

CLARIFICATION

Friday's page 3 story, "Elected leaders tough to unseat," states that Ed Harrison worked for the Sierra Club. He volunteered for the group. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Faculty members honored with fiction, poetry awards

Two creative writing faculty members, Alan Shapiro and Lawrence Naumoff, received 2005 North Carolina Awards for fiction and poetry.

Shapiro was the recipient of the Roanoke-Chowan Award for poetry based on his work entitled "Tantalus in Love".

Naumoff was presented the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for the best work of fiction written by a North Carolinian. His novel "A Southern Tragedy, in Crimson and Yellow" landed him the award.

Shapiro and Naumoff will be honored with seven others at a Nov. 18 dinner at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh.

CITY BRIEFS

Phonebook company gives grant to encourage recycling

An independent phone book publisher has given a \$3,000 grant to Orange County's Solid Waste Department.

The grant, given by The Talking Phonebook, is meant to help encourage residents to recycle old phonebooks along with newspapers.

From mid-November through mid-December, 230,000 phonebooks will be distributed by the Talking Phonebook to the area.

According to county estimates, 60 tons of paper could be saved if every resident recycled old phonebooks.

STATE AND NATION

Bush aid says intelligence was incorrect about Iraq

WASHINGTON, D.C. — While admitting "we were wrong" about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, President Bush's national security adviser Sunday rejected assertions that Bush manipulated intelligence and misled U.S. citizens.

Bush relied on the collective judgment of the intelligence community when he determined that Iraq's Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, national security adviser Stephen Hadley said.

"Turns out, we were wrong," he told CNN's "Late Edition." "But I think the point that needs to be emphasized ... allegations now that the president somehow manipulated intelligence, somehow misled the American people, are flat wrong."

Republican lawmakers and other officials who appeared on Sunday news shows echoed Bush's Veterans Day speech in which he defended his decision to invade Iraq.

WORLD BRIEFS

Woman admits attempting to suicide bomb reception

AMMAN, Jordan — An Iraqi woman confessed on Jordanian state television Sunday that she tried to blow herself up along with her husband during a hotel wedding reception last week, saying that the explosives concealed under her denim dress failed to detonate.

Sajida Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi, 35, made her statement hours after being arrested by authorities tipped off by an al-Qaida in Iraq claim that a husband-and-wife team participated in Wednesday's bombings at three U.S.-based hotels. The attackers killed 57 other people at the Radisson SAS, Grand Hyatt and Days Inn hotels.

Al-Rishawi's brother was once the right-hand man to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, said deputy premier Marwan Muasher.

France officials begin to see light at end of rioting tunnel

PARIS — France's worst rioting since the 1960s seems to be nearing an end, the national police chief said Sunday as fewer cars were torched nationwide and Paris remained calm despite Internet and cell phone messages urging violence in the streets of the capital.

European Commission President José Manuel Barroso proposed that the European Union give \$58 million to France for helping riot-hit towns recover. He said the EU could make up to \$1.2 billion available in longer-term support.

In scattered attacks, youths rammed a burning car into a center for retirees in Provence and pelted police with stones in the heart of Lyon, the country's third biggest city. A firebomb was tossed at a Lyon mosque but did not explode.

The nationwide storm of arson attacks, rioting and other violence, often by young people from impoverished minority communities, has lost steam since the government declared a state of emergency Wednesday.

-From staff and wire reports

Nonresidents rally on tuition

Seek predictability in yearly hikes

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
STAFF WRITER

As the University's governing board prepares to kick off this year's tuition discussions this week, members of the Out-of-State Students Association are banding together to support predictability in campuswide tuition hikes.

Out-of-state undergraduate stu-

dents have seen their tuition bills rise more than \$2,000 in the past two years.

OSSA drafted a petition, which was signed by almost 300 students as of Sunday night, urging Chancellor James Moeser to promote a predictable tuition policy.

"We want more of a voice in what goes on at the University,"

said Mike Winters, political chairman of the OSSA.

Winters argued that predictable tuition will allow for better financial planning for incoming students.

"We want consistency," he said. "Something a little more reliable."

The online petition asks Moeser to consider the financial needs of out-of-state students.

"Please consider these issues as you make your final tuition deci-

sions for the upcoming school year," the petition states.

The UNC Board of Trustees will discuss tuition during its meeting Thursday, and trustees are expected to make a decision during their January meeting.

Winters said that he and other cabinet members plan to attend the trustees meeting. They will encourage members of the OSSA

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Group focuses night on unity

Campus ministry responds to case

BY AMY EAGLEBURGER
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The Sunday night gathering of the Wesley Foundation, UNC's Methodist campus ministry, followed a track similar to every other weekly meeting.

The more than 30 attendees gathered and took part in song, prayer and the Eucharist.

But this Sunday, the message was focused intently on the idea of inclusiveness.

This meeting came on the heels of a decision by the United Methodist Judicial Council that pastors can choose to deny membership in the local church to individuals at their own discretion.

The case originated in Virginia where Rev. Ed Johnson refused to allow a gay man to become a member of the church. Johnson then was placed on an involuntary leave of absence by his fellow pastors who said he was out of line with his decision. The issue was brought before the Methodist judicial council.

The council found in favor of Johnson and stated that pastors have discretionary power regarding who can become a church member.

"We hold in our hearts tonight those who have been excluded from (Jesus Christ's) body," said Rev. Jan Rivero, the Wesley Foundation campus minister during a prayer before the Eucharist.

Rivero, like others in the Methodist community, is concerned about the ruling's implications.

"What it means is a pastor can decide (membership) on their own personal opinion," she said. "There's no control over that and no accountability."

While this case bears similarity to the defrocking of Methodist minister Beth Stroud for her revelation that she is a lesbian, Rivero said this case deals with the bigger issue of inclusion on the whole.

The Rev. Ned Hill, the superintendent of the church's Raleigh district, said while this verdict allows churches the option of being exclusive, he applauds those churches who want membership to be open to all.

"Personally I celebrate those churches that are reconciling congregations," he said. "I affirm their being intentional in reaching out to all people."

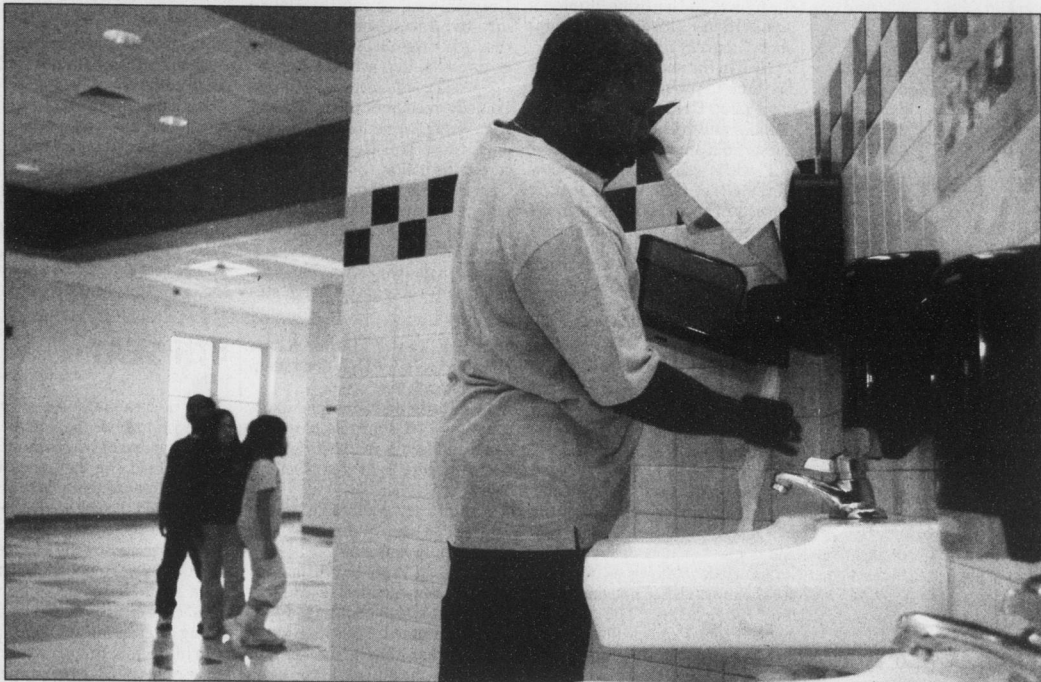
The ruling also has created discussion among Methodists regarding the issue of homosexuality in the church and the broader implications of this ruling.

Some Wesley members met for an informal lunch last week, during which they expressed their views on the subject, Rivero said.

Franklin Horn, a senior cultural studies major who is involved with Wesley, said the issue of inclusion is not a new topic for Methodists.

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DTH/GILLIAN BOLSOVER

Rashkis Elementary School's employee of the month in November, William Crisp, changes a roll of paper towels at the opened entrance to the boy's restroom Wednesday. The 56-year-old head custodian also was honored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools for the month.

CLEANING UP THE ACCOLADES

BY ANTONIO VELARDE
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The mess all depends on what's being served for breakfast that morning, said William Crisp, the head custodian at Rashkis Elementary School.

"I think the biggest mess they've had is when they're having scrambled eggs," Crisp said.

But even with all the messiness, Crisp loves hearing the sound of children who greet him daily.

"That's the best part of my day," Crisp said with a smile.

"And I get a lot of that."

Crisp recently received even more praise when he was named employee of the month for November by both Rashkis Elementary and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Both honors were given to him on the same day.

Sitting in his office on a Wednesday afternoon, Crisp spoke of his work with humility as a few "Congratulations!" balloons given by the school principal and vice principal for the school's award floated from a nearby file

cabinet.

"There's just something about this job," Crisp said.

"It seems like it just fits me."

Every day, Crisp comes to school just before 7 a.m. and goes through a ritual: turn on the lights, unlock the doors, set up the cafeteria tables for breakfast, then tidy up afterward.

He's become a familiar figure to students. He's sometimes seen walking down the hallway with a dolly full of boxes or refilling the paper towel dispensers in the bathroom.

And always with a cheerful demeanor.

"He's always smiling," said fourth-grader Jay Irwin.

"That's what I really like."

People who know him say one of Crisp's best qualities is his sheer friendliness.

"I think it's just his smile, that he always has a smile, that he's always willing to do something for the kids, for anyone," said Deshera Mack, principal at Rashkis Elementary.

Crisp, who has worked as head custodian at Rashkis Elementary since it opened two years ago, also worked with Mack as a custodian and head custodian at Seawell

Elementary School.

Before that, he worked as a janitor at Chapel Hill High School starting in 1982.

After marrying his wife, Wanda, and spending some time in Florida where he worked at a private school, Crisp returned to the district in the 1990s.

Looking back on his time working in area schools with students of all ages, Crisp said he prefers working with younger children.

"They listen to you more, and they respect you more," he said.

At 56 years old, Crisp said he figures he has at least 10 years left in him before retirement.

But Crisp said he has no intention of relocating from his Hillsborough home, from which he commutes to work daily.

A fan of fishing, especially surf fishing, he plans only on moving from one fishing spot to the next.

"That's the only type of moving that I'm going to be doing."

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Wanted: A place to call home

BY NATALIE HAMMEL
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Her name is Lola and though a bit shy, she is a sweetie who tries her best to please.

A red and tan Labrador-hound mix from Pass Christian, Miss., Lola was one of several animals up for adoption Saturday after she became separated from her owners in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The Independent Animal Rescue, a private, nonprofit organization out of Durham that cares for stray, abandoned and abused animals, and the AniMall Pet Adoption and Outreach Center, in Morrisville, hosted the event.

When Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, it displaced more than human victims.

Thousands of animals became homeless or lost when tragic circumstances and evacuation procedures forced many people to leave without their pets.

And for those with pets who either stayed in the area or were unable to leave, caring for their animals became an enormous task.

"People were being given choices of being rescued — to save their lives and their children's lives — or to stay with their pets," Amber Alsobrooks says.

Alsobrooks and her husband, Dave, residents of Banner Elk, received an e-mail asking for help



COURTESY OF JENNIFER STROM

Pets such as Louie, a black shepherd mix, waits for a family at the Humane Society of Louisiana's makeshift shelter in Tylertown, Miss.

from the Best Friends Animal Society in early September.

They immediately volunteered themselves and spent about a week in Tylertown, Miss., directly caring for displaced animals.

"It's very important to do everything we can to help these animals because that is directly important and critical to the people and to their level of suffering or not suffering," she says.

With the support of more than

80 donors, the Alsobrooks were able to bring a cargo van full of supplies with them to donate needed provisions to both human and animal victims.

Two donors created about a hundred "goodie bags for evacuees with pets," which included everything from Pepto-Bismol to dog treats.

Independent rescue was one of many sources of support for the

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Carolina's finest sought for ambassador program

International week to usher in effort

BY KIRSTEN BEATTIE
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UNC students will have the opportunity to share their passion for the University with the world when the Global Student Ambassadors Program launches Thursday.

The program, which pairs students with distinguished international guests visiting the campus, makes its debut during International Education Week.



Tuesday: UNC students go global after graduation

Applications will be made available Thursday during the Carolina Passport to the World Fair, which will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the courtyard outside the Student Union.

Stephanie Poole, a senior spearheading the initiative, said that through the program, students will serve as ambassadors in several capacities. The first is through welcoming foreign dignitaries.

"Students serve as escorts to distinguished international visitors,

scholars, former prime ministers and former ambassadors," she said.

"These kind of people always want to meet students," Poole said.

Marjorie Crowell, assistant provost for international affairs, said students show visitors the best of UNC.

"I think that students are just extremely engaging with these visitors," she said. "I really think it's putting our best face or faces forward."

Crowell said that, for practical reasons as well, students are well-suited to show visitors around.

"They know the campus well, not only physically walking around, but they can talk about issues and answer questions, talk about things that these delegations or distinguished visitors may ask about," she said.

Poole emphasized that being an ambassador means more than escorting dignitaries around campus. "The name ambassador can mean a whole lot of things," she said.

Promoting international education to alumni, other universities or donors is another role student ambassadors fill.

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