

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the Monday page 9 article "University media rake in awards" misspells University alumnus Brian Cassella's name.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

Due to an editing error, the thumbnail photo accompanying Wednesday's page 8 story, "Opened university looks for distinct tune," is misidentified as William Thorpe, the school's founder.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

UNC honors six people for contributing to education

The University honored six individuals with awards for outstanding contributions to improving education in North Carolina and across the nation.

Dean and Linnea Smith both received this year's Peabody Award, the highest honor bestowed by the UNC School of Education.

Four others received 2005 distinguished alumni awards. James Gordon Merrill, superintendent of Alamance-Burlington Schools, received the Distinguished Leadership Award. H. Dickson Corbett III, an independent educational researcher, received the Alumni Achievement Award.

Leslie Baldwin, a foreign language program specialist with Winston-Salem-Forsyth County Schools, received the Excellence in Teaching Award. Alvera Junice Lesane, chief quality assurance officer for the Iredell-Statesville Schools, received the Outstanding Young Alumna Award.

Edwards to lead talks on Katrina's effect on poverty

Nationally renowned experts will be coming to campus to discuss what Hurricane Katrina's aftermath has demonstrated about poverty in America, as well as other topics. Both discussions will be moderated by John Edwards, former U.S. senator and vice presidential candidate.

"How the Media Portrays Poverty" will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Paul Green Theatre in the Center for Dramatic Art.

Participants include Katherine Boo, staff writer for The New Yorker magazine and a New America Senior Fellow, and New York Times columnist David Brooks.

"Katrina's Lessons: Moving Forward in the Fight Against Poverty" will be from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 in Carroll 111.

Participants will include Jared Bernstein, director of the Living Standards Program at the Economic Policy Institute, and Ray Boshara, director of the Asset Building Program at the New America Foundation.

STATE & NATION

Black appoints members to capital punishment group

House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, appointed the members of the House Select Study Committee on Capital Punishment on Friday with Reps. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, and Beverly Earle, D-Mecklenburg, as the co-chairmen.

Both were sponsors of a bill that wanted to stop state-administered deaths during the study.

Hackney said the panel would look for justice in the administration of the death sentence.

"We're going to see whether the right people are getting punished — the worst of the worst," he said.

Hackney said the panel had not determined how to gather information about capital punishment, but it probably would include opinions from the community.

Monday bomb adds seven to U.S. death toll in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Capping the bloodiest month for American troops since January, the U.S. military reported Monday that seven more U.S. service members were killed — all victims of increasingly sophisticated bombs that have become the deadliest weapon in the insurgents' arsenal.

Bombs also claimed a toll Monday among civilians in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city and the major metropolis of the Shiite-dominated south, which has witnessed less violence than Sunni areas.

A large car bomb exploded along a bustling street packed with shops and restaurants as people were enjoying an evening out after the daily Ramadan fast. At least 20 were killed and about 40 wounded, police Lt. Col. Karim al-Zaidi said.

Military commanders have warned that Sunni insurgents will step up their attacks in the run-up to the Dec. 15 election, when Iraqis will choose their first full-term parliament since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

— From staff and wire reports.

UNC proposes engagement to state

Task force examines extending reach

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON
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More than a month after Chancellor James Moeser announced plans for a group of administrators to explore state relations, the task force on engagement with North Carolina laid out Monday the tentative issues it wants to tackle.

In a proposed timeline the task force will have seven months to research, report and institute the framework for sweeping initiatives in the dynamic and interactive

realms of state education, health and economic need.

"We will make life better for people, create jobs and more than that, create an attractive environment where people will want to live," Moeser said during the task force's first meeting. "If we fail, the stakes are very, very large."

Backed by a core coalition of select campus leaders, spanning both academic and service-based programs on campus, Moeser said he is looking for communication extending

beyond the University's grounds.

"It's about really getting you off of this campus and engaging yourself in conversations with people, whether it's with the policy-makers of North Carolina or main-street North Carolina," he told the roughly 25-member task force.

Moeser said he hopes this communication will match the University's potential with the needs of North Carolina, and explain the relevance of the University to those issues.

"This isn't as much about coming up with what we are going to do, but how we are going to orga-

nize," said Kevin FitzGerald, special assistant to the chancellor and a member of the task force.

The task force is broken up into three committees exploring N.C. health, education and economy.

In the education sector of low-wealth children, the state-testing system and administrative turnover are potential task force targets, said School of Education Dean Tom James, who is chairman of the education committee.

"In education, there's a lot of raw data that's not well-organized," he said. "I think our group can help conceptualize that."

Dean of the Medical School Bill Roper, the health committee chairman, is keen on pulling loose ends together.

"I think the challenge for us will be how do we come up with a reasonably cohesive list of what the key health issues are to North Carolina where the ground hasn't already been plowed before," he said.

Distributing expertise to suffering businesses is on the economy committee's radar, said Chairman Tony Waldrop, who is vice chancellor for research and economic

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"People talk about their grandma's cooking, that's my time. They come here and experience the same thing." MILDRED COUNCIL, RESTAURATEUR



Mildred Council, better known as Mama Dip, sits in a booth at her downtown restaurant. Council is renowned throughout the South for her traditional country cooking, recipes for which she just released in her second cookbook.

MAMA DIPS
QUILL INTO INK

SOUTHERN FARE LEGEND PENS SECOND COOKBOOK

BY SAPNA MAHESHWARI
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Cooking is all about precision and planning: Buying the right ingredients, carefully measuring them out and combining them correctly.

However, local legend Mama Dip is proof that while the art of cooking might require perfect planning, the life of the cook doesn't.

Seventy-six-year-old Mildred Edna Cotton Council, more commonly known as Mama Dip, never dreamt of becoming a professional cook while growing up, let alone opening her own legendary restaurant, Mama Dip's Country Kitchen on Rosemary Street.

Now, her second cookbook, "Mama

Dip's Family Cookbook," is just hitting bookshelves (her first book, "Mama Dip's Kitchen" has sold more than a quarter-million copies). She also has appearances on "Good Morning America," QVC and the Food Network's "\$40 A Day with Rachael Ray" under her belt.

Still, Mama Dip holds no concrete ambitions for the future other than continuing to work and to spend time with her family.

Then again, Mama Dip isn't the average cook.

"I'm a dump cook. I don't measure anything," she says. "They didn't have cups and spoons when I started cooking."

The restaurant serves old-fash-

ioned Southern food, which is one reason Mama Dip thinks it has been so successful. "People talk about their grandma's cooking, that's my time," she says. "They come here and experience the same thing."

Patrons agree. "I think everybody wants to get some 'Southern food.' The atmosphere is really nice," says senior Jessica Stewart a biology major from Wilson who has eaten at the restaurant before.

Council was 9 years old when she began cooking for her family on the farm she grew up on in Pittsboro. The youngest of seven children, Mama Dip's siblings wanted to do more

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Nominee
holds long,
conservative
track recordAnalysts say Alito likely
to cruise through process

BY ERIN GIBSON

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The dynamics of the Supreme Court could change again by the end of the year if Judge Samuel Alito is confirmed as associate justice to join fellow newcomer Chief Justice John Roberts on the bench.

President Bush's nomination of Alito on Monday came four days after Harriet Miers' withdrawal.

"As a Justice Department official, federal prosecutor and judge on the United States Court of Appeals, Sam Alito has shown a mastery of the law, a deep commitment of justice, and a — and he is a man of enormous character," Bush said during the nomination speech.

"He's scholarly, fair-minded and principled, and these qualities will serve our nation well on the highest court of the land."

Many senators had expressed concern about Miers' lack of judicial record and experience as well as her vague stance on many issues — all of which seem to be accounted for with Alito.

He has a long history in the judicial system. He was confirmed unanimously by the Senate for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 1990 after a nomination from President George H. W. Bush and about 13 years of court experience.

Alito also has a reputation and record for holding strong conservative views — a quality Republicans could not find in Miers.

Jesse Choper, professor of public law at the University of California-Berkeley, said Bush wanted to please the conservative right with Alito's nomination.

"He's trying to appeal to the people who thumbed their

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Samuel Alito

Supreme Court justice nominee

■ 1981-85

Served as assistant to the solicitor general, arguing many cases before the Court.

■ 1987-89

Served as U.S. attorney for the District of New Jersey, known for prosecuting white collar crime.

■ 1990-2005

Served as a U.S. Court of Appeals judge for the 3rd Circuit, authoring hundreds of opinions.



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National politicians
rap about poverty

BY NICK ANDERSON
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Former vice presidential candidates John Edwards and Jack Kemp faced off about poverty issues Monday on campus.

While both men agreed that poverty is one of the greatest social problems facing America in the 21st century, they disagreed about how the United States should approach the problem.

Calling for public-private partnerships to alleviate poverty, Kemp said, "We have to create jobs as well as rebuild the housing stock."

Kemp praised empowerment zones around the country that encourage investment and enterprise, saying that capital leads to the creation of wealth.

Edwards offered a different perspective, saying that society must value work, not just wealth.

"There are a lot of people who don't have capital," he said.

"Instead of having billionaires who live off their capital, we have to level the playing field."

Despite their philosophical disagreements, Edwards and Kemp appeared friendly together.

Edwards and Kemp were their parties' nominees for the vice presidency in the 2004 election and 1996 election, respectively, though neither ever took the office.

Edwards, a Democrat and former U.S. senator for North Carolina, now is the director of UNC's Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity.

Kemp was a Republican congressman for nearly two decades and also served as U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1989 to 1993. He applauded Edwards' efforts to increase poverty awareness.

Kemp said Edwards is making "a huge contribution to waking up this country to this issue."

But he stopped short of making any political promises for Edwards.

"I don't know what his plans are, and I don't want to endorse him and ruin his chances," Kemp said, drawing laughter.

Edwards just smiled in response. He has been mentioned as a potential presidential candidate in 2008 but has not confirmed speculation.

An audience of about 250 watched the hour-long debate, which was moderated by Daniel Gitterman, a professor of public policy at UNC.

Students had a positive reaction to the discussion between the two politicians.

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Franklin's lesser known side

BY ANNE HILLMAN
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Descending eastward down the seemingly interminable Franklin Street hill, residents leave what most University students consider to be the true Franklin Street and enter a markedly different atmosphere.

As the hill continues, Franklin Street widens and opens up. Buildings become more generic, sidewalks taper off. And then it comes into view — the street's east end.

On the south side of the street lie block stores and strip malls. On the north side sits

a newly developed, manicured neighborhood protected by stylish gates and stone walls that mirror the aesthetics of the older parts of Chapel Hill.

"This part is entirely different," Billye Gray, a Durham resident, said of the area. "It's not Franklin Street."

And it's not supposed to be. Town Manager Cal Horton said the area was developed in the late 1960s as a suburban service area, giving it more parking and a different setup from the downtown portion of Franklin Street.

Despite its lackluster visual appeal — the contrast between the park-like new development and the



A view of 1525 E. Franklin St., a complex that dots the landscape of the eastern downtown — an area wildly different in feel from the 100 block.

older generic stores is a bit glaring — the area is a vibrant community of its own.

A sense of community

The Village Plaza has proven to be one of the big draws in the east end, likely due in part to the presence of Whole Foods.

Several community members said they see the natural foods store as a destination that creates space for social interactions.

"It's just a warm place to be, like an old-fashioned town within a town," Rosemary Hargrove,

owner of the neighboring sewing shop Cotton Boll, said of Village Plaza.

Hargrove and some of the other plaza shop owners feel a maternal instinct toward the community.

"We are kind of like the mothers of the plaza," she said. "We know everything in town."

The history

For most of the last century, what is now the east end of Franklin Street was cow pastures.

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