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HOW TO HELP

The Red Cross seeks volunteers and donations. E-mail occhapnc@intrex.net for more info.

The Center for Public Service has full listings of ways to help online at: www.unc.edu/cps

HOMECOMING OF SORTS

Continued state of rebuilding

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The port of New Orleans reopened, and the airport awaited its first commercial flights Tuesday since Hurricane Katrina slammed ashore more than two weeks ago. The coroner planned autopsies on at least 44 patients found dead at a flooded-out hospital.

In Washington, D.C., President Bush said "I take responsibility" for the government's failures in dealing with the hurricane, and said the disaster raised questions about the nation's ability to respond to natural disasters as well as terrorist attacks.

"Are we capable of dealing with a severe attack? That's a very important question and it's in the national interest that we find out what went on so we can better respond," the president said.

The new acting director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency pledged to intensify efforts to find more permanent housing for the tens of thousands of Katrina survivors now in shelters.

"We're going to get people out of the shelters. We're going to move on and get them the help they need," R. David Paulison said in his first public comments since he was named to replace Michael Brown. Brown resigned under fire over the government's sluggish response to the disaster.

In New Orleans, a shipment of steel coils left the port by barge

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DTH/ALEXANDRA MONTEALEGRE

Yancy's Juke Joint in Raleigh hosted a concert Tuesday to collect donations for the Wake County Hurricane Disaster Victims Center. Evacuees Dennis "the Menace" Chaney (left) and guitarist Randolph "Bambi" Linzsey (second right) performed.

BY ERIN GIBSON
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

RALEIGH — Bourbon Street might be empty, but the spirit was very much alive on Hargett Street on Tuesday night as the music and smell of New Orleans floated out the door of Yancy's Juke Joint.

Randolph "Bambi" Linzsey and Dennis "the Menace" Chaney — two evacuees from New Orleans now staying at the shelter in Raleigh — along with members of the band, Electric Church, performed some of their favorite songs as people enjoyed traditional New Orleans cuisine including jambalaya, gumbo, red beans and rice and etouffee.

Linzsey and Chaney are no strangers to the New Orleans music scene.

Meredith Swindell, one of the organizers of the event, got to know Linzsey while putting everything together and learned

just how important music is to him.

He and his wife fled to safety in New Orleans, but Linzsey went back home to get his guitar.

That passion was clear in his eyes as he focused on playing his bass guitar and bringing a taste of New Orleans to the Tar Heel state.

Chaney, a keyboard player, said he has played on Bourbon Street many times and even in the House of Blues.

Unlike Linzsey, he was not able to rescue his keyboard. But after visiting the shelter last week, Russ Swindell, district director for U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge, D-N.C., decided to make sure these musicians had a way to keep playing, encouraging local musicians to donate instruments.

Judy Ratcliffe, her husband and their son Jack came to show their support and get a little taste of New Orleans.

"We wanted to donate some money," Judy Ratcliffe said. "This sounded like a fun, good way to do it."

While Hargett Street is a far cry from the French Quarter, even the New Orleans locals said they almost felt like they were home.

"When you hear the music, it gets rid of all your worries," said John Booth, another hurricane evacuee. "New Orleans music moves your whole body."

Booth had reason to celebrate Tuesday night. He said he finally made contact with one of his daughters three days ago and found out that all of his family members are alive and safe.

The event, organized by members of the Church of the Good Shepherd, collected donations at the door and also

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FUNDRAISERS

\$14,315 was raised by the Katrina relief committee as of 5 p.m. Tuesday

Supplies fundraiser
The DTH will be in the Pit from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. collecting new socks and underwear; We will also have a drop-off box in Union Suite 2409, where we will collect supplies before mailing them off to areas in need

LOCAL EVENTS

Fueling relief
East End Oyster & Martini Bar holds fundraiser
201 E. Franklin St., 7 p.m.-2 a.m.

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Area charities unite to provide relief to areas in need Page 4

Sorry, just us
UNC Athletics Department says their officials alone will coordinate Saturday's football drive Page 4



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For a photo slideshow of the DTH's coverage from Louisiana and Mississippi visit dailytarheel.com

ANALYSIS

Dearmin mum on tuition stance

BY BRIAN HUDSON
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Today marks the second meeting of the Tuition Advisory Task Force, and members still are waiting for Student Body President Seth Dearmin to vocalize his stance on tuition.

During the year's first task force meeting last week, Dearmin, who serves as the group's co-chairman, only spoke twice and did not specifically establish an opinion on potential campuswide tuition hikes.

But Dearmin said Tuesday that it would not be fair to characterize his role as passive.

He said that he has been researching former task forces and gauging what areas on campus most need tuition revenue.

"I'm jumping in already," he said. "Coming in with a present agenda is not the best way to effect positive change."

Although the tuition discussion still is in its initial stages, history has shown that the student body president's position in the task force evolves into the stance taken before the University's Board of Trustees.

Former Student Body President

ATTEND THE MEETING

105 South Building
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Matt Tepper told the tuition task force in 2003 that, in light of a student fee increase and a potential systemwide tuition increase, campus hikes should go easy on students.

Months later at the BOT meeting, Tepper proposed a smaller hike as an alternative to the board's tuition plan.

And in 2004, former Student Body President Matt Calabria said in the task force that he is a proponent of hikes that improve the student experience.

Calabria ultimately compromised with trustees — rather than staunchly opposing them — and the proposed tuition hike was reduced several hundred dollars.

Dearmin's platform suggests pursuing a locked-in tuition plan and emphasizes the danger of pricing students out of UNC.

"Right now I'm really open-minded about things," he said. (The) most important thing I

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Roberts stresses court precedent

BY ERIC JOHNSON
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

As widely expected, Judge John Roberts held his ground Tuesday and declined to answer a range of questions put forth by members of the Senate judiciary committee.

Nominated to be the next chief justice of the United States, Roberts spent the second day of his confirmation hearings patiently deflecting questions from Senate Democrats on abortion rights, presidential powers during wartime and the scope of federal anti-discrimination statutes.

"I need to decide those questions with an open mind, on the

basis of the arguments presented, on the basis of the record presented in the case and on the basis of the rule of law, including the precedents of the court," Roberts said, responding to a question from Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del.

While he steadfastly refused to offer an opinion about *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision establishing a constitutional protection for abortion, Roberts said there should be a high threshold for overruling court precedents.

"I do think that it is a jolt to the legal system when you overrule a precedent," he said. "Precedent



John Roberts largely avoided questions on specific issues during Tuesday's hearings

plays an important role in promoting stability and evenhandedness." Still, he left open the possibility that certain cases could be reversed, even at the expense of stability.

"There are situations when that's a price that has to be paid," Roberts repeatedly emphasized

the limited role of the judiciary, asserting that judges must simply decide the cases before them.

But from 1982 to 1986, Roberts played an active role in advocating policy in the Reagan White House.

Throughout Tuesday's lengthy hearings, Roberts was asked to clarify memos and briefs written during his tenure as a lawyer in the White House counsel's office.

Lawmakers from both parties have been poring over thousands of pages of documents in search of clues to the nominee's thinking about a host of legal issues.

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Students aim to curb jump in college costs

BY MEGAN MCSWAIN
SENIOR WRITER

The cost of higher education puts many students in debt, and the problem could be growing.

Student lobbying groups are unhappy with potential federal funding cuts that could increase the burden and are rallying forces.

The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the budget reconciliation process — which has committees scrambling to find ways to cut spending — has fallen upon this

Congressional session.

In order to settle the budget, certain committees in the U.S. Senate and House need to slash \$35 billion to finance the national deficit.

Two of the committees are the House Committee on Education and the Workforce — which must find an excess \$12 billion — and the Senate Health, Labor, Education and Pensions Committee — which will cut more than \$13 billion.

Higher education will receive cuts of more than \$11 billion from the House reauthorization bill — deci-

sively more than the \$7 billion the Senate bill cuts, said Bob Samors, associate vice president for federal relations for the UNC system.

The cuts go against the Higher Education Act's original purpose of keeping college affordable, said Vanessa Lillie, spokeswoman for the National Education Association.

The Senate legislation received slightly warmer reception than the House version from student lobbyists, because funding cuts are less severe.

"The Senate is trying to lessen

the impact ... especially on low-income students," Samors said.

He said the UNC system is monitoring the legislation closely. "Certainly, the university is heavily engaged in this whole process," he said.

Some of the savings from higher education in the Senate legislation will be placed into a new financial aid program created in the same bill, he added.

Senators who authored the

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TAKING A STAND Students for a Progressive Chapel Hill hosts endorsees.

LOOKING FOR A HOME County officials discuss the need for social workers.

DOWN RIVER Chapel Hill officials look for ways to regulate area stormwater.



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SHOW ME THE WAY

New Orleans university students displaced by Katrina were given a brief orientation Tuesday as part of their introduction to UNC.

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LIKE PLAYING FROGGER

Students find that on-campus construction projects significantly alter its walkability. Officials work to increase pedestrian crossings.

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FINDING YOUR CENTER

The injury to UNC center Ben Lemming puts a serious crunch on the team's depth at the position, still left reeling from the loss of Jason Brown.

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