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An unsettling homecoming

ALUMNI SAY CAMPUS DISTINCT FROM THAT OF THEIR UNIVERSITY CLASSES

BY JULIA FURLONG
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

When UNC alumni look back on their college years, they are forever nostalgic of the University's famously enchanting grounds. From the brick walkways to the lush green canopy that shades Silent Sam as he keeps guard over McCorkle Place, the campus holds its own distinct, sentimental significance in the minds of many.

But when alumni visit and find that their fond recollections don't match up with present reality, the return to UNC can be an unsettling experience.

During this weekend's homecoming

events, some alumni were unpleasantly surprised to find familiar paths re-routed and favorite haunts demolished.

"I miss the Scuttlebutt," says Debbie Edge, a 1979 graduate, referring to a campus convenience store that she says stood near the Delta Kappa Epsilon house. "I used to stop there every day, and now it's gone."

Edge also says she wishes she could still go to the Tin Can, a spot on South Road where many concerts and dances took place, or even the dirt parking lot that she remembers that once occupied the space next to Hamilton Hall.

Theresa Wells, who graduated in 1990,

says she was caught off guard by how different South Campus looks now.

"There are so many new dorms," Wells says. "And I just found out last night they tore down the old mess hall."

Some alumni say they notice changes that aren't limited to the physical landscape. "It's a lot bigger, a lot more congested," says Lou Pukal, a 1968 graduate, on UNC's population. "There were only about 11,000 (students) when I went here."

Although many say that change should be viewed positively, it is impossible to ignore little inconveniences along the way.

"All of the construction makes it difficult," Edge says. "Change is good, but there's a lot of it."

Grandison Wells, a 1986 graduate who

Rick Gunn said he spent his years at UNC finding out what went down the night before.



"There's nothing better than being back here on a glorious Saturday."

Junior Katie McCollum said last year's basketball championship was a highlight of her time here.



"(Coming back to UNC is) like coming home."

Graduate student Brian Graybeal doesn't have to travel far to come back to his alma mater.



"(My most memorable UNC moment was) the N.C. State game last year."

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A HECK-UVA WIN FOR UNC

BY BRIANA GORMAN SPORTSATURDAY EDITOR

CARY

North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance was kicking himself.

His team only had a slim 1-0 lead against Virginia in the first half of the ACC Tournament championship game, and he hadn't spent enough time practicing penalty kicks — again.

But unlike last year, when UNC relinquished the ACC title to the Cavaliers on penalty shots, the No. 3 Tar Heels cruised to a 4-1 victory in regulation at

SAS Soccer Park on Sunday to win their 16th ACC tournament championship.

Virginia is a great team and I thought it was going to be down to the wire," said Dorrance. "I wasn't expecting any kind of margin."

No. 7 Virginia came out of the opening kickoff aggressively, attacking UNC (20-1) and challenging its defense. The Tar Heels struggled early to find an offensive rhythm with a tough defense preventing any UVA. goals.

Then, in the 13th minute forward Elizabeth Guess headed the ball into the net off defender Kendall Fletcher's free kick.

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North Carolina forward Lindsay Tarpley (center) heads the ball past the Virginia defense and goalkeeper Christina de Vries (22) for the Tar Heels' second goal in a 4-1 rout of Virginia. Last year the Cavaliers won the ACC title on penalty kicks, the first time UNC had not won the league crown.

BOB-KITTENS

Rookies Felton, May struggle in home opener

BY DANIEL MALLOY
SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLOTTE — Sean May's pants fell down as he went up for a dunk during pregame warm-ups.

On Raymond Felton's first offensive possession, he was too fancy with his dribble and lost the ball.

Call it inexperience or first-night jitters, but the two Charlotte Bobcats rookies did not display their old Tar Heel form during Charlotte's 107-105 overtime win against the Boston Celtics on Saturday night.

It was the first NBA home game for Felton and May.

It was the first game in the glistening downtown Charlotte Bobcats Arena.

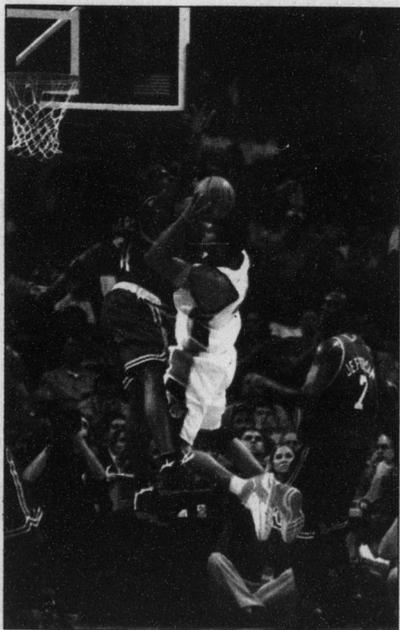
It was the first time in as long as Felton could remember that he went an entire game with just one assist.

"Ooh man it's been a long time since that happened," Felton said. "But that's how it is."

The game was a thriller, but May and Felton didn't see the floor in the fourth quarter or overtime. That's how it was.

As the clock ticked down in the fourth quarter, the power forward swished a picture-perfect jump hook to cut Boston's lead to one — but it was Melvin Ely. The

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Ex-Tar Heel Sean May, now a power forward for the Charlotte Bobcats, has his shot challenged by Boston Celtics guard Paul Pierce in Saturday's home opener.

WHY DID YOU VOTE EARLY?



Mike Tarrant
Sophomore, Political Science

"(Otherwise) as a student I wouldn't have the right to complain about all of the issues that affect us."



Angelia Duncan
Junior, Political Science

"Coming to Morehead (Friday) is more feasible than trying to find off-campus locations."

Early voting ended Saturday. Vote Tuesday on Election Day. Polling sites can be found here: <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/>

For county residents, a tale of a few taxes

Candidates see need for change

BY JAKE POTTER
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

It's been said before, but there are only two things certain in this world — death and tax debates in Orange County.

The county's municipalities traditionally have seen some of the state's highest property tax rates.

Chapel Hill residents pay about \$1.55 in town, county and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools taxes per \$100 of assessed property value. Those living within Carrboro's town limits must fork over about \$1.65. And Hillsborough residents, who don't get billed for the city schools

system, still pay about \$1.41. Carrboro Board of Aldermen candidate Katrina Ryan calls those numbers "egregiously high."

"And it looks like the current board's agenda will only push that higher," she said of the Carrboro rate.

Tax revenues will go to several major expenditures during the next several

years, such as Chapel Hill's town operations center.

Chapel Hill mayoral incumbent Kevin Foy said pending projects are poised to make for challenging budgetary deliberations.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: Opinion Editor resigns

Opinion Editor Chris Coletta resigned from his position at The Daily Tar Heel on Thursday. He has been replaced by Chris Cameron, former Associate Opinion Editor. Cameron, a senior anthropology/economics major, encourages you to contact him with any questions regarding the change.

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DIFFERENT TAKES The volleyball and men's soccer teams won big this weekend

DON'T BRING IT A few northeastern states consider setting emissions standards

MULTIMEDIA Check out Blue Fusion for images from this weekend's games

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WHAT YA DONE LATELY?

The Senior Class kicked off its senior service week Sunday. The week includes a Christmas shoebox drive and a "Penny War" against underclassmen.



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DOING THEIR PART

Carolina Earthquake Relief Coalition holds a fundraiser where participants do a traditional northwestern Indian dance for relief.

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GET AWARE

UNC's chapter of the NAACP hosts a Health Awareness Week, with sessions on HIV/AIDS, sex and the dreaded "freshman 15."

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