

A welcome message from the chancellor

Welcome to Carolina, first-year students. I don't have to tell you that it wasn't easy getting this far. Carolina had more students than ever before applying to be part of the class of 2016. You should be proud of all you've achieved in high school.

We are thrilled that you will be joining us in Chapel Hill. Know that your fellow students and our faculty and staff are looking forward to welcoming you into the Carolina community. It's a friendly place, so you should feel at ease about this big transition. We're all here to help you be successful students. Now you are here on campus, ready to begin your Carolina adventure.

Not only will you have an unlimited array of academic opportunities to choose from, including honors seminars, undergraduate research and study abroad, you will also become immersed in a particularly rich student life experience.

You will have opportunities to explore the arts, politics, social involvement, community service, Tar Heel sports and so much more in the next four years. At Carolina, we have more than 600 student organizations that you



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can join, so there's truly something for everyone. We welcome your innovative spirit as you join other Carolina

minds on a mission to solve the world's biggest problems. To get some ideas of what creative people are doing on campus and beyond, check out Innovate@Carolina (<http://innovate.unc.edu>), which is sparking excitement about entrepreneurial thinking in all of the academic disciplines.

One major global problem is the need for people to have access to clean water, and how water affects our daily lives. Our faculty includes some of the world's leading experts in that

field. We're devoting the next two years to "Water in Our World," a campus-wide theme that you'll be hearing more about next fall. You will have opportunities to contribute.

Once you arrive, you'll meet new people who will change your life. They'll include amazing faculty members and your fellow students. You will learn from them because they are different; they come from every state in the U.S. and from more than 100 countries in the world. And you will bond with them because of

what you have in common: You all chose to be Tar Heels.

We love having you here, but please earn your undergraduate degrees on time. Be good neighbors when you go off campus to eat, shop and socialize. Practice safety and good common sense on campus and off. Be sure to bookmark the <http://alertcarolina.unc.edu>, the first place campus safety-related information is posted and to register your cell phone to receive emergency text messages.

Before the fall semester begins, we will throw a welcome

party called FallFest, where you will get a chance to mingle with the rest of the student body and dance in the street. The celebration continues with the Week of Welcome activities, which will introduce you to the many organizations and activities in which you can participate.

For now, just get out there and soak up the Carolina culture as much as you can this summer. Learn all of the fight songs, the alma mater and how to spell "Carolina" with your arms and legs. There will be a test.

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v.1 (Yiddish) to complain

To the guy playing Pokemon in my chem lecture: I would have cheered and fist pumped the air too if I had just spent five minutes trying to hatch that egg.

To the guy who chased his runaway longboard down Rosemary Street without ever spilling his Caribou or snagging his flannel: You are my hipster hero.

To the ginger guy who texts me 14 times an hour: I saw you streaking through the library and I was very disappointed. Plus, I didn't want to know that the carpet matches the drapes.

FRIENDLY NOTICE TO ALL FRESHMEN: Wearing your dorm keys on a CTOPS lanyard, though sort of practical, labels you as interminably clueless.

To the people who live above me: Just because you got all those free condoms at FallFest does not mean you have to use them all in one night.

To the girl walking to campus in a FULL glitter skirt: You are going to class, not a Lady Gaga concert.

To my English professor who used the term "bromance" in class: Legit.

12 minutes into class, I think you can take your helmet off. And you better not be the owner of the Razor Scooter by the door.

To the girl walking around campus with a stuffed unicorn on her head ... why?

To the tour guide who told her impressionable, young high school tourees that "advising is really helpful at UNC": I made my best, sarcastic bullshit face right at all of them when I walked by.

Humans vs. Zombies, a game that truly transcends the Greek/non-Greek divide.

To the girl in sweatpants and pearls: I know that this is UNC, but even that's taking it a little too far.

Professor: I don't know what kind of karma you're trying to amass, but having a completion-based quiz the Friday before Spring Break, a midterm the morning after St. Patrick's Day and a paper due the following Monday is a great step toward being reincarnated as a dung beetle.

Dear Ehringhaus spiders: I know I'm irresistible without any clothes, but I only allow attractive bipeds in the shower with me.

To my wonderful roommate who came back drunk last night and took a crap on the floor, I can tell it's going to be a fun year.

To the girl in Child Development who passed out from the picture of the placenta: Good luck having children.

To the guy who argued with me for 20 minutes about the definition of "analogy": Forest is to trees as you are to stupidity.

To Gary the Pit Preacher: I saw you walk out of the bathroom without washing your hands. That's a sin. You're going to hell.

To the whistling sound in the arbo-retum that has been echoing for the past two months: You confuse me. Do you come from a bird or a man?

To the girl watching porn in the corner of the UL: we all know that is not for your WMST class.

Send your one-to-two sentence entries to opinion@dailytarheel.com, subject line "kvetch."

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