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## Bowles off and running

### 3 FROM BROAD ERA WON'T REMAIN IN ADMINISTRATION

BY KAVITA PILLAI  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

New UNC-system president Erskine Bowles has been in office not even two weeks, but most say he has hit the ground running. Board of Governors Chairman Brad Wilson said today's committee meetings and Friday's meeting of the full board likely will be business as usual, despite having a new face at the table. But Bowles will be leading the university system without three

top members of the General Administration staff. Jeff Davies, vice president for finance, has served in various positions in General Administration since 1985. He will leave his position to head business affairs at UNC-Greensboro. Cindy Lawson, vice president for communications and strategy development, will take a position at UNC-Wilmington. Both positions are effective March 1.

In addition, Gretchen Bataille, who had been serving as both senior vice president of academic affairs and interim chancellor at N.C. School of the Arts, stepped down at the end of December to focus on her chancellor duties. The School of the Arts is in the process of finding a new chancellor, but Bataille said it is premature to say whether she would accept a permanent position. Charlie Mercer, chairman of the personnel and tenure com-

mittee, said he expects Bowles to address the group today about filling the vacancies. Wilson said personnel changes with a new president are not unusual. He added that Bowles has been meeting with Davies and others to get up to speed as quickly as possible. "One thing we've learned is he's a tireless worker and has a big appetite for lots of information," said Mercer. SEE BOWLES, PAGE 4

## Hoping to net game record

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS  
STAFF WRITER

No timeouts. No halftime. Just 58 hours of pure, unadulterated Duke-Carolina basketball. Students from UNC and Duke University will team up this weekend in the Duke-Carolina Basketball Marathon, which if successful will break the Guinness World Record for the longest basketball game.

Twenty-four players will take the floor at 8 a.m. Saturday in Fetzer Gym. They plan to continue playing until 6 p.m. Monday, which would break the standing record of 30 hours and 12 minutes.

After hearing rumors that a previous basketball marathon — currently under review by Guinness officials — could set the record, the students decided to set a goal for almost double the previous time.

"We want to smash the record and go all out," said UNC junior Antonia Logue, a publicity co-chairwoman for the event.

The event will raise money for Hoop Dreams Basketball Academy, a nonprofit organization that works with children with life-threatening illnesses.

Players and their "fan clubs" collected donations in an effort to reach the event's \$80,000 goal.

If the rivalry isn't enticing enough, a few other big names potentially could draw attention.

John Edwards, director of the UNC Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, is scheduled to toss the game's opening tip-off.

Spalding, the world's largest basketball equipment brand, has agreed to sponsor the event.

Players will use a Never Flat ball, the newest Spalding model, for the entire game. Organizers estimate the ball will be bounced more than 100,000 times if the game goes the distance.

Courtside air mattresses donated for the event will allow players to sleep while they're not playing.

UNC senior David Baker, a political science and Spanish double major, said he and his teammates have been training for the event.

"I've been looking forward to it for a really long time," he said.

Baker, who plans to bring three or four sets of clothing in addition to the two jerseys provided by Spalding, predicts the score will be 1,500 to 1,471. "Carolina wins, of course."

Organizers said they hope the SEE MARATHON, PAGE 5

## ROLL OUT



DTH/BRANDON SMITH

Junior Dan Burke (left) battles team coach Dan London for the ball during Wednesday night's roller hockey team tryout at the recently opened Rams Head Fitness Center. In the past, the team has had to practice at the Carolina Sportsplex, but the club team's

president, Kevin Hill, said the new sports court at Rams Head is more convenient. "We're just gonna use (this court) to play pickup and have a good time," he said. The roller hockey club participates in the Southeastern Collegiate Roller Hockey League and is accepting new players.

## Board looks to fill in blank

BY TED STRONG  
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As of 3 p.m. Wednesday, the last day to apply to become the newest Carrboro alderman, 12 individuals had submitted applications.

When the aldermen sit down to peruse the forms and interview the applicants, they will be looking for one thing above all: someone open to teamwork — though not necessarily someone who agrees with every one of the current board members'

positions. "They have to be able to go beyond their own political base and serve everyone," said Alderman Jacquelyn Gist.

Gist said that means a sound understanding of the community as a whole is essential.

"You can't govern a place that you don't know or that you only know one part of," she said.

But Alderman Joal Hall Broun wasn't ready to say Carrboro experience is a must.

Instead, she wants an appli-

cant with "a willingness to work," though she did name one specific view:

"Affordable housing is a big thing," she said.

Mayor Mark Chilton, whose vacated alderman position the applicants are vying for, said that long experience in Carrboro isn't a must, noting that he himself has only lived in the town for five years.

But he did say an appreciation SEE CANDIDATES, PAGE 5

## THE BOTTOM LINE

### Waveland couple recharges lifelines

BY ERIC JOHNSON  
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WAVELAND, Miss. — The Brooks home occupies a prime spot in town, sitting right at the end of Coleman Avenue — Waveland's equivalent of Main Street — about a half-mile from the beach.

Set behind the railroad tracks, which historically served as a final buffer against any storm surge, the Brooks home was considered safe. It wasn't in a flood zone.

In just a few hours, with the family riding out the storm upstairs and seven feet of water churning downstairs, Hurricane Katrina shattered any illusion of safety.

"We were stupid to stay," said Judi Brooks, looking around her washed-out living room. "And we were lucky."

But the family had much more to worry about than their ruined home. The floodwater reached far enough inland to inundate the family's three businesses — a mortgage company, an insurance agency and the family restaurant.

Katrina had spared their lives, but not their livelihood.

"We didn't know whether to get the house together and work on the businesses, or get the businesses together and hope that we would have enough time to



DTH/RICKY LEUNG

Judi Brooks arrives home from work. Just starting to clean up was an emotional challenge. "This was my pride and joy," she said of her house.

regroup," Judi said. "We decided the priority was to get some income coming in. You can't survive without it."

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TOMORROW

Bay St. Louis church becomes volunteer hub

In just under four months, the Brooks family restaurant was once again welcoming customers.

"What would you ensure?" Tommy Brooks asked, sitting in the tent that now houses his mortgage and insurance companies. "The golden egg, or the goose that laid the golden egg?"

Flooded expectations Tommy knows what it feels like to start from scratch. He lost everything after Hurricane Camille in 1969 and was forced to file for bankruptcy in 1995 when the youngest of his four sons, Brett, became seriously ill. Even so, Katrina was a shock.

SEE RECOVERY, PAGE 4

## Dropping the ball on 'resolutions'

BY JULIE TURKEWITZ  
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Trey Campbell, a junior from Gastonia, ended 2005 by enjoying a few glasses of bubbly with friends. But after the ball dropped, Campbell vowed that in 2006 he would trade in his champagne glass for a new pair of gym shorts.

He resolved not to spend this semester in the same way as the last — jumping over the fence at Lucy's Restaurant, 114 Henderson St., to bypass the bouncers. Instead, he plans to cut back on drinking and go to the gym three days a week.

Hundreds of University students will join Campbell this



DTH/LOGAN PRICE

Randali Crutchfield exercises in the Student Recreation Center on Tuesday as part of his resolution to lift weights three times a week.

## CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, a Wednesday front-page story, "Bill threatens students' wallets," states that officials say that a budget reconciliation bill, if signed into law, would cost the average student \$5,800 more in interest payments. The figure is based only on the House budget bill. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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EYES ON THE PRIZE

After Tuesday's slow-starting, turnover-plagued game, Coach Roy Williams says he wants more consistent play from his team.

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More than 1,000 people gathered in McCorkle Place to protest President Bush's military policy and U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

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