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## County 1st in Nation to Call for Death Penalty Halt

County commissioners say their decision to pass a moratorium stemmed from concerns over human rights.

By KATHRYN McLAMB  
Staff Writer

Orange County has become the first county in the United States to issue a moratorium against the death penalty, expressing the need to reconsider the implications of the punishment. The resolution, passed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday night, called for the state

and federal governments to adopt legislation imposing a moratorium on executions until the system of issuing the death penalty could be re-examined for fairness.

"Orange County is a unique place, and it isn't surprising to me that we were the first county to pass this," Commissioner Alice Gordon said. "We saw something that needed to be addressed."

Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Durham are among five municipalities nationwide that have passed similar moratoriums. Nebraska's state government was the first to temporarily halt executions.

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, the organization that brought a

similar proposal to the Chapel Hill Town Council, approached the commissioners with the idea of issuing a moratorium.

Organization representative Stephen Dear called on the commissioners to adopt the moratorium in an effort to guard the best interests of their constituents.



Orange County Commissioner Alice Gordon said she was not surprised the moratorium passed.

"Local governments represent people who could be falsely convicted and given the death penalty," Dear said.

"(The commissioners) have the right and the responsibility to speak up on the death penalty."

Officials noted that the moratorium did not constitute a stance either for or against the death penalty itself.

"The moratorium seems like a reasonable course of action regardless of how you feel about the death penalty," Commissioner Barry Jacobs said. "We are asking that the inequities in the application of an irreversible penalty be resolved before we continue to execute people."

Organization and Orange County

officials said they hoped the adoption of the moratorium would show state and national legislatures that Orange County was concerned about crime and punishment in its communities.

"It is a message to the legislature," said Marshall Dayan, an attorney who represents death row inmates for the Raleigh law firm Unti, Lumfden and Smith. "These are elected officials who are concerned about what is going on in their communities."

If enough municipalities passed moratoriums, the N.C. Governor's Office might consider a statewide moratorium, said the Rev. Diane Corlett, president of the organization.

"The Governor's Office said they

would not pay attention to four or five local moratoriums," Corlett said. "But if there were six, they might start paying attention. We are just trying to find that magic number."

While the moratorium sent a message, the resolution held no political weight because local governments do not issue the death penalty. However, county officials said it was still the right thing to do.

"This is a human issue," Jacobs said. "Hopefully we represent the interest of the citizens of Orange County when we pursue issues like this."

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## Norwood Admits to 2 Felonies

Former UNC football player Brian Norwood pleaded guilty to taking indecent liberties with a minor.

Associated Press

ROCKINGHAM — Former North Carolina defensive tackle Brian Norwood is facing 16 to 20 months in jail after admitting to sexually related charges involving an 11-year-old girl.

Norwood, 19, pleaded guilty earlier this week in a Richmond County court to two felony charges of taking indecent liberties with a minor. He will face probation when he is released from jail.

"He's in prison right now," Richmond County District Attorney Ken Honeycutt said Tuesday.

Norwood was one of 10 men arrested in August and indicted on various sexual charges involving an 11-year-old girl. Authorities alleged the men — ranging in age from 19 to 47 — raped the girl in 1996 and 1997.

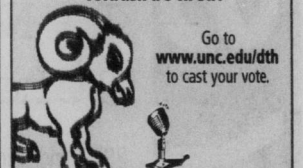
Norwood, of Hamlet, was initially charged with three counts of sex offense with a child, two counts of first-degree rape of a child, three counts of felony crime against nature and taking indecent liberties with a child.

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## Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll

Should football coach Carl Torbush be fired?



Go to [www.unc.edu/dth](http://www.unc.edu/dth) to cast your vote.

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## Sex in the City

"Sexual Perversity in Chicago" opens tonight in the Elizabeth Price Kenan Theatre. The comedy explores desire and reveals the raw emotions and risks involved in relationships. See Page 4.

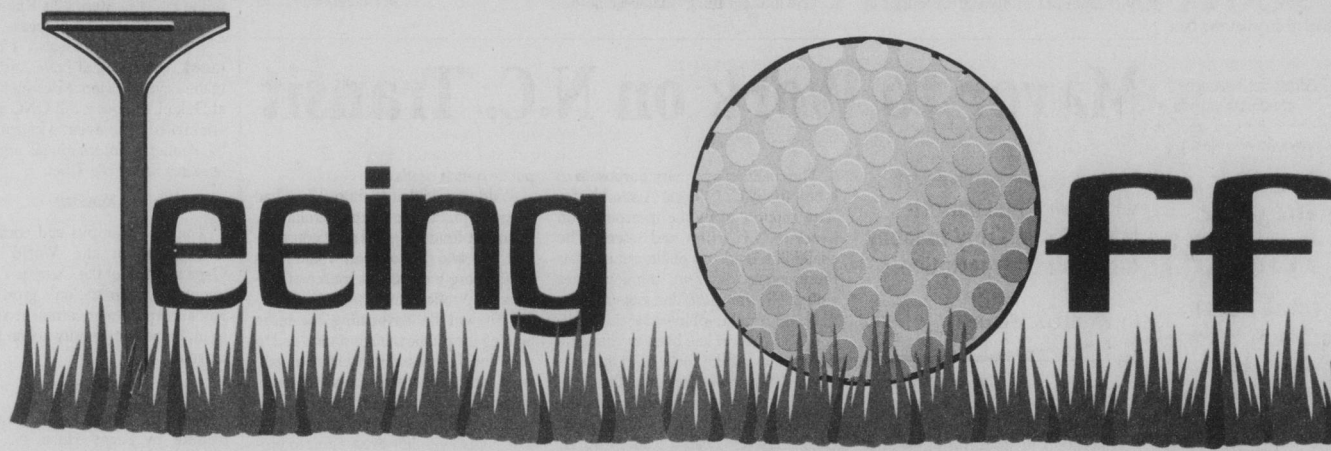
## Picking a Legend

In preparation for the finale of The Daily Tar Heel's Destination 2000 project, the editors are seeking nominations for the "Tar Heel of the Decade." Who has been the most influential person at UNC or in Chapel Hill during the past 10 years? To cast a vote, e-mail DTH editor Rob Nelson at [rnelson@email.unc.edu](mailto:rnelson@email.unc.edu) or go to [www.unc.edu/dth](http://www.unc.edu/dth).

## Today's Weather

Sunny;  
High 60s.  
Saturday: Sunny,  
Low 70s.

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## After 15 months Of Renovations, Finley Re-opens

By ROLAND HOFFMAN  
Staff Writer

There is no place like home. The North Carolina men's and women's golf teams will finally know that feeling.

After more than a year of construction, the completely redesigned Finley Golf Course is ready for play. The course, designed by Tom Fazio, opened to students, faculty and the general public Wednesday.

Those who remember the old Finley will not recognize the new course. Fazio, who was named Golf Course News' golf course architect of the year for five consecutive years, changed the layout entirely after it was closed for renovations in August 1998.

A native of Hendersonville, Fazio did keep one of Finley's defining characteristics. The greens and fairways will still be hidden away from the hustle and bustle of nearby N.C. 54.

The drastic changes have been well-received by all. "It's a great course," UNC women's coach Sally Austin said. "It's the best in the Triangle."

UNC Director of Athletics Dick Baddour added, "It is outstanding."

Although Finley is now a championship-caliber course, UNC students and faculty will enjoy the lowest rates on a Fazio-designed course in the nation.

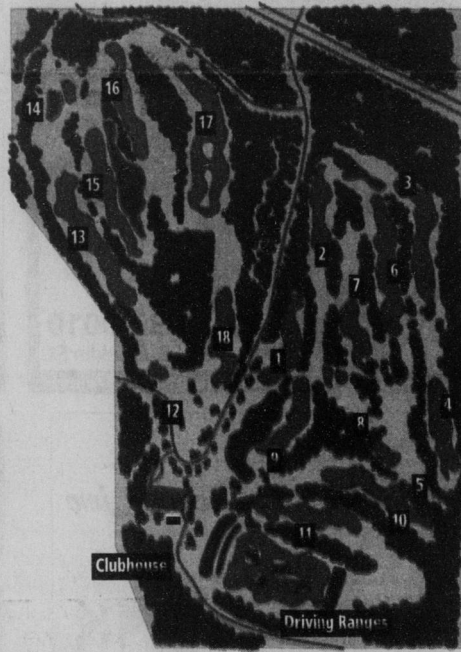
Students can play for \$20 Monday through Thursday and for \$25 on the weekends. For the faculty and staff, the rates are \$5 higher. There are also varying rates for donors, the general public and senior citizens. Carts, which are not mandatory, cost \$15 per person. (For a complete list of prices, see chart.)

"That was our goal, our mission from the beginning," Baddour said. "We are able to keep the costs down because of the generosity of the Educational Foundation and other sup-

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## The Fresh Face of Finley

The much-anticipated new look of Finley Golf Course is finally open for play after more than a year of construction. The new layout, designed by internationally renowned architect Tom Fazio, features man-made ponds, two driving ranges, five sets of tee boxes and a renovated clubhouse.



Hole	Par	Championship Tees	Carolina Blue Tees	Red Tees
1	4	477	346	276
2	4	353	293	233
3	5	532	473	403
4	4	409	366	313
5	3	221	145	87
6	5	525	462	410
7	4	363	303	227
8	3	161	134	105
9	4	440	385	332
10	4	452	402	329
11	4	414	384	292
12	3	204	160	114
13	5	559	501	431
14	3	170	140	92
15	4	491	428	365
16	4	450	360	246
17	5	519	460	408
18	4	447	399	328

Walking Policy: Can walk anytime; no mandatory carts  
Cart Fee: \$15 per person  
Soft Spikes: Required  
Grass: Greens are L93;  
Fairways and Roughs are 419 Bermuda



	Mon.-Thurs.	Fri.-Sun.
Student	\$20	\$25 (\$35 before 1 p.m. Sat. and Sun.)
Faculty-Staff	\$25	\$30 (\$40 before 1 p.m. Sat. and Sun.)
Donors	\$30	\$45
General Public	\$40	\$55
Senior Citizens	\$35	\$45 (\$55 before 1 p.m. Sat. and Sun.)

SOURCE: UNC DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

DTH/MEGAN SHARKEY

## First Black UNC Students to Recount Experiences

By JAMILA VERNON  
Staff Writer

After overcoming adversity and hardship to receive their college degrees, eight of the first black students to attend UNC will return to campus today for the 19th annual Black Alumni Reunion.

Although the University was established in 1793, it was not until the 1950s that the first black students set foot on this campus.

Five men and three women will discuss their experiences at the University in a panel discussion titled "Carolina

Firsts," sponsored by the General Alumni Association. It will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

"The goal is to have alumni come back and share experiences on the campus and have everyone recognize the struggles they went through as well as the accomplishments," said Anita Walton, coordinator of the Black Alumni Reunion.

Many of the panelists were hesitant to return to UNC, said Rodney Harris, volunteer chairman for the Black Alumni Reunion.

"At least two of the panelists do not open (any mail) from UNC," Harris said.

Harris said he had to develop relationships with secretaries and family members to convince the alumni to revisit a place that had caused them so much pain.

For two brothers, Leroy and Ralph Frasier, threats from students and other harassment became too much to handle in addition to normal college stress, so they left the University and attended N.C. Central University.

"(UNC) was not a place conducive to

learning," Harris said.

The Frasier, who never graduated from UNC, will serve on the panel to recall their trying years at the University, Harris said.

One of the other panelists, Rosalind Fuse-Hall, was the first black woman to become a member of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies, the University's oldest undergraduate organization.

"She is the moderator, but it's unique because she's also secretary to the university system," Walton said.

The presentation does not only act as a learning experience for students and

Sports do not build character. They reveal it.

Heywood Hale Broun