

**MARYLAND**

perimeter. And midway between the 3-point arc and the half-court line, Newman threw up a shot that found the bottom of the net to tie the game, sending the entire Maryland team out to mob the sophomore at midcourt.

"I didn't even know how much time was on the clock," Newman said. "I didn't know if it was going, but I knew it was on line."

That momentum, along with the stunned Tar Heels (22-1, 9-1) and 6,417 spectators at Carmichael Auditorium, carried over into the extra session, dubbed "our time" by Doron due to the Terps' 3-0 record in the extra session this season.

With the Tar Heels trailing by six, Latta buried a 3-pointer to trim the Terps' lead in half with a minute to play. After Langhorne split a pair of free throws, Latta drained another 3 off the backboard with 27 seconds left.

But the third time was not the charm after two Kristi Toliver foul shots expanded the lead to three. On UNC's last possession, Camille Little misfired from long range, but the ball found its way back to the Tar Heel point guard.

She pump faked — and the defending Doron went with her — and fired up a shot well short of the rim. With Latta, the coaching staff and the boisterous crowd begging for a call, none came save for that of the victorious Maryland players.

"She pump faked — my hands were up, all ball hit my hand, and that was it," Doron said. "She initiated the contact. It was a no call."

Latta, who sat on the court after the buzzer sounded in disbelief, had a measured response to the media.

"I'm not too much going to comment if I get a whistle or not," Latta said.

Yet the Tar Heels endured playing crucial portions of Thursday's game without two of their key players.

Forward Erlana Larkins had a recurrence of the cramping problem that affected her against Florida State and Duke last season. She struggled to run the court in the final minutes of regulation and then did not play in overtime, leaving LaToya Pringle

to deal with Maryland's formidable post players.

But while Larkins had recovered after the game, reserve guard Alex Miller had been taken to the hospital for neck X-rays after falling midway through the second half. The tests were negative, and she returned to the arena after the game to retrieve her belongings.

"It may have drained us a little bit," Hatchell said. "They were visibly shaken on the court."

It was with Miller out that Maryland's guards found their long-distance range. Marissa Coleman scored five points and Doron scored seven to combine on a 12-2 run that cut a 13-point lead to three.

From then, UNC clung to a slim lead until the Newman 3 sent the game to OT.

"This feels pretty good — I'm not going to lie," Doron said.

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Harper	30	4-8	3-7	4-7	1	5	11				
Langhorne	38	9-14	7-12	5-8	2	3	25				
Coleman	36	9-15	1-2	3-9	1	4	23				
Doron	41	7-10	0-0	0-4	3	2	16				
Toliver	37	4-15	4-4	1-2	8	4	14				
Newman	27	1-9	0-0	2-4	5	3	3				
Perry	15	3-5	0-0	2-3	1	3	6				
Carr	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
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**DEAN SEARCH**

50 candidates — all of whom came from within the University.

Jack Richman, chairman of that search, said Chancellor James Moeser set the parameters within campus because he didn't see the need to look for a replacement from outside UNC.

"He thought he could find a suitable candidate from inside the University," said Richman, dean of the School of Social Work.

If the search does go national, it likely would last much longer than a campus-based search.

But that's still a big if, administrators say. Only days after Gray-Little was tapped for provost, concrete steps have not been taken toward outlining the search.

"There are a number of things to be decided," Gray-Little said. "All of those are questions that need be answered and have not been."

Securing a permanent replacement quickly can provide stability to a unit, Allred said, pointing to the 12-day-long search to replace Shelton.

"We talked about where we were," Allred said of those working in the provost's office, "and we all collectively agreed that we were delighted with the choice and that it had come about quickly."

While administrators have not laid out criteria for the dean search, several ongoing campus processes will factor into the consideration.

In the fall the University will implement various broad changes to the college's curriculum.

And the University's constant struggle to retain and maintain top faculty will be a priority for the next dean.

"One area that will be of continuing importance is the recruitment and retention of very good faculty," Gray-Little said.

Either way the search will require intensive and thorough consideration, Richman said.

"The college is the largest entity in the University, hence the dean of that college is critical to the functioning of the University."

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**Board opts against school merger referendum**

**DISCUSSIONS HALTED**

The Board of County Commissioners decided 4-1 against including a school merger option in school equity considerations at its meeting Thursday.

Commissioner Moses Carey dissented, requesting a referendum on the ballot for Orange County voters to decide. His motion did not receive any support.

Carey first proposed the idea of merging the Orange County and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City school districts in 2003 as a way to equalize funding between the systems.

Commissioner Alice Gordon said the board would focus on differences in the school systems' funding.

The publisher of Alamance News, Tom Boney, brought concerns to the Orange County Board of Commissioners Thursday about meetings closed to a reporter.

The meetings were between the chairman of the board Barry Jacobs, vice-chairman Stephen Halkiotis and other government officials.

One of the meetings was about

Mebane students coming into Orange County schools. The other involved a meeting with members of the Alamance Board of Commissioners.

The commissioners attorney established that the meetings did not fall under the open-meeting law. Boney said he urged that the meetings be open voluntarily.

**NONPROFITS**

Dolores Bailey, executive director for Empowerment, Inc., requested \$13,500 from the commissioners.

The funds would go toward a housing manager who will oversee the properties of the affordable housing group and four others.

Nancy Milio, Affordable Rentals, Inc. board member, said it will help fill in funding gaps.

The groups, including Orange Community Housing and Land Trust, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, and the Chrysalis Foundation, requested the funds be allocated in the 2006-07 budget.

**KATRINA RELIEF**

The commissioners accepted \$7,424 in federal funds to support Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Orange County.

Social services director Nancy Coston said the funds, along with Red Cross, will help fulfill the remaining needs of Federal Emergency Management Agency-registered evacuees.

**RAFALOWS**

The commissioners also recognized Lee and Trish Rafalow for their contributions to the county's Lands Legacy Program.

The Rafalows donated a gift to the county in 2005 for the program that works to acquire natural-resource lands for the county.

The Rafalows also wrote letters to local newspapers urging others to follow suit.

The Lands Legacy Program has protected 1,600 acres of natural and cultural resource land since it was adopted in 2001.

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**HIKES**

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"We're moving at what I think is a moderate rate of increase," UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser told the committee. "I think it's a reasonable increase. I don't think it's excessive."

UNC-CH's proposal for a \$50 athletic fee hike came under similar questioning before the committee.

Daneen Furr, UNC-CH student body treasurer, asked committee members to consider if other revenue sources could eliminate the need for the hike.

She pointed to the recent signage deal with Wachovia and a \$2 million windfall in the athletic budget, which resulted from the reclassification of nonresident full-scholarship students as residents for tuition purposes.

"The student body overwhelmingly opposes this fee," Furr said. "It's an issue of want versus need."

Moeser responded that the University is not asking for more than it really needs.

"We're not awash in cash," he said.

Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the committee, expressed concern that until recently she thought the student body supported the hike.

"You say the whole student body is opposed," she told Furr. "How did the student representative vote?"

Student Body President Seth Dearmin, the student representative on the Board of Trustees, voted for the increase at the board level, along with a hike in tuition.

"(Athletic director Dick) Baddour has put together a plan for this money and has identified this need," Dearmin said.

Moeser acknowledged Furr's contention that students dislike the fee. "This is not a popular fee on campus," he told the committee.

The fee primarily will be used to renovate Carmichael Auditorium, where the women's basketball team, among others, plays. Furr said the fee should be set to expire when the renovation is complete.

But Moeser said that while the renovation will take up most of the new revenue in the immediate future, the fee is intended for all UNC-CH Olympic sports — everything except basketball and football.

Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty, originally proposed a \$150 hike in the fee last year. Trustees eventually decided to increase the fee by \$100 last year and \$50 this year.

Wegner, a Daily Tar Heel guest columnist, said she supported a sunset on the fee but realized that the complexity of the renovation project made it difficult to pinpoint a total cost or time period.

Furr, who served on this year's

*"You're trying to get to the 75th percentile too fast. And it's not fair to the students ..."*

RAY FARRIS, COMMITTEE MEMBER

student fee advisory committee, said students want to see a more specific plan for the Carmichael renovation and details on where exactly the money will go.

"I would say I've received more information in the last five minutes than I received in a semester's worth of meetings," she said during the committee meeting.

After the fee won unanimous approval from the committee, Moeser hailed it as crucial to maintaining the quality of non-revenue sports at UNC-CH, especially women's sports — basketball, in particular.

"I want our student body to support this women's basketball team," he said. "We don't show them very much institutional support by putting them in a crappy facility, quite frankly."

"We need to make that a first-class facility."

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**DOWNTOWN**

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Chapel Hill.

Owner José Constantino said he wants to stay close to his loyal customers.

Hector's has operated at the corner of Henderson and Franklin streets since 1969. "It's a tradition more than a place," he said Friday.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Jim Paliouras of Paliouras Enterprise Inc. said a new location has not yet been found. Paliouras Enterprise owns the building and the property rights to the name Hector's.

"We hope to find something really soon," he said.

**East End's expansion**

The top floor of 201 E. Franklin St., after Hector's vacates, will look dramatically different in the next

couple of months — the greasy dining area is set to become a dance club by late-March.

Craig LaMontagne, co-owner of East End Martini Bar and Deep End, said Tuesday that the club should be open by the weekend after Spring Break.

LaMontagne said he wanted to turn the upstairs space into a nightclub, so that bar patrons have three different nighttime experiences under one roof. "I know a lot of people who leave our bar who want to go out dancing," he said.

The martini bar is on the ground level and the more laid-back Deep End is on the basement level.

"We've had dreams of owning all three levels since we got here in 2002."

There only will be one cover charge to wander through all three floors — \$3 for members and \$5 for guests.

"We feel like this will make us a more fun place," LaMontagne said, adding that one benefit of having a club is that it will allow for private parties.

The owners do not have a name set for the club and are promoting a contest to name the new spot.

But LaMontagne said he wants to steer clear of a name such as Top End, which sounds too much like Top of the Hill at the other corner of Franklin Street.

**One more Mexican grill**

At least one of the vacancies on Franklin Street will be eliminated as a new Mexican chain restaurant opens, hoping to offer customers another place to get burritos

downtown.

Plans have been submitted to the Chapel Hill Town Council to approve plans for Chipotle Mexican Grill to move into 301 W. Franklin St.

The Denver-based restaurant is expected to appeal to the college crowd, which already has a variety of Mexican-style foods to choose from in the downtown area.

Parham said the addition of Chipotle will mean that there are 94 restaurants in the downtown area.

There are 300 total businesses in the downtown area from Crook's Corner to the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, including Rosemary and Franklin streets and every intersection in between, according to data from the partnership.

**El Rodeo's move**


El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, which has been a part of Chapel Hill for almost 17 years, is set to move from its bright-orange building to the former home of Mellow Mushroom, which closed during the summer.

The restaurant is only moving down a block, from 1404 E. Franklin St. to 1502 E. Franklin St., and the move should be complete by April 1.

Owner Rigoberto Ibarra said Tuesday he wanted to move into a newer and larger building, which will allow him to add some authentic Mexican decor.

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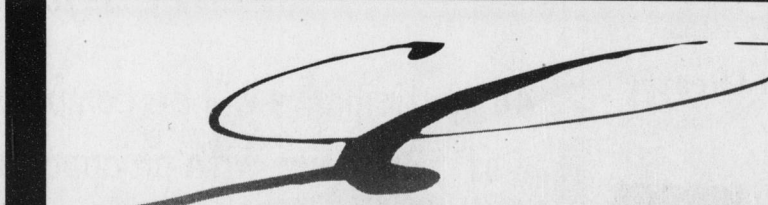
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