

**STATE AND NATION**  
System leaders discuss out-of-state cap proposal

A UNC-system Board of Governors' committee met Thursday in Boone to continue to discuss a policy approved last week that would admit as many as 4 percent more nonresident students to system schools.

BOG Chairman Brad Wilson spoke to the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs about how to handle the out-of-state cap issue from now until November, when the full board will vote on the proposal.

Under the proposal, 4 percent more out-of-state "academically superior" students would be allowed to enroll into UNC-system schools. These students would include nonresident National Merit Scholars, National Achievement Scholars, National Hispanic Scholars and other similarly qualified students.

Wilson encouraged committee members to draw up changes or amendments to the exemption proposal before the board's November meeting. The BOG Budget and Finance Committee today also will review out-of-state tuition in relation to the possible rising enrollment cap. The full BOG will meet at 11 a.m. today.

**Former UNC professor tapped as new UF president**

In a unanimous vote Wednesday, the University of Florida Board of Trustees named former UNC professor and associate dean James Machen the school's 11th president.

Machen was a UNC professor from 1979 to 1989 and served as associate dean of the UNC School of Dentistry from 1983-89.

Machen has served as president of the University of Utah since 1998. He will take office Jan. 5, according to a UF press release.

Machen was one of three finalists selected by the search committee, consisting of UF faculty and BOT members.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Armed men rob man in Chapel Hill apartment**

A Chapel Hill resident was robbed early Thursday morning at the Camelot Village apartment complex near University Mall.

John Proutes Nijie, 41, of 100 W. Rosemary St., was at the residence of George Wayne Prevel, 49, of 130 S. Estes Drive, when two or three men entered the apartment, according to police reports.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the men took Nijie's wallet and ran outside to a car. Nijie approached the car and one of the men pointed a handgun at him, Cousins said. Minor injuries were reported, and Chapel Hill police are investigating.

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Weekend events mark Hispanic Heritage Month**

October is Hispanic Heritage Month, and two campuswide events will take place this weekend to help people celebrate it.

Today, leading labor organizer and former sweatshop worker Marco Antonio Torres will be at UNC to discuss working conditions and the recent implementation of NAFTA. Also, the Office for Minority Affairs is sponsoring its second annual Fall Hispanic Student Recruitment Weekend, which will bring 30 to 35 Hispanic high school seniors to campus.

**University's 'birthday' to be celebrated Sunday**

UNC will celebrate University Day this Sunday, an annual event commemorating the laying of the first cornerstone of the University.

The event, which is held every Oct. 12, will start at 1:30 p.m. with the procession of the faculty into Hill Hall Auditorium. Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan and a former UNC vice chancellor for graduate studies and research, will be the guest speaker.

**CALENDAR**

**Weekend**

The Iranian Film Festival, hosted by UNC's Persian Cultural Society, continues in the Union Auditorium. For more information visit <http://www.unc.edu/pcs>.

**Saturday**

7 p.m. — The East Coast Pipers' Association will present an evening of traditional Irish piping and fiddling 7 p.m. Saturday in Gerrard Hall. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

For the full story see <http://www.dailytarheel.com>.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

# Housing key issue at NAACP forum

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Affordable housing, resources for minorities and renaming Airport Road to Martin Luther King Boulevard dominated the discussion at a Chapel Hill Town Council candidates forum Thursday night.

During the forum hosted by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, candidates fielded questions

regarding minority status and quality of life in the town.

Michelle Cotton-Laws, the chapter's vice president, voiced concern over rising living costs and the inability of local workers to buy homes in Chapel Hill.

"It was the folks at the bottom lifting this city up to the top," Cotton-Laws said. "They shouldn't have to leave this city because they can't pay their taxes."

Chapter president Fred Battle

echoed her sentiments and pointed out that black workers comprise a sizable percentage of municipal employees.

In accordance with Battle's concern, the Town Council hopefuls continually went back to affordable housing concerns as a major issue for minorities. "I want to make sure we can find a way for people to stay in their houses," said candidate Thatcher Freund. "Orange County has a good living wage, but it does-

n't do much good if it's not enough to live on."

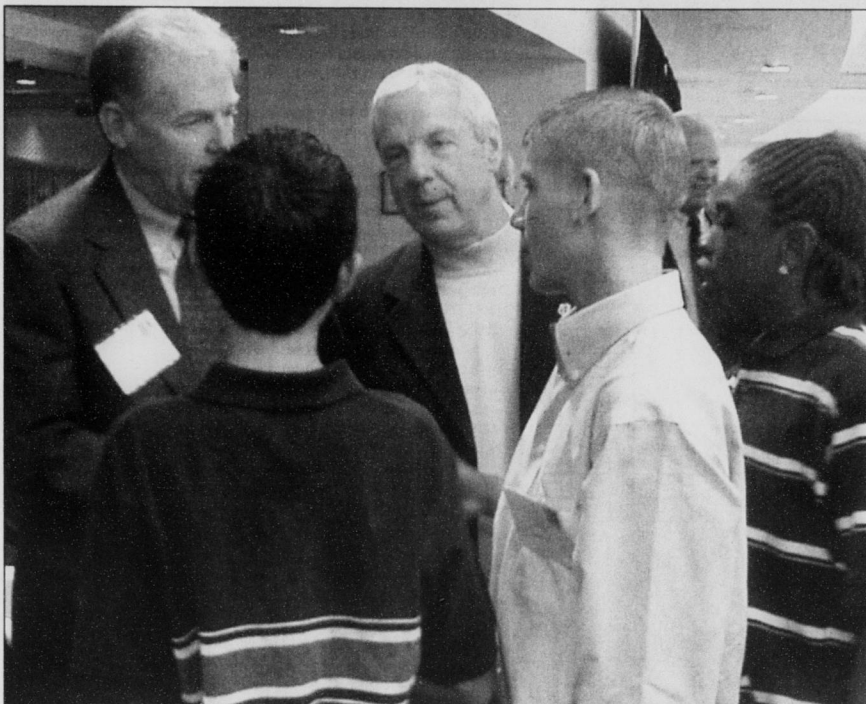
Candidate Cam Hill said the lack of affordable housing was partially attributable to the influx of UNC students into the local housing market.

Nine of the 12 candidates vying for four spots on the council were present and unanimously supported the renaming of Airport Road to Martin Luther King Boulevard.

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Carrboro Board of Aldermen, school board candidates field NAACP queries.

Candidate Sally Greene said that while she supports the renaming, she would prefer a more unique commemoration.

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Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser (left) and UNC coach Roy Williams meet Thursday with children at the RBC Center. Below: Williams, Duke assistant coach Steve Wojciechowski, Prosser and N.C. State coach Herb Sendek take questions.

## COACHES RALLY FOR CHILDREN

BY SCOTT SIMONTON  
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RALEIGH — Four ACC men's basketball coaches met Thursday at the RBC Center to support Oak Ranch, a Christian organization geared toward the relief of at-risk children living in broken homes.

Those present — coach Herb Sendek of N.C. State University, coach Skip Prosser of Wake Forest University, assistant coach Steve Wojciechowski of Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill coach Roy Williams — answered questions about their careers in front of Oak Ranch sponsors.

Moderating the panel was ESPN personality and college basketball expert Jay Bilas, who posed questions focusing on themes of personal development and potential.

"The best advice I ever received from my high school basketball coach was to never place a ceiling on my future," Wojciechowski said.

He overcame a height disadvantage to receive a Duke basketball scholarship and went on to be named the NCAA Defensive Player of the Year as a senior before joining the team's coaching staff the next year.



Williams, who was raised by his single mother, spoke of the impact his high school basketball coach had on him.

"I didn't have much of a father figure growing up, so I looked up to my coach for that form of influence," he said.

These stories were appropriate considering Oak Ranch's mission, which includes reuniting families and providing children with a healthy living environment. After the coaches shared personal experiences and humorous banter, the fund raising began.

An auction, during which autographed basketballs and team jerseys were sold, was held to cover one-sixth of the organization's costs for the year, said Phillip Richmond, Oak Ranch executive director.

A UNC jersey with No. 23 — Michael Jordan's number in the early 1980s — and Williams' signature sold for \$1,500.

This lucrative event was made pos-

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## Town Council hopefuls criticize traffic cameras

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Eleven out of 12 Chapel Hill Town Council candidates have voiced opposition to the town's new SafeLight red light camera system.

If four or more of those in opposition are elected, a majority of the council will oppose the system, making it vulnerable.

Two cameras were installed at the intersection of Airport Road and Estes Drive and the intersection of U.S. 15-501 and Sage Road at the end of August.

Mayor Kevin Foy, who is running for re-election unopposed, already has spoken out against the cameras at council meetings, as has incumbent Bill Strom.

Candidates Woodrow Barfield, Sally Greene, Thatcher Freund, Cam Hill, Rudy Juliano, Mike McSwain, Andrea Rohrbacher, Doug Schworer and Terri Tyson all said that they do not agree with the principle of red light cameras and that they would consider removing

them upon election.

Invasion of privacy, a possible increase in rear-end collisions and the small percentage of citation revenue coming to the town were given as primary reasons for objection.

"I think that driving by them is kind of scary," Greene said. "They look like 'big brother' watching us."

Will Raymond, a local resident, has been speaking to the candidates about the cameras and encouraging them to oppose the new technology.

Raymond brought up the issue at the Sierra Club's Sept. 23 candidate forum. "I think it surprised some of them that it came up," he said. "I don't know that they really anticipated that it would be an issue in this election."

Juliano said he did not know much about the cameras until the subject was brought to his attention recently by local residents.

"Probably the telling argument for me is there's not a lot of economic benefit for the town in doing this."

According to the town's contract with Affiliated Computer Services Inc., the private firm hired to

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## Need for Isabel aid growing

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Since Hurricane Isabel damaged parts of Eastern North Carolina in September, the rising amount of federal and state disaster relief reached a total of \$40 million Wednesday.

But some officials say the allotted funds will not be enough to cover the havoc Isabel wreaked on the state.

"The numbers will keep increasing," said Don North, spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

North said 969 people filed for assistance, and 11 more N.C. counties were declared disaster areas Wednesday, bringing the total to 47 counties.

He said that for an area to be declared a disaster, Gov. Mike Easley must write a letter to President Bush once state and local resources have been exhausted. If the president deems a county a disaster area, citizens of that county are eligible to apply for aid from FEMA's disaster budget.

Regardless of how extensive the relief funding turns out to be, North said, U.S. citizens are fortunate to be granted federal aid at



A National Guardsman removes records from the Swan Quarter courthouse four days after Hurricane Isabel flooded the coastal town.

all. "We are one of the few countries in the world who cares enough about its citizens to have such a fund," he said. "In most countries, it's 'tough luck.'"

Easley was not able to comment on the latest relief funding, but his office has urged continued support and donations to hurricane vic-

ties. Some aid is applied for through the U.S. Small Business Administration, said Frank Adinolfi, acting public information officer of SBA's Disaster Area Two, which covers most southeast-

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## Council takes teeth out of ordinance to save business

Existing bars were saved from installing sprinklers

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Power of the public voice and downtown economic vitality topped the reasons for the Chapel Hill Town Council's gutting of a new sprinkler ordinance Wednesday night.

Council members approved the sprinkler ordinance in a 8-1 vote, after deleting sections that would require existing bars and clubs to retrofit sprinklers into their facilities.

Under the deleted sections, local bars Hell, Bub O'Malley's and Treehouse would have been forced to shut down due to the high costs of sprinkler installation.

The revised ordinance requires only new establishments serving alcohol with an occupancy exceeding 200 persons to install sprinklers. Bars with exits above or below street level require sprinklers if their threshold exceeds 150 people.

Council members seemed to be swayed Wednesday by impassioned pleas from local bar patrons and managers who spoke out against the ordinance before its changes.

"Owners of bars made very strong arguments that safety is paramount to them," said council member Bill Strom, who initiated the revisions.

The ordinance originally was proposed last February, after a fire in a Rhode Island nightclub resulted in the deaths of 99 people.

Town officials approached Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones after the Rhode Island incident to explore measures that would prevent a similar tragedy in local nightclubs.

The initial proposal required sprinklers for existing businesses, including restaurants, with a threshold exceeding 50 people. But public complaints about its broad scope influenced town staff to increase the threshold to 200 people and exempt restaurants from compliance.

Despite the deletion of sections affecting existing establishments, Jones said, he's still confident patrons will be safe in local bars and nightclubs. "The important part is that no new bars will open without having sprinklers," he said.

But council member Mark Kleinschmidt, who cast the lone dissenting vote, said the imprecision of the ordinance language does not address fire safety adequately.

"I don't think we should be patting ourselves on the back saying, 'We solved the fire safety problem' because we didn't," he said. "A new place could avoid having a sprinkler because it puts in a grill."

Kleinschmidt said the ordinance should be more inclusive of other places of assembly, including live music venues such as Local 506.

Council member Pat Evans said she voted in favor of the revised ordinance because she feared the possible closing of existing bars would hurt downtown business. "In better economic times when business would support the (sprinkler) costs, we all might have voted differently," Evans said.

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