

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**  
Watch the big game on the Smith Center's big screen

The Department of Athletics, Division of Student Affairs and Rams Club will sponsor a 15-by-20-foot screen and open 15,000 seats in the Smith Center on Saturday for a free viewing of the NCAA men's basketball Final Four broadcast.

UNC students, faculty and staff with UNC ONE Cards will be admitted first at 5 p.m. at Entrance A. Doors open to the general public at 5:30 p.m. There will be no re-entry.

Free parking will be available at the Smith Center off of Bowles Drive and in the Kenan-Flagler Business School parking deck. Alcohol is prohibited, but concessions will be sold during the game.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**County schools official wins education profession award**

Kay Daniels, Orange County schools administrative associate for the Office of Instruction, was named the North Carolina Educational Office Professional of the Year.

Daniels, who has worked with the district for 28 years, was the first educational office professional from District 8, which includes all counties in the western region, to be recognized with this honor.

The award is given annually by the N.C. Association of Educational Professionals, an organization open to all educational administrators and office personnel in the state.

**Carrboro teen center to be known now as Club Neon**

The new Carrboro teen center for black and Latino youths now has a name.

Director Laura Wenzel confirmed Thursday via e-mail that the center, nameless since its opening at 110 W. Main St. in January, now will be named Club Neon.

The club is a junction of both Pa'lante and Youth Creating Change, area programs for Latino and black youths, respectively.

**Members needed for group planning Hillsborough park**

The Orange County Board of Commissioners is looking for volunteers to serve on its Fairview Park planning committee.

The committee will be in charge of developing a master plan for the 92-acre park in western Hillsborough.

Committee members will be appointed by the commissioners.

More information or an application can be obtained by calling the county clerk's office at 245-2125 or 245-2130 or by e-mailing mevans@co.orange.nc.us.

Applications also are online at <http://www.co.orange.nc.us>.

**4 county schools to kick off new nutrition program**

Orange County Schools will launch the Winner's Circle Healthy Dining Program in four schools Monday.

Orange High School, Cedar Ridge High School, A.L. Stanback Middle School and C.W. Stanford Middle School will pilot the program for the remainder of the school year.

Students at each school will be able to select the meals that meet Winner's Circle criteria, designed to help consumers find healthier eating habits.

**CALENDAR**

Today — The Organization of African Students' Interests & Solidarity is sponsoring Africa Night in Hanes Art Center.

An African dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a 7:30 p.m. show that includes a play, dance performances, poetry readings and a fashion display.

Tickets can be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Pit and are \$10 for the show and dinner, \$6 for the show only and \$5 for dinner only.

Today — The Hunger and Homelessness Outreach Project, in conjunction with the Inter-Faith Council and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, is sponsoring an awareness camp-out and vigil in the Pit.

The event begins at 10 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Various speakers and local music groups Sweater Weather and Placid Trip will be present.

Today — Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity, will hold a bar night and car wash to raise money for Relay for Life.

The bar night will be at He's Not Here, and the band Liquid Courage will perform from 10 p.m. to midnight. The event is 21 and up, and there is a \$3 cover charge.

The group also will hold a "topless" car wash from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pizza Hut on South Estes Drive. There is no set price, but donations will be collected.

— From staff reports.

# Leaders look past skirmish Voting battle moves ahead

BY KATIE HOFFMANN  
STAFF WRITER

The storm has subsided between Student Congress and the soon-to-be-inaugurated executive branch officials, and those involved say there will be clear skies ahead.

Congress approved Adrian Johnston as next year's student body vice president Tuesday after a weeklong delay sparked by concerns about Johnston's leadership style and his close friendship with Student Body President-elect Seth Dearmin.

Dearmin and members of his Cabinet will be sworn into office

Tuesday.

Although several members of this session of Congress will remain in their posts next year, student officials said the delayed approval will not hamper relations between the legislative and the executive branches.

"When it all comes down to it, it's a matter of whether personal grudges will be held," said Rep. Daneen Furr, chairwoman of Student Congress' Finance Committee, who will serve as the next student body treasurer.

"I don't think that's the nature of Congress or the executive branch.



Soon-to-be senior adviser Erika Barrera said the need to serve the student body trumps politics.

There exists a very professional demeanor on both sides."

Members of the two branches said that during the dispute, they acted with the same thought in mind: improving the welfare of students.

Now they said they will have

to put their differences aside and work toward achieving that goal.

"Come April 5, our job is to fulfill the demands of the student body," said Erika Barrera, who will serve as Dearmin's senior adviser. "That always has to be our first priority."

With his Cabinet now firmly in place, Dearmin said, he can begin meeting with his officers to discuss how they will achieve platform goals and appoint students to other positions.

Both sides said only good things will come out of the snag in what

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Children play at Pine Knolls Community Center during a Spring Fling event Wednesday. The center teamed up with El Centro Latino to host activities all week to entertain children during their spring break. The organizations charged parents only \$4 for five days of activities and meals.

## Parents catch a break

BY MELODY GUYTON  
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While the words "Spring Break" are some of kids' favorites, signaling a weeklong break from studying, for parents, they represent a struggle to find something to occupy their children.

But thanks to some local community organizations, parents of city schools students have several affordable child-care options this Spring Break.

Pine Knolls Community Center, a resource hub in a predominantly black neighborhood, and El Centro Latino, a center that offers services to the local Latino community, have teamed up to provide low-cost care and activities for children on holiday from school.

"A lot of kids would be left alone or with older, but still underage, siblings," Ben Balderas, a social worker at El Centro Latino, said of the program, titled Spring Fling.

"This gives (parents) an opportunity to get kids out of the house."

Another option for parents is a weeklong program at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, open to both members and nonmembers.

"We try to do anything we can to build the

confidence of the kids and to give them experiences that they haven't had before," said Jeff Lloyd, assistant youth director at the YMCA.

Activities at the YMCA Spring Break program have included swimming, arts-and-crafts sessions, archery lessons and a trip to the Mardi Gras Bowling Center.

Josh Mayo, a 10-year-old student at Seawell Elementary School, seemed pleased with the unexpected activities and treats he received through the break program.

"There's lots of fun stuff that comes up by surprise," he said. "And they can bring up a lot more surprises when they have all day instead of just three hours."

But while the YMCA program is an extension of a yearlong program, Spring Fling is new this year.

Four N.C. Central University students have planned this week's activities as part of an internship for their health education major.

They are working at Spring Fling with employees from the two sponsoring groups.

One of the N.C. Central students, senior Michael Taylor, praised the program for encouraging interaction among children of

different backgrounds.

"They're both minorities," he said. "But it's important for them to be aware of each other's cultures."

Spring Fling participant Breanna Lukehart, an 11-year-old student at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School, spoke of the importance of such integration. "It helps the kids so that they don't judge their differences," she said.

At the week's culmination — which includes sampling food from both black and Latino cultures, visiting the Chapel Hill Museum and getting math and reading lessons — the students will present their experiences to their parents today at a pot-luck dinner.

Participant Trevion Hackney, an 8-year-old student at Frank Porter Graham, said this week gave him an opportunity to learn about another culture through diverse friendships.

"This week is good because you can learn about how others speak in different ways," he said. "And I've had fun playing cards with my new friend Luis."

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## DTH editor selection has undergone change

BY JULIA FURLONG  
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UNC students can rest assured they will not find candidates Emily Steel or Ryan Tuck knocking at their doors tonight in attempts to garner last-minute support for their Daily Tar Heel editor-in-chief campaigns.

Nor will students be distracted by posters peppering campus or forced to endure the chants of picketers outside Lenoir Dining Hall.

But as late as 1992, such an atmosphere would be typical during the spring, when the editor election season was in full swing.

Saturday, an 11-member committee and one moderator will select next year's DTH leader. The committee comprises seven at-large students as well as a DTH desk editor, an assistant desk editor and two staff writers.

It's a process that began in March 1993. That year, the 83-year-old tradition of electing the DTH's leader through a student body vote ended with the appointment of Yi-Hsin Chang, a rising junior at the time.

The change roughly coincided with the newspaper's new independence, as 1993 also marked the first year since 1923 that the DTH operated without student fees.

Change in the election system was based on both ethics and logistics.

There was concern that the

student body was not equipped to have a say in who led the DTH because most were not oriented to the rigors of journalism.

A successful editor needs not only general leadership qualities, but needs to have tangible skills, said Jennifer Wing Rothacker, the second-to-last popularly elected editor in 1991.

"You need to understand the basics of reporting techniques, the basics of fair and accurate journalism," she said.

Elections also were seen as problematic because an ideally unbiased position was being tainted by politics.

"As a journalist, you shouldn't be promising things to the public and seeking endorsements," Rothacker said.

The political nature of the selection process also discouraged qualified candidates.

Kelly Ryan Gilmer, a 1995 graduate, said there was no way she would have vied for the spot if she had been forced to worry about selling her ideas to a large audience.

"I wasn't interested in mounting a University-wide campaign," she said.

Editor campaigns were also notorious for "getting ugly" and causing a tense newsroom environment.

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## Price lets residents sound off

BY ADAM W. RHEW  
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Local residents had a lot to say to one of their elected officials Thursday night — including a strong critique of President Bush.

Rep. David Price, D-N.C., was met at Chapel Hill Town Hall by a standing room-only crowd of area residents who wanted to sound off on myriad federal issues that concern them.

Most of the discussion centered on the president's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, along with conversations about reforms to Social Security.

Bush's budget has come under fire locally because of the cuts it might cause in Chapel Hill's community development funding.

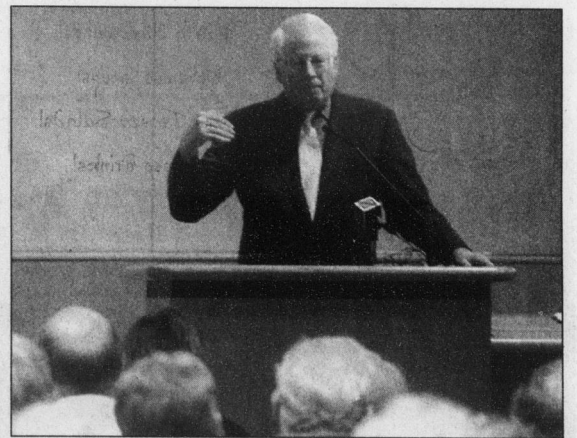
In his opening remarks, Price called Bush's budget "grossly deficient" and said he is determined to fight the proposed budget.

"It should be defeated," he said, prompting applause from an audience composed mostly of retirees.

And it is that demographic that is most concerned with the effects of Bush's proposal to privatize Social Security.

"The Social Security system does have some problems," Price said. "But this plan makes them worse."

While many of the questions Price answered revolved around the proposed changes, he acknowledged that most of the audience members would not be the ones



Rep. David Price, D-N.C., speaks Thursday at Town Hall to give residents a chance to discuss their concerns, including Social Security and transit.

most affected by Bush's plan.

Price said people in their 20s and 30s are the ones who should be most concerned.

University junior Heather Debethizy admitted that she did not come to the event to hear about Social Security, but she said she enjoyed hearing the perspectives of many audience members.

"Being on a college campus, you don't hear the issues that affect the elderly," she said.

And the topics of discussion Thursday covered more than just Social Security and budgets.

BY TED STRONG  
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The debate about revamping the way Orange County leaders are elected has led to controversy, harsh words and accusations of gorilla-like behavior.

Amid discussions of a bill that could elect Orange County commissioners by district, county officials have launched what appears to be a war of words.

The bill's author, Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange, sent an open letter Thursday to Moses Carey Jr., chairman of the commissioners. Faison's correspondence was a response to a March 25 open letter from Carey, who criticized both the bill and Faison's timing.

In his response, Faison accuses Carey of being evasive about his position on the issue, ignoring the opinions of residents county residents and behaving badly in his handling of the debate.

"When either of you have spoken out on the issue, in short order your comments degenerate into name calling, chest pounding and turf claims," Faison wrote, referring to Carey and Commissioner Stephen Halkiotis.

Carey declined to comment on that specific claim but said he doubts the letter will affect the way he interacts with Faison.

Halkiotis was far more outspoken when he saw the letter. "I think it's a classic example of his political bullying," he said. "He thinks he's in a courtroom, and he's going to pound on us the way he would pound on someone in a courtroom."

"He makes me sick," he added.

The commissioners received a petition in January requesting that they reconsider the way they are elected. In response, they initiated a staff analysis of the process.

The commissioners are reluctant to counter Faison's bill, which was filed in early March, without first seeing the in-house analysis.

Faison asserts that the commissioners are moving too slowly. He said they already could have come to decision, were they so inclined. "They could have already been well down that road," he said.

Carey decline to compare the likely timelines of Faison's bill and any county efforts.

He said that the county is using a wholly appropriate method to investigate. "That's (Faison's) opinion," Carey said. "The county is keeping the same process we use in all major policy decisions."

Faison said the commissioners also come off, at times, as unwilling to consider reform. "A due and deliberate approach is a laudable thing,

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