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PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY (SECOND FROM RIGHT) LOOKS OVER A CROWD OF STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY DAY IN 1961 WHILE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT WILLIAM FRIDAY AND GOVERNOR TERRY SANFORD (THIRD AND FOURTH FROM RIGHT) AND CHANCELLOR WILLIAM AYCOCK (RIGHT) STAND BY. THOUGH HE MENTIONED FOREIGN POLICY, KENNEDY SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY.

Tar Heel players cited for drug use

3 sophomores suspended for marijuana possession

BY JACOB KARABELL

SPORTS EDITOR

Three North Carolina football players were suspended indefinitely from the team Monday after University police cited them for simple possession of marijuana.

Wide receiver Adarius Bowman, linebacker Fred Sparkman and defensive tackle Isaiah Thomas will not participate in any team activities until further notice.

The citations are under investigation by University police.

"The young men involved will not play until Director of Athletics Dick Baddour and I determine otherwise," UNC coach John Bunting said in a statement Monday. "It is important to note that all three student-athletes deny their involvement with these charges, and we are looking into that at this time."

According to University police reports, a student on the first floor of Connor Residence Hall brought the smell of marijuana to the attention of a resident assistant Sunday evening. The RA con-

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ANALYSIS

Parties try to tiptoe past draft

BY INDIA AUTRY

STAFF WRITER

Congress shook its head at bills proposing the start of a military draft last week, but politicians say partisan bickering might be dodging the real issues at hand.

Republicans called for a vote Oct. 5 on a Democratic proposal for a draft in order to show their opposition to the idea, said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

He said Democrats were using the bill to support the theory that Republicans would institute a draft if President Bush were to be voted back into office Nov. 2.

"We took a look around and found that the only plan to bring back the military draft — secret or not — was the Democrats," DeLay said at the time. "So we'll vote on it this week and see just who supports the volunteer military and see who is practicing the dishonest politics of fear."

The issue has become key on the campaign trail, with Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry suggesting that Bush would reinstate the draft if he were elected to a second term.

But it was Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel of New York who put forth the draft bill early last year to encourage civic duty in middle- and upper-class

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REFLECTIONS OF A STORIED PAST

UNC marks 211 years

BY KIRSTEN VALLE

SENIOR WRITER

Before UNC emerged as a leading national university, before students reveled in game-day victories or spring afternoons on Polk Place, even before the Davie Poplar presided over North Campus with its cement-filled promise that the University would stand forever, founders established an institution with a lofty goal: to serve the people of North Carolina.

More than two centuries after the first University building's cornerstone was placed, UNC still sets aside a day to remember its mission and to mark its founding.

The University Day tradition began Oct. 12, 1877, when Governor Zebulon B. Vance declared the anniversary of laying the cornerstone a college holiday.

University days have served as convocations for new chancellors and as opportunities for students to hear notable speakers, including U.S. presidents.

At the 1961 celebration, President John F. Kennedy addressed 32,000 in Kenan Stadium, noting educational contributions the University had made to the state.

"I ask you to give to the service of our country the critical faculties which society has helped develop in you here," Kennedy told students. "I ask you to decide, as Goethe put it, whether you will be an anvil or a hammer; whether you will give the world in which you were reared and educated the broadest possible

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BY RACHEL BROCK

STAFF WRITER

Several members of the University community will follow in the footsteps of their predecessors today as they gather to celebrate UNC's 211th birthday.

Officials laid the cornerstone for Old East on Oct. 12, 1793, marking the birth of public higher education in the nation.

And, faculty, staff and students will honor the University's history during the annual University Day convocation at 11 a.m. today in Hill Hall auditorium.

"(This day) reaffirms the notion of public education and the role the University plays in the state and in the nation," said Steve Allred, executive associate provost and chairman of the University Day committee.

Classes are cancelled from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today.

Jim Johnson, the William Rand Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of management and director of the Urban

Investment Strategies Center, will present the keynote address during today's ceremony.

Each year, the convocation ceremony features a keynote speaker, usually drawn from the faculty. However, more prominent names, such as John F. Kennedy in 1961 and Bill Clinton in 1993, have made addresses in the past.

"I think this is an exciting event every year, and it attests to the accomplishments of the University," Johnson said.

Johnson, also co-director of the Center for Sustainable Enterprise, said he will discuss the changing demography in today's public universities.

He said he also will stress the need for higher education institutions to be more entrepreneurial in educating students.

Johnson heads the Durham Scholars Program, which helps provide college access to disadvantaged youth. He is

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THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

October 12, 1877: UNC celebrates the first University Day on the anniversary of the laying of its first cornerstone

October 12, 1961: President John F. Kennedy delivers a keynote address to 32,000 listeners at Kenan Stadium

October 12, 1993: President Bill Clinton speaks to a large crowd as part of UNC's celebration of the University's bicentennial

October 12, 2000: University Day serves as the convocation ceremony for UNC's new chancellor, James Moeser

"I'll miss the children, the women, the individuals here ... (and) the ability to prevent fear in people's hearts." HECTOR PEREZ, OUTGOING DIRECTOR

Director of El Centro Latino leaves post

BY EMILY VASQUEZ

STAFF WRITER

After two years dedicated to serving the area's Hispanic community at the nonprofit El Centro Latino in Carrboro, Executive Director Hector Perez will leave his position Friday.

"I'll miss the children, the women, the individuals here," Perez said. "All those things — the ability to prevent fear in people's hearts, to give people the opportunity to succeed."

When he came to El Centro in October 2002, Perez said he envisioned at least a four- to five-year stint with the agency. But he said he's accomplished his goals for El Centro's financial security and structural strength faster than he expected.

"It's time to move on to new challenges," Perez said.

Perez's decision also comes in light of his son's plans to move on to law school.

Nathan Perez, a senior at the University,



El Centro Director Hector Perez seeks to give his son security.

will graduate in December. He recently received his LSAT scores and learned that he is in a position to apply to out-of-state schools he had not previously considered, Perez said.

Nathan's upcoming transition contributed in part to Perez's decision to embrace change. He wants to ensure that he can support his son as much as possible, he said.

For Perez, whose family fled Cuba in 1962 when he was 5 years old, the opportunities available for his son are overwhelming.

"My father was an illiterate farmworker," Perez said. "The thought of my son elevating himself so far — it's hard to grasp."

Perez said he plans to maintain his residence in Raleigh. He'll likely move into the private sector, but he said he does not have any definite plans.

Perez's departure was a surprise to El Centro's board of directors, although board President Mauricio Castro said he understands that such transitions are common in nonprofit work.

"He's performed tremendously well," Castro said. "I am happy for him because he has done a great job at El Centro, and also because he's moving on in his professional life."

The board has already begun a search for a new executive director and will interview applicants in coming weeks. Castro said he has confidence in the agency's future.

"The organization is there, people know what we are all about, and we play an

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PAGING MR. WILSON



DTH/LIRYS CULLINAN

Sophomore Will Rush (right) studies in Wilson Library on Monday afternoon. The library is celebrating its 75th anniversary today. UNC group Friends of the Library has planned a celebration for Oct. 21. The programs planned include tours of UNC's special collections, an exhibit opening and talk by University Librarian Emeritus Joe Hewitt.

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