

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the pg. 5 story "UNC looks to rebound against upstart Miami" incorrectly states that Miami's basketball team was picked to be the second worst team in the ACC by the preseason press poll. They actually were picked to finish last. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

Due to an editing error, the pg. 8 student elections spread incorrectly identifies the positions that Stephen Barber and Rachel Moss are running for. Moss is running for senior class president and Barber is campaigning with her for senior class vice president. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Construction problem leaves Carroll Hall without power

A construction accident Wednesday morning left Carroll Hall without power for several hours.

About 9 a.m., one of the subcontractors working on the Hanes Hall construction project hit an electrical transformer with a construction vehicle, said Sid Stone, director of construction management.

UNC electrical personnel responded to the scene and had power restored by 2 p.m.

Some classes were cancelled or moved to other locations at the individual instructor's discretion.

Students chat with Carolina North leader about concerns

About 30 students attended a question-and-answer session with Carolina North Executive Director Jack Evans.

The students asked questions ranging from arts space allocation to energy sources expected to be used on the research satellite campus.

The event, which was held in the Student Union Cabaret, was an effort to give students an opportunity to engage in the discussion of the project. Although the University has held several community feedback meetings for Carolina North, this was the first that specifically targeted students.

For the full story, visit dailytarheel.com.

CITY BRIEFS

Would-be hotel heist tied to robbery of gas station

Chapel Hill police suspect that an attempted robbery at the Sienna Hotel shortly after midnight Tuesday is tied to the holdup of a nearby convenience store at 2 a.m. Wednesday, said Lt. Kevin Gunter, spokesman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

In both cases the gunman, who acted alone, was described as a black male, about 6 feet tall, wearing dark pants and a black coat over a gray hooded sweatshirt, Gunter said.

At the Kangaroo Express, the gunman requested cigarettes before pulling his pistol and demanding cash, Gunter said.

He made off with \$314, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

At the hotel, the employee at the desk was able to run away while the gunman circled the desk to verify there was no cash in the drawer, Gunter said.

New program will campaign against underage drinking

The Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Free Teenagers of Chapel Hill and Carrboro has begun a campaign against underage drinking to remind adults that it is illegal to provide alcohol to underage individuals.

The group plans to advertise its "Underage Drinking: Adult Consequences" prevention program in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to the coalition, law enforcement officers will be increasing enforcement efforts that include party patrols, keg permit compliance checks and watching for parents who provide alcohol to underage teens.

State of local water supply forum scheduled for tonight

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority will host a public forum about "The State of Our Local Water Supply" to inform residents. The 7 p.m. meeting will be held at the Chapel Hill Town Hall and will be televised on local cable channel 18.

The forum will give residents a chance to learn more about local water supply and demand, weather forecasts for the coming months, short- and long-term strategies for the drought and proposed changes in OWASA's water conservation standards.

The forum will replace the public hearing about potential rate increases that was cancelled at last month's Board of Directors meeting.

— From staff and wire reports

STUDENT ELECTIONS 2008

Inside the elections board

BY MATTHEW PRICE
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In the office of UNC's Board of Elections, a one-desk room in a corner of the Student Union, there isn't much space for clutter or movement.

But in the weeks leading up to the election, the normally quiet office fills with stacks of paper and campaign materials, as board members prepare for their biggest event: student elections.

"We've got a thousand things to do this time of year," said Matt Spivey, vice chairman of the board. "We're constantly on the lookout for campaign violations, and we're busy working with candidates."

And although the election is all about the candidates and their ideas, it's the 10-member elections board that oversees the entire process.

The election officially began after the Jan. 15 candidates' meeting, but the board has been at work for months behind the scenes to ensure the election runs smoothly.

Mitchell Capriglione, elections board chairman, said the process begins with the recruitment of volunteers to run polling sites for the Feb. 12 election.

"Volunteers have to be certified to run polling places for one election, and they have to take their job very seriously," Capriglione said. "We used to just cross our fingers and hope to get volunteers, but with some recent additions to Title VI, we have something more solid now."

Title VI, the part of UNC's Student Code that governs elections, serves as a vital guide during this time, Capriglione said.

"I've read it many times to familiarize myself with it," said Tatiana Hodapp, the board's parliamentarian. "The main focus for students is on the election itself, while the Board of Elections looks at the Code."

The parliamentarian must have a complete understanding of Title VI so she can advise the board and answer any questions members might have, Capriglione said.

And while the board discusses the interpretation of Title VI, Capriglione and Spivey are always on the lookout for campaign Code infringements.

"Our main role in this process is being the watchdog," Capriglione said. "We do appreciate it when students bring things to our attention, but the chair and vice chair are the only ones who can investigate."

Campaigns that break the rules can be fined. And sometimes at a greater price to the campaign, candidates can be punished with suspension of campaign materials.

The specific punishment for a violation is determined by a meeting of the elections board.

"Penalties are always determined on a case-by-case basis," Capriglione said. "We can't just look at a flier and say, 'Oh, that's going to be a 10-cent fine, please.'"

The 2004 student body president race illustrated the importance of

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Campaign Certification

The Board of Elections certified petitions for the following candidates:

- Student Body President**
- Kristin Hill
- Logan Liles
- J.J. Raynor
- Senior Class Officers**
- Josh Criscoe and Megan Compton
- James Shelly and Pinar Gurel
- CAA President**
- Andrew Coonin
- GPSF President**
- Cindy Spurlock
- RHA President**
- Michael Miller

Rachel Moss and Stephen Barber, candidates for senior class office, have until 5 p.m. Friday to resubmit their petitions.



Freshman Sarah Mazza, left, and junior Katherine Hazard participate in speed dating, which was sponsored by Focus the Nation UNC and held in the Campus Y on Wednesday. The event was organized to raise awareness about global warming and other environmental issues.

RED HOT MINUTE

BY ALICE MILLER
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Freshman Sarah Mazza walked into the Campus Y building Wednesday night with a bit of hesitation.

Mazza was about to go on almost 20 dates in one evening.

"It is going to be awkward," she said, as she waited for the "It's Getting Hot In Here" speed-dating event, hosted by Focus the Nation UNC, to start.

But Mazza braved the possible awkwardness in hopes of meeting people who have similar interests in global warming and the environment.

The event was part of a promotion for global warming events scheduled next week. Focus the Nation is a group that spreads awareness about climate issues.

"Speed dating is a way to reach out to people who may not have heard about Focus the Nation," said Jarrett Grimm, the publicity officer of the group.

Thirty-eight daters — 19 women and 19 men — showed up with mixed expectations and hopes for their evening of back-to-back

three-minute dates.

"I had nothing else to do," freshman Megan Carlson said. "It will be a story to tell the grandchildren."

Speed daters were given a list of ice breaker questions to ease the tension. Questions ranged from "Do you rock or roll?" to "How many (compact fluorescent lights) do you have in your house?"

Some students said they were inspired by friends to attend.

"My friend has a to-do list, and it was on her list," junior Adele Moser said.

Grimm, the mastermind of the event, got her inspiration from a campus visit from "Date Doctor" David Coleman last April. Once she saw how many people were interested in seeing what Coleman had to say, the concept of speed dating stuck with Grimm.

"That was my epiphany," she said. "I decided to apply that to global warming and bring out people who may not otherwise be interested."

The UNC group is one of about 1,000 Focus the Nation groups around the coun-

try. Together, all of these groups have been planning events for Jan. 31 to show the nation's leaders the number of people who care about global warming.

"(This) is a way to get people together in an event before the big event," Grimm said of the speed dating.

The events will start next Wednesday with a local politician panel to discuss global warming issues and a showing of the national Focus the Nation movie, "2% Solution."

Events will continue Jan. 31 with a carnival in the Student Union Great Hall, a game viewing of the UNC-Boston College basketball game and a "Save the Ales" night at W.B. Yeats.

The speed-dating event Wednesday might turn out to help not just the climate but the daters, too, said Jessi Kemp, a Focus the Nation member and coordinator.

"If the dates work out, some participants may have a date for 'Save the Ales' night," she said.

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Alumnus readying senate bid

Democrat Jim Neal, a Chapel Hill businessman and UNC class of '78, is preparing to run against Republican Sen. Elizabeth Dole. Neal will be in Gardner Hall at 8 p.m. to talk to students.

Q: What made you decide to run for the Senate once Brad Miller dropped his bid?

A: I'm not happy. I'm dissatisfied with the job that is not getting done in Washington. Our democracy isn't getting results — we're not moving the agenda forward in Washington.

The political world, from whatever realm it is, is a club. And as long as we leave our democracy in the hands of people who are part of the club, the rest of us who own that democracy are going to be short-changed.

Q: Depending on the policies of the next president, how radical would your attempts be to end the war in Iraq?

A: I think that the Congress should use the opportunity to deny the president the money to wage his



Democrat Jim Neal sits at Top of the Hill restaurant to talk about his plans and preparations to run against U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C.

war, in order to get him to come to the negotiating table.

I'm not going to put our troops into harm's way; my God, we sent them over there in Humvees with coating that thin (indicating an inch between his fingers). When they come back, we treat them like used cars.

Supporting our troops is not a

question of defense appropriations bills. Would I give defense authorization spending as a tool to block the president's war and to put responsibility in his court? You're damn straight.

Q: As a businessman by trade,

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Documentary reveals NYC drag queen life

BY KEVIN TURNER
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For drag queens featured in the documentary "Paris is Burning," sequins, makeup and stilettoes aren't just part of a costume. They're part of a lifestyle.

The 1990 documentary about the drag culture in New York City will be screened at 5 p.m. today as the fourth installment in the Global Queer Cinema Film Series.

The film series is presented in conjunction with Global Queer Cinema, a course taught by Germanic languages professor and sexuality studies board member Alice Kuzniar, who chose all films for the series, was once a programmer for the North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival.

"I wanted to choose 'Paris is Burning' because it has been probably the most controversial in visible film from the 1990s that dealt with transgender and it's been taken up in a lot of film criticism

UNC interns to test acumen

Students will buy businesses

BY KRISTEN CRESANTE
STAFF WRITER

A group of three local entrepreneurs have created a private equity fund that will hire graduate student interns from the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

The Carrboro Capital Corp. will fund a team of three Master of Business Administration students to be led by an MBA graduate in the search for a pre-existing business with growth potential.

Once the team finds a suitable business, the corporation will provide the necessary funds for the graduated student to buy the business and expand it. When that is completed, the corporation will resume the process with another business and a new group of interns.

The fund is led by Director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies Clay Hamner, philanthropist Betty Kenan and Earl "Phil" Phillips, co-founder of First Factors Corporation.

Hamner said the process will help students break into the business world.

"It provides a way for them to get started," Hamner said. "This way they don't have to start a business from scratch because that's a very difficult thing to do."

The corporation will use \$500,000 to fund the intern team, and more money will be provided later to buy the business. Hamner said this could cost anywhere between \$5 million and \$50 million.

"We're backing grad students as interns, but also providing money for graduates to buy a business," Hamner said.

Ben Redding, a UNC business and law school graduate, was named the first managing director of the project. It will be up to him to choose a business based on his personal interests.

Redding said the ideal company would have \$10 million to \$30 million in revenues, be located in North Carolina and be willing to work with a private equity.

"We will evaluate the companies and they will evaluate our group, and we'll have a courtship in a way where we will decide if we're a good match for each other," Redding said.

Once a business is chosen, Redding said he will work toward expanding it.

Hamner said Redding will eventually leave the search fund to go work for the company they have bought. Redding said he will probably stay on for about six months to one year.

At that point, a new leader and new interns will be chosen.

MBA students are able to apply for the internship during their first year of graduate school. The three interns for the initial project already have been chosen.

Hamner said the search fund will be beneficial to students.

"They will be working for a fund, and that will help them get a job later at an existing fund," he said.

"They will be applying what they learn in the classrooms."

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VIEW THE DOCUMENTARY

Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today
Location: House Undergraduate Library 205
Info: unc.edu/sxst/calendar.html

and scholarship on race and transgender studies," Kuzniar said.

"It has also been controversial because why is it that a predominantly white audience would be interested in the spectacle that they are presenting? So there is kind of a voyeuristic titillation in the gender and racial difference."

The series, which began last November and has already shown two films and one documentary, screens movies tackling issues facing the queer community from a variety of cultures and religions.

"I wanted to have a diversity of different nationalities represented, and I wanted to have a number of

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