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## Police out in full force for first week

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While walking from one fraternity house to another along East Franklin Street on Tuesday night, sophomore Alison Bolick was arrested on charges of underage possession of a malt beverage.

"I had a beer in my hand, and the cop was just like, 'Hey little girl, come here,'" she said.

With students returning, charges such as Bolick's increase.

To deal with students' return, Maj. Brian Curran said the Chapel Hill Police Department puts extra foot-patrol officers downtown and restricts vacation days for officers.

"Undoubtedly this is a busy time for this," he said. "Many people are on their own for the first time, and there's pressure from peers."

Curran said officers focus on downtown but also respond to calls, mostly noise complaints.

Bolick said she was surprised to see officers patrolling so heavily and had mixed feelings about the arrest.

"I think there's a bunch of people underage drinking," she said. "I don't think at certain points they should be less strict."

Curran said the department is constantly shifting resources to accommodate different needs.

"It's pretty much like this every year," he said. "Kids don't change all that much. They come to college with the same expectations."

Officers run compliance checks at bars and grocery stores and N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement officers run checks at bars and nightclubs

in Chapel Hill. During the main drinking hours, agents watch to make sure bartenders check IDs.

The ALE also sponsors a training course on how to identify fake IDs and recognize someone who's been drinking excessively.

Lauren Wilson, an ALE agent who patrols Chapel Hill, said she checks in on bars at a steady pace throughout the year.

"This is prime time for arrests for underage drinking, but we still enforce all year," she said.

Wilson would not disclose where or when she usually patrols, but Jeff Lasater, ALE's Raleigh district supervisor, said agents tend to go places that historically have sold to underage people.

Several minors were arrested last weekend at 300 W. Rosemary St., the address of Pantana Bob's. Manager Chris Blindenbacher said he's increased security to watch for people trying to sneak in.

"I believe the ALE does crack down on us at the beginning of the year," Blindenbacher said. "They came in here to check IDs a couple of nights ago."

And last weekend might only be the beginning.

"We weren't really worried about last weekend because parents were still here," Curran said. "This weekend will be different. People have a few classes under their belt but realize they don't have any homework yet."

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## CAMPUS COMES TO LIFE

BY KATIE HOFFMANN  
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By taking snapshots of you on your first days of school, your mother tracked your progress each year, making that initial day a benchmark of growth for the following year.

Although the days of fresh crayons — and probably your mother's pictures — are long gone, the idea stays the same.

Whether freshman or senior, Wednesday's first day of school marked a turning point.

### First time around

Walking into a college classroom for the first time can be a bit like walking into the lion's den.

"It was massive. There were about 300 people in there," said freshman Jordan Puckett.

"It was a bit overwhelming," echoed freshman Ellen Beverly.

For freshmen, the first day of college means navigating a foreign campus armed with maps and being forced to the low end of the totem pole.

"You're starting all over again," said Beverly, a Durham native. "There are a lot of older people who are intimidating."

Not only are they at the bottom once more, but freshmen are thrust into a sea of thousands of unknown students.

"(My class) was probably close to my whole senior class being in one big auditorium," Puckett said. "There are a lot of new faces."

But besides trekking up from Hinton James Residence Hall and dealing with the long lines at Lenoir Dining Hall, most freshmen said it was an exciting day.

"It wasn't as scary as everyone said it would be," Beverly said.

### The second season

They've put away their maps, and they just might have been lucky enough to get out of South Campus.

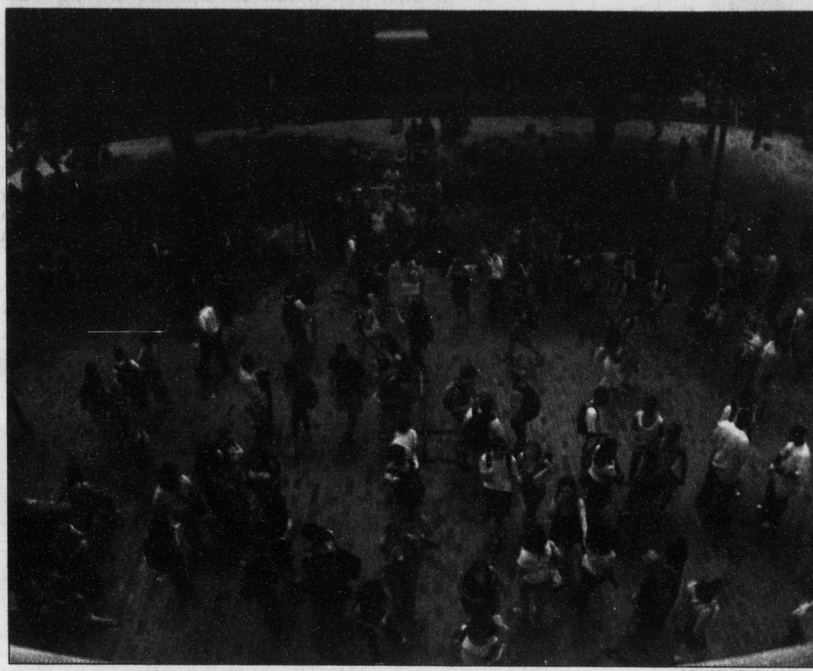
With one foot up on the food chain, sophomores said one year makes a world of difference.

"I feel like I'm starting with more experience than I had last year," said sophomore Charlotte Townes. "It's a continuation."

"I kind of know what I'm looking for now in classes and professors," she said.

She added that she has become more comfortable at UNC now.

"Instead of just being one per-



The Pit is alive with activity Wednesday afternoon as students shuffle across campus. Students young and old had different experiences during the first day of class, ranging from confusion to nostalgia.

son in a big crowd, you're looking for people you know," Townes said. "I feel like I'm home now."

### Seasoned veterans

After two years of hard work, juniors can finally call themselves upperclassmen.

"It went by really fast," said junior Sarah Mian. "It seemed like just yesterday that I was a freshman."

Don't be fooled, however — even though they're upperclassmen now, juniors still have their freshman moments.

"It's really noticeable who the freshmen are," Mian said. "But even as a junior some names are still really unfamiliar to me."

But already on the first day, school is overshadowed by what many juniors labeled a looming preoccupation — graduation.

"I'm not thinking of classes as much because I have some big decisions ahead of me," said junior Varsha Samaroo.

"It dawned on me that it's coming up a lot faster than I thought."

### A final lap

After a semester abroad, senior Christine Deaver made her return



Freshman Jeehyun Yoe searches for Steele Building. She was one of many students who used maps to navigate campus on the first day.

to campus. "It's been really nostalgic," she said of her first days back. "I didn't really appreciate the classes before."

With three first days of UNC under their belts, seniors said Wednesday was more relaxed compared to their first year.

"You don't have the butterflies," said senior Jim Brewer.

"You know what's expected." But the seniors' first day was not entirely devoid of nervousness.

"I can't believe it's here," Brewer said. "But you want to enjoy your whole year without having in the back of your mind that it's the last hurrah."

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## Professor takes first-day leap

BY ERIN ZUREICK  
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Stephen Meyers began his first day of class Wednesday afternoon in a small basement room in Mitchell Hall.

Meyers wasn't taking notes — he was leading an advanced geology course, the second he has taught at UNC.

"It's all new right now," he said. Amid the hustle and bustle of the semester's start, first-year students aren't the only ones adjusting to UNC.

Professors such as Meyers are faced with learning the ins and outs as they try to plan their first courses.

Meyers was a teaching assistant in graduate school and led a UNC course last spring, but he said he's still trying to find his comfort zone with teaching.

"It's different when you're actually organizing a course," he said.

One of about 40 new tenure-track faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences, Meyers received his Ph.D from Northwestern University and then spent several years at Yale University conducting post-doctoral research.

He said he was attracted to the University partly because of an attractive start-up package he was offered — including a \$300,000 X-ray fluorescence care-scanner to help him conduct research.

Meyers said UNC's investment in his research made him confident that he had the University's support.

"It was an offer I couldn't refuse," he said.

Dennis Mumby, chairman of



Faculty member Stephen Meyers presents a slide as he lectures during the first meeting of his advanced geology course.

the department of communication studies, said UNC must put together competitive job packages if it hopes to attract top professors.

"We're competing against other major public and private universities," he said. "We have to offer resources that allow them to get their research done."

He said University officials seek faculty members they think can become leaders in their fields.

"We're looking for somebody with a lot of potential, somebody who is going to augment the offerings we currently have. ... someone who is able to teach a variety

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## Ticket policy to debut

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON  
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Leaders are cautiously optimistic about the new online student ticket distribution system set to be up and running Friday.

The program, which wiped away the bracelet system, was unveiled this summer and quickly drew scrutiny from students who said the online process will take away from tradition.

But those central to the switch said students should see how it works before being critical.

"We want to go through it and see firsthand, instead of just talking about (students') potential fears," Carolina Athletic Association President Rachel High said.

Students can sign up to enter the online lottery for two home football games starting at 10 a.m. The system will serve as a trial run for basketball ticket distribution.

Those hoping to attend the Sept. 9 Virginia Tech football game must sign up by 5 p.m. Tuesday. The deadline for the Nov. 18 N.C. State game is 5 p.m. Oct. 28.

"There's always the chance there could be some hiccups," said Clint Gwaltney, director of ticket operations. "We'll be fielding those calls and trying to help everyone we can."

Rolling out the system during football season gives officials time to smooth out any bumps before basketball season begins, Gwaltney said. It also will ensure that Kenan Stadium can accommodate students during these high interest football games, which both are sold-out.

Sign-ups for basketball tickets open at 10 a.m. Oct. 2.

"We're going to do everything we can to get the word out," Gwaltney said. "We'll evaluate it as it goes, get feedback on a real-time basis, see what's successful. "It will take a little bit of time, but I think it will be well received in the end."

There is no advantage to signing up first — the lottery does not guarantee students a ticket to any game. Seating assignments also are random for all student ticket orders.

Some of the chatter surrounded the system's inability to let large groups of friends sit together — an option under the prior method.

"There are those that say, 'We're just die-hard fans, and we don't care where we sit,'" Gwaltney said. "We hope that's the approach that's taken."

One Cards still will be required to gain admittance to the Smith Center and Kenan Stadium, along with the printed ticket. Exhibition games will not require a printed ticket — just a One Card.

For the Duke basketball game distribution, the athletic department will work with the University registrar to identify seniors who have registered with the online system.

Students can request a maximum of two tickets per One Card and must indicate their preference regarding riser seating — standing positions that will be numbered sequentially to prevent a camp-out, Gwaltney said.

But he emphasized that the process

shouldn't affect the atmosphere. "Coach Williams' biggest thing is that he wants students there early," he said. "He wants to walk out there on the court, look up and see the seats filled. "Trust me. He notices."

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### How to use the new ticket system:

- Logging into your account
  - Go to www.tarheelblue.com
  - Click on "Buy Tickets Online" and then the link for "Student Tickets"
  - Enter your personal information, create a password and click "Next Step"
- Requesting the student ticket lottery
  - Click on the name of the game you want to attend
  - Enter the number "1" in the box and "Add to Cart"
  - Click "Continue shopping" and repeat the above steps for additional games
  - When finished, click "Check Out"
  - You will receive an e-mail confirmation
- Confirming and printing tickets
  - If notified by e-mail that you received tickets through the lottery, you will have four days to confirm

### CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, a Wednesday front-page story, "Police to beef up downtown presence," implied that \$250,000 would pay for a 13-member police unit. The money will pay for five new police officers. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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**24-HOUR AFFAIR** Earth Fare gears up for a celebration to promote its new hours

**SCIENCE WARS** Geologist argues 'pluton' can't be used by astronomers

**DOWNTOWN GUIDES** Partnership decides to field a group of ambassadors

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#### EAST VS. WEST

Top of the Hill brings an added incentive to the heated Chapel Hill High School vs. East Chapel Hill High School sports rivalry.

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#### KNOW YOUR MUSIC

Need to know what to do this weekend? Not familiar with the arts scene? Check out the new-look Diversions section for some guidance.

### this day in history

#### AUG. 24, 1864 ...

A letter from Joseph Engelhard told of a battle involving N.C. men where Robert E. Lee said, "There they stand as if they have tar on their heels."

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