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## Legal questions dog Carrboro 4th seat

### CANDIDATE PURSUES OFFICIAL ANSWER TO PROCEDURE ISSUE

BY MEGHAN DAVIS  
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Former candidate Katrina Ryan is asking for help from the state in resolving confusion about how to fill the empty Carrboro Board of Aldermen seat.

Mayor-elect Mark Chilton will assume his new role Dec. 6, leaving a seat available until his alderman term

ends in two years.

Ryan is seeking opinions from the N. C. attorney general's office and an attorney for the N.C. General Assembly on the provisions of the Town Code that apply to the now-open fourth seat, which she believes should be filled after a special election.

"The whole legal question is get-

ting a bit more complex than anybody anticipated," Ryan said.

Ryan said the attorney general's office handed down an initial opinion that Carrboro ought to have included a fourth seat on November's ballot, anticipating that either Chilton or alderman Alex Zaffron would vacate their seats.

Ryan said she will decide how to proceed after hearing the results of General Assembly attorney's research, which she expects before Tuesday.

Carrboro laws state that in a general municipal election, seats left open

by unexpired alderman terms are to be filled by the person receiving the fourth highest number of votes.

Ryan finished fourth Tuesday with 736 votes, about 12.6 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results.

But Town Attorney Michael Brough, in a memorandum to the aldermen, wrote that the provision does not apply to the situation at hand — a vacancy arising after the election.

Brough also has stated that the aldermen have no authority to hold a special election.

Zaffron said he stands behind Brough's interpretation. "It seems to me the law is pretty clear," he said.

"It's going to be up to the newly constituted board to decide a procedure and make an appointment," he added.

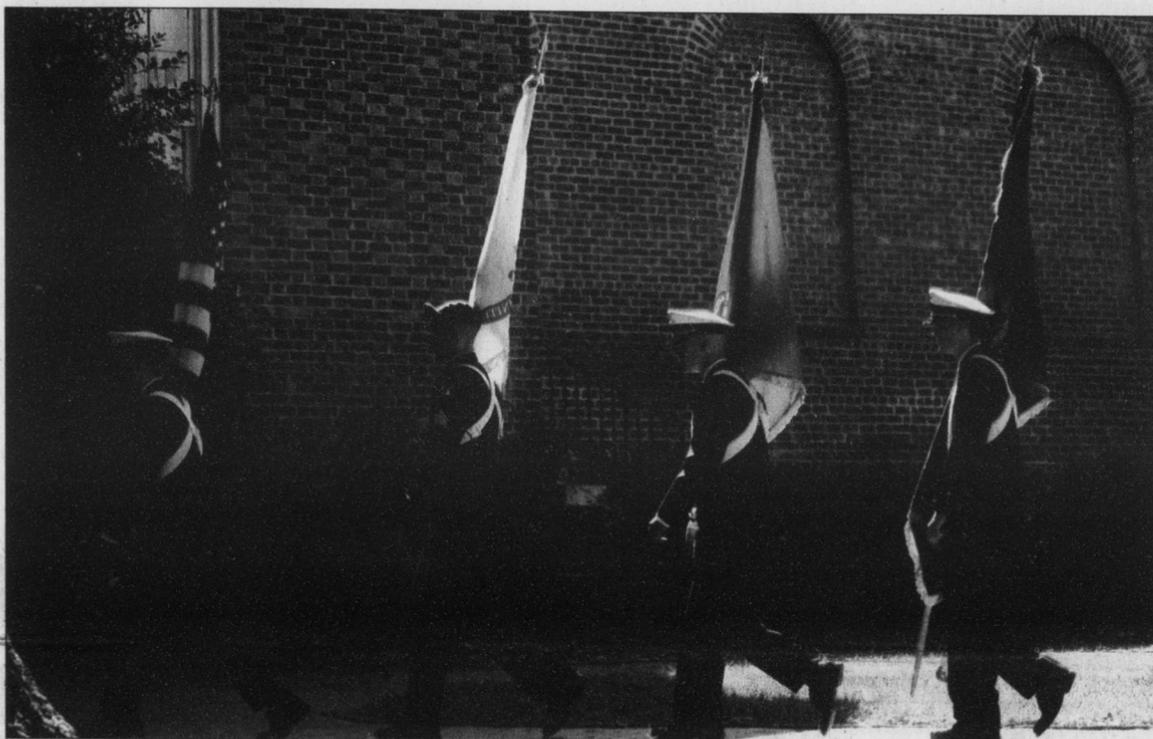
The situation is not new, having occurred when Mayor Mike Nelson assumed his post in 1995, and the aldermen appointed current Mayor Pro Tem Diana McDuffee, the fourth-highest vote getter, to Nelson's seat.



Katrina Ryan is examining the process for filling the vacant seat.

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## A TIRELESS TRADITION



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University ROTC color guard members leave a Veterans Day service held at Hill Hall on Friday. The commemoration featured speeches from veterans.

BY ROBBY MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It was a day for servicemen and women — past and present — to unite.

Veterans, University ROTC members and the general public filled more than half the seats of the grandiose Hill Hall auditorium Friday for the ROTC Veterans Day ceremony.

The commemoration lasted little more than half an hour, but the thick, silent energy inside the hall was representative of thousands of lifetimes.

"This day is an opportunity to shake hands with ghosts of the past," said Derek Soloway, a retired Marine Corps staff

sergeant.

Wade Phillips, a retired Navy lieutenant and guest of honor, was the voice of the ceremony. Describing his dual role as a student and a member of the military, he highlighted his years spent in the University's ROTC.

Phillips, who served in World War II and the Korean War, described the hectic growth of the University ROTC during World War II, at which time the draft was underway, "I'm a Tar Heel born. I'm a Tar Heel bred.

"I'll be a Tar Heel dead."

The campus was on a hurry-up schedule to get people in service during World War II, said Harry Watson, a history professor.

But ROTC members still found time to get involved in student life beyond the military.

A former University band member, Phillips said his claim to fame was that his standmate in the marching band was Andy Griffith, who

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## As Broad exits, BOG business as usual

### Chancellor pay hikes OK'd in president's last meeting

BY KAVITA PILLAI  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

It was business as usual Friday at the General Administration building, except for one thing.

It was the last time system President Molly Broad, who will retire Dec. 31 after an eight-year term marked by rapid growth and change among the 16 universities, would preside over the UNC-system's Board of Governors at an official meeting.

Amid emotional remarks from Broad, BOG Chairman Brad Wilson and others, the board managed to focus on the tasks at hand, passing a set of guidelines for 2006-07 campus-based tuition hikes as well as salary increases for most of the system's chancellors.

The board approved pay hikes for 13 of the 16 chancellors, ranging from 8 percent to 16 percent. UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser and N.C. State University Chancellor Jim Oblinger each received raises of \$35,100, bringing their annual salaries to \$309,897.

BOG member Charles Mercer, chairman of the personnel and tenure committee, said the hikes are an effort to put chancellor pay at North Carolina's public universities in line with the national market.

"Over the past five years or so, there has been a concern that our ... chancellors have been underpaid compared with university leaders around the country," he said. "Getting our chancellor salaries up to the market is in the best interest of the university and the best interest of each of our campuses."

Mercer said the raises aren't about one-upping the competition, but rather the board is trying to pay chancellors what they are worth.

"We are just trying to ensure that our chancellors are ... adequately compensated for the hard work they do every day."

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## Drinking games cashed in

### Distributors see profit in harnessing gaming spirit

BY SAPNA MAHESHWARI  
STAFF WRITER

Both teams have whittled their six-cup triangle down to one cup each, and tensions are running high.

The pingpong ball flies back and forth only to hit rim or miss completely each time.

Finally, one team ends up sinking the ball into the cup. Victory cheers erupt ... and it's time for the next round.

It's a situation many students have seen before.

Beer pong, also known as Beirut, is a competition between two-player teams that compete against each other by trying to throw a pingpong ball into beer-filled cups. If the ball goes in, the other team drinks from that cup. The goal is to eliminate all the cups on the other side.

Beer pong is one of the most popular drinking games around. Though the game itself is nothing new, its recent introduction into retailers and bars is.

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Travis Kramer, 23, of California, plays in his first-ever round of beer pong at Lucy's bar last week

## The University's wiliest population

### Squirrels viewed as part of campus

BY DESIREE SHOE  
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They loom overhead in the majestic trees of UNC's campus, a nearly constant presence. They skitter across sidewalks and railings, narrowly missing innocent passers-by.

And they're one of the first things many new students notice, simply due to their sheer number and oddity.

It could be argued that UNC's squirrels are as much a part of campus as the Bell Tower and the Old Well.

Junior Briana Woods says she once witnessed a strange squirrel incident outside of Lenoir Dining Hall.

"The squirrel was running into people's feet and it was mangy — clearly there was something wrong with it. It fell into a trash can and



DTH/CRAIG CARTER

As winter approaches, these nut-hoarding tree dwellers will slowly retreat toward their arbor abodes, of which there are plenty on campus.

everyone was laughing at it."

"It was like it was drunk or something," she says.

When Woods passed by Lenoir an hour later, the squirrel was dead.

According to www.scarysquirrel.org, a Web site devoted to anti-squirrel propaganda, a "campus alert" has been issued for the

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**IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER** Shop owner distributes free venison to locals

**BLOGGIN'** Beyond Blue Heaven blogs about Molly Broad's last BOG meeting

**MULTIMEDIA** Check out Blue Fusion for a slideshow of this weekend's sports

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**HIGH QUALITY H2O**  
Aqua America Inc., the nation's largest publicly traded water utility company, will provide services to the Northwoods community.



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**CULTURE CELEBRATION**  
The Asian Students Association holds its annual cultural celebration show. The event was held in Memorial Hall this year to the delight of planners.

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**BALANCING ACT**  
N.C. School of the Arts interim Chancellor Gretchen Bataille finds herself busy as she serves in both that post and in her position with the system.

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