

# The Daily Tar Heel

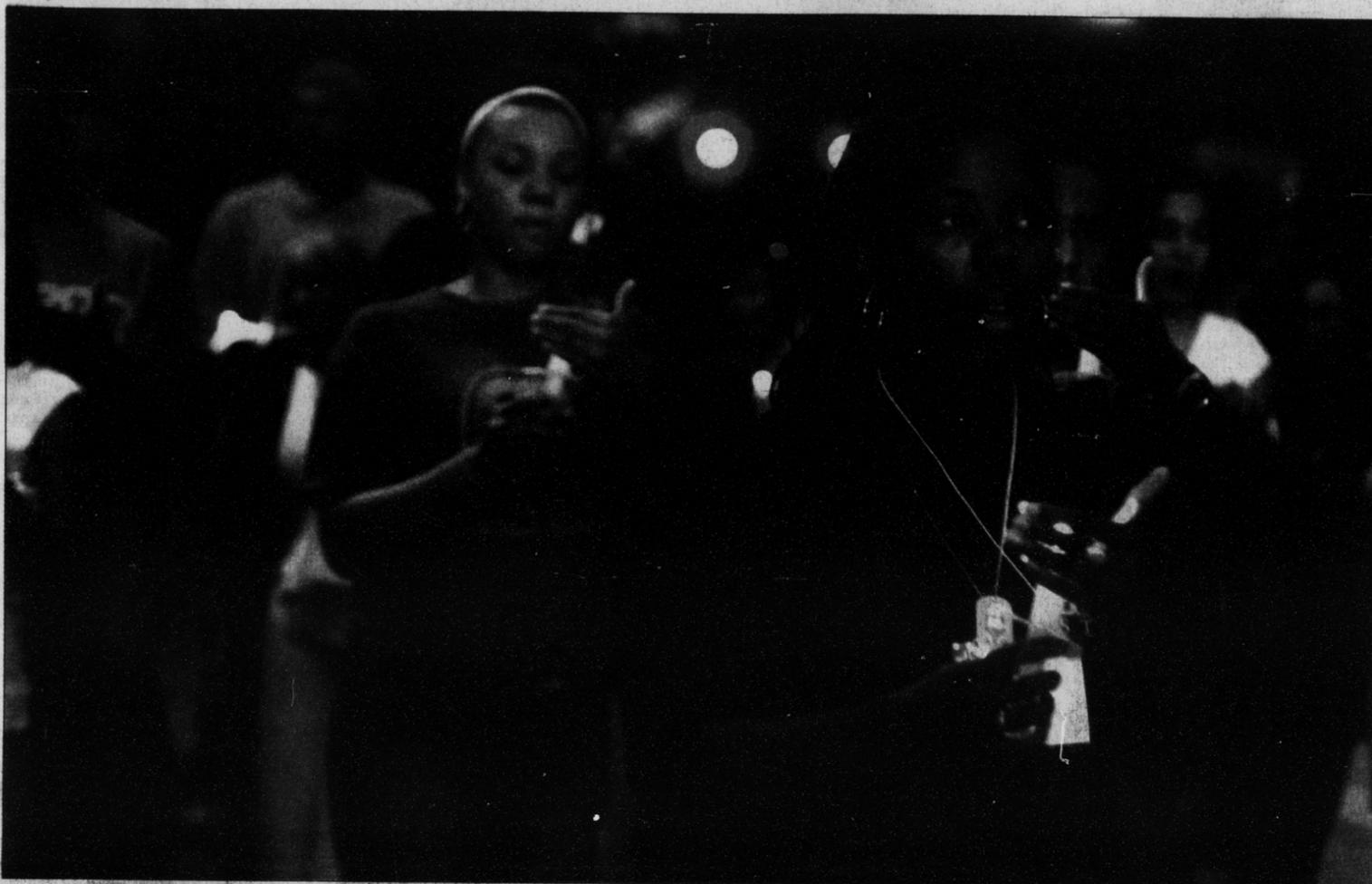
VOLUME 112, ISSUE 52

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2004

www.dthonline.com

## SET IN STONE

After more than a decade of debate, the University's freestanding black cultural center opens



OTH PHOTOS/LAURA MORTON

Senior Michelle Greene, a four-year Community member who worked for the old Black Cultural Center, helps lead a procession to the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History on Friday.

BY ARMAN TOLENTINO STAFF WRITER

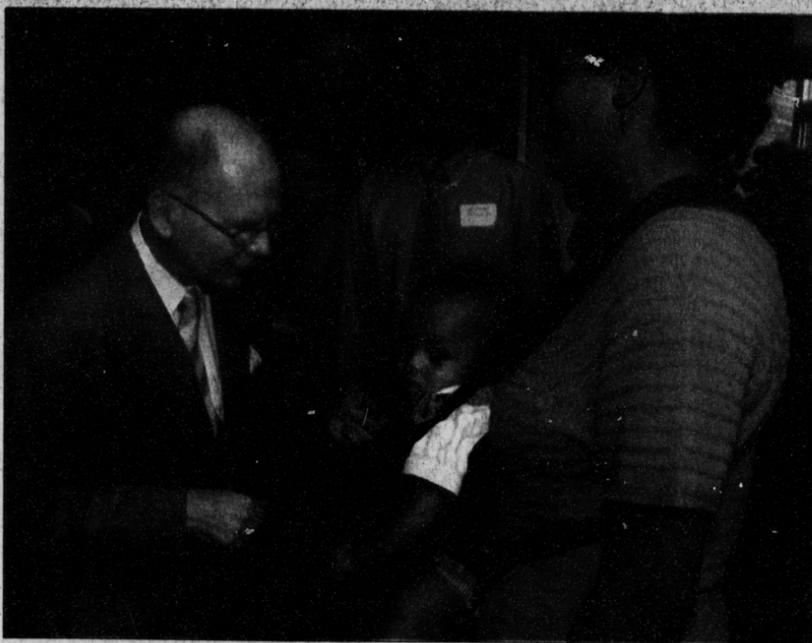
**O**vercast skies and light rain didn't stop the grand opening ceremony Saturday morning for the freestanding Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History — an event that marked the culmination of more than a decade of controversy, advocacy, planning and fund raising.

Chancellor James Moeser, with Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy, UNC-system President Molly Broad and other top officials on hand, officially dedicated the building in front of more than 500 guests who gathered under a tent outside the facility.

The morning ceremony was the second part of a four-day grand opening celebration. On Friday night, members of the University community participated in a candlelight vigil and procession from the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery to the new building.

Moeser said the center's opening marked

SEE OPENING, PAGE 7



Chancellor James Moeser speaks with Precious Stone, daughter of Dr. Sonja Haynes Stone, and Kweku Erskine after the center named after Precious' mother had its grand opening ceremony Saturday morning.

### STONE CENTER TIMELINE

- 1988  
UNC's Black Cultural Center is established in a suite in the Student Union.
- 1991  
Professor Sonja Haynes Stone dies of a stroke. Officials rename the BCC in her honor. Students push for a freestanding center on campus.
- 1992  
Former Chancellor Paul Hardin says a new black cultural center should be a "forum, and not a fortress."
- 1993  
The Rev. Jesse Jackson visits UNC, touring the campus and examining potential sites for a freestanding center.
- 1999  
UNC receives a \$29 million gift from a UNC alumnus. Michael Hooker uses part of the gift to finish off the center's fund-raising effort.
- 2001  
Groundbreaking ceremony for Stone Center.
- 2004  
Grand opening ceremony for Stone Center.

## Campus comes under fire

Fraternity conflict prompts review

BY EMILY STEEL  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

After two consecutive years of heated summer reading debates, many UNC officials thought they had escaped controversy this year.

But the University is in the national spotlight again after declining to recognize an all-male Christian fraternity because it refused to sign a nondiscrimination policy last fall.

What began as a simple review of a student organization has spurred a federal investigation. It's

also mushroomed into a constitutional debate — one involving a national civil rights foundation and members of Congress — that many say is likely to end up in court.

### The fallout

Segun Olagunju, a graduate of the class of 2004 who now works with a ministry in Orlando, joined the Alpha Iota Omega his sophomore year. By the time Olagunju was a senior, he was president of

the then seven-member fraternity.

That fall, Olagunju met with Jonathan Curtis, assistant director for student activities and organizations, to discuss his group's application for official recognition. The agreement provides student organizations with access to UNC facilities and funding through student fees.

But Olagunju said he and other members of his fraternity didn't agree with the nondiscrimination portion of the contract, which states membership must be open without regard to age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation.

AIO, Olagunju and other members of his fraternity said, should be restricted to Christian men.

Olagunju said he met with Curtis and Dean Bresciani, then interim vice chancellor for student affairs, and proposed adding a provision to the application. It requested that the fraternity use religious affiliation as a basis for membership.

"We believed that the standards we were seeking to set required that we had that level of selectivity," Olagunju said. "In essence, we believed that it would be dishonest

SEE FRATERNITY, PAGE 5

## UNC makes switch to Pepsi from Coke

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ  
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

With a multimillion dollar offer already cemented and a \$1.5 million donation to the Carolina Covenant in place, UNC administrators are experiencing the joy of cola.

After striking an agreement with UNC to become the preferred vendor for soft drink services on campus, the Raleigh-based Pepsi Bottling Ventures, LLC, now has exclusive rights to supplying fountain drinks in all dining halls and vending machines. The company

also will stock 60 percent of the shelf space in campus retail areas.

Pepsi's deal also marks the largest donation in the history of the Carolina Covenant, a project established last year to provide funding for a University education to low-income students.

Classic Food Services, which supplies Coca-Cola products, previously monopolized the University's soft drink contract, most recently under a five-year contract.

SEE PEPSI, PAGE 7

### DTHONLINE.COM

Check out The Daily Tar Heel's newly redesigned Web site, [www.dthonline.com](http://www.dthonline.com), which launches today. You can use the Reader Feedback link to give us your input.

### INSIDE

#### LEADER OF THE PACK

The search for a new arts director on campus continues **PAGE 5**



### SPORTS

#### NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE

The football team looks to rebound from two consecutive poor seasons **PAGE 16**

### WEATHER

**TODAY** Partly cloudy, H 85, L 64  
**TUESDAY** Partly cloudy, H 86, L 64  
**WEDNESDAY** Showers, H 83, L 67

