

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Cheerleader wins first Jason Ray Memorial Spirit Award**

Junior cheerleader Jeremy Crouthamel received the first Jason Ray Memorial Spirit Award from the Department of Athletics on Tuesday.

The award is given in memory of Jason Ray, who served as Rameses the mascot and was killed last March while walking on the side of the road in New Jersey during the NCAA Men's Basketball East Regional.

Ray's parents, Emmitt and Charlotte Ray of Concord, presented the award at halftime of the North Carolina and Florida State game.

The award will be given to a member of the band, cheerleaders, dance team or mascots annually, who best honors Ray's spirit.

**Tyler Hansbrough named SI's National Player of the Year**

Tar Heel fans can now refer to junior forward Tyler Hansbrough by a nickname other than Psycho T — National Player of the Year.

Sports Illustrated named Hansbrough as the 2008 National Men's Collegiate Basketball Player of the Year in a cover story in the magazine's Tuesday issue.

The Poplar Bluff, Mo.-native leads the ACC in both scoring and rebounding — he's averaging 23.3 points and 10.4 rebounds per game before the regular season finale Tuesday night — and ranks eighth in the nation in points per game.

Hansbrough has won ACC Player of the Week honors seven times this season, tying the single-season record with UNC's Antawn Jamison (in 1997-98) and Duke's JJ Redick (in 2005-06).

Hansbrough is the 10th UNC player to earn National Player of the Year honors and the second — along with Jerry Stackhouse in (1994-95) to earn Sports Illustrated's award.

**Student advisory committee accepting new applications**

The student alcohol advisory committee is looking for new members.

The committee, which is made up entirely of students, reviews the University's alcohol policy to update rules and regulations.

The group will meet on a biweekly basis and will then move to a more regular schedule. The first meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 19 in the Student Union.

For more information, contact Ron Bilbao at ronbilbao@unc.edu.

**Spots still open to travel to Gulf Coast for building trip**

The Extended Disaster Relief organization is going to New Orleans to help rebuild the area.

There are still slots available. The total cost is \$120, including transportation, lodging and food.

The group will leave Chapel Hill on Sunday and return March 15.

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**CITY BRIEFS**

**Aldermen approve project to install disc golf course**

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen granted a request from the Carrboro Parks Project to raise funds to design, purchase and install a disc golf course at Anderson Park.

"A lot of people are interested in disc golf," said Susan Stone of the Carrboro Parks Project. "It's a low impact, potentially high-utilization asset."

Alderman Jacquie Gist voiced her support for the project. "You've really added to the quality of life here, and I appreciate that," she said.

Visit City News at www.dailytarheel.com for the full story.

**Chapel Hill woman was last seen Saturday, police said**

Chapel Hill resident Irene Mafe, 49, was last seen Saturday and has recently been suffering from anxiety and a sleep disorder. She has had difficulties with her medicines in the last few weeks, according to police.

Contact the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 with any information.

**STATE BRIEFS**

**Gov. Mike Easley partners with Japanese university**

Gov. Mike Easley recently announced the inception of a program with Nagoya University, a Japanese research university that has spurred a technological boom in its region.

The project is intended to enhance business ties and innovation between North Carolina and Japan.

The Japanese program will seek out N.C. companies for research collaboration and provide information on Japanese technological developments.

— From staff and wire reports

# Hillel director leaves post

BY KELLEN MOORE  
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The abrupt departure of an N.C. Hillel leader has some students lost in speculation, as the UNC Jewish organization's officials remain quiet about his reasons for leaving.

Josh Blumenthal, executive director of N.C. Hillel since September 2006, announced Sunday in a statement posted on the Hillel Web site that he has left his position.

"Something like this is really unexpected because he was just always there," said sophomore Ari Somekh, who attends Hillel functions. "He was really popular with all the students. Everyone that I've talked to didn't see it coming."

N.C. Hillel provides programs and worship services for the UNC Jewish community and 24 other N.C. campuses.

Blumenthal would not say why he left but wrote in his statement



Josh Blumenthal announced he has left his job as executive director of N.C. Hillel.

that "the board and I have determined that the time has come for us to part ways," referring to the Board of Directors for Hillel.

In the short term, Blumenthal said he plans to visit his family in Boston. As for his career, he said he will return to a film finance and production company that he's worked with in the past.

And while callers heard Blumenthal's voice when they reached the voice mail of the executive director Tuesday, Sue Klapper, a member of the Board of Directors, has already taken the position for the time being.

She will perform the executive director's duties, which include overseeing the staff, fundraising and coordinating with UNC.

Klapper will serve as interim executive director until the new director is chosen. Officials hope to find a replacement by summer with the help of the international Hillel organization, she said.

When Blumenthal arrived in 2006, he replaced Or Mars, who was executive director for six years.

There is no typical length of stay for the position, Klapper said.

"There will be turnover because you're sort of always on the job," Klapper said, adding that many directors work more than 50 hours a week. "I think people who do it really love it, but sometimes people can only stay with it for a certain number of years before they burn out."

Klapper has been involved with

Hillel since the early 1990s.

"Sue Klapper could be described as the mom of Hillel," said Elizabeth Bernold, president of Hillel's student executive board, adding that she thinks Klapper's past experience will help during the transition.

Hillel officials will look for someone with a strong Jewish-education background, possibly even a rabbi, as the organization doesn't currently have a rabbi, Klapper said.

But most of all, they'll look for someone who appeals to and works well with students — exactly what Blumenthal said he'll miss most.

"Even though I'm leaving N.C. Hillel, I'm not at all leaving students," Blumenthal said. "I want to keep those relationships because those are special and dear to me."

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# Wright counsel alleges racism

## Hearing should conclude today

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RALEIGH — The hearing on alleged unethical conduct by N.C. Rep. Thomas Wright, D-New Hanover, which could lead to the first expulsion of a sitting legislator since 1880, is expected to conclude today.

The hearing was waylaid Tuesday by a last-ditch effort to disband the N.C. House of Representatives Ethics Committee overseeing the process.

Wright's attorney argued that the legislator has received disparate treatment because of racism. A motion arguing on those grounds took up most of the morning, although the hearing was initially scheduled to end Tuesday.

Doug Harris, one of Wright's attorneys, supported his argument by citing that last year's investigation

into the alleged unethical conduct of N.C. Rep. Pryor Gibson, D-Anson, a white legislator, was not made public.

Harris demanded that the committee explain the differing treatment but expressed skepticism at its ability to do so.

"I doubt very seriously that explanation will be satisfying to black citizens of North Carolina."

N.C. Rep. Rick Glazier, D-Cumberland, the chairman of the Ethics Committee, said the two investigations were incomparable on any level. "Any argument suggesting otherwise is profoundly absurd."

The investigation of Gibson involved the inaccurate classification of a bill regarding town jurisdiction in his district, whereas Glazier said Wright's alleged misconduct is criminal in nature and stretches across several years.

The allegations against Wright involve hoodwinking businesses out of about \$170,000 and misreporting about \$185,000 in campaign donations.

Glazier also objected to the allegations of racism, saying that he felt personally attacked and that he has experienced discrimination himself.

"I am a minority member of a religion and have been discriminated against in that capacity a number of times in my life, and I understand the pain that comes with it."

Glazier also objected to the manner in which Harris made the allegations.

"I find acts of racism abhorrent ... I find equally abhorrent the racism label tossed out capriciously and discrimination allegations charged against people where no good faith basis exists in law and fact to do so."

Glazier dismissed the motion for lacking factual or legal standing. "I deny the motion as frivolous, groundless and meritless."

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DTH/KATE NAPIER

Danielle Fernandez, exercise and sport science major, teaches a Zumba class at the Rams Head Recreation Center. Zumba has become a popular group exercise activity the past few years at UNC. The upbeat exercise features aerobic-style dance to a variety of music.

# INSTRUCTORS PUMP IT UP

BY DANIEL PATE  
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About 20 students gathered for class at 4 p.m. Tuesday, but they took no notes, and their attendance was not counted.

They attended Cardio & Pump, which involves step aerobics with weights and is one of the group fitness classes at the Student Recreation Center.

Most of the fitness class instructors are students, demonstrating exercises and providing energetic motivation for their fellows.

The facilities at the SRC and the Rams Head Recreation Center are consistently packed on weekday afternoons with sessions ranging from cardio dodgeball to kickboxing.

"I love being an instructor because I get to motivate people and have fun doing so," said Sonja Bell, an instructor for Cardio & Pump, Cycle and occasionally Zumba.

Zumba, which involves Latino dancing with variations of other international dances, is one of the most popular classes held by the SRC.

There is such a high demand for the class

that additional classes have been created, leading to an additional need for instructors.

Fitness instructors must be knowledgeable not only in areas such as anatomy and exercise physiology but also choreography development, injury prevention and communication skills.

Trainees are expected to participate in 50 hours of training, attend workshops and serve as an intern in a fitness class. They also receive American Council on Exercise certification.

Although all instructors receive the same training, workouts differ from class to class.

Bell said that the number of fellow exercisers affects the quality of a workout.

"If you have a group of people and an instructor screaming at you, you have more motivation and are more likely to push yourself," Bell said.

She admits that nervousness is inevitable when she starts a new class. But once she realizes that all eyes are not on her, she finds a comfort zone, Bell said.

"Our attitudes feed off each other no mat-

ter what the atmosphere is," Bell said.

Dietra Buxton, a second-year graduate student who regularly attends Muscle Cut and Cardio & Pump, said that it is important for instructors to display enthusiasm when directing their classes.

"I want somebody that's energetic and makes you work out," Buxton said. "It helps make time pass by more quickly."

Buxton also said that the interesting personalities of the instructors help create a bond among the participants, which gives them incentive to continue attending and convince their friends to join.

But possibly the best part of fitness classes for students is their stress-relieving capacity as students take time off from their rigorous schedules to attend, some students said.

"I like classes because you don't have to think about it," Buxton said. "People tell you what to do and you follow along."

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# Cheating concerns students

BY KEELY STOCKETT  
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Teachers often remind their students that cheaters are only cheating themselves. But some local students are wondering if that's completely true.

While an investigation into cheating at Chapel Hill High School is ongoing, some students said they are worried that the incident will result in negative consequences for even those who were not involved.

Nandini Dhullipalla, a senior at the school, said she hopes news of the cheating ring won't affect the school's high academic reputation.

"I don't know if there are many people who are angry necessarily," Dhullipalla said. "A lot of us are just kind of frustrated because now we're, like, a cheating school."

That idea is somewhat disconcerting to seniors who still are checking their mailboxes for college acceptance letters.

"Some people think that it might hurt their own chances of getting into colleges," Dhullipalla said.

However, Barbara Polk, UNC senior associate director of under-

graduate admissions, said the Chapel Hill High School students who did not participate in the cheating have no need to worry about their standing for college admissions.

"It's not a situation where a handful of students involved in a situation means that the whole school is now tainted," Polk said.

"I think anytime you're dealing with a population of 1,000 students, there may be some things that happen that are not reflective of the overall culture of that school."

At the same time, Polk said students involved with the cheating will not be off the hook before their freshman year in college.

UNC, like many other colleges, asks applicants to report any criminal behavior they have engaged in or any disciplinary sanctions they have received. Students are required to report any changes to their answers after they submit the application.

Polk said because cheating merits disciplinary sanction, the admissions office has been made aware of the situation at CHHS, as well as the names of any UNC applicants involved.

"We have had contact with those counselors and have been in contact with the students involved," Polk said. "We'll work with those students as is appropriate."

Students made copies of a master key to the school several years ago, according to a letter from Principal Jackie Ellis to CHHS parents. The key allowed students to gain access to tests and answer keys, which were shared with other students. In a separate incident students passed copies of an answer key by cell phone, Ellis stated in the letter.

CHHS Student Body Vice President Kira Borman said she does not believe a single incident will tarnish the school's credibility. Instead, she said the true injustice lies within the direct consequences of the cheaters' actions.

"It doesn't just affect their grades," Borman said. "It affects curves, GPAs, class rankings. It's definitely disappointing, and it's a heads-up to the school that they need a new system regarding cheating."

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# How do you spell 'Literama Week?'

## Bull's Head will host spelling bee

BY SETH WRIGHT  
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The letters of the alphabet will become the mighty, flashing swords of competition at noon today as UNC students seek ultimate victory in the Bull's Head Bookshop's annual spelling bee.

The bee is held to promote the book store's "Literama" week, during which all items in the literature section are sold at a 25-percent discount.

And the competition will be fierce, with many experienced student wordsmiths vying for a \$100 gift card to the book shop.

"There's definitely going to be some English majors and some other people who are good spellers," said Event Publicity Manager Kyle McKay.

Although the spelling bee has been held in previous years, this is

**ATTEND THE BULL'S HEAD BEE**

**Time:** Noon today  
**Location:** Bull's Head Bookshop  
**Info:** Students can register at the bookshop desk before the event.

the first time UNC has hosted the event since 2005 because of renovations in Student Stores.

As of Tuesday 14 people had signed up for the competition. Organizers said there is a 20-entrant maximum because they do not want the event to last too long.

"We wanted at least 15 to 16 people. Hopefully there will be more than that," said Stacie Smith, Bull's Head's floor sales manager.

"And people who are in the store usually just stop and watch."

Smith said she expects participants to take the event seriously in order to avoid embarrassing misspellings.

But she stressed that it also

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