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ONLINE POLLS:

Town administration
Do you think the current town administration is anti-University?
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Student Elections

Poll results: Do you plan to vote in student elections?
✓ yes 72% ✗ no 28%

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those who have chosen to participate. The results do not represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.

Battleground for tolerance

BY ADAM RODMAN
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Senior Dalmar Hussein clearly remembers his thoughts when entering UNC in 2002.

"I lived in New York City at the time, and you can imagine the kind of atmosphere," says Hussein, a Muslim international student from Ethiopia.

UNC assigned "Approaching the Qu'ran: The Early Revelations" as summer reading freshman year for

the class of 2006 to a flurry of national criticism and a lawsuit alleging that the choice violated the separation between church and state.

For Hussein the text showed the school's commitment to diversity and offered a chance for real dialogue about his faith from the very first day of his college career.

"Looking back to the Quran readings, especially since I thought this was the South, in North Carolina,

everyone I encountered at the discussion was very respectful," he says.

"It was a good way to introduce me to the school."

Four years later, in his last year at UNC, the dialogue continues.

Last fall The Daily Tar Heel published a controversial column supporting racial profiling, and one week ago the paper published a cartoon

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ATTEND THE VIGIL FORUM

Date: Today
Time: 6:15, 6:45 p.m.
Location: the Pit, Union Auditorium.

Seeking: engaged campus

Public service. Public engagement. Public university. Service learning. Social compact. What do these words mean to you?

Have you:
■ Worked with students (or teachers) on assignments or class projects that require understanding, research and writing about a problem facing the public at large, a community here or elsewhere, or members of a disadvantaged group?

■ Engaged in research and then written and disseminated findings in ways that will reach members of the public, communities, government or nonprofit leaders who could tap key insights to address pressing needs?

■ Advised or consulted with community leaders on a topic relevant to the issues they face or topics you're endeavoring to understand?

■ Involved residents, professionals and other external constituencies in workshops or other educational programming?

■ Collaborated in a sustained way with laypersons or professionals outside the academy in shaping participatory research that addresses community needs?

■ Imagined ways in which faculty and students could act together to improve K-12 education, the public's health or the economic well-being of people and communities in North Carolina and beyond?

These are some approaches that faculty, students and staff who are part of an engaged university can use to make a difference for the better beyond our walls.

Should engagement be thought of as volunteer work, something to be done in our spare time? Or should it instead be understood as part of the marrow of our enterprise, something that should be rec-

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Judith Wegner is the chairwoman of the faculty.

Next week: Pat Evans

OVERSHADOWED



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Most of the signs and hollering candidates vanished from the Pit and campus walkways following Tuesday's elections results, though a few vestiges stayed — namely, the remaining senior class officer candidates. Meg Petersen and Eric Schmidt

were out Wednesday afternoon campaigning again in the Pit, preparing for Tuesday's runoff contest with Doug Weiss and Juelle McDonald. Because no candidate won a simple majority in Tuesday's elections, the candidate duos will be out looking for extra votes until polls reopen.

Student election turnout takes a dive

BY BRIAN HUDSON
NEWS EDITOR

"Fewer" might be the best word for this year's elections. Fewer candidates, fewer runoff elections — and most strikingly, fewer voters.

In Tuesday's race 6,025 students cast a ballot, less than a quarter of the student body.

Many of the candidates in the competitive races attributed the waning interest to the same thing — a lack of connection with their respective constituencies.

This year's student body president candidates, James Allred and Bernard Holloway, said both before

and after the election that they were dissatisfied with the amount of attention devoted to the forums.

During the final days of the election, the candidates spent most evenings competing with each other for groups' endorsements in the forums. It prevented both from campaigning in dorms — an optimal way to reach voters not involved in a student group.

Allred said he believes turnout would have been higher if it weren't for the attention to forums.

"If there was anything I could do differently, it would be to reduce the influence of student groups and

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Problems reported with voting system

students and less on forums. Come next year he'll likely be giving the same advice. "I hope that we'll find a way to coordinate better or combine some of the forums."

focus on meeting students individually — one on one," Allred said.

He recalled that at the election's start departing Student Body President Seth Dearmin advised the candidates to focus more on forums.

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Holloway also said he was disappointed that the race did not focus enough attention on the student body as a whole.

Although he did not attribute his loss to it specifically, Holloway said he wishes he had ignored UNC's political blogosphere.

Several student leaders, including top members of Student Congress, operated blogs in which they commented on the election and at times were critical of the campaigns.

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Where are all the people?

Campus elections drew a low percentage of eligible voters, with overall at its lowest level since 2000. Graduate students largely ignored the GPSF election.

YEAR	TOTAL VOTERS	% ELIGIBLE ELECTORATE*	GPSF ELECTION	% ELIGIBLE ELECTORATE*
2006	6,025	22.1%	521	5.0%
2005	7,264	28.0%	501	4.8%
2004	6,901	27.4%	541	5.3%
2003	6,000**	24.1%	482	4.8%
2002	6,076	24.8%	730	7.6%
2001	5,800**	24.5%	205	2.2%
2000	3,763	16.1%	210**	2.3%

*Based on fall enrollment numbers
**Based on unofficial estimates

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ROUTINES FLOOR RIVALS

BY KRISTIN PRATT
STAFF WRITER

Powerful, skillful and entertaining routines that win not only high marks from judges but wild crowd approval fuel North Carolina gymnastics.

The Tar Heels sit at 10-5, a mark that reflects the strength of their routines, especially on the floor.

"Our objective with all our floor routines and beam routines is to have a creative quality ... that captures the attention of the people watching," says Coach Derek Galvin.

Galvin says that the team is constantly trying to add more difficulty to its routines, but that any decision to add challenging skills is a collabora-

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Gymnastics floor routine scoring criteria

Specific artistry faults

- > Inability to express idea (theme) of the music through movements
- > Insufficient variation in rhythm
- > Insufficient artistry of presentation throughout the exercise including:
 - creative choreography
 - personal style
 - inappropriate gesture or mimic not corresponding to the music or movement

Compositional deductions

- > One sided use of elements
- > Insufficient versatile use of the floor area

Specific execution deductions

- > Concentration pause prior to acrobatic series (more than two seconds)
- > Excessive preparation for a dance element
- > Missing synchronization of movement with musical beat at the end of the exercise

Dearmin approaches final days

BY KATIE HOFFMANN
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Duck. Duck. Gone.

Student Body President Seth Dearmin became a lame duck Tuesday night when James Allred garnered enough votes to be his successor.

With just more than a month until the end of his term, Dearmin said his goals are twofold: guiding Allred through a smooth transition and checking off remaining platform planks.

"I want to make sure I can put my final stamp on my term, but I also need to help James," Dearmin said.

"Us spending the next six weeks just thinking of ourselves



Seth Dearmin looks to end the year by finishing out several major projects.

He is attempting to complete his promise to establish sophomore and junior class officers, who would be elected in a special election this spring.

Dearmin said between the freshmen focus council and the senior class officers, students in the middle two classes are under-represented. Student government officials said they are working to fine tune the officers' roles.

"We want to make sure their position isn't too broadly defined where they don't feel they have anything to latch onto," said Mark Laabs, Dearmin's chief of staff.

"But we also don't want their

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NOT ACHIEVING MUCH Schools officials to discuss minority achievement

GOOD BUSINESS MOVE Push for online MBA programs stalls at UNC

ARTS BLOG Are they? Or aren't they? World awaits word on TomKat future



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THE BOOB TUBE

Network executives debate television viewership patterns.

While most still find TV a private exercise, some shows are being marketed for groups.

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ATTACK OF THE MULE

Led by Tyler Hansbrough's record-setting 40 points, the Tar Heels storm out of the halftime locker room and hold on to beat Ga. Tech, 82-75.

today in history

FEB. 16, 1965 ...

UNC officials grant James Gardner's request to hold an on-campus protest in regard to alleged racial discrimination in fraternity constitutions.

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