

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**  
Congress allocates funds for multiple student groups

With only one cycle remaining, Student Congress appropriated \$21,865.48 to several student organizations Tuesday night.

The Black Student Movement received \$3,380 to execute the Mr. BSM campaign, and the BSM Gospel Choir received \$5,076.00 to make a CD.

Insight Out and Student Advocates for Internationalization were given \$5,000 and \$2,571, respectively, to print their publications.

The Board of Elections was allocated \$2,381.51 to cover election costs, and \$2,000 was appropriated to the executive branch of student government for capital expenditures.

Life Takes Guts was given \$689.47 and the Carolina Society of Future Leaders received \$767.50 to cover event costs.

**CITY BRIEFS**  
Town's legislative requests may include call for repeals

Chapel Hill Town Council member Sally Greene petitioned the council Monday to include a request on its legislative agenda for the repeal of the state law prohibiting public employees from engaging in collective bargaining.

Council members agreed to discuss the request at its Friday breakfast with the area's legislators.

The council also agreed and further discussed its other requests, which include:

- a \$1 fee per ticket for large events
- state registration of beer kegs, which council members Dorothy Verkerk, Cam Hill and Mark Kleinschmidt voted against including
- repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act
- and repeal of the town's authority to operate automated camera equipment to cite red-light traffic violations.

**Carrboro joins local efforts to end area's homelessness**

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen unanimously agreed Tuesday to participate in a partnership to end homelessness with Chapel Hill, Orange County and Hillsborough.

As part of an initiative started by Chapel Hill Town Council member Sally Greene and Mayor Kevin Foy last year to implement a local 10-year plan to end homelessness, the partnership would serve to foster discussion about homelessness among the municipalities.

One of the first goals of the partnership would be to schedule a roundtable among the parties to resemble one held in November.

The partnership now only awaits Hillsborough's decision on whether to participate.

**East Chapel Hill High group wins regional competition**

The Alley Cats, the female a cappella group from East Chapel Hill High School, won the North Carolina-Virginia-Tennessee State Championship on Saturday for high school a cappella.

The Alley Cats qualified for the South Division Championship at the University of Georgia.

Marianne Cheng also won big Saturday, receiving the Outstanding Vocal Percussion Award for her individual performance in the Alley Cats. The school's male a cappella group, the Chiefs of Staff, also participated.

**STATE & NATION**  
Tribunal judge slated for Saddam trial assassinated

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A judge on the special tribunal that will put Saddam Hussein and members of his former regime on trial was assassinated Tuesday in the Iraqi capital, according to an Iraqi police official and a media report.

Judge Barwez Mohammed Mahmoud and a relative were killed in northern Baghdad's Azamiyah district, the official told The Associated Press early Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

Al-Arabiya, the Dubai-based satellite TV news network, reported that the judge and his son died in the attack. The network said the men were killed near their house in northern Baghdad. The New York Times reported that the son, Aryan Mahmoud, was a lawyer with the tribunal.

The judges on the special tribunal have not even been identified in public because of concerns for safety, but Mahmoud was apparently the first one to die in Iraq's insurgency.

Mahmoud's role on the tribunal was unclear, but the law establishing it called for up to 20 investigative judges and up to 20 prosecutors. It also said the tribunal would have one or more trial chambers, each with five judges.

— From staff and wire reports.

# Project to spur young voters

Looks to local efforts to up turnout

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A national organization is launching a pilot program in North Carolina to encourage young people to get off the couch and into the voting booth.

Generation Engage, a youth-driven program led and directed by activists — many still in their 20s — hopes to connect local grassroots efforts nationwide in an attempt to attract potential 18- to 24-year-old voters into the political process.

"Generation Engage was created to touch young people and engage them in the political process," said U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.,

according to a transcript of a speech he gave Feb. 23 at the organization's launch in Washington, D.C.

It is estimated that between 42 percent and 47 percent of eligible 18- to 24-year-olds made it to the polls in 2004 — well below the national average for other age groups, but higher than in previous elections.

Overall, about 60 percent of the nation's eligible voters cast ballots in November.

"I think everybody's vote is important in North Carolina," said N.C. Rep. Deborah Ross, D-Wake. "Any effort to encourage youth vote is terrific."

The nonpartisan organization will begin operating pilot programs in North Carolina and Virginia in June. It hopes to allow young people to communicate with their peers across the country through Internet journals, Web logs and chat rooms on its electronic forum.

The group also intends to recruit young leaders in communities who will focus on reaching out — not just to students, but also to the 18- to 24-year-olds who have jobs.

Students at UNC reaped the benefits of large voter turnout efforts for November's election — but for people who work the 9-to-5 shift at work, election news can get lost in the daily grind.

Young workers are particularly

underrepresented in the political process and often get ignored by get-out-the-vote efforts, said Debra Henzey, executive director of the N.C. Civic Education Consortium at the UNC School of Government.

Generation Engage estimates that 49 percent of people in the 18- to 24 age group aren't in school. That's one of the reasons it wants to hit the grassroots, connecting with people who are waiting tables and working assembly lines.

"The (organizations) that tend to be more effective are the ones that have one-on-one contact (with youths)," Henzey said. "It's the only way to really build civic attitudes that last."

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# Drug policy could change

BY GEORGIA CHERRY  
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A re-evaluation of the student-athlete drug policy was brought to the table of the Faculty Athletics Committee on Tuesday afternoon, marking the first in-depth look at the code in six years.

Although the revision was not fully addressed, Director of Athletics Dick Baddour briefed the committee on the initiative.

Baddour said that in examining the policy, the athletic department is looking to tap into the multiple options for support that the University already provides.

"We've met with some people in the hospital and in the pharmacy school — also, in the Department of Psychiatry," he said. "We're trying to understand what other options exist."

Baddour then asked the committee to come to next month's meeting with suggestions and insights about the direction of the evaluation.

"As I've said before, I really do like the structure we have now, but I just want us to take a look at all of this," he said.

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Athletic Director Dick Baddour wants to use all resources for student-athletes.

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The Union Gallery's "Honoring the Fallen" features the names of men and women — both American and foreign — who lost their lives during military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The pictures are all of Americans who have died fighting the war in Iraq.

# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

BY JOHN COGGIN  
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As the United States' involvement in Iraq reaches its two-year anniversary this month, the Carolina Union Activities Board will set politics aside and pay reverence to the patriotism of those who have lost their lives in combat.

Through the end of March, CUAB will present "Honoring the Fallen" in the Union Gallery. The exhibit features a series of photographs of the American men and women in the armed forces who have died in Operation Iraqi Freedom since fighting began in March 2003.

Alongside the pictures of U.S. soldiers, CUAB has posted the



names of foreign soldiers who died while fighting in Iraq, as well as the names of Americans who died in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Thompson Paine, chairman of the CUAB Forum Committee, said the project was inspired by a multimedia feature on The Washington Post's Web site titled, "Faces of the Fallen," a continually updated record of the soldiers who have died in combat.

Having become a regular viewer of the online feature, Paine said he decided to create a similar exhibit on campus. "I believe it's very important to recognize the servicemen and -women who have died in both Iraq and Afghanistan," Paine said.

He presented the idea to the CUAB Forum Committee and to its Gallery Committee.

The two groups then sought the support of the board. Once CUAB granted its approval, the two committees began working on the project in January. The project cost CUAB about \$160, Paine said.

The Forum and Gallery committees organized and oversaw the completion of the project. Others on CUAB also lent their support. "Usually, it's just your committee working on something like this," Paine said. "But a lot of other people on CUAB have been really helpful."

Maggie Kao, chairwoman of the Gallery Committee, said CUAB is not attempting to make a political statement about the war. "We simply want to honor those who have served," Kao said.

CUAB President Claire Anderson added

that it is important to have reminders of what war is like. "This exhibit is a way to clarify the human aspect of our involvement in Iraq," she said.

Members of CUAB worked through the night Monday to ensure that all the posters were hung in time for the exhibit's opening Tuesday. The photographs have been placed in the order in which each soldier died, and CUAB will update the exhibit throughout March. "We had planned on having everything hung by Saturday," Paine said. "The work has kind of overwhelmed us."

"It's such a huge undertaking," Anderson said. "But everyone thinks it's really important."

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# Carrboro extends Winmore permits

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After several years' worth of obstacles, the Winmore housing subdivision in Carrboro could break ground within months.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed Tuesday to extend Winmore's conditional-use permit — set to expire in June — for another year to allow developers Capkov Ventures Inc. a chance to complete enough of the project to permanently hold the permit.

To retain a conditional-use permit beyond the initial two-year limit, developers must complete construction amounting to 10 percent of the project's total cost.

"The developers have been juggling a lot of things," said Marty Roupe, the town's development review administrator.

Said Capkov president Scott Kovens, "We hope to start construction in late spring or early summer."

"It's got great permits and good planning."

The roughly 65-acre Winmore lot, at 1400 Homestead Road, was originally part of the state-owned Horace Williams tract. The

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# Standards don't hurt UNC

BY GREG STEEN  
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A new set of academic standards for athletic programs has put many NCAA teams on guard in recent weeks.

But UNC-Chapel Hill officials said they are in the clear.

The new standards have put more than half of the NCAA's 328 schools at risk of losing athletic scholarships. The rules, which will take effect next year, are part of a new approach to monitoring athletes' graduation rates.

Under the new system, each player on a team can earn two points — one for finishing the semester in good academic standing and one for returning to school the following semester. A program's "academic progress rates," or its APR, is the sum of its points divided by its possible points, then multiplied by 1,000.

Once the new rules are in place, a score lower than 925 will force a program to lose at least one schol-

*"(Student-athletes) choose to come to UNC because they know that academics are taken seriously."*

JOHN BLANCHARD, SENIOR ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

arship.

N.C. State University's men's basketball, football and baseball teams could be affected, as the school's overall progress rate was 929 — but most of UNC's teams scored above the standards.

UNC-CH's wrestling and men's golf teams are the exceptions with initial scores of 900.

But because the numbers reflect data from only one year, officials in the Department of Athletics won't start sweating just yet.

The NCAA's standards eventually will be based on four years of data. The association also will allow teams to appeal their progress rates and will make provisions

based on campuswide measures.

All other squads at UNC-CH are above the NCAA's threshold.

The baseball team scored a 952, and the men's basketball team a perfect 1,000. The women's basketball team garnered a score of 946, and UNC-CH's football team scored 971.

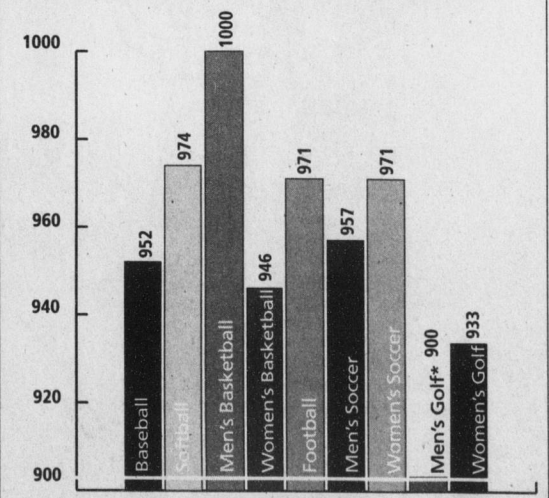
The men's indoor and outdoor track teams, along with the women's golf team, were close to the cutoff, scoring a 938 and a 933 respectively.

The fact that UNC's sports programs did well can be credited to the University's reputation, recruit-

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**NCAA ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATES**

Under a new system, NCAA student-athletes' classroom performance could translate to athletic sanctions. Below are some UNC sports' academic progress rates; 925 is deemed unacceptable.



\*The men's golf and wrestling teams scored 900, but using better data, the teams might have broken the 925 threshold. SOURCE: <http://www.ncaa.org> DTH/FEILDING CAGE