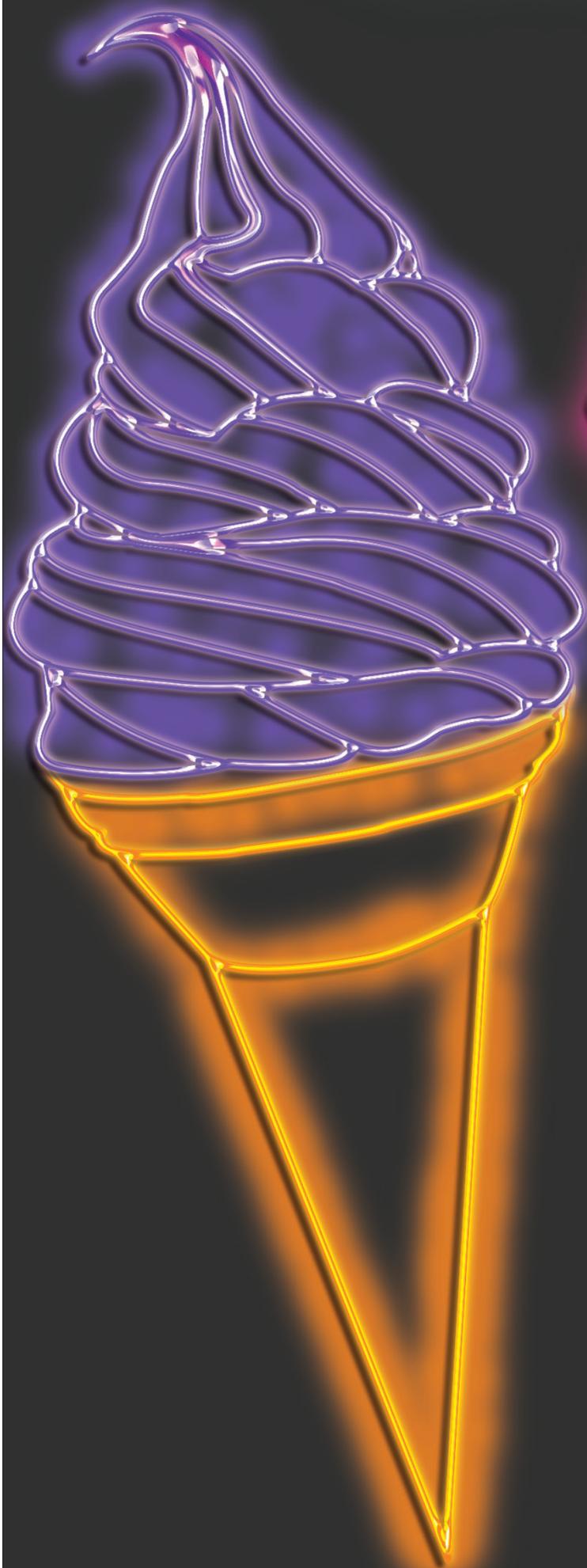


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Q&A with Student body president Bradley Opere

Opere is trying to find time to go back home to Kenya.

Student Body President Bradley Opere is preparing for a busy summer. Staff writer Maria Prokopowicz spoke with him about his goals, lobbying strategies and his feelings about new student orientations.

THE DAILY TAR HEEL: What are your personal goals for the summer?

BRADLEY OPERE: Setting up relationships with administrators. Every student body president has to spend that summer setting up their foundation ...

I'll also be doing Board of Trustees meetings where I get to sit down and, as student body president, I have voting membership. It's the highest board in the school's administration so, once again, setting up relationships there, as well as trying to push some of the platform points.

DTH: What are some goals you have for other parts of your administration?

BO: I think one is definitely ensuring the team works well. So part of what we'll be doing is we'll be going out for Outward Bound; me and most of the members on the executive team. We'll be spending at least four days in the wilderness, trying to bond ...

I'm also looking to spend some time with graduate and professional students because of everything that happened last year, and (we'll) see if we can mend some bridges and create a better working relationship going forward ...

The other thing I think we'll be dealing with is going for short session in Raleigh.

DTH: What is your biggest



UNC Student Body President Bradley Opere gives his inaugural address on Tuesday, April 5.

priority for students that you want to stress to legislators?

BO: I think the biggest priority is to maintain affordability. We need to ensure that we still remain the last affordable need-blind public institution that there is ... Definitely we'll be asking a little bit of questions around the anti-discrimination bill and what that means and see how far we can get because we are definitely against it and would like to ensure that state legislatures just know how much we're against it when we go out and talk to them this coming few months.

DTH: Have you thought about your orientation speech yet?

BO: Oh, it's funny that you ask. It's giving me a lot of headaches. I'm still thinking about it. I know a little bit of where it should go, but we have a draft.

It's not where I want it to be, but we have a draft.

DTH: Are you excited for all the orientations?

BO: Those will be interesting. I think it's always great to welcome in first-years, you know ... I'm sure most of them will be adjusting to having a Kenyan student body president, so that will be something new, but also for me as well as for everyone who walks in.

So I'm looking forward to it. I think it's going to be one of those humbling processes that just makes me love Carolina just that bit more.

DTH: Is there one thing, more than anything else, you want incoming first-years to know about UNC?

BO: I would love them to know that you can walk in here, and even though UNC

is not a perfect place, you can find your voice and you can pursue your passions, and that's just all we want from you. We don't need anyone to stretch themselves or do things because other people think they're special, just dig into who you are. Find yourself, and UNC has plenty of opportunities for you to do that.

DTH: Do you think you'll ever get to take a break this summer?

BO: Hopefully I'll be able to go home and take two weeks out just to see my family because I haven't been there for two years, so that's one of my top priorities. Hopefully it happens, just because I still haven't looked at how busy the scheduling will be, but I'll try to finagle it in some way there.

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COLUMN

Summer DTH sneak peek

Summer Editor Sofia Edelman answers all of your questions about this summer's DTH.

Spring semester might be coming to a close, but don't worry — just around the corner are a thousand things to look forward to this summer in Chapel Hill.

Our baseball and lacrosse teams will be in full swing, the lightning bugs will be out, weather will never be inappropriate for YoPo and the summer DTH will be in print once a week and online all the time.

That's right — just because spring classes end doesn't mean our coverage does.

During my time as summer editor of the DTH, I plan to bring you engaging news from the Pit to this country's capital, local arts stories that reflect the social attitudes of our community, in-depth profiles of current and graduated UNC athletes and much more.

What should I expect from the summer DTH?

We will be filling boxes every Thursday, starting May 12 and ending July 21, with a paper full of relevant, in-depth and exciting news — the same as during the regular school year. Along with our usual news coverage, we will be producing content for new and returning students including the send-home, orientation and welcome back special editions of the DTH.

Will you still be tackling the big issues?

Even with summer fun on our minds, we will not be taking a back seat to the issues that affect UNC students and Triangle community members. We will be continuing coverage on the news that matters, such as possible NCAA sanction decisions, Student Stores' potential privatization, the presidential



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and gubernatorial elections and repercussions of House Bill 2.

Do you expect us to trek all the way back to Chapel Hill every week to get our news?

Not at all! We will be running extensive news coverage on our social media accounts all week long. Along with continual breaking news coverage online, you will get to experience new interactive features with our stories, summer-themed blogs and photography galleries.

This sounds like something I want to do!

We would love to have you. The summer DTH is a close-knit group of people who care deeply about reporting on local and national news that affects UNC students and the surrounding community.

If you would like to apply to work as a reporter, photographer, designer, digital team member or copy editor for the Daily Tar Heel this summer, fill out our application at www.dailytarheel.com/page/summer2016-application.

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Maymester turns 10 this summer

By Harris Wheless
Staff Writer

Despite summer not technically starting until mid-June, Summer School at UNC will kick off on May 11 — starting the 10th year of the Maymester program.

Maymester became a permanent part of Summer School following the success of the third year of the three-year pilot program and differs from the first and second sessions in that it lasts for three weeks as opposed to five weeks.

Summer School dean Jan Yopp said she and others at the Summer School want summer to be academically rigorous. She said that because classes are generally smaller, students get to work in smaller groups — a phenomenon she calls the small college atmosphere.

“We know that students are going to Summer School to work on gen ed requirements or requirements for majors or minors, and because we know that, we try to do classes that fit that,” Yopp said. “We also have classes where students can get out in the field. We want courses students can take for educational enrichment.”

Since its inception, Maymester enrolled has grown exponentially. According to a fact sheet from the Summer School, 263 students enrolled in Maymester classes in 2007, which is less than half the number of enrollees from 2015.

This summer, there will

“We want courses students can take for educational enrichment”

Jan Yopp
Summer School dean

be 59 courses offered in the Maymester format — the most ever.

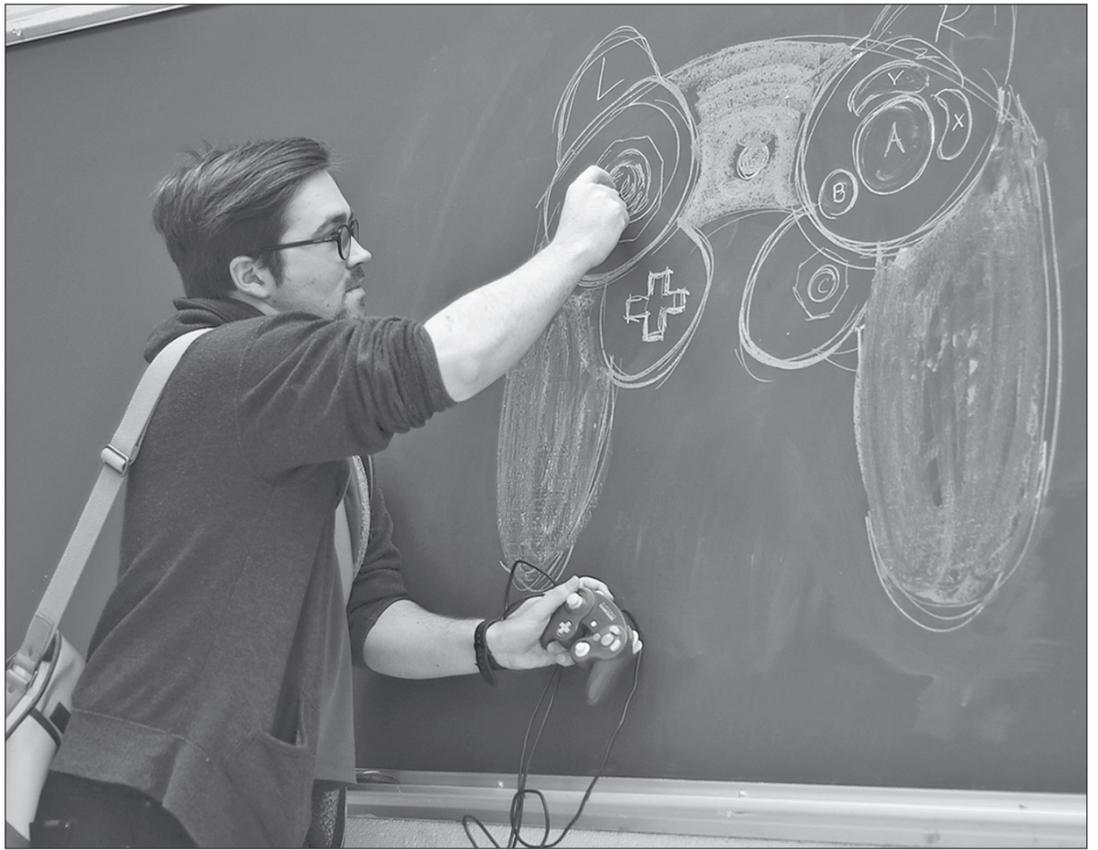
Professors are also recognizing the benefits of holding class over the summer.

Paul Cuadros, a UNC professor teaching Summer School for the first time, said his required reporting class normally fills up quickly. The summer courses allow more students to take the class and handle the demanding work it requires since all their efforts will be focused on that one class during the summer, he said.

“Normally, the class has a story due every week. But for the summer session, we’re going to require the students to do two stories a week, so they’re really going to have to hustle, but it should be a lot of fun,” he said.

Cuadros says one of the main benefits to the summer session is that he’ll be in the newsroom of the journalism school most of the day and able to offer more help to students.

“This is going to be a great experience for students taking the class, even though they’re going to be doing twice as much reporting as they would



DTH FILE/CATHERINE HEMMER

Will Partin taught a course that focused on studying video games last summer. Summer School at UNC will kick off on May 11.

during the semester. I think if they can get the hang of it and get the stories in, then they can have a lot of fun,” he said.

First-year Brandon Cosgrove, who is enrolled in

summer classes, said by taking one of the prerequisite courses for his math major during the summer, more classes become available come fall semester.

“I hear this class is a lot more intense than a regular class during the school year. I talked to the head of the math department, and she said it’s basically like having a full

time job, which I’m actually kind of looking forward to because having five classes at once can be kind of hectic.”

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Spending summer in a ghost town

By Megan Mallonee
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Ah, summer in Chapel Hill. The weather is gorgeous, the leaves are green and there’s literally no one in town.

Spending a summer in the ghost town of Chapel Hill can be hard if you love the bustling crowd on Franklin Street that no longer exists. Spending a summer in Ghost Hill can be incredible if you like peace and quiet or short lines. It’s a rare gem to eat anywhere here without a wait, so please enjoy it.

That girl in your class who has been bragging about her summer internship since February is probably living it up, but at least you don’t have to see her anymore.

Taking a class? Your walk will be much less painful without the millions of students who seem to have set out to trample you.

You will still regularly trip on bricks because no earthly factor can possibly keep you from falling all the time.

The best part about taking summer classes is that you can focus on just one or two. Studying for one test on Polk Place is so much easier than studying for five in Davis during the regular school year.

There won’t be many other students around, so feel free to force people to be your friend. Try every restaurant on Franklin. They’re empty anyway.

Found a summer job? Having fewer people around means having less work to

do. It also means getting less money in tips, but we’re trying to stay positive here, people.

If you just don’t want to go home, enjoy the freedom of a summer without responsibilities. You won’t get to have a summer like that after you graduate. Obligation-free fun doesn’t exist in the post-grad world.

Try to pick up a hobby. Make some hip jewelry or try a yoga class. Check out Carrboro or hang out in downtown Raleigh. Don’t go to Durham, obviously. We never go there.

Regardless of your excuse for staying in town this summer, you should see it as a blessing. Hopefully, your stress level will be much lower, which pairs perfectly well with the warm North Carolina summer weather and sunny skies.

You can take a dip in the pool behind Woollen Gym or go for a walk in Coker Arboretum.

You could also just binge-watch TV from your bed.

Maple View Farm is gorgeous, and nothing says summer like homemade waffle cones. You’ll find shorter waits again — another benefit of absolutely no one being around.

It’s not basketball season, but it is still the Southern Part of Heaven. You could be in Europe or New York City, but you’re here ... so focus your energy on making the best of what you’ve been given down here.

General Assembly readies for summer session

House Bill 2 and teacher salaries will be up for discussion.

By Thomas Shealy
Staff Writer

There’s a lot in store for this summer’s N.C. legislative session.

The controversial House Bill 2 prohibits employees from suing in state courts over discrimination. Gov. Pat McCrory, who is running for re-election, hopes to reinstate this right through an executive order released on Tuesday.

But McCrory does not actually have the power to change the law, so it is up to the legislature to decide whether or not to follow the governor’s wishes.

UNC journalism professor Ferrel Guillory said he doubts legislators will alter the law.

“It’s hard to predict what the legislature is going to do, but so far legislative leaders have said they don’t see a need to change the law,” Guillory said.

Guillory attributed this possible discrepancy between the legislature and the governor to the different challenges they will face in the next election cycle.

“Most of the legislators who voted for this bill do not have opposition in the fall. They’re in relatively safe districts. The governor, however, has to run statewide, and so the political dynamics facing the governor and the political dynamics facing individual legislators are two different things,” Guillory said.

House Bill 2 has caused a significant backlash from businesses which could influence the legislature’s decision to alter the law.

Both PayPal and the Deutsche Bank have canceled

plans to expand their businesses into North Carolina over the new law. These two companies were expected to create close to 700 jobs. Singer Bruce Springsteen also canceled his concert in Greensboro due to the law, and the 2017 NBA All-Star game scheduled to take place in Charlotte is now in jeopardy.

McCrory has also proposed a plan to increase teacher pay by an average of 5 percent. It is unclear what N.C. lawmakers will do with this proposal, but many are skeptical of how effective the proposal will actually be.

“Last time our criminally low starting teacher salary went from \$30,000 per year to \$35,000 per year,” N.C. State University political science professor Steven Green said.

“Which, hey, we raised teacher salary to \$35,000, and you can take that to voters and say, ‘Look, we raised all these teacher salaries,’ but then again you look further up the teacher ranks where a huge number of teachers got essentially no increase and some actually got a decrease.”

Michael Bitzer, professor of political science at Catawba College, said the actual raise in teacher salary will likely be less than what the governor has proposed.

“It’s likely that the governor’s proposal will be the high end of the potential raises. Generally a legislature will take a governor’s budget proposal and make their own changes, and I think what you’ll see is probably something lower,” he said.

Legislators will have a

budget surplus this year though, and that could potentially mean more money going toward raising teacher salaries.

“They do have a surplus this year, so that will be the big argument of do they invest in teacher salaries, state employee salaries or what do they do with that surplus,” Bitzer said.

So far, there is no indication as to what will be done with the surplus.

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HOUSE BILL 2 FALLOUT

Since House Bill 2 passed on March 23, the legislature has been under fire:

- Several protests in metropolitan areas have demanded the law be repealed.
- Businesses have halted expansion plans in the state.
- McCrory issued a backtracking statement but did not call for the law’s repeal.

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Rosemary renovations to begin May 16

By Brooke Fisher
Staff Writer

If you plan on hitting up Rosemary Street during the summer, be prepared to face a construction zone.

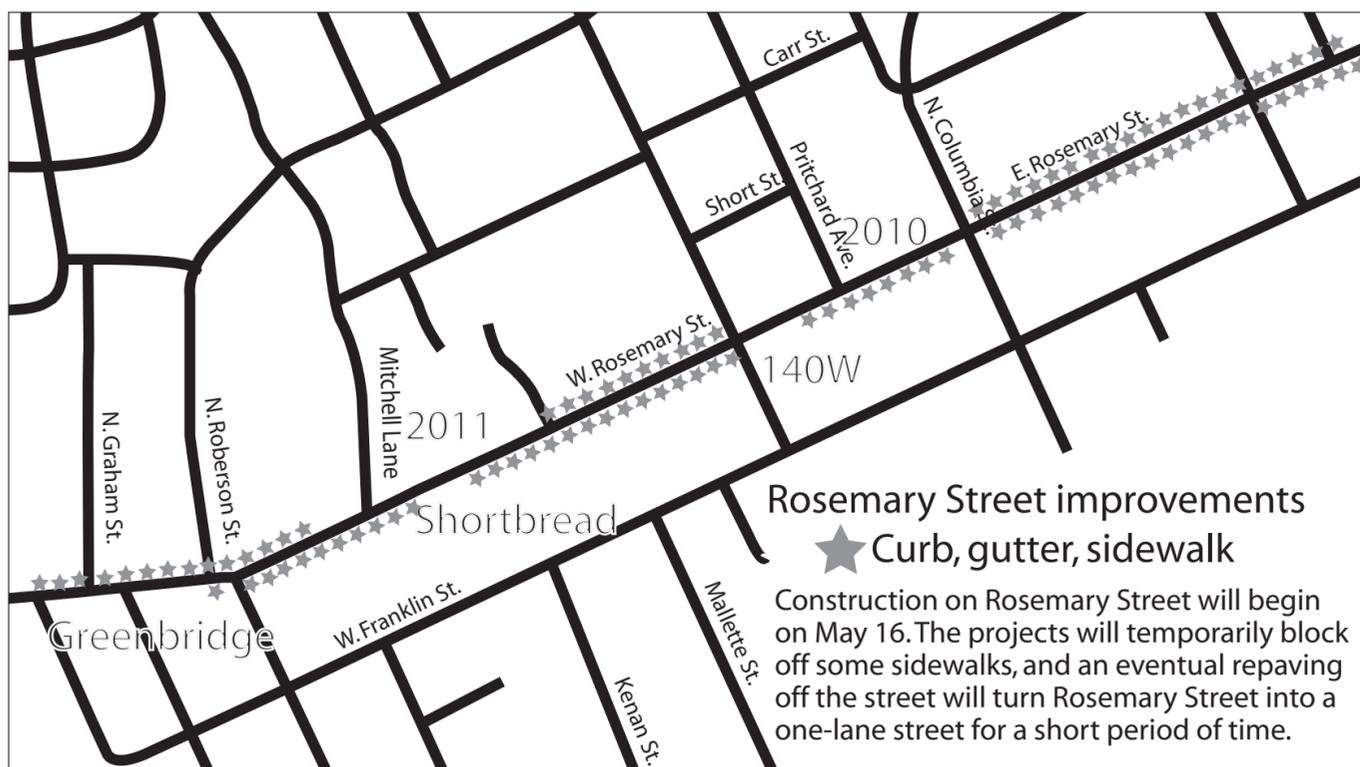
Renovations will officially kick off on May 16 if the Town Council approves the plan. These renovations consist of replacing curbs and gutters, driveway aprons and sidewalk and curb ramps. Orange Water and Sewer Authority will be replacing some water lines on East Rosemary Street as well. Repaving will take place in early fall.

Emily Cameron, project manager for the curb, gutter and streetscape improvements to Rosemary Street, said in an email that the construction should be done by Oct. 1.

"If we do not have an unusually rainy summer or an active hurricane season, the goal is to finish the curb, gutter and sidewalk work by October 1, so the repaving can start and finish before colder weather arrives," Cameron said.

During the summertime renovations, Cameron said most of the work would not require the street to be completely closed. But when repaving begins, the road will be closed in order for the street to be resurfaced.

"There may be lane closures during replacement of curb and gutter, with a plan in place for directing one-way traffic



Rosemary Street improvements
★ Curb, gutter, sidewalk

Construction on Rosemary Street will begin on May 16. The projects will temporarily block off some sidewalks, and an eventual repaving off the street will turn Rosemary Street into a one-lane street for a short period of time.

as needed," Cameron said. Pedestrians will be directed to the other side of the street for sidewalk renovations.

Cameron said the town is still communicating to business owners along Rosemary Street about where the construction will be and how that might affect their business.

One of the main concerns is limited access to houses and businesses along Rosemary.

"The contractor will make every effort to minimize disruption to access to and from adjacent properties," Cameron said.

Cameron said business owners have been very coop-

erative and supportive of the planned improvements so far.

Corey LaPrade, manager at Chapel Hill restaurant Pantana Bob's, said he isn't worried about construction hurting business.

"I think we'll be fine," LaPrade said. "Summer is slow, anyway."

LaPrade also said most customers haven't had problems with construction projects in the past.

Spring Council, the manager at Mama Dip's, a restaurant in Chapel Hill, said she doesn't think profits will be impacted by the construction. Council said previous reno-

vements have helped business and the renovations are beneficial to a part of town that needs to some beautification.

"I'm all for it if they talk about beautification and widening and making the sidewalks safer," Council said.

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What to do when you don't get your dream internship

By Cassandra Cassidy
Staff Writer

You didn't get it. The internship you wanted — the words you already imagined sitting in a perfect spot on your resume. You thought this sort of rejection was over after you got into college, and now you realize there is a long road filled with rejection right in front of you.

Welcome to the club of people who dread being asked, "What are you doing this summer?"

You've already heard every nice piece of advice that exists, in which you get over your disappointment and are proud you even applied. You shouldn't have to get over it. In fact, don't. Let it break you apart. Realize why you wanted that internship. For your resume? So you don't

spend another summer as a lifeguard? So you can brag about how talented you are?

All are valid answers, but the way that our society hypes up "internships" discounts all the other things you can do that build character.

Blindsided by the appeal of an internship and the satisfaction it would give me to boast about my coolness, I asked an admissions officer at Kenan-Flagler Business School which of two internships would be more impressive.

She asked me, "Which one will allow you to have more of an impact?" and my mind went blank. Noticing I hadn't thought about that, she said, "I'd rather see someone work at an arts and crafts camp and make a difference in someone's life than work at a big name firm and do mind-

less tasks."

Disappointment can be constructive if you use it correctly. Redirect your energy from feeling sad and rejected to finding something to do with your summer that could likely end up being better than an internship.

Stay in Chapel Hill and get excited about your school all over again as you see crowds of future Tar Heels stroll through. Take summer classes and get that annoying gen ed out of the way. Work, work, work, work, work. Learn something new — take tennis lessons or guitar lessons, or go camping enough times that you become an expert.

After I tasted rejection from a dream internship, I stayed up until 4 a.m. trying to figure out what I would do with my summer. I thought about the things that I do during

breaks and the things that get me excited to go home for a weekend. I came up with: hot yoga, summer classes, learning how to cook from my mom so I don't starve in my apartment next year, picking up my old guitar again and writing that book. Doesn't sound too horrible, right?

Think about what you have to offer, and don't feel ashamed to say that you're working at Chick-fil-A this summer for the third year in a row. There's plenty of time for you to get that perfect internship. Take advantage of how young and vulnerable you are. Whether you'll be learning how to deal with angry customers as a waiter or learning how to deal with hyperactive children as a nanny, it will matter.

Do something that gives you a story to tell.

Confessions of a future subletter

By Amanda Marley
Staff Writer

The summer apartment search can be daunting, especially if you are moving to a new city.

Once you find the perfect place to sublet, you still constantly wonder if the place seems too good to be true.

You can't see the apartment in person until you move in, so all you can do is hope the place looks the same in person as it does online.

When you fall asleep at night, you think about your dream apartment and how your "Craigslist Suite" could be far from what you imagined.

You get to your new city, and you are so excited to see your new place.

As you get a taxi and as you ride away from the airport, you notice the scenery start to change.

The buildings look run-down, and no one is walking around, despite the beautiful weather outside.

It's not exactly the "vibrant and young city center" your subletter described.

When you arrive at your new home, there are three locks and gates between you and the door.

Once you get in, you make your way up the creaky staircase, noticing all the roaches around you.

When you walk into the apartment, you are met with a wall of cigarette smoke.

Walking through the smoke clouds, holding a

hand to your nose to block the smell, you take a look around. The first detail you notice about the place is its size.

The "lavish one bedroom" is actually a one-room shoebox, and the "first-rate appliances" actually consist of a mini fridge and a microwave.

A buzzing in your ear catches your attention, and you turn to see a mosquito flying around.

That's when you notice all the other critters in the apartment — a spider on the counter, a cockroach in the corner and a huge mass of ants crawling up your bedside table.

A layer of grime covers the entire room, and you panic. You HAVE to get out of there.

That's when you snap out of your horrible dream and realize you are being unrealistic.

Don't let these fears get to you.

Skype with your subletter, and do your research to make sure the apartment is legitimate.

Once you take those first steps, you should try to stop worrying about the apartment and start getting excited about your new adventure!

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Keep a good attitude about your new place, and try to be open to new possibilities.

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UNC summer sports preview

Compiled by Sports Editor Pat James.



Baseball eyes NCAA Tournament return

A year removed from missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001, the North Carolina baseball team is poised to make its return this summer.

UNC opened the season on a hot start, winning 18 of its first 20 games and claiming back-to-back series wins over top-20 opponents in UCLA and Oklahoma State.

The Tar Heels then hit a rough patch, dropping seven of their next 12 games. But a commanding 15-0 win over then-No. 7 South Carolina on April 13 gave the team a sense of momentum.

"It's nice to come out here and not just win but make a statement, especially after the couple of weeks we had," said outfielder Tyler Ramirez after the victory over the Gamecocks. "This is just one of the games we needed ..."

"All teams are going to hit that bump in the season where it's like, things aren't going to go your way, and you're not going to hit as great. So it's nice just to get out there and keep going at it and keep getting better as a team."

North Carolina's pitching staff played an influential role in the team's success through its first 35 games, ranking first in the ACC in ERA as of April 17.

But for the Tar Heels to find success down the stretch, they'll look for consistency on offense.

With ACC play in full swing, UNC will have multiple chances to prove it's ready for a postseason return with tough games against Louisville and N.C. State on the docket in May.



Lacrosse teams take different paths

Despite both being ranked for a majority of 2016, the North Carolina men's and women's lacrosse teams have been trending in different directions since March.

The women's team opened the season with three straight wins before dropping back-to-back contests against Florida and Maryland, marking the first time in 10 years the Tar Heels dropped consecutive home games.

But since then, UNC has won nine straight matches — including six against top-10 ranked opponents — behind an offense that ranked eighth in the country as of April 17.

Meanwhile, the men's lacrosse team has struggled to find the same sort of consistency.

After defeating then-No. 8 Johns Hopkins on Feb. 28, the Tar Heels lost back-to-back games — including a 13-12 overtime defeat against then-No. 1 Denver at Fetzer Field.

And despite opening ACC play with an overtime win at Duke and a dominating home win over Virginia, UNC was left searching for answers after a 13-7 loss to Syracuse less than two weeks before the ACC Tournament.

"We're just looking for that consistency because we are playing such talented teams," said men's lacrosse coach Joe Breschi after the loss to the Orange on April 16. "You've got to be ready to play every week, and the margin of error is just paper thin."



Tennis teams hope to remain hot

The North Carolina men's and women's tennis teams have both dominated for much of the spring and hope to turn their regular-season success into postseason wins.

The men's team started the season with a 15-0 record, earning the Tar Heels their first No. 1 ranking in program history. The stretch was highlighted by wins over six top-12 teams and the claiming the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Indoor Championship.

UNC's first loss of the season came in its ACC opener at Florida State, and despite dropping back-to-back matches against Wake Forest and Notre Dame, North Carolina entered the ACC Tournament as the No. 4 seed.

While the men's team struggled at times during conference play, the women's team found even more success.

After falling to Michigan on Feb. 20, the Tar Heels started ACC play with a thrilling 4-3 win over Miami, marking the first of 16 straight victories by UNC.

North Carolina concluded the regular season with a 7-0 win at Clemson on April 15, handing the team its fourth consecutive ACC regular-season title.

"It's hard to be this consistent and this successful every year. I can't take any credit whatsoever," said women's tennis coach Brian Kalbas after UNC defeated the Tigers on April 15. "The players are the ones that do all the hard work, and this is one of the hardest-working teams I've ever had."

NCAA, SACS to make progress on scandal during summer

UNC will receive a new NOA and its accreditation status.

By Bradley Saacks
Director of Enterprise

UNC's academic-athletic scandal has dominated headlines for more than five years now, and this summer will be no different.

The University should hear back from both the NCAA and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in the coming sum-

mer months about a revised Notice of Allegations and UNC's accreditation standing, respectively.

At the Final Four in Houston, NCAA president Mark Emmert told reporters the investigation into UNC and the paper class scheme conducted in the former Department of African and Afro-American Studies was progressing and that the University could expect to receive the amended NOA within the month.

"It's a great, big, complicated case, and it's taking a long time to get all the information

in place," Emmert said during a press conference before the Final Four. "We're not putting a timetable on it."

The original NOA was received in May 2015 and claimed that the University lacked institutional control, one of the highest offenses the NCAA can allege against a school. The University was set to respond to the notice in August, but instead found more potential infractions that needed to be reported to the NCAA.

This forced the NCAA to create a revised notice, which the University is currently

waiting on.

A more concrete timeline is in place for the University's accreditation standards.

This summer, at the SACS annual meeting, the accrediting agency's board of trustees will vote on whether to revoke UNC's accreditation, restore it in full or place the University on a yearlong probation identical to the one that it is currently under. The meeting will be in June.

"There are people whose hearts have been feeling broken that all their work could be something that they can't be proud of, and I am so

proud of them," Folt said last summer when the accreditation agency announced that UNC would be placed on probation. "We are doing everything we can, and we are resting on the work of all who brought us here."

The University posted its first monitoring report on April 15.

This report was required by SACS after the organization did not accept seven of UNC's explanations for the 18 accreditation bylaws that were broken by the academic fraud detailed in the Wainstein report.

One of these bylaws that was broken down in greater detail in the monitoring report is the first in the SACS rulebook: operating with integrity.

The monitoring report laid out the work UNC has done to ensure all processes are performed with integrity, including the creation of an interim chief integrity and policy officer.

In the past decade, only six schools have lost accreditation from SACS. UNC is one of the founding members of SACS.

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Student bands in the summer

The musically inclined have to balance bands, jobs.

By Leah Moore
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During the summer, student bands and musicians find themselves faced with a daunting decision between going on tour or working an internship or job.

Ellis Dyson and the Shambles, a popular local band made up of UNC students, has been together for the past three years. Dyson, who is graduating in May, said he and his bandmates have avoided making that decision by balancing both.

"We've done what we do during the semester — play gigs when we can, while we're all working," he said. "Once you get going and you're play-

ing, you can't really just stop. You have a fan base, and you have to keep playing shows so people stay interested."

He also added that having several people able to fill in if needed have allowed them to tour more.

Timmy Cooper, a member of another student band, Below the Line, said his band has had the advantage of living close to one another.

"We were a band before we actually came to Chapel Hill. We're actually all from around the Winston-Salem area, so we write lots of songs and play even more shows (in the summer) than during the school year. We do shows mostly around Winston but also in Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Charlotte," he said. "It's a little more natural for us than some bands because distance (from each other) isn't an issue. It gives us time to get back to the music."

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Ellis Dyson
Of Ellis Dyson and the Shambles

Dyson says the Shambles will keep doing what they're doing in the future.

"We'll keep chugging away like we do. Some of us are graduating, some are staying behind, so we'll have to work through that," he said. "A good, influential agent that could get us some gigs would be great."

This summer, Below the Line will be working on new music.

"This summer, we're devoting a lot more time to original music. We're trying to get out a new EP this fall," Cooper said. "We want to make a gradual change to more originals, as opposed to covers. We're not going to become an all-original band because people like to hear what they know."

University Career Services Associate Director Jeff Sackaroff said there is no one right way for bands to spend their summers.

"It would depend on what they want to do after they graduate. I wouldn't want to make a blanket statement. It depends on the students' interests after graduation, what opportunities are available to them and how music factors into their professional goals," he said.

Sackaroff said while there are risks students take by not going the traditional path and working an internship or job during the summer, there are also opportunities in choosing to tour or put out an album.

"I think being involved with a band allows one to develop time management and communication skills. Putting together an album, sticking with a band and going on tour foster many valuable skills that would be desirable to employers," Sackaroff said.

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Ellis Dyson and the Shambles, a local band made up of UNC students, is performing this summer.

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Summer classes can help you complete requirements with less stress and more confidence

By the end of every spring semester, the last thing I have ever wanted to do is think about school.

It was true after my first year before I'd been jaded by 50-hour work weeks and full course loads, and it's true now as I prepare to complete my undergraduate education and enter the mystical land of the "real world," which promises opportunity and, if we're lucky, a little more cash in our wallets.

But even if you, like me, shudder at the thought of returning to school after finishing a full year of classes — consider summer school.

Finish your language requirements, take the class you know you'll struggle with, take the requirements you want to put off but shouldn't.

I spent one summer in Chapel Hill — I wish I could have had more. I worked part-time and took an intern-



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ship, and the best thing I did between walks on campus and late afternoon YoPo runs was taking summer classes.

I had spent my spring semester struggling through Italian 102 and knew I couldn't wait another three months to take the last level of my language requirement — so I enrolled in Italian 203 for the first summer session.

Admittedly, I started out with a lack of confidence in

my ability to sustain conversation in a language I once regretted studying and a sense of resentment at the thought of enduring a 90-minute class five days a week.

But after the first week something incredible happened — I liked school again. I didn't mind going to class every day. I was learning and enjoying it without the stress of a semester's course load.

By the end of my summer session, I felt confident speaking another language. Even if I struggled at times, I didn't worry about it because I knew I had time to focus my studies on just this class. With a summer session I could fulfill an education requirement, learn without feeling overwhelmed and enjoy my summer, too.

I wish I had some life-changing wisdom to say about my summer spent struggling through Econ 101, but I do not.

I didn't enjoy learning whatever it is that happens in microeconomics. Despite how new my textbook was, I still don't think the principles within it are necessarily representative of the economic realities we experience on a daily basis. But I'm also a communications major destined to find the rhetorical faults in almost everything — what authority do I have on the principles of economics, anyway?

Your sentiments on summer school don't have to be Hallmark-worthy. You might hate going to class every day or struggle with the material.

But if you want to take a class you couldn't during the regular semester or learn without the burden of a full course load, consider summer classes.

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