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## Tar Heels back for the big one

Lawson; others pass on NBA chance

BY RACHEL ULLRICH  
SENIOR WRITER

Statements released by the University athletic department on the UNC men's basketball trio's return to Chapel Hill had one thing in common:

These guys want the championship.

"I am looking forward to working toward our goal of winning a national championship," junior

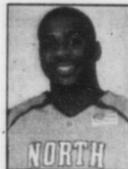
Wayne Ellington said.

Sixth-man Danny Green's release contained much of the same, and Ty Lawson, too, "looks forward to trying to ... win a national championship."

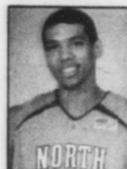
A trip to the Final Four in Detroit has become the expectation for this Tar Heel team, which boasts not only the three returners, but also National Player of the Year Tyler Hansbrough and an always-



Wayne Ellington scored 20 or more points nine times last season as a sophomore.



Ty Lawson will return for his junior year after missing seven games last year with an ankle injury.



Danny Green made 56 3-pointers last season, good for second most on the team.

strong supporting cast.

After all, each of the players says that's what he came back to do.

That's what the fans expect — they expected it last year.

And it seems that's what the pun-

ditions also portend — the same who determine the preseason rankings, and every ranking every week after that.

"Coach Roy Williams and the Tar Heel nation should have fun with

this crew. Start printing the tickets for the 2009 Final Four in Detroit," writes ESPN.com's Andy Katz.

"The (NCAA) title was won short-

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## Town, UNC to plan for Square

Space has many potential uses

BY BRIAN AUSTIN  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

When the University announced Friday the purchase of the 12-acre plot where Granville Towers and University Square stand, it announced few other intentions for the space, a void of information that has been quick to fill.

Some see potential for a parking garage. Others imagine stores continuously lining Franklin Street where a low wall currently stands.

University officials aren't sure what they'll do with the \$46 million purchase, but they say their focus is on growth and redevelopment in the downtown sector.

"I think some of those questions are just a bit premature," said University spokesman Mike McFarland. "It's not reasonable that anyone would know the answer to these questions at this point."

Town officials say they are optimistic, but remain wary of UNC's vague redevelopment goals.

"I don't think there's any clarity as to what the University plans to do with it," Chapel Hill Town Council member Matt Czajkowski said of University Square, but added that he trusts the University to use the property to improve downtown.

"The question, then, is how do you somehow use University Square and the attributes it has to broaden the attraction of the rest of Franklin Street?" he said.

The UNC-Chapel Hill Foundation bought the property from the Kenan family, longtime benefactors of the University.

The foundation will continue to pay property taxes to the town. In 2007, about \$868,279 was paid on the property, which is across the street from the planned mixed-use development for parking Lot 5.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Dick Mann said in a statement that the University has no plans to remove it from the town's tax rolls.

When giving the announcement of the University's acquisition, Chancellor James Moeser acknowledged that part of the

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## WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Area lakes offer cheap activities

BY COURTNEY ROLLER  
STAFF WRITER

With temperatures and gas prices rising, visiting one of the lakes in the Chapel Hill area can be an enjoyable and economical option for summer fun.

Jordan Lake, University Lake and Cane Creek Reservoir are three popular water recreation sites within a 30-minute drive from campus.

Jordan Lake State Recreation Area is made up of seven recreation sites, including two-day use sites, which lake spokesman Charlie Peek said "fill up very often in the summertime on the weekends."

Jordan Lake is the largest of the three and provides a wide range of entertainment, including swimming, boating, fishing and other outdoor activities, along with an exhibit hall with interactive information about the area's history and culture.

Peek said that Jordan Lake was built in the mid-1970s and that it is popular because it offers a wide range of activities and is accessible to a large part of the state.

"It's very big with families," he said. "There is a lot of family camping. Then the day-use areas attract a lot of singles, high-school and college kids."

Andrea Caruolo, an Apex resident and mother of two, said her family usually camps at Jordan Lake twice a month. "It's beautiful, we love to camp out here," she said.

Caruolo said her family enjoys several of the activities the lake has to offer, including the bike trails and Jet Ski access.

"It's fun playing on the Jet Skis in the water," Caruolo said.

### Local lake hours

#### Jordan Lake

► 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
► 565 Farrington Road  
Apex, N.C. 27523

#### Cane Creek

► Thursday-Saturday  
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
► Sunday  
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
► 400 Jones Ferry Road  
Carrboro, N.C. 27510

#### University Lake

► Friday - Monday  
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
► Next to Jones Ferry Road  
in Carrboro

"You get to see parts of the lake that you don't see when you're just camping or laying on the beaches."

For a parking fee of \$5, individuals can enjoy an entire day from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at one of the recreation sites, such as the Seaforth day-use facility, which offers swimming and beach areas, along with a playground and several picnic stations.

At such a crowded recreation site, State Ranger Rob Preston said his main concern is public safety and making sure people adhere to the water safety rules and the no-alcohol policy.

"We want people to come out here and have a good time, enjoy the weather, enjoy the beach area, as well as the campground," Preston said. "We just ensure their safety."

Jordan Lake is "a low-cost alternative" for people who can't afford to buy a membership to a pool or make frequent trips to the beach, Peek said.

"It's a very egalitarian kind of place and that makes it very popular," he said.

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Fishing, boating and other lakeside activities are at a summer high at Jordan Lake. The lake is significantly more full now than this time last year, as drought conditions and water restrictions lessen.

## Tar Heels face LSU in elimination game

BY POWELL LATIMER  
SPORTS EDITOR

OMAHA, NEB. — After dodging a bullet Sunday, North Carolina will have to play Russian roulette with LSU's lineup one more time tonight — this time, in an elimination game.

More from the Tar Heels' first week in Omaha.

PAGE 9 bracket for a rematch with one of the hottest teams in the nation, trying to continue their season.

This is the LSU team coming off a dramatic ninth-inning come-

### WATCH THE GAME

No. 2 North Carolina vs. No. 7 LSU  
Time: 7 p.m. today  
Network: ESPN2

back to beat Rice on Tuesday. The team that came within one home run of sending their first game with the Tar Heels into extra innings.

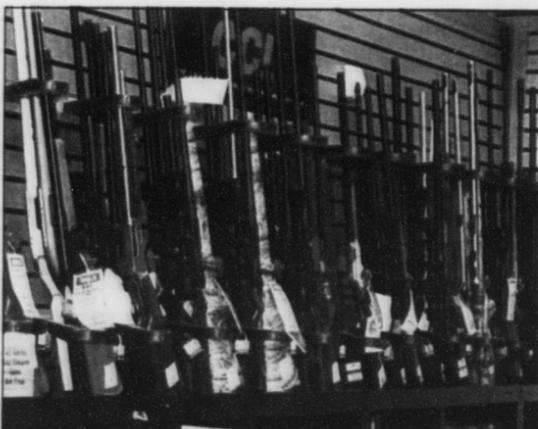
"Yeah, I don't relish facing them again," coach Mike Fox said with a laugh (that was more than half-nervous).

"But we're both in the same boat. I mean, we'll need to play

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## Bill aims to strengthen gun control laws

State regulations already are strict



DTH/RACHAEL OEHNING

Dick's Sporting Goods in New Hope Commons shopping center has hundreds of gun options despite tightening restrictions on gun sales.

BY DEVIN ROONEY  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

A bill intended to keep those with serious mental illness who are involuntarily committed from purchasing or possessing guns is now under consideration by the N.C. Senate.

The bill is sponsored by N.C. Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumlerand, senate majority leader. It passed a Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 7 to 4 on June 12.

If the bill is approved by the Senate at large it could further strengthen state gun control laws.

Gun control advocacy groups consistently find that North Carolina has the toughest gun control laws of most states in the

Southeast.

Rand said he sponsored the bill because it could make the state a safer place.

"I thought that the public deserved the protection that the bill would offer," he said.

N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper also has been a strong advocate of preventing the involuntarily committed from owning firearms.

"Stopping those with severe mental illnesses from having guns makes sense, and sharing the information can keep tragedies like Virginia Tech from happening in North Carolina," Cooper stated in a press release

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### announcement

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#### MUSIC REVIEWS

Check out reviews of new CDs by Chapel Hill's incredibly versatile Jenks Miller and Minnesota's own bar rock heroes The Hold Steady.



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#### BUSINESS FOR SERVICE

The owner of Chapel Hill Taxi donated a portion of his cab fares to UNC's Carolina Covenant and CHCCS' Public School Foundation.

### this day in history

#### JUNE 19, 1953

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviets, are executed by electric chair at Sing Sing Prison in New York.

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