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SPECIAL COVERAGE OF DUKE GAME

Fans gear up for Devils



Seniors (from left) Tracy Braxton, Tripp Sheldon and Joe Dixon camp out to try to secure front-row riser spots at tonight's Duke game.

STUDENTS BATTLE ELEMENTS FOR A SEAT NEAR THE ACTION

BY MEGHAN DAVIS
FEATURES EDITOR

As three people watched, the UNC men's basketball team made shot after shot.

The onlookers clapped, then peeled their faces from the windows of the Smith Center and climbed back into their tent.

One last frozen night separated a small village of campers from their place of glory — in the risers cheering on the Tar Heels against the Duke Blue Devils.

Seniors Kezia Surin, Erin Kimsey and Mathilde Sabourin spent Monday afternoon watching

the team practice during their shift in line for 10 fellow tentmates.

"Our benevolent, elected dictator Andy (Fuller) set the schedule," Kimsey said.

The first tents went up Saturday as fans cleared the Smith Center after a win against Clemson. Groups of as many as 19 people drew numbers for spots in line at 7 p.m., according to the Carolina Athletic Association's rules.

"We set up a power supply for the campers, and they can use camping tools like lamps," CAA

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Protests come in many colors

BY WHITNEY KISLING
STAFF WRITER

If you've seen the movie "PCU," you know how college student protests generally are portrayed — big signs bearing slogans, student leaders screaming into megaphones and a group of onlookers chanting.

But student groups at UNC use an array of protesting methods, ranging from the Hollywood version to real-life letter-writing campaigns and meetings with University officials.

"I think the most important thing is honest communication and a willingness to listen," said Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston, chairman of the student advisory committee to the chancellor, which has been a forum for various students' interests.

Concerned students recently deployed this strategy with a petition opposing changes to the housing recontracting process.

CHANCELLOR'S OPEN HOUSE

Time: 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Date: Today

Location: Graham Memorial Lounge

Sophomore Elisabeth Pascale helped get the petition rolling by spreading the word on Facebook.com, a social networking Web site.

She also discussed her concerns with Rick Bradley, an assistant director for the Department of Housing and Residential Education.

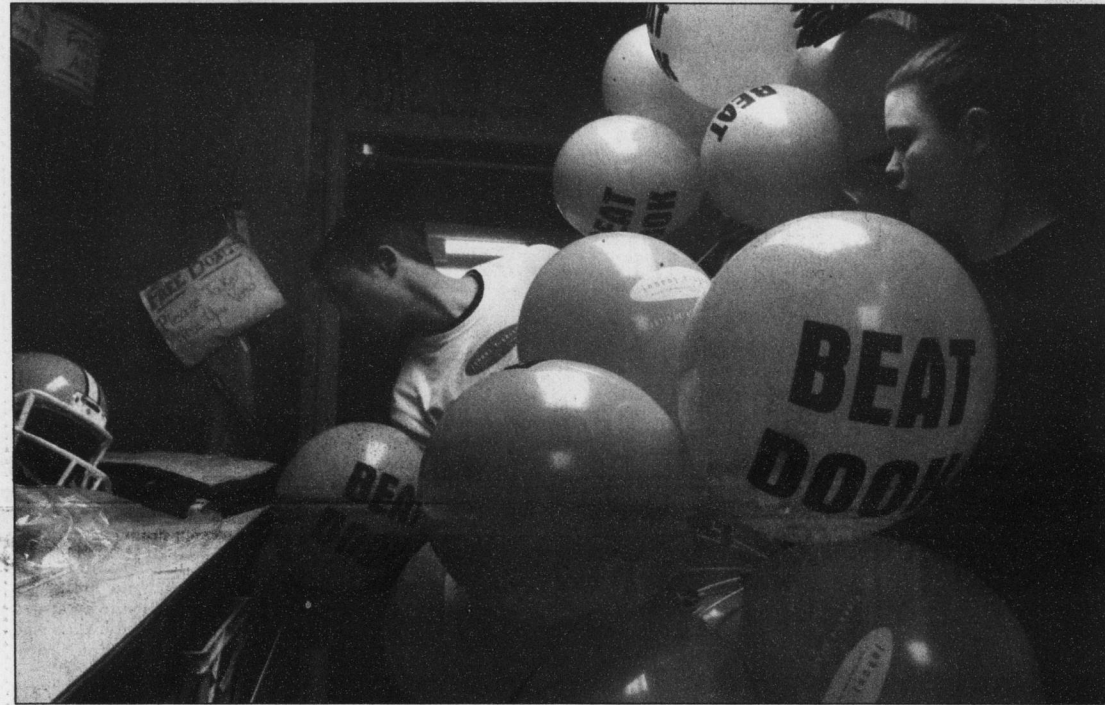
"I would agree to meet with any student who had questions they wanted answered," Bradley said.

Students and housing officials say the proposed changes to the recontracting process were altered as a result of the petition.

"I think that when you're protesting against something, you really want to show the people you're protesting against."

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PUMPED UP



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Jordan Boyst (left) and Heather Frazier, seniors, gather balloons to put on display Monday evening at Johnny T-Shirt on Franklin Street. Although the store had not yet seen a boost in business, owners expect more shoppers to buy merchandise before today's 7 p.m. men's basketball game

against Duke in the Smith Center. "Tomorrow will be a hectic day. ... It will be a fun day," said Frazier, assistant manager at the downtown mainstay. "It's one of the best days of the year to work at a Carolina store. And we're definitely ready to beat Duke." Visit www.dailytarheel.com for the full story.

STUDENT ELECTIONS 2006
COUNTDOWN
TO ELECTIONS:

7 DAYS

Coming soon:
Candidate
platforms

Check Wednesday's
DTH for a synthesis of
candidate goals and
platform points

Biotech industry provides outlet

BY SAMUEL LAU
STAFF WRITER

Connie Stiltner thought she would work at Nortel Networks forever.

An employee with the communications company since 1997, she said she was aware of the massive layoffs that began at the company in 2001.

Still, she found herself in shock when her pink slip arrived in September 2002.

"I was walking out the door thinking, 'Oh my God, what am I going to do?'" she recalled.

Stiltner's answer lay in the field of biotechnology — one of the fastest growing industries both state and nationwide.

North Carolina is home to top-ranking biotechnology industries in the areas of contract research organizations, agricultural biotechnology research, biomanufacturing and pharmaceutical manufacturing. In response to the large

North Carolina rankings in
U.S. biotechnology industry

- #1 in contract research organizations
- #2 in agricultural biotechnology research
- #3 in biomanufacturing
- #4 in pharmaceutical manufacturing

SOURCE: NCCCS BIONETWORK

amount of new jobs these industries demand, the state is coordinating efforts between community colleges to train students for jobs in biotechnology.

BioNetwork, a N.C. Community College system initiative, encourages such growth by providing training, curriculum and equip-

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A WES-SIZED STORY

Diminutive walk-on defies expectations

BY BRIAN MACPHERSON
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He's down in a defensive stance, his fists clutching his shorts, his eyes focused not on his opponent but on the ball. He's lying in wait, poised to pounce at the first sign of movement.

Combined with his quickness and his years of experience, that intensity makes Wes Miller quite a pingpong player.

Oh, sure, he's a good basketball player, too. But since the UNC basketball team traded its pool cues for a pingpong table in the locker room, Miller has seized the opportunity to dominate the team's off-court battles.

There's a good reason for his single-minded intensity, too. The way the Tar Heels play pingpong, any player who loses two consecutive points must lift up his shirt and give his opponent a free shot.

"You can't give up two points in a row, or you'll have welts all over your chest," says guard Bobby Frasier. "That's fun."

Unrelenting focus is particularly important when tangling with freshman Tyler Hansbrough, the team's most ferocious personality both on and off the court.

"It gets real intense, especially if

you're playing with Tyler," Miller says. "He likes to hurt you. That's the way we feel, that real men should play pingpong because pain is involved."

But the junior hasn't spent much time at the pingpong table of late, preferring instead to inflict pain on the Tar Heels' opponents with the daggers he delivers from 3-point range.

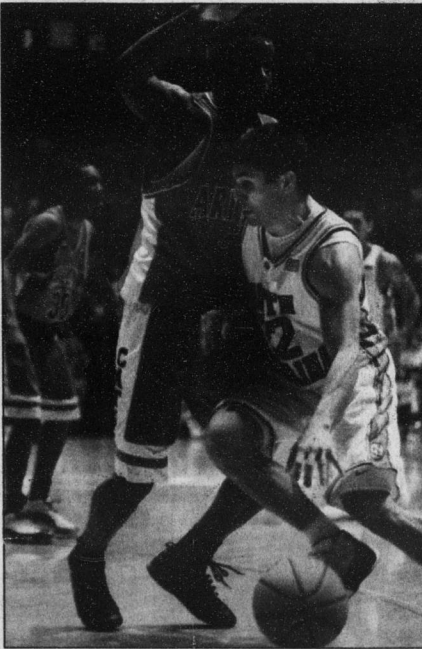
In the five games since he became a starter, Miller has averaged 9.8 points per game on 50-percent shooting from behind the arc — and the Tar Heels have won four times.

"He's a kid who's worked his tail off," says UNC coach Roy Williams. "God blessed him with a tremendous amount of desire. He may not have blessed him with size, but he blessed him with a tremendous amount of desire."

Miller consistently measures between 5-foot-10 3/4 and 5-foot-11, well below typical for a Division I basketball player. He raised more than a few eyebrows in high school when he announced his goal of playing in college at the highest level.

"My size, in high school, is very normal and average, but when I talked about my aspirations, people would

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DTH/WHITNEY SHEPTE

North Carolina guard Wes Miller (22) has evolved from a walk-on to a shooting threat in his five starts.

Chipotle could be latest in local Mexican market

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STAFF WRITER

Burrito enthusiasts soon might have a new eatery to add to a long list of Mexican-style restaurants in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area.

The national chain Chipotle has asked Chapel Hill town staff to approve plans to move in to VisArt Video's former location at 301 W. Franklin St.

"We have a long history of being near college campuses," said Chris Arnold, Chipotle spokesman. "Our first store was adjacent to the University of Denver. ... College kids are core customers."

He added that the eatery has locations at the University of Kansas, the University of California-Berkeley and New York University.

The Chapel Hill Chipotle location, if approved, will be the first to set up shop in North Carolina, but it certainly isn't the first of its kind.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro are home to many restaurants with Mexican cuisine, including Cosmic Cantina, Bandido's Mexican Cafe, Qdoba Mexican Grill, El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant and Patio Loco — a list that covers only Franklin Street venues.

According to the Web site of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership — a group that monitors local business — the town is looking to diversify business, though some say there are growing similarities in the town's restaurant style.

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ARTISTIC CONVERGENCE The Family Legacies exhibit continues at the Ackland

THE ALTERNATIVES Brevard principal tells the county about alternative schools

IT'S STILL HERE Former U.S. Sen. John Edwards gives lecture about poverty

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WEATHERING COSTS After abnormally warm weather and high heating bills dominated January, gas companies and meteorologists expect a cooling-off period.



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BUILDING FOR FUTURE The 21st annual Emerging Issues function kicks off in Raleigh, continuing today. Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Paul O'Neill speaks.

today in history

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About 3,000 students, faculty and staff receive mandatory vaccinations in Woollen Gym after officials confirm a case of red measles at UNC.

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