

## CITY BRIEFS

**Council to consider new name for Town Hall building**

The Chapel Hill Town Council tonight will consider a proposal to rename Town Hall in honor of former Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee and Lillian Lee, former dean of students at Chapel Hill High School.

The proposal, made by Mayor Kevin Foy and Mayor Pro Tem Edith Wiggins, suggests that the building be named Lee Municipal Building starting May 8, the same day as the renaming of Airport Road is scheduled to take place.

Howard Lee was the first black mayor of Chapel Hill, and, according to the petition, the first black mayor elected in a predominantly white city in the South since Reconstruction. He was also a five-term state senator and is chairman of the state Board of Education.

His wife, Lillian, spent almost her entire teaching career in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system, the petition states.

## Council to hold hearing on leaf-blower use tonight

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold a public hearing tonight to consider the proposed regulation of leaf blowers and similar equipment with the goal of preserving air quality.

Council member Cam Hill made the proposal at the council's Sept. 27 meeting because of concerns about the noise emitted by the machines and their effects on air quality.

Based on comments received, Town Manager Cal Horton will draft a recommendation on whether to go ahead with the proposal.

The public hearing begins at Town Hall, at 306 N. Columbia St., at 7 p.m.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Series of AIDS awareness events to kick off tonight

The service component of the Student Global Health Committee is sponsoring a series of talks about AIDS titled, "Narratives of HIV: Hearing Their Stories."

The series will bring various speakers to campus during the next few weeks who plan to educate the community about the severity of AIDS globally and how people can help it.

The series begins at 7 p.m. today in 133 Rosenau Hall with the viewing of "A Closer Walk," a documentary about global HIV/AIDS and what people can do to help.

For full story, visit [www.dthonline.com](http://www.dthonline.com).

## Registration closes tonight for charity poker game

Registration for the Triangle Tsunami Relief Coalition's Online Poker Tournament closes at 11:59 p.m. tonight.

Registration is available through PayPal by sending a \$5 buy-in to [tsunami\\_relief@unc.edu](mailto:tsunami_relief@unc.edu). Participants are automatically entered into the competition by sending money.

For more information, visit [www.ibiblio.org/ttrc](http://www.ibiblio.org/ttrc).

## CALENDAR

**Today —** The Daily Tar Heel will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in room 3209 of the Student Union for those interested in joining the newspaper's award-winning staff.

Any currently enrolled UNC student is welcome to attend the meeting, at which DTH editors will discuss the way the paper works and answer any questions interested students might have.

For more information, contact Managing Editor Chris Coletta at [coletta@email.unc.edu](mailto:coletta@email.unc.edu).

**Today —** Teach For America will hold an information session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in 239B Hanes Hall.

Students can learn about the experience, graduate school scholarships and deferrals, and the application process.

For more information, visit [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org).

**Today —** The Campus Y is sponsoring a charity entertainment show at 7 p.m. tonight in the Great Hall of the Student Union to benefit groups that assist in eliminating mines from areas affected by the tsunami.

The show will feature food from local restaurants, performances by campus groups and guest speaker Thomas Vajda, a foreign affairs officer with expertise in mine action from the State Department.

**Today —** The No. 9 North Carolina women's basketball team will battle Tobacco Road rival and top-ranked Duke at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Center.

The game will be televised by ESPN2 and is the only regular season game the Tar Heels (14-3, 2-2 ACC) will play in the Smith Center.

— From staff reports

# Student affairs faces change

BY EMILY STEEL  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

connected to other programs."

The changes include the addition of two new associate vice chancellors, a senior associate dean of students and a director of development and external relations.

She said there will be minimal monetary impact to the division that has a total budget of \$53.2 million for the 2004-05 fiscal year, with additional reserves of \$16.1 million, and 683 employees — 253 staff personnel and 430 students.

"It was like a domino effect — as soon as you started to move one thing, it impacted another," she said. "It is my hope that students soon will notice more effective services as the associate vice chancellor for student learning.



Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs, orchestrated a set of changes in personnel.

Johnson, who has worked at UNC for more than 22 years, declined to comment on whether she was asked to leave or decided to step down but said she is just beginning her search for a new position in higher education. She said she is not considering employment within the Division of Student Affairs.

Melissa Exum, who earns \$99,737 as dean of students, will soon work as the second-highest ranking member as associate vice

chancellor for student affairs. She will oversee many student life-oriented offices, including the Carolina Union, Campus Y and Counseling and Psychological Services.

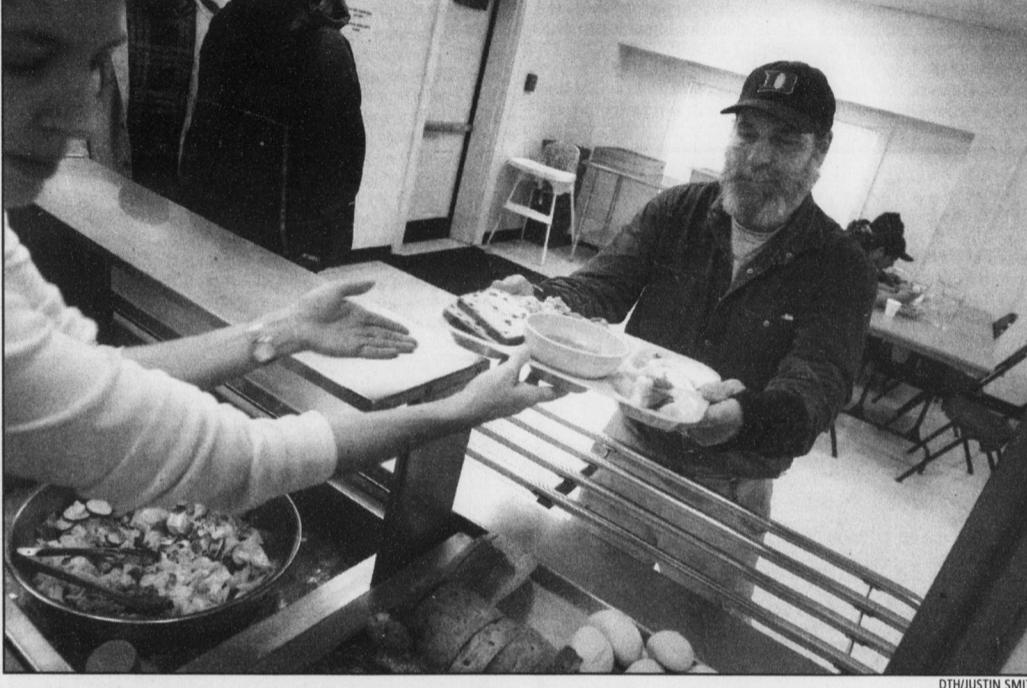
Christopher Payne, who earns \$92,969 as director of housing and residential education, soon will take responsibility for housing and residential education, technology and support systems, career services and Student Health Services.

In his 13th year at UNC, Winston Crisp will leave his post as associate dean for student services at the School of Law to serve under Exum as senior associate dean of students.

Crisp, who makes \$94,500 a year, was responsible for establishing the student services department at the

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David Olive receives his lunch Sunday afternoon at the Inter-Faith Council's men's shelter, which is seeking a new, larger location.

## EXILED LOCALS MAY SEE NEW START

As cold weather descends, town will consider homelessness partnership

BY MEREDITH LEE MILLER  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Town officials tonight will consider adopting a resolution to create a "partnership to end homelessness in Orange County."

Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Orange County Board of Commissioners are expected to join together to start a 10-year plan to end homelessness.

The council's resolution also recommends that the town consider allotting funds in its 2005-06 budget for developing the plan.

"If adopted, it will get more stakeholders involved in a very important problem," said Chris Moran, executive director of the Inter-Faith Council. "We are trying to get other people to own this problem."

He said the IFC should not be the only group responsible for ending homelessness.

The IFC operates a men's homeless shelter on Rosemary Street and a women and children's shelter on Homestead Road.

IFC officials say the town has been helpful in aiding the homeless.

"The town has been very supportive of the IFC," said President Natalie Ammaren, who noted that the IFC has been working with the town in planning for the future of the group.

The town contributes more than

\$200,000 annually to the IFC.

A component of the organization's future planning that has received recent media attention has been the IFC's desire to build a new facility to replace the men's shelter.

The shelter currently occupies a town-owned municipal building at the corner of Columbia and Rosemary streets.

Ammaren said a larger, more residential facility is needed to provide better support for the homeless — especially on winter nights when the center often has to use floor space as a sleeping area.

Al Buie, a manager at the men's shelter, said he sees more people coming to the shelter in the winter than in the summer.

"It varies, but winter time always brings more people," he said. "The harder the winter, the more people."

Typically, the men's shelter is only open during meal times. The center had to curtail its daytime hours because of budget restraints.

But Moran said the IFC has made a pledge to keep its doors open to the homeless all day, so they can escape harsh winter weather.

"We're always prepared for cold weather for when that happens," said Moran, adding that there are ongoing emergency plans to ensure that the shelters are ready during winter.

Moran said he would love to have the men's shelter open 24 hours a day year-round — like the women's and children's shelter — but the IFC does not have the budget to do that.

Moran said the organization would need an additional \$75,000 in its budget to keep the shelter open all the time.

Relocating the shelter might also be necessary.

The IFC is still studying the land at Legion Road as a possible location for a future men's shelter, he said, but it is too early to say where and when the shelter will relocate.

Several residents around the Legion Road area spoke at the Jan. 10 council meeting to protest the possibility of the relocation.

"There are always misunderstandings in society, and these stereotypes will always be with us," Moran said. "Our job is to relay the facts."

Buie said the people who stay at the shelter are not all criminals or plagued with substance abuse problems — some are just average people who are experiencing financial troubles.

"It doesn't take but a split second for the average person to become homeless," he said.

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## Forum for YD is 1st in contest

Group to endorse an SBP hopeful

BY JOHN RAMSEY  
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Student organizations will begin the process of officially endorsing candidates for student body president at 8 p.m. in 209 Manning Hall when the Young Democrats hold the first forum of the season.

The Young Democrats will question the four candidates — Seke Ballard, Leigha Blackwell, Seth Dearmin and Tom Jensen — on issues ranging from tuition increases to environmental conservation.

Two candidates make mention of their history with the organization. Jensen has taken an active role in the organization, serving as party affairs director and organizing campaign operations last fall. Ballard served on the executive board of the Young Democrats last year and continues to participate in the organization.

The renewal of the Green Energy Fund, which taxes students \$4 per semester and supports renewable energy projects on campus, is one of the group's major concerns, said Young Democrats Secretary Peter Tinti, who will moderate the forum.

All four candidates voiced their support for the fund.

"With all the construction going on around campus, this is the perfect opportunity to implement renewable energy," Blackwell said.

The candidates' platforms call for

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## Kinnaird follows her own agendas

BY INDIA AUTRY  
STAFF WRITER

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, branded as the state's most liberal legislator, has crafted a fifth-term agenda confronting anti-crime hardliners and business interests.

Her progressive views make her a fit representative of the area sometimes referred to as "Liberal Hill."

The state's anti-death penalty sentiment might have grown strong enough to push a moratorium through the legislature, Kinnaird said. "We think it's time we do it."

A Kinnaird-driven proposal passed the Senate in April 2003 but was held up by the House.

But a change in the legislature's leadership this year and increasing citizen support for the ban could put a temporary end to executions in the state.

An opponent to the change, Richard Morgan, R-Moore, likely

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## County kicks off budget talks

BY RYAN C. TUCK  
CITY EDITOR

County Budget Director Donna Dean used a wilted plant as a graphic in her presentation on this year's budget at the Orange County Board of Commissioners' planning retreat Saturday.

The metaphor was not lost on the commissioners.

"This is gonna be interesting," Chairman Moses Carey Jr. said after Dean's presentation detailed the county's budget outlook for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

Among the principal issues for the commissioners are increased student membership in both school districts, an increase in county Medicaid expenses, debt service related to voter-approved bonds from 2001 and planning for the long list of capital projects the county hopes to undertake.

Where the county assigns funds

for capital projects has become a recent touchstone for debate, as the commissioners have proposed a big change in capital funding expenditures for the next 10 fiscal years.

Since 1988, the county has dedicated about 77 percent of its capital expenditures for schools, leaving the remainder to county capital needs.

But in October, because of the large backlog of needed county construction, the commissioners decided to change the targeted ratio to 60 percent for schools, 40 percent for the county.

"The county has deferred many of its needs for 15 years," said Commissioner Barry Jacobs. "It's not about not doing things. It's about trying to organize it a little bit better."

And with plans for two separate senior centers, an Orange County campus for Durham Technical

Community College and many parks, the commissioners agreed that the county will need to guarantee a source of funding.

"Because we have a way to predict what we'll need, we know what facilities we need," Jacobs said.

The commissioners cited the ability to predict needs — facilitated mostly through the adopted Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance — as a reason they could suggest a decrease in targeted spending on schools' capital projects.

Some have since questioned the predictability of funding needs.

In a Jan. 4 letter to the commissioners, Lisa Stuckey, chairwoman of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, stated concern about the necessity of the target.

"Of specific concern is how

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## I, TOO, SING AMERICA



Junior KaDarra Lowe performs "Words on Experience in Ghana" as part of "I, Too, Sing America," a program sponsored by the Black Student Movement at the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History on Friday night. For the full story, visit [www.dthonline.com](http://www.dthonline.com).

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