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## Allred touts summer progress report

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The first report of Student Body President James Allred's administration is fresh from the printers.

On Thursday, student government's executive branch released its summer report, which cites the major platform

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planks that leaders accomplished during the three-month period.

The 26 pages were broken up by cabinet position — and some platform planks were addressed in more than one section because leaders collaborated.

"Everyone had a slightly different niche," Allred said.

Although most of his planks are not



Student Body President James Allred released a 26-page report detailing work completed during the summer.

To assess the University's printing habits, a tracking system will collect data on which departments print the most.

Brian Phelps, the student body vice president, said the information will be taken to the necessary academic departments to lobby for a decrease in assignments that require students to print documents.

A continued effort to work with local officials to ensure student safety.

Allred and Phelps met this summer with the Chapel Hill Police Department to discuss adding more emergency lights and call boxes off campus.

Phelps said the idea of a student-run safety patrol came from this plank. The project would call for students with police radios to monitor the streets during busy nights.

"This is in the very infant stages,"

Phelps said. "We have no idea how large this would be or if we'll even do it."

A redesign of the University's registration system. The report states that any changes will be announced in early September.

"Registration will be a major project," Allred said.

The evaluation of the Student Code to determine what changes should be made.

Allred, Phelps and Anisa Mohanty, the student body treasurer, reviewed the code individually, then discussed their revisions.

They will submit for Student Congress approval about six changes per meeting.

The implementation of an electronic treasurer's test for student groups.

"It's a little bit frustrating when you don't know if you've passed or not," Mohanty said of the old system.

Now results are displayed immediately upon completion.

Locating and securing field space in nearby off-campus areas was added to the student wish list. The list is of the top 10 ideas for spending funds.

The fall semester lineup includes continuing many of the summer projects, Allred said.

Cabinet members will have a retreat Sunday to discuss their plans for their individual projects.

Allred said he expects his cabinet to be successful in accomplishing the rest of his platform.

"I have great confidence in our cabinet," he said. "They're even ahead of where they need to be."

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## Eatery to enter late-night scene

Sutton's, Bandido's combine offerings

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Late-night food quests no longer will be limited to venues such as Time-Out, Cosmic Cantina or Qdoba Mexican Grill.

A new restaurant recently added to the Franklin Street repertoire promises to eliminate unexpected hunger pangs in the wee hours of the night.

Joe's Joint, a collaboration between the owner of Bandido's Mexican Cafe and the manager of the grill at Sutton's Drug Store, likely will open Sept. 10.

It will occupy the old Burrito Bunker space behind Amber Alley near the Wallace Parking Deck.

The idea came about because the same landlord owns all three spaces.

When the Burrito Bunker closed, the landlord offered the spot to Tony Sustaita, the owner of Bandido's, and Don Pinney, manager of the grill at Sutton's.

The new restaurant will serve what Sustaita described as "munchy comfort food" — the best of Sutton's, including hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as some of the top sellers from Bandido's such as burritos, nachos and Cuban sandwiches.

The restaurant likely will stay open until 3 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday and close at 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. It will be closed on Sundays.

"We always wanted to do late-night here, but we just can't,"



DTH/SAMANTHA LEVY

Francisco Fuentes works on what will soon become Chapel Hill's newest restaurant, Joe's Joint, located behind Players Club.

Pinney said. "It will be the same food they have here, but at night. Nothing at Sutton's will change."

Joe's Joint will open for lunch at 11 a.m. every day except Sunday, but with a different cuisine.

"With a name like Joe's Joint, we can pretty much serve anything," Sustaita said. "We talked to people on Franklin Street and they said they wanted something besides a sandwich shop. They said they wanted something like a meat and two veggies."

Sustaita and Pinney plan to hire a chef specializing in Southern cooking to give the people what they want — and at a cheap price.

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## FIRST-DAY JITTERS

BY RACHEL ULLRICH  
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It's one of those unanswerable questions, like the chicken and the egg — who has it worse on the first day of school, the teacher or the student?

"The first day as a teacher is way worse," laughed Melody Link, a new Spanish teacher at Orange County Schools' Cameron Park Elementary.

Both Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Orange County Schools start classes today.

Link is entering her first year teaching after graduating from UNC in May. She also is a graduate of Cameron Park.

"I'm scared to death, honestly, but I'm really excited, too," she said.

The mixed emotions are something administrators in both school systems prepare for.

During the summer, city schools offered programs and workshops to help new teachers settle in.

Mary Gunderson, city schools' coordinator of teacher recruitment and support, said all novice classroom teachers — those who just graduated and completed their student teaching — participate in a three-day orientation.

"It happens before any teacher workdays," she said. "It's a chance to meet teachers from different schools."

Instructors who come into the city school system through lateral entry — without teacher certification but with a degree in a specific field — take part in a 10-day workshop where they learn more basic preparation as well.

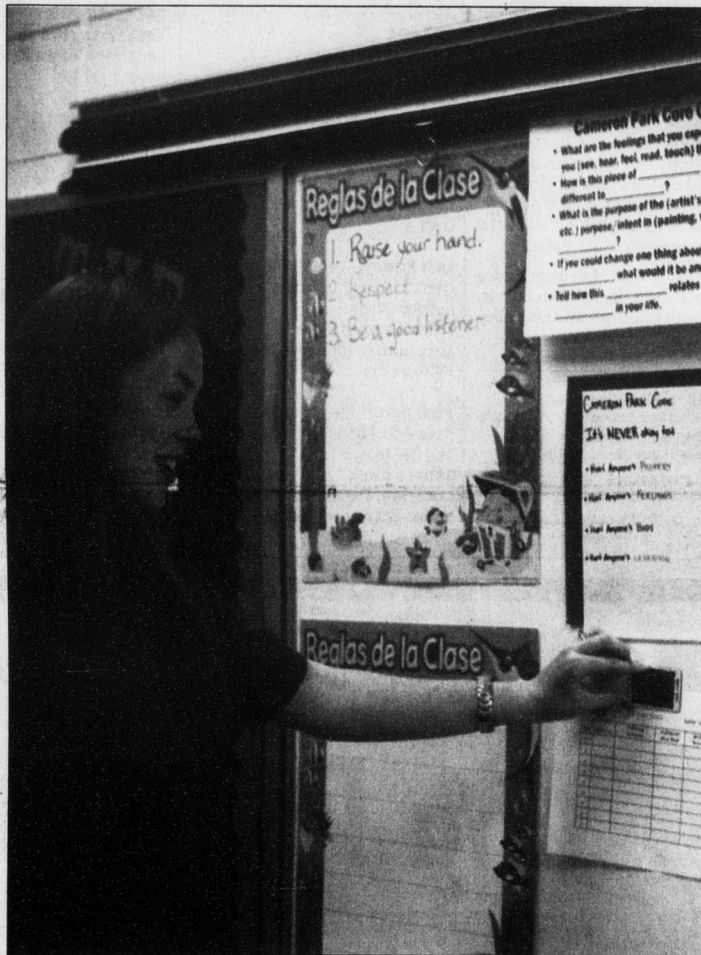
Link became employed with county schools through lateral entry.

State regulations require new teachers to spend a given number of days in training before they set foot in a classroom.

Gunderson said the orientation takes care of that requirement for most new teachers.

Link said that she has participated in

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Melody Link, a 2006 UNC graduate, sets up her Cameron Park Elementary School classroom where she will teach Spanish. Friday will be her first day on the job.

## Some students give alcohol cold shoulder

Cite religious, personal reasons

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As students gear up for the first weekend between class, some of their glasses won't just be half empty — they will be completely empty.

No, they're not extra-pessimistic. They simply have decided, for one reason or another, not to consume any alcohol.

For Vesall Nourani, a junior who said he has never take a sip of alcohol, the reason mostly stems from his faith. His religion, Bahai, rejects any substance that changes people's rational capacity, he said.

"The influence it has on the

mind and on rational capabilities, it causes the individual to lose himself in his self," Nourani said.

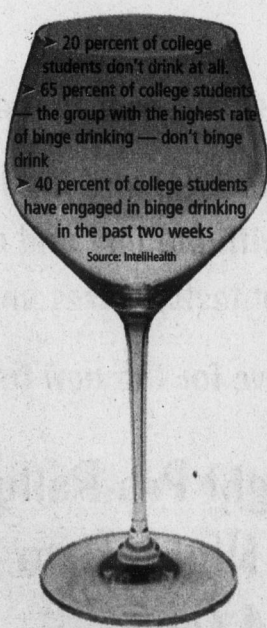
"These are things I feel the station of a human being should strive to go beyond," he said.

Whether for religious reasons or not, Nourani is not alone in his decision to stay away from the spirits.

Twenty percent of college students do not drink, according to a study by IntelliHealth. More than 100 UNC students are part of Facebook groups devoted to not drinking.

While senior Lori McArthur said Christianity was a factor in her decision to abstain from alcohol, she said she mostly just felt the need to stay in control.

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## MRSA menaces locker rooms

Measures taken to ensure safety

BY KRISTIN PRATT  
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North Carolina varsity athletes have a pretty good grip on defending against opponents on the field — but one of their most tricky enemies can be found closer to home.

A bacteria called methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, which lives on the skin or in the nose of healthy individuals, is threatening athletes.

About 20 percent of the general population carries this bug — either on the skin or in the nose.

The staph microbe can become a problem if it gets under the skin and into the body, causing boils, or

even pneumonia, septicemia and toxic shock syndrome.

"It looks just like a spider bite," said Terri Jo Rucinski, Fetzer Athletic Training Room supervisor. "The kids think it's just a bite of some sort until it gets infected."

Athletes are particularly vulnerable to MRSA infections for two reasons: The close proximity in locker rooms increases the spread of bacteria, and skin contact, cuts and abrasions from games make it easy for staph to get in the body.

"Everybody's susceptible if they have a cut or do not have good hygiene," Rucinski said.

Team physician Dr. Tom Brickner, said that athletes who suffer field, turf or mat-type abrasions can be more susceptible to

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### Be safe from Staph

**What is MRSA?** Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus is a bacteria resistant to methicillin and other semi-synthetic penicillins.

MRSA is found on skin and in the nose of healthy individuals. It often leads to skin or soft tissue infections.

**How does it spread?** Person-to-person or communicable transmission is the typical form — contact with hands, sharing towels, razors or other personal effects, or through nasal discharge.

### Infection prevention

Washing your hands with soap and water is one important step. Do not share personal hygiene products like razors or towels.

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Triangle Transit Authority sets up a Web site to encourage college students to take advantage of public transportation options.

### this day in history

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Alpha Iota Omega, an all-male Christian fraternity, files a lawsuit after UNC revokes its recognition as a student group for failure to sign a nondiscrimination policy.

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