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## University Endowment Stays Strong

UNC relatively stable in uncertain markets

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Mark Yusko has been on the edge of his seat for more than a year now.

As UNC's chief investment officer, handling the school's \$1 billion endowment for student scholarships and faculty professorships, a negative-growth year and a topsy-turvy summer stock market have made him a little nervous.

But with fiscal year 2001-02 reports in hand, Yusko can relax.

While the overall market benchmarks dropped 10.4 percent, UNC pulled slightly better than even with a 0.03 percent gain.

"We had a very strong performance compared to the benchmark," Yusko said. "We outperformed the market."

The earnings don't seem significant, but Yusko claimed a victory compared to institutions that lost substantial amounts of money.

For instance, the University of California system lost \$145 million of its \$5.1 billion endowment on Enron investments when the energy-trading company went bankrupt this year.

Yusko said that if UNC had invested most of its money in equity funds such as stocks, similar to what the UC system did, it would have lost as much as \$170 million.

University investors had limited amounts of stock and bonds in Enron and the other two major companies to declare bankruptcy in recent months - WorldCom and Adelphia.

Investors made up money lost in diminished bond values by buying into the bankrupt companies in the hopes that they will rebound higher after they come out of Chapter 11, Yusko said.

Instead of investing most of the endowment money in the stock market, the University believes in diversifying its funds among many different assets to reduce risk, officials said.

The University's endowment is split into 1,700 different accounts and is directed by more than 150 managers.

"With diversification we always underperform the best but outperform the worst,"

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## O.C. SAT Scores Drop 32 Points

City schools see gains for minority students

By JON DOUGHERTY  
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The last academic year was one of both achievement and frustration concerning SAT scores for school districts in Orange County.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools saw a 45-point increase in the scores of black students, raising the average to 988. The increase has been called a major step forward in the district's battle against the minority achievement gap.

But just north of the southern Orange County district, Orange County Schools saw their overall scores decrease by 32 points, down from 1036 the year before. The drop follows a major increase in the 2000-01 school year, when the district saw a 42 point overall increase in scores.

Orange High School Principal Jeff Dishmon said he can't pinpoint the difference between this year and last. "Well, more students took the test this year, so that could have an effect," he said. "But I really just don't know."

Dishmon said Orange High School is taking steps to combat the problem.

"We're offering SAT remediation courses, open for all students," he said. "The courses are voluntary, and we should be offering them

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JAY ANHORN, Director of Greek Affairs



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A pledge celebrates with friends during Bid Day on Franklin Street on Wednesday afternoon. Police closed Franklin in anticipation of the 380 girls running to their sorority houses after getting their bids in front of South Building.

## Bids, Smiles, Sisterhood

Bid Day saw 380 UNC girls find new homes and friends in 1 of 10 sororities

By ESHANTHI RANASINGHE  
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Three hundred and eighty girls - screaming, crying, jumping, hugging - came barreling through campus at full speed at 6:25 p.m. Wednesday.

Police officers and pedestrians remained motionless as the stampede crossed Franklin Street, where it split and filtered to the 10 sorority houses awaiting their arrival.

"I'm so psyched to be here," one of the girls shouted as she ran to join her friends.

It was Bid Day, the moment Panhellenic sorority rushees were waiting for to find out which house they got into. Bidding is an emotional time for rushees and sorority members, said Jay Anhorn, director of Greek affairs. "It's a culmination of a very long 10 days, and everyone's excited about seeing who the new people are," he said.

The girls gathered outside of South Building at about 6 p.m., trading in their original location of Gerrard Hall for fresh air and curious onlookers.

The rushees whispered through announcements and awards, waiting for the envelopes that would tell them which sorority they were in. "I'm

very enthusiastic at the moment," said freshman Bronwyn Duffield. "I've waited 10 days for this."

Once the girls ripped open the envelopes, they took to the streets, screaming all the way down to Franklin Street, where their new sisters waited with house shirts, confetti and silly string.

Amid the excitement, dozens of onlookers gathered to watch the festivities, some by chance and many in eager anticipation. "It's like an annual tradition for Carolina fellas to come out here and line up the street to watch the pride of Carolina run through," said junior Bradley Bennett.

Others, however, were not so receptive to the rushing. "It seems very childish to me - it's over-excessive," said freshman Michael Causey. "It's not the most diverse crowd to hang out with."

Recruitment for the houses began with the start of classes last week. Potential rushees were greeted at the Recruitment Kickoff, where representatives from each of the sororities recited the cheers of each Panhellenic house on campus.

The girls later visited each of the houses to meet the sisters and find out about their respective sororities, Anhorn said. "The reason it's so structured is so that they can see all the groups,"

Anhorn said. "Slowly but surely, the women and the houses narrow down their choices."

The night before Bid Day, the rushees make a list of their top three houses, which are later matched up with lists of preferred rushees supplied by each of the sororities. Each girl who turns in a list with three choices is ensured membership to one of the sororities, Anhorn said.

"At Carolina we have guaranteed placement," Anhorn said. "If they make it to Bid Night and they list all three, they're guaranteed a spot."

When rush began, 512 girls expressed interest in joining a house. After 10 days of events and meetings, 380 remained.

But Anhorn said the drop was due mainly to withdrawals made by students not able to pay the fees rather than being cut from the rush.

For the girls who follow rush the whole way through, however, the decision can be life-changing. "There's so much pressure," one rushee said, "and finally to get a good group of sisters ... it's the best experience of my life."

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## Tenure Policies Prompt Lawsuit, Reviews

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All eyes are on the University of South Florida as a tenured professor suspected of terrorist ties fights a lawsuit filed by the university calling for his termination.

Although not prompted by the USF controversy, UNC officials also are looking at matters of tenure. A task force was formed last year to examine the University's tenure process and what it means to tenured professors.

The USF Board of Trustees is suing Sami Al-Arian, a tenured computer science professor, for disrupting the university environment by allegedly having terrorist ties.

The university, located in Tampa, Fla., put Al-Arian on paid leave after he appeared on Fox News' "The O'Reilly Factor" shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The video captured Al-Arian shouting in Arabic what some officials believe to be anti-Israel sentiments.

USF also has accused Al-

Arian of using university funds for terrorist activities.

The lawsuit, filed with the Florida 13th Judicial Court in Tampa, includes a letter terminating Al-Arian's employment. The lawsuit is aimed at determining whether firing Al-Arian is in violation of his First Amendment rights.

Ruth Flower, director of media relations for the American Association of University Professors, said USF is not following general procedure for removing a tenured professor. "The tenure requirements work just fine,"

Flower said. "But this time, it was the process that didn't work."

USF trustees asked USF President Judy Genshaft to sue Al-Arian, and she acted on their request without consulting other faculty members, Flower said, adding that a professor's colleagues typically judge if there are grounds for firing.

"We are trying to point out that this is exactly what tenure is supposed to be against," Flower said. "We were so surprised that a university would take a faculty member to court."

"(The situation) is a terrible thing for academic freedom. If any professor now says anything controversial, they'll know

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### Academic Tenure

Academic tenure is a set of conditions and guarantees that protects faculty members from being discharged. Its purpose is to give faculty members freedom and maintain a high-quality staff.

- Professor: A professor gets automatic tenure by promotion or initial appointment.
- Associate Professor: If associate professors are hired, they have a five-year period of probation before tenure. If they are promoted to the position, then it is automatic.
- Assistant Professor: An assistant professor must go through two probationary periods, one of four years and one of three years, before becoming tenured.

Grounds for suspension, diminishment in rank or discharge according to the Faculty Council Code:

"The permissible grounds for suspension, diminishment in rank, or discharge are misconduct of such a nature as to indicate that the faculty member is unfit to continue as a member of the faculty, incompetence, and neglect of duty."

SOURCE: FACULTY COUNCIL

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## Campus To Host Sept. 11 Memorial

Day will include a convocation and vigil

Staff Report

As the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks approaches, the University community has finalized plans for an entire day of remembrance.

In addition to a gathering in front of South Building, a comprehensive volunteer fair and candlelight vigil are among the events slated for Sept. 11.

UNC officials have organized a noon convocation in Polk Place, revisiting the site where more than 10,000 people came together Sept. 12 in reflection and mourning.

Organizers say the event will center on remembering the six UNC alumni who died in the two World Trade Center Towers.

Chancellor James Moeser will address those attending the midday convocation, during which the bell in South Building will toll for each of the six alumni.

Throughout the afternoon, about 75 volunteer organizations from both the University and the surrounding community will participate in a volunteer fair.

Sponsored by the Carolina Center for Public Service, the Public Service and Advocacy Committee of student government, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and Volunteer Orange!, the fair also will be held in Polk Place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

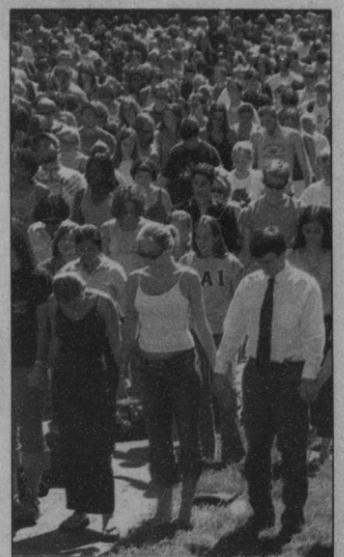
UNC Health Care will hold a symposium on terrorism preparedness earlier in the day.

Donald Trunkey, chairman of surgery at Oregon Health Sciences University, will give the keynote speech at the event, which begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Fourth Floor Clinic Auditorium of the Old Clinic.

Later that evening, the UNC Campus Y is hosting an interfaith candlelight vigil in the Pit.

Featuring numerous student organizations' music and poetry, the vigil will be held at 8 p.m.

At last year's gathering at Polk Place - held the day after the terrorist attacks - speakers included then-Student Body President Justin Young; Raj Panjabi, then-Campus Y co-president; Richard Kohn, chairman of the curriculum in peace, war and defense; Sue Kitchen, then-vice chancellor for student affairs; and Rev. Steve Stanley of Chapel of the Cross.



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Students and faculty gather on Polk Place on Sept. 12, 2001, for a ceremony memorializing the Sept. 11 victims.

The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter.

Mark Twain