

VIGIL

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service at the church. Alan Gell, a man exonerated from death row in 2004, said he was on the same cell block as Boyd while he was on death row. "He was a spiritual man, always in the Bible," Gell said, adding that Boyd was deeply remorseful for what he had done. An advocate for a moratorium on the death penalty since his exoneration, Gell said the N.C. General Assembly's decision to continue executions even while it looks for problems doesn't make sense. If it has admitted that there are things wrong with the current system then it should stop while it examines the system, he said. Tom Maher, Boyd's attorney, was

also present at the vigil. He had spoken to Boyd earlier in the day and shared some of their conversation at the prayer service. "It is particularly troubling to him that his humanity is lost in this milestone," Maher said. "We should never forget that each of these were individuals." "I would hope that jurists today, looking at Ken, (would see) that while punishment is appropriate, revenge is not," he added. But for victims of crimes like Boyd's, the issue at hand is justice, Chilton said, and there is more that needs to come to mind when an execution takes place. "I think you need to think about the people who have lost their lives," she said. "To put a man who has brutally murdered two people on a pedestal is absurd."

Her concern is that all the media emphasis on the 1,000 number has overshadowed the pain caused to victims and their friends and family. "No one seems to be addressing the issue of the number of people who have been affected by this who are victims," Chilton said. "There are no winners in a homicide," she added. "But justice is being served when the sentence is carried out." For the attendees at the vigil, this marked another protest of the U.S.'s use of the death penalty, a cause they are committed to see through. "As long as there are people on death row we will struggle and continue to have hope that things can change," Bethea said.

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NUTCRACKER

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at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on alternate dates. "It's a way to introduce the Carolina Ballet to the town for audiences that don't go to Raleigh," said Emil Kang, the University's executive director for the arts. "It's one of the most important ballets in the world, ever," Kang said. There are still tickets available, but officials said they are selling quickly. Student tickets cost \$10. Call 843-3333 for more purchasing information. Weiss said the performance is sure to enchant audiences with dancers from around the world and a pneumatically operated Christmas tree that swells to epic proportions. "We have a great scenery design-

er," he said. This marks the fifth year the company has performed "The Nutcracker," based on E.T.A. Hoffman's "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" with music by the famed composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. "The magic is even more enchanting after all those years," Weiss said. The show is a traditional family performance for the holidays, and Kang said he hopes the family theme will attract new audiences to the hall. "It's probably the most child-friendly performance of the year," he said. "The Nutcracker" will not be the only Carolina Ballet performance to grace the hall's stage. The company also will perform "Swan Lake" on Feb. 4 and Feb. 5.

Weiss said the Carolina Ballet has achieved international attention — which is noteworthy considering the company was began less than a decade ago. Kang and Weiss agreed that the Carolina Performing Arts Series and the Carolina Ballet should be associated closely to benefit the Chapel Hill community. "I think that this production marks the beginning of a relationship with the Carolina Ballet," Kang said. But "The Nutcracker" does more than just bring people together, Weiss said. "You go out of that theater and you're on cloud nine, and a lot of people have never experienced that, unfortunately."

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JUICE

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shutouts this season. That's an impressive number in its own right. Now consider that he's played in just 11 of 23 games, and impressive suddenly seems far too weak an adjective. As Hunter, a junior forward, puts it, "It's priceless to have a goalkeeper that good." On Oct. 8 North Carolina suffered a 1-0 loss to Virginia Tech — its second in three games after a blistering 7-0-1 start. So Bolowich, in search of a one-game shake-up, decided to replace incumbent senior keeper Ford Williams — who had compiled six shutouts — with Hughes. The junior responded by blanking Longwood, 5-0. It wasn't the best indicator of success, though, seeing as Longwood is more like deadwood when it comes to college soccer. In their next game, the Tar Heels lost again, this time at Maryland, 4-1. The team was reeling and would drop to 10th in the nation after being ranked in the top five for almost the entire season. That's when Bolowich made the keeper swap a permanent one. "At the beginning of the season, Ford and I were battling it out, and then he got the call," Hughes says. "I was just kinda going in there know-

ing that eventually I would get a chance at some point. I just kept working day-to-day in practice." "We always had an open communication between Ford and Justin," Bolowich says. "Both of them knew that, even after the Maryland game. I talked to Ford at length and said, 'Listen, it's Justin's turn right now. Let's give him a shot.'" And considering North Carolina hasn't lost since, the switch happened just in time. "He took the opportunity we gave to him, and he used it," Bolowich says. "He never showed signs of weakness." Neither does a defensive backline that's as impenetrable as Hughes is, one that prevents the springy 6-footer (or at least 6-2" if you factor in his floppy locks) from facing many shots. In fact, during the Tar Heels' eight-game, school record-setting shutout streak that began in Hughes' third game and ended in their 2-1 win against Virginia on Sunday, he had to make 16 saves — an average of just two per game. But thanks to his exceptional physical abilities, when he does have to make the stops, Hughes gets 'er done better than the Blue Collar Comedy Tour. "His athleticism is his greatest attribute," Bolowich says. "He's very quick, and he has great reflexes. Very brave. Throws himself into balls, and

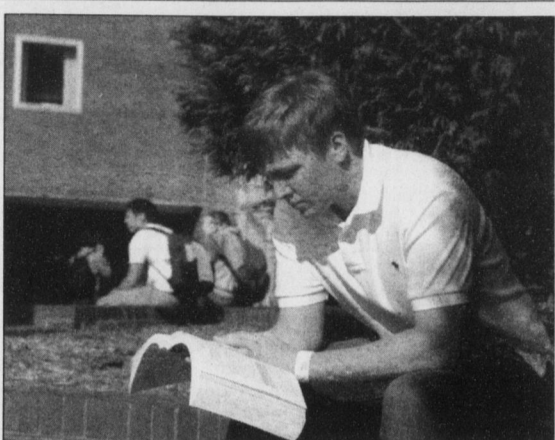
doesn't get out of the way." And largely because of Hughes' play, the Tar Heels (17-3-3) have climbed back up to No. 2 in the country. They're seeded fourth in the NCAA Tournament and are on the verge of reaching the College Cup — soccer's version of the Final Four — next weekend at SAS Soccer Park in Cary. To get there, they'll have to go through 13-5-3 Southern Methodist on Saturday at Fetzer Field. The Mustangs are in the midst of an impressive run of their own — posting a scorching 11-1-1 record in their last 13 games. "I expect it to be pretty fast-paced," Hughes says. "It seems like SMU's pretty technical and likes to counter, so as a team we have to make sure when we lose the ball that we get behind it." Clearly not a new concept for Hughes, whose goals against average of 0.28 per game is better than the North Carolina single-season record of 0.40, set in 1978. "We know that even if they do break our defense, which isn't an easy task, we've still got that great agility who's capable of making some great saves," Hunter says. "Juice is really coming up big for us."

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FAMOUS NAMES

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and deleted it." Often aggravated by the phone calls she receives from fans of the "Newlyweds" star, Jessica Simpson of Durham says she had to change her number due to prank calls. "I actually had a phone call really late at night and I was asleep," Simpson says. "There were three of them screaming into the phone who just wouldn't hush." "They wanted me to tell Nick that they love him." Sharing a name with a famous personality is one thing, but to share it with a notorious celebrity can be less than pleasant. "She's pretty, but I don't really care for her," says Simpson of the celebrity. "I do know the difference between chicken and tuna. To me, she seems really airheaded." Michael Jackson, a portfolio manager for Franklin Street Partners, grew up a fan of the celebrity (the first cassette tape he ever owned was "Thriller") but is bothered by the child molestation accusations facing him. "You don't want to be around a group of people and that even be on somebody's mind," he says. But there are perks as well.



DTH/KATE HANLEY
Sophomore John Edwards studies outside Davis Library on Thursday. Edwards is often pestered for sharing a name with the former N.C. Senator.

"I used it to my advantage a little bit. Say in fifth-grade, when you run for class office, I put up a poster with 'Billie Jean Says Vote for Michael Jackson,'" Jackson says with a laugh. Willis recently had a disagreement with his cable company, which was resolved easily because "they were just tickled that 'Bruce Willis is on the phone with us!'" Cable benefits aside, Willis says his famous name is both a blessing and a curse. "It's like, I wished to see (my) name in the lights and on everybody's lips. Well, I do, but not in the way I might have wished when I was a kid or something."

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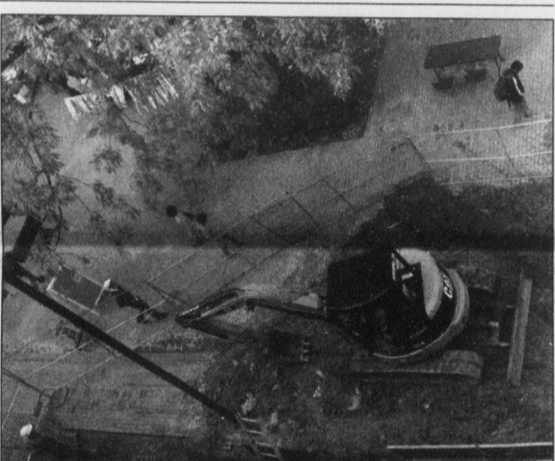
STUDENT STORES

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Carole Acquesta, planning manager for the Student Stores renovation. Jones said he does not expect the construction to inconvenience students, who will be able to buy books at the normal upstairs location. "During book rush we are asking the construction people to get out of the way and allow the students to shop with no disruptions," he said. Construction is in phase one. The opening of an entrance facing South Road will mark the end of the phase. Beginning in April, Jones said, the second phase will force at least half of the Pit level to be closed at any given time. Eventually the third floor will close for its own makeover, forcing the RAM Shop to move to the Health Affairs Bookstore adjacent to the Bell Tower Parking Lot.

Jones said the textbooks probably will be sold either on carts or as a walk-in system at the Bull's Head Bookshop. The third-floor construction is set to run until August. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by December 2006, Jones said. The goal of the store renovation is "to open up the store and make it more accessible and an easier place to shop," Jones said. The renovations will provide new features such as escalators, new lighting and a fire alarm system. Jones emphasized that continued student patronage is necessary, especially during construction. "We are counting on them to continue to shop with us because when we are through with the remodel, we will have one of the nicest campus stores in the country," Jones said.

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An earth-moving excavator sits amid a pile of upturned soil outside Student Stores on Thursday as part of the first phase of renovations.

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