

SNOW POSTPONES GAME

Students outraged after long wait

Storm snarls roads, strands motorists, closes campus

People urged to stay off roads across North Carolina; winter weather likely to continue throughout the day

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Juniors Avery Calhoun and Hannah Davis left their Mill Creek apartment Wednesday for a quick trip to Harris Teeter for some groceries.

Little did they know, they would be walking back.

"We were driving back and everyone was sliding around right in front of us, so we just ended up pulling over and walked all the way back since then," Calhoun said.

Davis said the storm started so suddenly, they weren't prepared for the slippery drive home.

"We got to Harris Teeter, and it was barely snowing at all and then — 10 minutes later — this," Davis said.

Classes will be canceled today until 8 a.m. Friday, according to a press release from the Department of Public Safety on Wednesday.

Anantha Aiyer, an N.C. State University professor who studies meteorology, said he expects sleet to continue on and off into today.

He said the region will likely get an inch or two of sleet today and possibly more snow.

This snow storm comes about two weeks after Winter Storm Leon slammed the South. Aiyer said it's hard to predict, but there's a chance that the region could get another winter storm before spring, as it has been unusually cold this year.

Brandon Thomas, spokesman for Carolina Dining Services, said all campus dining services will be closed except Rams Head and Lenoir Dining Halls. He said employees were provided shelter at local hotels and transportation.

Officials were also responding to stranded residents across the county.

Wednesday's winter storms overloaded the Orange County Emergency Services department's call center with residents' calls for help.

Chapel Hill police asked all residents involved in minor accidents Wednesday to exchange information with one another and report it today.

Chapel Hill police spokesman Lt. Josh Mecimore said police didn't have information about the number of car accidents Wednesday.

At one point, the Chapel Hill Police Department tweeted that officers were called to respond to nine crashes in a five-minute span around 1 p.m. Wednesday.

The police department closed parts of U.S. Highway 15-501 and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Wednesday after residents couldn't make it up steep parts of the roads.

Gov. Pat McCrory declared a state of emergency Tuesday. He urged people to stay off the roads, even telling reporters that he wouldn't be able to make the UNC-Duke game.

Between midnight and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, N.C. Highway Patrol troopers



DTH/MELISSA KEY

Students leave the Smith Center after learning that the Duke game would be postponed.

Students frozen out of Duke game

By Nicole Comparato
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As soon as the PA system clicked on around 5:40 p.m., booing echoed throughout Koury Natatorium.

"I knew it was over," said junior Andrew Wood.

And so did more than 500 other students that had been moved inside at 1 p.m. by the Athletic Department after snow made waiting in line outside unbearable. The same students who were reassured multiple times throughout the

day — even through an Alert Carolina text message — that the Duke game was still on.

The announcer paused to let the shouting subside.

He told Phase 1 ticket holders who had been waiting for up to seven hours — many of them abandoning their cars and walking miles to get to the Smith Center — that the Duke basketball team would not be making the 10-mile trek to Chapel Hill due to dangerous road conditions.

"Everyone knew," said Wood, who turned 21

Wednesday and hoped to include the Duke game in his birthday celebrations. "It could have been the best."

According to an Athletic Department press release, the 9 p.m. game was postponed due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 20.

"Duke's bus is not able to get to their campus to pick up the team in time to be able to make the trip to Chapel Hill so we can't play this evening,"

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CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Because the University is operating under Condition 3, all offices are closed. For updates, check unc.edu as well as dailytarheel.com:

- All classes are canceled and offices are closed until Friday at 8 a.m.
- All campus libraries are closed.
- UNC Campus Recreation facilities are closed, and Student Stores is closed .

CHAPEL HILL SHELTERS

The Orange County Emergency Services department will open two emergency shelters today if residents lose power or heat:

- The first shelter will be at C.W. Stanford Middle School in Hillsborough.
- The second shelter will open at Smith Middle School in Chapel Hill.

CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT

Chapel Hill Transit will operate as conditions allow today:

- The department will update its inclement weather page with bus route closures at bit.ly/1aWkySx.
- Students should take extra care when boarding the buses and while waiting at bus stops.
- The department ended service on many of its local routes Wednesday.

CAMPUS DINING

Carolina Dining Services said students will be able to eat at the following locations Thursday:

- Rams Head and Lenoir Dining Halls will open at 9 a.m. today.
- All other Carolina Dining Services locations will remain closed unless otherwise noted.

Today's weather



Sleep it off.
H 33, L 26

Friday's weather



Do you think Duke can make it now?
H 42, L 31



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Laurel Keefer, a sophomore biology major, makes a snow angel in front of South Building on Wednesday afternoon.



DTH/CHRIS CONWAY

Chapel Hill Transit bus services were suspended Wednesday afternoon during the snow.



DTH/MELISSA KEY

Avery Barr, a sophomore biology major, walks up Bowles Drive after taking a run down the hill on his skis.