



## The University and Towns IN BRIEF

### Union Activities Board Needs New Chairmen

The Carolina Union Activities Board is looking to fill chairman positions within the organization.

CUAB is responsible for organizing many University programs and activities. In the past, it has sponsored the Art Mural Contest and brought in well-known figures such as Julian Bond, the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the band Vertical Horizon.

There are also open positions for information technology, graphic design/advertising and public relations.

Applications are available at the Union desk for any interested full-time students and are due March 29. No experience is necessary. For more information, go to Union 200.

### Spring Break Kicks Off With Thursday Party

The Domestic Violence Advocacy Project is sponsoring a Spring Break Kickoff Party on Thursday.

The party will be held at 10 p.m. at Pantana Bob's on Rosemary Street and will feature live jazz and funk music by Corduroy Deville.

There is a \$4 cover charge. For more information, e-mail Erin Baker at sprite156@mindspring.com.

### Student Government Looks to Fill Vacancies

Student Government is taking applications for various student body officer positions. These include student body vice president, secretary and treasurer.

The applications are available in Suite C of the Student Union and are due at 5 p.m. Friday.

### Former Student Runs Marathon for Hooker

A UNC graduate will run a Leukemia Society of America marathon in memory of the late Chancellor Michael Hooker.

Ange-Marie Hancock, formerly a coordinator for the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, plans to use the event to raise money for further research in Hooker's diagnosed disease, non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

The marathon will take place in Big Sur, Calif., on April 30. Hancock hopes to raise \$1,900.

### Church Holds Seminar To Teach Dream Recall

The Unity Church of Durham will hold a seminar on dream interpretation and recall at 1 p.m. Sunday at 2604 Carver St. in Durham.

The Dream Interpretation Seminar with Michael French will teach techniques for identifying recurring themes, dream recall and common symbols.

The suggested offering is \$20.

The church will also host Mark Smith, a musician, guitarist and humorist, at 11 a.m.

Call Rev. Geri Glinski at 471-3504.

### Local Church to Hold Food Drive Saturday

Mt. Zion Christian Church will sponsor a food drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 18 at four local Food Lion grocery stores. For more information about specific locations, call Elder James Rascoe at 688-4245, ext. 231.

### County Needs Variety Of Local Volunteers

Volunteer Orangel, a Triangle United Way organization needs tutors and mentors for school-aged children. Volunteers are needed to assist as timers and referees during swimming, basketball and horseshoes. The games occur at various locations in Orange County in late April.

Learn how to produce television programs. A local public access channel needs volunteers interested in working with equipment, updating Web sites and editing.

Runners, walkers and volunteers are needed for a 5K Run/Walk to benefit breast cancer research April 1. Volunteers are needed to staff food tables and cheer for participants. Registration, which is \$10 for runners and walkers, includes a T-shirt and refreshments.

Volunteers will provide companionship to individuals with mental illness by participating in activities with them for three to six hours each week.

Contact Betsy Alley at 929-9837, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Fridays.

From Staff Reports

# Bush, Gore Top Super Tuesday

Associated Press

Cruising across the country, George W. Bush won five Super Tuesday primaries in an accelerating drive to vanquish John McCain's political insurgency. "It's a huge step toward the nomination," the Republican presidential candidate said as McCain struggled to broaden his threat beyond independent-minded New England states.

Bush won in Ohio, Georgia, Missouri and Maryland by double-digit margins — and broke McCain's hold on the Northeast with a narrow victory in Maine. McCain won in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont as voters in 13 states participated in the year's largest day of

Republican presidential contests. New York and California were yet to be counted.

Bush said he did not consider himself the certain nominee. "My frame of mind is to keep moving," Bush told The Associated Press as the campaign moved swiftly to nine primaries over the course of the next seven days.

Forging familiar coalitions, Bush relied on party faithful while McCain drew from independents and moderate Republicans.

McCain's gamble of criticizing conservative Christian leaders may have backfired in key states, while Bush's visit to an S.C. university with a history of anti-Catholic views seemed to be a beneficial campaign issue for McCain in

some states.

With Super Tuesday voting, the general election began to take shape: Vice President Al Gore bid to sweep 16 Democratic contests, pushing Sen. Bill Bradley to the brink of withdrawal. McCain's situation was not as dire, but his candidacy was flagging with a tough week of Bush-friendly contests lying just ahead.

Looking past McCain to a potential fight with Gore, Bush congratulated the vice president for his Super Tuesday victory, but said, "He is the candidate of the status quo in Washington, D.C., and he has a tough case to make in the general election."

Several McCain advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Ariz. senator would take stock of his campaign Wednesday when he travels to his retreat in Sedona.

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## SPINNING DISKS ...



Heidi Scott makes a pass during a mini-tournament organized by the women's Ultimate Frisbee Team. UNC played Duke and Dixie Flicks, a local recreational team, during the tournament Sunday.

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# SELLING the SYSTEM

## Leaders Gear Up For Another Round With Legislature

By LUCAS FENSKE  
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Déjà vu strikes at the strangest of times — waiting in an airport, shopping at the mall and sometimes walking in the hallways of the N.C. General Assembly.

Last summer, student leaders and UNC-system administrators petitioned the legislature to approve a multibillion dollar bond package for capital needs.

While the package ultimately died in the House, leaders could still celebrate their lobbying efforts that helped defeat a proposed \$500 tuition increase.

This spring, student leaders and system administrators are making the rounds once more in the state legislature for very similar reasons.

Riding on their success or failure this year are \$36.8 million for financial aid, a \$600 tuition increase at both UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University and a systemwide

pay raise for faculty, funded through state allocations.

Passage of the three proposals is important for the system's future, but it would be a challenging task to see them through the legislature, said Clifton Metcalf, associate vice president for state governmental affairs and the only professional lobbyist in the UNC system's corner.

"Seeking passage is a long process beginning ahead of session and continuing until the budget is adapted," he said. "Until then, we'll be working long and hard to secure passage."

This commitment to working with legislators was emphasized this summer as both administrators and students pleaded their cause in Raleigh.

Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Lee Conner was one of those student lobbyists.

He said students passed out information pamphlets in the halls of the

General Assembly while others unable to go to Raleigh wrote personal letters to legislators explaining their concerns.

Graduate students opposed to the tuition increase sent so many e-mail messages to legislators that the General Assembly's server crashed several times.

Conner said personal lobbying done by students, BOG members and system administrators defeated the tuition increase but that politics doomed the bond proposal.

He said lobbyists this year would focus more on technology such as e-mail petitions than they did last year but would still rely on many of the same techniques already used, such as

petitions, rallies and personal contact.

"These are tried-and-true lobbying methods," Conner said. "They'll probably never change."

But even those lobbying techniques require a little tweaking.

"We'll try for a more unified student presence (this year)," said Association of Student Governments President Jeff Nieman, one of last summer's lobbyists. "Last year's (bond) proposal was submitted in the last 10 days of the session. It was hard to organize a student response."

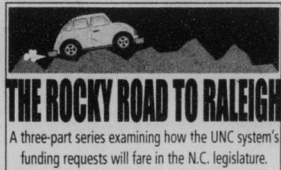
This time around offers lobbyists new chances and challenges.

While officials from the General Administration and student leaders have not made concrete plans for working together in the spring, both groups support additional financial aid, increased faculty salaries and funding for capital needs.

But after a year filled with differing views about proposed tuition increases across the system, a split exists between students hesitant to pay a larger bill and administrators unable



ILLUSTRATION BY DANA CRAIG



A three-part series examining how the UNC system's funding requests will fare in the N.C. legislature.

## Suspect Cleared In Murder

District Attorney Carl Fox says the only evidence in the Michael Crosby murder trial is circumstantial.

By KATHRYN McLAMB  
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Investigation into a New Year's Day murder continues this week after District Attorney Carl Fox dismissed charges against a previously arrested suspect.

Michael Jordan Cruz, 23, of 2738 New Bold Drive in Raleigh, was cleared of all charges Monday in the murder of Michael Gregory Crosby, 21, of Raleigh.

Fox determined the evidence against Cruz in the murder case was circumstantial and unsuitable for trial.

Fox said he could not press charges in good faith, because evidence against Cruz could not positively indicate the way the crime occurred.

"The evidence as I reviewed it indicated he had an opportunity to commit this crime," Fox said. "The state requires us to prove more than just opportunity."

Fox said no one was at fault for the inadequacy of the evidence but that it was his duty to dismiss the charges because of the inconclusive nature of the evidence.

"The police got some leads, but they did not get any breaks," he said. "They still haven't gotten the evidence to get beyond mere speculation, and we have to get beyond that threshold."

"There is still someone else out there that could have committed this crime," Fox said. "You have to close that loop-hole before pressing charges."

Fox also said that if police were able to positively prove Cruz as the murderer, he would be willing to reconsider fil-



Murder suspect Michael Jordan Cruz was released and cleared of murder charges.

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## Sophomore Still Awaits Trial for Morrison Fire

By GEOFF WESSEL  
Staff Writer

The student accused of starting a fire in Morrison Residence Hall last semester is still awaiting trial, while police continue to investigate four other blazes.

The Orange County Superior Court has postponed an administrative hearing until April 11 for UNC sophomore Daniel Sarrell, who was charged with one count of first-degree arson in connection with a Nov. 22 fire.

The hearing, at which the defendant's lawyers can make motions to the court, was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Prosecutor Jim Woodall said.

University Police arrested Sarrell on Nov. 22 after calling the circumstances of several nighttime fires in Morrison suspicious.

Sarrell, a Morrison resident and political science major from Arden, N.C., was arrested in connection with the last of four fires that occurred in a five-day period.

With no previous criminal or disci-

plinary record, Sarrell is now being held at a secure facility under a \$250,000 unsecured bond.

Police responded to the first of the series of fires, a seventh-floor trash can blaze, early on the morning of Nov. 18.

Only two hours after returning to their rooms that morning, Morrison residents were evacuated again when a fire was discovered in a fourth-floor lounge.

A third fire brought the State Bureau of Investigation into the case, and the fourth, started in the sixth-floor television lounge at 4:15 a.m. on Nov. 22, led to Sarrell's arrest.

At the time of the arrest, University Police Chief Derek Poarch said the other fires were still being investigated. He said the use of several surveillance techniques led to the arrest but could not comment further on how Sarrell became a suspect.

"There has been no change in (Sarrell's) case," Poarch said Tuesday.

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## Duke Drops Clothing Contracts

By MATTHEW B. DEES  
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Duke University this week became the first school in the country to cut ties with university apparel manufacturers that refused to disclose their overseas factory locations.

After extending its deadline for full factory location disclosure to March 3, Duke officials sent letters Monday notifying 28 noncompliant companies that their contracts had been terminated.

Duke student activists said the decision was an important first step in the workers' rights movement, and activists at UNC said they hoped University administrators would follow suit.

"This is the first time retailers have ever been forced to disclose the locations of any factory where they manufacture goods," said Casey Harrell, a Duke senior and member of Students Against Sweatshops.

"This is a day that will hopefully go down as a day that marks the first step toward improving workers' lives."

Harrell said human rights organizations could now travel to factory loca-

tions and talk to workers themselves about factory conditions, wages and other employment issues. He said SAS and other student protesters were influential in expediting the process.

But Duke Executive Vice President Tallman Trask said the recent student protests did not have an impact because the plan was already in place.

He said Duke administrators had discussed the issue with students last year and decided that the companies must provide full disclosure by the end of Jan. 2000. But in mid-February, when some companies had still not complied, administrators sent letters to those companies informing them they had until March 3 to disclose factory locations.

"We had explained (to these companies) last year what we were doing, so it was simply a matter of whether or not they complied," Trask said.

Trask said the university could lose tens of thousands of dollars from the decision but said Duke's administrators were not concerned. "Everyone knew where we were headed, so this didn't come as a big surprise."

Although Harrell insisted that students had played a pivotal role in the

landmark decision, he conceded that administrators had been much more cooperative than officials at other schools where students are waging battles against sweatshops.

The Duke decision follows numerous sit-ins and protests for labor rights on college campuses across the country.

Students at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Wisconsin-Madison faced arrests and pepper spray from police during their recent protests.

Todd Pugatch, a member of Students for Economic Justice at UNC, said he hoped UNC student demands also would be met by cooperative administrators. Activists have set an April 3 deadline for the University to leave the Fair Labor Association and join the Workers' Rights Consortium, a group students claim is a more effective monitor of labor practices. "Duke certainly has set a strong example," Pugatch said. "I hope this will spur our administrators to take similar steps so we can know where our products are being made."

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