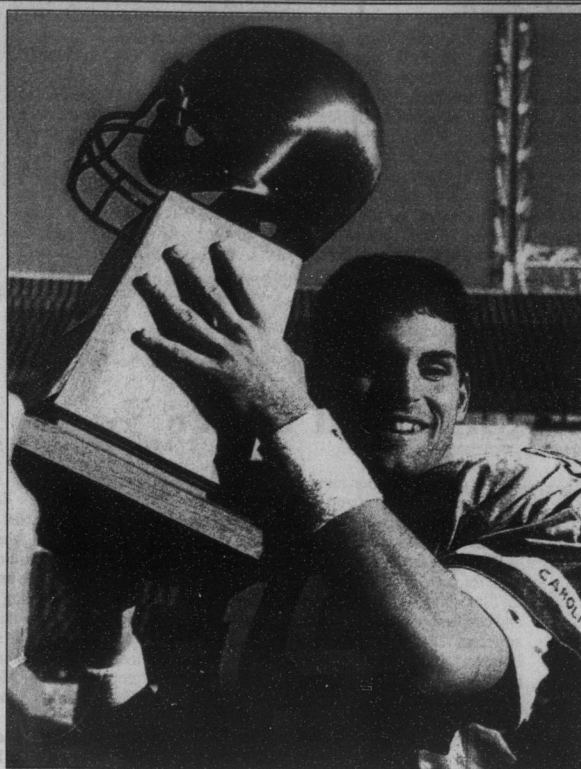
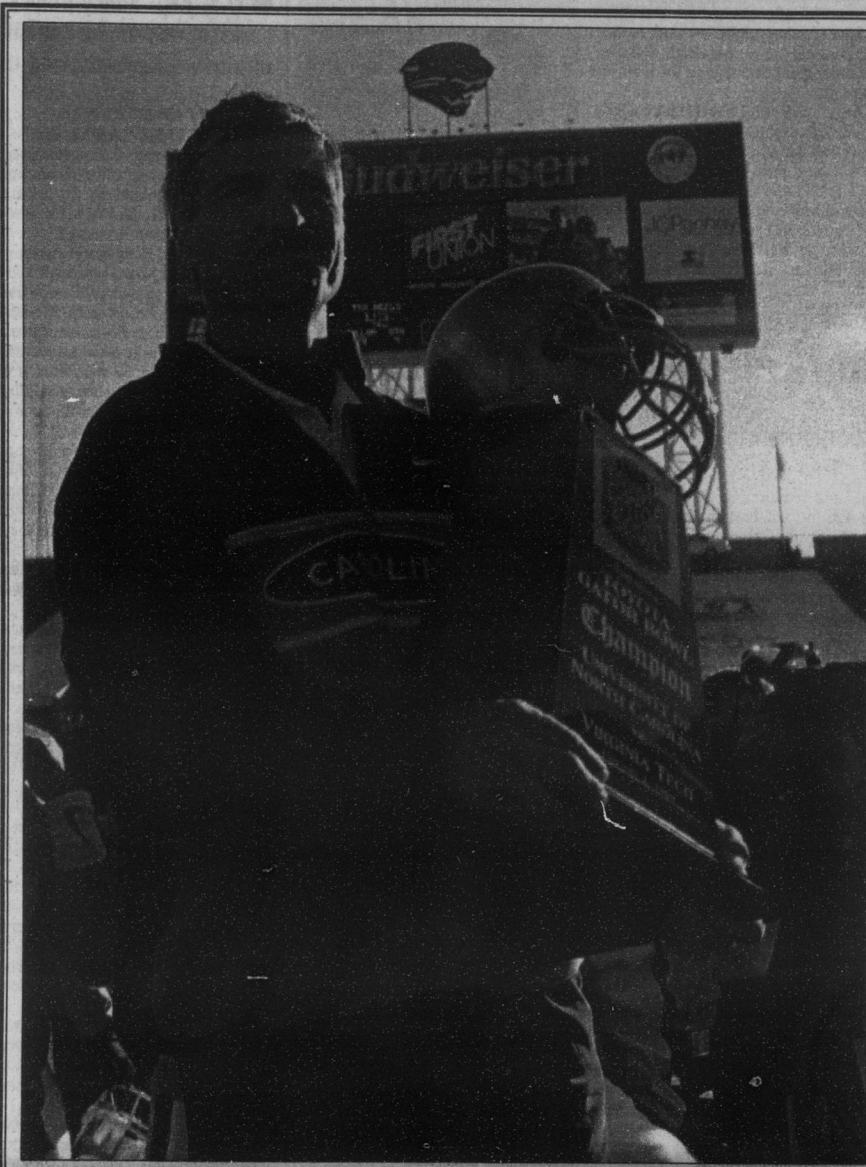


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REPEAT PERFORMANCE

North Carolina football coach Carl Torbush (left) holds the 1998 Toyota Gator Bowl Championship trophy following the Tar Heels' 42-3 drubbing of Virginia Tech on Thursday. Senior quarterback Chris Keldorf (above) passed for 290 yards and three scores en route to MVP honors. It was the second consecutive year the Tar Heels won the Gator Bowl and a UNC quarterback was named MVP.

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Photo (above) by Cara Brickman
Photo (left) by Jon Gardiner

Teen robbed at knife point on campus

University Police officers have suspects in the case and are pursuing war-

BY KAREN JOYCE
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A male teenager was robbed at knife point Monday night behind the Ackland Art Museum.

The victim, a minor, was robbed of \$65 in cash and a gold necklace valued at \$250.

The robbery occurred at 5:15 p.m. in an area just northeast of the museum.

The victim reported the assailant was a black man about 6 feet 2 inches tall and 225 pounds, wearing dark clothes and a ski cap.

The man grabbed the victim from behind, holding a knife about 3 inches long, police reports state.

He demanded the victim's money, took the money out of the wallet and dropped it to the ground, reports state.

He then yanked the gold chain from around his neck after the victim gave him the money.

The victim was not harmed in the robbery, reports state.

The crime was reported about 7 p.m. Police spokeswoman Lt. Angela Carmon said police had suspects and investigators were working on arrest warrants.

"We do have a suspect and the warrant is being processed," Carmon said. "It has not been issued as of yet."

The robbery is one of several unrelated armed robberies this school year.

The first occurred Sept. 23 in front of Alderman Residence Hall. Three women were held at gun point in the

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Nathan taps 2 to fill vacant cabinet slots

The former cabinet members are gearing up for student elections.

BY NAHAL TOOSI
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The executive branch is slowly healing after losing a number of leading members to student elections fever.

A new student body secretary, junior Rebecca Hockfield, and executive assistant, freshman Alex Mehfar, are the two main changes in Student Body President Mo Nathan's cabinet.

Hockfield, a journalism major from Charlotte, is a familiar face in Suite C - she served as student government's Academic Affairs Committee co-chairwoman last semester. Student Congress must approve Hockfield's new position.

"The reason I decided to apply was I felt I was qualified, but more than that I almost thought it was a call to duty," Hockfield said as she redecorated her new office in Suite C.

Her goals include improving student government's communication internally and externally and helping committee leaders with their projects.

Mehfar is a newcomer Nathan asked to serve as an executive assistant. Mehfar, an economics and political science major from Raleigh, said he's not fazed by his freshman status and relative inexperience in student government.

"You're not worried about tradition - you come in with a fresh view," he

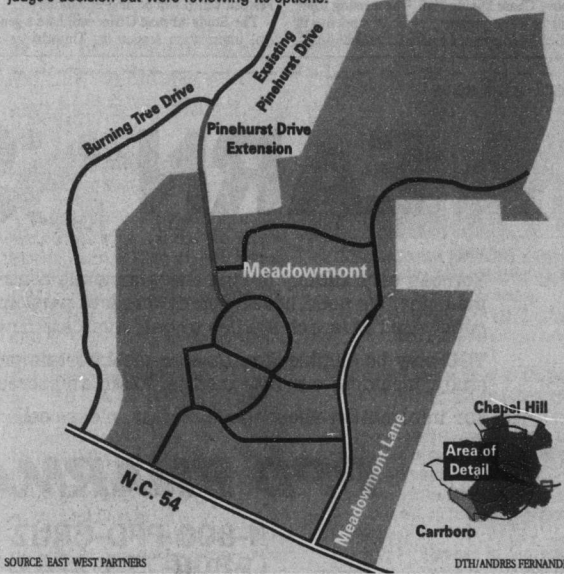
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Student Body President **MO NATHAN** said his cabinet last semester was much larger than most.

Pinehurst Drive Extension review

Former Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle ruled in favor of the residents of Pinehurst Drive in their suit against the developers of Meadowmont. Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the Town Council had decided not to appeal the judge's decision but were reviewing its options.



Judge's ruling threatens future of Meadowmont

The Town Council must reapprove some plans for the mixed-use development.

BY MICHAEL KANAREK
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

When a judge ruled on Dec. 19 that the Chapel Hill Town Council must review the infrastructure plan for Meadowmont, the mixed-use development hit another snag in its long trip to completion.

Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle ruled in favor of Pinehurst Drive residents, who had sued claiming the Town Council did not have enough evidence when it approved the permits for the

infrastructure plan for Meadowmont. Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the council decided in closed session Monday not to appeal the judge's decision.

However, she said she could not comment further because the suit was still a confidential legal matter.

The residents had argued that the plan to extend their road into the development would decrease their property values, while the council had previously ruled that Meadowmont would "maintain or enhance the value of contiguous property."

This means that part of the Meadowmont plan must be reconsidered by the council, but Roger Perry of

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Martin files for U.S. Senate race

BY BRADY DENNIS
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Former UNC-system lobbyist D.G. Martin officially filed as a candidate for the U.S. Senate on Monday, beginning a campaign against incumbent Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C.

Martin said he felt his legislative experience and public service record qualified him as a formidable candidate.

"I've spent 12 years in public service and in the University system, including five years in the legislative arena,"

Martin said. "I feel I'm the only candidate who's been proven under that kind of fire."

Martin said his first challenge would be securing the Democratic nomination in the May primaries.

"In the primary the issues will be different," he said. "One issue is clearly going to be education - how we are going to pay for education, how our gov-



ernment provides this service to its citizens, from the time they are little up to college graduation and even graduate school."

Martin said the environment would also be an important element of his campaign.

"People are concerned about the quality of water in the ocean and the rivers of our state," he said.

"There is a feeling that Faircloth is out of touch with the people of the state."

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Swain goes back to work, continues suit, grievance

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

University Police Lt. C.E. Swain is just trying to get his life back to normal.

Swain, who was fired for falsifying a timesheet by the same officer he named in a University grievance for obstructing justice, was reinstated Dec. 10 by Chancellor Michael Hooker.

Most of Swain's squad was supportive when he reported back to work after serving a weeklong suspension that Hooker said was more appropriate for his action.

But other officers who he expected to support him did not stand by him, he said Tuesday.

"It was hard for me to believe that came out of them," he said. "I'm really disappointed with those people."

Hooker decided to give Swain's job back, calling Capt. Jeff McCracken's decision to fire him for falsifying his timesheet excessive.

McCracken made the decision in November after an employee of the Chapel Hill News said Swain stopped by the office during work Oct. 30. Swain had visited the offices of several newspapers during the weeks before the event to tell reporters about his grievance.

But Hooker did not spare Swain from reprimand Dec. 22 when he accepted a

panel's recommendation to deny his grievance.

Swain's grievance claimed his superiors in the police department covered up an underage drinking ticket he gave to 19-year-old freshman Caroline Hancock, daughter of Board of Trustees member Billy Armfield, on Sept. 27.

"I want to emphasize that there is no evidence whatsoever that Trustee Armfield tried in any way to influence the handling of the ticket after it was issued or the personnel actions taken by Lt. Swain's supervisors," a prepared statement by Hooker said.

"Allegations to the contrary are unfounded." Swain said the report made by the Step III grievance committee influenced Hooker's decision. While the committee only reported a few lines of statements from Swain's 13 hours of testimony in

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Chancellor **MICHAEL HOOKER** reinstated Lt. C.E. Swain, but he denied Swain's grievance that claimed his superiors tried to fix a ticket.

INSIDE

Filling the hole

Six residents seeking the vacant seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council went through an interview process Monday night. The council will make its final decision at its next meeting. Page 2

Moving on up

Freshmen lounge dwellers look back at their time in temporary quarters. Although they found benefits to lounge life, they look forward to residence hall rooms. Page 4

Today's weather

Cloudy, showers;
high 60s
Thursday: Showers;
high 60s

Welcome back

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes you back to a new semester and a new year. If one of your resolutions was to get more involved on campus, apply to work at the DTH. We're accepting applications, available at our front desk in Suite 104 of the Student Union, until Jan. 16.

Did nothing in particular, and did it very well.

W.S. Gilbert