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The West Franklin Street store has been able to survive where many other record stores in the area have not.

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CARSON SCHOLARSHIP

The committee is working on raising funds for the Eve Carson Memorial Scholarship, to be awarded for the first time.



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CORNERBACKS

Butch Davis thinks more cornerbacks are being put on the spot to make tackles as spread and option offenses make a comeback.

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The commencement speaker advisory committee meets.

HIV PREVENTION

A new study offers some recommendations.

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the headline on Wednesday's front page story, "Sixth Charged in Aug. killing," should not have said when Joshua Bailey was killed. The time of his death is not known. Due to a reporting error, the story also incorrectly states Brian Gregory Minton's age. He is 18.

Due to an editing error, a bar graph in Wednesday's front page story "Chancellor pushes research" dropped the word "undergraduate" when describing the proportion of College of Arts and Sciences faculty involved in research.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

this day in history

SEPT. 18, 1964

A pep rally featuring cheers, songs and a huge bonfire takes place at Emerson Stadium, the 2,400-seat stadium on the current site of Davis Library.

Today's weather

Sunny
H 82, L 61

Friday weather

Party sunny
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Faculty remain high on the list

BY SERGIO TOVAR
SENIOR WRITER

Retaining and recruiting the best faculty has long been a cardinal pursuit for University leaders.

Faculty retention didn't find its way into Chancellor Holden Thorp's specific priorities for this year, but he said the issue still occupies a prominent place in his mind.

UNC Challenges:

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There's no question that adding new support, building the faculty is a major overarching priority for UNC. It was 250 years ago, and it is now," Thorp said.

Faculty retention has been a challenge for some time. A rude awakening came in the spring of 2003 when

about 50 faculty members — 60 percent of those who received outside offers — left the University.

Since then, administrators have made faculty retention a priority. Because research shows that compensation is the highest concern for departing faculty, the University has a mission to elevate salaries to the 80th percentile of its peers.

The University has made strides toward that goal, thanks in large part to state money for salary increases in recent years. In 2006-07, a record-setting 72 percent of faculty who received offers from other universities decided to stay at UNC, and last year the rate was still high at 69 percent.

But administrators are facing a tight year, having received less state funding for salary increases than they

requested this summer. Early projections show next year could be worse.

As chancellor, Thorp is charged with finding a way around those shortcomings. Part of the solution will be in keeping faculty happy with their research and general work environment.

But the brunt of Thorp's efforts will be finding new ways, mostly private, to pay the faculty.

"Faculty compensation remains Holden's No. 1 priority," said Roger Perry, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "That's the Holy Grail."

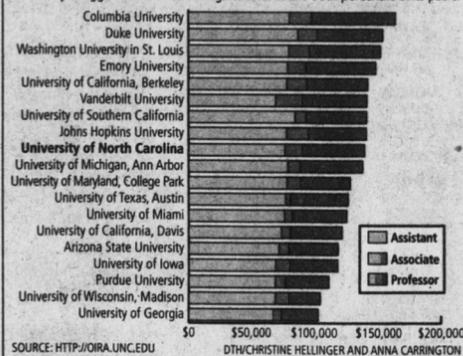
Salaries

The main reason faculty leave UNC is for a job that pays more.

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Faculty retention challenges

The following schools made offers designed to lure UNC faculty last year. The University struggles to increase average salaries to the 80th percentile of its peers.



SOURCE: HTTP://OIRA.UNC.EDU

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BEN FOLDS FIVE

First time home in almost a decade



2000

The band formally disbands. "We broke up because we had been playing together for six years, and it had become unnatural," Folds said. "It was time to move on."

1997

The band releases its second album *Whatever and Ever Amen* with single "Brick" that went on to become a hit single the following year.

August 8, 1995

The band releases self-titled debut album.

1993

Ben Folds Five is formed in Chapel Hill.

September 2001

Ben Folds takes the stage at Cat's Cradle in promotion of his first solo effort titled *Rockin' the Suburbs*.

2006

Bass guitarist Robert Sledge begins teaching bass guitar lessons at Carrboro's Music Loft studio.
Drummer for Ben Folds Five, Darren Jessee, releases album with band Hotel Lights as singer/writer and guitarist.

September 18, 2008

Ben Folds Five reunites for one night only in Memorial Hall at 8 p.m.

FIVE ALIVE

Ben Folds Five to reunite tonight

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL
ARTS EDITOR

Ben Folds is known for his quirky on-stage antics.

He's worked crowds into two-part, back and forth choruses. He's spouted off humorous diatribes on whatever he feels like talking about.

He's even dunked a basketball on a makeshift court at Cat's Cradle.

So when Folds reunites with Ben Folds Five band mates Darren Jessee and Robert Sledge tonight in Memorial Hall, expectations for humor and wit, in addition to the trio's inimitable style, are high.

"He seems sedate and reserved in person a lot of the time," said Cat's Cradle Manager Derek Powers. "But he transforms when he's on stage."

But as part of MySpace's "Front to Back" promotion, the group

will perform their fourth album, *The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner*, considered by many to be the group's most polished, grown-up record.

"It's arguably the most sophisticated and musically mature album," Powers said.

On top of that, Memorial Hall's elegant and refined atmosphere doesn't provide for the same kind of performance as Ben Folds Five's first ever Chapel Hill show at Local 506.

"I thought they'd play somewhere more for the people and not just the students," Powers said.

Of Memorial Hall's 1,434-seat capacity, 630 were reserved for UNC students, most of whom weren't yet 13 when Messner was released.

So the history of the group and the setup of tonight's show could seem

to be conflicting to some people.

But Carolina Union President Tom Allin suggested such sentiments shouldn't be taken too seriously.

"I don't think that age necessarily dictates their appreciation of the group," Allin said. "Ben Folds Five is a huge source of Chapel Hill and UNC pride."

Allin also tried to alleviate concerns about the venue itself.

"Memorial Hall is great, especially considering the demand," he said. "The quality of the production will be fantastic, and it gets more people in the door."

As far as the choice of album, Allin said Carolina Union Activities Board wasn't about to be picky.

"You're hard pressed to call any of their albums bad," he said. "We

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Professors weigh impact of sharing political views

BY ROSS MALONEY
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Even in an election year, professors can state their political views in the classroom, but they generally agree that doing so should advance, not stifle, open debate.

UNC political science department Chairwoman Evelyn Huber said there is no official policy on incorporating professors' political views into the classroom.

"I'm pretty sure most do," Huber said. "So long as the students are able to assume that doing so has no impact on grading."

Huber said that when professors disclose their personal politics, it promotes intellectual inquiry and presents an opportunity for active debate with their students.

UNC political science professor Thad Beyle said he makes his views clear at the start of every semester because honesty facilitates more open discussion.

"The ratio of Democrats to Republicans to Independents is always comparable enough that there is never one prevailing mindset," Beyle said, explaining that the mix promotes balanced dialogue.

Still, some professors choose to leave their

partisan leanings at the door.

UNC journalism professor Leroy Towns said he doesn't disclose his opinions in class, but assumes most students can deduce his views.

"I think the students are pretty sharp as it is," he said. "They can determine for themselves where their professor leans."

Towns, a former Republican campaigns manager, said that he's still undecided in this presidential election and that his primary objective is to encourage active political participation.

"Students are paying more attention to the political world now because of the election," Towns said. "I make a point that all political philosophies are welcome in my room."

The American Association of University Professors says it's alright for professors to state their views in class, said Nicole Byrd, government relations associate for the organization.

"We have never advocated that professors pretend to take the position of neutrality in politics," she said, adding that professors should create a zone of comfort before advertising their own views.

"(We) stress that professors teach how to think, not what to think," Byrd said.

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GUARD GETS READY TO GO



DTH/BRITANNY PETERSON

Megan Anderson, a junior elementary education and linguistics double major, practices her color guard routine for a The Who-themed halftime show of Saturday's football game. The Tar Heels will take on Virginia Tech at 3:30 p.m. at Kenan Stadium.