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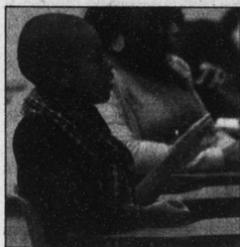
GAS PRICES

Some N.C. gas stations have raised prices enough to result in 3,200 reports of price gouging filed since Friday.

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FOOTBALL MATCHUP

As the UNC football team prepares to face Virginia Tech on Saturday, sophomore corner Kendrick Burney is asking, "Can we contain Tyrod Taylor?"



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DEFINITIONS

Kappa Alpha Psi held a forum Tuesday titled "Does Your Greekdom Define You?" that drew a crowd of about 40 Greeks and non-Greeks.

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Grab a coffee with assistant features editor Sarah Frier at the Daily Grind on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and at Caribou Coffee on Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon.

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ANN ARBOR BLOG

An editor gives an insider's look at the Inter-City Visit and Leadership Conference.

TOWN HOUSE PROJECT

The housing complex could face the wrecking ball.

FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

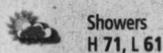
UNC delivers another shutout.

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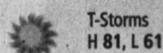
SEPT. 17, 1987

The Bell Tower rang for 200 seconds to honor the bicentennial of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. The songs included "America the Beautiful" and "Hark the Sound."

Today's weather



Thursday's weather



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Chancellor pushes research

BY LINDSEY NAYLOR
PROJECTS CO-EDITOR

Chancellor Holden Thorp has stepped into his post at a time when universities are competing ever more intensely for research funds.

Thorp is new to the role of chief fundraiser for the University, and he's assumed that mantle in the midst of an ambitious campaign to raise external research funding to \$1 billion by 2015.

But Thorp is familiar with the on-the-ground complexities of university research — the grant writing, the regulations, the science and the economics. And those involved with research at UNC expect that to help their cause.

Thorp began his research career as a UNC undergraduate in the chemistry labs, and it peaked

when he returned as professor and department chair.

As chancellor, he has some ideas about the direction he would like to see other University research take.

He said he wants more of a focus on undergraduate research, and he'd like to see more risks taken to get faculty research to market.

"I'm an experimentalist; I like to try things," Thorp said in an interview. At his first open-house forum as chancellor, he told students:

"If you all don't experience what it is that makes a research university different, then ultimately the way that we have been doing public higher education for 200 years is going to be in danger."

Undergraduate research

Since 2006, the University has

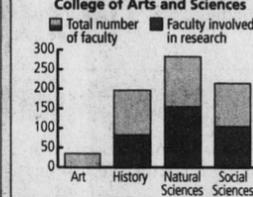
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University research participation

The University depends on external funding for the vast majority of its research. UNC's federal research funding has grown despite a national trend to the contrary.



Faculty involvement in the College of Arts and Sciences



SOURCE: RESEARCH.UNC.EDU

DTH/ASHLEY HORTON AND KRISTEN LONG

Sixth charged in Aug. killing

Had claimed to be kidnapped

BY EMILY STEPHENSON
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

A man who claimed to have been abducted in August by three of the suspects in the kidnapping and shooting death of a Chapel Hill man is now the sixth suspect.

Matt Johnson is charged in the shooting death of 20-year-old Joshua McCabe Bailey, District Attorney Jim Woodall said Tuesday.



Joshua Bailey was found dead Friday in Chatham County.

Johnson told police last week that he was abducted, beaten, choked and threatened on Aug. 17, by Brian Gregory Minton, 28, Jack Johnson II, 19, and Jacob Alexander Maxwell, 18, — all suspects in Bailey's death.

A judge denied bond Tuesday for Matt Johnson, Jack Johnson II, Maxwell, Minton, Brandon Hamilton Greene, 26, and Ryan Ladar Davis Lee, 20, who have been charged with first-degree murder and first-degree kidnapping in the case.

A confidential informant told investigators that the defendants dug a shallow hole before shooting Bailey in the head with a nine millimeter pistol in a wooded area by Twisted Oak Drive in Orange County, according to search warrants.

The suspects allegedly moved Bailey's body to Chatham County, where investigators found him dead Friday.

"They moved his body from a location in Orange County to a location down in Chatham County," Woodall told the court Tuesday.

Steve Bailey, the victim's father, last saw his son in the afternoon of July 21 on Weaver Street in Carrboro.

Woodall said all six of the men charged with murder and kidnapping seem to know each other, and he believes Bailey knew most of them as well.

"It seems that everyone does know everyone else," Woodall said. "Most of them have known each other for some time. The victim knew most of them."

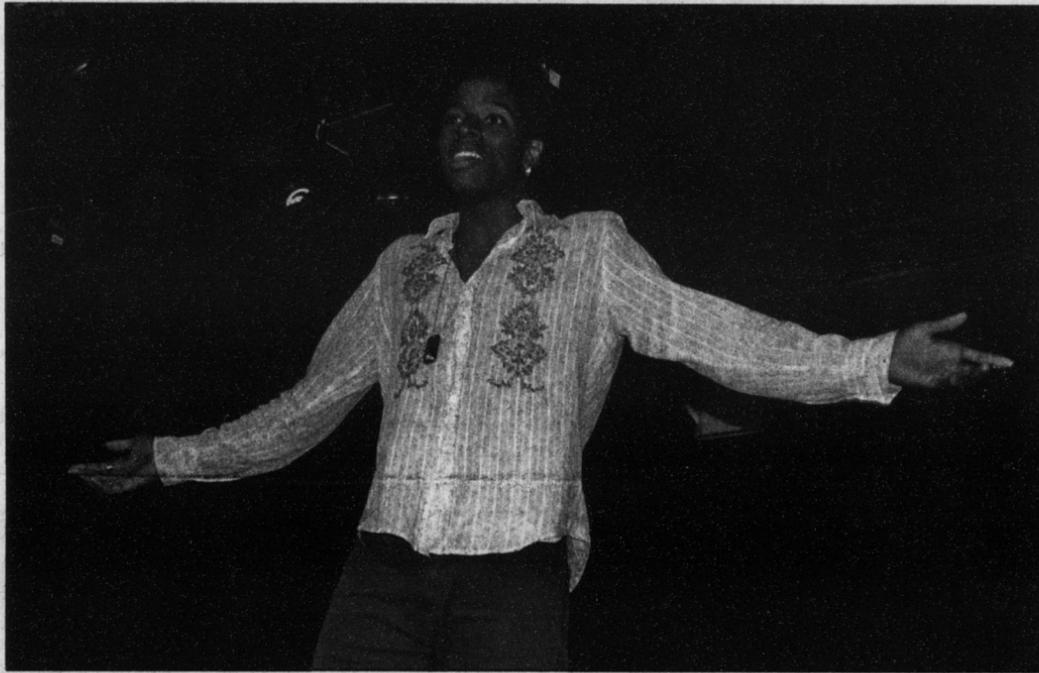
He said sheriffs did not release Matt Johnson's name Monday with the other five because police had to travel to Wilmington to arrest him.

The men will be held without bond until an Oct. 6 court date.

District Court Judge Beverly

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POETICALLY MINDED



DTH/LISA MARIE ALBERT

First-year Lex-jordan Ibegbu preforms during EROT's auditions on Tuesday evening in the Union. EROT is UNC's premier slam poetry group. They host two full-length theater productions per year. Slam is a growing type of performance art, specifically in urban areas.

Spoken word poetry group in the midst of auditions

BY SETH WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Students have an opportunity to help perpetuate a tradition that has been around longer than Shakespeare or Milton — spoken word poetry.

Ebony Readers/Onyx Theatre, UNC's spoken word poetry group, is holding the second day of its annual auditions 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. today in the Union Cabaret.

About 80 people are trying out this year.

The origin of spoken word poetry predates that of written poetry, and the art initially used rhyme schemes as an aid for memory, said professor Michael McFee, director of the creative writing program.

"Poetry is, after all, an oral art," he said.

McFee said EROT was tapping into an ancient pleasure, noting that the tradition of hearing poetry recited aloud extends far

back in history.

"It reminds us that poetry is embodied art that comes out of living, breathing human beings and not just their minds and their computers," he said.

EROT was created by members of the Black Student Movement in the 1980s, originally focusing on racial issues.

But during the past three decades, the group has deepened their issue base to include classism and socioeconomic disparities.

"We are not limited to those topics," said Donovan Livingston, EROT co-president. "Our voices extend far beyond those realms."

McFee said there is a large difference between simply reciting poetry written for a collection and performing a poem as EROT does.

EROT's 13 members will perform often on campus this year. Livingston said EROT

ATTEND THE AUDITIONS

Time: 6:30 p.m. today
Location: Student Union Underground
Info: www.erot-unc.com

wants the new members to inspire the group, which typically rounds out at about 20.

As EROT grows, its members will not only write and perform a theatrical production, but also perform around campus and host an open mic show to top off the year.

Livingston said the group averages one performance every two weeks, and campus organizations can request EROT to perform at their events.

Corinna DeWitt, a first-year who auditioned yesterday, recited her poem called

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Board takes over waste siting

BY EVAN ROSE
STAFF WRITER

Of the top four potential sites for a new waste transfer station, the first two are in Hillsborough's economic development district, number three is adjacent to a mobile home park and number four has been home to a landfill for 36 years.

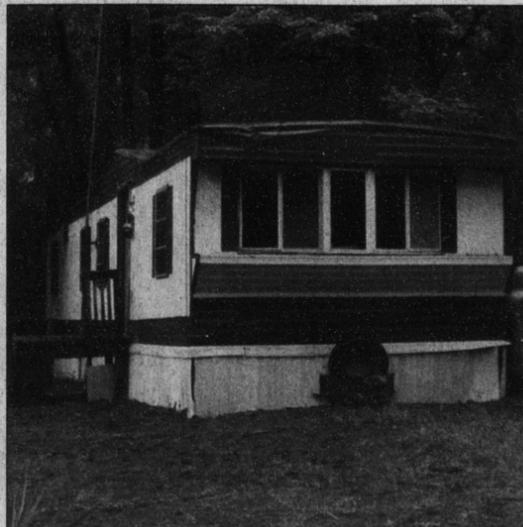
Orange County Commissioners say something went wrong.

Now the board members are taking the siting process into their own hands, voting Tuesday to apply criteria immediately that would take into account factors such as environmental justice and a site's proximity to schools and parks.

"This process is our process," Commissioner Moses Carey Jr. said at the outset of the meeting. "It's not the contractor's process. We know what we want to happen tonight — and that's what we should do."

After the motion Tuesday, the

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DTH/SHANNON CHURCH

Crawford's Mobile Home Park is adjacent to one of the 10 waste transfer sites on the Orange County Board of Commissioners' list.

Chancellor pledges to review Latino center

BY KELLEN MOORE
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Students are excited about the possibility of a Latina/o center at UNC, but University administrators want to proceed more cautiously.

More than 75 students and faculty attended a forum Tuesday night to discuss possibilities for the center.

Despite their enthusiasm and past support from South Building, current administrators have committed only to studying the idea.

The center is one of two student recommendations included in the University's response to UNC Tomorrow, which outlines how the UNC system can help meet the state's needs in the next 20 years.

In April, as administrators were preparing the University's response to UNC Tomorrow, Chancellor Holden Thorp, then-dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, expressed reservations about the necessity of the center.

In an e-mail sent to Vice

Chancellor for Public Service and Engagement Mike Smith, Thorp explained his reasoning:

"With the curriculum in Latin American Studies and the Center for the Americas, it's not clear what is missing," Thorp wrote. "I'd hate to create the perception that we have a problem with Latino students when they're actually doing well."

Thorp added that students may have been trying to push the issue of undocumented Latinos, writing, "I doubt we want to get into that."

But on Tuesday, Thorp changed his tune.

"The provost and I need to look at the proposal on its merits, with a fresh start, and that's what we intend to do," Thorp said. "The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is different than the chancellor. I'm doing my new job now."

Thorp said he is no longer concerned that the center would unne-

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