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## RUNNING THE GAME

Saturday's game against UConn. was the first time this season UNC was successful in establishing a consistent running game from the start.

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## ISSUE: FOREIGN POLICY

See where Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama stand on issues related to international forces that affect the U.S.



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## TICKET TO RIDE

Talks are under way about the possibility of establishing on-campus hubs for a bike-sharing program.

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## DEBATE LIVEBLOG

State & National Editor Ariel Zirulnick is live blogging the presidential debate.

## CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Monday's pg. 1 skybox incorrectly reported the last time UNC was ranked in the AP Top 25 poll. It was November 2001.

Due to editing errors, Monday's pg. 1 story, "Fan excitement grows," has several errors. The story incorrectly refers to Sosei Nakasuji, a barista at Jack Sprat Cafe, as a "she." Nakasuji is a man. The story also incorrectly states why ticket distribution for Saturday's game against Notre Dame was implemented. Officials decided on a lottery before the season began.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

## this day in history

OCT. 7, 1987 ...

Student Television debuts "General College," a soap opera set on campus that deals with love triangles, drugs and racial issues.

## Today's weather

Partly sunny  
H 74, L 52

## Wednesday's weather

Showers  
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# UNC employees get a raise

## Full-time minimum salary goes up

BY MATTHEW PRICE  
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The minimum salary for full-time University employees will rise to \$25,000 starting in November.

About 290 employees making less than the new salary were sent a letter Monday from Chancellor Holden Thorp detailing the pay raise.

"We are committed to doing all we can to keep your compensation competitive with salaries paid in Orange County and the surrounding Triangle area," Thorp stated in the letter. "You deserve this raise, and it reflects the hard work you do for the University."

The state's minimum annual salary rate for the University is \$20,112.

Some part-time employees will receive prorated increases based on the new minimum.

Thorp stated in the letter that he will continue to advocate for higher salaries and better benefits to the N.C. General Assembly.

Brenda Malone, associate vice chancellor for human resources, said the increase in salary resulted largely from a desire to be competitive with other businesses.

"We looked at the local market, and we tried to come up

with a number that was driven by looking at local competitors," Malone said. "A number that we could do with the funds we had available."

Money for the pay increase came from a central pool called the pay improvement fund, Malone said.

Employees said the pay increase demonstrates a continued commitment from Thorp to advocate on their behalf.

"All I can say for the chancellor is 'Hip, hip, hooray,'" said Brenda Denzler, vice chairwoman of the Employee Forum. "The man just keeps doing great things, so let's hope he keeps this up."

Alan Moran, chairman of the forum's compensation and wages

committee, said the pay increase couldn't come at a better time for employees making the smallest salaries — groundskeepers, housekeepers and mail services workers, among others.

"The real significance of this is that we can see an economic crunch coming," Moran said. "Our lowest paid employees incur a higher percent of the cost for food and fuel."

Moran said the pay increase relates to a long-time discussion of the forum regarding employee salaries.

"This is a great step forward," he said.

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## STUDENTS 'STICK IT' TO CHANCELLOR

Still have questions? The chancellor's open house is 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Union.



DTH/SARAH ACUFF

Kate Matthews sticks a note on a poster of UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Holden Thorp on Monday in the Pit. Matthews wrote about the limits on chalking as a medium of free expression in the Pit. The event was sponsored by the student advisory committee to

the chancellor. Members of student government encouraged passing students to write comments and questions for Thorp on Post-its and attach them to the photo. Almost 70 notes covered the giant Thorp photo by the event's conclusion at 1:30 p.m. See pg. 4 for the full story.

## Minton released on bond

### Attorney: Bailey suspect not flight risk

BY SARAH FRIER  
SENIOR WRITER

A Chapel Hill man who investigators say helped his son and friends cover up the shooting death of Joshua Bailey is out on bail.

Gregory Lee Minton, 41, left jail Monday after a judge reduced his bond from \$1 million to \$100,000.

Investigators say he provided his son, Brian Minton, with a U-Haul truck to transport the body to the site in Chatham County where police found it Sept. 12.

At Monday's hearing, Gregory Minton's attorney, John Fitzpatrick, argued the \$1 million bond was higher than court guidelines recommend. As Minton's wife and son are in jail, he's not likely to flee the area, Fitzpatrick said.

But District Attorney Jim Woodall said that by attempting to help the suspects get away with murder, Minton demonstrated a pattern of irresponsibility.

"I think that demonstrates he would do whatever he needs to protect his son, and I believe that endangers the community," Woodall said.

Bailey, 20, was shot to death on July 29 after six of his friends kidnapped him, according to search warrants.

They have been charged with first-degree murder and first-degree kidnapping in the case.

Bailey's friend from middle school, John Holt, wore a "Justice For Josh" shirt and skipped class Monday to attend the hearing along with Bailey's family. He wasn't pleased with the court's decision.

"When you're involved in something like this, there's no reason why you should be walking the streets and going to the grocery store like everybody else," he said.

Minton's wife, Mischele Slade Minton, 37, is also charged with

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## Election board's closing of fine meeting was illegal

BY ANDREW DUNN  
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The Board of Elections violated state law by shutting The Daily Tar Heel out of a meeting on campaign fines, several open meetings law experts said Monday.

After closing Sunday's meeting, the board decided to charge juniors Ashley Klein and Matt Wohlford \$40 each for holding on-campus interest meetings and speaking with The Daily Tar Heel in preparation for student body president campaigns.

But in shutting the public out without citing a statutory reason, board members broke N.C. Open Meetings Law, which governs every public body.

Student government groups were declared public bodies by the N.C. Court of Appeals in 1998.

Board Chairman Ryan Morgan said his decision to close the meeting was valid because the Student Code allows him to close meetings.

DTH ONLINE: View state statutes related to public access to meetings.

"It looks like we were justified in closing the meeting," he said. "We're assuming that everything in the Student Code is legal."

The Student Code lays out the framework for student government at UNC. In a section about elections law, it states that the board has the ability to close meetings.

The open meetings statute lays out nine specific instances in which public meetings may be closed and mandates that officials cite their reason before shutting the meeting.

On Sunday, Board of Elections members cited only the Student Code provision that allows them to close meetings.

But the state law says just the nine instances can legally be used as a justification.

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