

**CORRECTION**

Due to an editing error, Tuesday's pg. 5 feature photo, "I've got to get away," incorrectly located Linville Gorge at Grandfather Mountain. Linville Gorge is actually south of Grandfather Mountain. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Campus facilities to open on special Fall Break hours**

The following campus facilities are operating on different hours for Fall Break.

■ Davis Library: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday — 11 a.m. to midnight

■ Undergraduate Library: Wednesday — closes at 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday — opens at 1 p.m.

■ Rams Head Dining Hall: Wednesday — 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday; Sunday — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

■ Top of Lenoir Dining Hall: Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday; Sunday — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Since Fall Break is not an official University holiday, students still can receive citations for parking on campus Thursday and Friday.

**Congress committee OKs smaller Concepts request**

The finance committee cut back, then approved, a scaled-down funding request from Concepts of Colors in the group's second appearance before the body.

Two weeks ago, the modeling troupe was approved for \$7,535. But after allegations surfaced that the request was inflated, Treasurer Shaniqua McClendon had to appear before the ethics committee and resubmit her request.

She was cleared of any wrongdoing by the committee Sunday.

The new request was for only \$5,184.43, which was cut by the committee to \$4,278.42.

Concepts of Colors will meet again with full body Congress at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Peabody Hall.

**Subway under renovation, will reopen after Fall Break**

Students on Jared Fogle's Subway diet will have to wait until Monday for their next \$5 footlong.

The Subway at Lenoir Mainstreet has been closed since Sunday for renovations.

The renovations include updating cosmetic finishings, replacing molding on counters, installing a faster oven and putting in a hood vent to remove hot air, said Scott Myers, director of food and vending.

Myers said this project has been in the works for six months, and that dining services does not plan to renovate any other eateries on Mainstreet soon.

Myers said the project was timed to coincide with Fall Break.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Candidate for judge says that he will not campaign**

A candidate for a local judicial seat has conceded the election to a candidate who won more than 60 percent of the primary votes in May.

Glenn Gerding will not campaign against Page Vernon for the seat of the 15B District Court Judge, although his name will remain on the ballot.

"Coming out of the primary, I felt like it was pretty clear that Page had won the election and there was not anyway to overcome her lead," he said Tuesday.

**Flag football game to raise awareness of conservation**

Freedom's Drum Marketing and Consulting, LLC will host its third-annual Touchdown to Freedom flag football fundraiser Saturday.

Proceeds will go to the Conservators' Center Animal Facility, a nonprofit breeding facility and sanctuary that aims to educate the public about the importance of conservation and responsible breeding.

The event will begin at 12 p.m. at Cedar Falls Park in Chapel Hill.

**Aldermen receives plans for future of Carrboro cycling**

Already recognized as one of the best towns in the state for biking, Carrboro is one step closer to becoming even more bicycle-friendly.

With the help of Greenways Inc., Carrboro's Bicycle Plan Advisory Committee formulated a draft for a bicycle transportation plan. The draft was presented to the Board of Aldermen at Tuesday's meeting.

After hearing feedback from the board and the public, the committee will revise the plan and present it as a final draft in January or February.

For community reaction, visit [blogs.dailytarheel.com](http://blogs.dailytarheel.com).

—From staff and wire reports.

# Group gets voter fraud charge

BY CLINT HANNAH  
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A national organization that was registering voters on campus last week has been charged with voter fraud in several states, including North Carolina.

The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN, is a nonpartisan group that seeks to register voters, particularly low-income voters.

The group has recently drawn national attention for allegedly falsifying voter registration cards.

ACORN has also become a controversial campaign issue because its political branch previously endorsed Democratic presidential

candidate Barack Obama.

Republican candidate John McCain's campaign has tried to undermine Obama's candidacy by drawing connections between Obama and ACORN.

Don Wright, general counsel for the N.C. Board of Elections, said ACORN registered roughly 28,000 voters in the state.

The first investigation into any wrongdoings began three weeks ago, when Durham County officials turned in 120 questionable forms to the N.C. Board of Elections.

Traci Reams, Orange County Board of Elections director, said the county has some registration forms in question but can't definitively tie them to ACORN because the organization doesn't label the forms.

ACORN Communications Director Charles Jackson said the

organization reported the problems first, after finding out that some employees had falsified voter cards.

Jackson said he thinks the accusations are politically motivated because most of the cards in question were reported this summer.

"Now all of the sudden we get headlines about voter registration questions three weeks before the election," he said.

Jackson also said the accusations of voter fraud were false, since no ballots are being cast.

"Voter fraud is a misnomer. What is occurring is voter registration errors," he said.

Liz Gilliam, a junior international studies major, said she updated her registration through an ACORN representative in the Pit last week.

"They seemed very responsible and I did not have any second

thoughts until I saw on the news that they had been convicted nationally of voter fraud," she said.

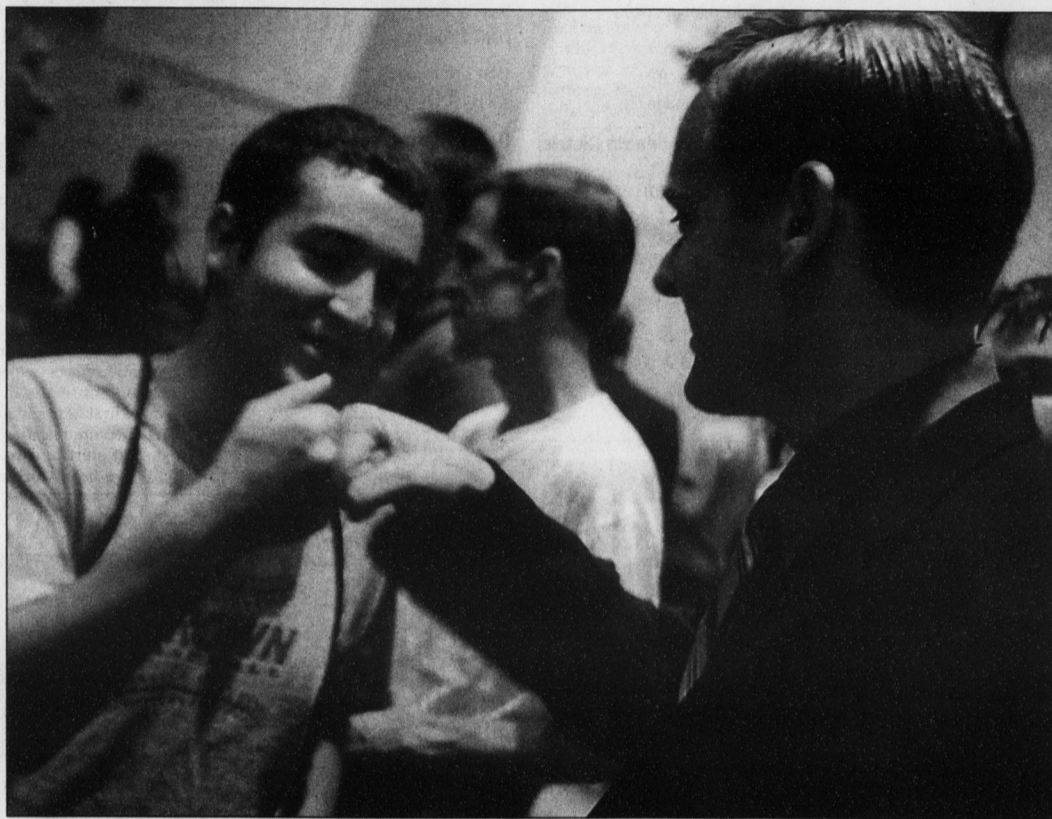
"I called the Orange County Board of Elections and the woman told me that she couldn't find my information."

Gilliam said she doesn't know if her lost registration information has any relation to her dealings with ACORN.

Jackson said ACORN will continue to register voters in order to provide a voice to low- and moderate-income citizens.

"Voting is the basis of what defines America as America. Registering people to vote is the single most patriotic act that you can do because it gives people their voice."

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Republican B.J. Lawson (right) talks with RJ Yost, a first-year biology major from Chapel Hill, after a debate with U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., on Tuesday organized by UNC's Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies. Lawson is challenging Price for his N.C. 4th Congressional District seat.

## DI-PHI HOSTS DEBATE

BY REBECCA PUTTERMAN  
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U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., battled Republican opponent B.J. Lawson in a student-run debate on campus Tuesday night.

Four moderators and three fact-checkers from UNC's Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies orchestrated the N.C. 4th Congressional District Debate, steered by student questions.

"This debate is unique," said Jeevan Vittal, a Di-Phi member who helped coordinate the event in Carroll Hall, which about 250 people attended.

"In contrast to presidential debates which are notorious for not answering questions, we're UNC — we don't stand for that stuff. We want actual questions answered."

Answer them the candidates did — during almost an hour and a half of debate that covered domestic and foreign policy issues raised in a Facebook group created for the event.

Di-Phi chose from the group the questions

they thought best represented students.

"I like the format," said UNC senior Paige Michael-Shetley, a member of Tar Heels for B.J. Lawson, which co-sponsored the event with UNC Young Democrats. "The Di-Phi moderators are very bright individuals who will ask some good, challenging questions."

Through the debate, three Di-Phi members sat with their laptops to check facts cited by the candidates.

"They're Googling anything verifiable that's not common knowledge," said sophomore Di-Phi member Abhinav Komandur.

However, the candidates fact-checked each other too.

Lawson accused 20-year congressional veteran Price, a UNC and Di-Phi alumnus, of renewing the USA Patriot Act and voting for the war in Iraq, which Price refuted.

While Lawson railed against government funding for corporate interest projects, Price said repeatedly that Lawson believes that the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation are unconstitutional.

Although Lawson has been referred to as Libertarian, Price made sure to tie him to Republicans after Lawson criticized corporate giveaways, the war and the USA Patriot Act.

"I'm not running away from my national ticket. He would vote for the very Republican leadership he has been criticizing tonight," Price said in his closing statement.

But Lawson, a strict constitutionalist, tried to blur party lines with a return to the Constitution as originally written.

"At some point we need to stop pretending that the rule book doesn't exist," he said in his closing statement. "The Constitution specifies a system of government that serves the American individual."

However, Price made it clear that he felt that approach to the Constitution is backwards.

"He's trying to mark his personal, idiosyncratic view of the Constitution with anti-government rhetoric," Price said in an interview with the Daily Tar Heel.

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## Council to execute timetable

### Carolina North uses new permit

BY KATY DOLL  
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A timeline for the large plan which will determine development in Carolina North is expected to be endorsed by the Chapel Hill Town Council today.

Developers for Carolina North, the satellite research expansion of UNC's campus, have asked for a development agreement.

This allows large-scale plan reviews rather than the approval of individual buildings, with a target date of a final agreement of June 2009.

David Owens, a faculty member of the School of Government who works with the joint staff of UNC and the town on this project, said this is an alternative framework for review, compared to the traditional land-use or special-use permit system.

"It would allow the University and town to sit down and negotiate the scope and terms of approval for all or some portion of Carolina North," Owens said.

He said it is not a new devel-

### Proposed timeline for Carolina North development:

**October 2008:** UNC and Town of Chapel Hill staff negotiate development agreement. University provides overall context plan for Carolina North which is sent to town staff.

**November/December 2008:** Public meetings on proposed amendment and development agreement.

**January 2009:** University submits formal zoning application; development agreement submitted to council for formal review.

**February/March 2009:** Joint staff of University and town hold public information and educational meetings on development.

**April 2009:** University and Town submit additional proposed amendments or revisions of the development.

**May 2009:** Planning board makes recommendation on the project. Council holds formal public hearing.

**June 2009:** Council takes action on the development.

**ATTEND THE MEETING**

Time: 7 p.m. today  
Location: Chapel Hill Town Hall  
Info: [townhall.townofchapelhill.org/agendas](http://townhall.townofchapelhill.org/agendas)

ular basis between now and June '09," Evans said.

In addition to the development process, the resolution up for action would set a June 2009 date for having the process in place and would set the next joint work ses-

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## Town to set process for new appointment

BY EMILY STEPHENSON  
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For the first time in 10 years, the Chapel Hill Town Council will alter its own makeup.

The council will decide tonight on a process for replacing 11-year council member Bill Thorpe, who died Sept. 27.

Mayor Kevin Foy has said that the council might choose to appoint a black person to fill the spot.

Thorpe was the council's only black member.

"I think it's important that we have a strong liaison with the African-American community, and it's been my experience that Bill Thorpe did an excellent job of making sure that we heard from voices in our community that we sometimes don't hear from," Foy said.

Thorpe told voters during his 2005 town council campaign that he would represent all Chapel Hill citizens but would make a special effort to communicate with the black community during his tenure.

In the last several decades, the council has consistently included at least one black member.

Thorpe took his seat at the same

# Joint ticket plan floated

## SBP, VP would campaign as one

BY HILLARY ROSE OWENS  
STAFF WRITER

Student body vice presidents would be placed on the ballot if a bill discussed by the rules and judiciary committee of Student Congress on Tuesday is passed.

Student government leaders worry that move could turn the election into a popularity contest.

A similar idea was discussed last year but never voted on. Rules and judiciary committee Chairman Ben Mickey reintroduced the idea as a resolution Tuesday and said he wanted good discussion about it. He got it.

The proposed resolution would create a joint presidential ticket allowing students to vote on a pair of their choice.

The presidential candidate would choose a vice presidential running mate, and the two would campaign together.

Now, a selection committee selects three nominees for vice president from applications. Of the three nominees, the student body president chooses a partner after elected.

Mickey said he is in favor of opening the selection of the vice president to students since it would allow student input. But he also said there could be risks associated with such a decision.

"It turns into a popularity contest," Mickey said. "The quality of the candidate may not be as good under that election."

Congress Speaker Pro Tem Bryan Weynand and Student Body President J.J. Raynor shared that concern.

Weynand said the qualities of a vice president include knowledge of how student government works and the ability to work within the system.

"My chief concern is that those qualities will not be looked at," Weynand said.

Raynor said if this bill passed, presidential candidates could choose a running mate that would help win an election but might not be fit for the job as vice president.

She said Congress knows what they are looking for when picking nominees for vice president. She said they look for someone who has the strengths the president is lacking so a stronger student government is created.

After about 20 minutes of debate, the committee decided to table the proposal to allow for more time to examine it.

Following the rules and judiciary committee meeting, the student affairs committee met to discuss two fee increases, but the increases were withdrawn before discussion because of some confusion in the wording of the bills.

The two increases included an increase for the student govern-

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**How to apply:**

- Applicants should submit their names, addresses and signatures to the town clerk. Applicants also may submit additional information supporting their application.
- Mayor Kevin Foy recommended that the Town Council accept applications until Oct. 31.

time that Edith Wiggins retired. Wiggins, an African-American, was appointed in 1996 to replace another black council member.

Wiggins said while the council shouldn't have to meet a quota of minority representation, a black council member could better address the black community's concerns.

"If you haven't lived the African-American life, the African-American experience, there's a limit to your ability to understand," she said. "I think in a democracy, you look forward to having all segments of a community represented."

But Ruby Sinreich, a Chapel Hill blogger and political observer, said

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