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LATE NIGHT

Men's basketball coach Roy Williams dances at the annual basketball season kickoff. The women performed a skit: "America's Next Top Hatchell."



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HONORING HISTORY

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro school district dedicated its 10th elementary school, named for a former slave and teacher.

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ENDORSEMENTS

The editorial board begins its election endorsements today. Submit your own letters in support of anyone on the ballot to dthedit@gmail.com. Word limit 100.

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LATE NIGHT

A video with the men's and women's dancing and skits.

FOOTBALL

See a slideshow with more photos from Saturday's game.

this day in history

OCT. 27, 1982 ...

Abbie Hoffman, a radical political activist from the 1960s, urges UNC students to participate in protests.



ELECTION COUNTDOWN

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days left of early and one-stop voting. For Orange County locations and times visit co.orange.nc.us/elect/onestop.asp#locations.

ELECTION DAY: NOV. 4

Today's weather

Partly sunny
H 57, L 38

Tuesday's weather

Sunny
H 55, L 35

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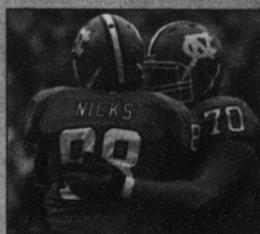
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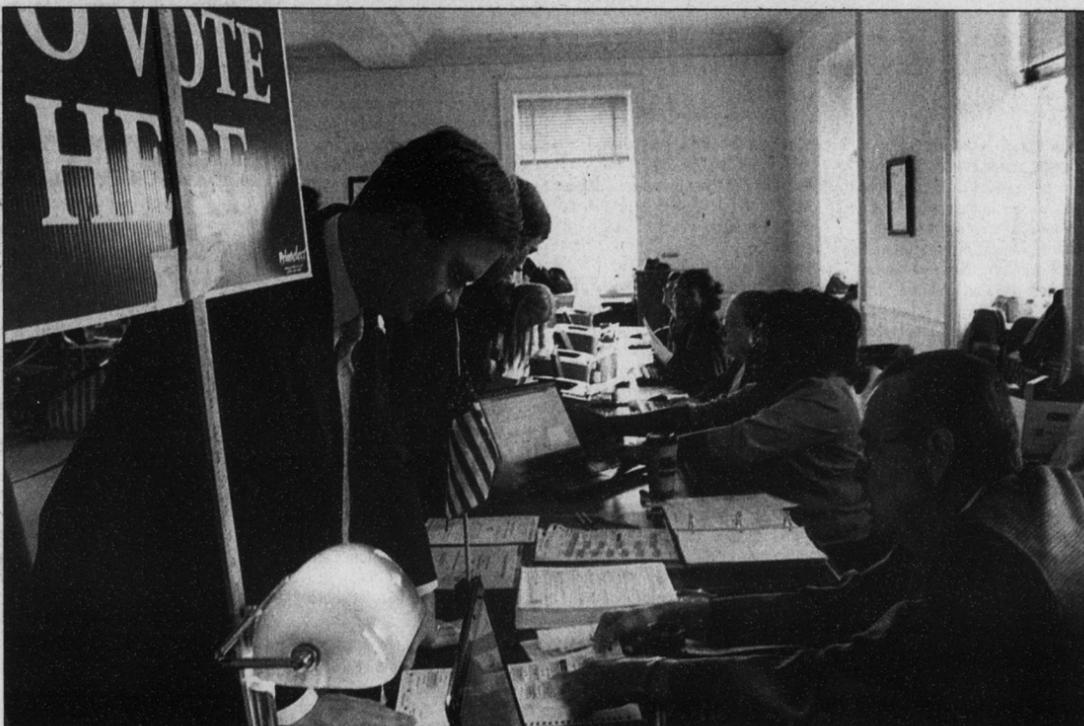
After an upset rout of then-No. 23 Boston College, the Tar Heels are back in the AP poll at No. 21 — and, three picks later, back leading the NCAA in interceptions.

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EARLY VOTER STORM



DTH/JENNIFER ZENG

Chancellor Holden Thorp checks in to vote at Morehead Planetarium early Friday morning as part of the student government initiative to get UNC students to vote early for the November election. As of Friday, 8,000 people had already participated in early voting at the planetarium.

Raynor votes even earlier than Thorp

BY PAULINE GREMAUD
STAFF WRITER

Since early voting began, UNC's chancellor and student body president have traditionally cast their ballots together.

This year, Student Body President J.J. Raynor couldn't wait. She voted Oct. 16 — the day early voting opened at Morehead.

"Obviously this year, the student body president got itchy feet," Raynor said.

But she still joined Chancellor Holden Thorp, women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell and a handful of students who gathered Friday to cast early voting ballots at the Morehead Planetarium polls.

All three spoke briefly to members of the press and several students enjoying the free coffee, donuts and bagels provided for

the event. Thorp spoke about the success early voting has had at UNC. He said the University is proud to take part in early voting and is happy with its success around campus.

"It's a tribute to our students," Thorp said.

Hatchell said it is important for students to have a voice in the direction of the government, especially with the state of the nation today.

She said voting is an obligation to our country and early voting is a perfect opportunity to fulfill this obligation, something she also emphasized to her team.

"I gave them a thought of the day. Yesterday's was 'Proper prior

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1 million vote early so far in N.C.

BY ASHLEY DUMFORD
STAFF WRITER

More than a month ago, N.C. State Board of Elections Director Gary Bartlett warned his senior staff to anticipate a record number of early voters.

They didn't believe his projections.

"They asked me not to make it public because they didn't want me to embarrass them. And now it's happening," he said.

Although Election Day is still more than a week away, more than one million North Carolinians had voted at one-stop early voting sites by the end of voting Saturday.

Of those, 58 percent were registered Democrats and 25 percent were registered Republicans. Sixteen percent were unaffiliated voters and a

marginal number were registered Libertarians.

Roughly 56 percent of the early one-stop voters were female and 33 percent were male. Those numbers do not include the voters who did not designate their gender on either their registration or their ballot.

"If this trend continues, which we expect it to, we may have ... as many as 1.8 million to 1.2 million voters voting before Election Day," Bartlett said.

One-stop voting sites, one of which is located at Morehead Planetarium, allow registered voters to cast their ballots and unregistered voters to register and vote at the same time.

In Orange County, 28,375 voters had voted as of Saturday.

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Former Clef, Lorelei tie the knot

Duo are 'always singing together'

BY SARAH FRIER AND NATE HEWITT
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RALEIGH — The former Lorelei president and former Clef Hangers director joined Saturday for a new kind of duet — marriage.

Amanda Bolch became Mrs. Kenji Brantley after the two shared years of late-night talks, study sessions by Alpine Bagel Cafe and a love of music, of course.

"They're always singing together," bridesmaid and former Lorelei Cassie Criswell said. "When they met there was nobody else."

At the wedding ceremony, attendees sang church hymns in tune. And before dinner at the reception, Clefs sang a blessing from their seats in multi-part harmony.

As former Clefs and Loreleis reunited over dinner, they reminisced about how the Brantleys' best-friendship came to be a relationship.

Kenji met Amanda in the spring of 2004 after their groups performed together, and they started seeing each other daily for study sessions.

They talked about their love lives and their capella groups — their friendship kept taking precedence over any thought of romance, Amanda said.

"Even though we were really close, it took us a year to get to that point," Kenji said. "We felt comfortable enough as friends."

But when Kenji left on an extended spring break with the Clefs in March 2007, Amanda was left without a study buddy.

"I realized I missed him more than I should miss a friend," she said.

She confided in former Clef Anoop Desai, who said the pair's connection was already obvious.

"All of a sudden it clicked," Desai said. "He thought it was a joke when I told him."

Members of both groups teamed up for a matchmaking mission at a Clef-Lorelei cocktail a few days later.

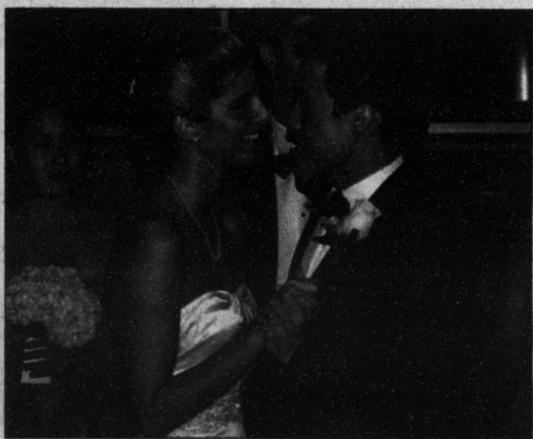
"We were plotting and scheming," bridesmaid and former Lorelei Kelton Wright said. "Everyone was going in for the kill."

At Top of the Hill that night, Amanda confessed her feelings and the two shared their first kiss.

"It wasn't good. It was like kissing your best friend," Amanda said.

Still, Kenji and Amanda took their chances and decided to see where things would lead.

"When you tell your best friend you like them, you have to go for it," she said. "That was the only bad kiss we ever had."



COURTESY OF JIM HART

Alumni Kenji and Amanda Brantley share their first dance as newlyweds during their reception Saturday at 1705 Prime Chophouse in Raleigh.



DTH ONLINE: Visit blogs.dailytarheel.com to see video from the wedding reception.

Friends described the couple as goofy and fun-loving — dressing up for theme parties, playing rock band. She called him "Kenjil," and later, "Babel," Criswell said.

Their relationship has always served to link the two groups.

"Kenji's arranged stuff for us," said Lorelei Sofia Leon. "They spent a lot of time talking about songs and thinking about songs together."

Kenji once brought his mother to a Lorelei concert, and told her to look for a blonde girl.

"We thought, 'Maybe that one,'" Noriko Brantley said. "And then we thought, 'No, she's too pretty.' But that was Amanda."

Kenji called a week early to tell Amanda's parents he was going to propose.

"She was so excited to marry him," her mother, Kathy, said.

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ASG: Hikes are too much

Some echo call for tuition freeze

BY OLIVIA BOWLER
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

BOONE — Student leaders from across the state took a formal stance on tuition increases at each of the system's constituent universities at its meeting this weekend.

The UNC-system Association of Student Governments, an organization intended to represent the voices of students within the university system, met at Appalachian State University in Boone with a record attendance of almost 70 students.

The UNC Board of Governors, the body that sets tuition for each of the system universities, informally raised at its October meeting the possibility of a tuition freeze.

The board asked the ASG — comprising student body presidents and their delegations — to submit a recommendation on tuition.

The last time ASG was consulted on an issue of such importance was four years ago, said ASG President Greg Doucette.

Most delegations requested increases considerably smaller than the caps set by their schools, aside from the UNC-Charlotte delegation, which requested the same

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UNC-CH is more involved in ASG

Tensions linger in systemwide body

BY OLIVIA BOWLER
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

UNC-Chapel Hill's involvement in a systemwide association of student leaders has wavered the last few years, but this weekend's appointment of five UNC students to executive positions could signal a turnaround.

But some say this renewed interest in the UNC-system Association of Student Governments might not completely counterbalance the absence of UNC-CH Student Body President J.J. Raynor.

Raynor has not attended any of the ASG's monthly meetings since this summer and said she does not plan to attend them in the future.

"I choose to spend my time directly doing things that benefit my campus," she said of her decision to send Logan Liles, formerly a competitor for student body president, in her place.

"It's really not a productive body for anyone from Chapel Hill."

UNC's Chazz Clavelinger, newly appointed as vice president of legislative and public affairs, said he hopes to improve the reputation of UNC-CH in the association through positive work with the members.

"UNC should always be twice as humble and twice as modest as

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