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## Cuts hit graduate students' finances

Grad positions drop with budget

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Dan Herman thought he had a good candidate to fill an open seat in the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

The candidate was qualified, would have been around all year and had financial support from a teaching assistant position.

Then he lost his TA funding for the next semester, and his status as a GPSF senator — and as a UNC student — was placed in jeopardy.

Hearing such tales of hardship has become increasingly common for Herman since he took office as GPSF president last April.

Budget cuts have made the number of on-campus jobs for graduate students — including teaching assistant, research assistant and technical support positions — increasingly scarce.

"Positions are going down all over campus," Herman said.

"A lot of cuts were made in the past that had been fairly invisible, but now you're seeing them."

And many graduate students are experiencing them.

For example, the closing of a computer training center for faculty and staff this summer eliminated several positions staffed by graduate students.

Although the University is bringing in a record number of research awards from outside sources, Herman said, many departments in the College of Arts and Sciences actually are cutting back on available research assistant positions.

With state budget cuts amounting to more than \$50 million during the past two years, departments heavily reliant on state funds don't have enough money for new research projects, Herman said.

For some graduate students, the

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## UM to try 'holistic' race policy

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The University of Michigan unveiled a new undergraduate admissions policy Thursday that gives the highest priority to academic achievement but also retains race as a factor in an effort to comply with a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

"We continue to believe in gathering a group of students that are very bright but different from one another — students from all walks of life and backgrounds," UM Provost Paul Courant said.

In a 6-3 ruling in June, the Supreme Court struck down the university's race-conscious point system for undergraduate admissions, which gave a 20-point boost to minority applicants, greater weight than it gave to some measures of academic excellence.

The same day it issued that ruling, the high court also issued a 5-4 ruling on UM's Law School admissions policy.

In that ruling, the court decided that race can be a factor that colleges use to select their students provided that it is not the only factor.

The lawsuits were filed by three white UM applicants — Jennifer Gratz and Patrick Hamacher, who applied as undergraduates in 1995, and Barbara Grutter, who applied in 1997 to the Law School — who

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## BIDING TIME



Rogerio Maldonado Rivera stands near the corner of Davie and Jones Ferry roads in Carrboro early Thursday morning. Along with many other men, Rivera waits for contractors looking for workers for the day. Sometimes workers secure a spot as early as 6:30 a.m.

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# LABORERS MAY BE FORCED TO MOVE

Immigrant workers provide labor, but some are criticized for loitering

BY EMILY VASQUEZ STAFF WRITER

At 6:15 a.m. there already are four men in line at The Pantry, a convenience store located at the intersection of Jones Ferry and Davie roads in Carrboro. Three additional men fill cups with steaming coffee at the end of the counter.

The store's assistant manager estimates that these regulars account for about 30 percent of the store's sales. But as soon as they step outside the store, they are told not to loiter and to walk away quickly from the storefront to drink their coffee.

These are Carrboro's day laborers. Most of them are Mexican immigrants who wait each morning for contractors and landscaping companies to pull up and offer a day's work.

Recently their daily assembly has become the source of a great deal of complaint from local businesses, customers and residents.

"We probably answer at least two to three calls for service each day in that general area," said Carrboro Police Chief Carolyn Hutchison. "Sometimes more."

Alfred Avery, assistant manager at The Pantry, verified Hutchison's estimation. "Customers complain of panhandling every day; we call police," he said.

Steady reports of loitering, suspicious persons, public intoxication, harassment and even drug deals have made this intersection one of Carrboro's "hot spots" — a location requiring ever-increasing amounts of police patrol.

The complaints have left day laborers unwanted in the area.

As Fausto Ruiz Morina, a laborer, said in Spanish, "We all end up paying for one."

Hutchison acknowledged that not all the laborers are responsible for the disturbances and that only a small group of men are repeatedly the source of trouble. These men often don't find work and instead remain along the roadside all day, usually consuming alcohol.

Concerned that the area could deteriorate, Hutchison recently resolved to seek a solution.

"We want to provide a safer, more reasonable spot to wait for work," she said.

Hutchison asked Carrboro's Board of Aldermen on Tuesday for permission to begin an active review of the troubled intersection, which likely would lead to the establishment of a new and more acceptable pickup spot for the laborers.

Hutchison's proposal includes an ordinance that would bring an end to loitering at the location.

Alderman John Herrera said he would like to establish a place with trash cans, a



Carrboro has a large group of day laborers who have no steady job and who depend on contractors for employment.

shelter to protect the day laborers from adverse weather and possibly even a portable toilet.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist suggested Tuesday that the parking lot behind the Carrboro Farmers' Market might be a suitable spot for the relocation. It is unoccupied weekday mornings and is within walking distance from The Pantry.

But the problem solving has just begun.

"There is a lot of liability attached to finding a new location. As a community, we need to brainstorm for the best solution," said Herrera.

Hutchison also acknowledged that she will need to consult with the laborers and their employers regarding the hours during which individuals would be permitted to wait at any new location. She originally suggested that the pickup zone should be open between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and

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# New apparel colors bring bucks to UNC

BY EMILY STEEL  
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UNC is looking for a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

After Student Stores was flooded with pink regalia last spring, periwinkles, tangerines and lime greens started trickling into the shop, mingling with the classic Carolina blue.

UNC merchandise generated \$100 million last year, making it one of the top selling college apparels in the country.

About 3.6 percent of that money came from the colorful merchandise.

While UNC fans only have been able to purchase the clothing on campus for a couple of months, the nontraditional line has been on the market for almost two decades.

In fact, varied colors of UNC apparel date back to the 1980s, said Rut Tufts, the University's deputy director for auxiliary services.

But the colorful line didn't catch the eye of John Jones, campus merchandising

"It has nothing to do with athletics. It has to do with fashion." JOHN JONES, CAMPUS MERCHANDISING DIRECTOR

director, until April.

While attending a national meeting of college bookstores at the University of Oregon, Jones saw articles of clothing in shades other than the host school's traditional green and yellow.

He said he spoke with managers from college stores across the country and learned that college apparel in colorful shades is selling well, especially at schools in California.

When Jones returned to UNC, he asked buyers to add Carolina-imprinted clothing to the store in nontraditional colors.

Although traditional Carolina blue remains the overwhelming favorite color of students, Jones said, periwinkle, pink and graphite also have sold well.

"We know the base of our market is Carolina blue, but just for that person

who wants something different, who wants to make a fashion statement, we added some new colors," Jones said.

Customers have bought about 400 pieces of the colorful Tar Heel regalia since the clothing arrived at Student Stores this summer, he said.

While he said he recognizes that different people have different tastes, Sherrell McMillan, president of the Carolina Athletic Association, said he doesn't expect fans to wear nontraditional colors while supporting the Tar Heels.

"I don't see Carolina pink being very strong at football games," he said.

But Tufts said that not only UNC students buy the merchandise.

"It has nothing to do with athletics,"

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## Report critical of APS shelter

BY NICK EBERLEIN  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

After months under a microscope, the local chapter of the Animal Protection Society was served sobering news Thursday: Its control over Orange County's animal shelter might come to an end within months.

The Humane Society of the United States released its sensitive report on the shelter's operations after the Orange County Board of Commissioners work session adjourned late Thursday night.

"We look at this report as a tool to improve and not use as a weapon. ... To do that is detrimental to the entire community," said Kate Pullen, the Humane Society's consultation services director.

"The situation here in Orange County is a lot of people who are looking to this report for validation of their own feelings," she said.

The release of the evaluation was preceded by a round-table discussion among the commissioners, the Orange County Board of Health and the APS.

County officials asked the Humane Society in September for an assessment of the animal shelter in response to public criticism of its administration.

The outcry reached its zenith in February when area animal rights activists Judith Reitman and Elliot Cramer filed suit against the shelter's director, Laura Walters, and the APS board of directors.

Cramer and Reitman accused Walters and the APS board of financial mismanagement and animal cruelty, among other charges. The parties are scheduled to meet with a court-appointed mediator within a month.

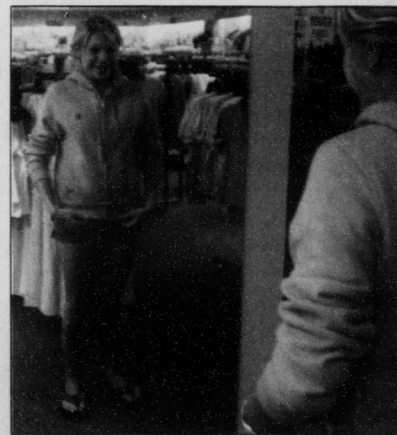
Gwen Harvey, assistant county manager, said the role that the APS will play in the shelter's operations is "to be determined." If the county assumes control of the shelter, which all indications suggest, the APS will lose all its administrative powers.

Harvey presented a preliminary staff report to the commissioners that outlined measures the county might take if it assumes control of the shelter. APS renews its contract to run the shelter on a yearly basis, but starting Tuesday it will be subject to monthly renewals.

Pullen repeatedly urged her audience to avoid overreacting to the Humane Society's findings.

"The preliminary report had nothing positive to say about APS, that's true," she said. "But when the recommendations are taken out of context, they can be damaging and hinder progress."

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Sophomore psychology major Kim Pastwick tries on one of the newly available colors of UNC garments at Student Stores on Wednesday afternoon.

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## HELP WANTED

DTH INTEREST MEETINGS  
• 8:30 p.m., Sept. 2, Union 226  
• 5 p.m., Sept. 4, Union 226



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