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ANALYSIS

## Session to kick off new group

Talks begin for downtown growth

BY RYAN C. TUCK  
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Years of discussion and speculation finally will materialize today when the Chapel Hill Town Council and downtown officials discuss the possible creation of an independent economic development commission for downtown.

The council will hold a work session today to analyze the economic feasibility of the new entity and to discuss the partnership among the town, the University and downtown officials.

The council and Charles House, president of the Downtown Commission board of directors, scheduled the meeting as a kickoff for the body's implementation.

This oversight body would be responsible for actively recruiting diverse and long-term businesses, monitoring downtown activity and working to ensure sustainability.

An independent economic development body would transcend the duties of the Downtown Commission, a financially limited organization that seeks to increase communication between potential tenants and lease holders.

The commission showed a commitment to the task force's recommendations by eliminating the position of executive director, held by Robert Humphreys for 13 years, to free \$32,000, Humphreys' former salary.

On Sept. 25, UNC Chancellor James Moeser pledged his commitment to a partnership with a sum-

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## Arnold elected governor

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LOS ANGELES — Californians banished Gov. Gray Davis just 11 months into his second term and elected action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him Tuesday — a Hollywood ending to one of the most extraordinary political melodramas in the nation's history.



Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected Calif. governor Tuesday in the state recall.

Voters traded a career Democratic politician who became one of the state's most despised chief executives for a moderate Republican megastar who never before had run for office. Davis became the first California governor pried from office and only the second nationwide to be recalled.

"Tonight, the voters did decide it's time for someone else to serve, and I accept their judgment," Davis said in conceding. He pledged to work for a smooth transition.

To the victor goes a spoiled American paradise — a state mired in economic troubles, awash with deficits, now governed by a Republican chief executive with no political experience and a Democratic legislature.

Early tallies showed the recall favored by 1,019,874 voters, or 57.5 percent, and opposed by 755,375,

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# States fight to keep grads

N.C. RESIDENTS RETAINED MORE OFTEN THAN OUT-OF-STATE GRADUATES



DTH/LEAH LATELLA

Durham schoolteacher Erica Jensen attended UNC from Staten Island, N.Y. Unlike the majority of out-of-state graduates, Jensen chose to stay in North Carolina after receiving her bachelor's degree in May and took a job teaching Spanish to sixth-graders at Chewing Middle School.

BY JOE RAUCH STAFF WRITER

Some North Carolinians view out-of-state students as interlopers who receive an education at the expense of resident applicants and then head home after graduation, never to contribute to North Carolina's economy.

But that perception fails to

explain UNC-Chapel Hill alumni such as Erica Jensen.

Originally from Staten Island, N.Y., Jensen was one of the few students from outside the state to gain admission to UNC-CH.

After graduating in May with a bachelor's degree in Spanish, she stayed in North Carolina and got a job teaching Spanish at Chewing Middle School in Durham.

Jensen is the type of graduate often mentioned as a reason for enrolling more students from outside North Carolina, and according to at least one major study, she's not atypical.

A national study conducted in 2001 by the Southern Technology Council, a North Carolina-based group focused on technology policy issues, found that states on average retain about 43 percent of out-of-state students.

Still, North Carolinians who remain in the state for college have a higher retention rate.

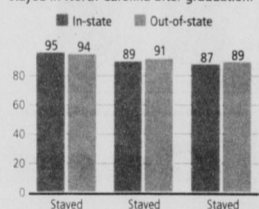
The study found that these graduates are four times as likely

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### KEEPING STUDENTS IN STATE

On average, 76 percent of in-state students remain in the state where they completed their undergraduate studies while only 43 percent of out-of-state students stay.

Percentage of in-state and out-of-state UNC-CH students in the class of 2001 who stayed in North Carolina after graduation:



SOURCE: UNC OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

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## Cap affects few grad programs

Graduate, professional schools set their own residency enrollment policies

BY SUZANNE PRESTO STAFF WRITER

While 82-to-18 is the established ratio of in-state to out-of-state undergraduate students at UNC, there's no such magic number for graduate and professional students.

The University's primary mission at the undergraduate level is straightforward: educate the citizens of North Carolina.

At the graduate level, that premise is balanced with the desire to entice

professionals and scholars to share their expertise with the University and the state.

The debate about the out-of-state enrollment cap doesn't involve graduate and professional schools because they set their own admissions policies rather than following those set by the UNC-system Board of Governors.

Some supporters of change in the policy at the undergraduate level point to the diversity and quality of students at the graduate and professional levels to illustrate the benefits of a relaxed cap.

Of the 26,359 students at UNC-Chapel Hill, about 10,000 are graduate and professional

students.

While at least four professional school programs have a cap on out-of-state students, about 60 percent of first-year students in the Graduate School are from outside North Carolina.

A majority of these graduate students stay in state after they've earned their advanced degrees, said Linda Dykstra, dean of the Graduate School.

### Residency quotas differ

The Graduate School's wide range of programs — 64 doctoral degrees and 91 master's

degrees — would make an out-of-state cap problematic.

"In order to attract a quorum of students with specialized interests — a particular strength in chemistry, perhaps — you're really going to have to draw nationally," Dykstra said.

Almost 12,000 hopefuls applied to the Graduate School for the fall 2003 semester. Only 1,775 were accepted.

About 58 percent of those students are from outside the state. North Carolinians constitute at least 34 percent of first-year graduate students.

Because the Graduate School does not have a residency quota, the school does not have residency data for 8 percent of admitted students.

According to the 2003 Graduate School application, only one department under the Graduate School's auspices mandates that 75 percent of the class be N.C. residents.

The Department of Allied Health Sciences

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# Prize winner's speech looks inward

BY NICK PARKER  
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Pat Conroy first read Thomas Wolfe at age 15 when a high school English teacher gave him "Look Homeward, Angel."

"Thomas Wolfe found me in the nick of time in the middle of my childhood, and he gave me a way out," Conroy said. "Thomas Wolfe hit me like a thunderclap. He came to me in my teenage years and changed my entire life."

Wolfe helped Conroy find his voice and ultimately pen best-selling novels "The Prince of Tides" and "The Lords of Discipline."

Conroy, recipient of the 2003 Thomas Wolfe Prize, concluded his deeply personal speech Tuesday night in Hill Hall Auditorium by paying homage to the man that put him on his literary path.

The Thomas Wolfe Prize, established in October 2000 by the Thomas Wolfe Society and UNC, honors writers who share the same ambition, talent and strength as the now deceased N.C. author.

The annual gift is designed to honor the memory of Wolfe, a 1920 UNC alumnus, and to encourage continued excellence in fiction.

"I learned from ... Thomas Wolfe: A book can change your life and change it forever."

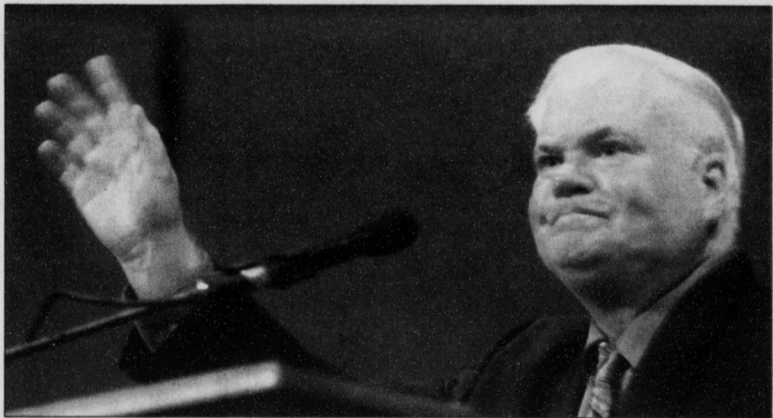
PAT CONROY, AUTHOR

Past winners have been Tom Wolfe ("The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test"), Larry Brown ("Billy Ray's Farm") and Elizabeth Spencer ("No Place for an Angel"). Conroy, the fourth recipient, not only epitomizes the spirit of the award but also has personal ties to Wolfe.

Both grew up in households where fear and abuse ruled. Both saw love and affection smothered by violence. Both responded through their written works, rooted in pain but ending in triumph.

"Thomas Wolfe had taken this great pain and turned it into good art," Conroy said.

From the moment he read Wolfe, Conroy knew he would be a writer. He since has tried to emulate Wolfe by capturing anger, love, hatred and redemption in his writing.



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Author Pat Conroy delivers a lecture Tuesday night after receiving the 2003 Thomas Wolfe Prize in Hill Hall Auditorium. UNC alumnus Ben M. Jones and Thomas Wolfe Scholar Hannah Poston presented the medal.

"This is what I learned from reading Thomas Wolfe: A book can change your life and change it forever," he said.

Conroy's works, like Wolfe's, pull heavily from characters and experiences within his family, an act mirrored in his speech.

"If I didn't have such a wild family, I don't know what I would write about," Conroy said. "With my family I shall never go hungry."

But in the end, it wasn't about pain or triumph. Conroy was honored to receive an award in the name of a man he so greatly

respects. "I will have no finer night on earth than this night. If I put this in a novel, it will be such melodrama — such silliness — you would not read the book."

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