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## BALLANTINE TAKES BITE OUT OF BIG APPLE



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Patrick Ballantine, the Republican candidate for N.C. governor, catches a cab ride in New York on Wednesday morning after eating breakfast with the North Carolina delegation to the Republican National Convention. Ballantine, who will challenge Gov. Mike Easley in November, visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Madison Square Garden, site of the convention.

## Congress prepares to work with CAA

Committee seeks to aid discussion

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After a campuswide critique of the handling of this year's Homecoming concert, members of Student Congress are set to combine their efforts with those of the Carolina Athletic Association.

Congress members passed a resolution Tuesday that establishes a subcommittee to evaluate how the CAA can better work to serve students.

The subcommittee, which will be composed of four representatives, was charged with several tasks, including working with the CAA to "pursue goals consonant with the interests of the student body."

Speaker Charlie Anderson said the action was needed because of the communication gap that has grown between the groups during past years.

"We are evaluating existing organizational relationships and how CAA interacts with student government," Anderson said. "The relationship has been pretty nonexistent."

CAA's organizational efforts have been called into question after the recent cancellation of Sister Hazel's booking for the Homecoming concert.

CAA President Will Keith has been critiqued by those who say he single-handedly selected Sister Hazel as the band for the concert before consulting the student body.

Plans for the concert were canceled after sound and security fees added an extra \$8,000 to the already \$20,000 price tag for Sister Hazel's performance.

Keith said he hopes that, with the new effort to bond with Congress, students' needs will be met more efficiently.

"I encourage them to make the working relationship better between the two organizations," Keith said. "The past three years the groups have been working separately."

The subcommittee members' work will lead them to aid athletic organizations including the CAA and club and intramural sports. The subcommittee also will evaluate field space for club and intramural sports.

This is not the first time that a decision to change the relationship between Congress and the CAA has been made.

In March 2001, in response to concerns about rigged ticket distributions, Congress amended the CAA's constitution and placed the organization under the supervision of future congresses.

In the 2001 decision, Congress

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BY EMMA BURGIN  
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NEW YORK

Gubernatorial candidate Patrick Ballantine celebrated his endorsement by the State Employees Association of North Carolina on Tuesday with a trip to the 2004 Republican National Convention.

The former N.C. Senate minority leader, who will face off against Democratic incumbent Gov. Mike Easley in November, took a stop at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art before heading to Madison Square Garden to check out the convention hall.

Ballantine also joined the North Carolina delegation on a cool Wednesday morning for breakfast at the 24-hour outdoor restaurant Maison.

Despite facing other Republicans in a high-stakes primary in July, the man who came out on top — after former candidate Richard Vinroot opted out of a runoff election — was

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## Speakers attack Kerry's record

BY LAURA YOUNGS  
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NEW YORK — Delegates cheered and waved signs Wednesday evening as Vice President Dick Cheney accepted his party's nomination for the nation's No. 2 job at the 2004 Republican National Convention.

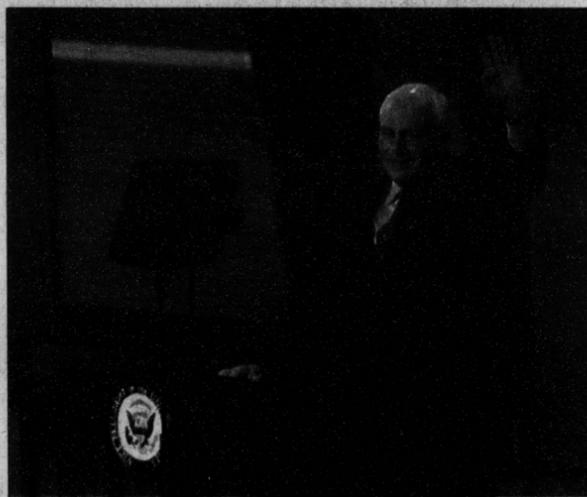
Standing in front of a digitized U.S. flag in Madison Square Garden, Cheney thanked the crowd for its support as signs stating "4 More Years" waved frantically.

Cheney was introduced by his wife, Lynne, who spoke to the crowd about her growing family and how she met her husband, whom she said has been as fit for office as President Bush.

"These men are strong, they are steadfast, they are exactly the leaders we need at this moment in our history," she said.

Playing on a theme common throughout the convention, Cheney emphasized the divide between Bush and Democratic nominee John Kerry, mainly focusing on what Republicans have called Kerry's tendency to "flip-flop."

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Vice President Dick Cheney waves to delegates at the 2004 Republican National Convention. In his speech Wednesday, the vice president adopted an aggressive tone toward Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry.

## Workers to get shot at better education

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The University's Employee Forum recently has taken strides to enhance the access UNC's state employees have to an education.

Marking their most recent effort toward this end, forum members passed a resolution Wednesday aimed at increasing the availability of college courses for employees.

"It's just a great feeling to know that people have an opportunity," said Employee Forum Chairman Tommy Griffin. "We're giving people opportunities to move up."

The resolution, passed unanimously on its first reading, allots additional funds to the Educational Assistance Program. It also allows employees to choose from a wider variety of classes.

The Educational Assistance Program reimburses University employees for classes at any accredited university, college or community college.

Employees previously could have taken as many as nine credit hours in job-related classes and be reimbursed for as much as \$250.

Wednesday's resolution, which is effective immediately, allows employees to be reimbursed for as much as \$350 for both job-related and non-job-related classes.

Katherine Graves, vice chairwoman of the Employee Forum, said she hopes the new guidelines will allow employees to improve their education and skills.

"I hope there'll be more people taking classes that don't pertain to their jobs," she said. "All of us have a thirst for knowledge. We all have to be able to go to the fountain of knowledge to drink from it."

The program is a part of the learning initiative of the Chancellor's Task Force for a Better Workplace.

During their meetings last year, task force members drafted a 34-

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## Rosemary Village set to break ground

4-story project could boost downtown

BY RYAN C. TUCK  
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All that stands on the patch of grass and dirt on West Rosemary Street across from the Skylight Exchange now is a billboard.

But in less than a month, construction will begin on a project that local business officials are saying might be the trigger in the revitalization of downtown.

Rosemary Village — a mixed-use, four-story building that will have both retail and residential space — will break ground within a month, said Chris Ehrenfeld, a partner in the project and co-owner of Build Ex Inc., the group doing the construction.

More than two years after receiving a special-use permit to build on the property from the Chapel Hill Town Council, Ehrenfeld said, the project finally can move closer to becoming a reality.

"This is going to revolutionize

West Rosemary Street," he said. "West Rosemary Street will be the town center."

The property will contain four separate four-story brick buildings. There will be luxury condominiums in all four buildings and 5,000 square feet of retail space.

There are five businesses — a dessert shop, a day spa, a coffee shop and two specialty shops — and 21 tenants now attached to the property.

There will be 38 condominiums when the project is complete. Each condo will sell for between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Sandwiched between a parking lot and Mama Dip's and across the street from Skylight and The Fuse, the brick building will be part of the revitalization of downtown, Ehrenfeld said.

Ehrenfeld's project is one of a few planned developments that officials hope will revitalize down-

### ROSEMARY VILLAGE

Rosemary Village will begin construction next month. The mixed-use project will occupy the space of the former Lost City Video on West Rosemary Street across from Skylight Exchange.



SOURCE: ROSEMARYVILLAGE.NET

downtown parking lots 2 and 5, the area will be vibrant again.

"There's opportunity for other large projects," he said. "I envision Rosemary Street being all large buildings in five to 10 years."

Extensive building regulations and zoning requirements have kept the project in the plan-

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