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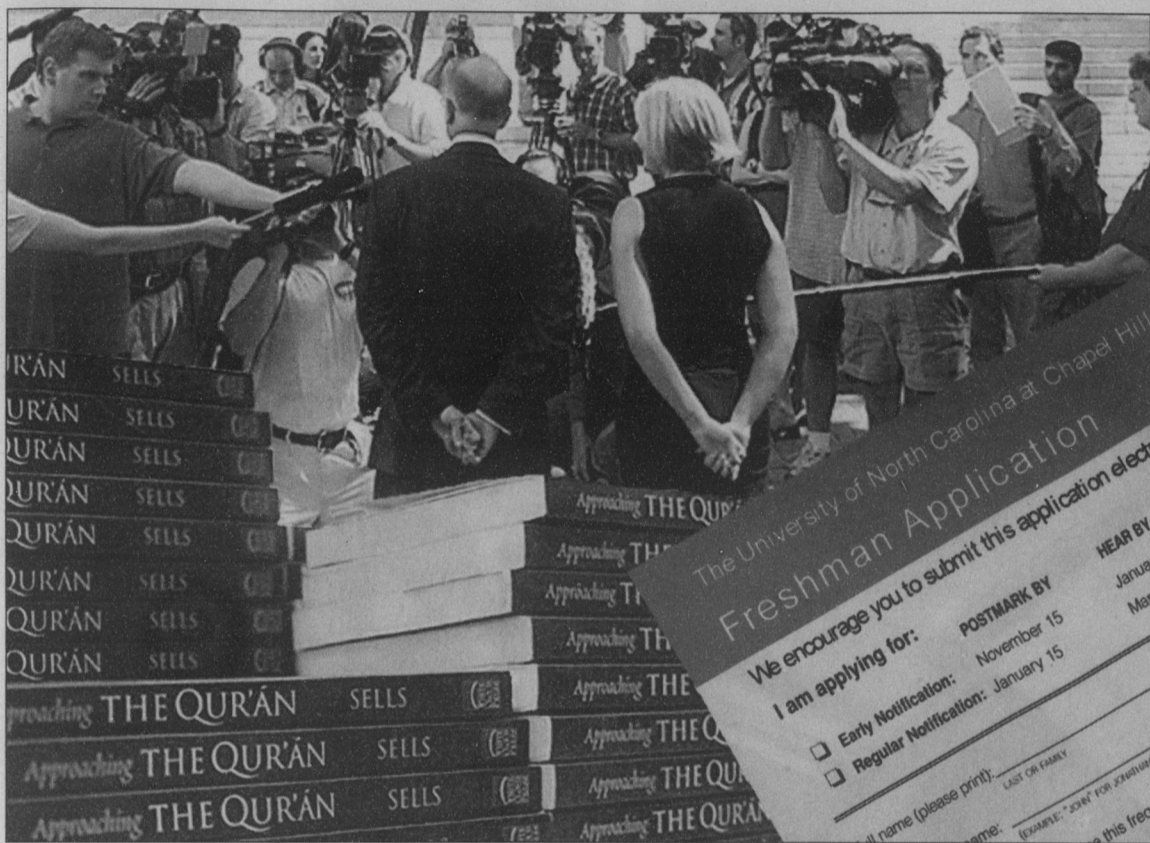


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## IN THE PUBLIC EYE



UNC's summer reading selection "Approaching the Qur'an" garnered national media attention and spurred intense debate on campus. But some officials and high school guidance counselors say the controversy likely hasn't changed high school seniors' perceptions of UNC.

## APPROACHING UNC: CONTROVERSY COULD AFFECT APPLICANTS

By NIKKI WERKING  
Staff Writer

Until this summer, Amanda Sponsler had never thought about attending UNC.

The idea hadn't crossed the 17-year-old high school senior's mind — that is, until her friend, a freshman at UNC, mentioned her summer reading assignment, "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations," by Michael Sells.

The book consists of 35 suras, or short passages from the chief holy book of Islam.

Then Sponsler, a resident of Exton, Penn., began hearing more about the book and the University — but not from her friend. News of controversy surrounding UNC's summer reading assignment began to grace the airwaves of CNN and the pages of The New York Times.

Just as a conservative Christian organization filed a lawsuit against UNC for its summer reading requirement, the controversy had solidified Sponsler's interest in UNC.

"UNC is a forward-thinking school," she said. "They're ahead of the game. They're looking ahead to a different culture ... and I think it's a good way to step forward."

But Sponsler could be an exception. Although the lawsuit brought against the University garnered

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UNC Director of Undergraduate Admissions

national attention, many high school students and guidance counselors said this year's summer reading assignment has done nothing to change the sentiment of many prospective students.

In July, the Virginia-based Family Policy Network filed a lawsuit alleging that the University's choice for the summer reading assignment violates the constitutional requirement of the separation of church and state.

Three unnamed incoming UNC freshmen are listed as plaintiffs in the case, along with FPN Chairman Terry Moffitt and James Yacovelli, FPN's state director for North Carolina.

On Aug. 19, the day discussion sections were held about the book, a 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge upheld an earlier decision to deny FPN's request for an injunction blocking the dis-

ussion sections.

The discussions went on as planned, amid a throng of protesters, camera crews and other media members.

After the discussions, the University filed a motion to dismiss the charges, saying the plaintiff's claim is moot because it is based on activities that already have occurred. Nothing further has progressed in the case.

Despite the media attention UNC received, high school students and guidance counselors from around the state and nation say the controversy has had little adverse effect on potential applicants' views of the University.

If anything, the extra attention might bring in a few more applicants than usual.

Jerry Lucido, UNC's director of undergraduate admissions, said the University's decision to choose a controversial summer reading assignment might appeal to students looking for a diverse educational experience.

"The publicity around our stance will assist us in recruiting students best suited to be here — those with open, curious minds," he said.

Although student interest in UNC is always high at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill., Jim

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## Distribution For N.C. State Starts Tuesday

About 12,000 tickets available to students

By JESSICA BONNEM  
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Many students will rise before dawn Tuesday, but it won't be for their 8 a.m. classes.

Instead, officials expect that students will be lining up in hoards outside the ticket office at the Smith Center, clamoring for tickets to Saturday's highly anticipated game against N.C. State University.

About 12,000 student tickets are available for the game, but students asking for tickets Wednesday or Thursday will be disappointed, said Kris Willett, the Carolina Athletic Association president. "I expect we will sell out on Tuesday," she said.

Student ticket distribution will follow the same method as it did for the Sept. 14 game against the University of Texas, which sold out in less than eight hours, Willett said. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, students can go to the ticket office to receive randomly distributed tickets until the supply is depleted.

A valid UNC ONE Card must be presented for each ticket received. A single student can show up to six ONE Cards.

If more than six students want to sit together, several students carrying ONE Cards must go to the Smith Center as a group.

All general admission tickets for the game already have been sold. But guest passes are available at \$35 each. Students can purchase one guest pass with each stu-

N.C. STATE FOOTBALL DISTRIBUTION

When:  
Tuesday, Oct. 8 to  
Thursday, Oct. 10

Time:  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where:  
Smith Center Ticket Office

dent ticket received.

A single student may only pick up six tickets — either all student tickets or a combination of student tickets and guest passes.

Applications for block seating are due by noon Monday. The block tickets will be handed out between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. today.

Willett said a similar distribution process has been used for highly demanded football tickets for the last five years.

"We have to do it this way because back in 1997 against Florida State there was a huge rush at the gate to get down to the best seats," she said. "People were literally trampled. This way no one gets hurt."

Ticket demand will be just as high, if not higher, than it was for the Texas game despite UNC's losing record, Willett said.

"(N.C.) State is such a huge rival," she said. "Everyone is excited."

For the two remaining home games — Maryland on Nov. 2 and Clemson on Nov. 9 — students can attend by presenting their ONE Cards at Kenan Stadium's Gate 5.

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## Area Water Use Dropped 29 Percent in September

Water restrictions will stay in place

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Water use in the Orange Water and Sewage Authority's service area dropped 29 percent in the last month, but OWASA officials warn that residents should not lessen their efforts to conserve.

In September, 8.2 million gallons of water were used daily, down from 11.5 million gallons in August.

OWASA Executive Director Ed Kerwin

said he has been pleased with the response to the drought from the community.

"Customers have done a good job watching their usage," he said. "Now we have to look indoors."

OWASA banned the use of its water outdoors Sept. 9 following a board of directors decision to enact emergency water measures.

The goal of the tightened restrictions was to reduce overall water use by 25 percent, a goal consumers exceeded last month.

But outdoors is where the feasible enforcement of OWASA's authority ends.

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## Web Site Labels UNC, Others Anti-Semitic

Campuses listed for pro-Palestinian ideas

By FAYE FERNANDES  
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A new Web site listing colleges and universities considered to be sympathetic to the Palestinian cause or the Islamic religion has ignited controversy on campuses across the country.

The Web site, <http://www.campus-watch.org>, accuses certain colleges and universities across the country — includ-

ing UNC — of being anti-Semitic.

Daniel Pipes, founder of the Web site, said its focus is to "improve the state of Middle East studies."

Pipes is a member of the Middle East Forum, a think tank that promotes Israeli interests in that area of study.

He said the forum created the site in September in response to concern over the degradation of Middle Eastern studies into pro-Palestinian platforms on campuses across the country.

He said the site was a reaction to Martin Kramer's book, "Ivory Towers on

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## Festifall Draws Diverse Crowd to Franklin Street

By ALYSSA FINE  
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Parents pushing strollers, couples holding hands and individuals carrying newly purchased artwork filled West Franklin Street during Sunday's 30th annual Festifall, sponsored by the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department.

From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., people of all ages and backgrounds listened to music, browsed the booths and sampled a wide variety of foods.

Ceramics, jewelry, photographs, paintings and other arts and crafts were available for purchase at many of the booths.

This year was the first time commercial photographer Steve Exum displayed his art at

Festifall. He decided to get a booth to exhibit his North Carolina lighthouse collection because he lives close by, grew up in Raleigh and is a graduate of UNC.

Exum said his business benefitted from a "very, very strong crowd ... (and) constant traffic" and that he would consider returning next year.

Smells from an array of food vendors wafted from the booths into the street, beckoning to Festifall attendees. Culinary offerings included Italian sausages, gyros, fried rice, kettle corn, fruit smoothies and cotton candy.

Festifall officially offered three music stages with genres ranging from bluegrass to pop to gospel. A small group gathered to listen around the stages, but many simply listened as they browsed the booths.

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Durham artist Fernando Lynharas spray paints screens to sell on Franklin Street on Sunday at Festifall.

*It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.*

Joseph Joubert