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Torbush, Tar Heels Expect Improved 2000 Council Approves Funding

With all but one starter returning on defense and six starters back on offense, Carl Torbush expects results.

By EVAN MARKFIELD
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With the North Carolina football team's head coaching questions finally behind it, the players and coaches can once again shift their attention to the game itself instead of the politics surrounding the program.

Now that Coach Carl Torbush has been assured that he will return for at least the 2000 season, the focus is on fixing what went wrong in '99 and seeing if the Tar Heels can make the leap back to winning seasons and bowl games.

"It was a very disappointing and frustrating season, but our program is on very solid ground," Torbush said Monday at the press conference announcing his return. "I have no doubt that our program is in position to go back to the next level."

To explain the disaster that was the Tar Heels' 1999 season is, in some ways, to explain why 2000 should be the polar opposite.

While UNC played much of the season without linebacker Brandon Spoon and quarterback Ronald Curry, both lost to injuries, they will both be healthy in 2000.

Spoon was set to be a leader on a relatively inexperienced defense this year. Instead, he watched from the sidelines with a torn biceps while the young defense matured. The Tar Heels tod-

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UNC sophomore quarterback Ronald Curry, seen here against Florida State, missed the final six games of the season after rupturing his Achilles tendon against Georgia Tech. Curry will be one of several Tar Heels returning to the squad next season who missed time due to injuries.

Council Approves Funding

The Chapel Hill Town Council agreed to pledge \$66,000 to a low-income development corporation.

By SARAH JUREK
Staff Writer

A local community development corporation is no longer in danger of losing an \$875,000 project after the Chapel Hill Town Council committed additional funding Tuesday night.

EmPOWERment Inc. had a pledge from the Town Council for \$66,000 so that its project to build a small business incubator would not be lost.

The incubator is a project helping the start-up of small businesses in Chapel Hill, including those started by minority and low-income entrepreneurs.

"We don't need the actual money until late July, but we have to have a promise before then or else our largest loan of \$446,000 will be gone if we don't get funds in place," EmPOWERment Director Myles Presler said.

Presler said he sent information about his need for funds to the Town Council on Oct. 24, shortly after he discovered the money shortage. However, Town Council member Flicka Bateman said she failed to receive such notice.

"EmPOWERment has come to us. See EMPOWERMENT, Page 4

Farmers: Funding Shortfall Disheartening

Congress failed to allocate an additional \$81 million to aid N.C. farmers before it adjourned last week.

By LUCAS FENSKÉ
Staff Writer

N.C. farmers suffering the repercussions of low market prices and hurricane flooding will not be granted a reprieve from the 106th congressional session.

Congress adjourned Friday without providing \$81 million in aid to the state, leaving farmers in eastern North Carolina struggling to make ends meet.

N.C. Farm Bureau spokesman Larry Wooten said that without the urgently needed money, several N.C. farmers could lose their livelihoods.

"Many of our operations devastated by the flooding have an immediate and dying need for federal funds to cover

loans," he said.

Wooten said many farmers took out loans to cover operating expenses, but crop-loss from the flooding left many farmers unable to pay back the loans.

Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., removed the emergency aid funds intended for N.C. farmers from the federal budget, which passed both houses Thursday and was sent to President Clinton for approval.

John Feehary, spokesman for Hastert, said the funds were removed because they were a late addition to the budget.

"We've already approved \$800 million in aid," he said. "I doubt (North Carolina) can spend an additional \$80 million in three months."

But without federal funds, Wooten said farmers would face limited options. "They'll try to refinance and continue unless they want to exit the business."

Wooten said the refinancing procedure involved going to a bank and taking out additional loans on land, equip-

ment and crops or livestock. He said the bank would determine if it would refinance and how much it would provide.

"The banks could always foreclose instead," he said.

Federal Emergency Management Agency aid does not apply to farmers, leaving them required to seek federal and state aid, Wooten said. "We're not asking for a profit," he said. "We're just trying to sustain ourselves."

Wooten said farmers would continue to petition the federal government for help but were looking to the N.C. government for support.

Kirsten Weeks, spokeswoman for Gov. Jim Hunt, said the governor had told his staff to continue pursuing flood aid for farmers and other N.C. residents.

She said the staff was planning to fill the gap between the flood victims' need and what the federal government had provided. "The (N.C.) legislature will decide what's the best way to get more money," she said.

Rob Lamme, spokesman for Marc Basnight, N.C. Senate president pro tem, said Basnight was talking with Hunt and other state leaders to explore ways to cover the needs of flood victims.

But Lamme said he was not sure what sort of aid package they could provide. "We're just waiting for the numbers from the federal government and trying to figure out our priorities," he said.

Lamme said it was becoming more likely that Hunt would call a special session of the N.C. General Assembly for flood damage before the end of the year.

But Weeks said the governor had not given up hope of receiving further federal aid. She said Hunt was planning another trip to Washington, D.C., in January to solicit more assistance.

"It's not over yet," she said. "We'll keep working until we get everything we need."

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FOR SAFETY'S SAKE



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Clara Hall and Michael Westbrook, both sophomores, sign a fish-shaped petition. It called for the upping of safety standards at a proposed nuclear waste site planned for 20 miles away from Chapel Hill.

Holiday Features Diverse Fare

From paneer to Swedish meatballs, UNC students say Thanksgiving is not just for turkey and pie anymore.

By MATTHEW B. DEES
State & National Editor

While many UNC students will sit down to traditional meals of turkey and dressing Thursday, some will enjoy meals that go off the beaten platter.

Whether they're trying to accommodate finicky family members or add an international flavor to the American Thanksgiving tradition, many students' families incorporate nontraditional foods and rituals that make the holiday unique. One student's family adds a cultural flair to its Thanksgiving fare, combining traditional American cuisine with a dish from the family's native land.

Manali Patel, a junior chemistry major from Shelby, said her family enjoys paneer, an Indian cheese and

vegetable dish, with their stuffing and pumpkin pie.

But the family also veers from the Thanksgiving tradition in a fairly significant way — no turkey. Everyone in the family is a vegetarian, Patel said. But what the meal lacks in meat, it makes up for in starch and sweets. "All the carbs — no protein," she said with a laugh.

Joanna Lyndrup, a senior English major from High Point, said her mother incorporates recipes from her native Sweden for Thanksgiving dinner.

But serving the dish, Swedish meatballs made from scratch, is not just a way to furnish a multicultural holiday, she said. "It's mainly because my sister doesn't like turkey," Lyndrup conceded.

While the Thanksgiving holiday is as ingrained in American culture as the football and apple pie that accompany it, the custom is not followed by many students who come to the University from abroad.

But the tradition of expressing gratitude for health and wealth is a sentiment that knows no boundaries.

In Korea, they call it Choosok. Observed in mid-October, the holiday is a time to celebrate the recent harvest and honor dead ancestors.

J. Park and C. Lee, two graduate students from Seoul, South Korea, said Korean families usually visit their ancestors' graves and gather for a big meal of newly harvested crops.

One staple of the meal is Toran soup, made from a potato-like vegetable.

But Lee said the most important part of the holiday was honoring the memories of their ancestors.

Other students also said they tried to focus on family unity when they gathered for the traditional feast.

Tisha Barnes, a business major from Cary, said her family emphasized the "thanks" in Thanksgiving.

"We hold hands and say grace and go around the table and say something we're thankful for," she said. "Then we eat and eat until we can't eat anymore."

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IFC, Churches Prepare Turkey Day Celebration

By JASON OWENS
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Local charity organizations and churches are collaborating to make sure everyone has a chance to sit down to a Thanksgiving dinner by gathering and preparing food for Thursday's holiday.

The Inter-Faith Council, along with several local churches, are providing food for those who need additional help during the holidays.

Peter Baker, a manager at the IFC homeless shelter, said the kitchen would change its usual menu and atmosphere to fit the Thanksgiving mood.

"There's plenty of turkeys," he said. "We've done some decoration to our dining room."

Baker said the kitchen, which served food for the homeless on a daily basis, usually benefited from the holiday spirit with a little extra help from the community.

"We normally do receive additional donations around Thanksgiving," he said. "Volunteers will be here from the community giving time."

Local churches are also helping in the effort to provide Thanksgiving meals.

Robert Glover, a member of the Chapel Hill Church of Christ, said the congregation was making efforts to help the IFC and other charities.

"We collect food for the IFC shelter throughout the year," Glover said. "We make charitable donations throughout the state and the country."

Ila McMillan, pastor of the Faith Tabernacle Full Gospel Church, said church members were preparing a full meal with an open invitation Thursday.

"We're having Thanksgiving dinner here at one o'clock," she said. "We're going to roast a pig and cut up barbecue and fry turkey."

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INSIDE Wednesday

Assaults at UMass.

Area police are targeting anti-women groups for the rash of sexual assaults reported on the University of Massachusetts-Amherst campus in the past two weeks. See Page 4.

Literary Honor Given

For his recent novel, "Freedom's Altar," the N. C. Literary Association honored Charles Price with the Sir Walter Raleigh Award on Friday. See Page 4.

Turkey for You

This is the last Daily Tar Heel until after Thanksgiving Break. We will resume publication Monday. Happy Thanksgiving!

Today's Weather



Cloudy;
Low 70s.
Thursday: Cloudy,
Mid 60s.

The natural rhythm of human life is routinely punctuated by orgies.

Aldous Huxley