

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Congress approves funding, makes several appointments**

In a vote Tuesday, Student Congress members appointed Rep. Kris Wampler and Rep. Tyler Younts to the ethics committee.

Younts said he hopes the committee will address the problem of Congress members being absent from meetings. "It bothers me when people get elected to Congress and they don't show up or they're absent a lot," he said.

Members also appointed Rep. Caroline Spencer as chairwoman of the textbook pricing committee.

Members approved junior Julia Holliday and freshman Dominic Ruiz-Esparza to serve as associate justices to the Student Supreme Court.

Congress members approved \$1,200 to OASIS to fund their Africans Unite weekend retreat.

The newly formed Chess & Go Club received \$507.57 to buy gaming equipment.

The Bollywood Club of Carolina received \$900 to purchase a license for multiple screenings of three films.

Members approved \$866 to the Student Global Health Committee to host the director of two documentary films relating to poverty in India.

**UNC to honor its birthday with speech, awards event**

On University Day, Oct. 12, UNC will celebrate its 212th birthday with a speech and awards in Memorial Hall.

Christopher Mead Armitage, an English professor at UNC since 1967, will be the keynote speaker. He was awarded the first UNC Professor of Distinguished Teaching in 1995, the Nicholas Salgo Outstanding Teacher Award and two Bowman and Gordon Gray chairs for undergraduate teaching.

First presented in 1971, the Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus Awards are presented annually on University Day. This year's recipients are Dr. Ana Lucia Almeida Gazzola, Thomas Forrest Kelly, James Arthur Merchant and Roy Hampton Park Jr.

University Day was created in 1793 to honor the laying of the cornerstone of Old East, the nation's first state university building. The university was chartered by the state legislature in 1789 and the first students came in 1795.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Gay rights group endorses Kleinschmidt for council**

Equality NC PAC, a gay rights advocacy group, announced its endorsement of Mark Kleinschmidt for Chapel Hill Town Council on Tuesday.

The endorsement was made because of Kleinschmidt's leadership skills and his outspoken advocacy for equal rights, Ian Palmquist, the group's executive director of programs, said in a press release.

Though the group primarily works in state races, it will make endorsements for significant local elections.

Kleinschmidt worked to make Chapel Hill the first N.C. town to add gender identity or expression to the town's anti-discrimination policy. He also helped the effort leading to the town's opposition to the Defense of Marriage Act.

**Town makes changes to bus schedule to take effect Mon.**

The town has taken steps to improve one of its bus routes.

Beginning Oct. 10, the Chapel Hill Transit's V Route will operate on a new schedule.

The route serves Southern Village, UNC Hospitals, South Road, the Friday Center and the Meadowmont neighborhood.

Members of the Meadowmont community requested an improved schedule, and the new route will meet those requests.

Information — including new routes and schedules — can be found online at [www.townof-chapelhill.org/transit/routes](http://www.townof-chapelhill.org/transit/routes).

**County leaders buy building that will house senior center**

Orange County's leaders voted Monday to buy the structure in which they hope to construct a Central Orange Senior Center in Hillsborough.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted to buy the Triangle Sportsplex just before the contract's due-diligence period — the county's opportunity to turn the deal down — would have ended.

When the commissioners agreed to buy the facility for \$5.6 million in July, it was with a "free look period" during which, if they found anything that alarmed them, they could walk away from the deal. That period was set to expire today.

— From staff and wire reports.

# Hopefuls post funding totals

BY TED STRONG  
CITY EDITOR

Like Nelly says, it must be the money.

With 35 days left before election day, the man with the biggest war chest is Paul Newton, candidate for Hillsborough Town Board of Commissioners.

He's got \$3,222.66 on hand, and has raised a total of more than \$7,450.

Candidates must file 35-day campaign finance reports if they plan on spending more than \$3,000 or are running in Chapel Hill, where all candidates must file the reports.

Some candidates' reports are not yet available to the public because Tuesday's deadline can be met with a postmark, meaning that some fil-

ings might not have arrived at the Board of Elections.

The mayoral races overall have been low-key, or at least low-dollar, affairs. All of the candidates in the campaigns for mayors of Carrboro and Hillsborough have declared themselves below the \$3,000 threshold that determines whether a candidate must file finance reports.

Candidates Jason Baker, Walker Rutherford and Bill Thorpe, all running for Chapel Hill Town Council as well as Alex Zaffron and Mark Chilton, both running for Carrboro Mayor, didn't have reports available.

Additionally, Will Raymond, Randeel Haven-O'Donnell and

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**Campaign spending**

The first filing period for this fall's elections ended Tuesday. Candidates must document their campaign costs if they plan on spending more than \$3,000. Several of those candidates' reports had not been received as of 5 p.m. Tuesday.

	MONEY SPENT	MONEY RAISED
Paul Newton	\$4,233.34	\$7,456
Laurin Easthom	\$1,300.28	\$3,409.40
Mark Kleinschmidt	\$889.09	\$3,035
Will Raymond	\$342.04	\$830
Robin Cutson	\$285.60	\$385.60
John Herrera	\$24	\$12
Randeel Haven-O'Donnell	\$10	\$1,675
Kevin Foy	\$5	\$150
Kevin Wolff	\$5	\$30

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DTH/BOBBY SWEAT

# Bowles similar to past leaders

**Officials expect firm guidance**

BY KRISTIN PRATT  
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While there might not have been any dancing in the streets, the Board of Governors' approval of Erskine Bowles to be the next UNC-system president certainly has pleased education leaders.

"We see the best characteristics of our past three presidents in Erskine Bowles," said Brad Wilson, chairman of the Board of Governors and of the selection committee for the system president.

Wilson said Bowles reflects the hard-working attitude and understanding of the state and its universities held by current President Molly Broad.

He said he also sees the business knowledge of former President C.D. Spangler, as well as the persuasive capabilities of former President William Friday in Bowles.



But how Erskine Bowles will compare to past presidents of the 16-campus system is hard to judge, Spangler and Friday said.

"Each of us is a different person, of course," Friday said, adding that people's backgrounds and how they synthesize their experiences all make them different.

John Sanders, former director of the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill, said that while some of the recent presidents were highly versed in higher education, like Broad and Friday, it is not a requirement for the position.

Bowles, like Spangler, does not have much more experience in higher education than just attending a university, he said.

Wilson said he finds more similarities than differences with Bowles in comparison to past leaders.

He said Bowles will approach decisions with the same driven manner as Broad. While Broad favors a deliberate process, he said he thinks Bowles will make decisions more quickly.

The transition from the Broad administration to the Bowles administration will be easy, education leaders said, but Bowles still will find challenges.

Spangler said running a university system is a lot different than working as a government official.

He said the official can dictate a course of action, but a system president must convince others about which course to follow.

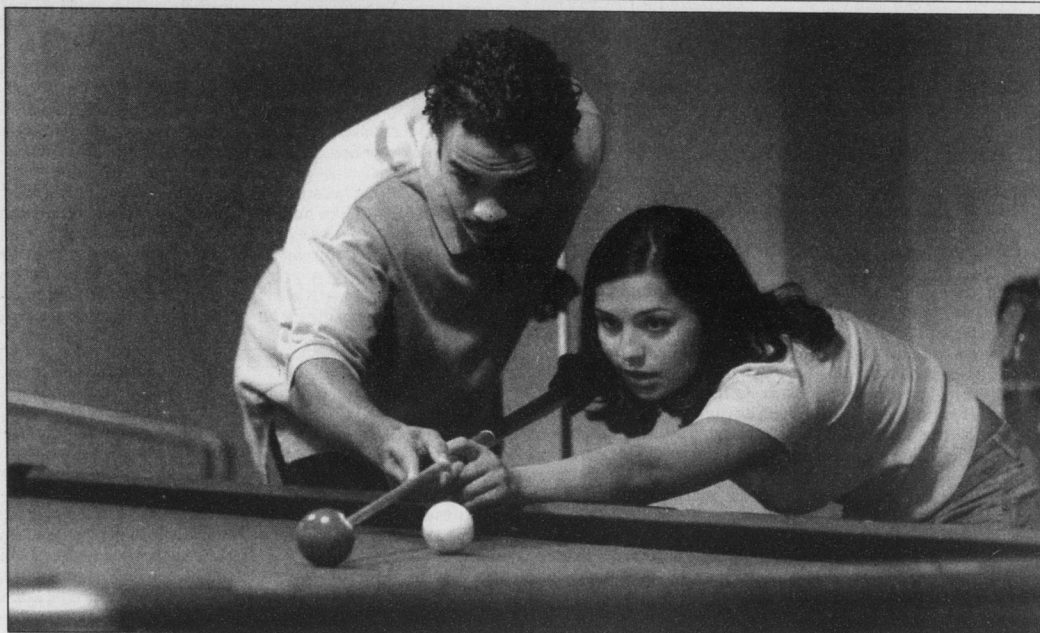
But the goals Bowles has for the system probably won't differ greatly from past presidents', former leaders said.

"I doubt if his goals will be too much different," Spangler said. "But he will go at them in different ways."

The goals, he added, are to give students the best education at the lowest possible price. "That's a good president's primary goal."

Friday said some of the major

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Interracial couple Labat Yancey (left) and Cristina Velez, both seniors, play pool together Wednesday. The pair has dated for two years.

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# HEARTS SHARE SAME COLOR

BY NATALIE HAMMEL  
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Sophomore Lamar Jamison and freshman Claire Stromberg say that they were attracted to each other because of their goofy personalities.

"I've just never been able to talk to somebody like I can him," she says with a smile.

Their laughter, among other things, has supported the couple through more than a year-and-a-half of dating.

But there have been frustrations, too.

Jamison is black and Stromberg is white, and for her parents, this is a major issue. She says through tears she doesn't think they'll ever be accepting of their relationship.

"They're just opposed to me dating someone outside my race," she says. "I don't see why it should matter."

Susan Eckert, race relations expert for About.com, says one of the biggest issues interracial couples face is their families' attitudes toward their relationships.

"They can be really hurtful in the things that they say and the expectations that they set for you," she says.

"A lot of people who haven't ever been in an interracial relationship don't understand how people of different races can come together, get along and transcend the differences that are often attributed to race."

Stromberg says she lost some of her

respect for her parents when they were not supportive of her decision to date Jamison.

"I felt like they were not really looking out for my best interests," she says.

One thing Jamison says he admires about Stromberg is her stubborn side, which he says has helped her stand up to her parents.

"If you think of the grand scale of things in life — to waste energy separating people based on their color — it's pointless," he says.

"It really just shows someone's ignorance rather than their insight."

The couple says it's easier being together in Chapel Hill, than when they go home to Gastonia.

"You get stared at everywhere you go," Jamison says.

Chuck Stone, a retired journalism professor and an advocate of race relations, says the University is overall a more accepting place for interracial relationships than other parts of North Carolina.

"If they see somebody that they like, I think the atmosphere, or the environment I should say, is conducive to them pursuing it," he says.

"Our campus is kind of an oasis. It's not

the reality."

Labat Yancey, a black senior business administration major, says he was attracted to Cristina Velez, an Italian and Puerto Rican senior international studies and Spanish major, because she looked different.

**Race Relations Week**

**Wednesday**

- 1 p.m. UNC Black History Tour, McCorkle Place at Silent Sam
- 7 p.m. Keynote Address featuring Kevin Powell: "Living in a Multicultural America," Great Hall

**Thursday**

- 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Stand for SUDAN, the Pit
- 6 p.m. Movie: Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium, Hanes Art Center 121
- 7:30 p.m. Diversity: Dinner, Hanes Art Center Foyer
- 8 p.m. Representatives of Race in the Media, Hanes Art Center 121
- 10 p.m. Expressions After Dark, Hanes Art Center 121

because of Velez. And about cultural differences between them, Velez says, "We can point it out without feeling it's a tension."

Sitting cozily, Van Dang and David Galloway joke about their differences in appearance. She has long, straight black hair while his is short, slightly curly and

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# Baker advocates for more transportation

BY JAKE PÖTTER  
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He might be young, but his college education is good for something — Chapel Hill Town Council hopeful Jason Baker is the only municipal candidate thus far to take advantage of the free advertising of a Facebook group.

"I've already got a committed Facebook ad donor," he said with a chuckle.

But those who have followed Baker's campaign are quick to point out that his efforts to become the third college student in town history to take a seat on the council are nothing but serious.

Baker, a 21-year-old Weaverville native and a sophomore majoring in political science, is seeking a seat on the town council, something that only one student — Mark Chilton, now a Carrboro alderman — has accomplished successfully in Baker's lifetime.

Baker advocates for responsible



Candidate Jason Baker wants to become the first student to gain election to council since '91

town growth and an invigorated public transit system. "I really feel responsible growth is one of the toughest areas we as a community need to grapple with," he said.

Carolina North, the University's proposed satellite campus, is a focal point for town growth that must be planned for carefully, Baker said.

Town officials should push for more homes and a better public transit infrastructure, Baker said, noting that doing so would bode well for University staff who need affordable housing.

"It just seems like a fundamen-

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**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2005**  
GETTING TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES

**Jason Baker**

- Wants to address smart growth, starting with increased scrutiny about Carolina North planning.
- Wants to analyze the town's transit system and examine alternative transportation options.

**Find out more**

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SOURCE: JASON BAKER  
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**Catherine DeVine**

- Wants to promote quality of life in Carrboro through art programs and entrepreneurship downtown.
- Thinks the town should preserve Bolin Creek in perpetuity by acquiring the land around it.

**Find out more**

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SOURCE: CATHERINE DEVINE  
DTH/STAFF

# DeVine wants offices to fill vacant spaces

BY MEGHAN DAVIS  
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Carrboro Board of Aldermen hopeful Catherine DeVine moved to the town for the arts-friendly atmosphere. Now, she hopes to be instrumental in keeping that vibe.

She already is accustomed to town government, serving on various town boards, including the appearance commission.

DeVine was on the arts committee when Mayor Mike Nelson proposed starting the Carrboro Music Festival, and she helped see the celebration through its eighth year in 2005.

"(Arts) put us on the map — on a national map, in fact — for quality of life and cultural richness," she said.

Carrboro resident Jackie Helvey first met DeVine when they worked together to plan the first festival and said DeVine's skill at organizing events speaks to one of her



Candidate Catherine DeVine wants to maintain Carrboro's feel while building for the future.

strongest talents.

"Catherine's main talent is (that) she's got very good organizational skills," Helvey said.

"When we renovated the Century Center, she single-handedly produced weeklong events to celebrate it," she said. "It was her production and it really was great."

DeVine said she thinks Carrboro's history is evident in its feel today.

"We were the West end at first — it was a place precisely one mile from UNC to keep the riffraff out of

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