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We Outta Here
The DTH staff is rolling out
to enjoy a much-deserved break.
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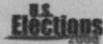
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Candidates Draw 1st Blood in Initial Debate of Season

The Associated Press

BOSTON – Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush clashed over tax cuts, Medicare prescription drug benefits and campaign finance Tuesday night in their first campaign debate of fall, the pivot point of the closest White House contest in a generation.



Combative from the outset, Gore charged that his rival's tax plan would "spend more money on tax cuts for the wealthiest 1 percent than all of the new spending he proposes for education, health care, prescription drugs and national defense, all combined."

But Bush, standing a few feet away on

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a debate stage at the University of Massachusetts, said Gore's economic plan would offer tax cuts only to the middle class. "Everybody who pays taxes ought to get relief," Bush said. At the same time, he said, Gore's blueprint would produce bigger government with 200 "new or expanded programs" and 20,000 new bureaucrats.

"It empowers Washington," added the governor, who hastened to tell a national viewing audience he was from

west Texas – not the nation's capital.

Gore and Bush met for the first of three presidential debates over the next two weeks, each man seeking advantage in a race so close that poll after poll shows them within a point or two of one another.

The vice presidential candidates, Democrat Joseph Lieberman and Republican Dick Cheney, debate Thursday in Kentucky.

Jim Lehrer of PBS was moderator,

operating under strict rules negotiated in advance by the Gore and Bush camps.

Lehrer said it was the first 90-minute debate between the two major party rivals – a format excluding Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan, running as minor-party candidates.

In a reprise of his acceptance speech at this summer's Democratic National Convention, Gore said it is important to stand up to special interests, pharmaceutical companies among them. "Big

drug companies support Governor Bush's prescription drug proposal," he said. "They oppose mine."

Bush made a sour face when he heard that, and in his next breath offered a swift rebuttal.

"I've been standing up to 'big Hollywood' and 'big trial lawyers,'" he shot back, mentioning two groups that have lavished campaign donations on

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Fall Break Options Available

With vacation approaching, students and residents can find entertainment though local festivities and events.

By ISAAC GROVES
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For students stuck in Chapel Hill over Fall Break, local schools and organizations are offering opportunities to do something more than just sit in their rooms.

From dunking booths to dog shows to baklava, there is plenty to do in Chapel Hill this weekend, even if campus is a little barren.

For starters, the Public School Foundation is sponsoring a Walk for Education on Saturday, which will benefit Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

"This is really a great event to build school spirit," said Carolyn Epstein, executive director of the foundation.

The walk starts at 3 p.m. The starting point will be McCorkle Place and it will stretch 1.4 miles to Lincoln Center, which is located on Merritt Mill Road.

At Lincoln Center, there will be a party for the walkers with food, face painting, a band and a dunking booth. The party will end around 5 p.m. Some public school students will be taking pledges for walking to raise money for their schools, Epstein said. "(The money from the walk) is really nice because it doesn't have to go through any bureaucracy," Epstein said. "Eighty-five percent of what they raise goes directly back to the schools."

The rest will cover the cost of the festivities, Epstein said.

For those interested in Greek culture, East Chapel Hill High, on Weaver Dairy Road, will be hosting a Greek Festival, sponsored by the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church of Durham this weekend. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Red Cross of Durham and Orange counties, a classics department scholarship at East Chapel Hill High and the St. Barbara's church building fund.

The festival will feature Greek music and dancers. "The public gets up and dances with the dancers and they absolutely love it," said Jeannie Balafas, advertising chairwoman of the festival organizing committee.

There will also be food, cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts and a silent auction. The festival will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

For children aged four to 14 who want to show off their pet pooches, Carrboro will host a Kid's Dog Show at 1 p.m. Saturday at Henry Anderson Park. Children participating must sign up by Friday at the Carrboro Recreational and Parks Department, and the event is open to all residents.

"Kids can show any breed," said Carol Rosemond, recreation superintendent. "But the dogs have to be six months old and have their shots."

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Native Son Community Celebrates 100 Years of Wolfe

By TORI KISER
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Amid the pounding of jackhammers from Student Union construction, the 28-hour reading of Thomas Wolfe's novel, "Look Homeward, Angel," wrapped up Tuesday in the Pit with a centennial birthday celebration for the author.

Students, faculty and other members of the UNC community gathered at noon as a 4-

foot-long birthday cake was sliced in remembrance of the famous UNC alumnus.

Leading the event was English Professor Joseph Flora, chairman of the Thomas Wolfe Centennial Committee.

"The Thomas Wolfe Centennial Committee has been planning for two years for the celebration of Wolfe's 100th birthday," said Amy Brannock, director of Arts Carolina. "Most of the celebration has been con-

ducted on the UNC campus, but there have been events all over North Carolina."

Wolfe's first and most famous novel, "Look Homeward, Angel," was read by 80 volunteers for 20 minutes each.

Chancellor James Moeser began the readings at 8 a.m. Monday and was followed by students, faculty and other volunteers. Other dignitaries, including Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf, joined stu-

dents and professors in the reading. Student Body President Brad Matthews read the last pages of the book at noon Tuesday.

"Students were very involved; some of them brought sleeping bags while the reading continued through the night," Flora said. "People were calling us from Greensboro and Winston-Salem asking to come and read here."

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Carolina Dining Services' Hattie Anderson adds some final touches to the Thomas Wolfe birthday cake. The birthday party, held in the Pit from Oct. 2 to Oct. 3, celebrated the 100th birthday of Wolfe.

Author's College Years Mischievous, Inspiring

By STEPHANIE HORVATH
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Before Thomas Wolfe was regarded as one of the greatest writers of the 20th century, the Asheville native was chasing skirts and packing his days with club meetings at UNC.

Wolfe, the author of "Look Homeward, Angel," unwillingly came to UNC when he was just 15. Wolfe had wanted to attend Princeton, but the cost was too great, wrote Richard Walser in his biography, titled "Thomas Wolfe Undergraduate."

Wolfe chose UNC over going to work, and this week's activities honoring his 100th birthday indicate that the University is glad he did.

At UNC, Wolfe participated in activities ranging from acting for the Carolina Playmakers to editing the Tar Heel, the weekly campus newspaper.

Walser portrayed Wolfe as a typical undergraduate. He never did laundry, instead buying new clothes when the dirty ones became unbearable. He hated the cafeteria food and declared that the pancakes felt "like lead to the stomach."

According to Walser, Wolfe gained a reputation for being "quick" with women and "could not be trusted with well-bred Southern girls."

After graduating from UNC in 1920, Wolfe went to Harvard University and received his master

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Centennial Committee Chairman Joseph Flora celebrates alumnus Thomas Wolfe's 100th birthday.

Report Addresses Labor Practices At 5 Factory Sites

The study analyzed the factory practices according to UNC's specific labor standards, including wages, working hours and safety.

By JOANNA HOUSIADAS
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Finally meeting longstanding student demands, officials released a report Tuesday analyzing labor practices in international factories that produce UNC-licensed products.

"It's a piece of hard data," said Rut Tufts, director of auxiliary services and co-chairman of the Licensing and Labor Code Advisory Committee, which released the report. "It provides the solid groundwork for further study."

UNC, along with five other major institutions including Duke University, participated in the study that began September 1999 and was codigned by the Collegiate Licensing Company.

In the study, five U.S. companies under contract with these institutions, including JanSport, College Concepts and M.J. Sofie, allowed one of their company's manufacturing sites to be monitored by Verité, a nonprofit auditing organization hired by the CLC. The factories studied were located in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Korea, Mexico and Taiwan.

The report answered demands set forth in the agreement reached in April 1999 between interim Chancellor Bill McCoy and the student activist group Students for Economic Justice.

The agreement ended a three-day student sit-in held in the lobby of South Building where students demanded full public disclosure of all factory locations that produce UNC apparel. "(The study) shows that our licensees have a long way to go in eliminating sweatshops," said Todd Pugatch, a senior member of SEJ and student representative for the advisory committee. "It's a good first step to see what challenges are involved in eliminating them."

Tufts said the study conducted preliminary monitoring according to nine specific labor standards that UNC supports, including living wages, working hours, child labor and safety.

The company also tested how informed and ready the factories were in adhering to labor codes and standards.

Monitoring at most sites is currently done by labor watchdog agencies such as the Fair Labor Association, of which UNC is a member. The FLA monitors through a system of internal auditors and delegates who work directly with the companies being examined, while Verité acts as an independent, third-party monitor.

Verité reported recommendations for changes at each factory site, which was then given four to five months to implement the changes. Re-evaluations were then conducted to see the progress made in each factory. Additional management follow-ups were conducted as needed. "We found that all these sites have problems, and this wasn't a surprise," Tufts said.

"We have begun to see improvements. (The committee's) goal has been to improve the factories, not to catch them (in violation). Implementation is important – you don't get anything done by catching them."

But Tufts said there are two main obstacles to monitoring and implementation – the excessive cost and UNC's indirect contact with the factories. Tufts said it takes about \$3,000 to \$3,500 to monitor a site. UNC has 585 licensees and at least 2,500 manufacturing sites working for the licensees.

Tufts also said UNC's indirect relationship to the factory sites – and the number of middlemen involved – makes it hard to implement labor codes that UNC supports. The University has a contract with the CLC, and it is the CLC that deals directly with the licensees. And Tufts said the licensees often don't own the factory sites where implementation is most crucial.

He said each company has its own codes and that factories must adhere to all of them. "In the debate over labor issues, code implementation has largely been overlooked – yet it's the hardest part," Tufts said.

"This is just chapter one of a 100-chapter book."

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As close to magic as I've ever been.

Thomas Wolfe, on his days at UNC