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The Daily Tar  
Heel polled

members of the University  
community to find out what  
they considered the five most  
important issues facing Chapel  
Hill and Carrboro. The DTH is  
running a series of articles  
examining these topics and the  
proposals for addressing them  
suggested by candidates  
running in the Nov. 7 town  
elections. Today we examine  
the No. 5 issue —  
affordable housing.



High-priced homes like this sprawling mansion in the Oaks have driven up prices in the local housing market, crowding out more affordable homes. Because of the high costs, many people cannot afford to live in the Chapel Hill area.

With land values rising and would-be residents flooding the area, Chapel Hill and Carrboro face:

## HOUSING HEADACHES

BY SARAH YOUSSEF  
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While debates about 24-hour visitation and the distance to South Campus residence halls dominate housing talk on campus, a survey of 710 members of the University community indicates that the affordability of Chapel Hill and Carrboro housing also is important.

Eighty percent of respondents to an Oct. 2 Daily Tar Heel survey said housing cost/rent should be somewhat or very important to the next mayor, Town Council members and Aldermen.

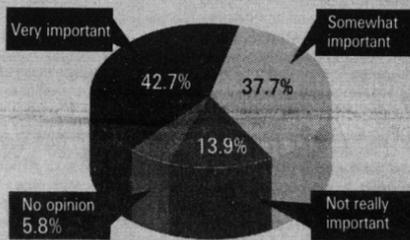
The combination of an influx of residents to the Triangle area and limits on the expansion possible in Chapel Hill and Carrboro have created a dearth of affordable housing that many say threatens the character of the community.

"The lack of affordable housing is ruining this town," said consultant and developer Joe Hakan. He said that the amount of affordable housing in the community had decreased in recent years and that creating more should be a priority.

The N.C. Housing Finance Association

### Housing Issues Important

The Daily Tar Heel conducted an intercept poll on Oct. 2 at locations around campus. 710 respondents filled out two pages of questions about Chapel Hill, Carrboro and University issues. The following chart indicates how important respondents thought housing cost/rent should be to the next mayor, Town Council or Board of Aldermen.



We recommend caution with regard to the interpretation of the survey results. Because of the nature of an intercept poll, the results should be seen as a trend rather than a representative and absolutely valid reflection of the University community's opinion. Sampling error is +/- 3.7 percent. Survey consultant was Matthew Stansberg.

defines affordable housing as residential units that can be purchased by families whose incomes are at or below 80 percent of the median income. According to this guideline, an "affordable" house in Orange County sells for less than \$97,000.

Since 1984, housing prices in Orange County have risen 300 percent while salaries have increased by only half that rate.

Several low-cost developments such as Dobbins Hill on U.S. 15-501 and Magnolia Place in Hillsborough have helped serve the community need for more affordable housing.

But Donna Dyer, executive director of Orange Community Housing Corporation, said no new developments had been built in the last five years.

Loryn Barnes, community development planner for Chapel Hill, said, "We have two affordable housing programs, and right now there aren't any houses available in those."

While most candidates for the Nov. 7 Chapel Hill and Carrboro municipal elections list increasing affordable housing as a

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## Bartender Fined for Serving Freshman

BY LAURA GODWIN  
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A Durham man accused of selling alcoholic beverages to three underage people, including a UNC freshman who later fell to her death, was fined \$400 and given 18 months unsupervised probation.

English Blaine McClure of 131 Hawthorne Rd. pleaded not guilty to three counts of selling alcohol to a minor in Orange County Superior Court on Tuesday. McClure was found guilty of giving a mixed beverage as well as a malt beverage to Jamie Cyndra McGee, who at the time was only 18 years old. McClure was a bartender at Buckheads, a former East Franklin Street bar.

Later that morning of April 27, McGee and McClure climbed a ladder on Phillips Annex Building on the UNC campus, where McGee fell.

McClure was found not guilty of giving a mixed beverage to Timmie Anne Dover, who at the time was also 18 years old.

In addition to the fine, McClure was sentenced to 20 days imprisonment, but he was given probation in lieu of the imprisonment. During his time of probation, McClure is not allowed to sell alcoholic beverages in any establishment.

In an interview with ALE officer W.C. Chandler shortly after McGee's death, McClure said he had met McGee once before but did not recall previously seeing her in Buckheads.

McClure told Chandler that he was filling in for another bartender that night, and his duties included cleaning up as well as occasionally checking identification.

McClure told Chandler the responsibility of checking patrons' identification was primarily that of the doorman and that McGee and Dover looked to be his age, 23. McClure also told Chandler that at the time, there were two Chapel Hill police officers in Buckheads.

According to Chandler's report, the police department has yet to find any evidence to support McClure's claim.

McClure said he recalled talking with the two women but could not recall the

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## Carmen Hooker Encourages Women To Become Involved in Public Service

BY KATIE TYSON  
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Carmen Hooker, wife of Chancellor Michael Hooker, called on women Wednesday to become more involved in public service and stressed the need for women to empower one another.

Hooker, a former Massachusetts state representative, made her formal Chapel Hill speaking debut at the Women's Studies Luncheon Colloquium, held in the Toy Lounge of Dey Hall. Her speech was titled "Women and Public Service."

Hooker said women should work to empower each other and to provide strong foundations of support. "The most fundamental thing is to believe in someone," she said. "Make a commitment and believe unconditionally in that woman."

It was this type of unconditional support that encouraged her to pursue a career in public service, she said.

Hooker began her career by serving local organizations such as the school board and the civic center commission, a board devoted to promoting economic development.

She later served as an aide to a Massachusetts state representative. When the representative decided not to run for re-election, she threw her hat into the ring. "No woman had ever run for this district," she said. "I was the first woman to take that plunge."

Hooker said she faced several obstacles in her campaign bid. "I did not have that traditional Democratic party support," she said. "I had to build up my own network."

Saturday morning trips to town dumps and 5:30 a.m. appearances at local factory gates were a few of the ways she campaigned for office and communicated with district constituents. "The one thing that I discovered was that I worked harder than any of my opposition," she said. "I gained strength through these type of encounters."

Extensive campaigning carried her through the election, and she subsequently served 11 years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Hooker attributed her political success to her ability to work within the political system. "I learned the rules, I learned how to play the game and I learned how to make changes," she said. "Ardent feminists have criticized men and other women for choosing the inside strategy. I respond by asking people to look at my results."

While she was in office, Massachusetts became the first state to appropriate state funds to breast cancer research. Hooker also began a health care program for children not covered by Medicaid.

Although she only moved here in July, Hooker said she had started to work to improve women's position in state government. "Now that I am a daughter of North Carolina, my challenge is to get more women elected to office," she said.

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Although Carmen Hooker served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for 11 years, she says she currently has no plans to run for state government in North Carolina.

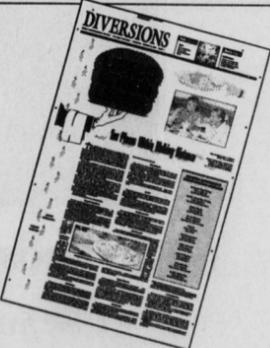
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**What's In a Name?** Pembroke State University is considering changing its name to UNC-Pembroke. *State & National News, Page 4*

### Weather

**TODAY:** Sunny; high in the mid 80s.  
**FRIDAY:** Mostly cloudy; possible showers; high in the 70s.



**Eat Your Heart Out!** Check out the DTH Top 10 picks of restaurants within walking distance. *Diversions, Page 5*

## Housekeepers Worry as University Investigates Privatization

■ Legislation orders UNC system to study cost of contracting out service jobs.

BY STEPHEN LEE  
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Despite improvements in communication between the UNC Housekeepers Association and the University administration, members of the 4-year-old movement have said they are fearful the University might wash their hands of housekeeper concerns by contracting housekeeping services through private companies.

The General Assembly passed special legislation last summer ordering the UNC-system's General Administration to con-

duct a study on the feasibility of privatizing housekeeping and maintenance services at the 16 institutions.

The UNC system's Re-Engineering Task Force is conducting the study. The task force, comprised of the 16 chief finance officers from each of the schools in the UNC system, is examining the University's business and financial matters.

James Smith, UNC-system associate vice president for finance and a member of the task force, said Tuesday that the group had started gathering information.

The decision will be based on many factors and criteria that the committee has not yet determined, he said. The provision mandates that the study be completed by April 15.

Smith said there were many areas of contracting that an organization could

privatize. In higher education, the private contracting of food services is a popular option, he said. UNC started contracting out its campus food services in the late 1970s.

"Privatization is not new," Smith said. "Until recently it has gained popularity. I think as a management tool, company management has to look at other things."

Barbara Prear, chairwoman of the Housekeepers Association, said she thought privatization would mean losing medical benefits and insurance.

"I just know what the consequences of privatization are," she said. "You lose your benefits and salaries. You lose your job security. I have a lot of problems with privatization."

Chancellor Michael Hooker said he was not sure if privatization was a good idea,

but he said if University jobs were contracted out, then employees should retain their current wage levels and benefits.

"It would be a disadvantage if our employees did not receive the same wages and benefits," Hooker said. "We must make it possible that the wages and benefits continue."

Hooker added that recent meetings between housekeepers and administrators had addressed most of the group's grievances. "They've been going very well," said Hooker, who has attended the meetings. "I'm confident that we have addressed all those concerns except salary."

Hooker said he would issue a statement in the near future about actions to address housekeepers' concerns.

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*Do it big or stay in bed.*  
Opera producer Larry Kelly