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NO BROADWAY SHOWS FOR BUTCH

UNC is looking to win its first out-of-state game since 2002. Coach Butch Davis said the team's game in Piscataway, N.J., is strictly "a business trip."

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MOBILIZING SUPPORT

Almost 50 students came to hear former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., speak Monday in support of Barack Obama.

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BATTLE FOR BLOOD

Appalachian State University wants to top UNC-CH's blood drive collection this year. North Carolina needs 15,000 pints daily.

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SOUNDS OF THE SOUTH

A two-day festival highlighting contributions to Southern music will feature **UNC filmmakers.**

this day in history

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Courtesy phones in campus libraries were disconnected after student government received a \$1,000 bill for calls to Virginia and Alaska.

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Policy aims to push students out

Class of 2011 must finish in 4 years

BY MARY COLE ALLEN

UNC is making it more difficult for students to take a fifth-year "victory lap."

The University has implemented a policy that requires students to finish their degree requirements in four years, replacing the previ-ous system that allowed students a

ninth semester.

The new policy affects the class of 2011 and after; students who

Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate edu-cation, said she hopes the new policy will encourage students to finish their degrees in eight semesters

We really want our students to graduate on time, and if they can't, we need to understand why," Owen

The new policy has elicited con-cerns about the stress it could put

Trey Kenemer, a ninth-semester senior and transfer student from UNC-Wilmington, said the new policy puts a lot of pressure on new students and transfers.

"It almost makes it that you have to come in knowing exactly what you want to major in," Kenemer

Under the new policy, students who are not on track to graduate in the allotted amount of time will be notified and must petition to stay

"The petitions are handled by

the College of Arts and Sciences, and a board carefully reviews each

student's petition," Owen said.

The College will look at petitions on a case-by-case basis to determine if the student has a legitimate reason to take extra esters, Owen said.

If the petition is denied, the stu-

dent cannot stay.

Owen said that about 76 percent of UNC students graduate in eight semesters, compared to 94 percent of Duke University students.

"As a competitive university,

dents aren't graduating on time and encourage students toward that four-year degree," Owen said.

She added that if students are staying extra semesters, it prevents new students from being admitted.

And with only a 22 percent admission rate for out-of-state students, Owen said a spot filled by a ninth-semester senior is especially valuable.

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WHEELS IN THE AIR



fter finishing a ride, sophomore Daven Quinn fixes the shifting on his bike to help the machine run smoother.

This summer Quinn participated in Bike and Build, a cross-country riding trip from North Carolina to California

with stops to build affordable houses along the way.

He was not a serious biker before participating in the program, but he has kept riding to stay in shape.

"It's a lot more fun than running and it's easier to hold a conversation with someone while biking."

GAC Greeks average only 8

Some groups like their smaller size

BY MEGAN HANNAY

Families come in all shapes and sizes, and this axiom is no different for members of Greek

Of the 12 fraternities and sororities that make up the Greek Alliance Council, the average number of members per organization is eight.

Smaller organizations can face problems with name recognition and large-scale member recruitment. But what they lack in quantity, members say they often make up for in group connectedness and

The group of mostly multicultural fraternities and sororities will vote on an update to its constitution Wednesday that would require each to participate in more academic and service events.

Sergio Acero, president of the Latino-focused Lambda Upsilon Lambda, said he would never want his organization to increase beyond a small group. "A dozen is the most we would probably want to have at one time,"

he said. "We all are an integral part of the organization."

Acero added that he likes the personal atmosphere of his three-member fraternity and says he hasn't found another group on campus that has the same mis-

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Homeless are ready to write

Campus Y starts up free magazine

BY AARON TAUBE

You probably know Ron Moore. You might have seen him with his distinctive white beard on Franklin Street outside of the Tarheel Book Store, tip bucket at his feet, strumming away at his acoustic guitar.

But chances are, you've never

heard his story.
Ron and other homeless men and women will have a chance to have their voices heard in a new literary magazine headed by the Hunger and Homelessness Outreach Program of the Campus Y.
HOPE plans on having the mag-

azine finished by the end of the semester. Students will distribute e magazine for free on campus, while the homeless contributors will pass them out themselves on Franklin Street.

The project started last semester as an extension of a creative writing program for the homeless held weekly at the Inter-Faith Council Community House on Franklin Stre

To start, HOPE Co-Chairwom Megan Strickland and Maggie West contacted people they met last year while working on a docu-mentary about members of the Chapel Hill homeless community, "Faces of Franklin."



Ron Moore, pictured above with his guitar on Franklin Street, will create a photo essay for a new literary magazine sponsored by HOPE.

"We found out they're really intelligent, well-spoken people, creative people. I guess that broke down some prejudices that I had," said Jonathan Young, a junior photojournalism and philosophy double major who worked on the documentary last year.

Young distributed disposable cameras to members of the homeless community in hopes that they will take pictures and submit them to the magazine. Moore says he is using the camera to put together a photo essay for the magazine.

They just told me to take pictures that other people might not notice because I'm out on the street We found out they're really

and I see things," Moore said.
Moore, originally from Ocala,
Fla., has been living in Chapel Hill
for 22 years. He spent the first 17
working at UNC Hospitals before
complications with his legs forced
him out of his job and into a career as a street musician.

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Moore says even though his background is in music, he still enjoys reading and writing.

"It gives you another avenue of escape besides putting on some earphones and listening to some band," he said. Though this is the first such

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Carrboro's common workspace set to go

BY JEFF WOODALL

To open Carrboro Creative Coworking, Chapel Hill resident Brian Russell used his own home as collateral.

"The goal was about developing a community and having resou for people to get along together," Russell said. "I wanted a space for people who are involved in making things and who thrive in col-laboration."

Although the workspace — intended for professionals without an office who want their own space— won't open until Oct. 1, writers, designers and engineers

have begun reserving space.

The concept of coworking began in California when people working in homes, restaurants and coffe shops wanted a place to collaborate and work with other people.

Russell said he discovered coworking communities online and wanted to bring the informal siness atmosphere to Carrboro. On June 17, Russell post-

ed "We're in Business" on the Creative Coworking Web site after the Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved a \$90,000 Carrboro Revolving Loan to help Russell establish the business, North Carolina's first professional coworking space.

Last week, Russell welcomed

those interested to view the build-

"The goal was about developing a community and having resources for people to get along."

BRIAN RUSSELL, COWORKING FOUNDER ing on Lloyd Street that will house

Creative Coworking.

The inside of the building is still empty, but Russell thinks the loan approved by the Board of Aldermen will soon bring the office space to life.

He plans to outfit the space with printers, copiers, video equipment, a computer server, a television and all the coffee needed to burn the midnight oil.

midnight oil.
"There is a great need for conference space, and I'm really trying not to nickel and dime people like normal conference spaces do," Russell said. "I want people to have a chance to collaborate with each other."

James Harris, Carrboro's direc-

tor of economic and community development, said the aldermen decided a coworking space would benefit local mobile workers.

"We saw it as a way to create jobs and add to the vitality of the com-munity," Harris said. "The idea met

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