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## Attorney general targets hazing

*Chavez aims for 'proactive' stance*

BY RAND ROBINS

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The judicial branch of student government will initiate a proactive strategy to tackle hazing problems within a variety of campus organizations under the guidance of newly inaugurated Student Attorney General Carolina Chavez.

During fall semester the Honor Court heard about five or six hazing-related cases, a number that marks a significant increase compared with past semesters, said Jonathan Slain, former student attorney general. He said that typically, the court hears about one or two cases per semester.

"There were more cases coming through, and that brought to light a larger community issue," Chavez said. "I'd much rather be proactive than reactive with hazing."

Past efforts to curb hazing have proven difficult, but both Chavez and Slain said they sense a shift in the University's culture that could lend itself to a change in the way all campus organizations — and not just the Greek community — recruit and initiate new members.

Hazing rituals are historically entrenched in some campus organizations, but, Chavez said, making first-year students understand that hazing is unacceptable behavior will begin to guide student organizations in a safer direction.

"It's going to take a while, but there's no reason not to get started now," she said. "If we can be proactive, maybe we can prevent a tragedy."

Slain said a more proactive approach to hazing was discussed with administrators, but that his staff did not focus on hazing specifically. "What Carolina's doing is innovative and ambitious," he said.

While awareness has increased, Slain said, hazing investigations are difficult to conduct because a general lack of hard evidence pits one person's word against another's.

Chavez said hazing charges are not taken lightly. Organizations and individuals can be convicted for hazing violations with sanctions ranging from a written warning to expulsion from the UNC-system.

The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance states that the severity of sanctions depends on the severity and frequency of the offense. A continued increase in hazing cases could result in increasingly harsher sanctions.

"But that's more of the reactive end," Chavez said of trials and sanctions. "I'd rather be proactive."

Although Chavez is still settling into her office, she said she will soon meet with Interfraternity

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## System schools top beneficiaries

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A \$300 million loan signed Wednesday by state leaders will make possible urgent repairs and renovations to state offices and UNC-system schools.

The approval of the loan by the Council of State, a group of high-ranking N.C. officials, marks the first such move since Gov. Mike Easley took office.

For their part, state legislators said that they pushed for the most effective way of financing the loan and that they are uncertain the state will be able to appropriate enough money for renovations

next year if the budget continues to be tight.

Receiving the largest amounts of money are UNC-Chapel Hill,

N.C. State University, East

Carolina University, the N.C.

Legislative Building, the N.C.

Supreme Court building and the

N.C. Department of Health and

Human Services.

N.C. Rep. Joe Hackney, D-

Orange, said the amount of money

that went to each school was

determined on a square-foot basis.

The projects the money will cover are determined by each school.

UNC-CH leads the school list

and will receive \$28 million to

repair roofs and buildings to avoid

structural problems.

N.C. State follows with \$24 mil-

lion.

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## Curry denied spot on roster

BY BRIAN MACPHERSON

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North Carolina men's basketball coach Roy Williams announced Wednesday that he has withdrawn a scholarship offer to a highly touted recruit.

Jamie On Curry, the state's all-time leading high school scorer, originally was part of a four-player recruiting class for next season, but he pleaded guilty Monday to six drug charges including possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana.

Curry was sentenced to three years' probation, 200 hours of community service and various fines in Alamance County court.

"This has been a very difficult time for Jamie On and his family and also for our basketball program," said UNC coach Roy Williams in a statement. "He is a nice young man, but one who made some very serious mistakes."

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Tar Heel recruit JamesOn Curry will not play basketball for North Carolina.

## Herrera pushes voting

BY SHANNAN BOWEN

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Though John Herrera, a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, married a U.S. citizen in 1988, he had to wait 10 more years to become a citizen himself.

During the waiting period, prolonged because of lost immigration papers, Herrera couldn't participate in local government or vote for representatives in his town.

But Herrera told the board Tuesday that he wants to ask state legislators to grant Carrboro immigrants who are permanent residents and have applied for U.S. citizenship the right to vote in local municipal elections. The board will meet with members of the Orange County delegation to the N.C. General Assembly on April 19.

"If you are already living here and paying taxes and doing things citizens do, the only thing you don't have is right to vote," he said.

Herrera said the state can grant

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## State signs \$300M loan for college repairs



Workers continue renovations Wednesday afternoon in Kenan Residence Hall, one of several North Campus buildings closed this semester.

## Funds help UNC upgrade buildings

BY LAUREN HARRIS

STAFF WRITER

About a dozen aging buildings on campus will receive much-needed repairs during the next two years, thanks to an allocation of almost \$28 million from the state.

The projects will include roof repairs and restorations, fire safety improvements and window replacements.

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for planning and construction, said the biggest priority is the replacement or repair of

roofs and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.

"We've got a lot of buildings that do not cool properly," he said. "Technology has changed where systems are more efficient. We simply need to replace these systems."

Roof repairs and replacements will help ensure the safety of University employees and students by protecting the interiors of seven buildings: Davie, Howell, Caldwell,

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