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N.C. unveiled vertical licenses for those under 21 Wednesday.

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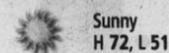
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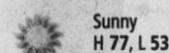
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UNC announces its largest enrollment in history at 10,729 total students. The male to female ratio is about 7-2.

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Economy slump stifles loans

BY ABBY FARSON
STAFF WRITER

The current financial crisis could directly affect the 10,273 undergraduates receiving financial aid.

Private loans, which make up about \$12 million of UNC's student aid, are getting harder to come by, and students could face an increased burden to repay loans.

Scholarships and grants also are becoming more competitive.

"There could well be an impact if the problem is not resolved with the current bailout that is being

considered," said John Kasarda, professor of strategy and entrepreneurship at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

"The loan money would dry up and there would be extra pressure on students to pay back their loans."

Thirty-five percent of undergraduate financial aid is funded by loans. The remainder is funded by grants and work-study programs.

This summer, the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid started having difficulty procuring private loans for students, but Tabatha Turner, senior associate director for

scholarships and student aid, said the problem could worsen.

"More and more lenders were being taken off-line, so to speak," Turner said. "We were recently searching for a private loan for a student and couldn't find one."

She said private loans are the first to be discarded by lenders.

In the 2006-07 school year, the most recent year for which data is available, UNC students and parents borrowed \$35 million in need-based federal loans and another \$53 million in non-need-based loans.

Those loans are safe because the

government backs federal loans, and the College Foundation of North Carolina backs non-need-based loans, said Shirley Ort, director of scholarships and student aid.

"We're in a much better state here than other universities because they don't have a state guarantor or lender," she said.

But private and other educational loans — the \$12 million figure — are at risk.

Still, the tightened availability of private loans will not harm

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Group charged in four thefts

One robbery was on UNC campus

BY MAX ROSE
CITY EDITOR

Four men are in custody who police say committed four armed robberies between them within one and a half hours, including one on Stadium Drive.

They held up two people at gunpoint in Durham before driving a red Nissan Altima to Chapel Hill and robbing two others, police said.

Police arrested the men in Durham early Wednesday.

One suspect pointed a pistol at a fast-food employee who was delivering to Avery Residence Hall just after 1 a.m. Wednesday, according to UNC police reports.

"He said, 'I'm not playing.' He had me throw my wallet on the ground and he grabbed it," said Jonathan Mitchell, a delivery man for Cluck-U Chicken.

Dominique Cuthbertson, an 18-year-old student at N.C. Central University, is charged with armed robbery for that incident.

Chapel Hill police also charged Cuthbertson, Paul Martin Petway, 21, and James Todd Weeks, 22, with robbing a man near his Chapel Hill apartment on Pinegate Circle at about 12:30 a.m.

Three men walked up to the victim from behind and knocked a cell phone out of his hand, said Lt. Kevin Gunter, a Chapel Hill police spokesman.

Someone kicked the victim in the ribs and stomped on one of his hands. Petway and Cuthbertson are also charged with assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the Pinegate Circle robbery.

The victim, who suffered a cut on the hand and bruised ribs, reported that one of the men had a shotgun and one had a pistol, Gunter said.

Police arrested the men, as well as Jerry Stephens II, 21, in a red

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STICK IT TO THE MAN



DTH/ALEXANDRA BRAWLEY

Kelsey Farson, a first-year student from Davidson, practices hockey with the UNC club roller hockey team at the Carolina Sportsplex on Tuesday. "I have been playing hockey for seven years. ... Being the only girl on the team is a big challenge, but a lot of fun," Farson said.

Female hockey player at home among the boys

BY STACEY HUNTER
STAFF WRITER

She applies mascara, puckers her lips and shaves her legs. Then she straps on knee pads, laces up skates and hits hockey pucks.

This season, first-year Kelsey Farson skated her way through tryouts to become the only woman on UNC's club roller hockey team.

"I wear dresses, rings and bracelets, but when I put on my hockey gear, I'm just like one of the guys," said Farson, who plays forward.

"You can be someone that can compete at the same level as men, and at the same time you can be completely woman."

This weekend, the team, which is part of the Southeast Collegiate Roller Hockey League, will travel to Atlanta for its first tournament of the season.

The team will face off against four opponents: the University of Central Florida, Western Carolina University, the University of South Florida and the College of Charleston.

"Every time I play with guys, I feel like I have to prove myself," Farson said. "The guys

accept each other automatically. But for me, they doubt my ability every time I play."

Despite her inhibitions, Farson is highly competitive.

"I love hockey because at the core it's just a fast-paced, fun to watch sport," she said.

She said she began playing hockey out of boredom. Farson, her father Jak and some of the neighborhood children would gather for a game of street hockey. She's been playing competitively since she was 12 years old.

"All of a sudden, she was at these national hockey camps and making these national teams," Jak Farson said. "Who would have ever thought this little girl from North Carolina would make national teams?"

She has played on men and women's teams, including five different Junior Olympic teams. In 2007, she earned a Team America title, an award given annually to eight female skaters and two goalies.

She was also offered a full scholarship to Dartmouth College to play Division I ice hockey, but after winning the Morehead-Cain

Scholarship, Farson decided to attend UNC.

"At Fall Fest, my No. 1 goal was to find the in-line hockey table," she said. "Mission was accomplished."

At 5 feet 10 inches tall, Farson is about the same height as some of her teammates.

Her helmet hides her brown shoulder-length hair, and her body pads conceal her hourglass figure.

"If you were an outsider watching our practice, you'd see people with helmets on," coach Ryan Gaus said. "You wouldn't be able to look and say, 'Oh there's a girl.'"

Although Farson feels she has to prove herself as a player, Gaus said the rest of the team accepts her.

"I think they realize that in some cases she has more hockey sense than they do," he said.

Because she blends so well with her other teammates, Farson said she feels exhilarated removing her helmet after games and showing other teams who their opponent was.

"There's always a, 'Hey, that's a girl. There's a girl on their team,'" she said.

Farson said she has been ridiculed on sev-

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Bank goes, One Cards intact

BY JUSTIN BAILEY
STAFF WRITER

The banking partner of the UNC One Card Plus program, Wachovia, announced Monday it will sell its banking operations and most of its assets to Citigroup.

The bank's failure is one of several crises caused by the economic downturn, and it raises concerns about the future of students' Wachovia One Card Plus accounts.

"There are many unanswered questions, but we want to assure students that their card usage is not in jeopardy and neither are their debit accounts," said Wachovia's campus card relationship manager, Temple Richardson.

If the need to replace Wachovia-linked One Cards arises, the bank and UNC will communicate that very clearly, Richardson said.

For now, though, nothing has changed in Wachovia's daily operations, including those on campus.

"As soon as the news was released, I called Jim Clinton, director of the UNC One Card Office, and told him

that we are operating business as usual," Richardson said.

Most students remain confident that their accounts are secure, although UNC One Card Office Manager Nathan Shafar said that a couple of students have come in to ask if their One Cards will still work.

"I'm pretty optimistic," said Fletcher Hodnett, a senior economics major. "I think my account is pretty safe. All of the money is insured."

Joel Fillmon, a junior international studies major, said he will wait to see what happens before taking any action.

"UNC has a relationship with Wachovia," he said. "I'm going to wait and see how they react and what they tell us."

However, things will change in Charlotte, where the bank is headquartered.

Tony Crumbley, vice president of research for the Charlotte Chamber

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DTH/KAITLIN MCKEOWN

Wachovia's bank branches, including this one on South Estes Drive, will be sold in a divestiture to Citigroup.

Housekeepers, UNC reach compromise

BY ANDREW DUNN
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Housekeepers and UNC administrators have reached an agreement after four months of heated debate.

The compromise grants housekeepers the main provision they requested: no required weekend work for current employees.

A policy set in January for residence hall housekeepers required some of them to include a weekend day as part of their 40-hour work week. In June, weekend workers stopped receiving overtime pay.

After protests erupted, housekeepers and administrators formed a committee in August to resolve the conflict. In the first few weeks, progress seemed tenuous and the first proposed deal was voted down 56-2.

But the tide changed when Chancellor Holden Thorp announced his support of the housekeepers' main goals during a

rally held by Student Action with Workers.

This week, a smaller group of housekeepers and administrators met and was able to hammer out a deal.

"It was just a lot of time and effort," said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, who oversaw the committee's work. "They just spent hours going through different options."

Thorp approved the agreement Wednesday afternoon.

The specific aspects of the compromise, to be instituted in January, include:

- Reducing the frequency of bathroom cleaning in suite style halls to 3 days per week and increasing the frequency of bathroom cleaning in community style halls to 6 days per week.
- Using the hours shifted and

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