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## ASG set for a new year

Jones tries to put conviction in past

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After months of uncertainty about the depth of support for his presidency, Cole Jones is moving to shore up his position as head of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments.

Despite being elected in a landslide in April, Jones has been dogged by questions about an Aug. 1 criminal conviction.



ASG President Cole Jones hopes to quiet concerns about his position.

Student body presidents across the UNC system have refrained from public criticism, but private discussions have continued among presidents and ASG officers about whether Jones has handled the situation appropriately.

In a conference call Tuesday night, Jones called for concerns about his legal situation to either be aired publicly or dismissed.

"I have made it clear that I serve at the discretion of the students," Jones said during the call, which included about half of the system's 17 student body presidents.

The misdemeanor assault conviction stems from a February domestic dispute involving the maternal aunt and grandmother of his 2-year-old son. Two related charges were dismissed at trial, and Jones is appealing the remaining charge.

During the Tuesday teleconference, Jones asked the presidents to draft a clear statement of support at the next ASG meeting, which is scheduled for this weekend.

"I believe the support is still where it was when I was elected," he said. "If there is anyone on the call who would object for any reason, I won't take it personally."

No one spoke, and that silence could prove to be a turning point.

Whatever concerns student officials might have, this week marks the last opportunity to air them before Jones assumes one of his most important duties.

He is scheduled to be sworn in

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## RUGBY TEAM SUSPENDED

Hazing one of three charges

BY WHITNEY KISLING  
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The UNC men's rugby team is suspended indefinitely from participating in team-related events because members have been accused of violating University policies.

The allegations are threefold: unlawful acts of hazing, club actions that violate the University's alcohol policy and misrepresentation of the University and club locally and abroad.

Some members of the team declined to comment, but

President Rufaro Sikipa gave an official response.

"There's absolutely no hazing with initiation into or continued membership of UNC rugby," he said, adding that the team does not condone underage drinking either.

The team is suspended from practicing, playing games and using University facilities under the team name.

Winston Crisp, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, and Jason Halsey, director of sports clubs, met Tuesday with the team of about 50 players to discuss the allegations and the suspension.

"We went in pretty blind," Sikipa said, adding that team members had received an e-mail Monday informing them

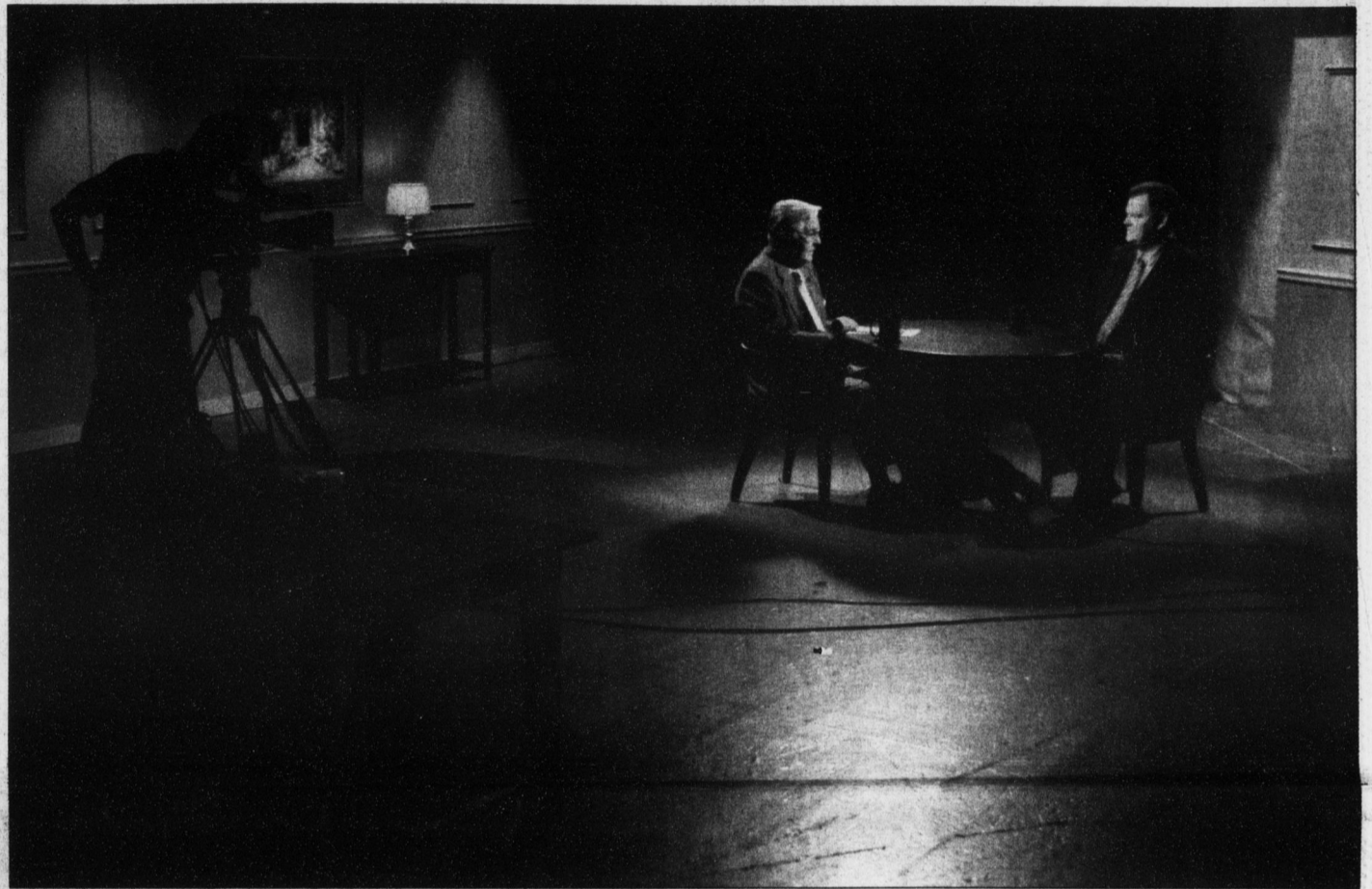
only of a mandatory meeting with their coaches and the Division of Student Affairs.

The team is suspended until administrators come to a conclusion based on their findings of an investigation now under way. Team officers will be interviewed, followed by the players, during the next two weeks.

"We do plan to investigate it fully," Halsey said. "We'll be trying to gather information to either confirm or refute the allegations that we've received."

The rugby team is a member of UNC's Sport Clubs

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Bill Friday prepares for an interview with Craig Hill, N.C. Wachovia Principal of the Year, on Wednesday in Swain Hall on "North Carolina People," Friday's television show for the past 37 years.

## Long-running talk show back at home

BY COLIN CAMPBELL  
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One of the state's longest-running public TV programs has returned to the UNC campus studio where it began 37 years ago.

Former UNC-system President William Friday's weekly talk show, "North Carolina People," is broadcasting from Swain Hall for the first time since 1989 because of a partnership with the Department of Communication Studies.

"We now have a home," Friday said. "It's nice to have a place where you know what the circumstances are."

Friday, 87, served as the system's president for 30 years before retiring in 1986. Many credit him with improving the

national reputation of the system.

Friday started the program 37 years ago when UNC-TV — a station he helped found — asked him to moderate a discussion with four former governors. The show was a success, and he was asked to host more programs.

"It was pure coincidence," he said. When UNC-TV moved out of Swain Hall 18 years ago to newer facilities in Research Triangle Park, the show was filmed in a conference room in Graham Memorial Hall.

Bobby Dobbs, the show's director, said the studio in Swain will be a major improvement from the Graham Memorial location, which was not designed for filming a TV show.

IF YOU WATCH THE SHOW

Time: 9 p.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Sunday  
Channel: UNC-TV  
Info: www.unctv.org/ncpeople

"It's more convenient," Dobbs said. "We know our way around here."

"North Carolina People" is a weekly program in which Friday conducts interviews with a range of people from across the state — from governors to World War II veterans.

"Every person in this state has an interesting story if you'll just listen," Friday said. "You meet these people in the strangest

places."

He said one of the most interesting programs of his career was an interview with a man who sits in a car seat in front of a store in Banner Elk telling mountain stories.

Sometimes Friday takes the program on the road, broadcasting from locations like a Cherokee Indian Reservation and the deck of a fishing boat off Cape Hatteras.

Friday has interviewed the Rev. Billy Graham, author Jan Karon, football player Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice and journalist Charles Kuralt.

The programs can be challenging, Friday said, recounting an outdoor taping when a

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## Homeless partnership kicks off plan



Johnny Cooper, aka "D.C.," often sits watching on Franklin Street. An Orange County program hopes to end homelessness within 10 years.

Introduces goals of 10-year project

BY ANDY KENNEY  
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Julie Ransford spends many of her days shuttling food and supplies and making connections with the homeless people of Chapel Hill.

By putting mentally ill homeless people in contact with the proper services, she helps pull them out of destructive cycles.

Ransford is the assistant coordinator of the Project to Assist in the Transition from Homelessness arm of Housing for New Hope, but according to executive director Terry Allebaugh, Ransford is

more like a one-woman team.

"We see where we're going; we just don't have the right resources," Allebaugh said during a presentation to the executive team of the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness on Wednesday night.

The meeting launched the partnership's 10-year plan to reduce homelessness in the county and highlighted initial efforts.

Sally Greene, chairwoman of the executive team, described the plan as a joint effort by the town and the county.

"It's funded by and supported by the four jurisdictions," said Greene, who also is a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

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## Presidential group convenes in town

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS  
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The President's Council on Bioethics is holding a series of public meetings at the Carolina Inn today and Friday to discuss ethical issues in the fields of medicine and nanotechnology.

President Bush created the council in November 2001. Its mission is to advise the president on the ethical implications of emerging biomedical science and technology.

All sessions of the two-day conference are open to the public, with the last reserved for public comments.

The council's previous meetings were held in Washington, D.C., but

"We thought, you know, let's get out on the road and bring it out there."

DIANE GIANELLI, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON BIOETHICS, ON DECISION TO MEET IN CHAPEL HILL council members decided to go on the road to better fulfill their charge of educating the public, said Diane Gianelli, director of communications for the council.

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### DOWN NOT OUT

The women's soccer team is looking to bounce back after its season-opening loss. The squad will take on Texas A & M on Friday at Fetzer Field.

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### PEACE BRIGADES

Human rights activist Liza Smith told UNC students Wednesday about working for Peace Brigades International, a group that shadows individuals with the intent of preventing violence.



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### HELPING HAND

Traditional Southern musicians get aid from a nonprofit foundation that seeks to preserve their music and the artists behind the melodies.

this day in history

### SEPT. 6, 1898 ...

Forty sample class rings are stolen from an unlocked storeroom in Student Stores. The rings are estimated to be valued at \$7,600.

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