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Council may see recount

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Uncertainty about who will occupy the eighth Chapel Hill Town Council seat remained Wednesday after a narrow vote in Tuesday's town elections.

In the unofficial results, newcomer Matt Czajkowski bested incumbent Cam Hill by a thin margin of 65 votes as of 9 p.m. Wednesday. Such a small margin, less than 1 percent, means a recount will occur within the next two weeks, Director of Elections Barry Garner said Tuesday.

"It was a little disturbing to hear

that I had won and then to hear that it changed," Hill said. "But we are going to wait and see what the recount comes out as."

Fellow incumbent Jim Ward said he was not startled by the results and maintained that there still is a good chance Hill will be able to keep his seat.

"It's really not such a huge upset because had he just had a mere 70 more votes, there wouldn't be a story at all," Ward said.

But some candidates suggested that the implications of such an upset are significant and might

hint at a changing mentality among the voters.

"The results mean that other members on the council are going to need to address the fact that sentiments in Chapel Hill are changing," Czajkowski said.

Incumbents Ward, Sally Greene and Bill Strom all received more than 17 percent of the vote; Hill received less than 14 percent.

"I can't speculate why Cam did not win and the other three did," Czajkowski said. "I just don't think he had as much core support as the other incumbents."

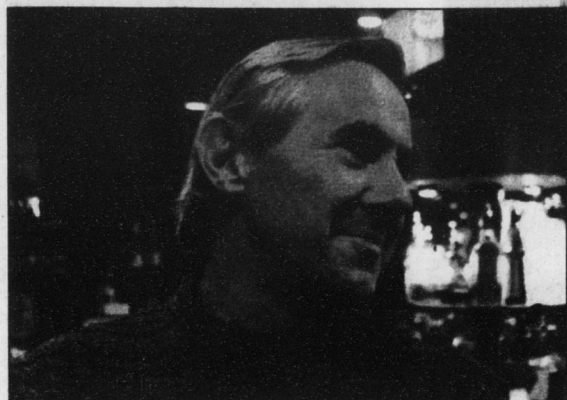
Fellow challenger Penny Rich said such a lack of core support was a consequence of past inaction on Hill's part.

"I know the downtown people got mad at him because he was 'Mr. Parking' and yet he failed to do the research on parking in downtowns," Rich said. "He really let those merchants down."

Voter James Protzman also cited Hill's lack of involvement in the town as a reason he did not vote for him.

"The others tended to speak up

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DTH FILE/ZACH HOFFMAN
Newcomer Matt Czajkowski smiles after hearing unofficial results of Tuesday's election, in which he narrowly defeated incumbent Cam Hill.

A biweekly analysis of Chancellor Moeser's term

Moeser shores up faculty support



DTH FILE
Director of Athletics Dick Baddour (left) and Chancellor James Moeser address faculty leaders June 13, 2003. The meeting focused on the potential expansion of the ACC. It was one of the few occasions when the chancellor and faculty openly butted heads. Moeser has championed improved faculty salaries and support during his time at UNC.

Funding, academic freedom hallmarks of term

BY KEVIN KILEY
STAFF WRITER

When Chancellor James Moeser announced that he will step down this summer, he said he would be stepping into "the most exalted title this University can confer on an individual — professor."

That statement reflects a key focus of Moeser's term at UNC. He has repeatedly stated that faculty support, including salaries, relationships, retention and recruitment, are central to the success of the University.

In his past five State of the University addresses, Moeser has said that faculty support is the University's No. 1 priority.

While Moeser has fought to support faculty throughout his chancellorship, he also

had to work to win over the faculty's support when he first arrived on campus.

He had to face a severe budget crisis at the beginning of his term and has had to work with a state legislature that has not always backed up his plans financially.

As Moeser prepares to enter the field he rigorously fought for, faculty needs remain a challenge for the next chancellor as UNC plans for unprecedented faculty retirements and a bidding war with other schools.

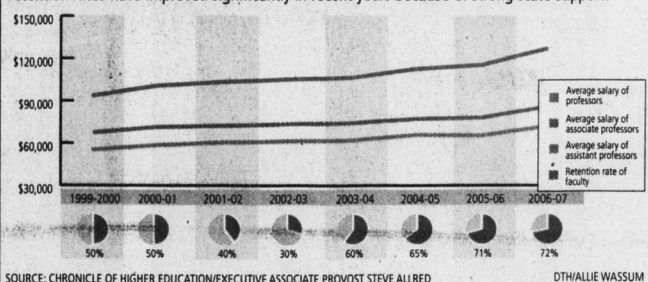
'Palpable skepticism'

The faculty environment Moeser entered in 2000 was one of uncertainty.

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Faculty salary and retention at UNC

Under Chancellor James Moeser's leadership, faculty salaries have increased steadily, while retention rates have improved significantly in recent years because of strong state support.



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Report studies mental health

Offers new plan for campus safety

BY ELISABETH GILBERT
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In the aftermath of the Virginia Tech shootings, UNC-system officials are looking to remove potential threats to campus safety — even if it means removing students.

The campus safety task force's final report to UNC-system President Erskine Bowles includes a controversial suggestion that urges schools to develop a "policy for the involuntary withdrawal of students who demonstrate through their behavior that they potentially pose a threat to themselves or others, but who may not have otherwise violated the campus Code of Conduct."

The policy addresses a difficult issue: Schools are ill-equipped to deal with all cases of depression or destructive behavior, but neither can they let troubled students fall by the wayside.

Rising student depression

Depression is becoming increasingly prevalent on college campuses, some studies suggest.

In fall 2006, 45 percent of college-age women and 36 percent of college-age men reported having felt "so depressed that it was difficult to function" at least once in the past 12 months, according to a study by the American College

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ATTEND THE BOG MEETING

Time: 10:30 a.m. today
Location: General Administration Building, main board room
Info: www.northcarolina.edu

Fire survivors on the road to recovery



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Susan Thorne is recovering from her September jump from the Highland Hills apartment fire in Carrboro.

BY SARAH FRIER
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Twenty screws, two metal plates and several pieces of artificial bone keep Kristin Pietrowicz's feet intact, while a back brace stabilizes her spine.

It's been just more than a month since the night roommates Pietrowicz and Susan Thorne jumped off the balcony of their flaming Carrboro apartment, surviving a deadly fire but sustaining severe injuries.

But Pietrowicz said that even as her bones regain their normal functions, her perspective on life has changed forever.

The women, who lived in the Colonial Village at Highland Hills apartments, were among 20 residents who lost their homes in the Sept. 30 fire. Gloria Suarez, 55, was killed in the blaze.

Both Pietrowicz and Thorne suffered shattered feet and spinal injuries. Pietrowicz also broke her ankle.

Thorne is recovering in a friend's apartment in Chapel Hill, while Pietrowicz has returned to her parents' house in Ohio.

"It's a huge fact, and you can't absorb it all at once," said Pietrowicz's mother Deborah. "But each day you realize more and more the tragedy of the situation and how lucky we are to have her here with us."

For Pietrowicz and Thorne, life is a waiting game. For now, physical barriers, like not being able to twist from side to side, make daily activities like brushing teeth challenging.

"It makes you really see all those little

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ANALYSIS

UNC system presses schools for low tuition

BY ERIC JOHNSON
SENIOR WRITER

As far back as 1998, when the state's public universities first won the right to request their own tuition hikes, campus officials justified the yearly increases by pointing to lackluster state funding.

The money was needed from students, the argument went, because the state wasn't providing it.

But now, after state legislators boosted university spending by an impressive 10.6 percent this year,

that argument is being turned on its head.

UNC-system President Erskine Bowles is putting strong pressure on campus officials to keep tuition hikes for in-state undergraduates to a minimum.

"I think Erskine has been very clear on this point," said Rob Nelson, UNC-system vice president for finance. "He believes the General Assembly came through

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TALKING BACK Students visit the Pit to give input on academic advising reforms.

SWIMMING RIVALRY The UNC swim teams are preparing to take on Duke.

TOWN COUNCIL Council members heard an update on the drought Wednesday.

announcement

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Pick up The Daily Tar Heel on Friday for a special section of previews on the men's and women's basketball teams and the men's ACC competition.



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BOTTOMS UP

Local breweries in the Triangle give drinkers the opportunity to enjoy a few pints with their friends — and the chance to brew the beer themselves.

this day in history

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The Student Legislature votes to approve \$400 for The Daily Tar Heel to obtain the Associated Press national and international wire service.

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