HISTORY

benefits of that education."

For 1993's Bicentennial University Day, President Bill Clinton spoke to a packed crowd, marking the first presidential appearance at the event since Kennedy's address.

Remembering UNC

During its 211 years, UNC has adapted and expanded. It's seen a few wars and educated almost a million students. And many say it is still a University of the people.

"The University is seeking to serve the public in North Carolina and prepare people to serve the public in professional careers," said John Sanders, former director of UNC's Institute of Government and student body president in the early 1950s. "It was less often articulated in the past, but that mission was there then and it still is now."

Still, UNC has changed since Sanders was an undergraduate and law student from 1947 to 1954.

A half-century ago, there were only about 7,000 students, most of whom were white men.

SUSPENSIONS

tacted University police.

An officer traced the smell and knocked on the door of Thomas

room, according to reports.

Bowman and Sparkman were also in the room, and all three of the men had bloodshot eyes, the report states. In response to a request from the officer, Thomas handed over a bag of marijuana, reports state.

The officer also found a Styrofoam container with mari-

juana on it, reports state.
Police seized 5.8 grams of mari-

juana, according to reports.

The loss of the three players comes at an unfortunate time for the Tar Heels, who evened their record to 3-3 after an upset victory against N.C. State on Saturday. The team's next three games come against No. 11 Utah, No. 3 Miami and perennial power Virginia Tech.

"I can't remember a time when I was more disappointed," Bunting said in his statement. "The last thing we need after an exciting win like we had Saturday evening was an off-the-field situation that would embarrass the University

and this football program."

Each of the suspended players, all sophomores, has played a pivotal

There were no black students until the early 1950s, and women usually were not admitted until their junior year, Sanders said.

The campus was also physically compact: All that existed past Kenan Stadium was a smaller version of today's hospital. "The campus is much more extensive in its spread now," he said.

Joe Ferrell, a professor of public and government and secretary of the faculty, said classes were held Monday through Saturday when he started at UNC as a freshman in 1956, and the UNC Board of Trustees required every freshman to take an 8 a.m. class on Saturdays.

"The University was a considerably smaller, less complicated place," said Jonathan Howes, special assistant to Chancellor James Moeser.

Howes started graduate school at UNC in 1959 and served as the mayor of Chapel Hill from 1987 to 1991. "By any measure, I think Chapel Hill and the University are better places to live now," he said.

Sanders said that when he was student body president, the University faced racial integration and fought for greater academic freedom. "The issues manifest themselves in different ways now,

role for UNC thus far this season. Bowman has emerged as the team's top big-play receiver, and he

caught a 46-yard touchdown pass from Darian Durant on Saturday. Sparkman started the first six games at middle linebacker and eads the Tar Heels with 61 tackles.

And Thomas, while he has not started a game in 2004, garners significant playing time in the squad's defensive-line rotation

UNC's updated its depth chart late Monday, and junior Doug Justice is slated to start in place of Sparkman. Justice has not started since last year's tilt against N.C. State on Sept. 27, 2003.

The suspensions are not the first of the 2004 campaign for UNC.

Earlier this season, linebacket Tommy Richardson was suspended for a game for unspecified reasons. Punter David Wooldridge was suspended for one game after he was charged with a misdemeanor larceny. He is accused of stealing computer equipment from Wal-

Mart, reports state. Wooldridge's court date is set for today at 9 a.m.

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but consistencies need to be taken note of, too," he said.

While town-gown relations are a hot topic as University and local officials wrangle over development plans including those for Carolina North, the balance between UNC and Chapel Hill has always been a focus, Howes said.

But relations are more challenging now, even though many of the issues are the same, he said. "The primary issues on everybody's minds had to do with growth. But was almost trivial compared to the kind of growth we see today."

The path of history

On Oct. 12, 1793, founders laid the cornerstone of Old East on a heavily wooded site marked only by a small Anglican chapel and a dusty avenue that would later become Franklin Street. The nation's first state university now occupies a

729-acre central campus.
William R. Davie, an N.C. legislator and trustee, took the lead in establishing UNC and has been called the "Father of the University." University."

His honor lives on in UNC's most famous tree, a tulip poplar first mentioned in 1818. Davie Poplar still stands on North Campus, supported by cables and a trunk full of cement.

Old East was the first — and for two years, the only — campus building, and the Old Well was the ole source of water for students.

The first student, Hinton James of New Hanover County, arrived in February 1795, a month after the

During the Civil War, UNC was one of few southern institutions to remain open; it closed only during Reconstruction from 1870 until

1875. During the 20th century, UNC grew rapidly, particularly during the Great Depression, when it received federal funding to create jobs.

Achievements such as installing one of the first large computer systems at a university and building Davis Library, the largest academic facility and state building in North Carolina, illustrate UNC's shift from a focus on the liberal arts to an emphasis on research.

"Humanities have lost some of the prominence they had when I was a student here, but these things tend to go in cycles," Ferrell said.

'A great tradition'

In 1961, a U.S. president stood in Kenan Stadium aside University leaders and gave a 14-minute speech that wasn't the foreign policy address anticipated by students.

Kennedy touched on clashing world powers and aims for peace, but he spent much of his talk touting UNC to the assembled students.

This is a great institution, with a great tradition, and with devoted alumni, and with the support of the people of this State," he said. "Its establishment and continued functioning, like that of all great universities, has required great sacrifices by the people of North Carolina."

This year's University Day showcases an institution that has broadened its mission to serve the cople of the state and beyond.
"I think the University saw itself

more as a leading institution in the South," Ferrell said.

"Our horizons have lifted, and now it sees itself as a leading national, even international, uni-

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FESTIVITIES

involved with Triangle Night Flight, a basketball league that reconnects idle minority men with employment and educational opportunities, and the Urban Enterprise Corps.
His research has concentrated

on inequality in the United States, particularly how it affects socially and economically disadvantaged youth; entrepreneurial approach to alleviating poverty, job creation and community development; interethnic minority conflict in industrial societies; business demography; and sues of diversity in the workforce. Officials said they hope faculty,

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members will show wide support for the ceremoni

This is probably, tradition-wise, one of our biggest days on campus," said Student Body President Matt Calabria. "I encourage all students

Other events slated for the ceremony include the presentation of five Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards. There will be performances by the UNC Chamber Singers and the Crown Chamber

For the full schedule and more information about the event, visit www.unc.edu/universityday.

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PEREZ

important role in the community. In 2002, when Perez arrived at El Centro, it was still a fairly young nonprofit, finding its footing both financially and structurally.

"It was still looking for its focus," Perez said. Currently, despite the recent economic recession, the agency's income exceeds expenses

"He's been a very strong leader for El Centro and left it in really good shape," said Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson.

Carrboro Alderman John Herrera said Perez brought El

Centro to a new level.

"I think Hector did a really good job kind of realizing the program and the finances," said Herrera, a strong advocate for the Hispanic community. "He empowered peo-ple and made a lot of things happen behind the scenes.'

Though Perez likely won't continue to serve on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce board of directors, he said he will continue nonprofit work by serv-

ing on several local boards.
"I'm not going far."

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DRAFT

Americans. The nation's poor, who are predominantly minorities, take on most of the military burden.

Rangel said he only wanted to make a statement and never expected or wanted the bill to pass.

The bill was co-sponsored by 14 Democrats — at least 11 of them minorities, including Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., and Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., simultaneously proposed a similar bill in the Senate, where there are fewer minorities and no African

Both proposals were rejected by ide margins, but the issue is still a hot one on college campuses.
At UNC on Wednesday, Pit

demonstrator Kevin Sellers burned a flag stationed at the College Republicans' table to make a similar statement. He said a draft forcing the more affluent to fight alongside the poor would lead to U.S. withdrawal from Iraq.

Also Wednesday, UNC hosted a debate about minority issues. Stella Adams, founding president of the African-American Caucus of the N.C. Democratic Party, and former Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Cobey, both touted the military as a way for minorities and the poor to get a leg up in society.

It was such speculation, DeLay

said, that prompted the Republican legislative leadership to call for a vote on a bill that has been on the table since 2003.

For two months, especially on college campuses, the Democrats have used the draft as a fear tactic," he said. "We've had enough of that, and we're going to call them on it. We are going to bring it out there and put a nail in that coffin." Bush reaffirmed during Friday's

presidential debate that he would never allow a draft. But Kerry, in an attempt to undercut that claim. pointed to what he calls a "back-

door draft" already in place.
On the stump, Kerry specifically points to a Pentagon program started in June that forces soldiers to extend their tours of duty. Under the program, if a solider's unit is scheduled to deploy to the Middle East or Central Asia within 90 days, he is obligated to stay until 90 days after the unit's duty is done.

By the end of those three months of post-duty, a soldier's unit might be scheduled to deploy again — and he would be required to stay.

Adams, furthermore, said new movements within the Selective Service system are indicative of a planned draft. "The Democrats are pointing out the machinery being put in place that would make a draft possible," she said. "The administration's intent is clear by their actions.

The Selective Service system, which was created in 1980 to man-age a draft, signaled in September its intent to search for local board members in about 2,000 districts.
These members are to compose

anels responsible for determining which citizens would be forced to fight in the event of a draft. DeLay did not call for a vote on a

bill proposing to remove the system, though the proposal has bipartisan support and seven co-sponsors.

Cobey said the motives were more political. He said the vote was a trap for Democrats.

If any voted for it, their vote could be used to label them as supporters for an unpopular draft bill. And if they didn't, the bill would weaken the public's perception of party unity.

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