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Happy Spring Break!

The Daily Tar Heel will resume publishing —
with a new look — March 17. The office
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Lucky 7

Tar Heels aim to end
6-game skid against Duke.
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Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy; H 52, L 35
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Sunday: Partly Cloudy; H 68, L 37



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DPS Director **Derek Poarch** said the e-mail informing students, faculty and staff of UNC's short-term terror safety plans was not sent in response to any particular threat to the University.

DPS Forms Safety Plan For Terror Attacks

By **JENNY IMMEL**
Assistant University Editor

The Department of Public Safety issued an e-mail Thursday detailing the University's official procedure in the event of a terrorist attack.

The e-mail was sent to all students, faculty and staff in the University community.

Although no official threat has been issued, DPS Director Derek Poarch said he thought it was necessary to inform students of the University's plan in case such a threat were to arise.

But Poarch said the e-mail was not sent because of any specific threat to the University. "There is no significance of the timing," he said. "It is something that we have been working on for several weeks."

The Emergency Operations Center, a multipurpose room in the basement of DPS equipped to handle a variety of emergencies and created soon after the Sept. 11 attacks, will coordinate management of any emergency. The center will be led by Poarch.

This increased awareness of terrorism comes after almost a month of silence by University officials after the Department of Homeland Security raised the alert level for the nation from yellow, or elevated, to orange, or high, Feb. 7. Since then, the terror alert level has been lowered back to yellow.

"Last time the alert for the nation went to orange, (DPS and other campus offices) got several phone calls as to what to do," Poarch said. Parents and

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N.C. Leaders Seek to Up Club Safety

By **KATHERINE SCHULTZ**
Staff Writer

N.C. legislators, business owners and government officials are working to improve the state's fire safety code in the wake of the deadly Feb. 20 blaze in Rhode Island that killed at least 99.

Improper use of pyrotechnics by the band Great White has been blamed for causing the fire. A similar tragedy occurred Feb. 17 at a Chicago nightclub, where 21 people were killed in a stampede to get out of the club.

Rep. Margaret Dickson, D-Cumberland, who serves as co-vice chairwoman of the House Occupational Safety and Health Committee, said fire safety was discussed at length in a meeting Wednesday. "It's an issue we're definitely going to look at," she said. "We're going to see who's responsible, what the current standards are."

Rep. Wayne Goodwin, D-Richmond, chairman of the committee, said a legislative item he has prepared deals with reviewing laws on the use of pyrotechnics in clubs. He said he likely will introduce the bill in committee next week.

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Research Funds Survive Early Cuts

By **STEPHANIE JORDAN**
Staff Writer

Gov. Mike Easley's budget proposed Wednesday left untouched the UNC system's more than \$120 million in overhead receipts — a major victory for UNC-Chapel Hill administrators, if only for now.

Howard Lee, a former state senator and one of Easley's top education and appropriation advisers, said cutting the system's overhead receipts was something recommended by Easley's staff as an option for filling a nearly \$2 billion revenue hole.

The original copy of Easley's budget handed out

Wednesday actually had taken about \$14 million in overhead receipts. He handed out a revision stating that the system would sustain that cut but that it could take the money from any area of its budget.

Lee said overhead receipts were the last area Easley wanted to take money from because he appreciates what the money does for universities.

Overhead receipts are federal funds given to universities to cover the overhead costs of research. Taking overhead receipts from universities could have a serious impact on research capabilities.

By even considering taking overhead receipts, Easley made clear the severity of the state's budget

crisis, said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC-CH's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life. "Considering taking overhead receipts signifies that the budget shortfall remains very serious and that the governor looked everywhere he could to bring spending in line with available revenues."

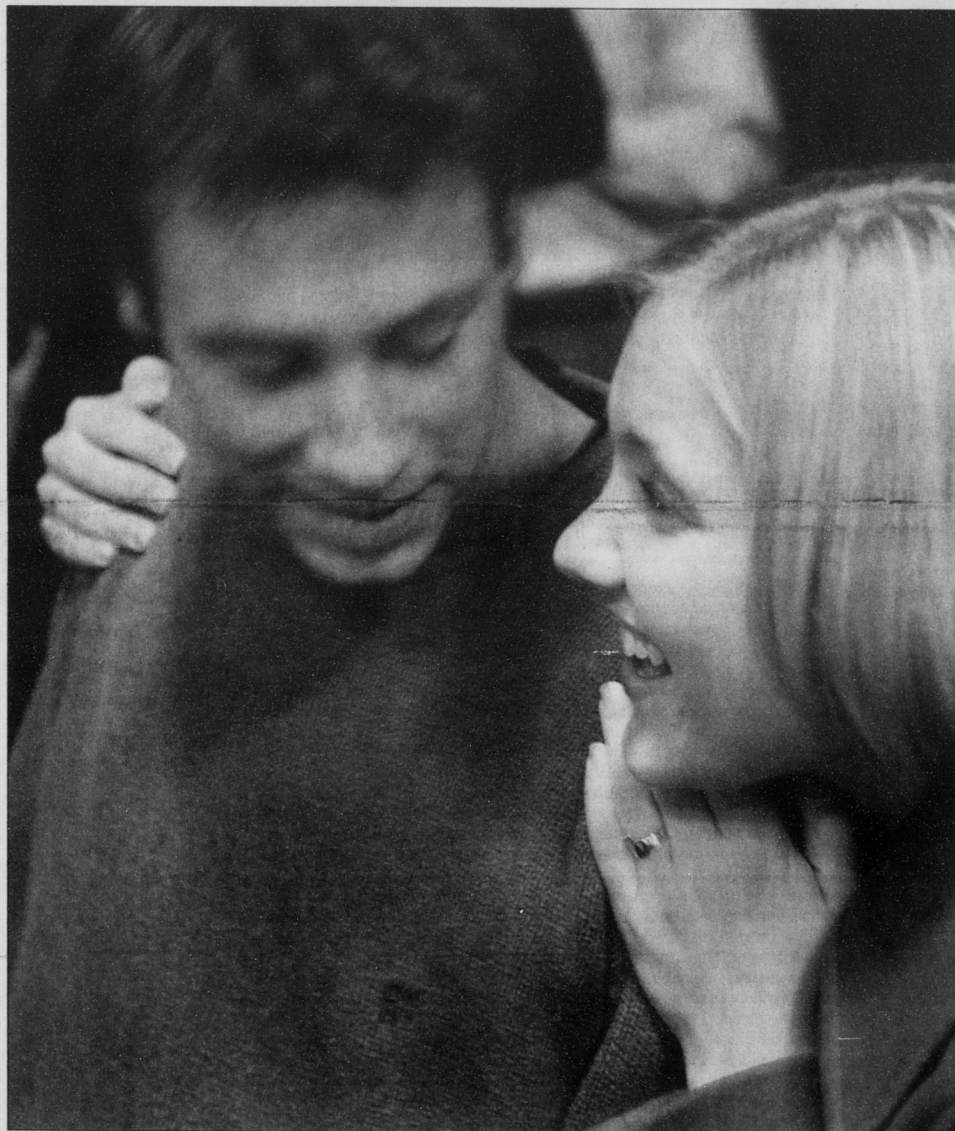
Rather than cutting universities' overhead receipts, the budget outlines other avenues to cut spending, Guillory said. Although the UNC system did not escape budget cuts, university officials obviously got their message across to the governor, he said. "Overhead receipts generate more research and research activity, which in turn has a ripple

effect on the state's economy," Guillory said.

But legislators still could take overhead receipts away from the universities, a recommendation that might be considered seriously because of the state's tight budget. "Universities will have to remain vigilant in protecting that money," Guillory said.

N.C. Rep. Bill Owens, D-Pasquotank, said overhead receipts are a constant issue, one that has been brought up in the past and will be discussed in the future. "Anytime you have this many issues facing you in a financial crunch, there is going to

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DTH/LEAH LATELLA

Student Body President Jen Daum (right) congratulates her successor, Matt Tepper, on the night of the runoff election last month. Daum has less than a month to complete her campaign pledges before turning over her office.

IN FINAL WEEKS, SBP SEEKS PRODUCTIVITY

By **ROB LEICHER**
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During the final weeks of the lame-duck period of her presidency, Student Body President Jen Daum has a full plate of tasks ahead of her before turning over her position to Matt Tepper on April 1.

Daum has focused her transition period on key priorities she hopes to accomplish in the near future, yet she still admits there are various points on her platform that most likely won't be addressed.

"I don't really leave office until I leave Chapel Hill," Daum said, adding that her duties won't cease until she finishes working with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Search Committee. "I won't serve as student body president, but I'll serve as myself."

As she prepares for the transition to Tepper's presidency, Daum said, she has been speaking with him almost every day. But she said she is intent on having a productive final few weeks in office.

Daum said student government will focus on lobbying the N.C. General Assembly for money, improving town-gown relations,

modifying C-TOPS and completing community service activities.

Daum said a lot of work will be done in upcoming weeks to improve relations between UNC and the town of Chapel Hill. "We are in the process of getting on the (March 17) Town Council agenda to present the 'Good Neighbor' policy," Daum said. The "Good Neighbor" policy, envisioned by Daum last semester in response to the town's ban on the construction of duplex housing, will serve to inform students about certain Chapel Hill policies and procedures.

Amon Anderson, Daum's executive assistant who recently completed the final draft of the policy, said he wanted to wait until the council meeting to reveal its main points. Development of the "Good Neighbor" policy should be complete by April 1, but its implementation largely will be up to the Tepper administration, Anderson said.

But he said that once it is enacted, the policy will benefit both the students and the town. "Not only will the students be living in the community, but they will be a part of the community."

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Wine Boycott Fails to Take Hold in Area

By **EMILY VASQUEZ**
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In light of France and Germany's recent refusal to support U.S. ambitions in Iraq, some Americans — from talk show hosts to the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives — have begun to question if people should think twice about consuming French or German products.

In High Point — just a 90-minute drive from Chapel Hill — the answer is "yes."

Joe Carter, general manager of High Point Country Club, recently removed all French and German wines from the club's list, replacing over a quarter of the wine list with Australian and Californian wines.

Prior to the decision, the club purchased an average of \$5,000 worth of French and German wines per year.

"I realized France and Germany weren't supporting us, so why should we support them?" Carter said.

Members of the High Point club have been overwhelmingly supportive. Carter estimated that 98 percent of members have had a positive reaction to the change.

Club members now are buying more wine than before the change to demonstrate support for the club's decision, he said.

It also seems the idea is catching on in the region. Carter said six or seven other clubs in the High Point area have expressed interest in taking a similar stand.

But in Chapel Hill, restaurant patrons and wine buyers seem to have a different view. Monday evening, on his way to dinner at the Lantern Restaurant on Franklin Street, Pat Kinney had a typical reaction to a possible French boycott. "That just makes me want to buy more French wine," he said.

Restaurant managers across the Triangle report little anti-French or anti-German sentiment among their customers. Even the few who say they've received comments regarding their wine lists say their sales haven't been affected.

Peter Van Sesters, cheese specialist at Fowler's, an international gourmet food provider in Durham, said reaction has been mixed. "We've had a couple of comments from people who felt like they shouldn't be buying particularly French products," Van Sesters said.

But he said he's seen more people who come in looking to buy specifically French products to demonstrate their disapproval of any talk of a national boycott.

"One group was actually throwing a French cheese and wine party," Van Sesters said.

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Bernie Averette browses the wine selection at A Southern Season in Eastgate on Thursday.

School days, I believe, are the unhappiest in the whole span of human existence.

H.L. Mencken