

**POVERTY**

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about their experiences will be launched during Edwards' speaking tour.  
The campaign also encourages students to lobby the government to take steps toward eliminating poverty in the United States.  
The projects and policies supported by chapters will be individualized to address the needs in the different communities, Lee said.  
"Each chapter has their own community service program, and they will focus on the issues they see fit," she said.  
The first 10 chapters formed are just the start of things to come, she said, and the group hopes to expand as the program gets underway.  
Chapter directors were chosen this summer so they would be in place in time for the program launch.  
Kirk said organizers hope to see a lot of students and members of the community come out to the kick off and get behind the new

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**JAMIE KIRK, UNC CHAPTER DIRECTOR**

program.  
"We're hoping for at least 700 people," Kirk said. "But hopefully it will continue to be a big thing after tomorrow."  
Kirk said that as of Sunday afternoon about 400 tickets to the UNC event had been requested.  
After Edwards' speaking tour, Opportunity Rocks will become a campus-based organization.  
"We will really be digging in and starting to do as much community service as we can," Kirk said. "We hope to be a long-standing student organization."

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**VIOLATIONS**

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Beta Theta Pi examine their practices internally.  
"They need to be focused on improving themselves as a chapter," he said.  
Anhorn said the process has been a smooth learning experience for all involved.  
"Kenny Thompson, as president, was very honest and willing to work with the sanction," he said. "(The fraternity) will hopefully learn and grow from the process."  
Anhorn said the UNC chapter of Beta Theta Pi, which was installed at UNC in 1852, had a clean record for the five years before the incident.  
Pete Knerr, co-chairman of the Greek Judicial Board, said the sanctions won't affect any other fraternities. The initiation deadline for the other 20 IFC fraternities is Nov. 14.  
"As long as our frats are abiding by the IFC code of conduct,

it shouldn't affect them at all," Knerr said. "It's a good step forward. It shows that we take ourselves seriously and are policing ourselves."  
Merrihew said this is the first time the judicial board has made a case decision based on the IFC Code of Conduct, which was put in place last year.  
Another new tool this year to combat hazing is the Hazing Hotline, an anonymous report system which can be accessed via the UNC Greek Web site.  
Anhorn said the Office of Greek Affairs has received several tips this year through the hot line but that subsequent investigations have not proved anything of substance.  
"We're not in the business of shutting down frats," Anhorn said. "We just want to stop any negative behavior that's going on."  
Merrihew said the process has helped clarify hazing so the IFC can work to eliminate it.  
"Internally we've been acting for the past several years to combat this issue," he said. "The last few vestiges of hazing are being drawn out, exposed and removed."  
"With all said and done, we're helping to keep our new members safe."

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**TAXES**

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budget, a 3.8 cent tax would have raised \$1.6 million and corrected the discrepancy.  
For some, the referendum serves as a positive way to gauge public opinion on the issue. "Part of why this is on the ballot is because we wanted to get the clarity from Orange County school district voters on whether the funding was sufficient," said Barry Jacobs, vice chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners.  
Jacobs views the tax as a way to solve the county schools' financial problems. "It allows (the school board) flexibility to meet unforeseen circumstances as well as to address the funding gap," Jacobs said.  
But not everyone sees the tax as a promising solution to the problem.  
School board member Elizabeth Brown said she doesn't think a special tax is the most effective way to fund the schools and that it may widen the gap between the districts.  
N.C. state law requires the county to give equal per-pupil funding to both districts.  
Because the city schools' special tax rate is much higher than the proposed county schools maximum, Brown said she thinks the city schools will request less money per student, driving down the allotment for county schools.  
Brown also noted that the city

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**LIZ BROWN, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

school district is more developed and has a higher property tax base than the county district, where there are fewer people living on more land.  
"The burden will fall more heavily on the homeowners in the county district if we have our own district tax," she said.  
Despite the controversy, Carolyn Thomas, Orange County Board of Elections director, does not expect a high voter turnout because, for many, the referendum is the only thing on the ballot.  
If the referendum passes, the school board will propose a tax rate annually, which the commissioners must review. Once the revenue is collected, the county schools will have total spending discretion.  
Residents can learn more about the tax Wednesday at Northern Human Services Center and Nov. 1 in F. Gordon Battle Courtroom at county information sessions.  
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**FAIR**

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approve many of the rides for opening day but were working all weekend with the midway operator to bring the rest up to standard.  
By Sunday morning, more than 100 rides had passed inspection, still short of the 120 rides the midway operator brought to the fair.  
Andrea Ashby, assistant press director for the state fair press office, said the Department of Agriculture would rather have the rides closed than cut corners on safety.  
"We're not interested in opening rides if they aren't inspected," she said.  
Outside of the concern about ride preparation, the fair has been generally safe, officials said. According to the fair's press office, there had been no incidents requiring police intervention as of Sunday afternoon.

Even with the reduced ride offerings, more than 155,000 people showed up on Friday and Saturday to enjoy tractor pulls, horse shows and funnel cakes.  
"We're off to a good start," Ashby said. "We want to continue that through the week."  
Friday saw 52,201 people pass through the fairground gates, with 103,512 doing the same Saturday.  
While those numbers are above the 17-year average for the fair's opening weekend, they still are below last year's totals of 61,289 and 118,640 for Friday and Saturday, respectively.  
Ashby said the schedule for Wake County schools might have had an effect on the attendance numbers.  
"In the past, Wake County schools have had a work day on the opening day of the fair, but for some reason, the work day was on Thursday instead," she said.  
Many fair vendors noticed the difference between the opening

*"I'm here to have fun, throw some softballs at some bottles and eat cotton candy."*

**TODD MCBEE, RESIDENT**

weekend's take this year and last.  
Patrick Haskins and Jeremy Ponce worked Saturday at a deep-fried candy bar stand, serving battered Snickers bars and Milky Ways to hungry patrons.  
"It was off-and-on pretty much all day Friday," Haskins said. "I believe we're making up for it today, though."  
This is Haskins' first year at the fair, but Ponce said business could be better.  
"It definitely isn't as busy as last year, but it's still early," Ponce said.  
Ashby said she is hopeful that the event ultimately will produce a strong turnout.  
"The fair always starts a little slow," she said. "Momentum starts to build, and hopefully we'll have a strong end to the fair."

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**NIH FUNDING**

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Considering that NIH funding growth has leveled off in recent years, the increase in grants to UNC is a particular triumph, Juliano said.  
"We have to give ourselves a little pat on the back that we've done well in light of that," Juliano said.  
Robert Blouin, dean of the School of Pharmacy, said a set period of increased NIH funding several years ago temporarily had opened more grant opportunities, but funding growth dropped off in recent years.  
"The NIH experienced unprecedented growth in funding seven years ago that lasted up until about two years ago," said Blouin, whose school received three Roadmap grants this year.  
Blouin said the NIH funding decrease could be attributed to other federal budget priorities such as health care, the war in Iraq and

recovery efforts for hurricanes.  
"The profile of NIH funding parallels what's going on in Washington (D.C.) in terms of spending priorities," he said.  
In light of the funding crunch, the University will look to maintain a competitive level of research to continue to bring in funding, said Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development.  
"The fact that funding has leveled off means that we have to be more adept in making sure that we're attracting the best faculty and providing the services that they need to pursue these research opportunities," he said.  
Proof of UNC's competitive edge lies in the increased research funding this year.  
Total sponsored research funding at UNC rose from \$577.6 million in fiscal year 2003-04 to \$579.6 million in fiscal year 2004-05, according to UNC's Office of Sponsored Research Web site.  
Another Roadmap-like grant of \$3.9 million will go toward funding the Carolina Center of Nanotechnology Excellence.

Juliano, who is a principal investigator for the project, said the center will apply developments in nanotechnology, which entails examining science on a molecular or atomic level, to cancer research taking place at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.  
Kuo-Hsiung Lee, professor in the School of Pharmacy, will apply his recently awarded Roadmap funding to generate chemical diversity libraries from medical plants.  
For Lee, who said he has been funded for 32 years and attributes this success to hard work, this grant is nothing extraordinary.  
"It's just a grant," he said. "It's nothing to be proud of."  
Because he expects to be able to maintain funding, Lee is more concerned with the allocation of research funds.  
"NIH has made across-the-board cuts," Lee said. "This should not be done. The researcher is going to suffer for not being able to afford research assistants. It is a very foolish policy."

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