

AUTOPSY

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The first searches of the residences were completed March 12 and resulted in the seizure of an ATM receipt generated from the withdrawal made by Lovette and Atwater, found at Lovette's house. The receipt had a shoe print on it, so in subsequent searches five days later, investigators seized 19 pairs of shoes from the suspects' residences to look for matches. Though the investigators discovered the receipt in Lovette's house, they still have not recovered Carson's ATM card, nor her car keys, both of which also were listed as "property to be seized" in the warrants. "Assorted vehicle keys" were taken from Atwater's apartment March 12, though none has yet been identified as belonging to Carson. Two shotgun shells, "assorted personal writings" and clothing also were taken from Atwater's residence. Several items seen in the ATM camera pictures, such as a Houston Astros cap, as well as "clothing with blood evidence or fiber transfer," were listed as items to be seized. Until June 30, Carson's autopsy and the warrants had been sealed at the request of Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall. Woodall asked that the autopsy be sealed until then in order to protect

the investigation and allow opportunities to verify confidential witnesses' accounts by unpublished accounts. It is because the information the witness gave was not public, the affiant writes in the warrants, that the testimony should be assumed "truthful and accurate." Superior Court Judge Allen Baddour ruled last week that the autopsy could be released and also ordered the release of the warrants. The defense argued that release of these documents could compromise the fairness of the trial. "We urge everybody not to have a rush to judgment and let the legal system play itself out," Jonathan Broun, Atwater's attorney, told The Associated Press. But Baddour assured the defense at a hearing June 27 that all judicial procedures would ensure fairness. Monday's hearing could be used as a Rule 24 process, which would examine "aggravating factors" in the case to determine if it is a candidate for the death penalty. Aggravating factors could include gang influence, "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel" crimes or the use of a deadly weapon — all of which potentially could be considered.

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SWING STATE

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"North Carolina remains one of the least unionized states in the nation," he said. "There is a lack of widespread union presence that forms a part of the skeletal system of campaign organizations in some other states." "Obama still has to have his own organization, along with the Democratic Party," he said. And Cope said the union efforts and financial support won't help only Democratic candidates. "Some of that money will be used in a bipartisan way," he said.

He added that although the union members will break up into teams assigned to specific races, the organization of the campaign could shift at any time. "It will actually be changing and flexible based on what the overall campaign is and how the polling data comes back and how we need to allocate our resources," he said. Cope ultimately was optimistic about the campaign's potential impact. "This will be the biggest election spending that public employees have ever seen."

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TITLE TOWN

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producer of the series, which will run during "SportsCenter" broadcasts set to begin airing this month. "What happened was people submitted entries and wrote essays about why their town was TitleTown. It was whittled down by a panel at ESPN to 20. "A lot of it was tradition, championships, players — it's the whole environment of why they're TitleTown. Then we'll visit each of the cities. Each city will present its case, and then from there the fans will vote online." A panel of journalists and anchors selected the 20 finalists, and one knows this area quite well — "SportsCenter" anchor Stuart Scott, a Tar Heel alum. Finalists are not limited to any rank, rather their reputation among fans for fielding championship caliber teams, no matter the arena. "We've got Chapel Hill; Knoxville, Tenn.; Lawrence, Kan.; Pittsburgh," Florkowski said. "No other schools in North Carolina — Los Angeles because of UCLA, the Dodgers "It's everything, all across the board — pro, college, everything. And high school — Valdosta, Ga., is one of them because they're such a powerhouse in high school." The full list of finalists and their credentials is found at www.espn.com. Given the list of athletes and championship success that have come from Chapel Hill, fans had plenty of ammo for their submissions on why they think TitleTown USA is right in their backyard. "There were more than a hand-



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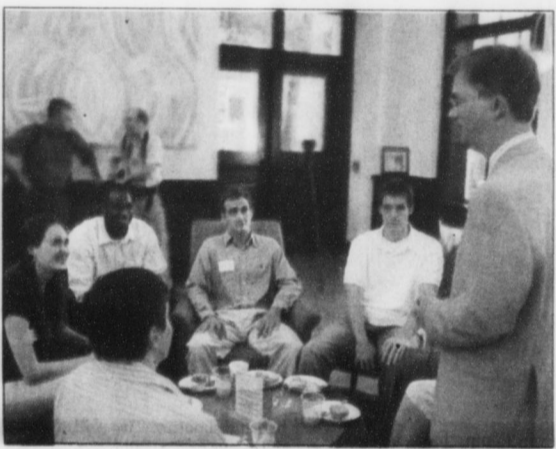
The storied UNC basketball program is a big factor in Chapel Hill's status as one of 20 finalists for ESPN's TitleTown USA award. ESPN visited the town last week, and the segment is tentatively scheduled to air July 8.

ful of essays that came from fans," Florkowski said. "That was the reason it was picked. There were a lot of people that really spelled out why this place is so special to them." Take heels4life07, a current North Carolina student who submitted an essay on Chapel Hill's resume, for example: "To get to the essence of what makes Chapel Hill great, one has to view the rabid fan base. UNC has its own color, Carolina blue,

and everyone in Chapel Hill bleeds that beautiful color." And even Florkowski agrees — the essays sent in to ESPN can be hard to argue. "For me, personally, I love Chapel Hill," he said. "I come here a lot. I live in Atlanta, so I cover basketball and a lot of different things here. There's a great history that goes with this place. "And you walk in this museum and you relive that history. It's not

just Michael Jordan; it's a lot of things. You can go back to (Bob) Cunningham, (Bob) MacAdoo — I mean, there's a lot here. So it's a great, great traditional program." Florkowski said that the Chapel Hill segment is tentatively scheduled to run July 8 and that the voting itself will begin July 24 and run through July 26.

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Holden Thorp chats with Caroline Schneider, Marcus Ginyard, Keegan Mueller and Bobby Frasor, among others, at his welcome breakfast July 1.

THORP

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The University's 10th chancellor chatted with about 40 students over biscuits and quiche in the Campus Y, receiving well-wishes and mingling among students of every stripe. The event, put together by student government and the chancellor's office, brought student researchers, group leaders and UNC athletes together. "One thing I've really been trying to do is to increase the chancellor's exposure to students who wouldn't normally get to meet him," Student Body President J.J. Raynor said, adding that she also worked with Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Cindy Spurlock to bring a diverse cross-section of graduate and undergraduate students to the event. "It is a good chance to get used to that diversity and to start recognizing it," Raynor said. Students got a chance to greet Thorp and talk about various issues they are interested in or concerned about. Transit came up as an issue for graduate students, some of whom also expressed their interest in the UNC School of Law's move to Carolina North, the research and graduate campus planned for north of the UNC main campus. But Thorp chatted as much as he listened, the former chemistry

professor at home even in a large group of unfamiliar faces. He also didn't miss the chance to publicize his high school band's reunion performance tonight at the Carrboro ArtsCenter, though he said they won't be playing any more Van Halen covers. Themes that Thorp said are emerging as issues his administration will have to deal with soon include negotiating relationships with the town, improving circumstances for students and brushing up on his faculty and staff relations. Thorp went on to admit his own relative inexperience in dealing with the affairs of the University as a whole. "Everything that goes on outside the College (of Arts and Sciences) I'm not all that conversant in," Thorp said, adding that he recognized his function representing the entire University. "And I can't do that until I'm the world's expert on Carolina," he said. Even after more than 25 years at UNC, Thorp said he's committed to learning more about the University and is eager to get started as its new leader. While Tuesday was his first day with the title, Thorp will be installed as chancellor on University Day, Oct. 12. Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

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