

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Cleanup effort to sweep across campus Saturday

Big Sweep, a program in which people nationwide clean up bodies of water to improve the environment, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Those interested should meet at 10 a.m. at the Bell Tower.

Big Sweep 2004 will clean up Battle Branch Creek and Meeting of the Waters Creek.

For more information, contact Dan Waxman with the UNC Department of Environment, Health & Safety at 914-2387.

Lighting of Bell Tower will take place at 7:30 tonight

The ceremonial lighting of the Morehead-Patterson Bell Tower will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Chancellor James Moeser will lead the ceremony.

A UNC student brass quintet will play before and during the program, which will be followed by a reception on the west side of the Bell Tower.

CITY BRIEFS

Merritt Mill Road resident files missing-signs report

Ted Parrish of 741 S. Merritt Mill Road filed a report with Chapel Hill police Monday morning concerning the apparent theft of signs from his and his neighbor's property.

Parrish said signs that read "STOP the homeless shelter on Merritt Mill Road" were taken at various times Sunday, reports state.

Parrish and members of the Pine Knolls Community have been vocal in their opposition to the possibility of the Inter-Faith Community homeless shelter relocating to Merritt Mill Road.

Parrish said he made the signs as a form of protesting the shelter relocation.

He said he told police that his granddaughter saw a man pull up to different houses on Merritt Mill Road and put the signs in his car but that she did not get a description of the vehicle.

Chapel Hill police are treating the incident as an ongoing investigation.

STATE & NATION

Florida residents prepare, brace themselves for Ivan

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Rather than roll the dice on where 160-mph Hurricane Ivan might strike, Gulf Coast residents from Florida's panhandle all the way to the bayous of Louisiana spent Monday boarding up their houses, tying up their boats and making plans to evacuate.

"I'm getting the hell out of here. This thing's too big," charter boat captain Jerry Weber said as he prepared to steer his 41-foot vessel up the Apalachicola River out of harm's way. "It doesn't matter where it comes ashore, not at this size."

The hard-to-predict Category 5 storm, one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to hit the Caribbean, killed at least 68 people in a devastating run through Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. The storm began hitting western Cuba on Monday.

A hurricane watch was issued late Monday for 420 miles of the northern Gulf of Mexico from Morgan City, La., to St. Marks in the Florida panhandle.

That includes the greater New Orleans area, Pensacola and Panama City. The watch means hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours.

Emergency officials in several panhandle counties began issuing evacuation orders Monday night for those living in mobile homes, barrier islands and storm surge areas. In Escambia County, which includes Pensacola, that order affects 130,000 homes. Earlier, military bases in the region flew out some 275 aircraft, and oil and natural gas companies began evacuating hundreds of workers from offshore rigs in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

In New Orleans, a city largely below sea level and extremely vulnerable to hurricanes, Mayor Ray Nagin urged anyone who could leave to get out as soon as possible. Combined with a voluntary evacuation request in suburban Jefferson Parish, that order covers more than 1 million residents.

"It's my feeling that this storm will pass very close to New Orleans," Nagin said Monday night, adding that only "perfect conditions" would spare the city.

On Pensacola Beach, Mark Sigler and his son stacked sandbags across the driveway of their steel-reinforced dome house that's supposedly designed to withstand hurricane-force winds. They weren't sticking around to find out.

From staff and wire reports.

Ackland receives prestigious grant

Art museum to display family's works

BY CLAIRE DORRIER
 STAFF WRITER

With the help of a \$70,000 grant, the University's Ackland Art Museum will host a special exhibition, displaying the work of a family of artists for the first time.

"Family Legacies," which will debut Dec. 18, 2005, will feature the art of internationally acclaimed artists Betye, Lezley and Alison Saar, said Barbara Matilsky, the Ackland's curator of

exhibitions.

"It's a mother and her two daughters that are addressing issues of mixed-race identity, ideas of family and issues of stereotypes," Matilsky said.

Their art includes collage, assemblage and mixed-media sculptures.

"The Ackland is planning an outstanding exhibition that is innovative and remarkably exciting and of interest to many people," said Tina

CoyneSmith, director of development at the museum.

Matilsky said the exhibition will mark the first time the mother-daughter trio will have its work appear together.

"We thought it would be a great exhibition, and to include the other sister would make it more interesting," she said.

The funding for the exhibit was provided by the Altria Group, the parent company of Kraft Foods, Philip Morris International and Philip Morris USA.

CoyneSmith said Altria was

looking to fund exhibitions that featured visually innovative, diverse and historically important artists working with a variety of media. The museum was invited to apply for the award in January and received notification in July that it was chosen to receive the grant.

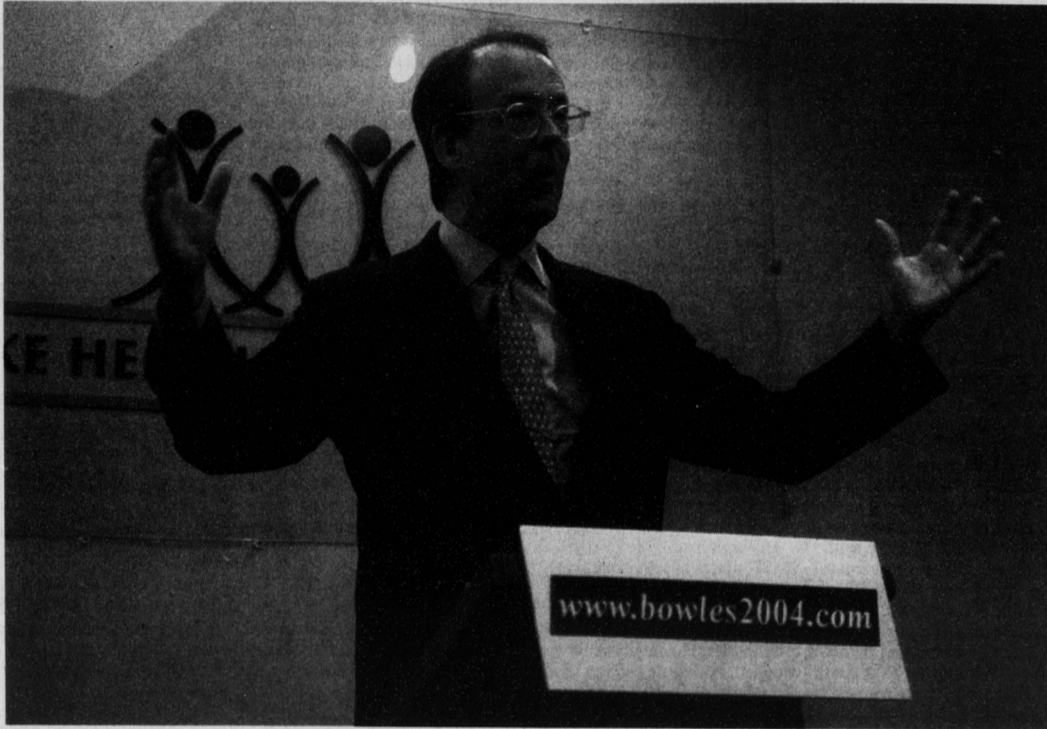
"Our exhibition was a great fit for what they were looking to fund," CoyneSmith said.

When contacted Monday afternoon, officials from Altria said they preferred not to comment about the grant.

About 200 museums throughout the nation applied for grants from Altria, and the Ackland was one of 20 to receive an award, CoyneSmith said. Some other winners include the American Folk Art Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

"We are really proud to have won that and to be a part of such a competitive group," CoyneSmith said. "It really shows the quality of Ackland's program and the strength

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DTH/LAURA MORTON

Erskine Bowles, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, speaks Monday afternoon at the Wake County Health Services building in Raleigh. Bowles spoke about his \$196.7 billion health care plan, which he says will make coverage more affordable and available to more people.

Bowles trumpets health plan

Says he'll provide for kids and their parents

BY MARK PUENTE
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RALEIGH — Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Erskine Bowles touted his comprehensive \$196.7 billion health care plan Monday, claiming that it will make health care and prescription drugs more affordable across the country.

He said the plan would insure 7.3 million uninsured children and 12.7 million uninsured adults nationwide by expanding existing programs and offering tax credits to workers in transition who are absorbing their own health costs.

"Our problem in America is not health care. Our problem is health care insurers," Bowles said.

"We have the stupidest health care system that man can devise, and it's getting worse."

Bowles said that since 2000, as many as 340,000 North Carolinians have lost health-care insurance.

He added that his plan will extend coverage to those who need it most in North Carolina and will improve coverage quality by reducing wasteful practices.

"I believe regardless of who is living at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue next year, North

Carolina needs a senator who will put North Carolina and North Carolinians first," Bowles said.

Bowles added that his plan will cover all children in families with incomes as high as 300 percent above the federal poverty level through the State Child Health Insurance Program.

He also proposed making the enrollment process easier by allowing parents to sign up for the program at schools, hospitals and on the Internet.

"I think it is morally wrong that kids don't have health care insurance," Bowles said. "We must bring efficiency into the system. We are still in a paper-based system."

Bowles highlighted the growing problems of skyrocketing prescription drug costs and the inability of Americans to import cheaper drugs from other countries.

He said he wants to negotiate lower drug prices for seniors covered under the Medicare program by purchasing prescriptions in bulk, similar to what the Veterans Benefits Administration does.

"I don't believe that Americans should have to pay a red cent more for prescription drugs than any other country," he said. "Americans should be able to import drugs when it can be done safely."

Bowles said funds to pay for his proposals would come from cuts to existing programs such as corporate subsidies and erroneous

payments by the U.S. government.

"We don't have to go out and raise taxes," he said.

Bowles said 1.4 million North Carolinians lack health coverage.

Jason Small of Raleigh, who worked for a health care company and was laid off in July, has no coverage. He said he is optimistic about Bowles' plan.

"It sounds good, and I like the details," he said. "People are afraid as a whole because the economy affects health care."

Those with health care insurance who face difficulties when attempting to visit a doctor tend to be attracted to Bowles' plan.

Bowles said he knows what it's like to face devastation from sickness because both his father and sister died from Lou Gehrig's disease and his two sons have juvenile diabetes.

Hattie Boyle of Raleigh said some doctors have turned away her and her husband, Carroll, because they have Medicare.

"Someone needs to find out why," she said. "Sometimes doctors need a push and shove, too."

Boyle added, "We follow (Bowles) around everywhere because anything and everything he says is so genuine. We are stalking him."

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Registration drives must avoid dorms

BY LAUREN HARRIS
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Organizations seeking to register students to vote in the fast-approaching November election have been told that dorm-storming is out of the question.

Christopher Payne, director of housing and residential education, denied requests last week from the UNC Young Democrats and VoteCarolina to distribute voter registration forms door-to-door in residence halls.

Payne said sufficient steps already are being taken by the housing department to rally votes among residents.

Students received voter registration forms when they checked in to their residence halls. Also, registration forms were included in all packets distributed to new students.

Payne said the dorm-storming requested by UNC Young Democrats and VoteCarolina is forbidden by a policy that prohibits solicitation within residence halls.

"Because of our facility-use policy, we want to respect the privacy of individuals living in the residence halls, so we don't allow door-to-door solicitation," Payne said, adding that

the only exception comes during student elections, when candidates must collect signatures.

Tom Jensen, party affairs director for Young Democrats, said dorm-storming has been by far the most effective way to register voters.

"We had a meeting last September where 75 people worked for 45 minutes," he said. "We came up with 300 registrations, and that was just for a Town Council election."

However, Payne said the policy against solicitation has been in place for about two years.

"If (groups) have been going door to door, it's a violation of the facility-use policy," he said.

Amon Anderson, chairman of the nonpartisan group VoteCarolina, said it will be a challenge to register students to vote without going door to door. He said the group is working with Colin Scott, president of the Residence Hall Association, to create new programs. "We're trying to implement a plan for voter registration targeting on-campus and off-campus students alike," he said.

Kris Gould, who handles on-campus registration for Young

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BY INDIA AUTRY
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Democrats need to communicate the gaping difference between Sen. John Kerry and President Bush in order to turn the state blue in November, said Ed Turlington, co-chairman of the Kerry-Edwards campaign in North Carolina, to the UNC Young Democrats on Monday.

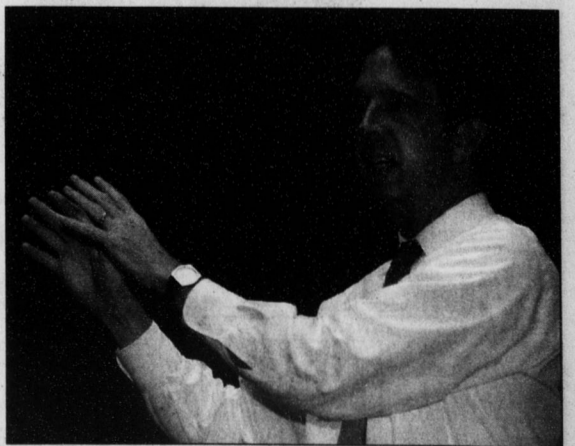
Although Kerry and Bush disagree on the nation's major issues, Turlington said, many Americans still don't know the difference between the two candidates.

"Let's look at the facts, the irrefutable facts related to George Bush, and look at how they relate to our candidate," Turlington said to a crowd of 200 students.

In his calm and official demeanor, Turlington — who has held positions in two other presidential campaigns, including vice presidential candidate John Edwards' — rattled off the candidates' divergent stances on the issues.

He said Bush has been the only president since Herbert Hoover that will end a term with fewer jobs in the nation than were there when he started. "That may be reason enough to change the White House."

He said Kerry's trade policy reform would help bring back some of the 160,000 North Carolina jobs



DTH/JUSTIN SMITH

Ed Turlington, co-chairman of the Kerry-Edwards campaign in North Carolina, speaks to the UNC Young Democrats at a Monday meeting.

— mostly in manufacturing — that have been lost to other countries.

He added that most of Bush's tax cuts have benefited those with incomes of \$200,000 or more, while Kerry's would help 99 percent of the population and 98 percent of businesses.

Five million of the 40 million citizens without health care lost it under the Bush administration, he

said, but Kerry has a plan to provide every child with health care.

And with the average household currently paying \$580 per year for fuel, Kerry would find less expensive oil sources, he said.

"We all know we're more dependent on foreign oil — I'm sure Bush's friends in Saudi Arabia

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States, nation debate unions

Marriage issue proves difficult

BY AMY THOMSON
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Same-sex marriage continues to be one of the most controversial issues facing the nation, dividing those who believe marriage exists solely between a man and a woman from those who advocate the recognition and legal protection of the institution.

In November, the most decisive step in the debate about whether to grant same-sex couples the same rights afforded traditional marriages will come to a head.

"What a lot of people don't realize about marriage ... it confers a little more than 1,100 rights, benefits and protections," said Mark Shields, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign.

Shields said that, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, between 1 million and 9 million children are being raised by same-sex couples, and that same-sex couples reside in about 99 percent of U.S. counties.

He said the benefits that accompany marriage, such as survivor benefits and the ability to take time off to care for a sick partner or child, are necessary to safeguard these families.

"Marriage is the way we protect families and provide them with a safety net," Shields said.

Neither Sen. John Kerry nor President Bush explicitly support same-sex marriage, and both are unwilling to say they want to take strong action for or against the institution.

According to the 2004 Democratic National platform, the

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