

STATE BRIEFS
Easley pushes no vote on campus-based tuition hikes

RALEIGH, N.C. — Gov. Mike Easley is asking the UNC-system Board of Governors to vote against campus-based tuition increases when it meets this week.

In a letter to board Chairman Brad Wilson, Easley stated that increasing tuition would hurt access to higher education in the state. "Many families have been hit hard by our national recession and unhelpful trade policy and argue that increases of this size should not be considered at this time," Easley wrote. "I agree."

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Campaign signs damaged two weekends in a row

For the second straight weekend, student elections campaign signs were vandalized in what appears to be premeditated action.

Two signs for student body president candidate Matt Calabria had screws removed, with one left toppled to the ground. Hinges on a sign for candidate Matt Compton were ripped apart, although the sign remained upright. A sign for senior class president candidates Becca Frucht and Jovian Irvin was completely dismantled. All the signs were located in Polk Place, next to several others that were left untouched.

Last weekend six signs were vandalized or stolen from campus, including three belonging to the Calabria campaign staff.

Two University magazines endorse SBP candidates

Candidate Faudlin Pierre emerged victorious at BoUNCe Magazine's "Student Body President Smackdown II: The Reckoning" on Friday night, after a sumo wrestling match with candidate Matt Calabria.

The UNC Loreleis performed after the first round of trivia eliminated four candidates: Matt Compton, Matt Liles, Laura Thomas and John Walker.

Candidate Ashley Castevens was eliminated in the second round that asked participants for a one-liner.

Candidate Lily West lost to Calabria in an arm-wrestling match, putting Calabria against Pierre in the final sumo-wrestling round.

Admission to the event raised \$243 for cystic fibrosis, said BoUNCe associate editor Jake Goldman.

"I think we're definitely moving up," he said. "Next year's going to be bigger, better and odder than you can possibly imagine."

Student body president candidates Matt Calabria and Lily West each picked up another endorsement during the weekend. Calabria won the endorsement of student magazine the Blue & White, bringing his total number of endorsements to three.

The UNC undergraduate chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union voted to endorse West, giving West her fifth endorsement of the campaign season.

CITY BRIEFS
Wachovia branch robbed Friday by man with gun

Wachovia Bank on 101 Banks Drive in Timberlyne Shopping Center was robbed Friday morning, reports state.

According to reports, a male entered the bank at 11:10 a.m. with a handgun and handed a note demanding money to a teller. The teller submitted to the request and gave him an undisclosed amount of cash, reports state.

No injuries were reported.

The suspect was last seen heading north on University Station Road on foot. He is described as a white male with brown hair and a beard in his late thirties and of a stocky build. He was wearing a white baseball hat, green jacket and blue jeans at the time of the incident, reports state. The case is under further investigation.

Money reported missing from Caribou Coffee's safe

Caribou Coffee on 110 W. Franklin St. reported money taken from its secured safe Friday, reports state. According to reports, the money was last known secure at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and was missing at 5:30 a.m. Friday.

The case is under further investigation. Police have no suspects.

CALENDAR Today

7 p.m. — Back by popular demand, economics Professor Ralph Byrns will entertain in 211 Gardner Hall with his tale of romance mishaps until he put economics to use.

From staff and wire reports.

Faculty needs to get \$100M more

Campaign funds to aid retention

BY EMILY STEEL
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Officials from the Carolina First campaign cited an urgent problem with faculty retention at the steering committee meeting Friday as they announced plans to increase funding for faculty priorities by \$100 million.

The campaign will reserve about

\$400 million of the \$1.8 billion private fund-raising campaign for faculty retention and recruitment.

"This is critically important to the University," said Mike Overlock, co-chairman of the steering committee. "Faculty are the heart of this institution."

The funds will be earmarked for more than 200 endowed profes-

sorships, educational opportunities and research projects.

"When you think about Chapel Hill, you have to think about your faculty, your students and your reputation," Overlock said. "And I think that's one we need to protect."

The campaign now will play a larger role in a University-wide initiative to address the problem with faculty retention.

Richard Soloway, interim dean

of the College of Arts and Sciences, detailed the problem of faculty retention for steering committee members.

He called the issue a problem that keeps him up at night as he explained how the graying of College faculty, national competition for top faculty and cutbacks in state allocations exacerbates the problem.

Soloway said the highly competitive environment in higher educa-

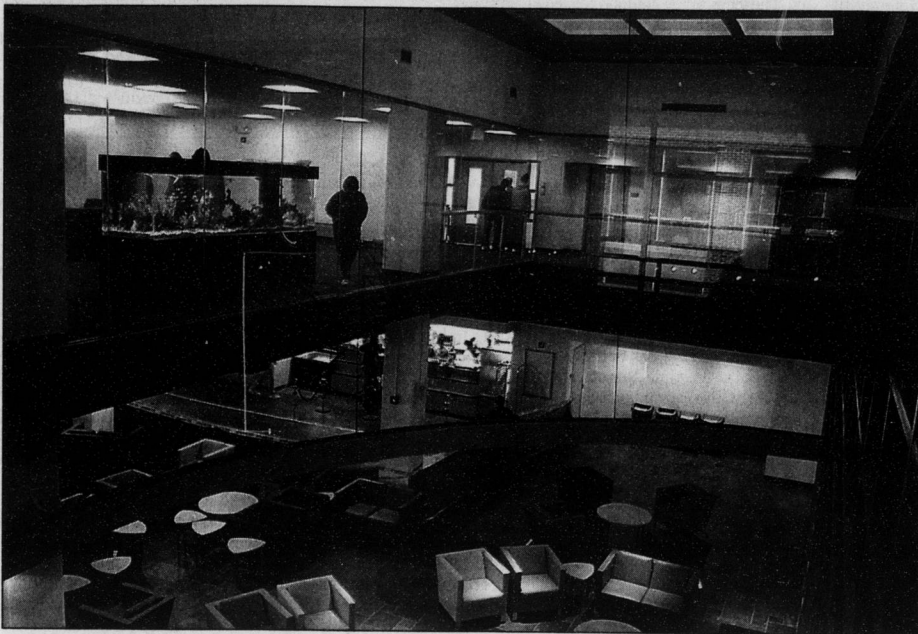
tion is his biggest concern.

"We are increasingly being raided by other institutions, primarily private institutions," Soloway said. "You can love the southern part of heaven only to a certain point."

He said the ability to provide endowments through the Carolina First campaign has helped retain and attract faculty and has maintained the institution's quality.

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"We hope that students, when you're not in class or in the library, you want to be here. That's our goal." DON LUSE, CAROLINA UNION DIRECTOR



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From the second floor of the renovated Student Union, lounge seating and the Alpine Bagel Shop are visible on the first floor. The class of 2001 aquarium has been installed on the upper level. The Union's opening is 12:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Renovated Student Union primed to reopen Tuesday

Complete with meeting space, aquarium

BY LIZZIE STEWART
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The windows are now covered with brown paper, and a decorated giant bow, complete with a gift tag, will soon appear in anticipation of 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, when students will unwrap the newly renovated Student Union.

Doors will open, jaws will drop and life will be injected into the Union at the grand reopening and rededication ceremony.

Carolina Union Director Don Luse said he hopes the event will mark a milestone in students' careers at UNC.

"We're all so excited we can hardly stand it," Luse said. "We're very anxious to see what students think."

The first phase of the Union's expansion was completed in August 2002 — 14 months behind schedule — with the opening of a new Union building. The old Union building was then closed for renovation.

A myriad of changes await the student body upon entering.

The Alpine Bagel Shop has replaced Union Station and the restaurant's seating area overlooks the Pit. "This is

the prime real estate on campus," Luse said. "We wanted to increase visibility from the inside to the outside."

In the middle of first floor, a host of new furniture will surround a big-screen television.

Five e-mail stations fully equipped with flat-screen monitors will be available for student use.

A large glass wall in the center of the Union replaces the stairwell and extends to the second floor.

The wall will absorb noise from the first floor and make the upper level a prime study spot.

Lounges throughout the second floor will accommodate more students and will have wireless Internet access.

Brightly carpeted open walkways also have replaced the once dark tunnel-like hallways.

"We wanted a feeling of warmth, bright light, a place you want to be," Luse said.

A large aquarium complete with authentic driftwood and plants, a gift from the class of 2001, is on the second floor.

The second floor of the Union also

will better facilitate the lack of meeting space on campus, which has been a concern of student organizations in the past.

Campus Crossroads is one of the many organizations that will have office space or meeting rooms in the renovated Union.

"We've been needing some office space on campus for a while now," said Justin Wright, the senior pastor of Campus Crossroads. "It will really help us to be a lot more organized."

Campus organizations also will benefit from the newly renovated Great Hall, which is located on the first floor.

The Great Hall is the largest floor space on campus, so it is a very popular venue, said Jon Curtis, assistant director of student activities and organizations for the Union.

"I know that there are groups that are planning lots of activities," he said.

Improvements to Great Hall include the installation of acoustic paneling and a lighting system. The stage also was extended, making it handicap accessible. While the balcony no longer serves as a seating area, there will be more room for technical

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Award cites Sharpton's work with civil rights

Event marks anniversary of sit-ins in Greensboro

BY KAVITA PILLAI
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GREENSBORO — Democratic presidential candidate the Rev. Al Sharpton took time away from campaigning in Michigan to accept an award Friday night for his continuing efforts in the civil rights movement.

The award was given by Sit-In Movement Inc. and the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in a banquet commemorating the start of the movement.

That movement began Feb. 1, 1960, when four black N.C. Agricultural & Technical University students sat in protest at the segregated lunch counter of a F.W. Woolworth Co. store.

"There's no better place for me to be tonight," Sharpton said after accepting the Alston/Jones International Civil and Human Rights Award. "If it wasn't for (the four N.C. A&T students), someone like me could never dream of being president."

Sharpton cited the efforts of early civil rights activists as the reason for his successes and compared his struggles with those of other presidential hopefuls.

Sharpton said presidential candidate John Edwards of North Carolina "would talk about how it was good for America that he was the son of a mill worker. I said to him, 'My father couldn't even be a mill worker.'"

The event also publicized the Feb. 1, 2005 opening of a civil rights museum in Greensboro's F.W. Woolworth building to honor the students and other activists. "We need a museum so that our children will know that we didn't get here by luck and circumstance," Sharpton said.

Franklin McCain, one of the original sit-in participants, was also present at the banquet and expressed support for Sharpton's bid for the presidency.

McCain said that although some say Sharpton is crazy for continuing his candidacy, the assumption might not be a bad thing. "I like crazy folk because they subscribe to the position that the facts don't matter if the dreams are good enough."

Sharpton said he is not campaigning in vain. "The

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Al Sharpton gives a speech Friday at a banquet honoring the start of the civil rights sit-in movement.

Heart attack inspires artist CAA focuses on event awareness

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When Alice Levinson had her turtleneck T-shirt sheared from her body by paramedics, little did she know that two years later it would become the focal point for one of her most provocative art projects.

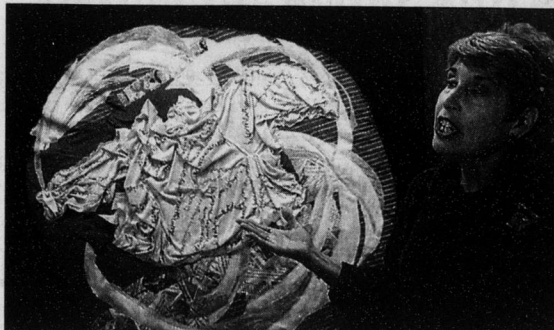
At the time, Levinson, a clinical psychologist and artist who lives in Hillsborough, was experiencing a heart attack. Unaware of what was happening to her body, she decided to play it safe and dial 911.

That decision, which ultimately saved her life, inspired her mixed media work, "Call 9-1-1," which was donated to the N.C. Women's Hospital on Friday during National Wear Red Day for Women.

Part of a campaign waged by the American Heart Association, the goal of National Wear Red Day is to publicize the fact that heart disease is the leading cause of death among women.

Levinson told the story of her survival and spoke about her artwork at a donation ceremony in the hospital lobby. A crowd of almost 30 listeners clad in red wore small red pins in the shape of a dress, the symbol of National Wear Red Day.

The onset of Levinson's heart attack occurred as she began pack-



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Alice Levinson, a clinical psychologist and artist, speaks about her work, "Call 9-1-1," which was donated to the N.C. Women's Hospital.

ing her belongings after a week of skiing in Colorado with her husband. "I got up to pack and was getting ready to take a journey home but not knowing I'd be taking another journey through shock, confusion and pain," she said.

Despite Levinson's medical background and the presence of her husband, Sidney, a doctor and faculty member in the hospital's Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, it never occurred to her that she was having a heart attack. Her healthy lifestyle, which includes frequent physical activity,

and the absence of a family history of heart disease kept the possibility of such an attack from Levinson's mind.

But Magnus Ohman, director of the UNC Heart Center and chief of the Division of Cardiology, said such scenarios are not uncommon.

"It's very hard for us to convey to women that (heart disease) is the number one condition that women die from every year," Ohman said, noting that heart attacks are traditionally considered more of a male

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Candidates hope to boost support

BY GREG PARKER
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The position of Carolina Athletic Association president is the most powerful role a student can hold when it comes to the administration of the UNC Department of Athletics.

The organization's president and officers serve as liaisons between the athletic department and the student body.

The CAA president is also the primary student sought for consultation on athletic affairs, said Director Teague, associate athletic director for marketing and promotion. "The first person we would talk to would be the CAA president," he said. "We really listen to what that person has to say."

But four years after the organization led the charge to install a risers student section in the Smith Center, CAA officials and candidates for CAA president are pri-

marily focused on the promotional and event planning duties that accompany the position.

CAA presidential candidate William Keith and write-in candidate Alexander Smith both highlight in their platforms the importance of CAA's role of marketing UNC athletics to students.

"I am going to work to secure more funding for things such as signage and fliers, so that students know about games," Keith said.

Smith said he hopes to continue promoting campaigns such as "Turn It Blue," which encourages students to wear Carolina blue to sporting events, to enhance student support at athletic events.

Former CAA President Tee Pruitt, who held office during the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 academic years and was the driving force behind the installation of the risers in 2000, said it's important that the CAA president advocate for students' wishes.

But Pruitt acknowledged that had it not been for a fortunately-

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