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ity of such a service might send his patrons the wrong message about alcohol intoxication.

"A lot of college students would be under the impression that they could get as drunk as they want to," Stroud said.

He said rowdiness and alcohol poisoning are just a few problems posed by excessive consumption.

Zingo was founded three years ago in Atlanta by Jim Valentine and Charles Barfield. A branch opened in Athens, Ga., six months ago.

Pierce said that Zingo's services are already very popular with stu-

dents at the University of Georgia.

"UGa. has kind of set the bar in terms of what this business is capable of," he said.

Zingo has been in Raleigh since July. Pierce hopes to deploy more bikes as that branch grows, and he wants to expand into the Durham area.

Edmonds spent the rest of the night on the sidewalk, handing business cards to curious pedestrians.

One of Zingo's major appeals is trustworthiness, he said, and that's something that has to be earned.

"Word will spread," he said.

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more financial aid.

The second can be achieved by creating more endowed professorships and garnering more research money and the third by collaborating with the other 16 campuses in the UNC system.

But his speech mostly dealt with the interconnections between the three.

"It's on us to do more than teach," Thorp said. "We must inspire our students to reach beyond themselves and take on the great problems facing the world."

And Thorp touched on safety as necessary to achieve all his goals —

academic safety for innovation as well as physical safety.

But before Thorp laid out all his goals, long-time friend and poet Allan Gurganus submitted him as the answer to all of them — and a few more.

"Whenever I lose my car keys, I consider calling Holden Thorp," said Gurganus, who has known Thorp since he was a child.

Back then, Thorp was half Huck Finn, half Yoda and a chancellor in miniature, Gurnagus said.

"A North Carolinian is finally chancellor of this great University. Yes, yes. Can I hear an amen?"

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Orange County reported that with new registrations there were 96,556 total voters on the rolls in August, about 1,000 more than the 95,570 registered for the 2004 presidential election.

And since then, there has been a dramatic increase in submitted registrations.

Reams said Wednesday that she received more than 2,000 applications at the beginning of the week, and expected similar numbers until registration ended.

To deal with the increase, Reams said, Orange County has doubled the number of staffers, computers and printers at the county's 44 precincts. She said they want to ensure that every voter is checked in with everything he or she needs before stepping into the booth.

That includes having a person on hand at Morehead Planetarium just to stand out in the lobby with a laptop and check registrations to ensure people are in the right lines.

Early voting has also been promoted and Barrett said she informs each student who registers about that option. The state's early voting period runs from Oct. 16 to Nov. 1.

Orange County will have five one-stop voting sites, with Morehead Planetarium and the

Carrboro Town Hall expected to be the two busiest locations. Reams said the board has advertised in five different county newspapers and has sent out e-mails and fliers to remind people of that option.

"The more people that we can get to do one stop voting, the less hectic it will be," Reams said.

A lot of the voter excitement Reams said can be contributed to the historic nature of the 2008 election, the fact that political pundits have declared North Carolina as one of this year's swing states.

UNC alumnus Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., came to campus Friday to give Young Democrats a pep talk before their last registration push of the election season.

"You're here to save America," he told the members gathered that day.

"Tonight registration stops. ... Literally every moment counts."

Given the crowds expected on Election Day, each county is trying to do everything it can to ensure that Nov. 4 passes without any hitches.

Reams said the board is prepared for Nov. 4.

"I'm very confident with the procedure we have in place," she said. "We feel like we have tried to account and plan for every situation."

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ETHICS

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and violations of the N.C. Open Meetings Laws.

But Congress has the authority to refer any bill through any committee — what it did in this instance.

Speaker Tim Nichols said they wanted to send the bill through the ethics committee to clear up the validity of the request before sending it back to the finance committee.

"This was an external situation

we needed cleaned up," he said. "We thought the ethics committee would be the most appropriate to have these discrepancies cleared up."

Concepts of Colors will resubmit its request to the finance committee at the next committee meeting Tuesday.

Congress members did say they would scrutinize closely Concepts' next funding request.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 18
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