

FAIR CHANGES

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company that ran the petting zoo last year and will return again this year, said the zoo will emphasize responsible hygiene with two wash stations at the petting zoo's exit and a sound system to remind visitors to observe basic precautions.
Visitors will have to pet the animals through a fence, and signs posted outside and inside the tent will explain basic hygienic precautions in both English and Spanish.
An attendant will be on site to enforce the rules. No strollers, baby bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers or food will be allowed inside the zoo.
Commerford said petting zoo employees already have tested all the animals for disease. The animals will be washed daily and their bedding

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DR. MARY ANN MCBRIDE, VETERINARIAN

will be stripped and thrown away.
"We do the basic things that everyone should be doing that exhibits animals to the public," he said.
E. coli is a naturally occurring bacteria that is found in 20 percent of all sheep, goats and cattle. It can cause severe diarrhea and high temperatures in small children.
McBride stressed the importance of early treatment.
"The key is to recognize before children get seriously dehydrated and in trouble, at which point they will have to be hospitalized and

treated aggressively," she said.
But she said it is important for the fair to continue providing all children access to animals, especially as North Carolina's population shifts toward urban areas.
"This may be the only opportunity they ever have," she said, adding that the safety precautions will not detract from the experience.
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STUDENT VOTE

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being an independent organization, VoteCarolina President Jeremy Spivey said the group is capable of working on its own.
"It was pretty much an independent venture since the second week," Spivey said.
Calling the dependence on student government "exaggerated," Spivey reaffirmed that the organization is fully capable of getting the word out.
Spivey said he hopes issues, such as those surrounding what to do with vacant building spaces on Franklin Street, will inspire students to vote.
"Chapel Hill is becoming a place where you can eat and drink, and that's about it," he said.
Efforts to get students involved in municipal elections in the past largely have been unsuccessful despite the fact that the 16,000 undergraduates enrolled at UNC make up almost one-third of Chapel Hill's residential base.
"(UNC) is the single largest constituency and also the smallest voting constituency," Spivey said.
He said he is shooting to get 30 percent to 40 percent of already registered students to vote.
In past years, voter-interested groups resorted to dorm storming residence halls in the weeks before elections in order to register more students.
But administrators denounced the practice last year during the presidential election.
Without their greatest weapon, organizations are left to search for new ways to appeal to students.

VoteCarolina recently has received permission to use A-frame sign placards on campus, normally reserved for student body elections.

Billy Constangy, administrative vice chairman of the College Republicans, said he has used facebook.com, a social networking Web site, to send messages to students identifying themselves as conservatives for their support at the polls.

Students have set up shop in the Pit almost every day to try to register students.

The Young Democrats altered their approach to encouraging registration Monday, having not only representatives in the Pit but also scattered around campus areas such as the Rams Head Center, the Student Union, Davis Library and different dorms on South Campus.

There also have been numerous forums on campus to discuss issues pertaining to political platforms.

Last Thursday's forum held by The Daily Tar Heel in Greenlaw Hall was intended to accommodate questions students might have had for Chapel Hill and Carrboro candidates, but turnout barely reached 30.

Peter Tinti, director of campus political affairs and an active member of the Young Democrats, said he is disappointed in the lack of enthusiasm among students.
"It's just not the same buzz as last year," Tinti said.

Last year, a record number of students, fueled by the competition of the presidential election, stampeded to the polls.

"There is not as much interest, but that is not enough of an

excuse to not vote," said Blakely Whilden, co-president of the Young Democrats.

Student Body President Seth Dearmin expressed similar sentiments.

"This election is everybody's chance to vote for people who affect us much more directly," he said.

Dearmin said that VoteCarolina's mission for a more politically active student body is one shared by student government.

VoteCarolina representatives sent a letter signed by Dearmin to local businesses encouraging them to provide discounts to customers who have voted.

In their attempts to encourage student participation at the polls, campus leaders also have highlighted the ease and accessibility of early voting.

There are six precincts, some miles away from campus, to which students will have to travel in order to mark their ballots Nov. 8.

If a person chooses to vote prior to Election Day, he or she can visit Morehead Planetarium starting Oct. 24.

"Early voting is extremely important," Dearmin said. "It's a chance for (students) to vote here on campus."

Candidates are trying to appeal to students as well.

Jason Baker, a sophomore at UNC who is running for Town Council, also has used facebook.com to connect to prospective voters.

"Voter registration is only half the battle," he said. "We have to see if people actually make it to the polls."

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REVIEW

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going to talk over whether The News & Observer will join the lawsuit," she said. "We would strongly consider it."
Grace said the NCPA, which represents newspapers across the state, considers the actions of the system to be a clear violation of the law.
"The press association is disappointed with the way these meetings were handled and believes very strongly in the spirit and the fact of the state's open meetings law."
The N.C. attorney general's office sent out a legal opinion to all state agencies Oct. 5 outlining its interpretation of the law. The opinion states that "motions to adjourn or recess are not permissible activities that can take place in closed session."
Sill said, as far as she knows, system officials have not acknowledged any wrongdoing or said how they will act in the future.
"Our current concern in terms of access is that our government officials operate in public view," she said. "So, in terms of outcome, we would want the university to follow the law, and not just the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law, which says that the operations of the public university system should be open to the public."

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TUITION

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force member, said via teleconferencing that trustees probably would prefer a tuition proposal in the form of a range of numbers.
By the meeting's end, students and trustees on the task force were favoring increases on opposite ends of the price range.
The trustees supported the higher end increases, citing a price index study released last year.
The study found that the University has considerable room to raise tuition before prices discourage students from attending.
Mason said she and other trustees most likely would support a hike that provided as much revenue as possible.
"I would like to make as much movement as we can to increasing faculty salaries," she said "I would rather go to an option that would give us as much money as possible."
But students on the task force favored lower increases, claiming that they still could provide funds to campus needs without putting as much of a burden on students.
Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston, who serves on the task force, said after the meeting that his concern was that a higher tuition increase would reduce UNC's socio-economic diversity.
That concern was presented to

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KAROL MASON, TRUSTEE

the task force in the form of a position paper supporting a locked-in tuition plan.

Student Body President Seth Dearmin, task force co-chairman, said the group is limited in what it can do as a one-year organization. "So we've talked about ways of expanding our view."

The memo, drafted by Dearmin and Johnston, stated that the task force should have more foresight when drafting tuition policy.

"We feel like this is a huge problem, and we need to make greater headway for predictability," Dearmin said.

Task force members largely were in favor of more predictability in tuition increases.

"None of us like to budget our own budgets that way," said Jan Yopp, a professor of journalism and mass communication and task force member. "And I don't think students do either."

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HISTORY

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go to in high school. It's like a big assembly, and I don't know what I would get out of it."
Some students, however, do make a point of participating in University Day.
Sophomore Nick Neptune says he's looking forward to the event.
"I think by attending University Day you are almost partaking in that (history)," says Neptune, whose interest sparked him to enroll in a class that examines the role of the University in American life.
"We are all a part of the university history in a sense," he says.
University Day events have changed over the years, says Sanders, who was student body president from 1950 to 1951.
"... When I was a student here, there was a proceeding on the South Building's steps, a mock laying of the cornerstone and that sort of thing," he says. "It's now a much more formal and dignified occasion ..."
Sanders says there are now

more speeches and processions.
This year, Student Body President Seth Dearmin will be the first-ever student to deliver an address at the festivities.
"It's the one occasion of the year in which those who observe the day may have their attention focused on where the University has come from — and how it has gotten from earlier years to today — and where it might go in the future ...," Sanders says.
Sanders says he always has had an appreciation for the relevance of history and is not sure how to convince students who don't already have an interest in the University.
Some say the format of the celebration should be altered to attract more students.
"I would say that most UNC students don't know hardly anything (about University history)," says Yonni Chapman, graduate student and leader of the Campaign for Historical Accuracy and Truth. "But they are interested in it when you present them the information."
He says that the day's events have disappointed him in the past,

with too much of an emphasis on State of the Union-type speeches.
"One way we could start informing people about University history is to use University Day as a day-long teaching opportunity," says Chapman, who has attended the ceremony only once, to support a housekeepers' protest.
Students are on the verge of entering the real world and becoming leaders — leaders that need to know how to get things done, Chapman says.
"History tells us how things came to be, how things got done."
Donald Shaw, a journalism professor and 1959 UNC graduate, says that University Day was created to foster a sense of togetherness.
"It's like joining a great historical party for a minute and recognizing that you are a part of it," he says. "After you are gone, the University will still be there."
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