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Race for Town Council down to seven

WALKER RUTHERFURD WITHDRAWS FROM RACE

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UNC graduate Walker Rutherford announced Thursday night that he would no longer be seeking a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council. "I feel like at this point seeking election is not the best thing for me to do," he said at a candidate forum hosted by The Daily Tar Heel. After apologizing to the people he

felt he had let down in the campaign, Rutherford said he would continue to stay involved in local government, especially in the effort to provide wireless Internet service downtown. "I'm going to make sure that I continue to stay involved in the things that are important to me," he said. Rutherford made the announcement in his closing statement at the forum. Council candidate Will

Raymond encouraged him to stay involved by joining the town's technology committee — which Rutherford said he intended to do. Following the meeting, Rutherford, who graduated last year from UNC with a degree in business, said the decision stemmed from several different sources. Noting that he had a commitment to his company, Liquidia Technologies,

Rutherford said it was not the appropriate time for a council run. "It was really hard," he said of the decision. Rutherford said it was unlikely that he would throw his support behind any specific candidate but said he would support some of their ideas. He was the only registered Republican of the eight candidates. Rutherford said he felt obligated to announce his decision at the forum. "I was thinking I was going to have an opportunity at the beginning," he said.

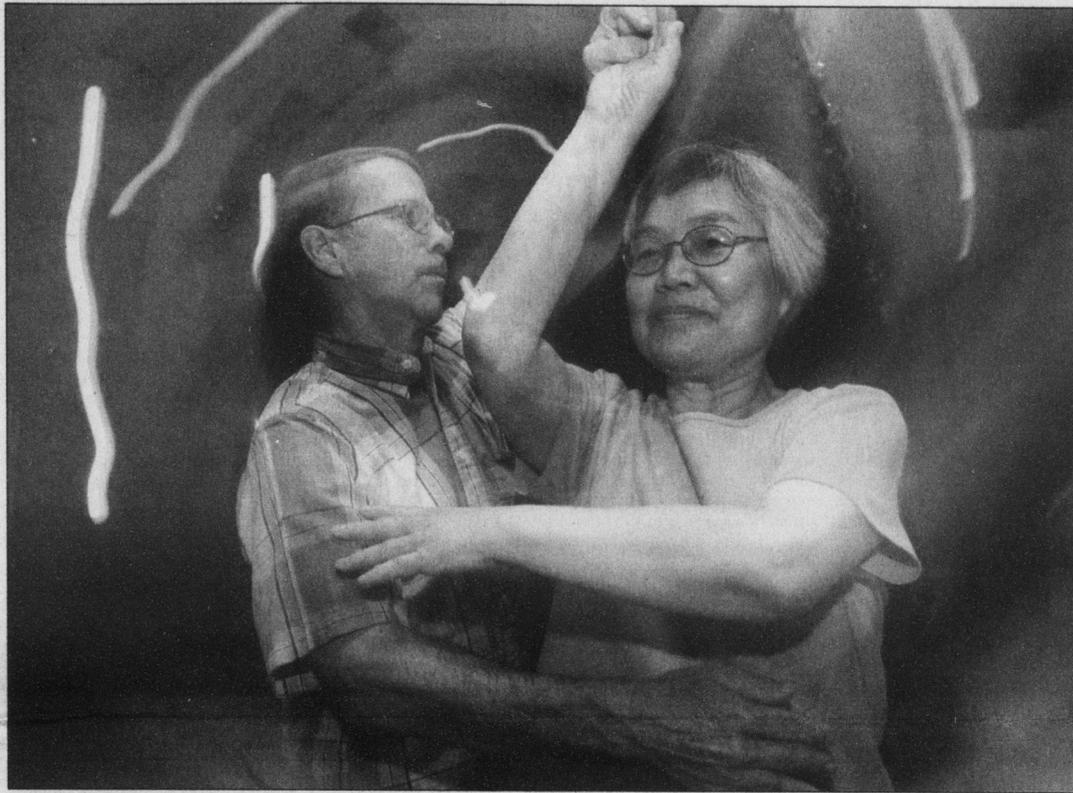
"I felt like I had to do it here because I made the decision at the beginning of the week, and I thought it would be insincere to keep campaigning." Council candidate Robin Cutson said she was surprised by his announcement but noted that it was a mature decision to make. "I think it's sad, of course, when anyone drops out of the race," she said. "I think it's very responsible." Attendee Ruby Sinreich, chairwoman



Walker Rutherford said he could not balance his job and the race.

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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



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Bill Birmingham (left) twirls Kwa gok Shin at the Chapel Hill Senior Center on Thursday night. Birmingham has attended waltz sessions at the Senior Center since the sessions began eight years ago. Live music accompanies the dancing sessions held every other

Thursday. Though donations are accepted to cover facility fees and the band, the event is free to community members of all ages. A new senior center, to be built off Homestead Drive, will host activities such as the sessions. Visit dailytarheel.com for the full story on the new senior center.

System reviews revised peer list

BY STEPHEN MOORE
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Recommendations for updated lists of peer institutions are being reviewed by schools throughout the UNC system and already are prompting debate between campus and system officials. A revised slate of recognized peers for each system school could have major significance for a range of campus policies that are based on comparisons to other universities. The system Board of Governors is considering a policy that would base tuition hikes on a peer-based analysis.

peers carry serious importance to UNC-Chapel Hill, said University Provost Robert Shelton. "We use the public list when we compare for things like tuition," he said. "We use the complete list for things when we do things like faculty salaries." UNC-CH's policy is to keep tuition within the lowest quartile of comparable universities, so a change in the approved slate of peers could prompt a change in rates. Of the public universities designated as peers for UNC-CH on the system's newest proposal, the

Lists of both public and private SEE LIST, PAGE 6

Proposed peer institutions

University officials have a new draft proposal of peer institutions. The list could be used for setting tuition and examining faculty salaries in the future.

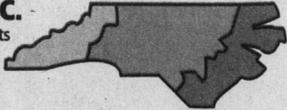
	CURRENT PEER INSTITUTIONS	PROPOSED PEER INSTITUTIONS
ON BOTH LISTS	University of Florida	University of Florida
	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
	University of Washington - Seattle	University of Washington - Seattle
	University of Wisconsin - Madison	University of Wisconsin - Madison
	University of California - Los Angeles	University of California - Los Angeles
	University of California - Berkeley	University of California - Berkeley
	University of Virginia	University of Virginia
	University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign	University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
	DIFFERENCES	University of Texas - Austin
Ohio State University		University of Pennsylvania
Emory University		University of Pittsburgh
Vanderbilt University		University of Southern California
Johns Hopkins University		
Duke University		
	University of Chicago	

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Public service in N.C.

UNC coordinates 811 service projects in the state. Below are some from each region.



ONGOING PROJECTS

- Mountain Region**
Synopsis: The Urban Investment Strategies Center at the Kenan Institute is developing an economic model for enhancing the competitiveness of North Carolina's seven severely distressed rural communities.
- Piedmont Region**
Synopsis: A study evaluating the N.C. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Housing Pilot Program hopes to look at the extent to which the program helps eligible families secure safe and affordable housing.
- Coastal Region**
Synopsis: UNC Epidemiology doctoral student Kristen Kucera is conducting research that has the potential to prevent back injuries that result in lost wages for N.C. fishermen.

SOURCE: [HTTP://CCPS.UNC.EDU](http://ccps.unc.edu)

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UNC center reaches across N.C.

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON
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Traditionally incubators of elite academic and athletic performance, top universities across the country are making room in the coop for public service. Whether advertised vocally or visually — and many times at UNC in the Pit — the passionate endeavors promoted by students on a regular basis attest to the rise of outreach beyond the fringes of baby blue borders, said Lynn Blanchard, director of the Carolina Center for Public Service.

"I do think that over the last decade to 15 years there has been a growing interest in connecting universities to their communities," Blanchard said.



"There is such a history and tradition and culture of this." Coming to fruition in 1991 as a grassroots group of faculty and staff members keen on centralizing teaching, research and campus events aimed at public service, the center placed itself between

the initiating and receiving sides of the service itself. "It was about being at the center of the hourglass, with the community on one end and the University at the other," said Ned Brooks, a clinical professor of health policy and administration. This semester, Brooks, who worked with the center for two and a half years, is teaching a course titled "Organizational Leadership Theory and Practice," which uses the center's rocky start as a case study on putting definitions and descriptions of public service into practice.

While the center's balance point was established to "serve those who serve," a database that was never completely comprehensive is struggling to compile services for state needs, Brooks said. There are 811 service projects currently active around the state. The database, at www.unc.edu/cps, provides information on projects in all state counties. "At the beginning, we didn't want to create expectations around the state that the University simply

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Athletics toughens up policy

BY BRIAN MACPHERSON
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Director of Athletics Dick Baddour found his inspiration from professional baseball when he made the decision to toughen North Carolina's substance abuse education and testing program. But the new program deviates from the diamond in one critical area — when it comes to anabolic steroids, UNC student-athletes only get one strike. As part of its newly revamped drug-testing policy, the North Carolina announced a zero-tolerance policy for steroid use among

its student-athletes.

"We have not had an issue with anabolic steroids," Baddour said. "It has not been something we have seen here that has caused us any concern. But ... this is (an issue) that really should be treated and stated outright. We're going to treat this one in a different way."

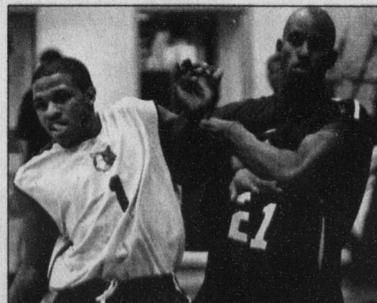


Dick Baddour strengthened the University's substance abuse policy

A positive test for an anabolic steroid automatically will result in the termination of a student-athlete's eligibility at North Carolina. "If it makes it tougher for everybody else not to be able to use any drugs to help them get bigger or faster, I'm all for it," said Ronnie McGill, a tailback on the football team and a representative on the school's student-athlete advisory council. Administrators and athletes alike emphasized that they have seen no evidence of steroid use on

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MCCANTS FINDS NEW NICHE



Ex-Tar Heel Rashad McCants battles with forward Kevin Garnett at a practice this week.

BY DANIEL MALLOY
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MINNEAPOLIS — Near the end of his first official practice with the Minnesota Timberwolves on Tuesday, Rashad McCants faced a predicament. His team for a half-court scrimmage had seven players, but only five could be on the floor at once. McCants decided to show off his humility and offered to sit out first in his group. He is no longer a star. He now has to defer, rather than be deferred. "It's OK," McCants said as he stepped off the court. "I'm the rookie." "That don't mean shit," shot back superstar forward

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- BACK WITH A VENGEANCE** Officials warn of spreading avian flu pandemic
- NOT PLAYING** Professor puts together documentary about movies, civil rights

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DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER TO VOTE
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STILL LOADING
Plans for a wireless network in downtown Chapel Hill slowly develop. The town's technology board discussed the program this week.



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SWEET REVENGE
The UNC women's soccer team exacts vengeance on UVA., the team that ended its championship hopes last year, 2-1 at Fetzer Field.

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