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Two years after Hurricane Katrina:  
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## A new kind of Tulane student

BY ERIC JOHNSON  
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SENIOR WRITERS

NEW ORLEANS — A patchwork quilt hanging in an upstairs faculty dining room is the only physical evidence of Hurricane Katrina on Tulane University's campus.

Woven into it are squares donated by schools that accepted displaced students when New Orleans' flooding forced Tulane to close during fall 2005. Just two years later, the campus looks almost as it did the day before the storm.

If anything, it's more vibrant. All on-campus housing is occupied this semester.

Thanks to a crash recovery effort funded by a \$300 million loan, Tulane lost only a semester.

"It was unreal that after all that happened on campus, we were able to reopen in January," said Ivis Boudreaux, who has worked in facilities services at the university for 15 years.

But even though Tulane and the surrounding neighborhoods lack any obvious scars from the storm, campus officials are hoping witnessing the impact left by Katrina will have a lasting impact on students.

Situated in Uptown, an area with higher elevation and higher incomes, it's easy for them to remain isolated from the damage.

To combat that temptation, administrators instituted a service-learning requirement designed to spur

"Most now who are thinking about coming to Tulane ... want to be part of the rebuilding."

VINCENT ILUSTRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

students to engage with the broader community.

It was a plan campus officials considered before the storm, but they were motivated to finalize it while evacuated to Houston in the weeks after Katrina.

Undergraduates must complete a service-learning course by the end of their sophomore year, and work on a service-oriented research project or internship during their junior or senior year.

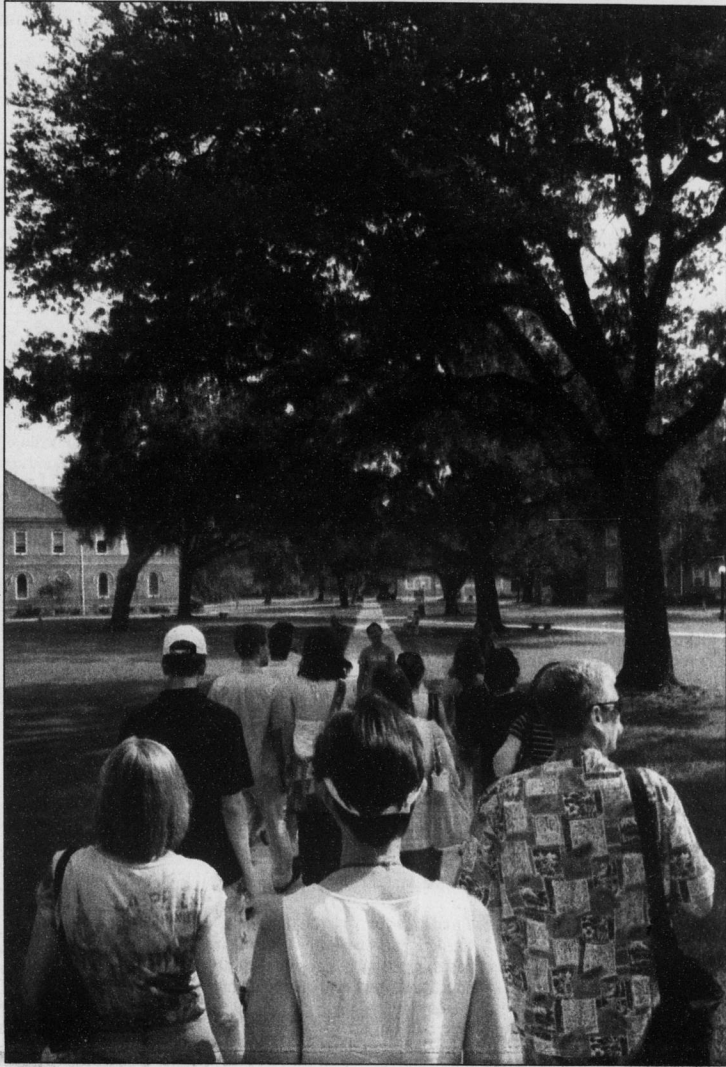
"It was not something I ever envisioned being a requirement," said Vincent Ilustre, executive director of the Center for Public Service and a Tulane alumnus.

But that changed amid the devastation of the city, and Ilustre has seen his office grow from two people when he began in 1997 to more than 20 after the storm.

"They decided, 'Look, we want to take a leadership role in the rebuilding of the city,'" he said of university administrators, who he credited for giving him resources to execute the initiative.

"They knew the city was struggling."

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Shannon Berryhill, a sophomore at Tulane University, leads a tour group through the campus Aug. 13. The campus shows no visible signs of Katrina's impact as its sister campuses do.

## Tech report cites errors

Findings may apply to UNC

BY ERIC JOHNSON  
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The high-level commission investigating April's gun massacre at Virginia Tech released its findings Thursday, calling for changes to student privacy laws and recommending a litany of improvements in campus security policies.

UNC-system officials will likely be studying the report closely as they wrap up a comprehensive security review undertaken after the Va. Tech shootings.

The UNC panel is exploring many of the same questions that preoccupied the Va. Tech investigators, including clearer guidelines on how to deal with troubled students and an assessment of physical safety measures on campus.

The Virginia commission — formed by Gov. Tim Kaine to review the actions of Va. Tech officials before, during and after the April incident — focused particular attention on the confusion surrounding student privacy rights.

The gunman at Va. Tech, Seung-Hui Cho, had attracted attention on a number of occasions for erratic and threatening behavior.

The panel found that a "widespread lack of understanding" about the scope of student confidentiality rules kept that information from being shared among campus officials, mental-health professionals and law enforcement.

"Although various individuals and departments within the university knew about each of these incidents, the university did not intervene effectively," the commissioners wrote. "No one knew all the information, and no one connected all the dots."

Making sure those dots get connected in the future is one of the key goals of UNC's safety review.

Leslie Winner, UNC-system general counsel, has formed a special working group of legal experts

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UNC students, members of the 2007 Alternative Spring Break Gulf Coast Relief Trip in New Orleans, help rebuild a house.

## UNC groups aiding the Gulf

You can help with money, manpower

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ  
SENIOR WRITER

Triangle residents were swift in their response during the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, providing medical aid, sending supplies and organizing trips.

Now, two years later, national attention is waning, and residents

still need support in moving from crisis to a fuller recovery.

Pitching in can come in many forms — it's not just about gutting houses and hanging drywall.

"Every organization here still is in need of financial help," said John Freeman, volunteer coordinator for Common Ground Relief, a nonprofit volunteer group that has seen participation from UNC students.

Freeman was adamant that all can find a way to contribute, even if they can't spare the time to actually

travel to the coast.

"People can lend their tools," he said. "They can lend their voice and spread the word."

Although several people working with Freeman in the Lower Ninth Ward showed up in New Orleans unannounced and asked to help, experts say it's best to coordinate in advance with an aid group.

Lynn Blanchard, director of the Carolina Center for Public Service,

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## Tennis alumnae take on U.S. Open

Champion duo reunited in Grand Slam match

BY SAMANTHA NEWMAN  
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When recent North Carolina graduate Sara Anundsen sat down to eat dinner Wednesday night, she saw a face she was used to seeing only on a television screen.

Roger Federer, winner of 11 Grand Slam singles titles and the No. 1 tennis player in the world, was sitting in the same cafeteria, and this time there were no camera crews in sight.

Anundsen was starstruck, but as a player in the 2007 U.S. Open along with former Tar Heel teammate Jenna Long, she was not only surrounded by top-caliber tennis players — she was one of them.

As they stepped onto one of the outdoor courts at the USTA National Tennis Center on Thursday in New York, Anundsen and Long became the first UNC women to play in the U.S. Open. Though the duo fell in the first round to Poland's Klaudia Jans and

Alicja Rosolska 6-2, 6-1, Anundsen said the experience was unforgettable.

"We were both thrilled to get the opportunity to play with each other again," she said. "They called our names, and someone walked us from the locker room to the court, and there were so many people watching. We've never been on a stage that big before."

Tar Heel coach Brian Kalbas joined the players in New York to help them prepare and to lend support. The tandem had not played together since their NCAA championship win in May, and Kalbas said that the two did not play their best tennis at the Open, but that the score didn't reflect the closeness of the match.

"They had chances in both sets, and they had a lot of game-point opportunities in the first set," he said. "Once the momentum swung in the other direction, there was more pressure on them to come back, but they never gave up, and they certainly weren't outclassed, just a little rusty."

The pair's opponents were doubles specialists, and Anundsen said their hard hits and fast pace were things she wasn't used to.

"They just didn't seem to make any errors," she said. "It was tough to get balls past them,



Former Tar Heels and NCAA champs Sara Anundsen (left) and Jenna Long lost in the first doubles round of the U.S. Open on Thursday.

and they caught us off guard a few times."

Despite the loss, Anundsen's and Long's accomplishments are something Kalbas will use to build the team and attract recruits.

"It really puts the program at that next level," Kalbas said. "That kind of opportunity is not guaranteed, but they made a statement

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## A thesis is worth thousands of words

BY MONIQUE L. NEWTON  
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When he's not applying to graduate schools, looking for a job or doing homework for other classes, senior Daniel Cothran has 979 lines of poetry to write.

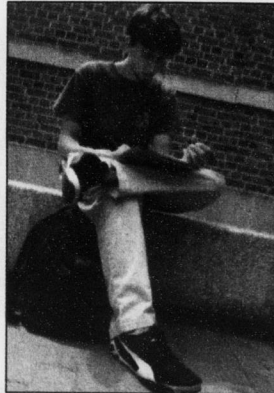
Cothran, who already has a 21-line poem under his belt, is enrolled in the creative-writing honors thesis seminar for poetry and is en route to a career in public health.

The poem uses Dante's "Divine Comedy" to tell the story of getting lost in the woods.

It's his first step toward the class requirement of 1,000 lines of poetry by early April.

"I've wanted to write a book for a long time, and that's basically what we're doing," Cothran said of the assignment, which comes out to

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Senior Daniel Cothran reviews his classmates' poetry in front of Greenlaw on Thursday before a poetry seminar led by James Seay.

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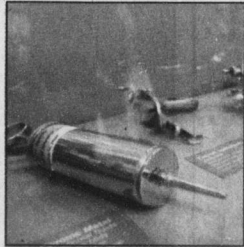
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**HOMECOMING** UNC alumni return to put on the play "Jack and Jill: A Romance."

**MONEY TALKS** Officials debate increasing the Carolina Union student fee.

**WORKERS WANTED** Students flock to the Great Hall for a part-time job fair.



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#### EUGENICS UNEARTHED

An exhibit at Winston-Salem State University sheds light on North Carolina's practice of forced sterilizations, which was done to about 7,600 people.

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Students file a list of 40 questions in a suit against The Daily Tar Heel about the paper's use of student-government appropriated fees.

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