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Construction worker dies in accident

Death is second in three months

BY JENNY RUBY

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A Hillsborough man was killed early Thursday morning while working near a campus construction site.

According to University police reports, David Roy Phillips, 58, an employee of Chandler Concrete in Burlington, parked his concrete truck in the left lane of Pittsboro

Street to check his load.

He did not set the parking brake or close the driver's side door. The truck began to roll backwards, and the door caught Phillips, dragging him 65 feet, reports state.

He died shortly after being pinned between the truck and a fence at the McCauley Street intersection. Paramedics made unsuccessful attempts to resuscitate Phillips,

who had worked with the company for nine and a half years.

"Obviously, it's a very sad day for our company," said Steve Jones, director of human resources for Chandler Concrete. "We're very shocked and saddened by the tragedy."

Construction on the nearby Global Education Center came to a halt Thursday but will resume this morning, said Bob Beke, construction manager for the center.

The incident occurred less than

two months after the death of a construction worker at the northeast chiller plant and parking deck construction site, near Cobb Residence Hall.

On Aug. 13, a man operating a bulldozer at the site was spreading fill material against one of the new foundation walls when he backed into another worker, killing him, said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for planning and construction.

Beke said the two fatalities are

not the indication of a trend.

"It's just a coincidence," he said. "If you look back at all the construction on campus, you're not going to find many of these incidents. It's not anything that I see as a pattern."

Jones said Chandler Concrete and others are in the process of investigating Thursday's incident.

"Obviously, we are very concerned, and we want to know what

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"It'll be a widespread area of tropical storm and hurricane-force winds. I think it's a pretty comprehensive threat." RICK SMITH, METEOROLOGIST



Mario Williams, 15, holds sisters DeShonna and Dazyre as they fill up with gas before heading to Victoria, Texas, to escape Hurricane Rita.

RITA MAKES APPROACH

BY ERIC JOHNSON

ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Roadways along the Gulf Coast were jammed once again Thursday as the second major hurricane in less than a month forced evacuations from coastal Texas and Louisiana.

The outermost bands of Hurricane Rita were brushing the coast of Louisiana by Thursday afternoon as the massive storm moved across the Gulf.

Forecasters expect Rita to make landfall early Saturday morning somewhere between Galveston, Texas, and the Texas-Louisiana border, and the storm isn't likely to shift course.

"Our confidence is relatively high with the path we're looking at right now," said Rick Smith, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service southern regional headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas.

The storm is so large that residents well outside the storm's predicted track can expect to feel its effects, Smith said.

"It'll be a widespread area of tropical storm and hurricane-force winds," he said. "I think it's a pretty comprehensive threat."

Officials in Texas and

Louisiana have given every indication that they are taking the threat seriously.

A massive evacuation is under way from coastal communities in Texas and southwestern Louisiana as hundreds of thousands of residents heed the call to evacuate inland. Highways leading out of Houston were accepting only northbound traffic as of Thursday afternoon, with southbound lanes opened up

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HURRICANE KATRINA: THE AFTERMATH

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.

FUNDRAISERS

Supplies fundraiser
The DTH will be in the Pit from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. collecting new socks and underwear; we also have a drop-off box in Union Suite 2409, to collect supplies for areas in need. We will continue until the end of the month.

LOCAL EVENTS

Taste of relief
UNC's Association for India's Development will hold a food sale.

Tickets are \$5.
Monday, the Pit



MULTIMEDIA
For a photo slideshow of the DTH's coverage from Louisiana and

Work fatalities

Of the two deaths reported in Orange County during the current fiscal year, both occurred at UNC construction sites.

	Fiscal year starting Oct. 1	'03	'04	'05
Total deaths across N.C.	84	90	60	
Reported in Orange County	0	0	2	
Construction-related	27	37	21	

SOURCE: OSHA

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Judge sent on to full Senate

Roberts approved 13-5 by Judiciary

BY KRISTIN PRATT

STAFF WRITER

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 13 to 5 Thursday to approve Judge John Roberts' nomination as chief justice of the United States, a move experts said was generally expected.

"They all knew from the beginning that, in the absence of a smoking gun, he would be confirmed," said Jesse Choper, professor of public law at the University of California-Berkeley.

A vote by the full Senate is scheduled for Monday, and analysts said the body's Republican majority should ensure an easy approval for Roberts.

Choper said Democrats will not filibuster the nomination because they realize a Republican majority might attempt to ban the practice and give the nod to Roberts anyway.

"The show was a prelude to the inevitable — that's a yes vote," said Artemus Ward, professor of political science at Northern Illinois University.

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Tuition policy gets green light

BY BRIAN HUDSON

UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The University's Board of Trustees moved forward Thursday on a plan to allow out-of-state students attending UNC-Chapel Hill on full scholarships to pay in-state tuition rates.

In a unanimous vote, the trustees deferred authority in implementing the campus's tuition plan to Chancellor James Moeser.

The resolution further mandates that Moeser will report to the board annually about the students who would benefit from the program.

Opponents of the tuition policy say the provision could allow schools to circumvent the 18 percent cap on out-of-state student enrollment.

But Moeser emphasized that the University will not enroll fewer students from North Carolina.

"No North Carolinian will be turned away

who otherwise would have been admitted to this University," Moeser said during the meeting.

The nonresidents on full scholarship will be admitted in addition to the University's generally admitted class.

Because the students will be an unforeseen addition to UNC-CH's enrollment plan, care must be taken not to overburden the University, Moeser said.

"This is absolutely critical that we not outgrow our capacity," Moeser said. "This will be careful growth."

The trustees' resolution was a reaction to a provision in the N.C. budget that allows UNC-system schools' boards of trustees to reclassify

full-scholarship nonresidents as residents.

UNC-CH tuition costs \$3,205 for undergraduate residents and \$17,003 for undergraduate nonresidents.

The resolution is only the first step in establishing the program, Moeser said, noting that finer points will come later.

Now that the groundwork is in place, enrollment officials will begin to hammer out those details.

Administrators now are charged with finding a funding source for the support the students will require.

Based on this year's freshmen class, officials anticipate about 100 students will qualify for the program next year, said Jerry Lucido, vice provost for admissions and enrollment management.

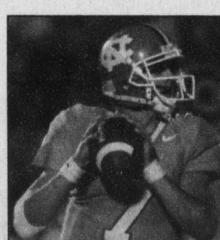
The policy will aid programs such as

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PASSING OF A LEGEND

Former Town Council member Joe Straley died Thursday at N.C. Memorial Hospital. The longtime Orange County political activist was 90.



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AFTERNOON DELIGHT

North Carolina faces off against N.C. State this Saturday in perhaps the biggest game of the season for either of the ACC rivals.

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Wednesday's front page story, "Protester's NCSU visit leads to campus spat," incorrectly identified chairman Adam Downing as the vice chairman of the N.C. State University College Republicans. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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SOME WELL-NEEDED REST City schools teachers Thursday morning saw their first extended planning period

WHAT ELSE WE GOT? County weighs service options at planned solid waste center as they relate to land buffers

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