

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Mandatory Student Congress candidate meeting today

Students who are interested in running for Student Congress must attend a mandatory candidate's meeting at 8 p.m. today in the Wilson Library Pleasants Room. Those who run will compete during an Oct. 17 special election. For further information, students can contact Board of Elections chairman Jim Brewer at jbrewer@email.unc.edu or call 962-VOTE.

Scholarships set to benefit freshmen from Garner

The Yeargan Foundation Charitable Trust endowed two UNC scholarships to benefit graduates of Garner High School. One freshman annually will receive the need-based Yeargan Scholarship, with Preference — but not exclusivity — given to Garner High School students. Also a merit-based Yeargan Scholarship will be awarded every four years to an incoming freshman based on academic achievement. This merit-based scholarship will provide financial assistance for a four-year period and preferences will be the same as for the need-based scholarships. The first scholarships are expected to be awarded for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Award-winning photography alumnus to speak tonight

Jason Arthurs, a 2004 graduate of UNC's photojournalism program and North Carolina Press Photographer of the year, will speak at "PhotoNight XXXI" at 7:30 p.m. today in Carroll 33. The event provides students and professionals an opportunity to share work while developing their own photographic styles. The free public event is presented by the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

CITY BRIEFS
Forum to evaluate bicycle and pedestrian safety

The town of Chapel Hill will hold a forum from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. tonight to review the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Mobility Report. The meeting will be held at 730 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, and residents are encouraged to come share their opinions. The main area of concern is the stretch of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between North Street and Interstate 40 that is bordered by many residential neighborhoods. Residents and representatives from the N.C. Department of Transportation and the Highway Safety Research Center will review the study's findings and recommend modifications regarding crossings, pedestrian safety walks and bike lanes in certain sections of the street. This is a follow-up to a study done in 2004 aiming to improve transportation conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Recycling manager honored for service, productivity

Rob Taylor, Orange County's recycling programs manager, received an award from the N.C. Association of County Commissioners recognizing his service. Taylor was honored for improvements he has helped make to the county's efficiency, including increases in electronics recycling. Taylor was the 15th recipient of the Ralph W. Ketner Employee Productivity Award.

STATE BRIEF
Carolina motorists can get free car checkup in October

AAA Carolinas is offering a free 26-point checkup to motorists as part of Car Care Month. Appointments are necessary. Local companies offering the checkup include Chapel Hill Tire Company and East Gate BP.

Witness in lottery trial found choice of Geddings a concern

RALEIGH — A lottery company executive testified Monday he was worried about the choice of Kevin Geddings as a state lottery commissioner because of connections to the company's top lobbyist in North Carolina. The night before the appointment was announced, Bill Fox, of Scientific Games Corp., said lobbyist Alan Middleton called him with the news. Geddings is charged with eight counts of fraud for failing to reveal that between 2000 and 2005 his firm received more than \$250,000 in payments from Scientific Games or companies it acquired.

— From staff and wire reports

Leaders learn on Wis. field trip

BY KAYLA CARRICK
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Something has been missing since Sunday from the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Ninety-four town, University and community leaders have hopped a plane to Madison, Wis., to pick up a few tips. Spanning from Sunday to Tuesday, the inter-

city visit was designed by the Community Leadership Council for leaders to learn by observing during planned sessions. Topics on the table for discussion include downtown development, workforce housing, a satellite campus called University Research Park and town-gown relations. The Daily Tar Heel asked four trip attendees to check in with us between sessions. Here's what they had to say.

Wisconsin's performing arts



Executive Associate Provost Steve Allred said he enjoyed his tour Madison's downtown.

"We have all been impressed with State Street, which is the University of Wisconsin's version of Franklin Street. It is vibrant, crowded with lots of interesting stores. Most of the shops are small and locally owned, although there is also an Urban Outfitters and a Lands' End outlet. We also visited the new performing arts venue, called the Overture Center for the Arts. It is extraordinary. It opened in 2005 and has seven theatres. The largest is a concert hall that seats 2,200 people. The smallest is a black box theatre that seats 100 people. It's been a great trip so far with lots of interaction among participants."

A look at their satellite campus



Vice chancellor for research and economic development Tony Waldrop toured UW's research park.

"My impressions of the University Research Park were that they've been very successful in meeting the goals of the park and supporting the goals of the university. Economically it has been a success. They have an average salary of \$62,000 for the 4,100 employees. They are about to make another park two miles away. The park they currently have has buildings that are scattered over the property, not densely packed. For the new park, they're planning to have commercial activity as well as housing. I think their plans for the new park are very similar to Carolina North. Something they haven't had to deal with are transportation issues, a major issue for Carolina North."

Madison's growing downtown



Liz Parham, downtown partnership executive director, visited the Children's Museum.

"The director of the Monona Terrace, a large convention center downtown, ... spoke about the economic impact of that facility and how it was a catalyst for growth in downtown Madison. They talked about how the Overture Center helped build up the Children's Museum that is in the process of moving from an 8,000 square foot facility to an 80,000 square foot facility. Several of us toured the Children's Museum. ... It was phenomenal. It was a real draw to bring children and adults of all ages into downtown on a Sunday afternoon, and I think that has been one of the most important elements of our Children's Museum. We need more ... opportunities to bring residents of all ages into downtown."

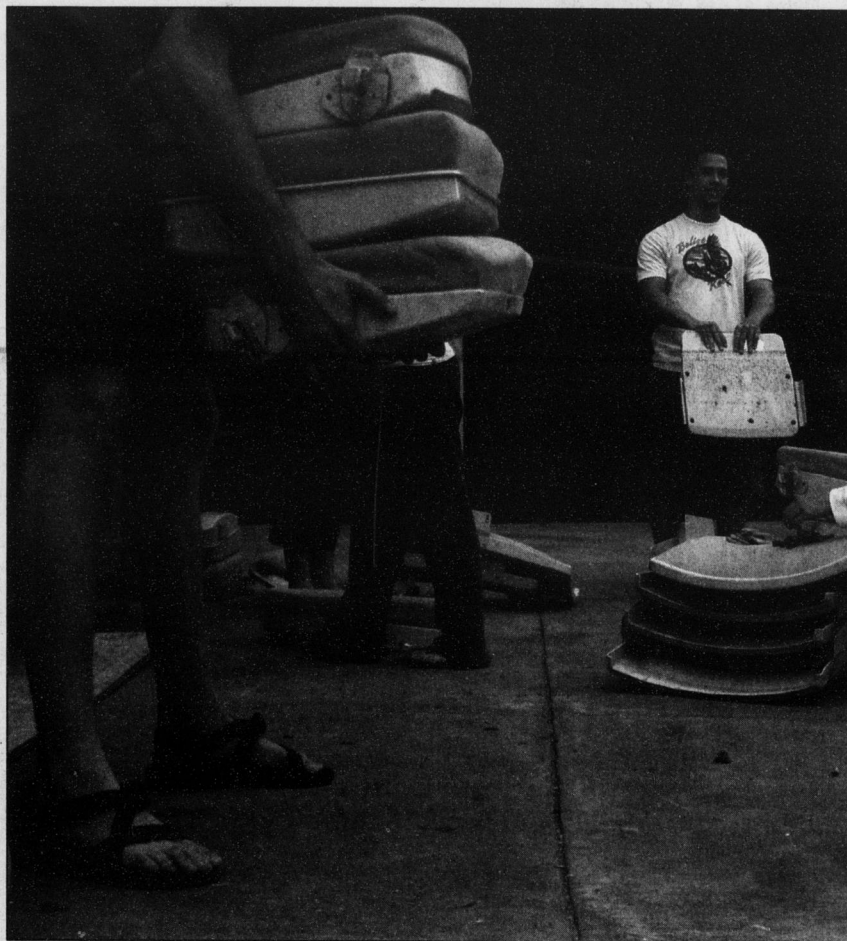
Town-gown relations



Chapel Hill Mayor Pro Tem Bill Strom attended a session on community sustainability.

"Madison is a much larger community than Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and they've had some tremendous successes that we're going to look to get guidance from. Current University of Wisconsin-Madison construction projects call for seven million new square feet of buildings, and no new parking spaces. Virtually no parking is allowed on campus for students. UW has worked diligently with the city of Madison and surrounding neighborhoods on a Good Neighbor policy — aimed at predicting impacts and minimizing disruption of people's lives as the campus develops. Formal committees are in place for managing the relationship between perimeter neighbors and UW ... this contact builds credible relationships."

STANDING ROOM ONLY



DTH/KATE LORD

Junior Ross Martin (left) and freshman Drew Turnier (right) collect seats from the Smith Center that were discarded outside of the stadium. "The seats are kind of collectible, and I need more chairs for my dorm room," Turnier said. The Carolina blue seats were separated into sections, but that didn't deter the many students who joined Martin and Turnier to dumpster-dive for a piece of nostalgia Monday afternoon.

N.C. sees first biodiesel plant

Backyard operation goes large scale

BY LINDSEY NAYLOR
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PITTSBORO — Hundreds of N.C. citizens wined and dined on the bucolic edge of Pittsboro on Tuesday, serenaded by a string ensemble in front of a revamped, Cold War-era chemical plant. All of Pittsboro was invited to attend the grand opening of the state's first biodiesel plant, situated on its own colorful Lorax Lane and designed to run on solar thermal energy. The recycled Piedmont Biofuels plant will produce one million gallons of biodiesel per year, providing the local community with fuel derived from waste vegetable oil. Rachel Burton, one of the three founders of Piedmont Biofuels, remembered when she and her partners made their first batch of biodiesel in a backyard. It yielded a total of five gallons and couldn't fill the tank of one of their cars. "We really longed to make more fuel," she said. Soon the operation expanded to become a co-op, with delivery services and a widening customer base. The plant's founders experienced some initial apprehension of taking their essentially backyard operation to a larger scale. But they said the benefits of locally produced green energy outweigh the negative connotations of commercial production. Douglas Crawford-Brown, director of the Carolina Environmental



DTH/LEAH GRONNING

Apex resident Steve Eliason and his son Sean Eliason play chess with industrial equipment at the grand opening of a new biodiesel plant. Program, said large-scale production is necessary to maintain efficiency while serving a growing customer base. It also is necessitated by the limited amount of waste and agricultural resources available to backyard operations looking to make their own biofuel. "You've got to eventually get to larger-scale production of biodiesel to make it feasible," he said. "That infrastructure is not going to work with mom and pop operations." Despite some problems with cold-weather fuel coagulation and

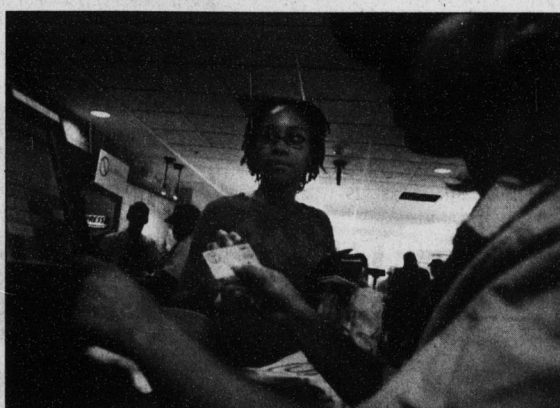
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Mainstreet accepting credit

Cards account for 10 percent of sales

BY ANNA KIM
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Lenoir Dining Hall now is accepting plastic from those hoping to fulfill their food needs. Mainstreet Lenoir, the food court on the first floor of Lenoir, began accepting credit cards last week, and the cards accounted for about 10 percent of the total revenue earned. Lenoir brings in between \$75,000 and \$95,000 per week, said Mike Freeman, director of auxiliary services. "Anywhere from \$7,500 to \$9,500 was represented last week," he said, referring to credit card revenue. The introduction of credit cards accompanies cash and One Cards as the third form of payment for dining hall customers. University officials posted signs advertising the credit card option weeks before it began, Freeman said.



DTH/COURTNEY POTTER

Cashier Kristol Evans runs UNC employee Brandi Walters' credit card Monday at Mainstreet Lenoir, which has accepted plastic for a week. "I saw the little fliers up in Lenoir Dining Hall," said sophomore Samantha Shucavage, who was eating lunch at Lenoir on Monday. UNC One Cards still are the leading method of payment, accounting for about 70 to 80 percent total sales. But Freeman said he expects the percentage of credit cards used to increase because the cards are an easier way for more people to pay — including faculty and graduate students. Tish Atwater, a cashier at

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Registration system to kick off Saturday

BY ELISABETH GILBERT
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The new course registration system is about to face its first test. Starting today students can view their registration times on Student Central. Registration will begin Saturday for graduate and professional students. Seniors can select courses beginning Oct. 7. Each class will be divided into alphabetically based sections: A-E, F-K, L-Q and R-Z. Students whose last names start with a letter between A and E will register first for spring 2007 classes, followed by L-Q, R-Z and F-K. While the alphabetical quartiles are not expected to change, the order in which they register will rotate each semester for the next two years. The groups will rotate so that each semester the one that previously was first will register last. The group that was second will register third, the group that was third will register first and the previous

"I really feel that most students, if they understand what we're doing, are fine with it."

ALICE POEHLS, REGISTRAR

semester's fourth group will register second. "There's an implicit guarantee here," Student Body President James Allred said. "If you're in the lower half of your class this semester, you'll be in the upper half next semester." University Registrar Alice Poehls, Allred and the academic affairs chairman and vice chairman of student government hosted an open forum Monday night to solicit student feedback and answer questions about the new system. But only two students attended

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