

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the Friday page 2 photo of the week incorrectly states that Student Stores supplied 50 pumpkins for the event. The Carolina Union Activities Board actually provided the pumpkins. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Greenville, Miss., mayor to deliver annual lecture

Heather McTeer Hudson, the first black female mayor of Greenville, Miss., will deliver the 13th annual Sonja Haynes Stone Memorial Lecture on Nov. 9.

The speech, titled "Homegrown: The Evolution of African-American Leadership," will be the title of her free public talk at 7 p.m. at the Stone Center.

Hudson ran for mayor in 2003 and won at age 28 — making her the youngest black mayor in the country.

Daily Tar Heel brings home college media awards

The Daily Tar Heel earned several awards Saturday during the annual National College Media Convention in St. Louis.

Philip McFee, an editorial cartoonist for the DTH last year, nabbed second place for editorial cartoons.

Feilding Cage, former graphics and multimedia editor, also earned second place for best information graphic.

Jen Alliet, former design editor took home third place for page-one design.

The DTH was a finalist for the Newspaper Pacemaker and the Online Pacemaker.

The Associated Collegiate Press Newspaper Pacemaker Award and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation have co-sponsored the competition since 1971.

Campus Y committee holds conflict awareness week

Advocates for Human Rights, a committee of the Campus Y, will kick off its first Conflict Awareness Week today to raise attention about under-reported human rights violations in countries around the world.

Representatives of the committee will be in the Pit today to inform students of the week's events.

The political and social problems plaguing places such as Colombia, Burma, Chechnya and Kashmir will be discussed. Members have planned documentary screenings and presentations by speakers.

Becky Ryon, committee co-chairwoman, said most of the locations on the agenda come from Doctors Without Borders' 2005 list of the top 10 most underreported humanitarian stories. Countries such as Palestine were added because of their relevance, Ryon said.

Visit www.dailytarheel.com for the full story.

Public health grad students nab national health award

Three graduate students in the School of Public Health's Department of Health Policy and Administration took third place recently in national health care competition sponsored by the National Association of Health Services Executives.

April Clark, Robin Hunt and Jessica Thompson competed against 15 teams in the Case Competition, which gives first- and second-year graduate students hands-on experience in analyzing case studies related to health care.

University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University teams took first and second place.

The competition involved three weeks of analysis and multiple presentations in front of a panel of judges representing corporate and academic leaders in health care.

CITY BRIEFS

Yoga class attempts to beat world record, raise funds

Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center celebrated its 10th anniversary in a record-breaking way Sunday.

The center, to raise awareness of its free services, hosted what members hope was the world's largest yoga class in one place lasting more than 90 minutes.

The event was held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham. The hotel donated the space, and the donated food included a birthday cake baked by a Cornucopia House board member.

"Virtually everyone is touched by cancer," said Lynne Jaffe, a yoga instructor.

No one knows when Guinness World Records will send the results, but the center's executive director, Becky Carver, said she is optimistic.

— From staff and wire reports.

Student rattles Union, Pit Green paths target of talk

Scott taken to hospital after incident

BY COLIN CAMPBELL AND WHITNEY KISLING
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A UNC student ran through the Student Union and the Pit on Friday, physically and verbally assaulting students along the way.

Department of Public Safety officers took the student, senior Will Scott, to UNC Hospitals to be evaluated for demonstrating "bizarre behavior," said Archie Daniel, captain of investigations with DPS.

Daniel said that officials will consider vandalism and assault charges after hearing evaluation results.

"As soon as the doctor tells us about his conditions, we'll talk about his charges," he said Friday.

Hospital officials said they could not comment on Scott's condition

Sunday, and DPS had no further updates.

No reports of physical injuries were made, and Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs, stated in an e-mail that she is grateful nobody was injured seriously in the incident. She also stated the Office of the Dean of Students will follow up as it sees fit.

Daniel said DPS officials have testimonies of victims who suffered emotionally. "There were people who were put under a lot of stress."

Scott ran around the Union area and was chased to South Road. Students who encountered him said he was acting unusually.

They said that around noon, he began running in and out of the Union and along the Pit.



Senior Will Scott startled campus Friday with "bizarre behavior" such as grabbing students.

He picked up and threw cell phones and attempted to start a fight, students reported. He also jumped on a girl and kissed her as she was walking through the Pit, several witnesses said.

"It was disturbing," sophomore Carly Swain said. "The entire Pit was silent for five minutes."

According to University police reports, officers tried to stop Scott in the Pit, but he kept walking.

Carolina Union Director Don Luse and others chased Scott through the Union, starting near Alpine Bagel

Cafe and down the stairs between the Union and Student Stores. Scott then yelled and ripped off his shirt, witnesses said.

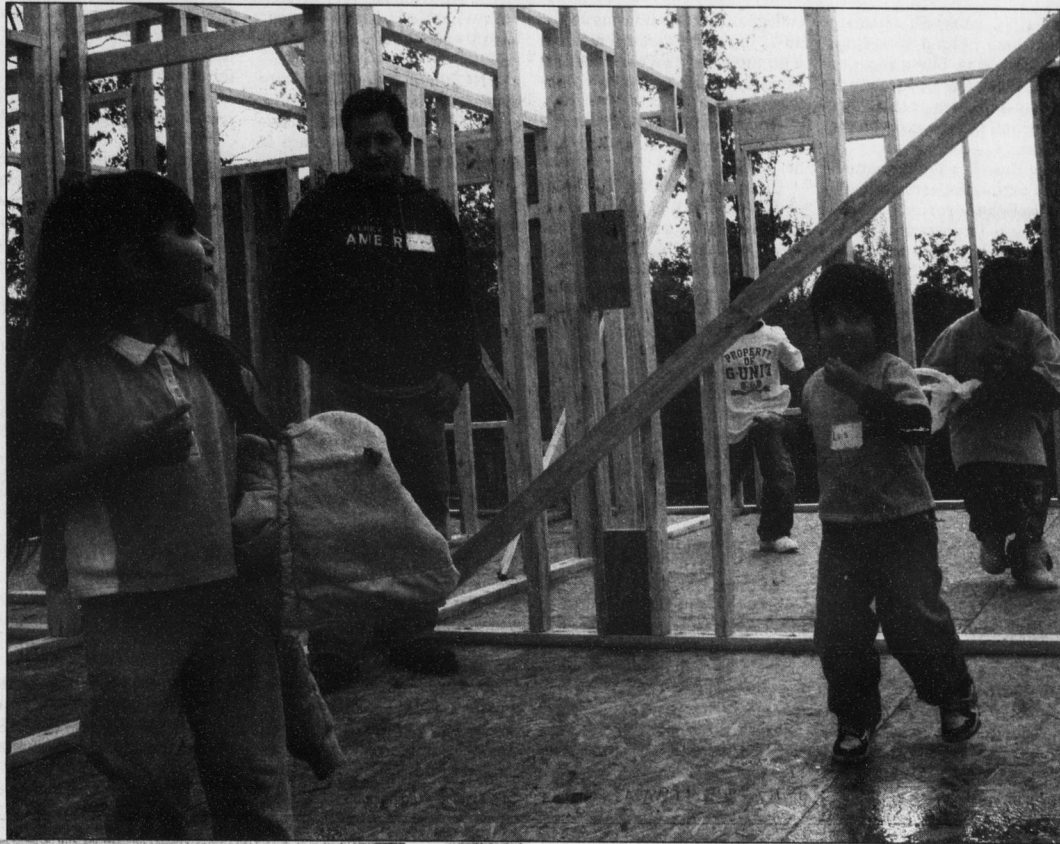
He also jumped on a parked Honda Civic on South Road, causing \$500 in damage, reports state. Scott was subdued by DPS officers after damaging the car.

Daniel said the senior was taken to the hospital instead of arrested because of his unusual behavior.

Freshman Rachel Ogle said Scott approached her as she walked out of Student Stores. "He came up to me randomly and touched my face and told me I was too good for the guy I was walking with," she said. "I thought it was really weird."

Scott made physical contact with several of the students he passed. "He just flicked my hoodie out of

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Rebecca Salcedo, 5, plays with her brother Luis, 3, in an unfinished house being built by Habitat for Humanity at a groundbreaking ceremony Saturday as their father Fernando looks on. The Salcedos applied for one of 18 homes that Habitat is building in Hillsborough.

BUILDING PROGRESS

Groups break ground on 18 Habitat homes

BY DAVE PEARSON
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Not every house gets a blessing at its groundbreaking.

But under Saturday's sun-filled, breezy sky, the Rev. Brooks Graebner, of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, led a crowd of about 50 people in a dedication prayer for 18 lots that will become affordable homes in Hillsborough's Fairview neighborhood.

After nearly two years of planning between Habitat for Humanity of Orange County and the Hillsborough Town Board, the first walls went up Oct. 20.

"This is going to be terrific for Hillsborough," Mayor Tom Stevens said of the project. "We're very pleased."

Much of the cost of the work was defrayed by donations and what Stevens referred to as a 'pot of funds' the town has available for projects such as the Fairview neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tem Frances Dancy, who

resides in Fairview, said the development will be positive.

"Those that really truly care welcome and accept the change" she said.

Dancy, who is in her third term on the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners, called the area "a community in transition."

Susan Levy, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, said the program has a rigorous screening for home ownership, including "sweat equity," which requires future homeowners to invest 325 hours of labor into building the houses.

As of Saturday's event, 16 of 21 families who applied had passed the first round of screenings for homes in Fairview.

One of the 16 families was represented by Renee Newman, a mother of three and grandmother of two.

Newman settled in Hillsborough eight years ago with hopes of becoming a homeowner.

"I can have a home so they can come to

me," she said of her family.

Levy, who led the commencement service, thanked the churches involved, the Fairview neighborhood and the Hillsborough Police Department not only for their efforts in initiating the project, but also for their pledged support once the houses have been completed.

Aaron Shah, a Habitat board member who also spoke at the event, related the parable of the good Samaritan in his address.

Shah, who lives in a Habitat house in Chapel Hill, referenced the sense of community and the high level of involvement among Habitat neighborhood members, saying residents and local police are "brothers and sisters" in the Northside community in Chapel Hill.

Levy said she hopes to foster feelings of community between current Fairview residents and the future homeowners.

"We really want to create a sense of pride about the neighborhood," she said.

Levy said the first houses should be complete in six to eight months.

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Layoffs expose staff, administrator divide

Employees: process was too secretive

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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Communication among employees and administrators in the School of Dentistry has proved to be an issue with the recent decision to outsource 15 employees.

Dean John Williams, who took office in May 2005, said he came with a plan to make the dental school one of the best in the country.

"I have made statements, when I interviewed for the position, I feel very strongly that a state-supported institution needs to be continually looking at the resources it has," he said.

A few months after taking office, he assembled an ad hoc committee to evaluate those resources in the Dental Service Laboratories.

After four meetings in late 2005 and early 2006, Ken May, committee chairman, submitted a report to Williams in the spring on how to

run the school more efficiently.

Among those suggestions was outsourcing 15 dental technicians, which Williams said he decided to implement. He made the decision public this month, and the employees will be out of their jobs Nov. 27.

"This is certainly not a decision I took lightly at all because it has very specific ramifications for the individuals involved," he said. "That was why it took as long as it did."

The outsourcing led to protesting from members of all sectors of North Carolina's dental community.

Members of the Employee Forum, a large advocate for the dental technicians, assembled a rally to protest. They also are encouraged to e-mail Chancellor James Moeser and Williams to convince them to change their minds.

Forum chairman Ernie Patterson wrote a letter to Moeser on Oct. 11 asking for a 12-month moratorium on the decision. Moeser has since denied the request.

But Williams said the decision

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Class officers happy with progress

Say senior class address in works

BY ELISABETH GILBERT
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Senior class officers said that they've delivered on their campaign promises, and that they intend to keep doing so for the remainder of their term.

Meg Petersen and Eric Schmidt were ushered into office based on a platform that focused on reducing the stresses of senior year by helping seniors prepare for life after graduation — and making sure they have a good time along the way.

They also promised to increase communication among seniors and take on a significant service project.

"I'm really pleased with the success that we've had so far," said Petersen, the senior class president, who is about halfway through her term in office.

Senior Class Vice President Eric Schmidt also said he is optimistic about their achievements to date. "We feel really great."

The officers are involved in choosing a senior speaker to complement former Secretary of State



Senior class leaders Meg Petersen and Eric Schmidt say events have seen good turnout.

Madeleine Albright's commencement speech.

They said they hope to complete the process by the end of the semester.

Schmidt said that because Albright is well-known, officials might try something completely different for the senior speech this year — possibly a musical act or a comedian.

The selection process will be less about name recognition than about choosing an entertaining and relaxing performance, he said.

Senior social events also are a big part of the duo's goals. Petersen said she wanted the class to "form a sense of community" and getting seniors to have fun together is one way to do that.

"This is the last time, the last year, that our peers will have a chance to take part in the University," Petersen said.

She said her goal is to hold events either weekly or biweekly, including activities with and without alcohol.

So far those events have included everything from bar nights to bowling nights, soccer games with the local Special Olympics team to a nonalcoholic tailgate party.

Turnout generally has been strong, the officers said. About 350 students came to the tailgate party and 1,500 to the first bar night.

The most recent events included a senior dinner at Firehouse Subs and a third bar night at Top of the Hill Restaurant and Brewery.

But even the social events aren't all fun and games, officers said.

Ten percent of proceeds from the dinner will go to Habitat for Humanity, the focal point of the senior service initiative.

The mission is to build houses for people who cannot afford them.

UNC seniors will get together to begin construction on a house during the first weekend in November, Schmidt said.

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