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## Groups stress unity, resolve

### Kenan Stadium site of large-scale effort

BY JENNY RUBY  
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Two weeks ago, students decided that the first home football game of the season would be the perfect opportunity to collect donations for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

And now, their plans are coming to fruition.

Student representatives of Carolina Katrina Relief and John Blanchard, senior associate director of athletics, met Wednesday to discuss how they could work together at Saturday's game against Wisconsin.

"We heard about this effort here," Blanchard said. "We just think it's a great idea."

Blanchard said the Department of Athletics is looking to recruit at least 40 student-athlete volunteers to collect donations at the entrances of Kenan Stadium beginning at 5 p.m. through the end of the first quarter.

And the athletics department is turning to other student organizations for guidance.

"I don't think we'll be able to get it done without your help," Blanchard said. "We need your active participation. We need your leadership to be involved in training."

The collaboration came a day after athletics department officials announced they would organize the fundraiser themselves.

Erica Curry, vice president of the UNC Red Cross, said she is glad to see the partnership between the groups.

"I wanted volunteers to feel like they were part of the experience," she said.

While student government and UNC Red Cross representatives aid

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## CLOSER TO HOME



WILMINGTON STAR-NEWS/PAUL STEPHEN

Progress Energy employees work to clear a fallen tree from Greenville Loop Road in Wilmington on Wednesday as Hurricane Ophelia bears down on the coast. Flooding, power outages and property damage have all been caused by the storm, Gov. Mike Easley said.

BY MATTHEW BOWLES STAFF WRITER

With the fallout from Hurricane Katrina still saturating the minds

of many Americans, coastal North Carolinians braced themselves Wednesday to face the landfall of Hurricane Ophelia.

A Category 1 hurricane, Ophelia doesn't pose the same threat as the Category 4 storm that smashed the Gulf Coast more than two weeks ago. But local and state officials still have scrambled to pursue the necessary safety precautions.

During a Wednesday afternoon press conference, Gov. Mike Easley reiterated the importance of following the evacuation orders issued by coast officials and warned of the potential problems caused by the slow-moving hurricane.

"Let me be clear: Ophelia is a dangerous storm that is already causing flooding, power outages and property damage which will continue over the next 24 to 36 hours," Easley said.

The governor already had activated 350 N.C. National Guardsmen for storm response, and Federal Emergency Management Agency had sent 250 people to assist with damage evaluation.

Though the storm was projected to produce surges as high as 11 feet in some places and flood the Pamlico Sound as late as Wednesday evening, meteorologists saw the storm drift northeast as the night pro-

gressed. According to information from the National Weather Service around 11 p.m., Ophelia's eyewall was moving east of the coast, with many of the storm's strongest winds — estimated around 78 mph — not expected to impact much of the coast.

But the state was ready Wednesday, as increasingly darker predictions were issued for the area.

By Wednesday morning, six counties already had ordered mandatory evacuations, while voluntary evacuations were issued for nine others, including New Hanover County, which saw strong winds and heavy rain before noon.

Dexter Hayes, public information officer for the county's Department of Emergency Management, said Ophelia's sluggish

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## HURRICANE KATRINA: THE AFTERMATH

### HOW TO HELP

The Red Cross seeks volunteers and donations. E-mail [ochchapnc@intrex.net](mailto:ochchapnc@intrex.net) for more info.

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

### FUNDRAISERS

\$16,545 was raised by the Katrina relief committee as of 5 p.m. Wednesday

### 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

Beads for the bayou N.C. Hillel is selling beads for \$1 the Pit, Thursday

Pit donations The Association for India's Development will hold an all-day food sale with proceeds going to relief efforts the Pit, Friday

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An exemption Officials consider waiving No Child Left Behind requirements for students affected by the Katrina Page 4

Heading off The Orange County Democratic Party and the Chapel Hill children's center prepare a rig full of supplies to leave for affected areas today Page 5

Cleaning up As New Orleans slowly reopens to residents and business as usual, city officials look to reclaim the city's health standards Page 5



### MULTIMEDIA

For a photo slideshow of the DTH's coverage from Louisiana and Mississippi visit [dailytarheel.com](http://dailytarheel.com)

## Opinion Editor justifies firing of Tuesday columnist

Might as well get to the point: I fired Jillian Bades yesterday.

And not because I thought she was a racist or an idiot. She is, in fact, neither — and even if she were, I wouldn't have fired her for those reasons.

I fired her because she strung together quotes out of context. She took sources' words out of context. She misled those sources when she conducted interviews.

In other words, she conducted journalistic malpractice, and that's simply not something I, or The Daily Tar Heel, will tolerate.

By now, all of you have likely read Bades' Tuesday column, "It's sad, but racial profiling is necessary for our safety."

So you probably know that it's a fiery look at the practice of singling out Arabs and Arab Americans for examination at in public places. And you know it begins with the rather incendiary comment, "I want all Arabs to be stripped naked and cavity-searched if they get within 100 yards of an airport."

You also know it contains the line "I want Arabs to get sexed up like nothing else" in reference to an Ann Coulter quote about going through airport security.

Some of you called it racist. Some of you called Bades' words a fundamental breach of integrity and journalistic standards. Some



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of you called for my head, not to mention hers.

But that's not why Bades got fired. It happened because she lied to her sources and readers.

Unlike two DTH alumni who resigned from The Reidsville Review this summer, Bades didn't inaccurately quote anyone. (I have her notes as proof.)

But you don't necessarily have to make things up to get them wrong or to mislead the reader.

This is the bottom line: Bades told the three people quoted in her column — students Sherief Khaki and Muhammad Salameh, as well as professor Nasser Isleem — that she was writing an article about Arab-American relations in a post-9/11 world.

That's not what happened; that's a major problem.

Racial profiling was, in fact, part of their conversation. But it wasn't their entire conversation.

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## Tuition talks lack specifics

### Task force reviews price sensitivity

BY BRIAN HUDSON  
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The Tuition Advisory Task Force came as close as it has to discussing specific tuition proposals Wednesday.

But, a week after their first meeting, the group still is miles away from hammering out its final proposal to the chancellor, leaders say.

Task force members were briefed on a price-sensitivity study conducted last year, which estab-

lishes market limits on campus-based tuition increases.

The study offered insights to the task force about how high tuition could be raised before prospective students are discouraged from attending UNC.

The University has room to increase in-state tuition for undergraduates to the level of its competitors without consequence, according to the study.

But in light of the Board of Trustees' tuition philosophy

— which dictates that UNC in-state tuition be set at 25 percent of peer institutions' tuitions — it is not likely that drastic hikes would pass.

"By definition I don't think we can be out of the range of our competitive set," Trustee Karol Mason, a member of the task force, said via telephone during the meeting.

But Provost Robert Shelton, co-chairman of the task force, said it is important for members of the task force to be well-versed in all

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## Committee presses for response

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
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In spite of repeated refusals to answer any questions that might eventually reach the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge John Roberts was pressed Wednesday on a multitude of high-profile controversies still raging in courts across the country.

From capital punishment to affirmative action to the rights of enemy combatants, Senate judiciary committee members continued to focus on topics that Roberts deemed off limits.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., probed the nominee for a response



John Roberts continued to be grilled on policy issues during Wednesday's hearing.

about the constitutionality of affirmative action, particularly in reference to the 2003 Supreme Court case of Grutter v. Bollinger.

In a 5-4 decision, the court declared constitutional a form of racial preferences at the University of Michigan Law School that did

not allow quotas but instead permitted race to be one of many factors considered in applications.

"Do you agree then with Justice O'Connor, writing for the majority that gave great weight to the real-world impact of affirmative policies in universities?" Kennedy asked.

Roberts declined to go into details of the case but said judges should consider the ultimate effect of their rulings.

"I can certainly say that I do think that is the appropriate

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### GOING SOUTH

By the time the Student Academic Services facility is completed, many campus mainstays will have relocated to South Campus.



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### CALL TO ORDER

BSM President Brandon Hodges says his group's work is far from over. Attendance at the first meetings indicates an interest in his goal.

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### DISCUSSING ACTION

Orange County officials hold another roundtable on homelessness, this time stressing the importance of providing temporary homes.

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