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## Election sees few hitches

### Seniors vote to donate to Carolina Covenant

BY WHITNEY KISLING AND JASMINA NOGO  
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The Board of Elections' new voting system saw its first day in action with a nearly perfect debut during Tuesday's special elections. The board held special elections to award Student Congress seats in districts ranging from South Campus to professional schools. Student Congress will welcome 12 new representatives to office, with two runoff elections for three seats in Districts 7 and 9. Students also voted on the senior class gift, which this year will be a donation to the

Carolina Covenant, a need-based scholarship program for UNC students.

"I'd kind of gathered that there was more of a buzz in the air about the covenant," said Senior Class President Meg Petersen, who voted for the choice.

"I think it's doing a lot more for the University than a sign would do. It's making the University a better place," she said.

This year's class gift is a donation to an area of campus rather than a physical gift. They chose the Carolina Covenant with 341 votes ahead of the Carolina Center for Public Service with 204 votes and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs with 129 votes.

More than double the number of students who voted in last year's elections voted this year, said Jim Brewer, chairman of the Board of Elections. In last year's elections, about 1,100 students

*"There is more of a student responsibility. If they contacted us, we definitely got them ballots."*

JIM BREWER, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS

cast a vote, and this year, 2,479 participated in the election, with 77 paper ballots.

"That's the most I've ever seen," he said. "It's the highest voter turnout ever."

The board made some changes to the voting system in response to the technical difficulties faced last year.

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### Special election winners

<b>District Three — South Campus</b>	<b>District Two — Middle Campus</b>
ELIZABETH HUMPHREY 256 votes	TINA CHEN-XU 74 votes
TIM NICHOLS 235 votes	<b>District Six — Off-campus</b>
<b>District Seven — Arts and Sciences</b>	JESSICA THOMPSON 247 votes
PJ LUSK 9 votes	STEPHANIE MCLAMB 240 votes
CHRIS SHERMAN 2 votes	<b>District Nine — Medical Schools</b>
<b>District Eight — Professional Schools</b>	JOSHUA DAVIS 5 votes
LAUREN NEWTON 11 votes	MARK GRAMBLING 3 votes
	KEITH NICHOLSON 2 votes

## County taps Blackmon for manager

Set to serve as the first woman in role

BY RACHEL ULLRICH  
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The Orange County Board of Commissioners appointed Laura Blackmon as county manager Tuesday.

The announcement marks the end of a seven-month search that included 90 candidates.

Blackmon, who currently serves as assistant county manager for Osceola County, Fla., will begin the job Nov. 30.

"November 30th feels far away, but it's closer than we think,"

Blackmon said. The manager oversees almost all of the county staff. He or she also is responsible for carrying out decisions made by the commissioners.

The manager is one of only three positions the commissioners appoint out of the hundreds of county jobs.

All the commissioners made congratulatory remarks to Blackmon after announcing their selection — a historically significant appointment for the county.

"You will be the first woman manager in the history of Orange County," Vice Chairman Stephen Halkiotis said.

"Congratulations. I know you're going to do a wonderful job."

Jacobs added that Blackmon will be the first woman manager of any government in the county, explaining that Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough haven't had a woman manager.

### Meet your new county manager



**Laura Blackmon**  
Education: Graduate of the University of Florida in 1974; Master of Arts in Political Science / Public Administration in 1986

#### Past experience:

- > Deputy County Manager of Osceola County, Fla. 2001-Present
- > Assistant City Manager Kissimmee, Fla.
- > Assistant to the City Manager in Kissimmee
- > Administrative Intern in Kissimmee
- > High school social studies teacher

Blackmon will succeed the manager of 18 years, John Link.

Link retired Sept. 1, and Assistant County Manager Rod Visser has been filling the role in the interim.

The commissioners hired The Mercer Group Inc. in March to aid in the search process.

The board narrowed the 90 candidates to four and then two in September.

"It was a very thorough process," Blackmon said.

The two final candidates,

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## A HOOPS HOMECOMING



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Charlotte Bobcats point guard Raymond Felton slaps a five with forward Sean May after coming off the floor during the second quarter of Tuesday night's game against the Washington Wizards. The two former Tar Heels were greeted warmly by the Smith Center audience.

### Former UNC superstars return to the Dean Dome

BY BRANDON STATON  
SPORTS EDITOR

They were familiar faces in a familiar place, but the scene certainly had changed.

When the Charlotte Bobcats faced off against the Washington Wizards in a preseason NBA game at the Smith Center on Tuesday, it marked a "Hoops Homecoming" in Chapel Hill, as four of UNC's beloved ballers returned to the same floor where they once reigned supreme.

Antawn Jamison and Brendan Haywood helped North Carolina roll to a 13-3 ACC mark in 1998, en route to an NCAA Final Four appearance. Teammates Raymond Felton and Sean May one-upped them in 2005 — going 15-0 at home and claiming the University's fifth national title.

"It's exciting for me as a player to see the familiar faces," Jamison said before the game. "To come back to the Dean Dome again, it just brings back great memories I had here when I played."

"It's different coming through the visitors' tun-

nel and being on the visitors' bench, but other than that everything has definitely worked out, and I'm definitely having fun."

During their respective college careers, there was rarely an empty seat in the house.

The Smith Center was nearly empty Tuesday in comparison to those days, but all the skills the former Tar Heels learned were definitely on display.

In an era where the NBA has been criticized for sloppy play, Jamison, Haywood, Felton and May still performed the old-fashioned way — just the way their former coaches, Dean Smith and Roy Williams (both of whom were on hand) would have demanded.

Jamison finished the night with 17 points and eight rebounds, and Haywood was the inside presence that UNC fans remember.

Felton displayed the promise that made him the fifth overall pick in the 2005 NBA draft. And May, while still getting adjusted to life in the physical NBA 3-second lane, showed continued signs of progress.

The former Tar Heels were humbled by the response of their loyal fans.

"I don't know why they like me," Felton joked while signing autographs prior to the game. "I'm just a small

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Sean May shoots over former UNC center and Washington Wizard Brendan Haywood during the second quarter.

## Music adds to draw of fair

BY HARRY KAPLOWITZ  
ARTS EDITOR

The choice between a funnel cake and a live concert might not seem like much of a toss-up, but food, not music, is the No. 1 draw for N.C. State Fair attendees.

"The No. 1 reason people come to the fair is to eat," Assistant Fair Manager Mike

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DTH/MELISSA WILLIAMSON

Musician and storyteller Mike Cross performs in Dorton Arena on Tuesday at the N.C. State Fair in a concert called "N.C. in Tune."

## Day 3 of survival of the fittest

*Editor's note: The Daily Tar Heel asked senior writer Gregg Found to attempt to earn a spot on the UNC men's JV basketball team to offer insight to a process that most don't see. He will write a diary of his experiences.*

BY GREGG FOUND  
SENIOR WRITER

Anyone whose Tuesday was just another monotonous day between Monday and Wednesday surely didn't try out for the JV basketball team.

The day began and ended with apprehension, and the hours of downtime in between only served to heighten everyone's nerves.

Coach C.B. McGrath posted the first round of cuts at the Smith Center Tuesday at 10 a.m. Those with class at 9:30 a.m. had to play the waiting game a little bit longer.

McGrath instructed that those who made the cut should come back at 4 p.m. for the final tryout.

Following class, I arrived at the Smith Center a little after 11 a.m., and would be lying if I said there weren't butterflies in my stomach.

Fortunately, the list of 24 names included mine, but I had only a moment's gratification before mentally preparing for the last tryout.

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### announcement

**WE'LL RETURN MONDAY**  
The Daily Tar Heel will cease publication for Fall Break. We hope you enjoy your long-awaited respite, and we'll welcome you back next week.

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**MAKING THE SAVE** National SAVE Day promotes anti-violence  
**A PROPER FIGHT** U.S. senator talks about war on terror tactics  
**SERVING UP** Study shows more college students doing public service

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**INTO THE DARK**  
Information Technology Services institutes an automatic system to turn off the lights in classrooms at night, saving energy and money in the process.

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**LAST CHANCE**  
This weekend, The Carolina Inn will host the year's last Fridays on the Front Porch, a summer series featuring food and bluegrass music.

### this day in history

**OCT. 18, 1888 ...**  
The University plays its first intercollegiate football game. Wake Forest University defeats the Tar Heels 6-4 in a game played at the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh.

### weather

Partly cloudy  
H 80, L 55

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