

**CORRECTION**

Due to a reporting error, the Friday page 3 story, "Faculty mull grading change," incorrectly attributes quotes to Andrew Perrin. The quotes should be attributed to Peter Gordon, chairman of the educational policy committee's subcommittee on grading.

The article also incorrectly states that the Achievement Index would be used in Honors program admissions. Such use has not been determined. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Research: Spanish-speaking children need language mix**

Pre-kindergarten classrooms in which English is only spoken might not help native Spanish-speaking children become better prepared for school, research from the FPG Child Development Institute shows.

The research states that Spanish-speaking children had better social skills when their teachers spoke some Spanish.

"Many early childhood programs are moving toward a system that may isolate children who are learning English, leaving them at risk for social and language problems," said an author of the study, Gisele Crawford, a research associate at FPG, in a press release.

The study will be published in the April issue of Early Education and Development.

**Researchers to focus on weight loss in work place**

University researchers are recruiting more than 1,200 overweight employees at several N.C. colleges and universities for a study of workplace weight-loss programs.

The project will test four work-site-based weight-loss programs. Researchers hope to find cost-effective ways for employers to help employees lose weight and keep it off.

"The overarching goal is to identify effective and cost-effective weight loss programs that can be easily implemented by employers and help employees keep the weight off," stated Laura Linnan, the study's principal investigator and associate professor in the UNC School of Public Health, in a press release.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**2nd-annual 5K raises money for kidney center outreach**

Plastic model kidneys, a race car plastered with the UNC Kidney Center's slogan and a table full of brochures made it hard to miss the cause behind Saturday morning's 5K run and walk held at McDougle Middle School.

The second-annual Kidney Kare 5K drew 300 participants and raised about \$9,000, all of which will go to the UNC Kidney Center's outreach program, said Donna Harward, director of education and outreach at the center.

Harward said the race is a good way to spread the word, noting that participation is up from 200 runners and walkers last year.

Visit [www.dailytarheel.com](http://www.dailytarheel.com) for the full story.

**STATE BRIEFS**

**Attorney for Duke lacrosse player dies of heart attack**

Kirk Osborn, a lead defense attorney in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case, died early Sunday, a fellow defense attorney in the case said.

Osborn had a massive heart attack on Friday and died shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday, attorney Joe Cheshire said.

"North Carolina has lost one of its true warriors," Cheshire said.

Osborn represented Reade Seligmann, one of three Duke lacrosse players charged in the case stemming from a dancer's allegation she was sexually assaulted at a team party.

The players originally were indicted on charges of rape, sexual offense and kidnapping, but Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong dropped the rape charges in December after the accuser changed a key detail in her story.

**UNC-G student shot in dorm; Police charge nonstudent**

A freshman at UNC-Greensboro was shot Saturday while in his dorm room, police said.

Stephen Cobb, of Raleigh, was in stable condition at Moses Cone Hospital after the shooting around 5 p.m.

UNC-G police have charged Brian Martin, 19, of Greensboro, who does not attend the university, with attempted first-degree murder, attempted robbery with a firearm, possession of a weapon on campus and discharge of a weapon on campus.

A second suspect was released and a third is being sought in the ongoing UNC-G police investigation.

— From staff and wire reports

# Graffiti may be gang-related

Vandals tag buildings with 'L.b.u.'

**BY SARA GREGORY**  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Vandals with possible gang ties targeted 10 area properties and businesses last week.

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A presentation gives attendees insight into gang activity.

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Unknown suspects spray painted "L.b.u." and other designs at seven of the locations. Police think these incidents might be related, but they are unfamiliar with what "L.b.u." represents.

"All of those have similar spray painting," police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said. "They were different colors, but the same pattern."

Cousins said that police are looking into the incidents but that

no suspects have been identified.

"It's a difficult crime to solve, obviously," she said.

The other three incidents are not believed to be related but also are being considered as incidents of possible gang activity.

All 10 incidents occurred between March 12 and March 20, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

"It's some tagging that we have not seen before," Police Captain Christopher Blue said. "We saw it in enough places to think it may have some (gang) relationship."

Owner Brenda Honeycutt's Plaza Dry Cleaners at 111 S. Elliot Road was targeted March 17.

"L.b.u." and other designs were

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DTH/TRACI WHITE

Graffiti defaces the walls behind Modern Times on West Franklin Street. Ten acts of vandalism were committed in the area within three days.

# Duo to play off varied skills

Tarrant new to Carson's circle

**BY WHITNEY KISLING**  
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Batman and Robin have got it down pat.

The leader and second-in-command know who's better at driving the Batmobile and who can handle the trapeze.

They understand each other's strengths and weaknesses and play off of them to form a strong team.

And teamwork is something Eve Carson and Mike Tarrant said they want to employ when they take office April 3 as student body president and vice president, respectively.

In past years, student body president and vice president teams have had more of an advantage than Carson and Tarrant because the vice president has served as the campaign manager or the two have spent a lot of time working together before they take office.



**Mike Tarrant** has two years of experience in student government

Carson's campaign manager, LeVelton Thomas, applied to be student body secretary but was not chosen for the post.

Tarrant and Carson both had worked in the executive branch, but they only met in August, and their most

frequent contact has been just this month when Cabinet applications were made available.

"I think that's beneficial — I wasn't part of her campaign team," Tarrant said. "I stayed very neutral during the campaign."

Tarrant also was not part of student government last year, though he was on the Freshman Focus Council and the academic affairs committee during his first two years. "The two years that I was in student government, I was heavily committed."

Tarrant's experience will come in handy throughout Carson's term because she does not have extensive student government experience.

"The vice president is supposed to be a supplement to the executive branch Cabinet, to accomplishing the student body president's platform," Student Body Vice President Brian Phelps said. "Mike will be able to supplement her in those ways."

Carson picked Tarrant over Caroline Spencer, who has served in Congress since her freshman year.

"I think that I have a good institutional knowledge of student government that would have balanced Eve's nicely," said Spencer, who also ran for student body president this year. "Eve hasn't had much experience with Congress."

The third of the four applicants for vice president was Jon Kite, another former student body president candidate.

Carson based her decision on the applicants' experience and understanding of the student body.

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DTH/ELI SINKOV

Participants in UNC's Relay for Life continue to walk laps at Belk track into the late morning on Saturday after having begun at 6 p.m. the previous day. Teams walked and camped out for 20 hours and raised more than \$200,000 for the American Cancer Society.

# STUDENTS WALK FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Break last year's record with \$211,000 raised

**BY MELISSA BROWN**  
STAFF WRITER

Years ago being diagnosed with cancer seemed like a death sentence.

But now, thanks to research, life after the disease is cause for celebration.

Participants in UNC's Relay for Life raised more than \$211,000 — smashing last year's total of \$186,000 — so that the hope of a cure can continue to thrive.

"My granddad recently passed away from colon cancer," said Latorya Hill, a sophomore who participated in the event this weekend. "I just think it's such a good thing because I feel like I'm actually helping."

Participants arrived at Fetzer Field, the event site, at 6 p.m. Friday and stayed until

2 p.m. Saturday. They paid an entrance fee of \$10 but were encouraged to raise more. Almost 1,550 people from the University, Chapel Hill and Carboro communities took part in the event.

"It is just a great way for people who have been affected by cancer to show their support and fight this disease," said Elaine Orcutt, event chairwoman. "This is one of the ways for everybody to fight."

The event kicked off with an opening ceremony featuring a walk around the track by about 50 cancer survivors of all ages.

Participants then joined their teams, keeping one person from each team walking at all times.

Of the 123 teams registered, 20 were not affiliated with the University, Orcutt said.

People who weren't walking had the option of taking part in rock climbing and field games, or listening to a performer,

among other activities.

"This is as loose as I've been all week," sophomore Adriene Holmes said.

The mood of the event stayed lighthearted until about 9 p.m., when luminaries were lit in honor and in memory of cancer victims. Groups then took a lap of silence around the track, remembering why the event took place.

"I don't have any family members who have cancer," said Charnell Sutton, a sophomore participant. "But I still feel like it affects me — it really does affect everybody."

Tents and sleeping bags were set up inside the gym for groups to sleep in. The room also housed a large screen so participants could watch the men's basketball team play in the Sweet 16.

About half of the participants chose not

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# Jazz artist soothes audience Allred set to propose addition of call boxes

**BY JESS THOM**  
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

"It's just what we need right now," jazz composer Wynton Marsalis said when he announced that he would open his Sunday night performance with Duke Ellington's "On the Sunny Side of the Street."

A sold-out crowd arrived in Memorial Hall to see jazz legend Marsalis and members of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra just minutes after UNC lost to Georgetown.

"Whatever may be troubling you, you'll feel better soon," Marsalis said assuredly.

And 14 songs later, the audience certainly felt more at ease as Marsalis and the orchestra performed a series of well-known arrangements, from "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" to "My Favorite Things."

The orchestra consisted of a bassist, a pianist, a drummer and a mix of trombones, saxophones and trumpets.

Sunday was not the first time the Grammy award-winning Marsalis has appeared at Memorial Hall.

Last year he only directed, but



DTH/SIMON WESCHLE

Wynton Marsalis performs with Chris Crenshaw and Vincent Gardner and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra at Memorial Hall on Sunday.

did not perform, during his "Congo Square" show, which celebrated the culture of New Orleans.

This year, Marsalis' tour was titled "Songs That We Love."

"It's a more conventional concert but it's one that we're not treated to very often because there's usually a

**BY CATARINA SARAIVA**  
STAFF WRITER

In a proposal at tonight's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting, Student Body President James Allred said he hopes to improve safety for both students and permanent residents.

Allred will present a proposal to install four emergency call boxes, or blue lights, and sidewalk lighting in downtown areas that both students and residents frequent at night.

The blue lights would be placed at four intersections: McCauley and Ransom streets, Mallette Street and Colony Court, Church and Short streets, and North Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. They would cost about \$60,000 total to install.

The plan has been developing since the summer through collaborative work between student government and the Chapel Hill Police Department, Allred said. It first was brought to his attention through student requests.

"They should get what they're asking for," Allred said.

The proposal states that all of the installation costs, estimated at about \$80,000 for the call boxes and the lights, will be paid by student government, and the maintenance costs, such as the monthly electricity and phone bill, will be funded by the town.

Allred said he hopes this proposal to the town, the first of his term, will improve town-and-gown relations. He also said this effort goes hand-in-hand with his Good Neighbor Initiative, aimed at blurring student-resident differences.

"It's important that town services reach out directly to students as well as permanent residents," Allred said.

And the petition also emphasizes the benefits not only for students downtown but for people living in downtown Chapel Hill.

"The entire Northside and Cameron-McCauley neighborhoods can expect a more communal atmosphere and an increased perception of safety," it reads.

The \$20,000 pedestrian lights,

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