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North Carolina is ranked 22nd in the AP Top 25 poll, the first time since October of 2001 the team has been ranked. UNC is 26th in the USA Today poll.



UNC vs. UCONN

Final Score: 38-12



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With three interceptions in Saturday's game against UConn., UNC now leads the nation in interceptions. North Carolina had 11 all of last year.

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ACL INJURIES

Female athletes are more than twice as likely to injure an ACL than men. Research in anatomy and biomechanics is uncovering the explanation.



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FESTIFALL

The annual festival on West Franklin Street included musical performances, public awareness booths, local artisans and a kids' fun area.



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RODEO IN EFLAND

Audience members could ride a mechanical bull, shop for Western wear, eat fair food and watch competitors and rodeo clowns take on broncos.

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BAILOUT Q & A

Economics experts respond to students' questions.

RACE RELATIONS WEEK

Events begin with a discussion on environmental racism.

PARENTS' WEEKEND

Parents say missing their UNC student compelled them to visit.

this day in history

OCT. 6, 2004 ...

Members of the University's 1957 NCAA championship men's basketball team come to UNC to commemorate the newly renovated Woollen Gym.

Today's weather

Sunny
H 84, L 57

Tuesday's weather

Sunny
H 71, L 51

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FAN EXCITEMENT GROWS



DTH/ERIC VELARDE

Stands at Saturday's game against the University of Connecticut were almost at full capacity, with 59,500 out of 60,000 seats sold. Families and fans arrived on site as early as 8 a.m. Saturday to stake out the best tailgating locations before the 7 p.m. kickoff.

Football enthusiasm traditionally lower at UNC

BY NICK ANDERSEN

STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Andrew Pate has tailgated at the same parking space off Stadium Drive since he was five weeks old. This fall, he's noticed new neighbors.

The larger crowds are a response to the excitement of what could be UNC's most successful season in years. So far, the team is boasting an overall 4-1 record.

Stands during Saturday's game against Connecticut were almost at full capacity, with 59,500 of 60,000 seats sold. Student seats have run out for the last three home games, prompting the University to enforce a student ticket lottery for select games, including the Oct. 11 game against Notre Dame.

Still, the enthusiasm is relative. Although UNC's football following is growing, the mania that sweeps other college towns is absent from Chapel Hill.

"We're a basketball school," Pate said. "It will take a long time to displace that or reach a similar status with football. Until we start winning national championships, we'll never be a UGa., a Michigan-type football town."

In Athens, Ga., home to the Georgia Bulldogs, football fans start arriving on Thursday morning for a Saturday game, said Leland Barrow, assistant sports communication director at UGa.

"By Friday, there's not too much green space left on campus," he said. Tailgating parties cover the grounds for the duration of a typical Saturday game.

The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

sees similar crowds on home game days.

"The whole campus is pumped," said Hannah Jacobson, a first-year at Michigan. "Every yard is covered in Maize and Blue, and everything downtown is packed with people."

For other large public universities with traditionally successful football teams, Saturdays during football season are a boost for local businesses and school spirit.

"There are over 100,000 people who attend each home game," said Jesse Bernstein, president and CEO of the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce. "Football has just become deeply ingrained into the local business flow."

UNC and the town of Chapel Hill are trying to move the stadium crowd downtown. Touch Downtown, a program started this season, encourages fans to visit businesses.

"We wanted to make it easier for fans to make Carolina football a day or even week-end-long event," said Rick Steinbacher, associate director for marketing and promotions. "It's really a win-win-win situation — a win for the fans, a win for the community and a win for the football team and athletes."

Business was slow on Franklin Street before and during Saturday's game. Some bars were nearly empty, and restaurants had vacant tables, signs that UNC's football culture is still developing.

Pregame activities and game days in downtown Columbus, Ohio, are a different story.

"I normally start drinking about 10:30," Ohio State University senior Rob Conley said. "The bars, traffic — everything is packed."

But Sosei Nakasuji, a barista at Jack Sprat



DTH/ZACH GUTTERMAN

Hortie Aldriche tailgates before the football game in the yard next to the Credit Union Bank. Since 1997, she has gotten up at 3:30 a.m. for every home football game.

Cafe, said that while pregame activity is low, she has noticed increased sales after games.

"We're doing double, triple the usual volume on Saturdays," Nakasuji said.

Surrounding Kenan Stadium before Saturday's game, about 50 tailgating parties took place in cars and under tents.

And that number is growing. New tailgaters joined a core of dedicated football supporters for pregame festivities.

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Town turns out for funeral

Hundreds remember council member

BY MAX ROSE

CITY EDITOR

As the crowd left, a small group in the corner of University Baptist Church on Friday was still singing.

"All over Chapel Hill, I'm going to let it shine."

The hundreds who packed the church Friday knew Chapel Hill Town Council member Bill Thorpe as a neighbor, a family man and a politician.

Though crying could be heard throughout the sanctuary, the atmosphere was upbeat at what many called a "homegoing."

"Good night, Daddy. You did your best with what you had," his son, William Thorpe Jr., said.

"Good night, Daddy, I'll see you on the other side."

Prominent politicians from throughout North Carolina and

Chapel Hill as well as dozens of family members walked by the open casket to pay their last respects to Thorpe.

Thorpe, who grew up the third child of seven in Oxford, N.C., was laid to rest Friday at the age of 67 after years of service to Chapel Hill and the state.

"He didn't know he was poor," said Dan Leatherberry, who attended Mary Potter High School with Thorpe. "He didn't know that he was not supposed to go to college."

Thorpe attended Fayetteville State University and went on to teach in the Duplin County School System and work for the Department of Labor.

"His story is really a great American story," Thorpe Jr. said.

"He was the first in his entire family to go to college as he would



Bill Thorpe served a total of 11 years on the Chapel Hill Town Council. He died last week.

often tell me, 'with no money, son.'"

The mourners Friday afternoon sat in the same seats where Thorpe and his family had sat almost every Sunday since the 1970s.

"He knew there was a connection between the work he was doing outside the church to the work he was doing here," Thorpe Jr. said.

The speakers and several preachers recounted decades of stories of Bill Thorpe as a mentor and a politician.

Dozens of people stood when

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No big Granville change

Officials say next year to stay same

BY BRECKEN BRANSTRATOR

STAFF WRITER

Rumors have spread among students living in Granville Towers about what will happen to the off-campus residence hall since the University bought the property.

But the UNC administrator in charge of the project said little is likely to change.

Granville Towers will most likely remain a residence hall but be run and renovated by the UNC housing department when the University Square sale is completed, said Dick Mann, vice chancellor of finance and administration.

The dining hall in the building, The Agora, will probably operate the way it does now.

"I am really happy about (the building) now, but renovations might be good."

KARLEE MOSHIER,

GRANVILLE RESIDENT

There are no plans to coordinate its services with the standard UNC meal plan.

Though unlikely, plans could still change between now and June 2009, when the deal is set to close. University officials said they are still deciding the off-campus hall-style dorm's fate.

UNC is continuing to meet with town officials to discuss plans for developing the rest of University Square, which includes several restaurants and stores, Mann

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