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SO CLOSE

UNC was just inches away from a win against Virginia, before the game went into overtime and UVa. earned a come-from-behind victory.

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KANNAPOLIS OPENS

The N.C. Research Campus, home to state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, opens today with a goal of promoting nutrition and health research.



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FAIR-LY ENTERTAINING

The N.C. State Fair isn't all about the craziest rides and the deepest-fried foods. Check out a top-ten list of things to do at the fair this year.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

UNC employees can take three free classes per year using a tuition waiver program. This semester, 500 of 11,700 employees are participating.

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FOOTBALL PHOTOS

View a slideshow of pictures from UNC's loss to UVa.

LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM

Chapel Hill and Carrboro consider rails to reduce traffic.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Win at the Blue Ridge Open was a team effort Friday.

this day in history

OCT. 20, 1994 ...

The UNC women's soccer team loses 3-2 to Duke for the first home loss in the team's history. The loss breaks a 142-win streak.

Today's weather

Sunny
H 69, L 45

Tuesday's weather

Sunny
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Halloween to end early

Festivities limited but will continue

BY MAX ROSE
CITY EDITOR

Cinderella will not be the only one leaving Franklin Street when the clock strikes midnight on Halloween.

The town will end the party early this year, just as crowds are expected to reach peak level, officials announced last week.

Discussions between the University, town and student government have led to changes which might limit festivities while being just as labor intensive.

Breaking up the crowd will be difficult, Chapel Hill Police Chief Brian Curran said. Officials are banking on a publicity campaign in the final two weeks to keep people out and let partygoers know what is happening.

"If you try to take the street before people are ready, you're going to run into problems," he said.

Past celebrations have ended at about 2 a.m. At midnight this year, loud speakers will announce it is time to leave. The mounted horses will walk from the west down the

street, and Curran said he thinks people will get out of the way.

"I saw one guy try and fight with one of the horses, and he lost," Curran said. "Biggest hockey defenseman I've ever seen."

Other finalized changes include:

- All downtown bars will charge a minimum of \$5 to anyone not attending a private event. At 1 a.m., they will close their doors to new patrons or stop selling alcohol.
- No park and ride buses.
- Essentially no downtown parking available.
- Increasing the difficulty of cars getting to downtown Chapel Hill.

Curran has said repeatedly that Halloween is an alcohol-fueled event.

But charging bar patrons is unlikely to cut down significantly on alcohol use; the bars downtown hold about 5,000 people and about 80,000 went downtown in 2007.

"We came to recognize the issue isn't people in the businesses, it's the amount of people on the street," said James Rippe, manager of Bub O'Malley's on East Rosemary Street.

Curran said there aren't plans to increase alcohol enforcement out-

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Taylor to play Obama concert

Promotes early voting awareness

BY KEVIN TURNER
ARTS EDITOR

He's going to Carolina, but this time it's in support of Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama.



James Taylor will perform at Fetzer Field in support of early voting today.

Chapel Hill-native and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee James Taylor will play a free concert at 7 p.m. today at Fetzer Field.

Tickets are available at any of the early voting sites in Orange County, starting at 9 a.m.

today.

Taylor's visit to the University is just one of five performances the artist is playing across the state to raise awareness about early voting for the Obama campaign.

The event, sponsored by the Obama campaign, was suggested to the UNC Young Democrats just last week.

"We feel so lucky to have James Taylor's support," said Vivek Chilukuri, co-president of the UNC Young Democrats. "But we're also grateful for his time and commitment to come to UNC — to come out to support the campaign."

Taylor's N.C. concert series comes just two weeks before Election Day. The state is highly contested.

"Since the beginning of the general election, Barack Obama has taken North Carolina as a very serious battleground," said Raven Moeslinger, head of Students for Barack Obama. "The state is in a

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Get free tickets near early voting locations:

Morehead Planetarium
250 E. Franklin St.
Chapel Hill
From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

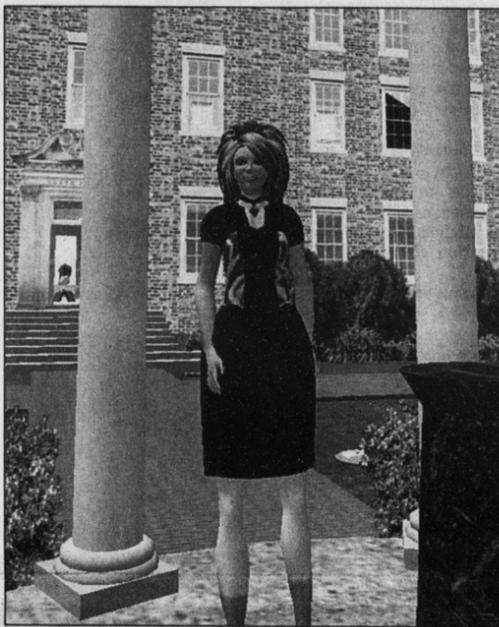
Carrboro Town Commons
301 W. Main St.
Carrboro
From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orange County Public Library
300 W. Tryon St.
Hillsborough
From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attend the Show

Location: Fetzer Field
Time: Gates open at 5 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m.

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COURTESY OF JEANNIE WALSH



DTH/HANNAH SHARPE

Jeannie Walsh (digital persona left, in person right) created her own virtual character to explore the Second Life universe. In her class "Computers and Society," students build digital personas and then gauge how their looks affect the reaction of other Second Life users.

UNC Online By The Numbers

The central portal for UNC Online (online.northcarolina.edu) launched July 1, 2007.

It offers courses at all 16 system universities.

Growth in unique monthly visitors: 11,345 to 22,254 from January to July 2008

Growth in online credit hours: 53,943 to 289,135 (536 percent) from 2002-03 to 2007-08

Degree or certificate programs offered in fall 2008: 173

Individual courses offered in fall 2008: 1,300

Students participating in UNC-system distance education in 2008: 43,000

> If UNC Online was its own campus, it would be the seventh-largest of the system's 16 universities.

Source: UNC-system General Administration

UNC system looks to expand online

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS
SENIOR WRITER

Even in a digital universe, the Bell Tower chimes.

Its tones are one of the many iconic aspects of UNC-Chapel Hill captured in Second Life, a virtual online world that allows people to interact through digital representations of themselves.

However, Chapel Hill administrators and faculty remain convinced that their real campus offers undergraduates an experience unparalleled in even the flashiest digital world.

As UNC-CH continues to focus on a traditional undergraduate education, East Carolina University and UNC-Greensboro have emerged as leaders in the UNC system's effort to expand online programs as a way to increase enrollment while curbing construction costs.

ECU is pushing Second Life — fast becoming the next frontier of distance education — and other online programs, while UNC-G is coordinating efforts to provide online college courses to high school students.

"ECU and UNC-G are way ahead of the other campuses," said UNC-system President Erskine Bowles at the September meeting

of the system's Board of Governors. "This is the future."

UNC-CH is participating in that future in its own way, choosing to cater online options to graduate and professional students rather than relocating undergraduate education online.

The vision of Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill has developed a split personality in response to the system's call to expand online education. UNC-CH graduate schools are eager to reach out to mid-career professionals through online courses, but the College of Arts and Sciences remains reluctant to alter its residential undergraduate program.

"I think the University community is very concerned ... that the degree awarded from Chapel Hill has got the same value now that it had 200 years ago, and we sure wouldn't want to do anything that would change that," said Bobbi Owen, senior associate dean for undergraduate education in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Owen, a professor of dramatic art, teaches about traditional clothing forms in the theater.

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UNC Undergraduates and Online Courses:

- > Students can register for online courses at fridaycenter.unc.edu.
- > No more than six online courses or 18 credit hours can count toward a College of Arts and Sciences degree.
- > No more than two online courses from one department can count toward a major, minor or degree in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- > First-years need to get permission from their academic dean to take an online course and may only do so in "exceptional circumstances."
- > Students must get the permission of their academic dean to enroll in a self-paced online course, and such courses only count toward a College of Arts and Sciences degree in "exceptional circumstances."

Source: www.unc.edu/ugradbulletin/procedures1.html#distancelearning

Republicans rally in N.C.

BY SARA GREGORY
SENIOR WRITER

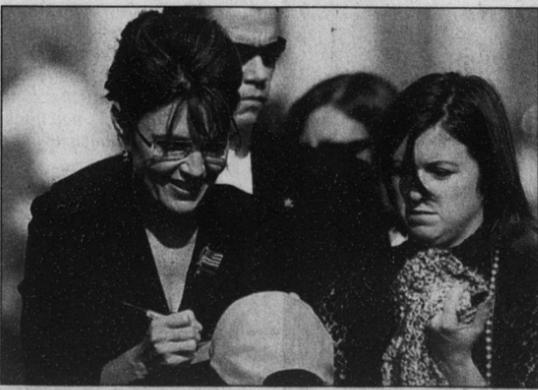
CONCORD — This election has U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes, R-N.C., singing "Get in line, brother."

That gospel song about heaven might better apply to N.C. Republicans' efforts in a state unexpectedly in play.

In two rallies last week, Republican presidential candidate John McCain and running mate Sarah Palin courted middle class voters, a crucial voting bloc for a much-needed N.C. win.

"I'm gonna give you some hard facts," McCain said. "We have to

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DTH/ANDREW DYE

Supporters at Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's rally Thursday at Elon University crowded her in an effort to get an autograph.

Predictability buzz

5-year plan up for discussion

BY ANDREW DUNN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The student body will get its first look at next year's tuition when the Tuition and Fee Advisory Task Force meets today.

But administrators also might begin mapping out five consecutive years of hikes — the first movement on tuition predictability after several years of talk.

Administrators are slowly developing a time frame for increases meaty enough to achieve newly enumerated goals for faculty salaries and graduate student financial aid.

"I don't see any reason why we

ATTEND THE MEETING

Time: Noon today
Location: South Building 307
Info: provost.unc.edu/opportunities

can't do that," Trustee Paul Fulton said. "It makes a lot of sense."

Spelling out increases ahead of time also could curb annual student protests that UNC's affordability is slipping away.

No real headway had been made in the past few years despite recurring discussions on how to make tuition predictable.

But the consensus that UNC has fallen behind peer institutions in attracting top-caliber students and faculty has given the debate more traction this year.

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