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Chancellor James Moeser speaks Monday in the Pit about the Honor Code during one of the kickoff events for Honor and Integrity Week.

Week kicks off with honor pledges

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Many students shuffling between classes Monday afternoon took a break from their daily routines to participate in the kickoff event of Honor and Integrity Week. Students had the opportunity to hear UNC Chancellor James Moeser and Provost Robert Shelton affirm their commitment to the Honor Code and to aid in the construction of a monument to honor. Honor and Integrity Week is part of the yearlong HonorCarolina Initiative, established by Shelton after the Honor Code was revised last year — the first revision in 30 years. "We hope to educate everybody on campus of the new changes with these activities," said Student Attorney General Jonathan Slain. This week begins the yearlong focus on honor, said Marc Hennes, honor system outreach coordinator. "The schedule of events this week

takes honor from an idea floating in the sky to something that really touches the lives of the students." Hennes said honor is always a concern at UNC, but now is at the forefront with issues such as music file-sharing and ethics in athletics. Freshman Rachel FitzSimons, one of about 75 to sign the honor pledge in the Pit on Monday, said a professor told her about the event. "Without the honor pledge, this university wouldn't stand," she said. "I'm here because I believe in it." FitzSimons said she thinks many of her fellow classmates aren't aware of HonorCarolina but that having events in popular areas such as the Pit will help. Activities such as "Storm the Dorm for Honor," which includes information sessions in the Hinton

James Residence Hall lobby and in Carmichael Residence Hall, are making HonorCarolina. Students will work on a monument to honor at the top of the steps next to the Frank Porter Graham Student Union all week. The monument is meant to interpret students' views of honor, Hennes said. "We want people to come by, change it and add their own interpretations of what honor is to them," he said. Pictures of the changing monument will be available at <http://www.honorcarolina.unc.edu>. Senior Yinka Oyelaran, another student who signed the honor pledge Monday, watched students work on the monument. "I really liked the idea of using 210 stones to represent 210 years of

Carolina tradition," Oyelaran said. At 2 p.m. Monday the stones formed the shape of the Old Well with five flags, each displaying a different word: ethics, commitment, integrity, honor and community. Throughout the year, faculty will be asked to discuss honor in the classroom. An Honor and Integrity Week also is being planned for the spring and an Honor Garden is set to be placed on campus. Slain said he was pleased with turnout for Monday's kickoff event. "I think there were a good number of students near the Pit that stopped to watch the speeches kicking off this event. I think we can start to smell the honor on campus." Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

Pakistan captures bin Laden point person

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani police captured the younger brother of Hambali, Osama bin Laden's point man for Southeast Asia, in an arrest that might help unravel a tangled web of links between al-Qaida and the Jemaah Islamiyah terror group blamed for the deadly Bali bombings. Rusman Gunawan, an Indonesian, was among 17 students detained Saturday in raids on three Islamic schools in the southern port city of Karachi — the latest in a string of high-profile arrests of terror suspects in this Muslim country. The students "are suspected terrorists or have links with terrorists," Foreign Ministry spokesman Massood Khan said Monday. Gunawan was believed to be in charge of Jemaah Islamiyah's Pakistan branch and to have arranged trips for Hambali to Pakistan and Afghanistan, according to an Indonesian-based terrorism expert who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Hambali, 39, whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, was Southeast Asia's most wanted man until he was arrested Aug. 11 in

Thailand by Thai police and the CIA. U.S. authorities then flew him to an undisclosed location. Many Indonesians use only their given names, so family members often don't share a surname. "Yes, the brother of Hambali is among the 13 Malaysian and two Indonesian students who were detained in Karachi," Interior Ministry spokesman Iftikhar Ahmad told AP on Monday. Two students from Myanmar also were arrested in the raids. It was not immediately clear what authorities planned to do with Gunawan. FBI and Justice Department officials said there were no outstanding U.S. warrants or charges against him. FBI officials declined to comment on Gunawan's importance or on the circumstances of his capture. In the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, police spokesman Zainuri Lubis said they had no evidence of wrongdoing against Gunawan and would not seek his extradition. Temu Alam, an official with the Indonesian consulate in Karachi, was quoted by the Indonesian news agency Antara as saying the consulate had requested access to the prisoner.

Southeast Asian security officials accuse Hambali of planning the bombings last October in the Indonesian resort island of Bali; the Bali blasts killed 202 people, mostly Western tourists. He is also accused of planning the Aug. 5 bombing of a hotel in Jakarta, in which 12 died. Hambali is said to have trained under bin Laden in Afghanistan in the 1990s. In Southeast Asia, he is seen foremost as the militant who brought al-Qaida-style attacks to the region. Many Jemaah Islamiyah leaders are Indonesians who trained at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan. Authorities have uncovered an elaborate network of links between the two groups following the arrests of top militants.

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California made a landmark decision for gay rights Friday with a bill passed along party lines giving same-sex couples many of the rights afforded to married couples. Experts say the legislation sets a precedent for other states that are considering domestic partnerships. Justin Marks, research analyst for the National Conference of State Legislatures, said other states could follow California's lead. "California has always been the leader in progressive legislation," he said. He said eight states have considered legislation for domestic partnerships this year, while nine states considered legislation concerning same-sex marriages. Vermont is the only state that allows civil unions for same-sex couples. Among California lawmakers, the bill did not receive a single Republican vote in either the

California Assembly or the California Senate, said Democratic assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, who wrote the bill. But there was heavy support among Democrats in both houses. The bill, which Gov. Gray Davis signed into law Friday, becomes effective Jan. 1, 2005. The new legislation will give same-sex partners equal status with heterosexual couples in the adoption process. While California did not prohibit same-sex couple adoption, the bill halts discrimination in the adoption process based on sexual preference. The law also will allow gay partners to seek child support and alimony. Other protections provided under the new law include the right for registered domestic partners to be covered under the same insurance and take leave from work to care for one another. The bill also allows partners to authorize autopsies, donate organs and make funeral arrangements

for one another. Mike Wintemute, California Republican Party press secretary, said the party is disappointed in the passage of the bill. "Our party feels the legislation is unwarranted," he said. "Most of the protections afforded to married couples are already offered to same-sex partners under current law." Under the new California law, gay couples still will not be able to file joint state income taxes as married couples do. Although it doesn't provide for same-sex civil unions, Shields said, the California domestic partner bill is crucial to protecting the rights of homosexual couples. "What this bill does in total is help to provide stability and safety nets for gay couples — things that most married couples take for granted." Contact the State & National Editor at stndesk@unc.edu.

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