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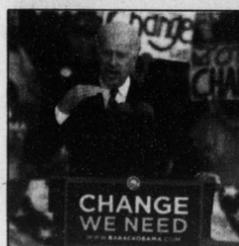
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ELECTION GUIDE

The presidential candidates have varied stances on foreign policy, immigrant rights, border control and other issues.



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BIDEN IN GREENSBORO

Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden speaks to a shivering crowd at a Monday rally.

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CENTRAL ARKANSAS

University shooting shifts attention to campus safety.

"THE WIRE" VISITS UNC

Television stars speak at an early vote rally on campus.

FENCING COMPETITION

The Tar Heels dominated their first home match since 2004.

this day in history

OCT. 28, 2004 ...

Poll workers scramble as early voting sees heavier turnout than usual. About 26,000 voted at one-stop sites or by mail.



ELECTION COUNTDOWN

5

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

Mostly sunny
H 56, L 37

Wednesday's weather

Partly cloudy
H 55, L 36

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Federal indictment in killing

BY SARAH FRIER

A federal grand jury indicted Monday one of the two suspects in the killing of former Student Body President Eve Carson.

Charges on the federal level might increase the likelihood of a death sentence for Demario James Atwater, 22, if he is convicted. He now faces separate federal and state prosecutions, and Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall already has said he will pursue the death penalty on the state level.

Prosecutors say Atwater and Lawrence Alvin Lovette, 17, drove Carson in her car to withdraw money before shooting her several times in a wealthy neighborhood off East Franklin



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Street.

Prosecutors have argued that this is a federal case because Atwater is accused of violating federal laws, including carjacking resulting in death.

But federal involvement in a case that the state is actively prosecuting is unusual, especially for street crime, said Rich Rosen, a UNC law professor who serves on the board of the Center for Death

A timeline of events since Eve Carson's death

March 5: A woman is found shot to death in a neighborhood off East Franklin Street.

March 6: The body is identified as then-Student Body President Eve Carson, and her car is found.

March 12: Demario James Atwater, 21 at the time, is arrested.

March 13: Lawrence Alvin

Lovette, 17, is arrested.

March 31: Atwater and Lovette are indicted by a grand jury for first-degree murder.

Aug. 11: District Attorney Jim Woodall announces plans to pursue the death penalty against Atwater.

Monday: Federal grand jury indicts Atwater.

Penalty Litigation.

"I don't understand why the federal district attorneys would choose this case to prosecute," Rosen said. "Homicide is traditionally a state crime, punishable

by the state."

But because Atwater violated federal law, his federal indictments are to be expected, said Lynne

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Raynor wants ASG to reform

Her ideas meeting some resistance

BY OLIVIA BOWLER

ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Despite limited involvement in a statewide student leader organization, UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body President J.J. Raynor plans to implement reforms.

However, others in the association are reluctant to embrace recommendations from a school they don't think has made a full commitment to the organization.

UNC-CH's participation in the UNC-system Association of Student Governments, made up of student delegations from every UNC-system school, has been sporadic and Raynor has appointed a permanent delegate in her place.

The reforms are needed to address prevalent underperformance in the association, she said.

"If we're going to be a part of ASG, we might as well make it work. And if it's not going to work, well, it's back to the drawing board."

Raynor and her permanent delegate, Logan Liles, have been working on their reform agenda since Liles' appointment at the beginning of the school year.

ASG President Greg Doucette has backed off of his initial promises of reform, Raynor said, and she hopes to get them rolling with support from other student body presidents. Unilateral efforts have failed in the past, she said.

"It has only been really after the last couple of meetings that we realized we would have to push that ourselves," she said.

Doucette said that Raynor hasn't presented her ideas to him and that there is other work to be done.

"There are certain pressing issues like tuition, which the (Board of Governors) has asked us to address," he said.

"I'm not going to shove the important policy issues of the day in order to address the whim of someone who doesn't even attend my meetings."

Tim Ernst, UNC-Charlotte student body president, said neither Liles nor Raynor have approached him with their plans.

"I'd be interested to see what kind of reforms she would want to impose," he said. "I haven't seen her at any of the meetings."

If ASG doesn't make changes, UNC-CH might withdraw, Raynor said, adding that some association members have made it difficult for UNC-CH to participate effectively.

"We're hopeful that once ASG gets over the fact that we're sending an official delegate, we can get back to conversations about how to make it more effective," she said.

"It has been really hard for Chapel Hill to take part in the meetings with the atmosphere what it is right now."

ASG might find UNC-CH's withdrawal a relief, Ernst said.

"I think it would be good ridance," he said. "Given UNC-CH's

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A SHOW OF FAITH



Members of Alpha Iota Omega Christian fraternity perform a skit in the Pit as part of "Tricked to Death or Treated to Life?," an event held to present new members of Christian fraternities and sororities. The skit conveyed the message that through God, a person can overcome sin.

Christian Greeks perform skits in Pit

BY ABBY FARSON

STAFF WRITER

Skeletons danced in the Pit on Monday, not in celebration of Halloween but in a public declaration of their personal faith to dozens of onlookers.

In a dramatized presentation, "Tricked to Death or Treated to Life?," Alpha Epsilon Omega Christian sorority and Alpha Iota Omega Christian fraternity revealed their new members to the public.

The five new fraternity members and four new sorority members addressed the crowd with an eclectic mix of speeches, poems, songs and dances that were unlike the traditional evangelical fare in the Pit.

"The purpose of this event is to let them publicly declare their love for God and their dedication to his ministry as a service to the campus," said Sarah Gerald, president of Alpha Epsilon Omega.

The new sorority sisters, in matching purple sweaters and sil-

ver masks, began the presentation by step dancing and chanting the name of their sorority and their mission: "We are stepping for the mighty G-O-D."

The women spoke about their personal faith in Jesus using songs or poems.

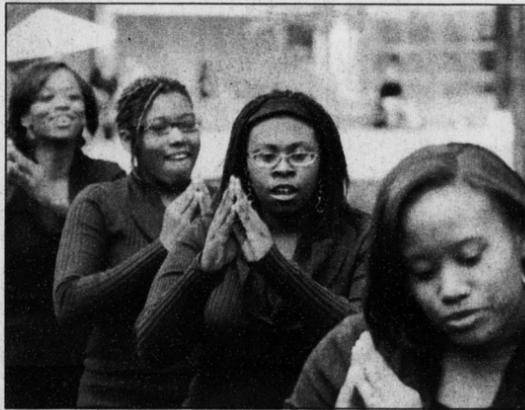
Junior Carmen Stackhouse told the crowd she struggled with depression, once coming close to suicide.

"All of the therapy sessions I had did not save my life; God saved my life," she said.

Another sorority member described her journey of faith after having an abortion.

After the women's presentations, five masked men went to the center of the Pit in skeleton sweatshirts and danced together in a theatrical interpretation of the Gospel.

Following the dance, the men also spoke, each repeating the refrain, "Don't be tricked to death, but let Christ be your lifeline so that you may be treated to life."



Members of Alpha Epsilon Omega Christian sorority perform in Monday's event. Their performance included singing and storytelling.

At the end of the 30-minute production, about 100 onlookers held hands to pray, circling the outer perimeter of the Pit.

Some of the new members said they wanted to be careful to dis-

tinguish themselves from other Pit evangelists.

Junior Yvette Hairston, one of the new sorority members, said

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Bus hits woman on South Columbia

Identity of victim is still unknown

BY MAX ROSE

CITY EDITOR

Authorities did not name Monday evening a pedestrian who a town bus struck as she crossed South Columbia Street earlier that day.

The injuries appeared to be serious and the woman was taken to N.C. Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill police Sgt. Donnie Rhoads said.

The Chapel Hill Transit bus was going southbound when it hit the woman just after 4 p.m. at the intersection with Mason Farm Road.

Chapel Hill police at the scene

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Chapel Hill firefighters use bleach to clean off the road after a female pedestrian was struck by a Chapel Hill Transit bus Monday afternoon.

'Cool Kids' pick UNC for a hip-hop performance

BY JAMIE WILLIAMS

SENIOR WRITER

As much as the Carolina Union Activities Board wanted to bring Chicago hip-hop duo The Cool Kids to UNC, the performers wanted to come just as much.

"Duke and (N.C.) State both put in offers for them at the same time we did, but they expressed a preference to come here if they came to the area," said Kristin Hill, CUAB music and media committee chairwoman.

Hill, who was instrumental in bringing the group to campus, said that after seeing The Cool Kids perform this summer in Durham, the group quickly jumped to the top of her wish list.

ATTEND THE SHOW

Time: 8 p.m. today
Location: Student Union Great Hall
Info: www.unc.edu/cuab
Price: \$8

But there was concern about whether or not bringing the group would be feasible after it spent the summer touring extensively and stopping at prominent festivals.

"After I saw them in Durham, I just thought they were going to blow up, and we wouldn't be able to afford to bring them here," she said.

"I was just like, these kids are cool."

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