

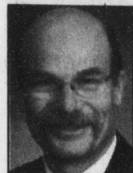
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## Orange Democrat eyes speakership



Orange County legislator Bill Faison has said he would run for speaker.

### Faison says Hackney also an alternative

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With speculation that longtime House Speaker Jim Black is too mired in controversy to continue in the office, Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange, said he will throw his hat into the ring to replace the official from Mecklenburg County. Faison, who is running for his second term in the House this November, said he would expect Majority Leader

Joe Hackney, D-Orange; Rep. Hugh Holliman, D-Davidson; and Rep. James Crawford, D-Granville, also to run for the post.

"With the heat he's been drawing and the way he's dealt with it is such that it is unlikely he will be elected speaker again," Faison said of Black. "But that may change."

For any Democrat to take the post, the party will have to retain a majority

in the House in the November general election.

The Speaker of the House position will be up for election among the body in January 2007.

Hackney said that he wouldn't speculate on the future of the office, but he has called a party caucus for Tuesday. Democrats plan to use the meeting to set their agenda for the upcoming session, but questions about Black's leadership are likely to arise.

Black's integrity has been called into question after accusations of

campaign finance law violations arose last fall. The State Board of Elections passed the case on to the Wake County District Attorney on March 23.

Black has maintained that he will run for the speakership.

Julie Robinson, spokeswoman for Black, said the speaker has overwhelming support within the caucus. She said he has received 55 personal commitments from Democratic representatives signaling their support.

Faison, who also represents Caswell County, noted that a move in the House

to institute term limits on the speaker position could prevent Black from running at all.

Black is serving his fourth term as speaker, tying him with former Rep. Liston Ramsey, D-Madison, as the longest-serving House Speaker in North Carolina history.

Hackney said that the majority party will call a caucus in December, after the general elections, in which candidates will be nominated for the

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## Rising for the occasion



DTH/JORDAN HARRELL

Cousins Benjamin Whitted, 2, and Thys Oldenburg, 3, (right photo) await their candy Saturday after an Easter egg hunt at the Burwell School Historic Site in Hillsborough.

(Above photo) Houman Ebrahini of Great Harvest Bread Co. prepares bread bunnies Thursday morning — an annual tradition for the store. This was the first year baby bunnies (below photo) also were prepared as part of the Village Plaza store's push to provide sugar-free alternatives for Easter baskets.



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## UNC studies housekeeping operations

BY AMANDA YOUNGER  
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University officials are taking further steps toward implementing a controversial cleaning system for housekeepers, sparking further debate about the working environment on campus.

A proposed team-cleaning plan — also known as Operating System 1 — would require housekeepers to specialize in a given task, such as vacuuming

or cleaning restrooms. Despite opposition from students and doubts voiced by some employees, team cleaning is sailing along to its proposed implementation this fall.

Administrators and employees maintain that they are confident it will be a hit.

"No doubt in my mind that it will be successful," said Bill Burston, housekeeping services director. "Those employees who have already converted to OS1 really like it."

The team-cleaning plan, which has been used on campus only on an experimental basis, would replace the zone-cleaning method, in which employees complete all cleaning duties in assigned areas.

A team-cleaning pilot program has been used since October in the Bioinformatics Building, and this summer a 90-day test run will be held in

### Cleaning breakdown

**Zone cleaning** is the current system used campuswide, in which housekeepers must complete all cleaning duties in their assigned area of the building.

**Team cleaning**, also known as Operating System 1, is the tentative system to be implemented this fall. It will be incorporated in phases: first in academic buildings and then in residence halls.

**Task specialization:** OS1 would require housekeepers to specialize in a given task throughout an entire building.

**Work categories** include light duty, vacuuming, restroom cleaning and utility maintenance.

### Carroll Hall

An oversight body known as the OS1 evaluation committee will assess the results.

"In the second phase this committee is to go in and evaluate the current program and the old program and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses," said Ron Howell, chairman of the committee.

The group comprises seven members, none of whom are housekeepers. The cleaning policy could be made permanent if it receives favorable marks.

The possibility of bringing the system to Housekeeping

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## Campus food provider Aramark to drop Duke

BY AMANDA ATKINSON  
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UNC's food services provider, Aramark Corp., once again is facing criticism. But this time complaints are coming from the other end of Tobacco Road.

Aramark, an international food service provider, is cutting ties with Duke University's dining services after several years of conflict.

Complaints from Duke students have included dissatisfaction with food quality and variety, as well as with pricing, said Andrew Wallace, co-chairman of the Duke student dining advisory committee.

He said Aramark's management of its employees at Duke also has been an issue.

Mike Freeman, UNC's director of auxiliary services, said the University's relationship with Aramark is healthy in light of some students' ongoing protests of labor issues.

"We sometimes disagree and butt heads with them," he said. "Ultimately it's our decision, because Aramark works for us, but overall I would definitely say that Aramark has been a good partner."

Under UNC's contract with Aramark, which began in 2001 and runs through 2011, the profit and loss responsibility falls on the University, Freeman said.

"This means that Aramark buys the food and pays the personnel, and at the end of the month they say, 'We spent this much,' and we reimburse them," he said.

The University undergoes an independent consultation process about every five years to examine dining services on campus.

Aramark plays different roles at each contracting university — it is contracted with more than 400 colleges.

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### Details of UNC's contract with Aramark

**When did the contract begin?**  
It began in 2000.

**When will it expire?**  
It runs through 2011.

**Who takes the hit from profits or losses?**  
The University.

**How does the partnership work?**  
Aramark buys food and pays personnel, and UNC reimburses the company.

**What labor rights issues pertain to Aramark employees?**  
Aramark employees are not unionized.

## Doctors do residential work

BY SAPNA MAHESHWARI  
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While the days of doctors arriving at patients' houses on horseback seem distant, they're just beginning again in the Triangle area.

Upgrade the horse to a car, add an extra big black bag and meet Doctors Making Housecalls.

Beginning practice in September 2002, Doctors Making Housecalls was founded by Chapel Hill residents Dr. Shohreh Taavoni and her husband, Dr. Alan Kronhaus.

"It was my wife's idea," Kronhaus says. "We were just driving down the road one day and pretty much out of the blue, she said, 'Hey, what do you think of the idea of starting a practice dedicated to house calls?'"

From there Taavoni talked Kronhaus into implementing the idea and working as the practice's manager. Today the practice employs six physicians, and Kronhaus estimates that they make 6,000 visits per year.

"There was a tremendous need for this kind of good care among people who had difficulty getting to the doctor because of physical limitations, or mental problems, or just



DTH/JULIA BARKER

Dr. Shohreh Taavoni, a physician in Doctors Making Housecalls, leaves her Chapel Hill home on Thursday morning to care for patients in their homes.

logistical issues," he explains.

The doctors offer their services to patients aged five to 105, but the older demographic tends to seek their services more often.

Some patients can't find a ride to the doctor's office or have physical difficulty in getting there. Others want to avoid the waiting room, choosing instead to see the doctor in the

comfort of their own home. Doctors Making Housecalls even visits places of business when people can't take time off work but need assistance. The practice also provides care to upscale hotels in the area, such as the Carolina Inn, a fact that amuses Kronhaus.

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#### POLL RESULTS

Due to space constraints and the holiday, The Daily Tar Heel will publish the results of the poll question about the senior address at dailytarheel.com.

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PlayMakers Repertory Company does the original justice in its production of "Cyrano de Bergerac," being put on through May 7.

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#### BLACK AND BLUE

The UNC women's lacrosse team toughs one out against conference rival Maryland, hanging on to a three-way tie for first in the ACC.

### today in history

#### APRIL 17, 2000

The Daily Tar Heel announces University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser's election as the University's ninth chancellor.

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