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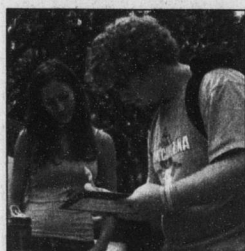
LEARN ABOUT ISLAM

The MSA is sponsoring a week of awareness events in the Pit. Check out a story on Monday's event and a schedule for the week.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

The battle-tested Sydney Crane and the talented underclassman Allie White currently are turning their efforts to the opener of UNC's fall season.



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GETTING OUT THE VOTE

Groups on campus have been working to register voters ahead of the November's election.

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Triangle groups mobilize.

NEW AIRPORT LOCATION

Community group will decide the location of new airport.

EDITOR'S NOTES BLOG

We hired about 140 new staff. Learn about how they factor into our teaching mission.

CORRECTION

Due to reporting errors, Wednesday's pg. 1 story, "Play probes life of women with HIV," misidentified the characters in "In the Continuum." Abigail is a middle-class housewife in Zimbabwe, and Nia is a black woman living in South-Central Los Angeles. The article also misattributes the following quote, "It is essential for us to pick shows that will evoke controversy and debate in the community."

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

this day in history

SEPT. 16, 1980

More than 300 students camp out at the UNC Traffic Office for parking stickers. They threw frisbees and drank beer to pass the time.

Today's weather

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Quality a factor for growth

BY LAURA MARCINEK
STAFF WRITER

As North Carolina grows, so shall the University.

But as the University expands, administrators fear the quality of the student body will decline, something Chancellor Holden Thorp and other administrators are working hard to prevent.

Up to 80,000 students are

UNC Challenges:

Wednesday: research expansion

Thursday: faculty retention

expected to flood into the UNC system within the next decade.

"It wouldn't be to our advantage to say we weren't

going to participate at all" in shouldering that growth, Thorp said.

An ongoing study presented to the Board of Trustees in March shows that the University's academic quality is at risk unless it does a better job of attracting more

of the best in-state students.

To prevent that decline, administrators will need to juggle the many problems accompanying enrollment growth, such as a need for more merit-based aid and a need for more class space.

Those challenges guarantee that enrollment will be at the forefront of the University's agenda for years to come, and Thorp has made getting the best in-state students one of his three priorities for this year.

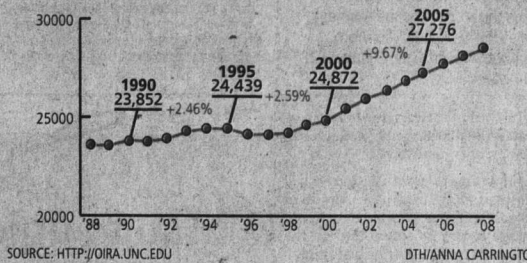
"What you're going to see coming from me is an extraordinary emphasis, really like nothing we've seen in the past, on how to recruit the undergraduate and graduate students we want to come to Carolina," Thorp said.

Getting the top N.C. students

Stephen Farmer, UNC-Chapel Hill's director of admissions, will take the leading role in finding creative new ways to recruit students.

UNC-Chapel Hill enrollment on the rise

Since 1998, enrollment has grown steadily and will continue to grow. The administration worries about its effect on the quality of education here.



Thorp will supplement that effort.

"We want to use him as a secret weapon in those places he can make a difference," Farmer said.

For example, Thorp said he signed "a whole bunch of letters" to prospective students, some

with personal notes at the end.

While the chancellor is an "excellent resource" in recruitment, Farmer said the entire University and students in particular should get more involved.

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CELEBRATE EACH OTHER

Singapore festival revealed at UNC

DTH ONLINE: Learn about the origin of the mooncakes and watch the student festivities.

BY NATE HEWITT
FEATURES EDITOR

Paper lanterns and boxes of Chinese delicacies adorned a North Campus quad Monday night in celebration of the Singaporean Mooncake Festival.

About 40 students snacked on mooncakes and sipped Chinese tea before performing a skit that told the story of the festival's origin.

The festival — which commemorates a Chinese queen who sacrificed herself to save her country — traditionally is an occasion to spend time with family and friends.

"It's really good to learn more about their culture and how they celebrate," said sophomore Bridgette Scholl, who has gotten to know several Singaporean exchange students who attend her Bible study.

The newly formed Carolina Singapore Association sponsored the event.

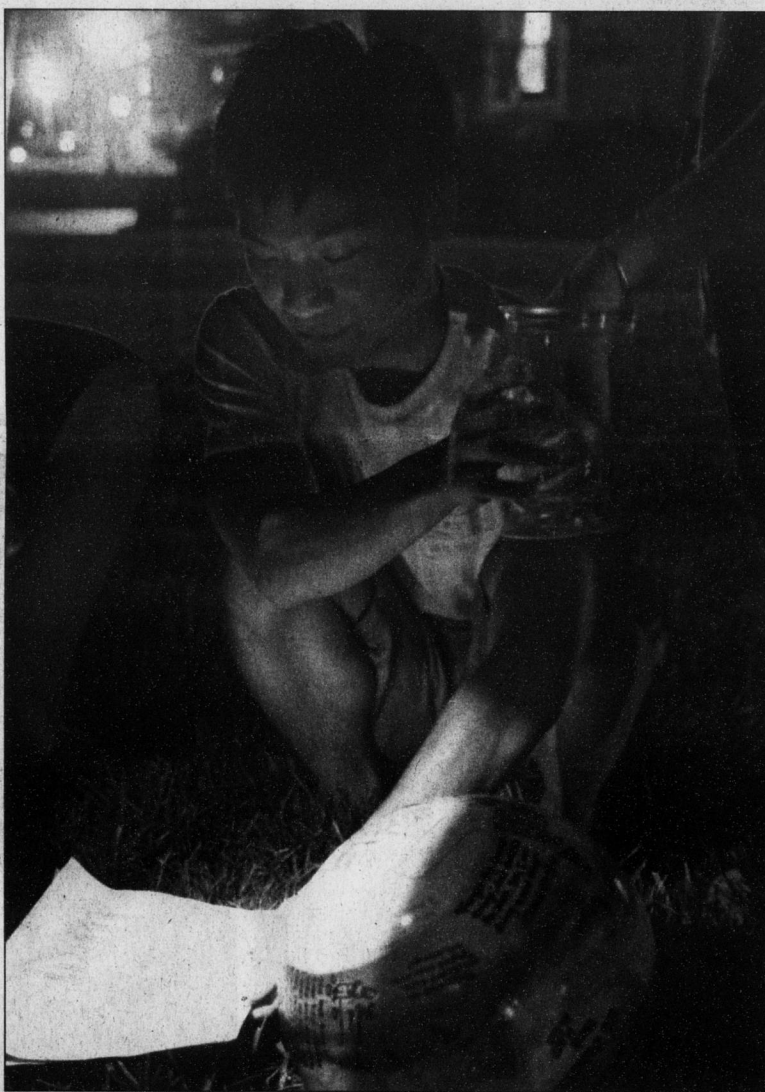
"I had such an incredible time in Singapore," said senior Jessie Poteat, who studied abroad in Singapore during spring 2007. "And this is a great way to connect with people who understand the culture."

Junior George Fu ShengJie said spending time with friends during the festival helped alleviate his homesickness.

"Since my family would not be around, it would be a different experience," Fu ShengJie said.

Two co-presidents, one Singaporean and one American, head the group, which is in the process of becoming officially recognized by the University.

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Senior Alexis Yeo assigns skit lines by luck-of-the-draw to students re-enacting a traditional legend at a celebration of the Singapore Mooncake Festival in a North Campus quad Monday.

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Researchers look at town IDs

Program would aid undocumented

BY LINNIE GREENE
STAFF WRITER

Community members who want Carrboro to provide municipal identification cards to undocumented residents are looking into the types of identification that local service providers require.

For those without valid Social Security cards or driver's licenses, access to many services is limited.

Starting this week, UNC senior Drew Felts will be interviewing business members of the Comité de Asuntos Latinos de Orange, a Latino rights group comprising several area businesses and social service organizations.

The study is composed of a series of questions that attempts to get an idea of what identification information local companies need to provide services for residents.

"CALDO had interest in trying to see what other kinds of programs out there are available to try to provide undocumented Hispanic immigrants with some form of documentation," Felts said.

UNC professor Darcy Lear, a Comité member who is working with Felts, said the group is looking at a municipal ID program already in place elsewhere as part of its research.

"We're looking at the New Haven, Conn., municipal ID program to have a model of a municipality that isn't hostile toward the hardworking immigrants in the community."

New Haven made municipal IDs available in 2007 to local residents, including undocumented immigrants, so they can access services.

The town offers identification cards with a debit feature that also give residents who don't qualify for driver's licenses access to public libraries, parks and recreational sites.

Jacqueline James, a New Haven alderman, said one major goal of the program is to make illegal residents feel safe using community resources, such as police and banking services.

"As a city, we are in support of

"We just want to find out if there is a need for a municipal ID."

DARCY LEAR, UNC PROFESSOR
RESEARCHING POTENTIAL OF MUNICIPAL ID PROGRAM FOR CARRBORO

addressing immigration issues and laws and actually trying to be a part of something positive and affecting some level of change," James said.

Victor Melendez, executive director of El Centro Latino, said any type of identification card for undocumented immigrants would help. He also said a municipal ID would be limited in its scope.

"It's a very limited type of ID and doesn't go beyond those boundaries," he said. "It's very limited to the residents of that municipality."

Both Lear and Felts stressed that the study into the ID requirements is in the initial stages.

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Paranormal investigators ain't afraid of no ghosts

Nonprofit looks at haunted homes

BY NICK ANDERSEN
STAFF WRITER

Move aside, Ghost Busters.

Any unhappy spirits haunting local homes must now answer to the Central Raleigh Paranormal Investigation team.

The organization, a nonprofit team of research investigators, seeks to provide answers to seemingly unexplainable events plaguing Triangle residents.

"We want people to feel comfortable in their homes," investigator Niki Sherman said. "No one should feel alone when they are dealing with potentially paranormal activity."

Central Raleigh Paranormal, founded in January by Jason Jording and Paul and Niki Sherman, has tried to fill a gap in community resources.

"The community didn't have anywhere to go to prove that these things really are happening, that

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

Contact the Central Raleigh Paranormal Investigation Team at webmaster@central-rpit.com.

ONLINE: Listen to whispers and other recordings at www.central-rpit.com/pics_and_evps.

they are sane and that others have gone through the same thing," Niki Sherman said. "It's really a search for answers that aren't out there."

Each member has had personal experience with the uncanny and paranormal.

"People told me stories about my psychic great-grandmother," Jording said. "She once predicted the death of a neighbor months before it happened."

And team members believe paranormal activity does sometimes exist.

Using digital voice and video recorders, electromagnetic field

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