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PIT DRIVER PRIORS DIDN'T RAISE FLAGS

Officials say admissions process would not have caught Taheri-azar



UNC alumnus Mohammed Taheri-azar will appear in court today.

BY BRIAN HUDSON
NEWS EDITOR

Today Mohammed Taheri-azar will appear in Orange County District Court. It will be his third time before Judge M.P. DeVine in relation to the 18 felony counts he is facing after driving a Jeep through the Pit on March 3.

But it is far from the first time the Charlotte native has appeared in court.

His prior record contains several infractions, which UNC-Chapel Hill administrators say would not have tipped them off about Taheri-azar's

dangerous nature.

Chancellor James Moeser said earlier this month that he doubts Taheri-azar's record — which contains charges in Chapel Hill and a disputed charge from Charlotte — would have prevented him from enrolling at UNC-CH.

"Just from what I've read I don't think there's anything in this guy's record that would have raised flags to anyone," he said in early March.

The Department of Admissions heads up the University's efforts to screen incoming students for any past

infractions.

All students who apply to UNC-CH are asked several questions about their past, such as whether they have admitted guilt to a crime in court or missed school for any reason other than illness — such as suspension.

"Anyone who checks any one of those questions goes through a process in conjunction with the dean of students' office," said Steve Farmer, director of undergraduate admissions.

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'Top' policy administrator to leave UNC

Lucido crafted enrollment plan

BY BRIAN HUDSON
NEWS EDITOR

Yet another UNC administrator is heading West.

Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment policy and management, was tapped last week to serve in the same capacity at the University of Southern California.

The news, made public Thursday, comes two months after Provost Robert Shelton received a job as president of the University of Arizona-Tucson.

Lucido's hire will take effect July 1.

"Dr. Lucido is one of the leading authorities on enrollment management and policy in the nation," said Barry Glassner, who as USC executive vice provost oversaw the search process.

"He's easily among the top three or four in the country. He brings just a wealth of experience."

Lucido said he had not been looking for another job when USC contacted him.

"I'm thrilled with Carolina," he



Jerry Lucido is leaving the University after eight years to accept a similar position at Southern Cal.

said. "This is a great, great place and not a place I'm looking to leave."

He said he was drawn to USC for the opportunity to head up an interdisciplinary think tank that will focus on issues of college access.

"I hope to do two things; one is to continue as a senior strategist," Lucido said.

"And at the same time, I have an interest — that's been emerging for the last couple years — at looking at the access points in higher education and examining it beyond what it does for the individual."

The USC initiative would examine the broader effects of higher education. "We don't often turn that

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NCAA TOURNAMENT



UNC graduate student Mike Thomas (right) watches the last minutes of the Duke-Louisiana State NCAA game with graduate student and Duke fan Tim Love at Four Corners on Thursday. Duke lost, 62-54. Thomas has been cheering for LSU since UNC was eliminated.

CAN'T QUIET MADNESS

BY CLINT JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Big Dance is swinging into the later rounds, and even though the Tar Heels have made an early exit, the madness of March has not yet subsided on campus.

But many fans in the area now are pressed to find a new horse to back.

Junior Ashley Payne found out Wednesday that she is a finalist for the Miss Bracket competition on espn.com. She was one of eight fans selected for having the most spirit.

Her spirit, however, is for Gonzaga University.

She says her infatuation started in 1999

when the Bulldogs advanced to the Elite Eight. "I told myself that I was going to be the biggest Gonzaga fan from then on," she says.

During Gonzaga's tournament games, she wears an Adam Morrison jersey and drinks from a glass she purchased at a bar owned by the father of famed Gonzaga player John Stockton.

Payne stresses that she is not anti-UNC. "No disrespect to the Heels. I've been to every single game — I'm also a Carolina fan."

For some, interest in the tournament has become more casual.

Many say they believe the University of Connecticut will walk away with the trophy

but are rooting for the recent Atlantic Coast Conference inductee — Boston College.

"I like our conference, and they're not Duke," says freshman Andrew Chapman.

Others, predictably, have lost interest in the tournament.

Hillsborough resident John Snipes says his interest in the tournament has waned since UNC's loss to George Mason University. He says he probably will continue watching the tournament, though.

Snipes can be seen during the season driving around a UNC-themed hearse known as the Heelraiser. The vehicle, which is "all

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UNC appoints interim dean of Arts & Sciences

Kenan professor to start July 1

BY ERIN ZUREICK
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

University administrators announced Wednesday that professor Madeline Levine will serve as the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1.

"Out of all the very qualified people we had, we decided to go to Madeline first, and we're very fortunate she accepted," said departing Provost Robert Shelton.

Levine, Kenan professor of Slavic literatures, has worked at the University since 1974.

She will assume the position when dean Bernadette Gray-Little replaces Shelton, who is leaving to become the president of the University of Arizona-



Madeline Levine will fill the post in the interim while a nationwide search is completed.

Tucson.

Shelton said he spoke with administrators and faculty to garner suggestions about the interim post. Levine is a person the faculty respects and someone who will work well with University administrators and leaders, he said.

Levine said that she was surprised and honored to be approached to fill the post, and that she is looking forward to the opportunity.

"This seemed like a very appealing and challenging way to continue

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Registering changes to improve process

BY AMANDA YOUNGER
STAFF WRITER

When fall 2006 registration kicks off this weekend, students will see first-hand the results of the largest curriculum overhaul in more than 20 years.

On the brink of the change, some students say they feel unprepared in light of the sweeping changes.

"I feel like I need to go see an adviser because I don't really know what's going on," said Nicole Catton, who as a freshman will register April 8. "I'm planning on seeing an adviser within the coming weeks."

Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean of undergraduate education, said the University has made

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Graduate students and seniors register Saturday

Students who register Saturday morning for fall 2006 will encounter the new curriculum changes, including course numbers and undergraduate requirements changes.

Bloggin': For more info about changes, visit apps.dailytarheel.com/blogs/drinkwell.php

Coming up: For an in-depth analysis of class offerings at UNC, see Monday's edition

Senior sells coach on regular starting spot

Guard to start 32nd game despite low minutes

BY JACOB KARABELL
SENIOR WRITER

North Carolina's starting lineup includes La'Tangela Atkinson, Erlana Larkins, Ivory Latta and Camille Little — all of whom likely will end up as first-round picks in

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LaToya Pringle also have the potential to play at the professional level. In fact, they each average more minutes and points than the team's fifth starter.

Yet senior guard Jessica Sell, a

3-point specialist who averages just 2.5 points per game, has witnessed all but one tipoff on the court this season — with the flu as the only thing that kept her out of the lineup.

Barring another illness, Sell will start her 32nd game of the season Sunday when the top-seeded Tar Heels face No. 4 seed Purdue in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 in Cleveland.

"She earned the right to start because she's a senior, she's hung in there through all kinds of situations, and she's always been a great kid," said North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell. "Whatever the coaches wanted her to do, she

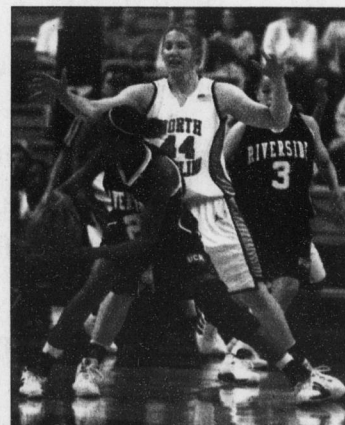
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Team send-off:

TIME: 2:15 p.m.
DATE: Today
PLACE: Outside Carmichael Auditorium (on the sidewalk area at South Road near Woollen Gym)

Round three: UNC vs. Purdue
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DATE: Sunday
PLACE: Cleveland

Ticket info:
Call the UNC Ticket Office at (800) 722-4335 for availability and prices



Senior Jessica Sell (44) is a unique starter for UNC, averaging 9.8 minutes a game.

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FINE DINING

One year after opening for business, the Rams Head Dining Hall has received an award for its balance of multiple venues.

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BUSY SIGNAL

Carboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist wants the board to discuss an ordinance that would ban cell phone use while driving in town limits.

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