers will give special performances in celebration of the best of rhythm tap. Dancers will be accompanied by live music, and tickets are \$15 for single admission. Time: June 9, 7:30 p.m. Location: The ArtsCenter

#### JULY

Fourth of July: Come celebrate American history with games, food, live music, parades and of course, fireworks in Carrboro. Time: 9:30 a.m. Location: Weaver Street Market

Gallery closing: On the last day of the exhibition "Thornton Dial: Thoughts on Paper," enjoy free refreshments, tours and live music by the Sigmon Stringers, a three-generation bluegrass band from Newton, N.C. This event is free to the public. **Time:** July 1, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Location: Ackland Art Museum

#### AUGUST

Bicycle festival: Join the Carolina Tarwheels for its Rural Heritage Tour, which helps the group raise money for various community organizations. Time: Aug. 11, 6:30 a.m. check-in Location: Orange County Visitor's Center



# Maymester offers longer, compelling classes

#### By McCauley Peeler Staff Writer

Ever wanted to study murder scenes and solve crimes like the sleuths in prime-time dramas such as CSI? How about earning three credit hours for it?

Maymester offers precisely this opportunity.

Anthroplogy 423, Written in Bone: CSI and the Science of Death Investigation, is just one of 42 compelling courses offered to students beginning May 15.

Maymester, which the University began offering five years ago, is a term lasting three weeks, and has become popular with students because of its brevity.

"Students like the option of earning some credit and still having most of the summer for internships, jobs, study or travel abroad," says Jan Yopp, dean of summer school.

With only 15 to 30 seats per class, Yopp says Maymester allows greater intimacy between pupils and professors.

"They like more interaction with faculty."

Just one peek at the relatively short course list reveals that most of the 42 courses are not typical academic material.

The Fourth Dimension: Art and the Fictions of Hyperspace, Emergency Care of Injuries and Illness, and European Cinema Today are just a few examples of the courses students can sign up for.

One class, titled Heaven and Hell, questions the existence of an afterlife by comparing scientific opinion to Christian and other religious sentiments.

"Students have an emotional attachment to ideas of life after death and their perceptions are shaped by what they want it to look like," says Randall Styers, professor of religious studies.

Instead of poring over dusty religious texts, Styers designed the class around art, films, multimedia and other interactive elements.

In fact, interaction seems to be the general theme of Maymester.

Many other courses emphasize the use of films in their descriptions and many even include field trips, some out of state.

"We watch films and read for two weeks and then go down to Charleston for four days," said Heather Williams, professor of the Maymester class Slavery and Place: The South Carolina Case. In the course, students examine the history of slavery in the South and then visit a defunct plantation in South Carolina.

"We get to see chains and cabins that slaves used. It's very real," Williams said.

While students are expected to gain as much as possible educationally from the field trips, it's not all study.

"For one lesson, we drank sweet tea and ate hot biscuits in rocking chairs on the front porch of a historical site," Williams said. Students also go out to restaurants and explore the life of Charleston.

"I made close friends very quickly," said Mireille Vargas, who took the class.

The majority of Maymester classes fulfill general education requirements, but achieving this in three weeks is not for the feeble.

"Taking a Maymester course is just about a full-time job," says Yopp.

Classes last three hours and 15 minutes each day and require seri-

ous investment outside of class. "The recommendation is two hours of homework of preparation for each hour of class," says

Yopp. Whether or not sacrificing the beginning of summer to eliminate some of next fall's course load is worth it, Maymester offers a quick, albeit not an easy way, to earn some credit and have fun doing it.

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#### **DON'T GET STUCK INSIDE**

Several Maymester courses give students the chance to get out of the classroom. These include:

• HIST 378: Slavery and Place: The South Carolina Case

• MASC/ENST 220: North Carolina Estuaries: Environmental Processes and Problems

• ART 551: Introduction to Museum Studies

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# Summer: A time to get involved

**COLUMN** 

s humidity settles in the air and girls trade Ugg boots for sandals, the pace of life in Chapel Hill changes.

Rarely will you see a student racing across campus to get to class in late May, and you might even get a table at Top of the Hill on a Friday night in June. Chapel Hill is a different place after graduation day, but it's a place that every UNC student should experience.

Transferring to UNC from a school with just over 1,000 students was a challenge, to put it lightly.

After spending what seemed like most of the year in an advising office, I realized that summer school was going to be an unavoidable evil.

But after the first few days of a 14-person Maymester class and the occasional Saturday night spent drinking Diet Cokes



Elizabeth Johnson Summer Editor-in-Chief

on Franklin Street, Chapel Hill became more like the friendly place your parents' friends always talk about.

Maybe it's the heat that slows everyone down and makes people less concerned with which sorority you're in, but summer school turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

I met new best friends and found parts of campus I never knew existed.

While you won't see as many people yelling at you to support

their cause in the Pit over the summer, it's still a perfect — and less intimidating - time to get involved on campus.

Take The Daily Tar Heel, for example.

During the school year, more than 200 students walk through the office doors each week to write and edit stories. During the summer, we publish a weekly paper with the help of maybe 25. It's an ideal time to get your name in print.

Whether you're a transfer student still trying to find your niche or a more traditional student who just doesn't want to spend the summer at home, every student deserves to see what makes Chapel Hill such a special – and different — place during the "off season."

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# Sweet Carolina summertime

e live in Chapel Hill, the town known as the "Southern part of heaven." In the fall, students come ready - or maybe not so ready - to pick up their books and start the day-to-day bustle to and from class in air that gets cool and crisp around the end of October. In winter, the community wraps itself up in various colored coats and bolts to the nearest coffee shop to escape the oh-so-freezing 53-degree temperatures. In spring, we watch the flowers bloom on the trees and try to escape the blanket of pollen that covers our campus in yellow. But summer? What can I expect in summer?

This will be the first summer I spend in Chapel Hill, but I grew up in the South, so I'm pretty sure I know what to expect.

Temperatures will skyrocket into the 90s, the humidity will make my hair stick to my face, and I'll have to make sure to get my morning run in before the sun actually comes up. In a place like Atlanta or Charlotte, my two hometowns, I would dread what I like to call "the wrath of the Southern summer." It's the season of vacation, but it's also the season



Taylor Hartley Deputy Opinion Editor

of sunburns, mosquito bites and heat exhaustion. Usually, I dread it. But this year, I'm thinking things will be different.

Maybe it's because I've never been in Chapel Hill past May 3, but I'm pretty sure that this place maintains its beauty and mystique, despite boiling temperatures.

As school ends and the town quiets down, I imagine things take on a more relaxed feel. While many students will hustle off to internships and research opportunities in other cities, those who decide to stay and work here can sit back and watch as life slows down.

Maybe it's because I've listened to Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville" too often in the last couple of weeks, but I can almost see myself laying out beside the pool, lemonade in hand, reading a book I want to read for the first time in a long time.

To beat the heat, maybe I'll make a daily trip to YoPo, or head out to Raleigh and swim at the rock quarry. I'll hang out with my friends, host a cookout or play volleyball down on South Campus. I'll finally take a weekend trip to the mountains and walk all of the trails in Battle Park.

And when the day's over, I'll fall asleep to the sound of cicadas in the night.

This town wouldn't be called the Southern part of heaven if it weren't heavenly all year round. I'm still not looking forward to those pesky mosquitoes, and I'm already stocking up on the Aloe Vera and the bug spray.

But I know this summer will be one worth remembering, because I'll spend it in a town that I love and will never forget. I look forward to the early morning run around a quiet campus, the nights out back at He's Not and the sweet smell of summer air on the Hill. I'm ready for summertime at UNC. Are you?

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Junior Constance Orr goes to bat during the Tar Heels' winning game against USC on March 21.

# Heels prepare for 2012 NCAA championship son. "We didn't get into regional, do.'

#### **By James Pike** Staff Writer

The end of the 2011 season was nothing short of disappointing for the North Carolina softball team.

After losing to Florida State in the ACC Tournament Championship, the Tar Heels failed to qualify for the NCAA tournament – snapping a streak of eight consecutive tournament appearances in the process.

Ever since that loss, the team has been looking forward to the 2012 season, with an eye on rebounding and returning to the NCAA tournament.

So far, the Tar Heels have improved upon their 34-21 record from 2011. After the game on April 7 against Virginia, North Carolina held a 27-10 record, and was ranked 23rd in the USA Today NCAA Softball Rankings.

Even though North Carolina plays in a tough conference, it's using midweek, non-conference games as motivation, too.

"The motivation the girls have is from last year," coach Donna Papa said after a game with South Carolina earlier in the seaand one of the things we kind of use as our war cry is these midweek games are pivotal for us."

Pitcher Lori Spingola has played a large part in the Tar Heels' success this year. The sophomore from Atlanta has 18 victories this season and is tied for the 5th highest number of victories in the nation.

In addition, Spingola is tied for third in the nation with nine shutouts.

However, the Tar Heels' road to the NCAA tournament is not entirely clear. Their main obstacle is Florida State, which is the topranked team in the ACC.

North Carolina was tied at the top of the ACC standings with the Seminoles before they dropped two games of a three-game series to FSU in Tallahassee in April.

"They were definitely very, very confident in themselves," Constance Orr said of the Seminoles after the FSU series.

"They played smart, took advantage of their space when they had it and moved runners when they should have," she said. They did everything we couldn't

Also in contention for the conference title are the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, who have moved up to second place in the ACC after nine straight in-conference victories. The Virginia Tech Hokies are contenders, too, and are only a half-game behind the Tar Heels.

UNC will not face Florida State again in the regular season, but the Tar Heels will host the Yellow Jackets in a three-game series at Anderson Stadium on April 21 and 22. It will be a crucial series for both teams, with the two seed in the ACC tournament likely at stake.

This year, the ACC Tournament will mean more to North Carolina than it usually does. The Tar Heels will not just be in contention for a conference title — they will also host the tournament, which will take place May 10-12.

A strong run in the conference tournament should see the Tar Heels back in the NCAA tournament - and the season's mission accomplished.

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# UNC lacrosse teams eye NCAA titles

#### By Jonathan LaMantia Staff Writer

While the North Carolina's men's lacrosse team has won games as an underdog and lost games as a heavy favorite, UNC's women's lacrosse team has only one blemish on its record as the two teams edge closer to the postseason.

The No. 9 men's lacrosse team (8-4, ACC 1-2) suffered a home loss to unranked Lehigh for the first time since 1951 and lost in its first trip ever to Franklin Field against Penn in successive games in early March.

After a comeback fell short at Duke on March 16, UNC was reeling, but an ACC win against Maryland lifted the team's spirits.

The Tar Heels continued their surge with a 13-9 victory against top-ranked Johns Hopkins in front of a crowd of 25,934 — the largest crowd for a lacrosse-only event in history — at Metlife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

The Tar Heels relied on their X-factor on the face-off X, R.G. Keenan, to win 18 faceoffs. Keenan is ranked fifth in the nation with a face-off win percentage of .633.

"We're back," Keenan said after the upset victory April 1. "We had a rough patch against Lehigh and Penn, but we know how we can play. We proved that we can play with anybody and beat anybody."

The Tar Heels will need to utilize that mentality if they plan to bring a national championship back to Chapel Hill for the first time since 1991.

Last year the Tar Heels fell to ACC foe Maryland in the first round of a tournament that would see three of the ACC's four teams reach the semifinals.

As the No. 2 UNC women's lacrosse team (13-1, 5-0 ACC) eyes its first-ever championship, it has one team clearly marked in its crosshairs — Northwestern.

Northwestern has won six of the last seven national championships and ended UNC's 2011 campaign on a game-winning goal with 18 seconds remaining in the NCAA semifinals. The Wildcats also beat UNC in a 2010 NCAA semifinal and the 2009 national title game.

Captain Becky Lynch said before the season that the team looked forward to avenging those losses.

"It's always in the back of our minds that they have been the one



Midfielder Duncan Hutchins fights to catch the ball during the game against the Blue Devils on March 16.

to sort of end our season the last three years so of course they have a target," Lynch said.

Since 1991, Virginia, Maryland, Princeton and Northwestern have combined to capture each of the last 21 national titles.

The Tar Heels have beaten ACC foes Duke and Maryland, dropping only one game against Georgetown in Washington, D.C., where the Hoyas overcame a three-goal deficit to beat UNC.

North Carolina has three of the nation's top 50 scorers in sophomore Abbey Friend, senior Laura Zimmerman and Lynch. The Tar Heels also boast the nation's second-best scoring defense, averaging 6.38 goals per game with junior goalie Lauren Maksym in net.

UNC will face Northwestern in Evansville, Ill., on April 13 before the ACC tournament kicks off in Durham on April 20.

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DTH FILE/BRYCE BUTNER Despite a second-half push, the UNC men's lacrosse team lost to Duke University 13-11 on March 16.



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By Joseph Chapman Diversions Editor

What's hitting box offices this summer?

#### May 4: 'The Avengers'

With pretty much everyone's favorite Marvel characters combined into one film, Avengers stands to be the epitome of a good summer popcorn flick. Iron Man, Captain America, Hulk, Thor and his nemesis Loki are all accounted for.

#### May 11: 'The Dictator'

There probably won't be much groundbreaking in "The Dictator," but we're probably still going to be drawn like moths to the flame to see Sacha Baron Cohen. It's a story of a dictator who's risked his life to make sure democracy never makes it to the country he so lovingly oppresses — we'll see how they manage to work Cohen's crotch into the plot.

May 11: 'Where Do We Go Now' In a Lebanese village that's basically separated from reality, the women of the town work to keep unity between Christians and Muslims by blocking out the Middle-Eastern conflict from village life — whether that's through hiding TVs or creating ridiculous distractions. If you're looking for something deep, "Where Do We Go Now" is a moving depiction of the societal construct of war and difference.

#### May 25: 'Men in Black III'

Is Hollywood exploiting our mutual nostalgia for "Men In Black" I & II by reviving the decade-old series and milking a franchise? Short answer: yes. Long answer: definitely. But you just can't miss the combo of Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith on screen. I'm sure they'll wrap up the series nicely and leave no room for another MIB.

#### June 8: 'Prometheus'

A prequel to the "Alien" series, but with its own mythology, "Prometheus" follows the crew of a spaceship as they explore an advanced alien civilization. It's a quest for the origin of humanity that echoes the search for the second obelisk in "2001: A Space Odyssey." It's Ridley Scott and sci-fi — 'nuff said.

#### June 22: 'Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter'

It started with "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" — Seth Grahame-Smith's literary mashup novel whereby corrupting Jane Austen's work with the dead, the dreadfully boring came to life. But before we get to see P&P&Z on the big screen in 2013, we'll get to see Grahame-Smith's other adaptation, "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" with Tim Burton producing. Wait, what? What did I just write?

#### August 3: 'The Bourne Legacy'

Reboot all the series! With studios' creativity asymptotically approaching its nadir (blame piracy), someone somewhere has signed off on yet another recreation of a series that's still well within the modern movie lexicon. ("Spider-Man" also gets a reboot Aug. 3.) Matt Damon and Jason Bourne are out; Jeremy Renner and Aaron Cross are in.

# **DIVE**RECOMMENDS Music Releases

**By Allison Hussey** Assistant Diversions Editor

Releases to look forward to this summer:

### April 24: Jack White

Blunderbuss The end of April isn't quite summertime, but this record will be too good to pass up. Jack White first formed the band that launched him to fame, The White Stripes, in 1997, making it hard to believe that it has taken the man who has been such a force on modern rock 'n' roll almost 15 years to release a solo album. The singles that have been released so far are promising they combine Jack's signature bluesy-rock songwriting with a little bit of soul and more. "Sixteen Saltines" is a pounding rock tune with a guitar riff that packs a significant punch, while "Love Interruption" features an organ bit reminiscent of Dusty Springfield's classic tune "Son of a Preacher Man."

None of White's other projects have disappointed so far, and it doesn't sound like *Blunderbuss* will either.

#### May 28: Sigur Ros Valtari

After slowly revealing a handful of summer festival dates in Europe, Icelandic postrockers Sigur Ros have finally announced a new record, which can be in your hands as soon as May 28. The word "epic" is a well-worn adjective, but it perfectly sums up Sigur Ros' entire catalog: sweeping, orchestral songs that even on the worst set of speakers are almost tear-inducingly beautiful. With what little information is available about Valtari, it seems like Sigur Ros will be following its tried and true methods. The band has only released one track from the album so far, "Ekki Múkk," a slow, drifting track that evokes images of an evening spent at the beach. Regardless of what direction the rest of the record goes, you can safely bet that every song

on it will be grand, gorgeous and impossible to pronounce.

#### June 19: Fiona Apple

The Idler Wheel is Wiser than the Driver of the Screw, and Whipping Cords Will Serve You More Than Ropes Will Ever Do

If you think this album title is a mouthful, we recommend taking a look back at Apple's 1999 record When the Pawn... This record is only Apple's fourth full-length, but it's been a long time coming — some of the songs have supposedly been done since late 2010. Part of Apple's appeal is her elusiveness: The Idler Wheel ... is her first album in seven years, and she tends to stay out of the public eye. The buzz of The Idler Wheel... was enough for Apple to draw thousands of fans to her unofficial return to the stage in March at the South by Southwest music festival. Apple's chops as a songwriter and consistently rich, intriguing songs make this one record you'll want to grab.



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