

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Town Council candidates to sound off to Sierra Club**

The Sierra Club will host a candidates forum for the Chapel Hill Town Council at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

All but one of the 12 candidates will be present. Candidates will make opening statements before responding to prepared questions from club members.

The group then will send its recommendations for endorsement to the statewide organization, which will declare endorsements formally in early October.

All members of the public are welcome to attend, and WCHL-AM will carry the event live.

**Council postpones vote on sprinkler ordinance**

The Chapel Hill Town Council postponed its vote regarding the proposed sprinkler ordinance at their Monday night meeting.

Members voted to delay the decision when concerned parties were not notified that the ordinance was being decided at the meeting. Hurricane Isabel was the cause of this lack of communication.

Since these people were not notified properly, there was concern that residents would miss the opportunity to express their views before the vote took place. The council moved the decision to its Oct. 8 meeting.

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**Police shoot boy who fired gun into classroom wall**

SPOKANE, Wash. — Police shot and wounded a 17-year-old boy who brought a gun to school and fired a bullet into a wall Monday.

The teenager was reported in good condition at a hospital.

Police said they were trying to establish a motive for the standoff, which took place in a third-floor science classroom at Lewis and Clark High School.

About 2,000 students and staff members were evacuated from the school around midday after it was learned the boy had a handgun. He fired a shot from the 9 mm semiautomatic into a wall, but no one was hurt, said Police Chief Roger Bragdon.

No hostages were taken during the standoff, police said.

**Moseley Braun kicks off campaign for presidency**

WASHINGTON — Democrat Carol Moseley Braun, who made history as the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate, formally launched her long-shot bid for the presidency Monday, vowing to "fix the mess" created by the current leadership.

Braun faces nine other Democratic candidates — all men who, for the most part, have raised more money and are beating her in the polls. Nevertheless, she is forging ahead with her campaign, arguing that as a former ambassador, senator and local government official she is uniquely qualified to be president.

Braun stunned the political establishment in 1992 — the "Year of the Woman" — unseating an incumbent Democratic senator, two-term lawmaker Alan Dixon, in the primary on her way to what once was considered an improbable victory in November.

**Faith-based programs to receive federal grants**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Four government regulations completed Monday and a half-dozen more in the works will provide federal money for religion-oriented programs run by people President Bush has dubbed America's "neighborhood healers."

Cabinet members met with the president at the White House to discuss ways agencies are eliminating barriers that have kept "faith-based" groups from obtaining federal grants to help people in need.

The White House also announced that the Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$30.5 million in grants to 81 organizations, which will use the money to provide technical assistance and subgrants to church-related and community groups in 45 states.

**CALENDAR**  
**Wednesday**

**5 p.m.** — All male students interested in trying out for the men's basketball junior varsity team or walking on to the varsity men's basketball team must attend an information session. The meeting will take place in Section 118 of the Smith Center. Students should enter the Smith Center through Gate A.

*Compiled from staff and wire reports.*

# Council approves plan for Northside

## Final preservation scheme is in sight

BY NICK EBERLEIN  
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With preservation efforts hitting the homestretch in the Northside neighborhood, the Chapel Hill Town Council accepted Monday evening an interim conservation platform for the area.

If the council expresses no repudiation about the interim proposal after its review, the Northside Neighborhood Conservation District Advisory Committee will be given the green light to draft a final platform.

The committee drafted the proposal in conjunction with the town's Planning Board. The group says that residential developers and investors focused on the student housing market have eroded

the neighborhood's historic character and demographics.

Recent amendments to the town's Land-Use Management Ordinance allow restrictive covenants to be placed on "unique and distinctive older in-town residential neighborhoods" that contribute significantly to the town's identity and character.

"We had Northside in mind when we changed the law to allow conservation districts," said council member Mark Kleinschmidt.

Adoption of restrictive covenants is left to the discretion of the council since it initiated the process and appointed the committee.

Northside, the area north of SEE **NORTHSIDE**, PAGE 6



DTH/ASHLEY PITT

Many residents of the historically black Northside neighborhood are proposing legislation to the Chapel Hill Town Council that would restrict the construction of homes that cater solely to the college student market.

## CHALKIN' IT UP



DTH/KRISTIN GOODE

Anthony Florian (front), 6, puts finishing touches on his sidewalk painting at Litchin Plaza on Sunday in Raleigh while his brother, Justin, 8, pauses from his work to watch. As part of Raleigh's fifth annual Street Painting Festival, the Florians created their own works of art celebrating the theme of "First in Flight." Artist Ngaire Wills from Sydney, Australia, came to the festival to participate, and N.C. State University student Stephanie Clinton went to Sydney to "chalk" in exchange.

## Vice chancellor search runs into speed bump

BY EMILY STEEL  
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University administrators have made little progress in the selection of a new vice chancellor for student affairs after the search committee submitted its recommendations on the three candidates last week.

Chancellor James Moeser, Provost Robert Shelton and 13 officials from the Division of Student Affairs discussed Monday afternoon the three candidates and the characteristics they expect in a vice chancellor.

But the group failed to arrive at a final recommendation after its 1 1/2-hour meeting.

Shelton said the search's next steps include aborting the current search and returning to the drawing board, negotiating a contract with one candidate or bringing two candidates back to campus for more interviews.

"We have a lot of substantial things to think about," Shelton said. "We don't want to make a knee-jerk reaction."

Shelton said he does not feel a

sense of urgency to select a new vice chancellor because student affairs is currently under good leadership.

"Our sense is to get a really strong person. It may take an extra week or an extra month," he said. "It is too important of a job."

On Sept. 15, Shelton called the three candidates to update them on the search committee's progress, saying they would hear about a decision within the next couple of weeks.

If administrators decide to start the search from scratch, Shelton said, the process could take several more months.

But the process will proceed faster if officials select a candidate or decide to bring two of the prospective vice chancellors back to campus. "Negotiations won't take long, assuming (the candidates) are still interested," Shelton said.

All three candidates said Monday that they were still interested in the position but that they would need to

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## Ehrenreich teach-ins spark debate

### Workers won't get time off to attend

BY ASHLEY HOLT  
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Students, faculty and University employees will discuss the plight of low-wage workers today at two teach-ins featuring Barbara Ehrenreich, author of "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" — but conflicts have risen about the controversy of employee attendance at the events.

The teach-ins, to be held from noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m., will be on the steps of South Building and the Rosenau Auditorium at the School of Public Health, respectively. Gerrard Hall will house the afternoon teach-in in case of rain.

The teach-ins are results of the controversy surrounding the Summer Reading Program's selection of Ehrenreich's book. The book chronicles her experiences as a Wal-Mart cashier and a waitress, among other jobs.

Topics of the two teach-ins will include abrupt schedule changes, conflicts with UNC-system policy, housing and child care, said Sascha Bollag, a sophomore history major

and organizer of the 6 p.m. teach-in.

Barbara Prear, a UNC housekeeper and vice president of UE Local 150 — the N.C. Public Service Workers Union, which helped organize the noon teach-in — said that she will participate in the discussion and that she hopes officials acknowledge low-wage workers' plight in the United States.

"The University says it is a liberal organization, but they are not liberal at all when it comes to low-wage workers," Prear said. "We have to deal with disrespect, workloads, wages and being forced to work outside of our pay range."

Workers such as Prear wanted to attend the summer reading discussions in August but said they were refused admittance by Summer Reading Program organizers.

Cindy Wolf Johnson, associate vice chancellor for student learning and chairwoman of the Summer Reading Program, could not be reached for comment.

The attendance of low-wage workers is a main concern among the union members and workers



Author **Barbara Ehrenreich** will speak at 2 teach-ins today on low-wage employees.

who organized the teach-in. "We are the experts of (being) nicked and dimed," said David Brannigan, a groundskeeper at UNC. "And absolutely nothing has been done to include low-wage workers. ... We will not enjoy the luxury of attending like faculty and staff members."

Brannigan wrote a letter Sept. 11 to Chancellor James Moeser on behalf of all low-wage workers, asking the University to sponsor the noon teach-in so more workers could attend without losing valuable salary.

Moeser responded in an e-mail Wednesday. In it, he said that the teach-ins will not be University-sponsored events and that vacation time will need to be taken if workers wish to attend.

"Professors are getting paid SEE **TEACH-INS**, PAGE 6

## Gay couples face barriers in fight for equal rights

### Despite mixed motives, hope for change is uniform

BY KIRSTEN VALLE  
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If Ed and Tim were heterosexual, there wouldn't be a problem.

But since he's half of a gay couple, Tim, a Canadian transplant to Raleigh, is looking for a way to stay in the United States. Though he gladly would marry his partner, same-sex marriage alone doesn't guarantee citizens' rights in the United States.

To be with Ed, his partner of almost four years, Tim relies on a tourist visa — an uncertain and temporary solution. "It's a constant fear in the back of our minds that immigration could say, 'Your time is up.'"

Ed said work requirements make a more permanent visa difficult to obtain. "Working with computers is ... what Tim was doing, but the company fell under hard times and didn't renew his visa," said Ed, who works at a Morrisville software company.

Though Tim has computer training, an education degree and a background in math, no school he has contacted about math teaching jobs will accept his visa.

"For any two people, there are challenges in being a couple," Ed said. "Gay couples have a challenge, too. It's real easy to say, 'Forget it.'"

Couples who do manage to marry also encounter barriers. According to a Thursday article by The Associated Press, a homosexual couple married in Canada said they were denied entry to the United States when they refused to fill out individual customs forms, preferring to file as a family.

Though an Ontario court deemed a strict heterosexual definition of marriage unconstitutional in June and other Canadian provinces successively took up the issue, Reuters reported Saturday that the Canadian Parliament had introduced legislation to reaffirm the male-female marriage standard and to permit only same-sex civil unions.

Gay marriage recently stepped into the spotlight in the United States as well. On Sept. 10, some Roman Catholic bishops endorsed the idea of a constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage, following in the footsteps of the Vatican's June 3 statement, available on its Web site, in opposition to gay unions.

Chris Newlin, an employee at Raleigh's White Rabbit gay and lesbian supply store, said he's heard varying opinions about marriage within the gay community. "I think there are a lot of people who have been fighting a long time. Then there are some that don't really care."

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