

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Apply for 2008-09 DTH Web, opinion leadership roles

The Daily Tar Heel is accepting applications for several leadership roles for the coming school year. They include:

■ **Managing Editor for Online:** a new DTH position; will guide online strategy as one of two No. 2 positions at the paper.

■ **Online Editor:** Hire and lead staff to run the DTH Web site, including daily posting and long-term special Web projects.

■ **Multimedia Editor:** Hire and lead staff to produce a variety of multimedia projects, both to complement work of traditional writing desks and to produce original, stand-alone content for the Web.

■ **Opinion Editor:** Hire and lead the DTH Editorial Board; must articulate extensive knowledge about the University and community.

■ **Public Editor:** Gauge reader and source reaction by being out in the community, on- and off-campus, soliciting feedback about coverage.

See "About us" at [dailytarheel.com](http://dailytarheel.com) or stop by the DTH office in Union 2409 for applications. Contact Editor-select Allison Nichols with questions at [nallison@email.unc.edu](mailto:nallison@email.unc.edu).

## Be on the new chancellor's student advisory committee

The student advisory committee to the chancellor is accepting applications for next year.

The committee is charged with representing students' concerns to the chancellor. Next year's committee might be especially significant because a new chancellor will be in place. Chancellor James Moeser will step down June 30.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday. For more information, visit [unc.edu/studgov](http://unc.edu/studgov).

## Advisory committee meets, touches on myriad topics

The chancellor's advisory committee discussed several upcoming issues at its Monday meeting.

Among the topics discussed were the faculty tenure process, the methods of dealing with violence and Chancellor James Moeser's plans after he steps down June 30.

Visit University News at [dailytarheel.com](http://dailytarheel.com) for the full story.

## CITY BRIEFS

## New art gallery on Franklin Street to open in late April

The Toots and Magoo Gallery will open in downtown Chapel Hill on April 22, the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership announced in a press release Monday.

The gallery, which will be located at 142 E. Franklin St., is owned by Cheryl Jernigan-Wicker, "Toots," Margaret Pearson, "Magoo," and Chloe Greene. It will feature fine art, antiques and paper goods.

Both Jernigan-Wicker and Pearson have experience in the arts.

Chapel Hill native Jernigan-Wicker owned Jernigan-Wicker Fine Arts in San Francisco from 1984 to 2003.

She was also president of the San Francisco Art Dealers Association from 2000 to 2003.

Pearson has been president of Pearson Tribal and Fine Arts since 1986 and is a senior member of the American Society of Appraisers.

Greene is the daughter of Jernigan-Wicker and studied Design at CalArts in Valencia, Calif. She worked as a visual merchandiser for several California paper stores and as the production manager for a boutique letterpress company in San Francisco.

The store's hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Anyone wishing for more information should call 942-3339.

## STATE BRIEFS

## Thomas Wright headed to prison for 70 to 95 months

Thomas Wright has been convicted on three felony counts of fraud. His prison sentence will range from six to eight years of incarceration.

Wright was convicted after six days of proceedings. His lawyer, Doug Harris, said he will appeal the conviction on the grounds that State Board of Elections officials gave irrelevant testimony that prejudiced the jury. He also said they will invoke precedent set by Supreme Court rulings about pretrial publicity.

The conviction comes after Wright's historic expulsion from the N.C. House of Representatives, the first in 128 years. The expulsion, which Wright is also challenging, stemmed from similar allegations.

— From staff and wire reports

## Congress pulls election bill

## Would have allowed campaign tickets

BY ELISABETH GILBERT  
STAFF WRITER

The first bill to be introduced to Student Congress this session has been shelved until at least January.

The move, which officials announced Monday, could indicate the tone of branch relationships this year, as Congress officials cited a concern about the executive branch's reaction to the bill as a reason for withdrawing it.

The bill would have amended the student body president elections to create a presidential ticket — requiring potential presidential candidates to name a running mate

before campaigning.

The vice president now is appointed by the president after the election, along with other Cabinet members, but the appointment must be approved by Congress.

Ben Mickey, chairman of the rules and judiciary committee, announced his decision to withdraw the bill Saturday, citing a lack of support from the executive branch and a need for further research.

"It was a little too edgy and drastic a change for them at this time," Mickey said. "We could work with them a little more and just come to a compromise so that the students can still get their say in this process

but also so that we can make sure that we're still putting leaders in for the right reasons."

He said the bill, which he had worked on for about three months, likely will not be reintroduced until next January, if at all. Before that, he plans to form a committee with members from all three branches of student government to revise it.

Student Body President J.J. Raynor said the executive branch likely would not support the bill if it resurfaced. She and her Cabinet worry that allowing presidential candidates to choose running mates before the election would lead to political bargaining, with presidential hopefuls appointing friends instead of qualified applicants.

"The selection process we have now is just so strong," she said.

Raynor did stress the need to continue the discussion about the election process and the Student Code as a whole.

And as the discussion continues, Raynor said she also thinks more people should be involved, including other branches of student government and students themselves.

"These are huge changes if you're talking about something like that. They had their merits, but certainly everyone needs to be at the table if we're talking about that big of a change to the Code," she said. "For something this big, I think it truly needs to be like a year."

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## ECU's election debate ongoing

## Hearing slated for Thursday

BY AMY EAGLEBURGER  
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East Carolina University will have to wait until a hearing Thursday to know the fate of recent student government elections.

Shortly after the elections on March 25 and March 26, members of the ECU Student Senate introduced a resolution calling for a new round of elections under the jurisdiction of a new elections committee. The resolution, which passed with the more than required two-thirds vote, cited serious concerns about fairness in campaigning.

But, given the short amount of time before final exams, there might not be time to carry out new elections, said Preston Stanford, president of the ECU Student Senate.

"Realistically, looking at the amount of time, I'm doubtful," he said. "But I think there should be just based on principle alone."

An early controversy came after allegations that a campaign ticket composed of current executive officials, including treasurer Guillaume Bagal, used student funds to buy T-shirts for their campaign.

The shirts, originally purchased for a Service N.C. event, were the same orange hue used later in the campaign to support Bagal's ticket. As treasurer, he had the ability to dole out student funds.

"It was brought up and they were caught in the act and the elections officials, as usual, did nothing," said Ryan Campbell Wiggins, a senior communications major who has been active in student government.

Student elections were also plagued with controversy last year. In that case, the student judicial branch decided that there were concerns regarding the fairness of campaign tactics and that a new election was necessary.

But that second election never happened. Marilyn Sheerer, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, was involved in that decision, although who actually made the call is disputed by student officials.

Current ECU Student Body President Keri Brockett said the issues this year are to be expected in any student government election.

"There have always been these types of issues and violations," she said. "People are disappointed in the results — it happens every year on every campus."

Other UNC-system schools have also seen election controversies in the past year, including N.C. Central University and UNC-Pembroke.

Wiggins, who is no longer involved with student government, said he is disappointed in what he sees as a deterioration in the quality of ECU's student leadership.

"When I first joined, it was one of the most valuable college experiences I had," he said. "The organization has done a complete 180."

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DTH/ELLYSSA SHARP

Sugarland, a Franklin Street dessert cafe, has applied for a liquor license and will start serving more than sweets in mid-April. The shop will serve beer, wine and cocktails, including a signature drink called the "Tartini," served in discontinued blue-bottomed martini glasses.

## SUGARLAND UNCORKED

## Cafe to serve soup, salad and Smirnoff

BY RACHEL KUROWSKI  
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Alice Turner, an exchange student from the United Kingdom, said she hasn't found a place to have a drink with her girlfriends in her year in Chapel Hill without the smoke, music and drunk men common to many bars.

The European student finds Sugarland, a Franklin Street dessert cafe, to be a home away from home, at least for gelato, pastries, teas and its specialty — cupcakes.

Now the cafe, which opened in early February, is adding an alcoholic beverage menu in mid-April to provide a "sophisticated, female-friendly" place where women can talk and drink comfortably, without loud music or interested suitors, owner Chris Ryan said.

"Most girls can't go into a place to have a drink without being hit on," Ryan said.

The bistro couldn't start serving alcoholic drinks when it first opened because liquor licenses — which cost \$3,000 — aren't issued

until April 1 each year, according to N.C. law. Ryan said he expects to receive the official license any day now.

Sugarland will serve imported beers, dessert wines and cocktails, but there will be no bar. Approximate prices will be \$4.50 for beer, \$5.50 to \$6.50 for wine and \$7 to \$9 for cocktails. Margaritas also will be on the menu.

The owners are especially excited about the "Tartini" cocktail, which will be served in discontinued Carolina blue martini glasses. "Smirnoff will be the baseline, and we'll go up from there," Ryan said.

The restaurant also lists lunch options, including soup and salads, on its menu online but has not yet started serving them.

The Ryans said they hope to attract people after plays and concerts at Memorial Hall, Hill Hall and Historic Playmakers Theatre. The restaurant closes at midnight.

Ryan said he and his wife, Katrina, designed the cafe to have a historical, cosmopolitan feel to it, like a 1960s-era European cafe.

"Sugarland is how I remember Chapel Hill before the chain restaurants came in," Chris Ryan said. "Each store had its own

architectural character."

Katrina Ryan said that she has lived in Chicago, New Orleans, Australia and Hong Kong, but that her time spent studying cooking in Bourgogne, France, is the largest influence on her vision for Sugarland.

"In France, we'd sit at the cafe closest to us and have a snack and glass of wine," she said. "It became exotic and romantic."

She said she wants Chapel Hill residents to enjoy the same experience.

Samantha Weissman, who just moved to Chapel Hill from Miami, came to Sugarland on her second day here and plans to come back once it starts serving drinks.

"Cupcakes and martinis are a good mix," she said. "Sugarland is a trendy, Miami-type place. But it's a lot cheaper."

The shop sold 6,800 cupcakes in its first month, Katrina Ryan said, describing the volume of sales as a success.

Most cupcakes are \$2.75, while the blue "Tar Heel fan" cupcake is \$3.75.

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## Panel shares impact of DWIs

BY KEELY STOCKETT  
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First-time drunk drivers faced sobering stories and statistics Monday afternoon.

As part of their court sentences, many of those who receive DWIs are required to attend a Victim Impact Panel, sponsored by the N.C. chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The meetings, held on the first Monday of every month at the Hillsborough courthouse, show drunk drivers the potential impact of drunken driving through the eyes of victims' families and friends.

"You're lucky you got caught," Lori Brown, a MADD state development officer, told the drivers. "You're lucky that all that happened was that you got pulled over and got a DWI."

Brown led the meeting with Barbara Blackburn, a victim assistance coordinator for MADD. Both emphasized that families of victims of alcohol-related accidents are the ones who suffer the most.

"It's hard to get your life back, and eventually you will, but it won't be the life you had before," Blackburn said.

Stacy Koon, who initiated Orange County's VIP, has firsthand experience with the effects of drunken driving. Her mother, Faye Coleman, was killed by a drunk



DTH/KRISTIN WILSON

Lori Brown, development officer for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, speaks to DWI offenders at the Orange County Courthouse in Hillsborough.

driver in 2006.

"Mom was a 20-year employee with the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Education," Koon said. "It's just amazing the impact she had."

After their mother's death, Koon and her sister, Jill Woody, wanted drunk drivers to know the stories of past victims and offenders who were involved in accidents.

When they heard about other panels throughout the state, they decided to introduce a VIP here. The two women often attend the meetings to speak directly with offenders.

"We make sure that they understand the things that we miss," Koon said. "I need my mom

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## Thesis candidates read from fictional works

BY ALYSSA GRIFFITH  
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Sex, incest, the modern South and the decline of dairy farms have been everyday subjects of classwork for senior Katherine Meehan this year.

Meehan has worked all year on a work of fiction that centers around a young Southern girl who is forced to deal with a sexually abusive father, in what Meehan says turned into a "mutilated" fairy tale.

Beginning today, Meehan and nine other students in the honors thesis class for fiction writing in UNC's Creative Writing Program will be reading excerpts from their year-long literary endeavor. Students enrolled in the thesis class for poetry will read from their work April 16.

Creative writing honors students are required to produce a manuscript of at least 100 pages of fiction or 1,000 lines of poetry.

"I desperately wanted to be in this class," said senior Adam Edgerton, who is in the fiction honors class. "I knew that I was going to be writing a book come hell or high water."

But becoming a creative writing minor at UNC isn't like declaring most minors at the University. Admission into the program is selective, based on a portfolio sub-

## 2007-08 Senior Honors in Creative Writing readings

**Fiction:**  
6 p.m. today, April 14 and 22  
Morehead Lounge  
1st floor, Graham Memorial

**Poetry:**  
5 p.m., April 16  
Donovan Lounge  
2nd floor of Greenlaw Hall

A brief reception will follow each reading.

mitted by the students and reviewed by a faculty committee. In addition, students must have completed several courses in their chosen track, either poetry or fiction.

"I've wanted to be accepted into this honors seminar ever since I took my first creative writing class," said Parker Woltz, who is in the fiction class.

Students meet twice a week all year to earn a total of six credit hours for the class and discuss their own work and offer criticism to

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