

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Thursday's page 11 photo accompanying the "SAW stages cleaning protest" story misidentifies Elan Keene as a member of Student Action with Workers.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

Due to an editing error, Thursday's page 3 story, "Newton wants board to increase proactivity," incorrectly states that the Hillsborough Town Board approved an ordinance to allow an asphalt plant to be constructed.

The ordinance was actually already in place when developers applied for the location.

Also, due to a reporting error, the article quotes Paul Newton as saying that all town board members live downtown. Newton actually said most of them do as two members live north of U.S. 70.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC chosen to take part in child development research

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has chosen six institutions — including UNC — across the nation to examine the environmental, social, behavioral, biological and community factors that affect children's development in the U.S.

Researchers from the School of Public Health and Carolina Population Center will conduct the research, and Duplin County will be UNC's study location.

The National Children's Study will follow U.S. children from early life through adulthood, with the goal of finding information about health problems such as autism, birth defect, diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

Researchers plan to examine factors — including the food, air, schools and neighborhoods, health care provider visits and dust in homes — to which children are exposed.

CITY BRIEFS

Town officials purchase land to increase open space area

Chapel Hill officials have set aside more land for open space.

The town has purchased \$1.05 million in open space. Land in the Northside neighborhood and south of the Southern Village neighborhood — more than 22 acres — has been set aside.

The tracts were purchased by the town from heirs of the late Leo Merritt, and the town now has about 740 acres of open space land.

Chapel Hill voters approved an open space bond in 2003 that made the tract purchase possible.

The Greenways Commission will hike the Northside open space land at 5 p.m. today.

Local fire chief to participate in international symposium

Chapel Hill Fire Chief Dan Jones has been invited to take part in an international fire symposium.

The United States-United Kingdom Fire Symposium will allow fire service leaders to talk about pertinent issues facing their field.

Jones, who applied for the position last spring, is one of 22 Americans in the field to attend the conference, which will take place during eight days in October.

The conference will be held at the British Fire Service College in Moreton-in-Marsh, U.K. and the Scottish Fire Services College in Edinburgh, Scotland.

STATE & NATION

Easley signs 'hit-and-run' legislation into state law

Gov. Mike Easley signed a new hit-and-run statute into law this weekend.

House Bill 217, known as "Stephen's Law" in honor of former Tar Heel Sports Network reporter Stephen Gates, passed the N.C. House on Aug. 22 and the N.C. Senate on Aug. 12, both with unanimous votes.

The new statute will eliminate a loophole in former legislation and require that no person in a vehicle involved in an accident leave the scene, except to call for assistance.

Gates was killed in 2003 in a hit-and-run accident. Rabah Samara, a passenger in the SUV that struck Gates, was charged after he drove the vehicle from the scene.

Samara was acquitted of all charges.

— From staff and wire reports.

ASG to grade N.C. legislators

Project similar to Virginia effort

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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LAUREL HILL — Even with the state legislature out of session for most of the 2005-06 academic year, the UNC Association of Student Governments is set to take on a major new project aimed at state-level advocacy.

Delegates approved Sunday a plan to create legislative report cards for every member of the N.C. General Assembly, grading lawmakers on their level of support for student-friendly legislation.

"It gives us some level of accountability for legislators among students," said Ginny Franks, the association's vice president for legislative affairs. "We really want to make it so you can see where your legislator has stood."

The ASG initiative is modeled on a project begun in Virginia by

a student advocacy group called Virginia21. The organization was formed in 2003 by students from the College of William and Mary and has grown to represent universities from around the state.

The Virginia21 report card assigns lawmakers a GPA score based on how they voted on a number of issues, from funding for higher education to reform of absentee balloting guidelines.

Franks said the ASG hopes to have something similar ready in time for the 2006 N.C. General Assembly session.

The guide is not intended only for students, and Franks said the association might pay to have its report card advertised statewide.

The project will be a significant undertaking for the ASG, rivaling the scale of the Personal Stories project launched in 2003.

That effort collected hundreds of individual narratives about the effect of tuition hikes and budget cuts.

"This is going to be one of our major expenditures," Franks said of the report card initiative. "It's going to be something I'm going to concentrate a lot of my time on."

ASG leaders said the group as a whole will be more focused this year on enhancing its potency and profile in state lobbying.

"The more professional we are and the more we have a sustained influence, the more we'll be able to concentrate on it and really be effective," Franks said.

The group's budget for the 2005-06 fiscal year — approved Sunday by ASG's General Assembly — reflects the high priority being placed on advocacy efforts.

The association's bottom line received a \$10,000 boost this year, bringing the organization's annual operating fund to \$180,000. That money comes from a fee of \$1 paid by

every student in the UNC system.

Of the extra \$10,000 allocated, a full \$3,000 was placed into the fund for legislative affairs. Franks' division will have \$12,000 to work with this year, an earmark that has doubled since 2003-04.

ASG President Zack Wynne said the decision to move into an office closer to the legislative building is further evidence of a renewed concentration on state affairs.

"I think it's going to be really nice," he said. "You're able to come and walk to the legislature. We could even invite people back (to the office)."

The new space, which officials said will be ready by the end of next month, is about more than just a new location, Franks said.

"I think the professional space we're moving into is exactly what we need to let people know that we are a serious contender in state politics."

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"It's been a long-term ambition of mine. I just didn't know it would happen so soon." CHRISTOPHER CHILTON, SOPHOMORE



Christopher Chilton (right), a UNC-CH sophomore, and Jayanth Iyengar, a Washington University student, rehearse for their appearance on the Jeopardy! College Championship, which will air Nov. 7-18. The tournament tapings were held at the RBC Center in Raleigh.

PRIME TIME FOR \$100,000, ALEX

UNC STUDENT COMPETES IN COLLEGE JEOPARDY! SHOW

BY ERIN ZUREICK
STAFF WRITER

Sporting a navy blue sweatshirt with a blue "Carolina" emblazoned across it, UNC sophomore Christopher Chilton stepped onto the stage and into the spotlight this weekend to compete in the 2005 Jeopardy! College Championship.

At stake in the annual tournament was a \$100,000 grand prize — not to mention bragging rights among the four area colleges that had participants.

"It's been a long-term ambition of mine," Chilton said of being on the show. "I just didn't know it would happen this soon."

Gazing out into a sea of red- and blue-clad fans, one might have assumed the audience was gathered to watch a heated athletic competition unfold in Raleigh's RBC Center.

But the 6,000 fans who packed the arena were there to cheer on their local favorites as

they competed against 11 other college students for the show's trivia crown.

Chilton, Peter Ellis of N.C. State University, Malisha Butts of N.C. Central University and Chelsea He of Duke University all had a shot at the title. Each student was guaranteed a minimum prize of \$5,000.

But viewers will have to wait until the tournament airs to see if the hometown advantage paid off. Jeopardy! publicists asked that results not be revealed before the two-week tournament airs from Nov. 7 to Nov. 18.

Before going on-air, Chilton said nerves were only a slight concern. "I'm a little nervous, but mostly focused on what's ahead."

Once they took the stage, students chose categories from a clue board resembling a giant wooden bookshelf — complete with jumbo-sized books stacked up on either side.

Alex Trebek, now in his 22nd season hosting the show, said winners of the tournament

usually display a love of learning.

"They know who's on the best-sellers list, and they know who the classics are," he said. "Someone interested in acquiring knowledge will probably do better than someone who is just smart in class."

Chilton, an English and Latin double-major, said he prepared for the tournament by reviewing topics such as classical composers.

And after taking the stage, Chilton said the crowd didn't present too many difficulties.

"If you look over you can tell, but most of the time you're pretty focused," he said.

He said his family and friends were present in the audience to support him.

Butts, a senior history major, said her family as well as her Quiz Bowl teammates and coaches were all on hand to cheer for her.

"It's more nerve-wracking than you'd

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Stevens holds bold vision for town's future

BY ALEXA DIXON
STAFF WRITER

Tom Stevens, a resident of Hillsborough and Orange County, knows the town's past.

Now, he's seeking to improve its future.

A University alumnus, Stevens said he wants to give back to a community that is dear to his heart by running for mayor.

Creating a long-range plan for the town is his first priority, he said.

"We should take charge of our future to preserve a real sense of community," he said.

Hillsborough's walking-distance attractions and friendly atmosphere drew Stevens, who operates a leadership consultant firm, to the town, he said.

"I've been here for the past 30 years since I graduated from UNC, and I've lived in town for eight years," he said.

"I was really drawn to being



Candidate Tom Stevens says leaders must preserve historic areas and develop around them.

part of a walkable community, not only for the great neighbors, but I can walk downtown to the bank, farmers' market or a nice restaurant."

Stevens' transition to town politics might have sprung from his decision to live permanently within town limits.

"I wanted to participate and give back to the community, (and) my talent is speaking up and being a leader," he said. "I believe we should support the things we believe in, and I believe in Hillsborough."

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2005
GETTING TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

Tom Stevens

- Wants sound strategic planning to identify and invite balanced growth that will preserve town feel.

- Hopes to obtain more resources for the town through improved interactions with area governments.

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Joe Phelps

- Thinks he has proven leadership abilities as established during his previous two terms as mayor.

- Wants to work on the town's efficiency so that he is able to keep water and tax rates down.

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SOURCE: JOE PHELPS
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Phelps champions proven track record

BY JESSICA SCHONBERG
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Joe Phelps' ties to the community run deep.

Phelps, who was born and raised in Hillsborough, is running for his third term as mayor there, against first-time candidate Tom Stevens.

"I think I know what's vital to Hillsborough," Phelps said. "I've been here my whole life and I'm not sure you could get me to leave."

Phelps, a real estate business owner, said that he believes he has proven his leadership abilities during his previous two terms as mayor and that he sees no reason for the town to change leaders now.

If elected for a third term, he said he plans to work to keep water and tax rates down. These rates have been rising steadily in Hillsborough.

Phelps said he plans to address the rising costs by fostering positive development.

"Because we haven't grown and



Incumbent Mayor Joe Phelps says growth must come from outside downtown.

our tax and water rates have gone up, it appears you have to have some growth to maintain a steady tax and water base," he said.

Without additional growth, residents will pay increasingly large water bills, he said.

"We have got to have some more water users or our water rates are going to keep on going up," Phelps said.

But while he acknowledges that some growth might be necessary, Phelps does not want to see Hillsborough lose its small-town charm.

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Groups set to kick off week

Race relations subject of events

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
STAFF WRITER

There's a four-letter word that people constantly avoid. Some people are afraid of offending others, and some are unaware of the issues attached to it.

But most people agree "race" is an important part of today's world.

That's why the Students for the Advancement of Race Relations, a Campus Y committee, planned

RACE RELATIONS WEEK AT UNC



TOMORROW: Examining self segregation at the University

Race Relations Week, which kicks off at noon today in the Pit.

The week's events, which are held annually, attempt to break racial stereotypes and to educate people about differences.

"Race is something people think about but don't have a chance to talk about," said Clayton Perry, co-chairman of SARR. "Race Relations Week allows students to have a chance to talk and to get a perspective about race in a safe and inclusive environment."

Perry said that the events planned for the week range from academic to entertaining, but all events are educational.

Brandon Hodges, president of the Black Student Movement, said Race Relations Week creates awareness about groups that have been denied representation and equality.

"It dedicates five days to educating people about accepting diversity, but hopefully we can extend the awareness further," Hodges said.

SARR, in cooperation with a number of campus groups, has multiple events planned every day from Oct. 3 to Oct. 9, each focusing on racial relations in today's world.

Race Relations Week also emphasizes that race relations come in many different colors.

"We're not living in a world where it's just black and white," said Shailika Shah, president of Sangam, UNC's South Asian awareness organization. "This university is multicultural, and it is important for people to realize that."

Sangam will co-host an activity called "Beyond Black and White: A

Race Relations Week

Monday

- 12:00 Noon Kick off in the Pit
- 2-4 p.m. UNC Black History tour, McKorkle Place at Silent Sam
- 6 p.m. Forum: Ain't I a Woman?, Toy Lounge
- 7:30 p.m. Panel: "Beyond Black and White: A Recipe for Wider Understanding," Toy Lounge
- 9 p.m. Race and Radio, tune to WXYC 89.3 FM for diverse music

Tuesday

- 12 p.m. Diaspora Film Festival, Hitchcock Multipurpose Room, Sonja Haynes Stone Center
- 6 p.m. The Untold Story: The 19 Year War of Abduction and Child Soldiering in Uganda, Cobb Theater, Sonja Haynes Stone Center

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