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## County saw 10,000 youth votes

Majority of college-age voters showed at polls

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Almost a year after forming a student voting drive, Student Body President Matt Calabria now is receiving tangible results of the initiative for the first time.

And he's pleased with what he is seeing. The Orange County Board of Elections is reporting that 10,090 Orange County voters between 18 and 24 years of age participated in November's election.

About 14,000 voters currently are registered in that demographic, said Carolyn Thomas, director of the elections board. Calabria said he believes that

VoteCarolina, student government's new voting initiative, was partly responsible for the large turnout.

"I'm really pleased with the way things have gone," Calabria said. "A significant part of voter turnout for college students was VoteCarolina."

The success of VoteCarolina is based in learning from the successes and failures of past voter drives organized, Calabria said.

"I think what we did this year was build on the efforts of previous administrations," he said.

Calabria said he and other student leaders used the previous initiatives to deter-

mine how to run a large-scale voting drive. Many of the students involved in VoteCarolina, including Calabria, learned first hand about voter drives when they worked on an initiative led by former Student Body President Matt Tepper.

During the fall of 2003, Tepper headed a voter drive that registered about 2,300 new voters in Orange County, the biggest student voter registration drive in UNC history.

But the student voice failed to materialize in that November's municipal election, as only 329 voters ages 18 to 22 turned out to vote.

VoteCarolina Chairman Jeremy Spivey, who served on the group's executive board during November's elections, said the organization worked to rectify the previous

campaign's shortcomings when organizing VoteCarolina.

Tepper's drive offered incentives to students who registered but did not place adequate emphasis on voter turnout, Spivey said.

"If you incentivize one half, you're not going to get the results you want," he said.

Last year's process involved about a dozen student organizations in the campuswide drive to register student voters.

The involvement of student organizations in the drive was encouraged by a grant from the Tennessee-based Bentwood Foundation, which offered 75 cents to groups for each voter registered in Orange County.

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## UNC board mulls tuition

BOG's chairman opposes increases

BY EMMA BURGIN  
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Tuition talks will kick off at a committee meeting Thursday for the UNC system's governing body, and members will come into the discussion with guidance from their leading official.

Board of Governors Chairman Brad Wilson urged the board on Dec. 13 to vote against system-wide and campus-initiated tuition increases.

"The time was right to make it clear, at least, what my position was on tuition for this year," Wilson said. "(It gave) board members enough time to think about what I had to say and come to the January meeting better prepared."

Wilson also sent a letter reminding UNC-system President Molly Broad and system chancellors about UNC's constitutional mission to provide higher education at a low cost to North Carolinians.

Members of the board's Budget and Finance Committee will start talks Thursday while looking at a study on how campuses were affected this year by tuition revenue.

The committee and full board will continue discussions in February, and the board is slated for a final vote in March.

Wilson said he would like the board to halt tuition increases this year to give officials time to investigate some type of tuition certainty. The UNC system's finance department already has been asked to investigate the tuition certainty program at Illinois' public universities.

"Illinois has an approach where

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## Police defend actions in case

Judge says cops forced confession

BY EREN TATARAGASI  
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Despite a judge's ruling Monday that practices used by Carrboro police officers violated a man's constitutional rights, the department still stands beside the decisions made by its officers.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Wade Barber ruled Monday to suppress self-incriminating statements made by Andrew Douglas Dalzell concerning the disappearance and presumed death of Deborah Leigh Key.



Murder suspect Andrew Dalzell confessed under police pressure.

The statements were obtained by police when Dalzell was arrested Sept. 9.

Police extracted a confession from Dalzell by using a fake warrant that stated that he was being charged with first-degree murder.

Police also used a letter stating that he would face the death penalty if he did not confess, written on stationery from District Attorney Carl Fox's office.

"We understand and respectfully disagree with the court's decision," said Jim Phillips, head of investigations in Carrboro, on Tuesday.

"We have always believed the tactics and methods applied to this investigation were appropriate and within the bounds of existing law and procedure," said police in a statement released Monday. "Despite the Court's rul-

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## HEAVY LIFTING



DTH/JUSTIN SMITH

Phillip Budisill (orange shirt), a senior at N.C. State University, shops Tuesday afternoon at Student Stores for books for his girlfriend, a UNC-Chapel Hill student who is recovering from surgery. Budisill was one of the many students shopping for books before the

start of spring semester classes today. In addition to browsing the selection at Student Stores, students also can purchase new and used textbooks in Chapel Hill at Ram Book & Supply, located at 306 W Franklin St., and at the Tarheel Book Store, located at 119 E. Franklin St.

## Family protests award's demise

BY JENNY RUBY  
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Cornelia Phillips Spencer championed higher education opportunities for women and advocated better schooling for children, both black and white.

The residence hall named after her marks Spencer's numerous contributions to the University. And until last month, a prestigious award bearing her name honored women and their contributions to UNC.

The legacy of the outspoken woman from the Civil War era has become complicated by controversy over her role as a white supremacist.

Chancellor James Moeser

recently decided to retire the Cornelia Phillips Spencer Bell Award following several months of heated debate, including a campuswide symposium.

"I hope it will move us on from annually debating the merits of Mrs. Spencer herself," Moeser said Tuesday. "(The award's retirement) was to protect her and let her rest in peace rather than having an annual event that brought to light what she did and her motives."

In response, Spencer's descendants have requested that Moeser reconsider or that he oversee the removal of Spencer's name from Spencer Residence Hall. The family also wishes to relinquish its ties to UNC's Center for the Study of

"I'm disappointed and sad that they're hurt. ... I continue to have a very high regard for (Spencer)." JAMES MOESER, CHANCELLOR

the American South if the award remains inactive.

Moeser listed three possible fates for the Bell Award in a letter dated Dec. 3: keeping the award and offering annual historical context, changing the award's name, or retiring the award.

"In the end, the deciding factor for me was practical," his letter states. "Some esteemed women on our campus — women who I think could be considered for the Bell Award — were asked whether they

would accept it if it were offered. Their answer was 'no.'"

Charles Love, chairman of the Martha and Spencer Love Foundation and one of Spencer's descendants, said he believes Moeser failed to explore the options. Love said the decision singles out Spencer, though there are several other storied white supremacists in the University's history who have not received the same treatment.

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DTH/LAURA MORTON

Heather Sidden (center) paints a cube in the Pit along with other Board of Elections members to announce the start of this year's campus elections.

## Candidates prep for election

BOE determined to have clean race

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The starting gun will sound Thursday night for candidates running in the 2005 campus elections when their first formal meeting with the Board of Elections adjourns.

During the meeting, board members will clarify election codes to ensure that recent changes to the Student Code are clearly understood and followed.

These changes include the addition of a mandatory campaign briefing that candidates must have

with board members each week and new dorm-storming policies.

After Thursday's meeting, candidates will begin petitioning for signatures.

Those running for student body president must obtain 800 signatures. Hopefuls for senior class officers and Residence Hall Association president need 350. Residence area governor candidates must garner 50 signatures, and those vying for Student Congress must get 20.

This year, campaign workers who wish to solicit signatures door to door in residence halls must register with the residence community's front desk and wear name tags to identify themselves and their campaign.

Dorm-storming will be permitted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the campaign season.

Board members suggest that students who do not want solicitations should post a temporary notice on their door. Campaign workers still will be able to post their Web site address and information on residents' doors.

Gathering the many signatures could be difficult, but student body president candidate Seth Dearmin remains confident.

"The only strategy (we have) is to be out on campus, in the Pit, getting the word out and being

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## Potential incident of meningitis reported

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A report of meningitis hit the campus community Tuesday, potentially marking the second case of the highly contagious and possibly fatal infection in the past four months.

A student who lives in Morrison Residence Hall was admitted to UNC Hospitals on Tuesday and diagnosed with symptoms of meningococcal meningitis. More concrete results most likely will be released today.

The student returned to campus Sunday night but did not experience symptoms until Monday.

Officials from the Orange County Health Department interviewed the student and are in the process of notifying others who could have had close contact with the patient.

Officials said they don't anticipate releasing the patient's name to the public because they have been able to identify contacts quickly.

Those who shared a household with the student or had direct contact with oral secretions through kissing or sharing a drink are at risk, according to the health department. The incubation period varies from two to 10 days but is most commonly three to four days.

Students who have questions should contact Student Health Service, and faculty and staff can seek information from the Employee Occupational Health Clinic.

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