

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the Thursday page 3 story, "Town touts diverse staff," incorrectly states when the report was compiled. It has been compiled every year since 2002. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Reeves, 85, UNC professor, dies from breast cancer

Mavis Reeves, an adjunct professor in UNC's Department of Political Science, died Saturday at her home in Chapel Hill from complications related to breast cancer.

Born in Athens, W. Va., in 1921, Reeves earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at West Virginia University before coming to Chapel Hill. In 1947 she was the first person to receive a Ph.D. in political science at UNC and also was one of the first women to earn a doctorate.

With a teaching career spanning some 60 years, Reeves also taught at the University of Louisville and the University of Maryland, in addition to stints at the Kyoto and Keio universities in Japan.

"Aside from being the world's greatest mother and a tremendous role model ... she was terrifically independent, smart as a whip, and as kind a person as anyone would ever want to meet," said Reeves' daughter, Andree Reeves.

In addition to her daughter, Reeves is survived by her husband, Benjamin Reeves, and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no memorial service, in accordance with her wishes.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any contributions be made to the American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program, Duke HomeCare and Hospice, UNC University Libraries or another charity of choice.

Most candidates certified, some must redo petitions

The Board of Elections announced Thursday its list of certified election candidates and those who still need petition signatures.

Each candidate was required to collect a certain number of signatures, ranging from 800 for student body president to 20 for Student Congress, by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The board counted all of the signatures and checked for duplicates, but according to its list, juniors Sade Carter and Beth Hopkins, candidates for senior class president and vice president, respectively, must turn in 10 more signatures by 5 p.m. today. They needed 350 signatures to stay in the race.

David Zoppo, a Student Congress candidate for district six, must resubmit his entire petition, and Ambika Sahni, a candidate for district seven, must turn in four signatures. Both also have until 5 p.m. today.

All other candidates have been certified.

STATE BRIEFS

Two scheduled to die get stay of execution

RALEIGH — Citing a century-old law, a judge put a pair of executions on hold Thursday as North Carolina struggles with the role doctors should play in carrying out the death penalty.

Marcus Raymond Robinson, 33, was scheduled to be executed Friday, and James Edward Thomas, 51, was set to die next week.

The ruling further complicated the ongoing debate over whether the state can carry out executions without the assistance of an attending physician. State law requires a doctor's presence at executions, but the N.C. Medical Board decided last week that any participation by a physician violated medical ethics.

Two more players charged in Guilford assault case

GREENSBORO — Two more Guilford College football players were charged Thursday in connection with the alleged assault of three Palestinian students.

Jonathan Blake Underwood, 20, of Clinton, S.C., is charged with three counts of ethnic intimidation, two counts of assault and one count of communicating threats. Jazz Alfray Favors, of Alpharetta, Ga., is charged with two counts of assault and two counts of ethnic intimidation.

Both were jailed on \$5,000 bond.

Roughly 100 students staged a walk-out during class Thursday to protest the Guilford administration's response to the event. Officials at the Quaker campus have hesitated to call the attack a hate crime.

— From staff and wire reports

Advising review under way

May result in structural changes

BY ASHLEE SADLER
STAFF WRITER

A plan to review the University's advising system that could lead to internal improvements was unveiled Thursday to members of the Board of Trustees.

An eight-person committee is set to deliver a comprehensive report to the board in May.

Madeline Levine, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the review is a timely response to the concerns of trustees about the advising program, which was implemented in 1999.

The advising program offers guidance and clarification to undergraduates who need assistance

interpreting course requirements.

"The University's academic departments are reviewed every seven to 10 years to make sure we're functioning at the highest level we can," Levine said. "The trustees have been interested, too, so our dual interests coincide."

She said there have been complaints about the program from students and parents.

"No organization is perfect," Levine said. "There have been times where people have felt they weren't properly advised."

Forums will be held in the following months to ensure students' voices are heard.

Student Body President James

Allred said he thinks the review will help make advising accessible to more students.

"Obviously the advisers who are there are doing a very good job," he said.

"But we think there might be structural changes that could be made to make them able to serve more students and better."

Two UNC professors and two UNC students will represent internal interests on the committee.

Outside perspectives will come from a faculty member from the University of Virginia and a representative from the Reinvention Center, an institution that strives to improve undergraduate education at research universities, Levine said.

Additionally, two members of the National Academic Advising

Association, which sets the standards for accrediting advisers, will participate.

"We want their advice about the best program possible," said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate education.

"We want their assessment of what we are doing well and what we could do better."

The committee also will draw from a self-study being conducted by the advising department to be finished in early March.

"The professional staff in academic advising were excited about doing this," Owen said. "When you feel your staff is being criticized, you want to find out why."

Owen said that after the review

SEE ADVISING, PAGE 7

Town's Friends ready to cheer

Community group has first meeting

BY TOM HARTWELL
STAFF WRITER

Franklin Street has a new cheerleader.

Or at least that's how Pat Evans, executive director of the Friends of Downtown, described the fledgling organization after its inaugural meeting Wednesday at The Franklin Hotel.

"I look at us as being the cheerleader of all of downtown," said Evans, who conceived and coordinated the booster organization.

"It's the heart of the community, and it's important both to the town of Chapel Hill and to the University," Evans said.

The group plans to discuss ways to make downtown Chapel Hill more enjoyable, and anyone can attend meetings.

Evans, a former Chapel Hill Town Council member, said she always has been keen on optimizing the downtown experience.

Close to 60 participants were treated to coffee, light snacks and an address by Rick Steinbacher, associate athletic director for marketing and promotions for the University and a former inside linebacker for UNC football.

Steinbacher spoke to the group about giving Franklin Street a bigger role in UNC athletic events, including the new "Fifth Quarter" transportation program that provides bus services from Franklin Street to park-and-ride lots up to three hours after football games. The idea is to keep people downtown longer.

"As I see it, it's a lot of people that have a lot of common interests that want to get a lot of good things done for the community," Steinbacher said of the group.

The Friends of Downtown is not to be confused with the Downtown Partnership, an organization of business owners that draws funds from the town and the University.

Money is the most obvious difference between the groups. The Friends of Downtown is using funds left over from a former organization, the Downtown Commission, which disbanded in 2005.

These funds amount to less than \$5,000, Evans said, adding that if the group decides to take on a project, it probably will need to raise funds.

The group will hold meetings at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of each month. The next meeting, also at The Franklin, will be a brainstorming session for ideas on improving downtown.

The Friends of Downtown has obtained status as a nonprofit organization so that it can accept tax-deductible donations.

Downtown Partnership Chairman Tom Tucker attended the meeting and said he thinks the group is a positive influence.

SEE FRIENDS, PAGE 7

OUTLASTING MONTH ONE



DTH/KATE LORD

Junior David Campbell gave up soda as his New Year's resolution. Twenty-four days later, he has yet to have a sip. He said that giving up soda has encouraged him to drink a lot more water.

BY CORI SUE MORRIS
STAFF WRITER

Week four: Have you kept your New Year's resolution?

According to statistics from Proactive, a self-coaching Web site, 64 percent of people have kept their resolutions after one month.

Indeed, three out of the four students we talked to at the start of the semester are still going strong.

"It's kind of a cake walk, though. It's just soda," said David Campbell, a junior who decided to go soft-drink-free to support his brother with the same resolution.

Freshman Caroline Mack, who resolved to read the Bible consistently, already has read three books: Matthew, Mark and Luke.

"They're really small books, but I'm happy that I've gotten through it."

Mack said she enjoys having the downtime she sets aside to read the Bible at lunch or in the evenings.

"It's forcing me to take time out of the day for myself and not let work and social events take up all my time," she said. "I'm taking more time to relax."

Nikki Pratt has succeeded with not one, but two resolutions: flossing daily and limiting herself to one dessert a week.

She can thank dining hall food for the latter. "It was a lot harder for me to switch into the dessert one because I was still at home with all my mom's dessert."

Though she was well on her way to meeting her 60-mile goal for January, a foot injury prevented Ashleigh Jackson from running.

She said the ball of one of her feet hurt for a week, making it difficult to walk, much less

run. But she's not giving up. "I'm going to still try to keep running in January and get as close as I can."

Now the real question. Will these students keep their resolutions until Dec. 31, 2007?

When Lent — during which some Christians give up something they enjoy for 40 days — rolls around, Pratt won't just limit sweets, she'll abandon them entirely. "I plan on making the transition to Lent easier and then keeping it up after that."

Jackson said she plans to meet the 60-mile goal at least one month this year.

And what about no soft drinks until next January? "No problem," Campbell said.

Contact the Features Editor at features@unc.edu.



Ashleigh Jackson
Year: Junior
Major: Psychology and Sexuality Studies
Resolution: To run 60 miles in January.



Caroline Mack
Year: Freshman
Major: Education
Resolution: To read the Bible consistently. "I'm taking more time to relax," she said.



Nikki Pratt
Year: Freshman
Major: Music and English
Resolution: To floss every day and only have one dessert per week.

New group to host 'Vagina'

GLBTSA steps in to fill production role

BY JESS THOM
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

When students at Thursday night's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance meeting were told that this year's production of "The Vagina Monologues" almost didn't happen, gasps of astonishment could be heard throughout the room.

The play has been performed at UNC in the past as a part of V-Week, an event that focused on female sexuality and sought to raise awareness about violence against women.

"The Vagina Monologues," written by playwright Eve Ensler, consists of 10 stories, each of which is told by a separate woman. The stories celebrate the female body and tackle heavier issues such as rape, but also include humorous anecdotes about sex and love.

The two students in charge of V-Week, Jenny Boos and Katie Joyner, graduated this past spring, and the V-Day organization could not find anyone willing to take their place.

When junior Lori Mannelte, a dramatic arts major, discovered that the absence of V-Week would mean that there would be no production of "The Vagina Monologues," this year, she decided to direct the play herself, with the help of the GLBTSA.

"Even if V-Week has died, we'll still try to resurrect one part of it this year," Mannelte said. "So many people were upset when they found out it wasn't happening."

Mannelte also said a V-Week might be possible next year.

But before she could prepare for the performance, Mannelte needed to ensure that a campus organization could sponsor the event.

GLBTSA, she said, was the perfect group to sponsor the play due to its commitment to equal rights and empowerment, which are two themes that are explored in the play.

Robert Wells, a student on the executive board of the GLBTSA, said he was disappointed when he was told that "The Vagina Monologues" wasn't going to be performed this winter.

"My friends and I were eating lunch the other day, complaining about how it wasn't happening," he said.

"Then we realized that we're theater students and could do something about it."

"The Vagina Monologues" was well-received last year, selling out two of its three performances and donating proceeds to the Family

"Even if V-Week has died, we'll still try to resurrect one part of it this year."

LORI MANNETTE, JUNIOR

Violence Prevention Center of Orange County and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

Mannelte said she expects this year's performance to be just as successful.

"I don't think the monologue or performance will be different at all," said Mannelte, who has worked with both the GLBTSA and "The Vagina Monologues" in the past.

"I plan on doing the exact same things that have been done before."

Auditions for play will be held Tuesday, and the cast will have only two weeks to prepare for the performance before its Feb. 16 premiere.

"Rehearsals are going to be very intense," Mannelte said.

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed Feb. 16 and Feb. 17 in Manning Hall, with two 8 p.m. shows and a 4 p.m. Saturday matinee.

Contact the Arts Editor at artsdesk@unc.edu.

Students stand to gain from 'Loser' contest

BY MONIQUE NEWTON
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes it's not all about winning.

Take for example UNC's first Biggest Loser Challenge. It's a 12-week weight loss and healthy lifestyle program that begins today, sponsored by Campus Recreation and Counseling and Wellness Services.

"We realized that there are a lot of people who are intimidated about

working out or self-conscious about working out," said Lauren Mangili, associate director of Campus Recreation.

"We've always wondered what would be the best way to reach people who want to be physically active — it's kind of an outreach."

The program got its name from the NBC reality TV show, "The Biggest Loser," in which contestants are divided into teams by gender. The contestant who loses the most weight is crowned "the biggest loser."

Chosen from a pool of more than

100 applicants, 76 people make up two teams — students and employees. The teams are further divided into two randomly selected groups.

"We felt we selected the people who could truly benefit the most from the program," Mangili said.

They will participate in weekly weigh-ins, workouts, fitness challenges and group sessions with a nutrition consultant.

In addition to T-shirts and fitness journals, participants will receive diet analysis software to determine their individual nutrition needs.

"We are fully committed to this program, and we're going to do everything that we can," Mangili said. "It's up to them to take advantage of what's available."

Mangili said they will partner with Carolina Dining Services for tours of Rams Head Market and Lenoir and Rams Head dining halls to expose participants to healthy options.

"People will lose weight if they do make that part of their lifestyle and make changes to their diet," she said. "Not by restricting but by selecting healthy choices."

The competitive nature of the program has its advantages, said psy-

SEE CONTEST, PAGE 7