

# Senior Puts N.C. to Music for Thesis

The "Carolina Cantata" will premiere at 7 p.m. Saturday and feature an orchestra, a choir and photographs.

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While most people regard home as a location, senior Kelly Burke views it as inspiration. The Greenville native took trips to rural and eastern North Carolina with her family throughout her childhood. So when Burke, a double major in music composition and communications studies, was assigned to write a musical composition for her senior honors thesis, she drew upon those experiences to do it. The result of Burke's homegrown

inspiration is "Carolina Cantata," a six-movement musical composition premiering Saturday in Person Recital Hall. The composition combines Burke's interests in music and communications media. "It is a multimedia performance, but music is the central aspect," Burke said. The 45-minute piece, which includes a small chamber orchestra and eight-member chorus, also features photographic slides and excerpts of stories from the oral record of the region. "(The piece) definitely tries to tap into the traditions of various parts of North Carolina," said Nathan Hetherington,

the performance's conductor and assistant conductor of the UNC orchestra. "The poetry (Burke) chooses to set the music to has a very folk feeling," he said. That feeling is captured in the piece through tales from eastern North Carolina's rich oral tradition, including excerpts from UNC English Professor Bland Simpson's "Into the Sound and the Fury" and "Coastal Plain." Adding to the composition's resonance are photographs taken from the North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives and Burke's own private col-

lection. "My dad took a lot of the pictures," Burke said. "He's going to be at the performance, which is really exciting." Joining in on the family act are Burke's sisters, Katie and Lauren, who will be performing in the piece's choir. But the appeal of "Carolina Cantata" does not only apply to its composer and fellow Carolinians. "There is a North Carolina flavor (to the piece), but it is still universal, particularly in the ideas of families and the hardships families go through," Hetherington said. "Carolina Cantata" will premiere at 7 p.m. Saturday in Person Recital Hall. Admission is free, but seating is limited.

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**KELLY BURKE**  
Senior and Composer

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## Developments in the War on Terrorism

### Prisoner Could Face Federal Charges

One of the 300 prisoners from Afghanistan held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, apparently holds American citizenship and might be transferred to the United States to face federal charges, officials said Thursday. A Pentagon spokeswoman identified the man as Yasser Esam Hamdi.



### 94 Planes Flew Into D.C. No-Fly Zone

Pilots have flown through the prohibited airspace protecting the White House at least 94 times over the past decade, illustrating the challenges of thwarting a terrorist airstrike on the nation's capital.

### Afghans Say Overthrow Plot Foiled

Afghan authorities said Thursday they have uncovered a plot against the fledgling government, arresting hundreds for allegedly planning "terrorism, abductions and sabotage" and seizing weapons and documents in sweeps throughout the capital.

# New Registration Options Fast, Easy

Parents can now register their children by mail or at their convenience rather than in official sessions.

By ADRIENNE CLARK  
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Parents planning on registering their children for pre-k or kindergarten in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have a new range of options this year. In previous years, parents could only register during one of two registration sessions. This year, parents can bring in registration forms any day of the week, and they can also request forms be sent to their homes. Assistant Superintendent Stephen Scroggs said the change was implemented to replace a hectic registration process that required an abundance of staff. "Last year almost 400 kids registered in two days," Scroggs said. "It took a lot of personnel out of the school to accommodate."

Scroggs said the new process also will benefit parents, who can register at their own convenience. "The process was changed to be more customer friendly," he said. "This process should be more smooth. You can basically register any time you want."

School System Superintendent Neil Pedersen said the new period should help ease registration for parents. "The biggest difference this year is allowing students to register through the mail," Pedersen said. "On the initial registration days people had to come to the

Lincoln Center and wait in line." Registration forms can be brought in any time, but the traditional two-day registration sessions will still take place later this month.

The Lincoln Center Gym will be hosting the event from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 23 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24.

Although the system schools are experiencing overcrowding, Scroggs said no students will be turned away. "We expect to have enough room," Scroggs said. "You cannot turn away a parent in North Carolina."

Pedersen said the school system will address the problem of overcrowding by using the registration period to gauge the amount of new students. The schools will then hire teachers based on those figures. "We don't have the option (to not let students into the schools)," Pedersen said. "We project kindergarten enrollment then adjust the number of teachers by the number of students."

"If we need to, we'll hire additional teachers." Registration forms can be downloaded from the school system Web site, but online registration is not yet available.

Scroggs said the problem with online registration is the necessity of an authentic birth certificate. "Online registration is something we're trying to do," Scroggs said. "The law says we have to see original birth certificates to verify age."

"That's the hurdle we have before we can do online submissions."

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# Congress Prepares for Special Election

The election, scheduled for April 23, will be to fill empty Congress seats and decide on a fee increase.

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Congress members said Thursday that they hope to hold a postponed special election April 23 that could fill 14 empty seats in Student Congress and possibly raise the student activity fee by several dollars per semester. The election, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday, will likely contain a referendum that, if passed, would raise the student activity fee to \$16.50 per semester for all students. The fee is now \$11.50 per semester

for undergraduate students and \$9.50 per semester for graduate students, an amount that has remained fixed since 1984. The student activity fee funds various student groups on campus. Tony Larson, speaker of the 84th session of Congress, said it is Congress's responsibility to initiate the part of the special election dealing with the referendum. But Larson said he asked Student Body President Jen Daum to call for the election to fill empty congressional seats and that she committed to honor that request. It is the student body president's responsibility to call special elections to fill congressional seats. "I've told Jen that we wanted to have an election to fill the empty seats and to vote on the referendum," Larson said. "The plan is to hold them both on the 23rd." Larson said that for the referendum to be included on the election ballot, a

resolution will need to be approved by the Rules and Judiciary Committee and then the full Congress. Blair Sweeney, the chairman of the Rules and Judiciary committee, said he would coordinate a committee meeting early next week so the resolution can go before Congress on Wednesday night. Larson said he expects the resolution - which is identical to the one approved by the 83rd Congress for last Tuesday's election - to be approved by Congress in its basic form. The date of the special election was postponed Monday because miscommunication among different branches of student government prevented the Board of Elections from hearing about the election seven days in advance, as rules stipulate. But Larson said that because Daum already has been informed about calling the election for Congress seats, there

should be plenty of time to meet election board guidelines. Representatives from the elections board could not be reached Thursday night. Larson said he already has spoken with several students interested in running for the vacant Congress seats and that he expects student organizations to field candidates so they have an advocate when Congress allocates student activity fees. Larson said he expects many students also will be motivated to vote on the referendum if it is on the ballot because they are interested in the funding process. "There are certainly enough organizations on campus that need this extra money," he said. "It's definitely a question worthy of letting the student body answer."

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# Court Charges State To Repair Education

State officials must report to Superior Court Judge Howard Manning every 90 days to report progress.

The Associated Press

**RALEIGH** - The state, not local school systems, is responsible for making sure at-risk children get a sound basic education, a judge ruled Thursday. Superior Court Judge Howard Manning issued a fourth and final ruling in a lawsuit examining whether the state is meeting its constitutional duties to educate North Carolina's children. Manning said the state clearly has not been doing its job and for too long has blamed local school systems for the problems. "The state must step in with an iron hand and get the mess straight," he wrote. "If it takes removing an ineffective superintendent, principal, teacher or group of teachers and putting effective, competent ones in their place, so be it." The decision, which finalizes three parts of the ruling issued by Manning in 2000 and 2001, has the potential to reshape North Carolina's public schools and could cost the state millions of dollars. In earlier segments of the ruling, Manning had said all 4-year-olds at risk of failing school must have access to pre-kindergarten training.

He also suggested that schools might have to reallocate money to meet their constitutional obligation to provide education opportunities to poor students. Manning held off finalizing the ruling while trying to enlist state officials' cooperation in developing a strategy to put the plan in place. He ultimately dropped that idea because of a state appeal. The lawsuit was brought in 1994 by five of North Carolina's poorer school systems, which challenged the way public schools are funded. The state Supreme Court subsequently ruled that the funding formula was fair but ordered a lower court to examine whether all students have access to a "sound, basic education." The ruling by the state's high court subsequently shifted the focus of the case to children deemed at risk of failure. Manning ruled that those children are not getting an opportunity for a sound education, and his latest decision is an attempt to address the situation. Manning's ruling Thursday pointed out that school districts are only the creation of the state. "It is up to the executive and legislative branches to provide the solutions to the constitutional deficits with at-risk children. These branches can no longer stand back and point their fingers at individual (school systems)," he wrote. The ruling requires state officials to report to Manning every 90 days on their progress in implementing his instructions.

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### Campus Calendar

**Today**

10 a.m. - Today until 2 p.m. and all next week in the Pit, the **Carolina Cancer Focus** will be distributing and accepting registration forms and the \$10 fee for CCF's annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on April 13.

11 a.m. - Project Literacy, a committee of the **Campus Y**, will be sponsoring a book drive in conjunction with Human Rights Week. We will be accepting donations in the Pit today until 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

noon - The **Department of Geological Sciences** presents the Anadarko Colloquium Series, "Comet Impacts In Earth History," with Dr. Michael Rampino from New York University in 207 Venable Hall.

1 p.m. - **Linking Immigrants to New Communities and Campus Y** are sponsoring an Immigrant Employee Appreciation Reception for Carolina Dining Service employees until 4 p.m. in Lenoir Private Dining Room No. 110.

7:30 p.m. - **Concepts of Colors** (Multicultural Modeling Organization) presents its spring fashion show "Chaos" in the Great Hall. Advance tickets are \$5 at the Union Box Office and in the Pit. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

8 p.m. - The **UNC Ballroom Dance Club** is hosting a shag, West Coast swing, lindy hop and salsa dance and mini-competition until 11:30 p.m. in the Women's Gym. There will be dancing for all skill levels. Admission is \$5 for students, \$7 for non-students and an additional \$5 for those who wish to compete.

**Saturday**

10 a.m. - The **Chapel Hill Garden Club** invites you to visit eight striking private gardens in the Greenwood neighborhood near campus until 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 on tour days and \$12 for groups. Call 967-7189.

UNC's **"History of Women in the Middle East"** class presents "Life in the Middle East: Social Change and Family Structure" as the topic of a regional conference to be held today and Sunday at UNC.

### For the Record

The April 4 graphic titled "Safe Ride Starts Here" leaves out a Granville stop on the P2P route and incorrectly identifies the source as the Department of Public Safety. The correct source is Anup Dasgupte. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

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