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A photograph of three football players in green uniforms. One player in the background is wearing a green helmet and a white Riddell facemask. Another player in the foreground is wearing a silver helmet and holding a football. A third player is in the lower left foreground, looking down. The background is a blurred stadium.

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Niner Esports lands collegiate program nomination

by Jessica Ceballos
News Editor

The Esports Collegiate Program of the Year nominated Niner Esports as one of 10 finalists in the country.

Niner Esports will be traveling to Las Vegas in December 2022 to attend the Esports conference, where the nomination winner will be announced. The Niner Esports executive board and two advisors will accompany the group to Las Vegas.

According to the Esports Awards' website, the ceremony will occur on Dec. 13 at Resorts World Las Vegas. The event is open to the public and can be watched live or online via Twitch.

The annual nominations honor top programs from hundreds of colleges and universities. The nomination was announced on Aug. 25 for the Creative and Collegiate finalists in Spotlight Show 4.

There are 34 categories to be nominated for. UNC Charlotte is among the 10 schools in the Esports Collegiate Program of the Year category.

The other universities in the category are Boise State University, Maryville University, University of Hawaii, University of Warwick, University of St. Thomas, Illinois State University, Northwood University, Grand Canyon University and Southern University.

Voting for the Esports Collegiate Program of the Year category will end on Nov. 30. Go to esportsawards.com/vote/ to vote.

Niner Esports President Jorge Sanchez and Events Director Pake Cary were featured on Wake Up Charlotte! Weekend in a news segment about being nominated for The Esports Collegiate Program of the Year.

Niner Esports is a combination of competition and community for students. Niner Esports holds various events throughout the semester that allow players and members to game, practice, compete and foster community.

Sanchez spoke with the Niner Times about being nominated and working with other colleges and being president of one

of the largest student organizations with approximately 300 students.

"We all go and compete together. We all talk, and it would be nice to be able to bring them here to our home turf to compete. Not only that but to establish intercollegiate relationships with them the same way that all of our sports programs do," said Sanchez.

Sanchez confirms that Niner Esports will repurpose Norm's Loft, located on the Mezzanine level of the Popp Martin Student Union, into a central gaming location for Niner Esports.

The space will primarily be used by Niner Esports but will still be open to UNC Charlotte students for non-competitive gaming and community. According to Sanchez, Niner Esports hopes to bring 20 computers to support players against top programs.

According to Sanchez, a timeline has not been created yet since the process is still in the early stages.

"It will be outfitted to meet the needs of our community and the needs of our players all in one," said Sanchez. "The big thing that we wanted to make sure happens is that space right now is used a lot by our student members or our student community to go in and just play casually. We wanted to make sure that we didn't lose that while also being able to capture our players and esports teams to be able to come in and have a place where they can compete at the highest level."

The Niner Esports team has a dedicated regime for competition. Players have coaches who have dedicated practice times for up to five hours daily to train and strategize.

Niner Esports recently held an event called Clash Contenders on Nov. 12 at the Contender Esports gaming center.

Niner Esports also partners with many companies, such as MSI, HyperX and Twitch to further encourage and provide financial resources to the students who are a part of this organization.



Charlotte's Niner Esports at the Contender Clash on Nov. 12 | Photos by Emma Toney

Students report incidents of raw food at UNC Charlotte dining halls

by Benjamin Greenzaid
Staff Writer

Throughout the fall 2022 semester, UNC Charlotte students reported raw food in on-campus dining halls on social media. Two reports of raw food were from Crown Commons, and the other two were from SoVi.

In August 2022, raw chicken was found by a student and posted to Snapchat with the caption, “Come on Crown.”

In late October 2022, the Niner Times received reports of uncooked pizza and raw burgers found in SoVi.

According to the Director of Auxiliary Services Jody Thompson, “Over 220,000 people have been served at Crown Commons so far this fall.”

According to Thompson, two incidents of raw food are 0.00000909%, a small percentage compared to the number of people served.

UNC Charlotte released a statement on Sept. 29 regarding the incidents after the raw chicken was found in Crown Commons.

Dining hall attendee Sammi Gentry said, “I don’t go to Crown, period,” when asked if the incidents have changed their food patterns at the dining halls. However, Gentry has not received or found raw food.

“There are so many students to provide for, and they have to do it fast,” first-year student Emma Wical said. “As someone who has worked in food service before, it is really stressful to quickly put out good quality food when lots of hungry students come to the dining hall to eat.”

According to Thompson, one reason is a lack of staff. Due to the pandemic and decreased interest in the hospitality industry, the dining halls have hired nearly 400 students. Students are a workforce with a high turnover rate due to changing schedules and other obstacles.

“Our dining services contract requires



Photo by Jacob Scannell

that all food operations on campus maintain a health inspection score of 95% or greater at all times,” Thompson says. “We hold them to this standard, and I’m pleased to share that the average score across campus is 98%.”

Thompson says that after each report, the staff in each dining hall received extra training and a review of the cooking equipment. There was also open communication with the Board of Health.

Paul Johnson, resident district manager for campus dining services, said, “The

DOH [Department of Health] concluded and were confident that the incident was a one-off based on the standards and practices they witnessed,” Johnson says. “Just a few weeks earlier, the location received a 99% score on an unannounced inspection.”

There are steps to take for students who go to the dining halls if a similar incident wants to be avoided. Check the food served, and if it is undercooked, take it back to one of the cooks and ask for it to be cooked again. This way, the issue is avoided, and other incidents can

be quickly taken care of by the food being taken off the general counters.

A text-to-chat option is available for both dining halls if interpersonal interaction is not preferred. Crown Commons’s phone number is 704-901-8846. SoVi’s is 704-800-3171.

Pillars of the program

UNC CHARLOTTE FOOTBALL SENIORS CHRIS REYNOLDS, MARKEES WATTS AND VICTOR TUCKER PREPARE FOR FINAL GAME

by Sam Perry
Staff Writer

Charlotte football's Chris Reynolds, Markees Watts and Victor Tucker have been with the program since 2018. On Saturday, Nov. 19, the trio will suit up one last time.

Former Head Coach Will Healy took over for Brad Lambert in 2019, ushering in the most successful era of the program. During Healy's tenure, the 49ers made their first bowl game and defeated their first power five opponent, Duke University.

"Every time we stepped on the field, we thought we would do something great. We made sure we left it all out on the field," said Reynolds.

The journey

For the trio, the journey was not easy or expected. Reynolds was a walk-on with no other option but the 49ers, Watts was a two-star recruit out of high school, and Tucker only had one D1 offer from Charlotte.

Tucker said they defied the odds and built something special.

"It means a lot being able to forge your path. Creating history and being remembered years from now is a great thing," said Tucker.

Defining a legacy

Reynolds started as a scout team quarterback and became a program record-setter with 9,998 passing yards and 84 touchdowns. Reynolds said he does not want to be remembered for his records but for his work.

"I hope what sticks with these guys in the locker room is how I handle business and do things daily. I hope that is what people remember the most from a legacy standpoint," Reynolds said.

Sixth-year senior Tucker battled through similar adversities but had similar success. He ranks No. 2 in program history with 3,066 receiving yards and 19 receiving touchdowns.

"I was overlooked out of high school. I was a guy that no one thought would have a great college career. I was an overachiever. I believed in myself and let the hard work speak," said Tucker.

Watts saw playing time as a true freshman. He holds the program sack record and is No. 6 all-time for tackles.

"The records feel good. It gives me the comfort and satisfaction of knowing even though I'm leaving, I'll have no regrets. I know I have achieved something. The sack record feels like a burden lifted off my shoulders," said Watts.

Passing the torch

The 49ers will have to fill the trio's roles next season.

Reynolds looks to sophomore wide receiver Elijah Spencer to fill a leadership role. Spencer made an immediate impact in his true-freshman campaign, earning Conference USA (C-USA) Freshman of the Year. Spencer currently has 886 yards and nine touchdowns on the season.

"Elijah Spencer is special from a preparation standpoint. Of the young guys, I would say he will step up," said Reynolds.

Watts passes the torch to rising junior defensive end, Tyson Clawson. Watts said he would take a significant role in the locker room.

"[Clawson] has been in the D-Line room for a while now," said Watts. "He's been sitting back and taking everything in. Now he will be the one talking out loud and leading the group. He's a great guy."

Tucker expects Nolan Groulx to have a strong presence in the receiver room. Groulx has switched from wide receiver to defensive back this season multiple times.

"Nolan [Groulx] has so much talent and ability. I know the next time he's able

to strap it up and get on the field, Niner Nation will know his name and who he is as a football player," said Tucker.

One last ride

Charlotte will host Louisiana Tech in the regular season finale at Jerry Richardson Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 19. This will be the final game for the trio.

"It's going to be bittersweet. You know you walk in the door and feel like it will be an eternity until you leave. Especially when you get another COVID year, and the next thing you know, it's done," said Reynolds. "I'm going to try to take in every moment and look around for a second because I know it's about to be over."

Watts said he is ready for one last game.

"When I suit up for the last time, I have to ensure that I don't fail myself," said Watts.

The contest will kick off at 3:30 p.m. following senior day festivities. The game will be available to stream on ESPN Networks.



Charlotte quarterback Chris Reynolds (3) steps back to pass
Photo by Chris Crews



Charlotte defensive end Markees Watts (0) pressures quarterback
Photo by Chris Crews



Charlotte wide receiver Victor Tucker (1) runs after the catch
Photo by Chris Crews

Graduate student Haley Shand talks career, legacy with UNC Charlotte women's soccer

by Gavin Ennis
Staff Writer

Charlotte women's soccer graduate student Haley Shand has spent five years representing the 49ers. She reflects on her tenure with the squad as she prepares to leave the program.

From an early age, the Wilmington, N.C. native knew she belonged on the pitch.

"I started playing soccer when I was three years old and haven't stopped playing since then," said Shand. "I've played a couple of other sports, but soccer was special to me. I ended up quitting all other sports and just focused on soccer."

Shand has had a surplus of individuals guiding her throughout her journey, but one that stands out is her father, who pushed her from a young age.

"My dad has been a big mentor and motivator for me. He's always pushing me outside my comfort zone and encouraging me," said Shand. "He's very driven and passionate, and I aspire to be like him."

Shand was recruited by multiple universities but landed at Charlotte due to the players and coaches.

"Charlotte stood out to me because I really enjoyed the coaches and the girls were so welcoming when I came to campus. It just felt like home," said Shand.

During her tenure with the team, she played in 66 games, starting in 20 of them. She recorded 11 goals, six coming from the team's 2022 campaign, one assist and 23 points.

Looking at the stat sheets, Shand said

she improved her game year after year.

"Over the years, I got more confident," said Shand. "I learned more about soccer, field awareness and the style of play here (Charlotte). I think I was able to grow into having a more significant role."

The willingness to learn has been a critical component for Shand throughout her career, helping her progress as a player. As a freshman, Shand says she did not have any expectations for herself, but shadowing older, more experienced players allowed her to step into a more prominent role on the team.

"I knew this was a high-level, and I was coming to play with some really great players that had made a significant impact," said Shand. "I

understood my role was to push those players, but I wanted to learn and grow from them and hopefully step into a more significant role as I got older."

Teammates have also inspired Shand as they have helped her advance her game while keeping a friendly, competitive fire present. One person in particular – teammate Kelly Hastings.

"One of the people I've become closest with on the team is Kelly Hastings," said Shand. "She is passionate about soccer, and she is someone I can always look to go out to the fields with and push each other."

Sophomore teammate, Macey Bader, was named to the C-USA Championship All-Tournament team with Shand. Bader said Shand was instrumental in her decision to play at

Charlotte and was a role model.

"I met Haley [Shand] when I visited in my junior year of high school. I knew she was somebody I would look up to," said Bader. "She has been a positive role model and always has a smile on her face. She is going to push through for her team."

As new and up-and-coming players enter the program, Shand said they need to find a support system while embarking on their collegiate journeys.

"Find those people that are going to be there for you, that support you and want what's best for you," said Shand. "You're going to have injuries, along with other problems. Communicating with others and leaning on each other is so important."

As Shand bids farewell to the program she has spent the past five years with, she said her legacy is being there for her teammates.

"Being a part of this team is so special, but being a good teammate and being there for them is so important," said Shand. "While you're here, you have your ups and downs. You have good and bad days, but being there for your teammates is important."

Shand played her final game for the 49ers on Nov. 4, against Florida Atlantic University (FAU), where she scored the team's lone goal. Charlotte rounded out the season with a 2-1 defeat in the C-USA semifinals finishing the season with a record of 4-11-1 and were 2-6-2 in C-USA play.



Charlotte graduate student midfielder/forward Haley Shand (8) gains possession during a game
Photo by Jacob Scannell

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MEN'S SOCCER	FOOTBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	VOLLEYBALL
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American Marketing Association brings alpacas and rabbits for a fundraising event

Photos by Isabella Lain

Students had the opportunity to pet, feed and take photos with alpacas and rabbits at the Star Quad on Nov. 9. A \$5 donation was collected from each person to interact with the animals from the Zuber Petting Zoo. UNC Charlotte's American Marketing

Association (AMA) hosted the event. All profits will be used to send members to the International Collegiate Conference (ICC) in New Orleans during March 2023.



Misleading social media ads are harmful

by Ruhshona Soledjonova
Staff Writer

Social media is home to scammers, misleading advertisements and the door to accessing billions of people within minutes. Once only used as a form of communication, social media now significantly affects how people make and spend their money.

Regarding online shopping, social media should be the last place to look for reliable purchases. Anyone with access to a phone can sell or make a profit online. Since social media has scams, users should be on the lookout and monitor their accounts closely.

How you may get scammed

Falling into a scammer's trap is easier than one may think. Scammers have a well-developed knowledge of what sells. On social media, everything is open to the public eye.

Scammers have access to any personal details that are posted publicly online, and they have the tools necessary to attract consumers. According to the Federal Trade Commission, over 95,000 people lost about \$770 million to social media fraud in 2021.

The first step is noticing the common red flags among these false advertisements.

Scammers will mimic or impersonate other well-known brands to gain attention and remain relevant. It is

concerning how believable these ads are portrayed. Active social media users report purchasing items immediately after seeing the advertisements and waiting for months on end for them to arrive. One common tactic is advertising an amazing sale going on, and you can receive exclusive deals.

Let's be honest; who does not love a good deal? The ads will say that these deals are limited-time only. They will create advertisements on apps such as Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook Marketplace to get any

attention they can.

Consumers wonder why these ads keep popping up and consider this a sign to purchase the product.

In particular, online romance scams have gained popularity on Instagram. Many have reported receiving a "follow" from someone online that turns out to be someone completely different. They will start by direct messaging compliments and sweet talking their way to get to know you more. Some might even reel you in with a job opportunity. These romance scams want you to build trust in them before running away with your money. The biggest warning sign in a romance scam is that they tend to use rushed emotions, guilt-tripping you with tragic stories and will start with small requests for money.

The consequences of being captured by these scams are extensive. It is difficult to trace back the ad or scammer after money is lost. Most credit card companies will reimburse you for theft or fraud, but that is not the case if you use a debit card. Damage to self-esteem and confidence can also result from romance scams. Aside from financial and emotional grief, scammers receive access to any personal information that you might have submitted through their fraudulent websites.

How to avoid scams

There are many ways to avoid scams and false advertising on social media. Doing a little research before entering your card information and pressing submit does not hurt. Start with looking for product reviews or finding ways to contact the company. Alternatively, stick to purchasing products from trusted brands you or others have used.

Try not to purchase immediately and always question the legitimacy of the advertisement. Look for "click bait" marketing with flashy and trendy visuals to disguise a scam. If you can opt out of targeted advertising in your settings, activate it. Trust your gut and restrict people you do not know from any personal information you might have on social media. If you get scammed, report the crime and educate yourself and others around you.

Social media apps have an endless list of scammers that know how to reach their targets. It is important that we, as users, are cautious when coming across false advertisements and do not fall into a scammer's trap.



Photo by Jacob Scannell

The illusion of unlimited choices on dating apps

by Sylvia Sriniwass
Staff Writer

Swipe right for yes; left for no. By now, most people are familiar with the seemingly straightforward process of using dating apps, which allow users to connect with hundreds of singles who are ready to mingle. Unfortunately, dating apps are causing us to sacrifice genuine relationships for access to a myriad of options.

One of the biggest problems with dating apps is the paradox of choice. Excessive choices are likely to induce stress rather than happiness. Dating apps present users with hundreds of options within a certain radius. Initially, this seems ideal. However, more options do not signify a higher likelihood of finding a perfect match.

The number of options available at our fingertips is detrimental, as it creates indecisiveness and can hinder the development of meaningful relationships. Having more choices makes users second-guess themselves because they wonder what other options exist.

“Dating apps give people the sense that there is always a better option out there,

which takes away from the humanity of the users,” said a Charlotte sophomore who preferred to remain anonymous.

Dating apps encourage users to talk to multiple matches at once, giving users a false sense of confidence that they have a backup plan if their current top match flops. Even if they hit it off with a match, users feel they could find a better one if they swiped a little more. Unfortunately, this idea of holding out for a better alternative means that users are more likely to end up with no meaningful relationship. It is nearly impossible to develop a happy, successful relationship while living in the hypothetical.

Moreover, other forms of misuse experienced by dating app users are deceitfulness and harassment. According to an October 2019 study, around 70% of online daters believe it is common for users to lie to appear desirable. Similarly to social media, dating apps allow users to curate their persona through carefully selected pictures and prompts.

Profile curation also encourages people to prioritize physical characteristics

over personality. While dating has arguably always been sparked by physical attraction, other factors that influence attraction, such as a dry sense of humor, are poorly conveyed through a dating profile. This results in users swiping left on a perfect match just because their profile did not immediately strike their fancy.

The other form of misusing dating apps is harassment. The same Pew Research Center study found that matches continually and aggressively contacted over 30% of online daters after having expressed disinterest. The study also found that 48% of total users and 57% of female users ages 18 to 34 received undesired sexually explicit messages or images. There is an increased likelihood of this behavior on dating apps because of anonymity. The Charlotte sophomore believes this is because “dating apps make users bold. They are more likely to act [inappropriately] because they feel protected behind a screen.”

Despite all the online dating horror stories, there are some exceptions. Around 62% of online daters believe

relationships that begin on dating apps are equally successful as those that start in person. If you try a dating app, avoid judging a person merely by their photos. Quick judgment takes away from the purpose of dating apps, which is to forge connections between individuals. Try to meet up safely in person when you feel comfortable. This will better allow you to gauge compatibility. And lastly, be realistic about your expectations. Everyone, yourself included, has flaws.

If online dating is not for you, there are still other options. College provides many opportunities to connect with others: join a sports team or academic club, talk to classmates, study in Thoughtful Cup, or attend campus events. Meeting people organically sets the tone and offers a conversation topic.

Meeting people in real life provides common ground to form a connection and an opportunity to see each other again. However, dating apps create detrimental expectations; they give users the illusion of unlimited choice and love at first swipe, neither of which is realistic.

Parking passes are too pricey

by Sam Webb
Staff Writer

Parking passes are something most students have to end up purchasing. Is the cost worth it? When coming to class, finding a parking spot is difficult. Even if you leave earlier than usual to make it to class on time, the time it takes to find a spot may make you late. Parking passes are too expensive for many students to be able to afford when there are other costs to cover and not enough spots to park in.

Most students, faculty and staff have to buy a parking pass to park on campus. When looking at the UNC system as a whole, NC State University and UNC Charlotte “charge the most, expecting students to pay \$400-\$500 for the academic year.” With how much

Charlotte students pay for a parking pass, one would think there would be a parking spot not miles away from the class they need to go to or the residence hall they live in.

While Charlotte does not charge by the semester, it is still a hefty amount to pay at the beginning of the academic year. According to Outsolar, a website resource for college students, “many students pay tuition themselves and are unable to cut a large chunk of their bank account just for one measly spot in a parking garage.” With how much a parking pass costs, when someone pays for it, they are paying with the thought that they will have a spot to park in.

There is also the possibility of getting a

ticket for parking in a lot not approved by the permit, even if there are no parking spaces left where the permit allows. Instead of missing classes, “some students choose to park in lots that do not correspond with their parking pass and risk receiving a parking ticket,” according to the Truman Media Network.

With the money made from parking passes and tickets, as well as what is made in parking for visitors, it makes sense for more parking to be built. Whether the parking decks are made taller over the summer or if more spots are extended onto lots already constructed, more availability is needed.

Is creating more parking spots the answer, or should the University open

more lots, especially those for faculty and staff or visitors only? When passing the Cone deck, there are usually lots of spots open for faculty, and the top floor made for visitors has hardly any cars during the week. This could provide a short-term solution while a more permanent solution is decided.

Parking on college campuses is expensive for college students, whether or not they are paying for their education. Students, faculty and staff alike should not be expected to spend so much money on a pass to park on campus when there are not enough spots to park their cars.

Film review: 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'

by Jack Hale
Staff Writer

After mourning the death of King T'Challa, Wakanda must face a new threat without their fearless leader. The trailers looked fantastic, and "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" had potential. However, the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) has been lackluster.

The visuals are below average, their formulaic style is getting old and there is no end goal. Luckily, "Wakanda Forever" has excellent action and acting, but the runtime highlights its flaws.

At a staggering 161 minutes, "Wakanda Forever" is the second longest film in the MCU, beaten by "Avengers: Endgame." There is no reason the film needs to be this long. Thirty minutes could have been cut, and it would have made the film much better. Multiple storylines feel shoehorned and unimportant. Some scenes feel repetitive and do not add anything to the film. Luckily, the film was never outright boring. I was always engaged but felt the long runtime towards the end.

While the runtime is an issue, the pacing does a great job of keeping the audience engaged. There is a good balance between action scenes and slower, character-building scenes. Most of the action scenes are exciting, with some surprisingly brutal moments.

Thankfully, many of the film's visuals were up to par, unlike many recent MCU projects. Writer/director Ryan Coogler also pulled off some gorgeous shots, specifically the underwater scenes.

The long-beloved characters drive the action scenes. There is a lot of emotion in "Wakanda Forever" with the passing of the late Chadwick Boseman. For example, Angela Bassett (Queen Ramonda) gives a couple of heart-wrenching speeches and is a force to be reckoned with every time she is on screen. I would not be surprised

if she receives an Oscar nomination for her performance.

The film introduces us to the character Namor (Tenoch Huerta), and I could not get enough of him. He is an excellent villain with an intriguing backstory and motivation. The best villains are ones where you understand where they are coming from but disagree with their methods. Namor's goal is to protect his people and kingdom, which is a noble cause. This makes him a much more interesting character, as you can see how much he cares for his people. The dynamic between him and Shuri is fascinating, as they have similarities but differentiate themselves in how they protect their respective kingdoms.

"Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" is a step in the right direction for the MCU. It carries emotional weight, has great action scenes and has some of the best acting in a Marvel film. However, the unnecessarily long runtime is a huge flaw, as the film does not justify being nearly three hours long. Luckily, the characters keep the audience invested and interested enough to ignore it.

Rating: 7.5/10



'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'
Courtesy of IMDB



'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'
Courtesy of IMDB

Ways to make money as a full-time college student

by Annie Turk
Staff Writer

College students are always looking for ways to make easy money. Here are some tried and true ways to make extra cash while still being full-time students.

1. Tutor

While we do not have our degrees yet, we can still share the knowledge we have learned and share it with others. Is there a particular class that you did well in? That is your ticket to success. You can post on social media platforms, like in your class' Facebook group offering your tutoring services, or you could work as a peer tutor for UNC Charlotte's University Center for Academic Excellence. You can control your hours and rates and decide whether to tutor in person or virtually. Fit it perfectly to your class schedule and get tutoring.

2. Babysit

Sometimes it is good to go back to the basics. Many jobs go back to in-person after the pandemic, so many parents need childcare. You can do it as little or as often as you would like. Because of the increased demand

for sitters and nannies, you can charge a pretty good amount to take care of children. Start by seeing if you know anyone in the area who needs the occasional sitter. Various apps like Sittercity, Care.com and Helpr help align you with the right family in your area.

3. Petsit

If you are not fond of children, then petsitting may be right for you. People are getting to travel again and need someone to keep a watchful eye on their pets. Many college students also have pets that they cannot bring back home on breaks, which is the perfect opportunity for you to advertise your services. If you can, you can even walk dogs for other students while in class. Hanging out with some awesome animals while making money is a win-win situation.

4. Sell your hobbies as products or classes

You may know how to sew or like to design video games. Whatever your hobby may be, you can monetize what you would be doing for fun. Different online shopping platforms like

Etsy and Shopify are extremely user-friendly for those who have a hobby where you can produce physical items or digital downloads. You could also teach others your ways online with learning marketplaces like Udemy or Masterclass. It should be noted that a part of this is to advertise and market yourself. It could take a little more time and effort than the other ways to make money, but it could bring in the big bucks.

5. Find temporary jobs

Many companies are looking for people to fill temp positions. The Charlotte area is often searching for event servers that pay around \$20 an hour. This could be great if you want a short-term way to make money. Temp jobs also include delivery jobs such as Uber and Doordash. While there are many ways to make money as a full-time college student, these are the most reliable and secure ways to earn money safely. You can even use all of this experience to boost your resume. Good luck with your money-seeking adventures!

DEAR NINER TIMES, What should I consider before going to therapy?

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There are many factors to consider when it comes to deciding whether to attend therapy. With the semester wrapping up, it is easy to feel overloaded with many assignments, tests and projects. Along with academic obligations, there are also our personal lives, work lives and mental health to consider.

These can be overwhelming and difficult to deal with, especially if you do not know how to balance or approach them. Here are some questions to consider if you are contemplating going to therapy:

1. Why do you want to go to therapy?

Is there something you would like to work on personally? Do you feel out of place in a personal or professional role? Is school work or college life starting to take its toll? Are there unresolved issues or bad habits surrounding relationships, daily routine and mental health? Ask yourself questions and be honest with yourself.

2. What type of therapy should you attend?

Try to research what type of therapy you would want to attend. For example, are you comfortable talking with somebody one-on-one or with a group? There are therapy sessions where you can meet and talk with an individual therapist or have group therapy sessions. For more information about different therapy services or to schedule an appointment, call or visit The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at UNC Charlotte.

3. Are there specific goals you want to accomplish for yourself?

You may want to build a healthy relationship with yourself and others, create good habits, become more organized in schoolwork or heal from personal obstacles. Be sure to create realistic goals during the duration of when you are going to therapy.

4. If you do decide to go to therapy, how should you prepare?

If you decide to go to therapy, prepare by making notes of what you want to discuss with a therapist. This could include why you are going, your goals, and the result you are striving towards. You could also write down your values to get to know yourself more, just as the therapist working with you will. You do not have to go through a crisis to attend therapy; attending is a healthy coping outlet and can be very beneficial. Therapy can be empowering and help you make changes to better yourself. Whatever you choose or whatever you are going through, you are not alone.

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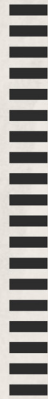
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