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## New Officers to Take Oath Today

By JASON ARTHURS  
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Suite C was unusually quiet Monday as outgoing student government officers spent the day cleaning out their desks and tying up loose ends in preparation for today's inauguration.

Next year's student leaders will officially take their posts after today's ceremony at 4:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

Student Body President-elect Brad Matthews said that while he was excited about stepping up, he had been preoccupied with the upcoming Cabinet retreat and preparations for the inauguration itself.

"I just see a lot of potential," Matthews said. "Right now I'm very focused on accomplishing a lot."

Matthews will take the helm during an administrative crossroads for UNC, tackling such issues as the tuition increase and the search for a chancellor.

Matthews said that after dinner with his family tonight, he planned on christening his term with friends. "I'm sure we'll make it uptown," he said.

Matthews won't be celebrating alone. Outgoing Student Body President Nic Heinke and Student Body Vice President Monika Moore said they planned to join Matthews after the inauguration to kick off his administration.

"I am going to really congratulate

Brad," Heinke said. He said he had spent the last couple of days reflecting on the last year, talking to friends and thanking those who have helped him throughout the year. He said he would probably get emotional during his speech at the inauguration.

"The hardest part (of today) is going to be with the thank you's," he said. "I'll probably get choked up here and there."

Moore said this week had been tough because this year's staff had become like a family. "It's been an incredibly emotional week for me," Moore said. "We've all become really, really close."

Inauguration night won't be all tears and reflection for some officers, like Carolina Athletic Association President

Tee Pruitt, who will be inaugurated for the second year in a row.

Pruitt said he was very excited about next year but said it would be different after working mostly with experienced seniors. He said next year he would be the person with the most experience.

"There are a lot of new faces," he said. "Now I'll be more like the point guard."

The other officers to be inaugurated include current Student Body Secretary Lerissa Rentas as student body vice president, Thad Woody as Graduate and Professional Student Federation president, Jason Cowley as senior class president, Robin Yamakawa as Residence Hall Association president and Taylor Lea as student attorney general.

Senior Class Vice President-elect Sherilynn Black said she and Cowley had already begun working on tackling the major issues on their platform.

Although Black is sick and won't be able to celebrate as she had planned, she will spend time with her parents, who are visiting for the inauguration.

Despite his term coming to an end, Heinke said he saw himself closely tied with the University in the future.

"I want to stay involved in a peripheral way with a University which I love," he said. "I feel confident handing things over to (Matthews' administration)."

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## Springtime Ripe to Get Chancellor

Former chancellors Paul Hardin and the late Michael Hooker were chosen after nearly a year of searching.

By ELIZABETH BREYER  
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Although the search for UNC's next chancellor could stretch into summer, officials say it is normal for the announcement of a new leader to come at the end of the academic year.

The past two searches, which produced former Chancellor Paul Hardin and the late Chancellor Michael Hooker, wrapped up in late spring.

"Usually searches follow the seasons — they start in the fall and end in the spring," said John Isaacson, president of the Boston search firm Isaacson, Miller.

Committee members have slated meetings through May 25 — four days after UNC-system President Molly Broad's Commencement deadline — but have given no indication about the status of the search.

Paula Carabelli, senior vice president of the Educational Management Network division of the search firm Witt/Kieffer in California, said there were advantages to a spring announcement.

She said it was best that the chancellor be chosen as close to the time that he or she would take office as possible.

"Our experience is that once a person is selected, it is ideal if there is not a long wait, especially if he or she is currently at another institution and is eager and ready to go," she said.

The committee has been working for eight months to find a successor to Hooker after he died in June 1999 from cancer.

Several candidates have withdrawn from the search after their names became public, apparently impeding the process.

But the actual search process has varied greatly in length in the past.

In 1988, Hardin was selected in fewer than nine months.

Hardin's name was submitted to for-

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## Chief Bids Policework Farewell

The retiring chief says he now will have time to play with his grandchildren and volunteer around town.

By JENNY ROSSER  
Staff Writer

Retired Chapel Hill Police Chief Ralph Pendergraph now has a chance to kick back and enjoy life outside of fighting crime.

After serving eight years as chief, Pendergraph announced in January his retirement, which took effect Friday.

A 27-year veteran of Chapel Hill police, Pendergraph said that although he would miss being a part of the community from a law enforcement standpoint, he felt confident about his decision to retire.

"It's time," he said. "You want to do it when at least one person says they don't want you to retire."

Pendergraph, 55, joined the Chapel Hill Police Department in 1973 as a patrol officer.

In his service with the department,

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DTH/GREG WOLF

Ralph Pendergraph retired Friday after serving 27 years as chief of the Chapel Hill Police Department. Maj. Gregg Jarvies will serve as interim chief until a permanent police chief is chosen.



DTH/JEFF POULAND

Jim Wahlbrink, president of Wake County Homebuilders Association, discusses urban sprawl at a public policy forum held at the School of Law on Monday.

## Panel Discusses Sprawl Solutions

By ALEX KAPLUN  
Staff Writer

Public officials with opposing political leanings failed Monday to reach a consensus on how to solve the problems associated with rapid economic growth.

The debate centered on the legitimacy of Smart Growth, a plan floated in Triangle municipalities as a way to protect rural lands and the environment.

Democratic Sen. Ellie Kinnaird and former conservative Raleigh mayor

Tom Fetzter proposed solutions consistent with their respective ideologies during the at the School of Law.

Kinnaird pushed more government regulations and public transportation as the best means to curb sprawl, while Fetzter said technological advancements would ease traffic and pollution woes.

Fetzter and Kinnaird joined four other panelists at the law school Public Policy Symposium to answer the question brought forth by law school Dean Gene Nichol: "How can one accommodate

growth while protecting the quality of life?"

Nichol said studies had shown that North Carolina ranked highly in driving time, air pollution and water contamination, which many people attributed to the rapid urban growth of the state.

But Fetzter said that while urban sprawl had a negative connotation, urban growth actually signified an increase in the number of jobs in the

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## School Officials Fret Removal of Officers

By NISHANT GARG  
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A proposal that would eliminate town funds for student resource officers has many school officials making pleas to keep the cops on campus.

This concern comes to the forefront as the town of Chapel Hill gears up to draft next year's preliminary budget. The town's decision about making reappropriations in its 2000-01 budget throws the future of most of the existing SROs, policemen who patrol the schools, in jeopardy.

Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools system, said there were SROs in each middle and high school. She said the school board would attempt to influence the town in their decision to keep SROs.

"We want to encourage the Town Council to retain the appropriation, as government entities are trying to conserve dollars," she said. "SROs contribute a great deal in making the environment conducive to learning."

Board member Maryanne Rosenman said if the funds were revoked by the Town Council, expenses might have to be incurred from the school budget.

"That would be unfortunate as other school programs might have to be cut," she said. "We don't have an abundance of money here."

Valerie Laws, assistant principal of Grey Culbreth Middle School, where a young girl shot herself in 1998, said the

role of SROs was crucial in the development of a student's character.

"I am in favor of retaining student resource officers because they have served us well by talking to kids about teasing and harassment, which may be verbal or sexual in manner," she said.

School board member Elizabeth Carter reiterated the schools' need for SROs based on student safety. "At this time, the town does not have funds to provide money for student resource officers," she said. "If they don't give schools money, we will probably fund them."

School board member Gloria Faley said she was "shocked" to hear about the reappropriation. "We are trying to seek other alternatives," she said. "The SROs are the connection between the schools and the community at large."

The town and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools split the costs of the SROs. But Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said that while the officers' services were valuable, the town might not be able to afford it and the schools would have to cover the expenses.

"(SROs) expense is estimated to be \$270,000 annually. We have decided to continue with SROs only at the expense of the school budget," Horton said.

Work sessions have been scheduled by the town to continue working on the budget proposal for SROs. The final proposal will be completed May 10.

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## INSIDE Tuesday

### Manning the Madness

The next Daily Tar Heel editor will be selected Saturday but before the campaigning continues, here's a chance to meet the candidates. See Page 2.

### Parenthood Problems?

Student parents can now consult the Student Parent Interest Network's Web site, created under Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Lee Conner. See Page 3.

### Judgment Day

A federal judge ruled against Microsoft Corp. on Tuesday, saying the software giant violated antitrust laws. The decision sent the company's stock and NASDAQ plummeting. See Page 6.

### Beginning of the End

The North Carolina baseball team holds an 8-0 record when relievers Ryan Earey and Derrick DePriest (right) pitch in the same contest. It happened twice this weekend as UNC won twice in a three-game set against No. 1 Clemson. See Page 9.



### Today's Weather

Chance of rain;  
Low 70s.  
Wednesday, Sunny;  
High 70s.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mohandas Gandhi