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## Police remove Pit Preacher

### Birdsong to appeal trespass warning

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Two University police officers escorted Gary Birdsong, better known as the Pit Preacher, off campus late Thursday morning after issuing him a trespassing warning.

Officers issued the warning after Birdsong refused to leave the Pit when asked, said Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.



Gary Birdsong, known to campus as the Pit Preacher, won't be allowed at UNC for two years unless his appeal is granted.

The warning states that Birdsong can be arrested if he sets foot on campus within the next two years.

Birdsong, who has preached in the Pit since the '80s, said he is appealing the warning to DPS higher-ups.

The officers approached Birdsong

after receiving a complaint from Carolina Adventures, an organization that reserved half of the Pit to promote programs.

David Yeargan, the expedition program manager for Carolina Adventures, said Birdsong interfered with the organization's ability to broadcast its message.

"After about five minutes after I got set up, Mr. Birdsong came and stood four or five feet from the table," said Yeargan, a UNC staff member.

He said he asked Birdsong, who was preaching about the evils of homosexuality, to move away from his table.

Yeargan said that when Birdsong

refused to move, he approached the officers to help him handle the situation.

"I was preaching the gospel, and the security came up and said that the boy behind me had a permit," Birdsong said.

He said the officers refused to produce the permit when he asked to see it.

Birdsong finally agreed to move, but Yeargan said he moved only five feet and refused to move again — opting to take the punishment rather than accept the attempt to regulate his speech.

Officers then wrote the warning and escorted Birdsong off campus, amid

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### WE'LL FOLLOW ROY'S BOYS AS THEY DANCE

See page 7 for a preview of today's ACC Tournament game against Florida State. Visit our sports blog for coverage of the ACC and NCAA tournaments during Spring Break.

## BOG may implement book policy

### Could tie prices to tuition, force on-time ordering

BY ERIC JOHNSON  
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After years of student complaints, the UNC system is poised to implement mandatory policies for reducing textbook costs.

If approved, the new guidelines would require campuses to create a guaranteed rental or buyback program for large introductory classes and force professors to submit book orders on time.

Schools also would have to calculate the cost of textbooks for the average student and consider that figure when asking for tuition increases.

The UNC-system Board of Governors likely will vote on the expanded policies next week, and its adoption would mark a departure from the voluntary recommendations handed down in previous years.

"The board made it pretty clear that this was a priority for us," BOG Chairman Jim Phillips said. "We want to deal with this issue in a way beneficial to students."

Part of the emphasis on mandatory measures has come from system President Erskine Bowles, who cited textbook costs as a problem during his first months in office.

"I think Erskine discerned pretty early on that this was an issue that needed to be addressed," Phillips said.

Bowles said last year that he would consider linking progress on textbook costs to approval for campus tuition hikes, and the guidelines released

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## ALLRED EYES PLANKS BEFORE TIME TO WALK

### Says he's kept all but a few promises

BY GREG MARGOLIS  
STAFF WRITER

It's getting down to crunch time.

With just less than a month remaining in his term, Student Body President James Allred has completed most of his platform planks. And now he's looking to wrap up unfinished projects and lay the foundation on longer-term ones.

The Allred administration took office April 4 on an ambitious 83-plank platform, and officers began in the summer establishing a timeline for accomplishing the tasks.

March marks the culmination of Allred's term — both one final push and a look back on his time in office.

Though the platform consists of individual planks, counting them as a checklist can be tricky as some involve advocating, rather than accomplishing, a task.

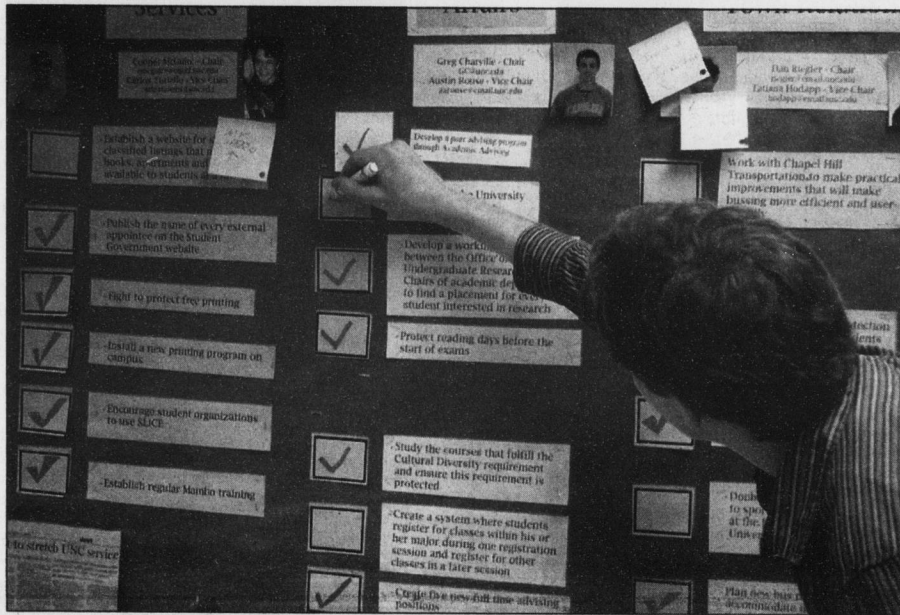
Allred said he aims to finish 78 of the 83 planks, including getting new academic advisers and a computer kiosk for feedback at Campus Health Services. Some remaining planks proved not to be feasible, and others turned out differently than expected.

"We aren't perfect," he said. "I think that represents a good level of honesty with the electorate."

### The finishing touches

With Student Body President-elect Eve Carson's April 3 inauguration right around the corner, Allred and his Cabinet will spend this month putting the final touches on a few planks.

A top priority before then is getting a commitment from town officials on more sidewalk safety lighting



Student Body President James Allred checks off a platform plank Thursday in the student government office. He is trying to wrap up his remaining goals before leaving office April 3 and said he is hopeful that he'll finish 78 of his 83 planks.

and blue lights on campus.

"Is there going to be a light pole thing on April 3? Probably not. Have we set this process in motion in such a way that it will be self-perpetuating? Probably."

One plank Allred said he hopes to finalize is adding storage units for residence halls. Although his platform calls for units on campus, Denny Lyons, Residence Hall Association president, said they probably will be off campus.

Lyons said RHA is entertaining proposals from private companies to provide the units off campus. "It will be

around the end of Allred's administration; we'll have a contract signed."

Allred said he also is working on taking some planks to a new level. Although he got women's products in some Student Union bathrooms, he is working on placing dispensers in all campus bathrooms.

"It's one of those issues that has been a little frustrating," said Student Body Treasurer Anisa Mohanty, who has been working on the project since July. "I would think that we would have a commitment to have them installed over the summer."

Bill Burston, director of housekeeping services, said that he has not had time to work on the issue and that the process of doing so is extensive.

### The planks that got away

Allred said several issues from his platform weren't feasible because the power to make changes lies outside his purview.

Solar panels on Hinton James Residence Hall was too expensive

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## Students depart, but it's not a break for all

BY JORDAN LAWRENCE  
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Though their usual student clientele will be gone for Spring Break next week, many of UNC's facilities and services still will be at work.

While some UNC departments remain open to cater to the non-student population, others use the nine-day break to perform upkeep on buildings.

University libraries will remain open for business, but with reduced hours.

"Business has slowed down, but there still are library users," said Sarah Michalak, University librarian and associate provost for libraries. "It's not just completely dead."

Michalak said that though most undergraduates are gone, graduate students, faculty, administrators and Chapel Hill residents continue to use the libraries.

During the break, the libraries save about \$10,000 to \$15,000 because they don't have their usual 250 student employees on duty. Between 30 and 40 students work during the break.

Despite reduced hours, the libraries don't save money on heat and air-conditioning because the facilities must be kept climate-controlled to protect the documents.

Campus recreation facilities also will keep their doors open.

"We're basically staying open for a relatively small number of students, but really the faculty and staff in town," said Marty Pomerantz, director of Campus Recreation.

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### SPRING BREAK LIBRARY, HOUSING AND DINING SCHEDULE

Residence Halls	Rams Head Dining Hall
Today close at 6 p.m.	Today open 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
March 18 reopen at 9 a.m.	Saturday through March 17 closed
	March 18 open 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Davis Library	Rams Head Rec Center
Today open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Today open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Saturday through March 18 closed
Monday through March 16 open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Student Rec Center
March 17 open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Today open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
March 18 open from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.	Saturday and Sunday open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Lenoir Dining Hall	Monday through March 16 open 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Today open 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	March 17, March 18 open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through March 18 closed	

## Pringle knows role on court, at mall

BY NICKI JHABVALA  
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It's not unusual for North Carolina women's basketball player LaToya Pringle to enter a press conference following a game with her Coach handbag on her shoulder.

It's not unusual for Pringle to waltz into Buckle at the Streets of Southpoint mall in Durham and have the staff greet her by name.

And it's not unusual for Pringle and teammate Camille Little to be spotted shopping for pumps and heels in their off time.

"I'm a shopper," Pringle said. "I love Coach and Buckle. Those are my best friends. The staff in there, they know me personally, by name, because I go in there so much."

But while finding Pringle in a top-name accessory store fits her "girly-girl" reputation, she's found



Junior LaToya Pringle has a shopping fetish that's rivaled only by her desire to swat shots.

a knack for adopting an entirely different persona on the floor.

What priss do you know who's among the top shot-blockers in women's college hoops?

Pringle, the 6-foot-3-inch forward has led the Tar Heels in shot-blocking since she arrived, and though she's not even finished with her third season as a Tar Heel, she ranks second on the all-time shot-blocking list in UNC's history.

Not bad for someone who didn't

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### announcement

**HAVE A GOOD BREAK**  
The Daily Tar Heel hopes you made it through midterm week alive and, if so, that you enjoy Spring Break. We will. Print editions will return March 19.

### CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the Thursday front-page story, "Tournament's scope expands," incorrectly states the amount of money Clemson fans must have given to receive tournament tickets. The amount is \$46,250 in lifetime giving. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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**AS SEEN AT UNC** N.C. State has a new program for aspiring entrepreneurs

**ALL SINGLE, NO MINGLE** UNC is offering more one-person campus housing

**MORE HEADS** High-school students hear today about Morehead-Cain scholarships

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**SHOOTING STARS**  
Arts Editor Harry Kaplowitz makes his case for getting rid of the star system for reviews and implementing letter grades. Diversions responds on its blog.

### this day in history

**MARCH 9, 1928 ...**  
The University runs out of money to loan to students for tuition after distributing \$38,000. Students who applied for financial aid are put on a waitlist.

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