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MUM'S THE WORD



No announcement on NBA futures

BY DAVID ELY
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On a night meant for laughter and fun, fans of the North Carolina men's basketball team had to be reminded of such during the middle of UNC's annual end-of-year awards ceremony Thursday night at the Smith Center.

"This is a night about celebration," assistant coach Steve Robinson pleaded to a group of forlorn-looking Tar Heel fans.

He went on to tell the attendees about his days at Florida State, where people would "cut some arms and legs off to have a 36-win season" just to lighten up the mood.

But who could blame the UNC faithful for being a little anxious during all the festivities, what with the black cloud of the NBA hanging above the heads of Wayne Ellington, Tyler Hansbrough and Ty Lawson.

And for those hoping for a repeat of last season's banquet in which Hansbrough and Lawson announced their returns to Chapel Hill, mum was the word Thursday.

None of the three has announced a decision on his basketball future, and all declined to speak with the media after the event.

"What are they going to say?" head coach Roy Williams said. "They haven't made a decision."

Williams said, however, that by today he will have spoken to 18 NBA teams to gauge the trio's pro prospects and that he expected a decision to be made before the April 27 deadline to declare for the draft.

Until then, though, people throughout Chapel Hill will be forced to prolong the now-13-day-

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COURTESY OF CHAPEL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police say this photo is of Lawrence Alvin Lovette attempting to use Eve Carson's ATM card. Reports suggest it was taken before her death.

Carson warrants still are sealed

BY MAX ROSE
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Six search warrants and affidavits related to the shooting death of Eve Carson remain sealed at the request of Chapel Hill police.

Police Chief Brian Curran confirmed Thursday that Superior Court Judge Carl Fox ordered the contents kept from public record.

The documents include search warrants for the homes of both Demario James Atwater and Lawrence Alvin Lovette, Curran said. Both have been indicted for first-degree murder in the case.

Documents can be sealed to protect witnesses or to prevent the distribution of information that only the suspect would know, he said.

"That's how we separate real witnesses from fake ones," Curran said.

But The Durham Herald-Sun, which operates the Chapel Hill Herald, is suing to have the warrants unsealed.

"We suspect that the information in those warrants should be a matter of public record," Herald-Sun Editor Bob Ashley said.

The April 28 hearing, at which a judge is likely to decide whether to open the files, might give the public its first glimpse of the events of

the morning Carson died.

"I do think on the 28th there will be some information," said Jim Woodall, Orange County district attorney and prosecutor in the case.

"I'm assuming the judge will want some discussion of what the state alleges to be the facts in this case."

The (Raleigh) News & Observer is reporting that a surveillance photo police say is of Lovette attempting to use Carson's ATM card was time stamped at 3:55 a.m., slightly more than one hour before police found Carson's body at the intersection of Hillcrest Circle and Hillcrest Road.

The newspaper is reporting that the ATM was at Bank of America near University Mall, about a three-minute drive from the crime scene.

Police would not confirm the time of the photo or say whether they think Carson was in the car.

More information might be released at a May 5 hearing, when Woodall expects to announce whether he intends to seek a death sentence for Atwater.

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Districts change commissioner race

BY EVAN ROSE
STAFF WRITER

The difference between an Efland farmer and a Chapel Hill banker couldn't be more clear.

But many residents aren't sure if area-specific representation will be good for the county as a whole.

INSIDE Profiles of two candidates up for the board of commissioners. **PAGE 3**

Tuesday's early voting marks the first county commissioner race since a 2006 move to allocate seats between two voting districts. Previously, all commissioners were elected at large.

The board also will expand by two.

Current commissioners said they hope the change will diversify the board.

Some, however, are nervous

that the redistricting will divide the county.

Chairman Barry Jacobs said he is concerned that commissioners might be more preoccupied with their districts than with the county as a whole.

"I've been told that by elected officials, former elected officials and managers," he said.

Steve Yuhasz is one of four candidates competing for the seat available in district two, which represents the northern, more rural part of the county outside of the Chapel Hill-Carboro area.

He thinks the redistricting will ensure representation for northern Orange County.

"Certain people in basically what is the O.C. school district area have felt that they didn't have a voice," he said.

"The district two residents



Orange County elections

Where commissioners and candidates live in relation to recent redistricting:

DISTRICTS (Previously not divided)

● District 1 ● District 2

● Current commissioners' homes

DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATES (Two seats)

● Democrat ● Republican

DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATES (One seat)

● Democrat ● Republican

AT-LARGE (One seat)

● Democrat ● Republican

SOURCE: WWW.CO.ORANGE.NC.US
DTH/REBECCA ROLFE AND ALLIE WASSUM

haven't had anyone who is directly accountable to them."

Although candidates also stressed the importance of internalizing the needs of the county as a whole, the districts are dramatically different

areas with unique needs.

Luther Brooks, another district two candidate, is opposed to the land-transfer tax, which is more

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One-stop voting kicks off in county

One-stop voting kicked off Thursday at four Orange County locations, including the Morehead Planetarium. Residents can simultaneously register and vote early for the May 6 N.C. primary.

As of 4 p.m., 584 people had voted at the planetarium site.

Chief Judge of Elections James Weathers said most voters were students stopping by between class.

He added that he expects turnout to grow, predicting lines out the door by next Tuesday.

Chancellor James Moeser, Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy and Student Body President J.J. Raynor filled out their ballots early in the afternoon.

"I think people should always

vote early," Raynor said, adding that you never know what could stop someone from voting on primary day. "I don't think you should waste a vote."

Outside the planetarium Students for Barack Obama gave voters cookies and blue balloons.

Members of Heels for Hillary and supporters of Hampton Dellinger for lieutenant governor also came to campaign.

Raven Moeslinger, a volunteer for Obama, said the group plans to be outside the planetarium until one-stop voting ends May 3.

"We've gotten a lot of nods," said Noel Bynum, assistant director of Heels for Hillary. "I'll be out here again."

ON THE BALLOT:

- Presidential candidates
- U.S. Senate
- N.C. Governor
- N.C. Lt. Governor
- State Auditor
- Commissioner of Insurance
- Commissioner of Labor
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- State Treasurer
- N.C. Senate District 23
- County Commissioner
- Court of Appeals judge
- District Court judge
- Land transfer tax referendum

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DTH/WADAM SHERWOOD
Chancellor James Moeser gets his ballot in the Morehead Planetarium to vote early for the May 6 N.C. primary.

Jewish community prepares for Passover

BY DAN BYRNES
STAFF WRITER

Six-year-old Mendel Bluming of Chapel Hill searched his house for bread Thursday using a feather, a spoon and a candle.

"The candle represents our souls that have to find bad parts in our bodies that tell us not to do the right thing," Mendel said as his father, Rabbi Zalman Bluming, quizzed him on Jewish traditions.

Mendel was searching for the Chometz as part of the Bluming family's preparation for Passover, the Jewish festival of freedom.

Passover, which begins Saturday, is a week-long Jewish holiday and festival commemorating the liberation from slavery under the Egyptian pharaoh and the following exodus of the Israelites led by Moses.

The holiday is also meant for worshippers to focus on finding freedom from vices, or their own pharaohs, Rabbi Bluming said.

There are two Seder meals, which take place on the first and second nights of Passover. At those meals, families gather over a Kosher meal and pass on Jewish traditions.

The Blumings belong to the local Chabad chapter, which serves students on the campuses of UNC and Duke University. Chabad is the largest outreach Jewish organization in the world.

Passover celebrations at Chapel

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DTH/RACHEL RODEMANN

Rabbi Zalman Bluming and his son, Mendel, seen holding matzah, practice for Saturday's Jewish Passover celebration.

Passover gatherings

- **Minyan Shabbat Morning**
 - 10 a.m. today
 - 127 Mallette St.
- **Hillel Passover Seder**
 - 6 p.m. Saturday
 - 210 W. Cameron Ave.
 - Register at nchillel.org
- **Chabad Peasach Seder**
 - 7:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
 - 127 Mallette St.
 - Suggested donation \$18, with reservations made to Yehudis Bluming at 942-7663

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UNIVERSITY The APPLES service-learning program hands out awards.

CITY A Carrboro task force is lobbying for a library in the town.

10-year-old Sadie Frank hosts a bilingual radio show for WCOM.

STATE Students plan a petition to support undocumented students.

The Supreme Court upholds the use of Kentucky's lethal injection method.

ARTS 'Franco-Arabic Cultures Today,' a film festival, is this weekend.



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ON THE AIRWAVES

Town and University leaders, as well as activist and arts groups, met Thursday during the annual WCHL forum to discuss issues facing the community.

this day in history

APRIL 18, 1982 ...

The UNC men's baseball team beats Duke's nine, 3-0. The game is the team's seventh win in a row in the midst of a 24-23 record.

weather

Sunny
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