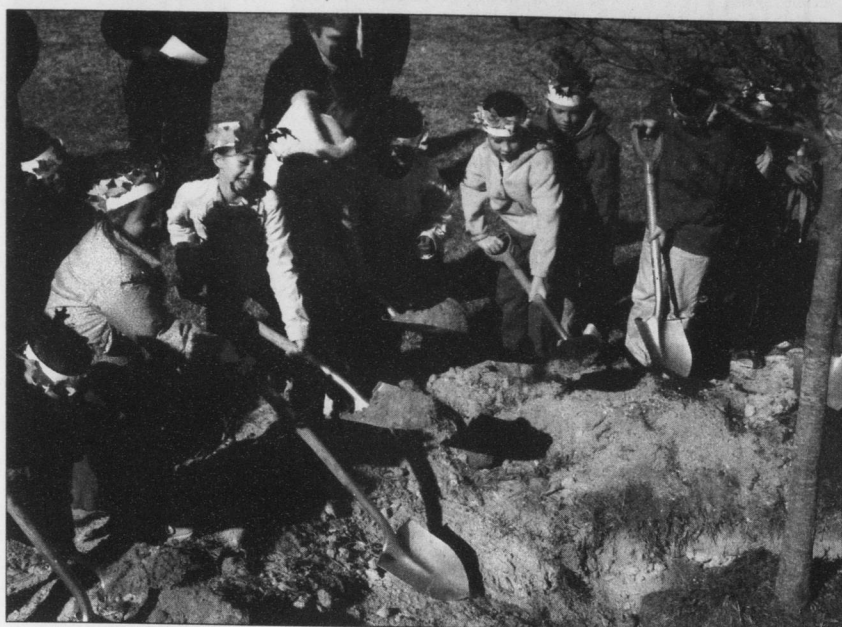


## COMMUNITY ROOTS



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Shovels of soil welcome new life to Chapel Hill Fire Station No. 2 as Erin Oakes, Mave Bell (with shovels from left) and other members of Glenwood Elementary School's third-grade class join

in celebrating Arbor Day on Friday with the dedication of a young tree. Chapel Hill Town Council member Jim Ward attended the event, at which the town was awarded with its sixth Tree City USA designation.

## Web site to provide link to politics, residents

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When Chapel Hill resident Will Raymond decided to run for municipal office this year, he discovered that it was a challenge to find information about town policies and to court public opinion.

Raymond became determined to create a wiki, or publicly-edited publishing software, that would be specific to the Chapel Hill area and that would capture policy decisions.

"I wanted to pull together as many resources as possible to inform citizens to make decisions," Raymond said.

Jason Baker, a University sophomore who also ran for a seat on the

Town Council, adopted Raymond's idea and created Orangepedia.org.

Orangepedia.org provides an interactive encyclopedia about the who, what, where, when and why of Orange County.

Baker began developing the site last week.

Orangepedia.org uses the same structure as the online encyclopedia Wikipedia.org.

Wikipedia.org was developed in January 2001. It uses a bottom-up approach, which allows users to gather, add and edit information.

Terry Soote, grants and philanthropy administrator of Wikipedia, said the site's success lies in its ability to create a close-knit community of users.

"It fosters community and creates a social software where people of mutual interest can discuss stuff and promote friendship," he said.

Raymond hopes that Orangepedia.org has the same effect.

"I hope that it becomes a resource for more people to get involved in the county," Raymond said. "It provides the opportunity for people to know what others are saying."

Baker touts the site's ability to interact with users.

"Orangepedia.org is incredibly user-friendly," Baker said. "You can just jump right in. I hope that people will provide their expertise and get involved in the community."

Raymond hopes that students in particular become aware of the site.

"The goal is to pull together as many resources as possible to inform citizens," said Raymond.

## Safety of 'Village' questioned

## Congress leaders want call boxes

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The Student Congress student affairs committee voted unanimously Sunday to support a resolution asking for improved safety conditions around student housing at Odum Village.

Committee members cited a lack of emergency call boxes and a muddy path to campus as major problems for the safety of residents.

The resolution asks for action by various administrators and committees to address these issues as quickly as possible.

"We want to go to administrators and say, 'These are our concerns. What will you do?'" said Emma Hodson, committee chairwoman.

The resolution, which the committee voted to report favorably, could go before the full Congress at its Nov. 29 meeting.

The committee decided to delay action on another resolution that asks administrators to take the emergency call boxes into account during construction projects.

Committee members said they delayed the bill because they questioned the results of a recently published survey by the women's affairs committee of student government.

The women's affairs committee held a scavenger hunt earlier this month to survey the accessibility and visibility of blue lights on campus.

The results of the survey claimed that a majority of blue lights were not blue and some were difficult to access. Of the 37 emergency call boxes examined, eight were considered difficult to access, women's affairs committee members said. Also, they said 81 percent of the lights were not actually blue.

The results were cited in the resolution, but student affairs committee members said they want to know more information about the methods of the study before continuing.

The Odum Village resolution was created when a resident of the community contacted Congress members to complain about the security conditions around the student apartments.

"It's a general safety issue — walking through dark woods with no blue lights," said committee vice-chairman Tyler Younts, who introduced the resolution.

If it passes, it will be delivered to administrators — including

leaders from the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Housing and Residential Education and the student safety and security committee.

"We want to specifically ask these people to resolve these problems," said Congress Speaker Pro Tem Kris Gould, a committee member. Committee members said the resolutions are part of their mission to advocate for students.

"Student Congress is serving as the voice of the students on this issue," Younts said.

They also said they want to pressure administrators to deal with these issues as quickly as possible.

Hodson said she hopes there will be lighting in Odum Village by the end of the year.

"It's important that students are safe," she said. "We have blue lights for a reason."

Members of the women's affairs committee also plan to teach self defense to help keep students safe. The committee will host a Safe Skills Training session at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28 in Hamilton 100 to promote this endeavor.

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## BANNERS

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prised when they come back and see just how big those banners are," he says.

Nadolsky says he gets a laugh out of the banner he's in. "I didn't realize how big the solo picture of me was going to be."

"It's a huge shot of my big mug. It makes me laugh every time I see it."

Though he says he doesn't get recognized on campus, Nadolsky says his professors say they've seen him on the banners.

Ramirez says when most people see the picture of him giving a high five, they think he's a "cornball," and he was slightly embarrassed when he first saw the banner.

"But now I don't even notice it, as I'm sure many people don't really notice it anymore," he says.

The banners at Student Stores are used as advertisements for popular products and change about six times a year, says Stephenson.

The current banners are holiday-themed and show students holding wrapped gifts.

Other images featuring UNC students, such as those in brochures sent out by the Undergraduate

Admissions office and on UNC's Web site, are more about using students to represent campus life.

"We do not in any way sort of promote these individuals as representatives of the University or campus celebrities," says Allison Legge, associate director of undergraduate admissions.

"The goal through pictures is to portray the spirit and life of this vibrant place," she says.

But just because students are "anonymous" doesn't mean they don't notice themselves in the pictures.

Scott Jared, web content director in University relations, says he received an e-mail a few years ago from a girl who was happy that she was used in the home page banner of UNC's Web site.

"It was a shot of a commencement and a young woman who is obviously very happy to be graduating," he says.

"It went up there and several months after that, I got a random e-mail saying, 'Hey, I'm the person featured in the home page photo, and thank you.'"

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who attended the meeting, said the students knew they were facing an uphill battle, and that he was not very surprised by the outcome.

"But this was a battle we needed to fight for," he said.

He added that he was most disappointed in the articulation of the student opposition by Piavis.

"I thought it was weak ... we needed a more impassioned plea for the future battles," Hankins said.

Gordon said that despite the student protests, the tuition increase was a decision the Board had to make.

"We are losing faculty, we are losing staff, to other organizations," she said.

"It's not a permanent solution, but we needed to stop the bleeding."

Murphy emphasized that even with the tuition increases, N.C. State still would remain as the cheapest school in its 16-member

peer groups of institutions. But he said he appreciated the point the students were making.

"They spoke eloquently (to the Board on Thursday) and what they said made sense," he said. "It made me proud to be an alumnus."

Phillips said that despite Friday's defeat, the chain-campaign was not finished.

She said they planned on taking their chain to the Board of Governor's meeting in February, and that through the UNC Association of Student Governments they were hoping to get all UNC-system schools to make their own chains that could be presented together.

"The Board of Trustees meeting was a testimony to our position," said Senate President Forrest Hinton.

"We start from the base of the idea to the idea's finalization. We'll be there to the end."

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## DEAN SEARCHES

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a strong pool of candidates.

The group has started interviewing candidates.

"We've conducted ... a number of telephone interviews, and we're hopeful that within the next weeks we'll proceed with smaller numbers face-to-face," Smith said.

The in-person interviews for the law school dean are expected to begin in January, and while on campus, the candidates will be available to talk to students as

well as Chancellor James Moeser and Shelton, Smith said.

They also will be expected to make a public presentation to the law school community explaining their interest in the deanship. The committee then will recommend three candidates to Shelton.

Committee members said they are on schedule, but there is always potential for problems. "My experience is everything takes longer than it's going to," Smith said.

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