

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Students sought to serve as executive branch officers

The executive branch of student government is reaching out to students across campus in an effort to fill the positions of student body vice president, student body secretary and student body treasurer.

Applications for all three positions, which can be found at <http://www.unc.edu/studgov>, are due Friday.

A student committee will conduct interviews next week.

"We're looking for someone who has shown a strong work ethic, shown their commitment and will work well as a leader in student government," Student Body President-elect Matt Calabria said. "You don't have to be from one walk of life or one set of experiences to be considered."

As part of student government's efforts to recruit applicants, Calabria said he contacted numerous student organizations and members of the campaign for former candidate Lily West.

"These are officers who will be literally leading hundreds of people," Calabria said. "So it's really important to have a diverse group of applicants."

WORLD BRIEFS
Suspects in 2000 bombing of U.S. Navy ship arrested

SANA, Yemen — Nine suspects in the 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS Cole have been arrested, the government said Tuesday, including eight who escaped from jail last year.

Interior Minister Rashad al-Eleimi said authorities were closing in on two suspects still at large following their April jail break in the southern port city of Aden, a major embarrassment to the Yemeni government.

The bombing in Aden killed 17 U.S. sailors and has been blamed on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Separately, Yemeni security officials said seven terror suspects were arrested in the last two days in the provinces of Aden and Abyan in the country's south.

They did not provide their names.

But the ruling Congress party's Web site reported that Ali Mohammed Omar Sharbagy, one of two arrested in Abyan, was suspected of having connections to the attack on the U.S. destroyer.

Sharbagy is not among the 10 who broke out of jail last year.

24 dead in crackdown on Qaida and Taliban fugitives

WANA, Pakistan — Paramilitary troops stormed a fortress-like compound with mortars and machine gun fire Tuesday, killing 24 suspects in a fierce crackdown on al-Qaida and Taliban fugitives in the rugged tribal regions bordering Afghanistan, the army spokesman said.

The operation — which left at least eight Pakistani troops dead and 15 wounded — was a stunning message delivered just one day after the military president promised to rid the territory of foreign terrorists.

There have been several anti-terror operations in the semi-autonomous tribal belt in recent months, but none so bloody.

Brig. Mahmood Shah, security chief in the tribal regions, said the raid was "the most deadly" in memory in the tribal areas.

"There will be more such operations," he told The Associated Press. "We will continue these operations until it is assured that our tribal areas have been purged of foreign terrorists."

Army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan said 24 suspects were killed in the raid, which began shortly after 5 a.m. near Wana, in the South Waziristan region, just a few miles from the Afghan border.

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Noon — Disability rights activist Joy Weeber will present a lecture titled "The Ecology of Disability: A Cultural Exploration" in room 5048 of the UNC School of Law.

Weeber is a nationally recognized disability rights activist from North Carolina who works to change societal views of disabled people as well as how disabled people view themselves through her speaking, teaching and research.

7 p.m. — The Carolina Athletic Association, along with the General Alumni Association, will host a 2004 Homecoming Organizational Meeting in room 3201 of the Student Union. Anyone who wishes to give their input is welcome to attend.

From staff and wire reports.

School leaders scrutinize standards

Wary of act's role in county district

BY MEREDITH MILLER
STAFF WRITER

Orange County Schools Superintendent Shirley Carraway said that the No Child Left Behind Act is "an all or nothing standard."

After she presented an assessment of the act's negative effects on her school system Tuesday to the Orange County Board of Commissioners, the board reacted to the presentation with curiosity and skepticism.

"These are ridiculous standards," said Commissioner Stephen Halkiotis. "In any society, 100 percent proficiency has never existed. (Politicians) need to step out of Washington and step into a classroom."

Carraway said that the act tries to expand testing and measure proficiency in subgroups of 40 students. Subgroups are created by categorizing students by race and disabilities. Students with disabilities

are expected to perform on the same level as regular education students. "(These) students are already behind," Carraway said. "Imagine how difficult it would be (under the act)."

Only about 47 percent of Orange County Schools met the adequate yearly progress standards outlined during the 2002-03 academic year, according to the presentation.

The 2002 act was signed into law by President Bush with the intent to ensure that every child in the United States would receive an adequate education to compete in

the world.

The act requires school systems to meet certain levels of performance in standardized testing by the 2013-14 school year. If a school does not meet performance expectations, they could face sanctions or a loss of funding control.

Those who refuse to participate in the legislation will no longer receive federal funding.

Recently, the act has faced criticism by state and local governments for its strict expectations of having 100 percent of students on grade level.

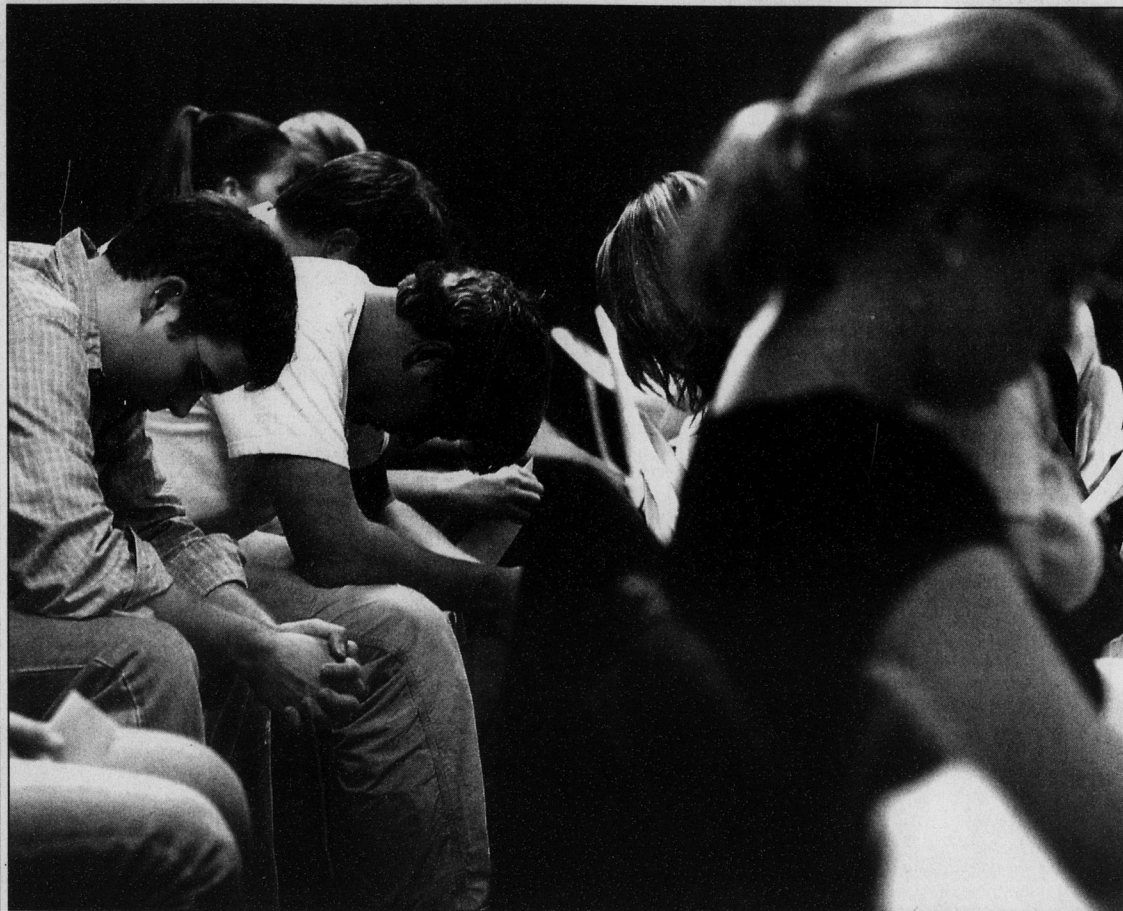
Carraway said the act should be combined with North Carolina's current school accountability program, ABCs, which acts as a growth model for schools.

Under only the federal accountability standards, Carraway said, "students are not looked at where they are, they are looked at on a single line."

Board Vice Chairwoman Margaret Brown expressed concern that expectations of the act will be difficult to meet and that its pur-

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A MOMENT OF REFLECTION



DTH/LEAH LATELLA

Senior Michael Phipps (left) and junior Teddy Davis bow their heads in prayer Tuesday night at the Chi Omega sorority house during Greek Life, a Christian ministry for UNC students in fraternities and sororities. Phipps is a member of Kappa Sigma and Davis is a mem-

ber of Phi Gamma Delta. Greek Life has been led by Eric and Natalie LeMarbre since August. Eric LeMarbre said he and his wife felt called to participate in this intentional ministry because of their past involvement in Greek organizations. Greek Life meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday.

Bank branch on N.C. 54 robbed

\$5,200 taken in latest area incident

BY TERENCE JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

Carrboro police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred Monday morning at the Central Carolina Bank branch on N.C. 54.

According to reports, a man entered the bank at about 9:45 a.m. The suspect gave a teller a note demanding money. He then took a cash drawer and left.

Reports state that there was no known weapon used during the incident, and no injuries were reported. Carrboro police were called immediately, but the suspect was gone before they arrived.

The suspect was last seen traveling south on Old Fayetteville Road in a white Ford Explorer, reports state. He left with about \$5,200.

The robbery suspect was wearing

a black hat, gray jacket and blue pants. Carrboro police will release a statement today with a physical description of the suspect.

This robbery occurred after two separate Chapel Hill robberies in February, during which a man robbed Wachovia and Bank of America at gunpoint in Timberlyne Shopping Center. Police suspect that one person robbed both banks.

Although police don't think the Carrboro and Chapel Hill incidents are related, the suspect for the earlier robberies has yet to be caught. He is described as a man in his late 30s who is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs between 240 and 250 pounds.

Contact the City Editor at citydesk@unc.edu.

Letter outlines file-sharing conflict

BY TRISTAN SHOOK
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Attorneys general from various states are poised to confront Internet file-sharing companies, naming the software programs used to swap music and movies as a threat to consumers and as unwelcome distributors of pornography.

The recent accusations come in an early draft of a letter purportedly written by Calif. Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

Tom Dresslar, spokesman for Lockyer, would not confirm that the attorney general wrote or distributed the letter among fellow state attorneys general and said that their official statement is that "there is no letter to comment on."

The letter, directed to file-sharing companies, indicates that the attorneys general in several states are prepared to take any action necessary to halt consumer access to peer-to-peer file-sharing programs such as Kazaa and Morpheus.

"We take seriously our responsibility to protect consumers and ensure that the laws of our states are respected," the letter stated. "In

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ADAM EISGRAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF P2P UNITED

the future, we will not hesitate to take whatever actions we deem necessary to ensure that you fulfill your duties as a responsible corporate citizen."

The letter charges the manufacturers and distributors of file-sharing software of acting irresponsibly in regulating the sharing of copyrighted music, movies, software and video games.

"A failure to prominently and adequately warn consumers, particularly when you advertise and sell paid versions of your software, could constitute, at the very least, a deceptive trade practice," the letter stated.

Adam Eisgrau, executive director of P2P United, a peer-to-peer file-sharing trade group, said he disagreed with the letter, particularly the charge that file-sharing

and pornography are dangerously intertwined.

The letter stated that while children are "initially drawn to P2P because of free music and movies, these programs have become high-tech speedways for distributing graphic pornography. This is extremely dangerous and harmful to minors."

Eisgrau said that pornography is unfairly being used to cover other issues such as copyright protection.

"The biggest danger is that policymakers accept the misinformation that the movie industry and, for that matter, the recording industry has been putting out," he said. "The problem is that the letter is somehow laying responsibility for children's exposure to

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Students steer precinct toward caucus

BY EMMA BURGIN
CITY EDITOR

Long-term residents of the Greenwood precinct reminisced about their memories of the Orange County Democratic Party at their annual meeting Tuesday.

But leading the precinct's business was UNC sophomore Tom Jensen, who is in his second year as the group's chairman.

"We're all here because we want to get rid of George W. Bush. We want a Democratic (U.S.) Congress and to maintain Democratic leadership," Jensen told a mixed group of residents and students.

"Even though we're a solid Democratic county, we need to get voter turnout rate through the roof."

The group met at Caribou Coffee at the corner of East Franklin Street and Estes Drive to

discuss the Orange County Democratic Party's April 17 caucus.

Several other of the precinct's leaders also are students, including UNC juniors Justin Guillory, president of the Young Democrats, and Elizabeth Self, chairwoman of the Orange County Democratic Women.

Jensen had to get permission to move the date of the meeting to Tuesday night because the original meeting was scheduled during UNC's spring break, when he and other students would be out of town.

The precinct is bound by Raleigh Street, N.C. 54, Franklin Street, Estes Drive and U.S. 15-501. It includes Alexander, Aycock, Cobb, Connor, Lewis and Winston residence halls, as well as the Ghimghoul and Greenwood neighborhoods.

The group nominated six delegates Tuesday to attend the Orange County Democratic Party's convention April 17 to count caucus votes and discuss the county's annual platform sent to the N.C. Democratic Party.

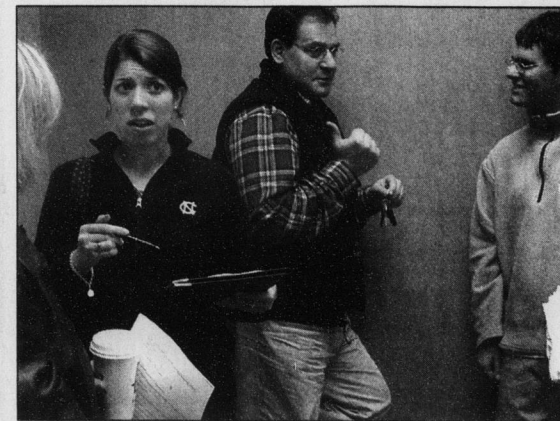
Jensen, Guillory and Self took three of the voting positions while UNC junior Bret Barden volunteered to attend as a nonvoting delegate.

Joe Straley, of 53 Davie Circle, has been involved with the precinct since the late 1950s and has served as chairman on several occasions.

He said he hardly remembers a time when students were as involved as they are now.

"They have a grasp of what it's all about," he said. "These students are

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DTH/GILLIAN BOLSOVER

UNC Democratic student leaders speak to local politicians Tuesday after a precinct meeting. Sophomore Tom Jensen (right) talks to Bill Strom while junior Elizabeth Self (second from left) speaks with Betty Whitehead.