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sages from it or if the reading had been voluntary.

Moffit said requiring students to read the text itself violates the rules set forth by the Supreme Court about sacred texts at publicly funded universities and organizations.

Moeser said it is better for students to read the actual Quran rather than texts about it because, from a scholarly point of view, it is always preferable to go to the original sources.

He said this book is ideal because it is written by a scholar and makes the Quran much easier to understand.

Moeser said that students who object to the readings have the option to write an essay explaining their objections in lieu of reading the book but that they are still supposed to attend the discussion.

The summer reading requirement has been called "a largely unenforceable requirement" in the past because students are not graded on the assignment and there is no penalty for refusing to do the reading.

But Moffit said arguments that the reading is not really mandatory because students are not graded and can be exempted if they voice an objection are insufficient because students are still being coerced to read the book.

"How many freshman coming into college are going to be able to tell the

college administration - that is going to control their destiny for the next four years plus - that they have an objection to a requirement?" he said. "Most can't even stand up to a professor."

In May, the chancellor's office was flooded with e-mails and phone calls protesting the book after it was featured on a conservative radio show and the American Civil Liberties Union called the choice "constitutionally fishy."

Moeser said he received a second wave of e-mails after Fox News did a piece on the controversy and that the e-mails he receives are often hate-filled, including one that told him he was "doing the work of Satan and will perish in the lake of fire."

But Moeser said he has received some supportive e-mails too.

Moeser said the University is accused of being disloyal and un-American because it is asking challenging questions and compared the recent attacks on the University to a witchhunt.

UNC also came under fire in September after faculty members sponsored a teach in attacking the United States' position on terrorists.

Moeser said he thinks critics such as the Family Policy Network are misinterpreting the University's mission.

"The job of the University is to open doors and turn on the lights to dispel the shadows of fear and bias and hatred."

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Ort said UNC-CH already allocates 90 to 95 percent of its scholarship and student aid for need-based programs and sets aside 35 percent of all campus-initiated tuition increases for need-based aid.

But Ort said a systemwide tuition increase approved last spring by the UNC-system Board of Governors will not set aside revenue to provide additional aid, which she said might force more students to take out federal loans.

The increase - 8 percent for in-state students and 12 percent for out-of-state students - still needs to be approved by

the N.C. General Assembly.

But Ort said that because 75 percent of UNC-CH's merchandising revenues are used for need-based financial aid, she is optimistic that nearly 100 percent of need will be met for this year's incoming class.

She said the committee's report will call attention to the issue of financial aid and make it easier in the future for UNC-CH and other public universities to lobby for need-based financial aid programs. "This study is going to help keep the focus on low-income students who have a real need for financial support."

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water.

"Even if there was some sort of incident with the shipment, the public would not be at any risk from material that is inside those containers," Poston said.

Most people who oppose the project

would like to continue to store waste where it is generated under increased security.

But while the company maintains that the cooling pools at Shearon Harris are safe, Poston said, "They were never designed to be a permanent storage facility."

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it represents what guidance counselors are hearing in their offices," Lucido said.

UNC was ranked in five of the nine survey categories. The University ranked 20th in Best Value, 33rd in Best Academic Facilities, 27th in Best Freshman Housing, 26th in Highest Academic Standards and second in Hot and Trendy schools.

"I think this is the best we have ever done," Lucido said. "There is only one place left to move up."

Categories that UNC did not rank in were Hidden Treasures, Best Career Services, Parties and Pranks and Revenge of the Nerds Schools.

UNC ranked second only to Harvard in the Hot and Trendy category. Hot and Trendy schools were described as schools that were most popular among high school students. Duke University ranked third in this category.

"I think the University has always

faired well in word-of-mouth surveys," Lucido said.

But some University students said they do not think these rankings are significant.

Jeff Difranco, a mathematics graduate student, said he does not believe the rankings mean a lot to incoming freshmen. "I never really paid much attention to those kinds of rankings," Difranco said.

The survey reported that UNC's freshman housing ranked 27th in the nation.

Other students said they agreed with the findings.

"I agree with the rating because as a freshman I had an ideal living situation," senior Ashley Knight said. "I was assigned a room on North Campus and lived there two years because it was convenient in all aspects of the college experience."

Senior Kevin Carr also agreed. He lived in Ehringhaus Residence Hall his freshman year. "I can say that Carolina has some of the best facilities."

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WUSA Opens Once-Small Window

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Following the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team's run to the quarterfinals at last month's World Cup, Major League Soccer, which contributed 12 players to the active squad, was lauded for its development of U.S. talent.

In contrast, the U.S. Women's National Team has won the Women's World Cup twice (1991 and 1999), and that was before the existence of any professional domestic soccer league for women.

But on the heels of the 1999 World Cup win, the Women's United Soccer Association was born.

Now in its second season, the eight-team WUSA's impact is already seen in the college game.

"I think the impact is more played on working harder," said North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance. "There's an additional incen-

tive now for a player who wouldn't make the national team but could play professionally."

Female collegiate soccer players are more motivated because they know they have something to go on to, whereas just five years ago, "all you had was the national team, or go find another job," said Tiffany Roberts, a former UNC player and member of the Carolina Courage.

"It was such a small window" to make the national team, Dorrance said. With the WUSA, he said, "Now there's a wonderful opportunity for every kid who's hard-working and ambitious."

As the WUSA calls itself the "world's premier women's professional soccer league," it must showcase premier talent, which it does with the likes of Tiffany Milbrett, Kristine Lilly and Mia Hamm.

That talent, however, needs to be cultivated, a task that falls on college and

youth coaches. But it is a task Dorrance feels no additional pressure to fulfill.

"We've always had tremendous pride in player development," Dorrance said. "We're always in the luxurious position of recruiting the most talented players."

That pride is evident in the following numbers - 17 national championships, 23 players on active rosters in the WUSA and six former Tar Heels on the national team.

Although some European men's clubs sign players at young ages - Landon Donovan signed with German giant Bayer Leverkusen when he was just 16 - don't look for that to happen in the WUSA.

"The only way a kid would sign early or leave school early would be if she were a very weak student," Dorrance said.

"The incentive to scrap your education ... isn't there," he said. Nor are the bloated salaries found

throughout the professional sports world - the WUSA salary range is \$27,000 to \$85,000.

Even if the incentive was there, WUSA rules don't allow it.

In order to play in the league, a player must be at least 21 years old at some point during her first season, have no collegiate eligibility remaining or have played competitively on the international or club level, said Jim Houghton, public relations manager for the Carolina Courage.

But the 200 players in the league, Roberts said, all know how fortunate they are.

"I just think all the players in the league are privileged," she said.

"It's a dream come true for all the girls to play professional soccer in the U.S."

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Thornton Signs With Indianapolis Colts

From Staff Reports

Linebacker David Thornton, a fourth-round draft choice from North Carolina, signed with the Indianapolis Colts on July 10. Terms were not dis-

closed. Thornton joins defensive tackle David Pugh and running back Brian Allen as other Colts' picks who have signed.

Thornton was a walk-on at North Carolina and had 155 tackles and three

sacks in 11 starts last year.

Chacos Arrested July 10, Charged With DWI

Brian Andrew Chacos, a rising sophomore on the North Carolina football team who should compete for playing time at tight end this upcoming season, was arrested July 10 and charged with driving while impaired and consuming alcohol as a minor, according to The (Raleigh) News & Observer.

Chacos was arrested at 3:37 a.m. at 210 Columbia St. in Chapel Hill, according to a police report. The 19-year-old Chacos was released on a written promise to appear Aug. 20 in Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill.

"We will take the appropriate disciplinary measures once the case completes the judicial process," Tar Heels coach John Bunting told The News & Observer. "My policy is that anyone convicted of a DUI will be suspended for at least one game."

Reports state that Chacos had a moderate odor of alcohol and did poorly on field sobriety tests.

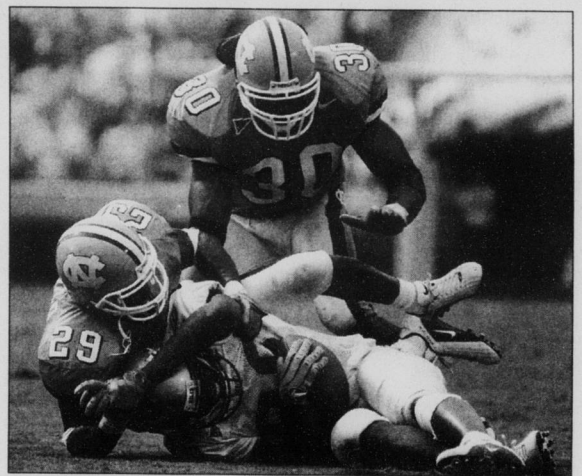
His blood alcohol content, according to the report, was .08 - the legal limit for "driving while impaired" under

Volleyball Coach Picks 2 Assistants for '02

North Carolina volleyball coach Joe Sagula has hired two assistant coaches, Jim Lodes and Jill Lytle.

Lodes joins UNC with a record of 276-184 (.600) as a head college volleyball coach. Last season, he led Lees-McRae College to a 25-17 record, including championships the conference. Lytle was a graduate assistant at the University of Tennessee-Martin. She helped lead the Skyhawks (24-7) to the regular season Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

Last season UNC (24-9, 12-4) won its third consecutive ACC title.



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Linebacker David Thornton (No. 30) assists Earl Hood (No. 29) with a tackle in UNC's 41-9 home game upset against Florida State.

Head of the Class

Kaplan's new college guide, "The Unofficial, Unbiased Insider's Guide to the 320 Most Interesting Colleges" offers a different twist on the ranking system. In addition to the rankings below, UNC ranked 27th in Best Freshman Housing and 33rd in Best Academic Facilities.

Hot and Trendy

- 1. Harvard University
- 2. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- 3. Duke University

Best Value

- 1. University of Arizona
- 2. Harvard University
- 20. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Highest Academic Standards

- 1. Harvard University
- 2. Stanford University
- 26. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

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