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2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

Edwards to work at UNC

Board votes down in-state hikes

UNC junior attacked in hate crime

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A University junior was assaulted while walking alone on Franklin Street on Friday morning in what Chapel Hill police are investigating as a hate crime.

And the University community, particularly members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance, is mobilizing its resources to show support.

The 21-year-old student was

walking near 100 E. Franklin Street at 2:04 a.m. when six to seven men began making derogatory remarks about the student's sexual orientation while walking behind him, police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

The group of men then began attacking the student, hitting and kicking him in the face, upper torso and all over, Cousins said.

The individuals were calling him derogatory names throughout the



Junior Nick Shepard looks toward the sky with tears in his eyes while listening to community members speak out against homophobia and hate during Monday's event in the PE.

It was a year of big storms, big wins and big shocks.

In February, a University junior was reported to be assaulted on Franklin Street in an apparent hate crime — an incident that rocked the idea of Chapel Hill as a haven of liberal tolerance.

In May, the bodies of a Chapel Hill couple were discovered and their teenage son has since confessed to the killings — a still-developing case that has captured national media attention.

There were a few storms this year, and the name Katrina now carries a different meaning. The record-setting storm forever altered the face of an American beacon and uncovered immense shortcomings in federal preparedness.

Cleanup has soldiered on since Katrina made landfall in August, but by all accounts, affected areas haven't undergone much improvement.

2005 also was a year of acquisitions. The Supreme Court lost and gained a leader. The N.C. House consolidated its leadership. Local politicians largely remained the same with a few new faces cracking onto the scene.

The University won over a former vice presidential candidate and recaptured the national basketball spotlight.

It was a year with definitive highs and lows, one to be remembered for better or for worse.

PRESIDENT PICKS A DATE

MOLLY BROAD ANNOUNCES INTENT TO RELINQUISH POST



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UNDISPUTED CHAMPIONS

"I got a big key steal. I took a big-time shot. I got a key rebound at the end. I just made plays. What happened is all about heart, and that's what this team has, is heart."

"I could not wait... It's a great feeling, man, just to cut those nets down. It's finally over. We finally did it. My dream has finally come true."



Local teen charged in parents' murder

North Carolina passes lottery

MEMORIAL HALL WAITS IN THE WINGS

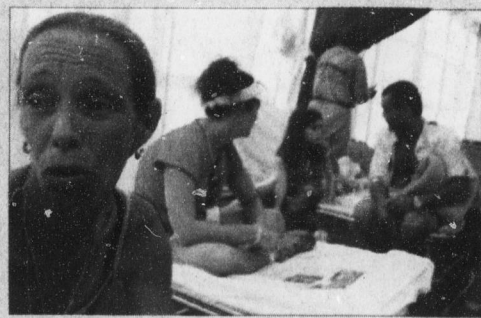
PAINFUL MEMORIES

AFTER THE STORM

PICKING UP THE PIECES

UNC, WACHOVIA INK DEAL

SPECIAL COVERAGE FROM LOUISIANA



"To my city"

This feels like a funeral. There is no wooden coffin, just the muddy, toxic, disease-ridden waters that have swallowed streets, homes and lives. There are no blacked markers perched atop a cemetery, just a billion shattered bits of a civilization hunk together. Instead, it feels like New Orleans, my home for five years, has died, flooded by misery, searched by volunteers, crippled by nature and abandoned by those who loved it but now only can pray for it. With uncertainty so thoroughly rattled and the future so uncertain...

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