

**CORRECTION**

Due to a reporting error, Friday's online story, "Carrboro comedy theater seeks audience participation," incorrectly states that Zach Ward runs and directs CHIPIs.

Ward, the organization's founder, actually graduated and only helps out the self-directed group.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**UNC announces intention to buy cluster from Dell**

UNC's Informational Technology Services has announced plans to buy a 1024 processor cluster from Dell.

The new, cost-effective cluster will aid in computer research and analysis, according to a press release. The University's current systems are used effectively, but officials stressed the need to increase productivity and resources for research.

The Dell cluster will be installed in November. In the release, Dan Reed, vice chancellor for information technology, said the new resource is important to development at UNC.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Board of education seeks naming committee member**

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education is accepting applications to fill the citizen-at-large position on the naming committee for its third high school.

Board policy 9300 considers three possibilities for naming new schools: in honor or in memory of an educational or community leader or financial contributor, or in recognition of the geographic locality of the school.

Residents can apply online through the district's Web site, [www.chccs.k12.nc.us](http://www.chccs.k12.nc.us), or pick up an application at Lincoln Center, 750 Merritt Mill Road.

The deadline is Oct. 21.

**STATE & NATION**

**Peterson claims in an appeal he was wrongfully convicted**

DURHAM — Two years after he was sentenced to life in prison without parole for beating his wife to death, Michael Peterson said in an appeal he was wrongfully convicted.

Attorney Thomas Maher, filed the lawsuit Monday for Peterson. Nortel Networks executive Kathleen Peterson died Dec. 9, 2001.

The appeal to the state Court of Appeals contends that Superior Court Judge Orlando F. Hudson should not have allowed jurors to hear testimony about the 1985 death in Germany of another woman connected to Peterson.

Neither Peterson, 61, nor anyone else was charged in connection with the death of Elizabeth Ratliff, a friend of Peterson's when he and his first wife lived overseas.

The appeal also argues that Hudson should not have allowed evidence about Peterson's secret bisexual life or the state of his finances.

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**Leaders reach compromise in constitution proceedings**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi negotiators reached a breakthrough deal on the constitution Tuesday, and at least one Sunni Arab party said it now would urge its followers to approve the charter in this weekend's referendum.

The two sides agreed a commission would be set up to consider amendments to the charter that would be voted on in parliament and submitted to a referendum next year.

The agreement would allow the Sunnis to try to amend the constitution to reduce the autonomous powers that Shiites and Kurds would have under the federal system created by the charter, negotiators said.

It was unclear if parliament would take a formal vote on the new deal with some lawmakers saying the measure might be read to the National Assembly on Wednesday.

**Earthquake-devastated area still plagued with troubles**

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan — Rain and hail grounded helicopters and stopped trucks loaded with relief supplies Tuesday, imposing more misery on hungry earthquake survivors as the United Nations warned of potentially lethal outbreaks of measles, cholera and diarrhea.

Villagers fought over food packages and looted trucks as the first aid reached the devastated city in the mountains of Kashmir. The Himalayan region was hardest-hit by Saturday's magnitude 7.6 quake.

Officials said the death toll from the quake has surpassed 35,000, with many bodies still buried beneath piles of concrete and wood. Millions were left homeless after whole communities were flattened.

Three days after the quake, survivors still were being pulled from the rubble by rescue teams.

— From staff and wire reports.

# Referendum passes first test

BY MAC MOLLISON  
STAFF WRITER

Almost a year after a contentious debate on the topic, members of Student Congress revisited Tuesday the issue of stipends for student government leaders.

Congress' rules and judiciary committee specifically looked at a resolution to hold a campuswide referendum that would allow the student body to decide whether the stipends should remain in effect.

Seven members of the executive and judicial branches of student government currently receive monthly stipends that range from \$300 for the student body president to \$125 for the honor outreach coordinator.

That amounts to more than \$16,000 per year drawn from student fees.

After intense debate, the committee voted 4 to 3 in favor of the resolution. It now will go before Congress during its Oct. 18 meeting.

If Congress approves the resolution without amendment, the referendum will appear in the Homecoming Election on Nov. 1.

The committee avoided splitting the vote when Rep. Julius West, who vocally opposed the resolution, was called away from the meeting by a conflicting engagement.

Committee vice chairman Dustin Ingalls, who voted favorably on the resolution, said Student Congress' support of the referendum would not necessarily imply opposition to the stipends.

Rather, it would simply allow the issue to be deferred to student voters.



Rep. Dustin Ingalls voted to pass the resolution to full congress.

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DUSTIN INGALLS, RULES AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN

"If we don't trust them to vote on stipends," Ingalls said, "that kind of calls into question our legitimacy as a democratically elected body."

Students opposed to the resolution argued that holding a referendum could lead to a small and poorly representative group making an uninformed decision on the issue.

Some were concerned that there might not be enough time before the referendum to educate students about its implications.

Members tried to avoid discussing their opinions on stipends, but their views still were evident.

Committee member Elizabeth Freeman insisted that allowing

a referendum could result in the elimination of monetary compensation for student leaders who work 40 to 60 hours a week.

She said eliminating the stipends make holding the positions unaffordable for many who don't have time for another job.

Congress Speaker Pro Tem Kris Gould, who also opposed the resolution, said he believes most of the interest in the issue was coming from Congress. "I need to hear student outcry before I'm willing to put this on the ballot and say that we support this."

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*"Performance allows the gender norms of masculinity and femininity to be easily deconstructed."* TOMMY RIMBACH, GLBT-SA CO-CHAIRMAN



Raven Simone performs in the on-campus drag show as part of Coming Out Week. Simone holds the title of "Ms. Capital City USA."

# SHOW NOT A DRAG

BY RACHEL AIKEN  
STAFF WRITER

Glitter, push-up bras and flying dollar bills filled the stage of the Great Hall on Tuesday night.

The excited chatter of the hundreds of students ceased as the lights went down and the curtain flew open.

The third semi-annual drag show became a showcase of gender-bending as each act took to the stage.

Participants included professionals as well as student amateurs to maintain a UNC focus.

An amateur competition was held following the intermission although no winner was declared.

The show was composed of several dance numbers as well as poetry readings.

Misconception, a campus hip-hop dance group, kicked off the night with provocative dance moves — setting the stage for a high energy night.

Other students in cross-gender garb performed to songs includ-

ing "The Boy is Mine" by Brandy and Monica and "Short Skirt, Long Jacket," by Cake.

Veronica Steele brought the crowd to its feet as she shed her long dress, revealing a skimpy emerald green bikini while dancing to the Donna Summer classic "Last Dance."

Steele performed for the first time as a professional after three years as an amateur.

**INSIDE** "A body is biologically one way, masculine or feminine," said Pooja Gupta, co-chairwoman of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance, adding that performing allows individuals to act as the opposing gender.

While acknowledging the diverse environment of UNC's campus, GLBT-SA's main motive in sponsoring the event was to educate the student body

regarding the pliability of gender roles as defined by society.

"Performance allows the gender norms of masculinity and femininity to be easily deconstructed," said Tommy Rimbach, GLBT-SA co-chairman.

The event was publicized through an event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pit as rainbow-colored balloons marked the table where cake was served and tickets were sold to interested students.

The proceeds generated from the sales will sponsor future events and guest speakers.

Krystina Patterson, a psychology major from Hickory said, "I never thought anyone really took this seriously, but after attending this event, I realize how many people at UNC are involved in this cause."

As a part of National Coming Out Day, the show provided a celebratory environment for what is often a very difficult process, said Jessica Scruggs, publicity chair-

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**Coming out week**

**Today**

■ **Noon** Brown Bag Lunch and Coming out Discussion, Union 3515

■ **1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Standing at the Crossroads: Life at the Crossroads of Black and LGBTQ Culture, Student Union, see [www.unc.edu/diversity/crossroads.html](http://www.unc.edu/diversity/crossroads.html) for full schedule of events

**Thursday**

■ **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Safe Zone Training, e-mail [lgbt@unc.edu](mailto:lgbt@unc.edu) to sign up

■ **2 p.m.** Safe Zone Interest Fair, Union 3206B

■ **5 p.m.** Log Cabin Republican Talk Panel, Union, 3205

■ **7 p.m.** Mark Kleinschmidt, Chapel Hill Town Council Member, Union 3205

**Friday**

■ **8 p.m.** Midtown Dickens Performance, Gerrard Hall

# Raymond sets sights on technology issues

BY TED STRONG  
CITY EDITOR

Will Raymond just looks like a technology type of a guy.

From his bright red and blue Chuck Taylor shoes to his bushy black beard, ponytail and round glasses, he projects the image of an experienced traveler on the information superhighway.

But Raymond says that Chapel Hill voters will judge him on his platform, not the extent of his facial hair.

"The people of Chapel Hill, I think, will decide this race on policy and not appearance, and that's one of the great things about living in Chapel Hill," he said.

But technology, while clearly not the only plank in Raymond's platform, definitely has been a major issue for him in this year's Town Council race.

Raymond, who serves on the town's technology board, has tons of knowledge about technology,



Will Raymond said Chapel Hill residents should receive high-speed Internet access on the town's dime.

said Gregg Gerdau, chairman of the board.

"Will is one of the brightest people I've ever met, ever," he said.

"Where he's strong, he's an expert, and where he doesn't know, he's able to figure out very quickly and understand," he added.

Raymond wants to ensure that Chapel Hill's economy develops, including the growth of businesses that pay what Raymond called a Chapel Hill living wage — enough to raise a family in Chapel Hill.

One way to encourage that type

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

**Will Raymond**

■ Wants a re-engineered design for Carolina North, oriented to minimizing air, light and noise pollution.

■ Wants to promote economic development through providing amenities including municipal networking.

**Find out more**  
[campaign/willraymond.org](http://campaign/willraymond.org)  
[willraymond.org](http://willraymond.org)

SOURCE: WILL RAYMOND  
DTH/STAFF

**Katrina Ryan**

■ Thinks Carrboro needs to integrate areas beyond downtown into discussions and provide services to them.

■ Thinks the town can cut spending by reducing and combining services with Chapel Hill.

**Find out more**  
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SOURCE: KATRINA RYAN  
DTH/STAFF

# Ryan pushes for town to update its services

BY MEGHAN DAVIS  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Board of Aldermen candidate Katrina Ryan has seen towns like Carrboro before.

Her hometown of Big Spring, Texas is remarkably similar, she said. Big Spring used to be an oil town, but Ryan said the town has diversified its economy well — something she said she'd like to see Carrboro do, too.

"I think the fundamental discussion in the next five years is what Carrboro is going to be when it grows up — and it's growing at double the rate of Chapel Hill," she said.

Ryan said she wants Carrboro to claim a place in regional discussions while inviting more of its own residents to the table.

"The trouble with Carrboro really is that it's the smallest major player in the countywide economy," she said.

Ryan stood against neighborhoods north of Carrboro, includ-



Katrina Ryan says Carrboro should increase collaboration with Chapel Hill firefighting and other areas.

ing her own, being annexed into the town earlier this year. Since the annexation will not take effect until after the election, Ryan is renting an apartment within town limits to be eligible to run.

She said she wants to help ensure the northern neighbors are provided equal town services.

"There's a real distinct feeling that they're not getting what they want from town government for the amount of taxes they pay," Ryan said.

Jeff Vanke, a 2003 Carrboro mayoral candidate who also

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# Forum looks at range of issues

## Business-related worries at center

BY KATHY CHO  
STAFF WRITER

Candidates for Chapel Hill Town Council hawked their ideas Tuesday at a forum held by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

Local nonprofit Empowerment Inc. and radio station WCHL 1360-AM co-sponsored the event.

Holding the event in the Hargraves Community Center in the Northside neighborhood itself was significant, said Delores Bailey, associate director of Empowerment.

Many questions focused on the concerns of the business community or lower-income neighborhoods such as Northside and Pine Knolls.

Mayoral hopeful Kevin Wolf said constraints on commercial

development are "painfully obvious."

"I think the development process needs to be more definitive and more solidified ... So that people don't spend years and money trying to (please) a Town Council that may be subjective," he said.

Will Raymond pointed out that the town has to tap into the sizable student consumer base, whose needs increasingly are being met by on-campus stores. "The University is becoming more and more of a bubble," he said.

Jason Baker said the council should pay equal attention to commercial areas outside downtown.

In response to a question about downtown crime and its adverse effect on businesses, Laurin Easthom said she sometimes feels uneasy walking Franklin Street at night as a woman.

She said she would advocate for more police officers every budget cycle. "They don't have to be armed. They can walk up and down the street, have a visual presence that makes people feel better."

Incumbent mayor Kevin Foy said that statistics showed the town's crime rate was down, and that the problem was one of perception.

"My perception of downtown is that it's a healthy, great place," he said. "I'm frankly sick of all the bad-mouthing of downtown."

Robin Cutson said the problem was real enough to have driven out businesses, and suggested more police, lighting and sidewalk repair.

On affordable housing, Easthom voiced support for an inclusionary zoning ordinance, calling the lack of affordable housing a "miniature crisis."

Most candidates were hesitant on whether property tax cuts for lower-income residents would keep housing rates down. Cutson said lowering taxes for all residents and expanding the commercial tax base would help.

On Carolina North, the University's proposed satellite campus, incumbent Mark Kleinschmidt said, "We have been paying the cost of fire protection for way too long. We cannot replicate that kind of relationship with

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