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Evangelists escorted off campus

Soulwinners plan to return to UNC today

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A group of evangelists was forced to leave campus Thursday afternoon when University police determined that the group posed a threat to campus safety. Michael Venyah, founder of Soulwinners Ministries International, said he and others from the organization were told to leave campus or they would be arrested for trespassing. Venyah and the others had set up signs

next to the Student Union and Lenoir Dining Hall and began to preach against homosexuality, masturbation and premarital sex.

The group held signs with provocative messages, such as "Homo sex is a threat to national security" and "Satan says that God loves everyone."

"At some point the conversation became more heated between students and the group," said Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

"It was decided that it was better for the safety for all involved that these folks relocate," Young said. "They were asked to relocate for the protection of them and the students."

Junior Amanda Barbee, who saw the signs and listened to the preaching for a few minutes, said she's glad they left but doesn't necessarily agree with the decision to remove them.

"We hear a lot of offensive stuff, but it depends what you consider offensive," Barbee said. "Some people might find it

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N.C. trespassing laws

First-degree trespass: When a person without authorization enters or remains on another's premises that are enclosed or secured as to demonstrate an intent to keep out intruders.

Second-degree trespass: When a person without authorization enters or remains on premises of another after he has been notified not to enter or remain there by the owner, a person in charge of the premises, a lawful occupant or another authorized person.

-N.C. General Statutes 14-159.12 and 14-159.13

State pushes for bio facility

Granville County may host research

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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North Carolina is among five states being considered for a massive \$450 million federal research facility, and the state's public universities are emerging as key players in the lobbying effort.

The Department of Homeland Security has identified a site in Granville County, about 25 miles northeast of Chapel Hill, as a potential location for a planned National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility.

"This is considered to be a federal research crown jewel," said Kimrey Rhinehardt, UNC-system vice president for federal relations. "It would be comparable to the CDC in Atlanta."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta is an internationally renowned government research facility that deals with some of the world's most dangerous human pathogens.

The proposed Homeland Security facility would be comparable in mission, but would focus on threats to agricultural and animal health.

"We're not just talking about cattle getting hoof-and-mouth disease and us not being able to eat hamburgers," Rhinehardt said. "It's about figuring out ways to protect our food supply and our national health."

North Carolina's campaign to woo federal officials is drawing heavily on the UNC system and its research campuses.

N.C. State University's College of Veterinary Medicine has been leading that campaign, and Chancellor James Oblinger said he is thrilled with the potential impact.

"It would be a huge infusion of capital, but it's more than just the money," he said. "It's about the science and about the research."

Building the facility in Granville County would open up research opportunities in a range of fields, and departments at Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State are closely watching the debate.

Sites in Texas, Kansas, Georgia and Mississippi are also in the running, but the N.C. lobbying consortium is hoping the Granville location will prove too good to pass up.

The land being offered is already owned by the state, as is the surrounding area.

"For security reasons and other things, that has some benefit," said David Potenziani, a dean in UNC-CH's School of Public Health.

For local officials, the site has

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SIX YEARS LATER: REMEMBERING SEPT. 11



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Six years ago today, six UNC alumni were killed in the terrorist attacks that hit U.S. soil and claimed almost 3,000 lives.

In memory of those alumni and the others killed on Sept. 11, 2001, members of the UNC community will gather to dedicate a garden at 11:30 a.m. today, across from Carmichael Residence Hall.

The ceremony will feature the Army, Naval and Air Force Color Guard, plus remarks from Chancellor James Moeser.

A plaque on the garden's cornerstone will carry the names of the UNC alumni killed:

Karleton Douglas Beye Fyfe, financial analyst, American Airlines Flight 11, UNC '92; Mary Lou Hague, financial analyst, on 89th floor of the South World Trade Center Tower, UNC '96; Andrew Marshall King, partner and currency trader, North Tower, UNC '83; Ryan Ashley Kohart, in the same North Tower office as King, UNC '98; Dora Menchaca, research scientist, American Airlines Flight 77, UNC '78; and Christopher Quackenbush, investment banker, South World Trade Center Tower, UNC '79.

There also will be a candlelit vigil tonight in the Pit.

Schools improve their ABCs

Progress pleases officials

BY CATARINA SARAIVA
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Students in both area school districts learned their ABCs faster in the past school year, according to an annual state report released Thursday.

Six of Orange County school district's 13 schools met high-growth goals, up from only one last year. In the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district, 12 of its 16 schools met the goal, up from last year's eight.

"The year looks like a good year in terms of progress from the previous year," said Neil Pedersen, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools superintendent, at last

week's board of education meeting. "There's no steps backward for any schools."

Last week's report is part of the state's ABCs program, which serves as the accountability model for public schools. It measures school achievement in three ways: the percentage of student test scores at or above the proficiency level, academic growth and Adequate Yearly Progress.

Schools are given status designations based on these three areas.

Four Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools — all elementary schools — were named honor schools of excellence, the highest recognition.

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ABCs of public education

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

Schools with no recognition:

- > Frank Porter Graham Elementary
 - > Culbreth Middle School
- Honor School of Excellence:
- > Glenwood Elementary School
 - > Scroggs Elementary
 - > Seawell Elementary

*All other district schools are Schools of Distinction

One Card problems force system restart

BY ELISABETH GILBERT
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Problems with the One Card system Monday left some students scrambling for alternative ways to accomplish their daily tasks.

Students reported difficulties printing at ITS printing labs using their One Cards. But the problems extended to transactions requiring a One Card, including

using meal plans, dining flex and expense accounts.

"Anywhere on campus where you have the One Card system could be affected," said Charlie Green, assistant vice chancellor for teaching and learning.

Sophomore Kelly Mason was in the Undergraduate Library printing lab about 1 p.m. and noticed

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CONSTRUCTION CARRIES ON

The steam-pipe project that affects several areas on campus, including the Davis ATMs and the pathway between Woollen and Fetzer gymnasiums, will last until December.

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DOWN TO BUSINESS

The Chapel Hill Town Council's first business meeting addresses panhandling, the lingering drought and traffic concerns, among other issues.

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FACEBOOK'S STATUS

With a lawsuit looming that could shut down Facebook.com, students react to the potential loss of a favorite way to idle their days away.

this day in history

SEPT. 11, 1974 ...

The Residence Hall Association passes a measure allowing for graduate student representation on the RHA board, letting Mike O'Neal remain RHA president.

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