

# The Daily Tar Heel

## SMITH REMEMBERED FOR COMPASSION, DRIVE

Family, friends share stories of student who died in tragic accident

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GREENSBORO — When family members came to pick up belongings from Keith Shawn Smith's room following his third-floor fall from Stacy Residence Hall last week, they found something that forever will encapsulate his drive.

It was a list, written in 2005, of goals Smith had for his sophomore year at UNC.

"Following God's plan" was the fourth bullet point.

As friends and family gathered Wednesday afternoon at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro to pay their respects to a life cut short, the motto of Smith's list — "keep it moving" — quickly became a theme of his legacy for an audience far exceeding the church's 450-seat capacity.

"Keith Shawn Smith has already preached his own funeral," said the Rev. William Wright, enumerating the UNC student's ambitions.

The list began with Smith's insistence that he always be "workin' on something," followed by an aim to make the dean's list. "Finding patience" and hoping to "stack that cake" — or invest his money wisely — preceded a final desire to "hit the gym hard three days a week."

"That's what holds me down," said Anthony Boulware, Smith's uncle. "He was a Christian man at 20 years old."

After generating a reverberating applause from the reiteration that the young man died with no alcohol in his system, Smith's father, Kenneth Boulware, addressed his son for the last time.

The brevity of Smith's life was no reason for him to quit on his goals, said Kenneth Boulware, giving charge to a young man enveloped in floral wreaths, a photo collage, a Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon T-shirt signed by former co-workers



Sekou Sidibe, Keith Smith's best friend since high school and his freshman-year roommate, shares personal accounts of their friendship during Smith's memorial service Wednesday at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro. Sidibe said Smith was a motivation in his life.

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and a New York Yankees baseball cap laid in his casket.

"You still got work to do," he said. "When you get there, don't say that you don't want it."

The message was echoed by students who addressed mourners to verbalize an admiration of Smith's work ethic.

"Keith is the reason why I'm doing so many things in my life right now," said UNC sophomore Sekou Sidibe, Smith's best friend from high school and freshman-year roommate.

Sidibe reflected on an occasion when he had a flat tire and Smith

came to his rescue less than 30 minutes after a 6 a.m. wake-up call.

Smith's friendship style was confirmed more than once.

"He was willing to wake up at 8 a.m. on Friday and call me up, even though he didn't have any classes on Friday," said UNC sophomore Tiffani Neal, Smith's girlfriend.

The two spoke for the last time at 11:30 p.m. Feb. 23, less than an hour before the accident was reported.

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Keith Smith's parents, Gloria Smith and Kenneth Boulware, share their final words face to face with Keith Shawn on Wednesday.

### ONLINE POLLS

#### Habitat homes

Would you support Habitat for Humanity in your neighborhood?  
Go to: www.dailytarheel.com

#### Men's basketball

Results: Are you surprised by the team's success?

YES 61% 628 votes  
NO 39% 396 votes

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## Moeser to help senior purse

Will provide funds for 'welcome sign'

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS  
STAFF WRITER

Raising money for the senior class gift usually involves a barrage of calls to students and parents, but this year a new name has been added to the list — Chancellor James Moeser.

Senior class officers asked Moeser to collaborate with them in an effort to generate funds for a welcome sign on McCorkle Place.

Moeser's partnership with the class marks the first time he has become monetarily involved with the senior class gift.

In an e-mail sent to seniors last week, Moeser pledged his support to help senior class officers reach their goal of 35 percent participation in raising \$40,000.

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## Council inundated with budget pleas

BY TED STRONG  
SENIOR WRITER

The Chapel Hill Town Council heard wish lists from a number of town advisory boards Wednesday night.

Those lists will be considered, along with a number of other criteria, as the town continues to shape its budget for fiscal year 2006-07.

"All of these suggestions are taken into consideration, but not everything makes it into the final budget," Mayor Kevin Foy said. "That's what the process is about."

Foy said the requests are a good opportunity for the council to hear different perspectives on its financial priorities.

"It's a good opportunity for the council to hear from boards that are more directly and frequently involved with various aspects of the services that we as an organization deliver."

On March 8, town staff will show what the budget would look like if every "halfway-reasonable" request is met, said Town Manager Cal Horton.

A forum will be held March 22 to garner input on the budget, which will take effect July 1. In April town staff will be able to provide the first look at what the town's tax rate will be next year.

Contact the City Editor at citydesk@unc.edu.

### COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION

The commission asked the council to allow "tasteful" advertising on the outside of town buses, an idea that has been kicked around for some time, and recommended a part-time position for the planning department.

The commission also asked the council to increase the fees it charges across the board. The most notable recommendation was that the town begin charging \$300 for concept plan reviews.

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

The town's transportation board did not have specific requests for the Town Council at the meeting.

Instead, Eleanor Howe, the board's chairwoman, said that the board still is working through the myriad requests it has received to determine which are most important.

"It is clear that the transportation system is straining under the current demands," she said.

### CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

The commission asked for what board chairman Jeff Cohen deemed "a modest increase" in its budget, which would increase this year's bottom line from \$150,000 to \$185,000 next year.

The funds would help continue the commission's work, which includes managing the town's percent for art fund, expected to top \$1.5 million, and a public sculpture project that has placed artworks at various public locations.

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## Employees call for respect

BY NATE HUBBARD  
STAFF WRITER

An e-mail discussing discipline issues sent earlier this year to Facilities Services leaders would have been a typical message.

But the e-mail referred to employees as "children," leading many employee leaders to point to it as an example of larger labor concerns.

"It reflects a certain disrespectful attitude by some supervisors," said David Brannigan, a groundskeeper and vice chairman of the Employee Forum.

The e-mail, sent Jan. 30 from Joe Emory, a maintenance superintendent, told supervisors to "remind your children that someone is watching them and it needs to stop," referring to Facilities

Services trucks being driven off campus so employees could buy lunch.

Emory, who was unavailable for comment, sent an apology e-mail two days later.

Both Brannigan and Chuck Brink, an electrician and forum member, said the frustration felt by the employees in Facilities Services goes deeper than one e-mail.

"So many things have been swept under the rug with what management does to employees," Brink said, speaking as an employee and not in his official forum capacity.

"This is the whitehead on the pimple, if you will," he said.

Brannigan said he thinks many of the problems between supervisors and

"We have places with great relationships and places with strained relationships."

Laurie Charest, UNC Human Resources

employees could be solved through opportunities for employees to give supervisor feedback.

"You can't mandate respect but it would at least let management be able to find out if there are problems," he said.

Brannigan said there is a double stan-

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## State races attract few hopefuls

Many incumbents fail to attract competition

BY ERIN GIBSON  
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The 2007 N.C. General Assembly will look a lot like the old one.

Sixteen candidates for the N.C. Senate and 50 for the N.C. House of Representatives will run unopposed in the 2006 elections.

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life, said he's not surprised.

"It's been fairly common over the past couple of decades," he said. "When North Carolina was a one-party state, it didn't have much competition at all in the gen-

eral election, but you would see it in primary elections."

There still is some competition within the parties. Six Senate districts and 14 House districts have single-party competition.

One will be chosen during the primary elections May 2 and will run unopposed in November.

Two of Orange County's three representatives, Democrat incumbents Bill Faison and Verla Insko, will run for re-election unopposed while Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, will run against Alvin Reed, R-Chatham, for a seat in

District 54. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, will campaign against E.B. Alston, R-Person, for a seat in District 23.

The lack of party competition is not symbolic of a lack of interest in state politics, said David Mills, executive director for the Common Sense Foundation, citing ongoing attention to the lottery, education and lobbying.

"I think people still do care about state politics," Mills said. "They just find it hard to run for state office."

Guillory said that one of the main factors contributing to the lack of competition is redistricting every seven years by

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### CORRECTION

Due to a miscommunication, the Wednesday front-page article "Superior court bout draws six," incorrectly states that Chuck Anderson has been a judge for 14 years. He has been a judge in the county district court for 10 years. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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**MAP FOR SUCCESS** UNC's Ancient World Mapping Center receives a grant

**PHOTO BLOG** The Photo Desk starts a feature picture beat system. Any thoughts?

**PUBLIC EDITOR BLOG** Complaints about sizing, editing of letters to the editor

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### WEEK OF THANKS

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc. organizes a week full of festivities, including dances and a luncheon to honor black women at UNC.

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### ALL THAT JAZZ

The Carolina Jazz Festival is bigger than ever, bringing a litany of programs and diverse music forms to campus in its 29th year.

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### MARCH 2, 1995 ...

UNC officials announce that a fiber-optics communications system will be installed in the Student Union to provide fast Internet access.

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