

Dear Carolina staff,

As you know, on Thursday, Oct. 22 the Tar Heels will play the Florida State Seminoles in a nationally televised football game. This is an extraordinary opportunity to showcase our campus.

The topic of Thursday night football has vexed our campus for years. We have resisted scheduling a Thursday night game in Chapel Hill during classes, a stance that I support. This year, however, we proposed the idea of holding the game during fall break. I am grateful that this idea was met with enthusiasm.

Even during fall break, the game creates some logistical challenges. As you know, we have adjusted the workday to end at 3 p.m. on Oct. 22 to allow employees plenty of time to get off campus before folks attending the game arrive later in the evening. Nevertheless, because state personnel policies require us to ask you to make up the hours, I realize that this creates an inconvenience for many of you. I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks to you for accommodating this adjustment.

Thank you for all you do for Carolina.

Holden Thorp