

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Thursday's pg. 6 article "Group set for spring visit" incorrectly states that Sally Couch Vilas came to UNC as a physics student. Although she graduated from UNC, Couch Vilas did not come to the University as a physics student. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

All-female a cappella group to perform spring concert

Cadence, an all-female a cappella group at UNC will perform its spring concert today beginning at 8 p.m. in Hanes Art Center, Room 121.

The group was formed in 2003 and recently recorded its first album *Banana A Cappella*.

Other University a cappella groups Psalm 100 and Grains of Time will guest-perform.

Environmental organization to screen documentary film

The Student Environmental Action Coalition will host a free screening of "11th Hour," a feature length documentary, at 6 p.m. today in Manning Hall, Room 209.

The documentary was produced and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio and is about the current state of the world's natural environment.

There will be a discussion panel following the screening, featuring "11th Hour" expert Stuart Pimm, as well as Richard Dent, the co-director of the "11th Hour" Action Campaign.

Maple View Ice Cream Shop to host running challenge

A local version of the Krispy Kreme Challenge, the Maple View Challenge will take place Sunday.

The race, which is cosponsored by Nourish International, will start at 2 p.m. at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center.

The cost of entering is \$15, and all participants will receive a T-shirt.

Participants will have to run from the planetarium to the Maple View Ice Cream Shop, eat a pint of ice cream and run back to complete the challenge.

Prizes include an Apple iPod touch, a \$100 gift card to Maggiano's and a 10-day European tour from STA Travel.

Students organize support for undocumented peers

About 30 students convened in the Campus Y on Thursday night to create an advocacy plan that will ask N.C. legislators not to pass bills that might bar illegal immigrants from attending N.C. colleges and universities.

"The UNC voice is very important in this debate, because it has the potential to affect our campus," said senior Kristin Economo, a member of the Scholars' Latino Initiative, who organized the meeting.

The group, called the Coalition for College Access, is planning to gather signatures from all UNC-system schools to demonstrate student support for illegal immigrants in the state's public colleges and universities.

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— From staff and wire reports

Students protest for labor

Sit in South Building to lobby Moeser

BY KELLEN MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Ten student members of the Carolina Sweat-free Coalition spent Thursday night in the lobby of South Building protesting Chancellor James Moeser's refusal to accept the Designated Suppliers Program.

Armed with sleeping bags and pizza, the students — and the police officers watching them — were allowed to stay past the building's close.

The students said they plan to stay until Moeser adopts the DSP, a system that requires a university to buy 75 percent of its licensed apparel from factories that pay living wages and allow collective bargaining.

"We're committed to this, and we're going to put our lives on hold until the lives of these workers are

respected," said senior Salma Mirza, an organizer for Student Action with Workers, a group within the Carolina Sweat-free Coalition.

About 30 more chanting, sign-holding protesters rallied outside the building before its 5 p.m. closure.

N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, who stopped by the rally, said she favored Moeser signing the DSP, adding that she plans to write Moeser a letter sharing her views.

"We're not going to change anything until we realize that people in other countries have the same rights as workers in this country," Kinnaird said.

Thursday's sit-in was the most recent of UNC social justice groups' endeavor to have the University

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Members of the Carolina Sweat-free Coalition sit in South Building to ask Chancellor James Moeser to adopt the Designated Suppliers Program.

Seniors to play Wii in the UL

Game night after library closes

BY LAURA MARCINEK
STAFF WRITER

The senior class will get an opportunity to compete in Olympic games tonight in the Undergraduate Library — on a Wii, that is.

At 6:30 p.m., after the library closes, the senior class will hold a Wii tournament using the two gaming systems the Undergraduate Library purchased for students.

"I really love video games, and I know a lot of students do, too," Senior Class Vice President Veronica Mora said, adding that it will give seniors a needed break from studying.

"It's just supposed to be a laid-back environment instead of a competitive tournament. Everyone that wants to play will get to play."

Winners will receive \$20 gift cards to Student Stores.

Seniors will be able to play other board and computer games, as well as enjoy free refreshments.

"We'll probably have Catch Phrase and Life because we're about to go out into the real world," Mora said.

She also said she is not yet sure if they'll be able to get the popular video games Guitar Hero and Rock Band from student government.

Senior Patrick Smith, who plans to attend the event, said he has perfected his Wii skills at Best Buy.

"I'm pretty solid at video games," Smith said. "Don't tell my mom though. It's one of those things I've perfected in college instead of perfecting my major."

Leah Dunn, director of the Undergraduate Library, said the event will be held in a screening room and in the entry- and upper-level atria. The tournament should not interfere with students studying at the library, Dunn said.

"We took that into consideration and held it at a time that the library would have been closed anyway," she said. "We look at the library as the central part of the students' lives, and our services are not all exclusively academic."

For example, students can rent movies from the Media Resources Center for recreational purposes.

This will be the third senior week event the Undergraduate Library has hosted since it was reopened after renovations in 2002.

Past events include a poetry night and a club-themed dance party.

The Undergraduate Library, however, is not regularly open for rent, mainly because of staffing issues.

"This is just something we try to do each year as a way to congratulate the seniors on graduating," Dunn said.

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Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today
Location: Undergraduate Library
Info: seniors.unc.edu



Sarah Hubbard cuts out a photo removed from a time capsule that her first grade class and a buddy fourth grade class put together and buried in 2000. Now a high school freshman, Hubbard returned to Mary Scroggs Elementary School on Thursday to open the time capsule.

TURNING BACK TIME

BY KATY DOLL
SENIOR WRITER

The molded pages laid across the entrance to Mary Scroggs Elementary School look much older than their 8 years.

But those eight years seemed like a lifetime to the high school freshmen and seniors gathered around them.

The fourth- and first-grade classes of 1999-2000 unearthed memories as they explored the time capsule they buried June 9, 2000.

"It was the (school's) first fourth-grade class," said Julie Dermody, the fourth grade teacher who developed the idea. "It just seemed with the millennium going on there was excitement going on, and I was trying to think of what would be special for the kids."

That year, her fourth grade class served as buddies to Pat Flynn's first grade class. They made the capsule together and buried it 1 foot out and 4 feet over from the garden, representing their grade levels.

But no shovels were needed Thursday as

the capsule had spent the past seven years in Flynn's office.

She removed it before the school put a tool shed over where the capsule was buried.

And this was a fortuitous move, as the capsule's contents had started to mold.

"If we had left everything in there, it would have been really disappointing because everything would have been yucky," Dermody said.

The students wrote letters to themselves and included hand-prints and school musical programs.

"Some of those things I put in there I still do," said freshman Derek Bryant. His favorite sport then was football, and he now is a quarterback at Carrboro High School.

First-graders drew pictures and wrote short notes, including Josie Hollingsworth's drawing of herself with zits and braces.

"It's true, I definitely have zits," she laughed with her friends.

And these exclamations were common as students reflected on "how grown up" they

were now compared to 2000.

"I miss all the good times we had," freshman Sarah Hubbard said.

But Dermody said many students didn't expect to unearth these memories.

"We never really thought people would go through with it," senior Alex Mask said.

But then the e-mails started pouring in.

"I was so impressed and amazed that seniors would be talking about what they did in fourth grade," Dermody said.

Five seniors and nine freshmen returned and quickly got down to reminiscing.

"I haven't seen any of them since fifth grade," senior Nazihah Shafi said.

Of Dermody's original 20-person class, two students now live in Korea and three live out-of-state, but they still contacted her.

"If someone in Korea has been thinking about this, we've got to do it," Dermody said.

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Editor's note: Mary Wolff also is a Democratic primary candidate for an at-large county commissioner seat but declined to be interviewed.

Jones highlights activism

Has been vocal voice for Rogers Road

BY DAVE PEARSON
SENIOR WRITER

When told she'd been described as a "fireball," Neloia Barbee Jones laughed and said she's having the best time of her life.

Jones is one of three Democratic candidates on the May 6 primary ballot for the at-large Orange County commissioner seat.

A steady voice in the Rogers Road neighborhood debate about a waste-transfer station, Jones said she thinks the skills she has accrued from both her activism and her education career prepare her for the county commissioner position.

"I'm not a politician," Jones said in an interview last month as she waited for her hamburger.

Jones said she has been so busy campaigning lately that it's often been hard to find time for three meals a day.

She said she's glad to have a flexible work schedule so she can put as much energy as possible into advocating not just for her own neighborhood but for areas around the county that need someone who can help them work with government.

Jones spoke about the towns of

Chapel Hill and Carrboro annexing county lands and the problems that sometimes result, such as dividing traditionally unified voting districts.

"If they're happening in my community, they're happening elsewhere," she said.

"It does not have to be the disenfranchised and impoverished who are affected."

Jones is honest about the issues she isn't as familiar with, and she said she thinks it's better to admit when you have something to learn.

"Knowing what questions to ask is a skill, and I'm not afraid to ask," she said.

In conversations with Jones, her ability to confront fear and difficulty comes across.

After moving to Chapel Hill in her early teens, Jones settled into the community as a fourth-generation member of the Rogers and Barbee families. She said one of her fondest memories is the dedication of the Barbee Chapel.

Her career in education had a bumpy start, but she said she doesn't regret taking a few years off before finishing college.

A UNC alumna and educational consultant, Jones said it's



Neloia Jones is one of three Democrats on the primary ballot for county commissioner.

never a bad idea to get more education.

As the conversation turned to water use and the environment, Jones recalled the days she spent as a "flower-wearing hippie."

She said that the environment has been a hot issue since the 1960s but that relatively little has been done.

Jones said her work regarding the waste transfer station opened her eyes to the interrelationships between issues.

"The more I got involved, the more I began to see things," she said.

"I saw the issues get bigger."

In September she represented the neighborhood and spoke at the Assembly of Governments meeting between local governments to improve commissioners to look for a new site for a waste-transfer station.

Jones said her motivation stems

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Pelissier stresses perspective

Has served for OWASA, Sierra Club

BY DAVE PEARSON
SENIOR WRITER

Bernadette Pelissier started a long way from here.

But the path that took her to Orange County has had a deep impact on her perspective, she said.

Pelissier is one of three candidates for the at-large county commissioner seat that is on the ballot for the May 6 primary.

After working until retirement in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Pelissier has spent time on the boards of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority and the Sierra Club, as well as several county planning commissions.

"I've always had this thing of wanting to work for the larger good of the community," she said.

In an interview Pelissier smiled frequently as she spoke of a range of topics. She spoke passionately and intensely about national incarceration rates; she giggled and reminisced about Carrboro Alderman Dan Coleman's novel.

The UNC alumna spoke at length about the ways her experiences have given her a unique perspective.

"People just want crime to be taken care of," Pelissier said. "We should take a step back and ask what causes crime."

Pelissier said she intends to offer a different but informed position on the board of county commissioners.

"I hope to bring more discussions to the table," Pelissier said.

Pelissier was born to French parents in Senegal; her father worked for the United Nations and her family moved often. The family moved to the U.S. when she was an infant, and she spent much of her childhood in New Jersey.

She said the several years she spent living in Syria as a young girl taught her to recognize differences between cultures and the importance of perspective.

"Issues are what motivate me," she said, adding that she sees Orange County as a good place to start addressing wider-reaching topics such as crime and climate change.

"A lot of the issues are not unique to Orange County," Pelissier said.

She said the time she spent growing up in other countries



Bernadette Pelissier is on the Democratic primary ballot for county commissioner.

taught her the importance of water conservation, an issue she worked closely with during her time on the OWASA board.

She served as chairwoman of the board during the historic 2002 drought.

Former fellow OWASA board member Penny Rich has worked with Pelissier not only on water issues but in local politics, as well.

Rich said that she doesn't always agree with Pelissier but believes that she will work hard to finish what she starts.

"Overall I think she will look out for the community," Rich said. "I think she will be a good leader."

Today she lives with her husband on a 20-acre farm where she grows her own vegetables.

Pelissier said she hopes to focus on streamlining sustainability programs.

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