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LOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Local music is the highlight of Troika, a three-day music festival that starts tonight in Durham, featuring 62 bands, 52 of them from the Triangle.

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SHARING A STORY

Figure 8 Films, based in Carrboro, has produced more than 200 human-interest shows for the Discovery Channel, TLC, Discovery Health, Animal Planet and National Geographic.



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MOVING THE BALL

The women's soccer team battled Miami well into the second half without a goal, but was able to wring out a 1-0 win Sunday.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Student Body President J.J. Raynor's October Report was presented to Student Congress on Wednesday. The report details her administration's progress during the past six months.

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DIVE BLOG

Photos from Deerhunter's Nov. 2 concert and so much more.

ELECTION '08

Coverage of local reaction to Tuesday's results.

this day in history

NOV. 6, 1970

Actress and activist Jane Fonda speaks to about 4,000 UNC students about student politics and against the Vietnam War.

Today's weather

Sunny
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Friday's weather

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Economy may curb arts funding

Obama promised national increase

BY KEVIN TURNER
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President-elect Barack Obama promised an increase in funding to the National Endowment for the Arts during his campaign and was the first candidate in history to create an arts advisory committee.

"I want our students learning art and music and science and poetry," Obama said in a Feb. 9 speech. And in a campaign press release, Obama said his administration would support increased funding for the endowment.

But many are skeptical of his

promise when examining the dire state of the U.S. economy.

"I think everything is up for grabs at this point, it's much too early to predict the budget," said Joel Henning, member of Obama's National Arts Policy Committee and columnist for The Wall Street Journal.

"We have to be very cognizant of the fact that our economy is in terrible shape and the government has to spend an enormous amount for pulling the economy out of the slump."

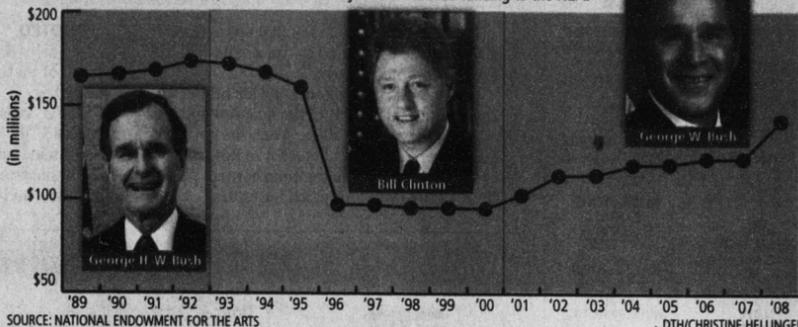
Many are questioning the endowment's future as it switches hands to the Obama administration.

Emil Kang, UNC's executive

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Past funding for National Endowment for the Arts

The budget for the NEA has varied during the terms of the past three presidents. At the Democratic National Convention, Democrats said they would increase funding to the NEA.



BANANA DEMOCRACY



DTH/BRITANNY PETERSON

Mark Pilkington and Michael Anderson, both juniors, wear bananas to garner attention as they campaign to help elect their fellow varsity cheerleader Jeremy Crouthamel as this year's Homecoming King.

All Homecoming candidates were campaigning heavily Wednesday, as special elections for Homecoming royalty and six vacancies in Student Congress were being held.

Candidates were compelled to dress as dinosaurs, wear bananas and wave campaign signs featuring Barack Obama to attract students' attention away from Tuesday's nationwide election.

Results for the Congress special election will be announced this afternoon.

The Homecoming King and Queen will be announced on-field at halftime of Saturday's football game against Georgia Tech in Kenan Stadium.

"This resolution is also to remind everyone of the duty we have with spending student fees." RYAN O'QUINN, CONGRESSMAN

Congress opts out of forum

Abortion discussion set for Monday

BY HILLARY ROSE OWENS
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Student Congress will not play a role in a student open forum related to the anti-abortion display in Polk Place last month.

Instead, Carolina Students for Life will be in charge of the forum, which will take place after a pro-life speaker presents.

The decision ends a weeks-long debate about how Congress should deal with the aftermath of the controversial display.

In last Tuesday's student affairs committee meeting, a resolution to

investigate Carolina Students for Life's abortion display was presented by Congressman Ryan O'Quinn.

But after much debate, O'Quinn decided to withdraw his resolution and planned to just submit the proposal at Wednesday's full body Congress meeting instead.

He submitted a resolution to request a question-and-answer session sponsored by Carolina Students for Life on Nov. 10 at 8:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 3411.

Though the resolution was not passed, the forum still will happen. According to the resolution,

the Oct. 22 and 23 display in Polk Place did not permit a full dialogue despite its intention to foster debate on campus.

The 18-foot-tall display featured graphic images of aborted fetuses and was met with student complaints because there was no detour around the display.

The discussion with Carolina Students for Life would be open for any student who wanted to attend.

O'Quinn said the resolution's purpose was to inform Congress members of their duty to their constituents.

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Cuts force creative saving

Instead of top-down hiring freeze, departments decide

BY BRECKEN BRANSTRATOR
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Other schools in the UNC system declared a faculty hiring freeze to deal with the state-mandated budget cut of 2 percent applied this year.

Schools in the UNC system were advised to only fill necessary positions, so some cut their hiring budgets. At UNC-Chapel Hill, individual departments instead were directed to cut their own budgets.

"We haven't frozen hiring at the time," Executive Associate Provost Ron Strauss said. "But it would be crazy if we didn't have some caution about hiring."

Several academic departments considered responding to cuts by slashing stipends given to graduate students.

Fortunately for teaching and research assistants, many of those departments were able to reach into a surplus fund or make cuts elsewhere to maintain graduate students' money.

The department of sociology considered absorbing its budget cut through cutting its support for graduate students.

The department decided to cut the \$14,700 stipends of four graduate student positions.

But the department had extra money from last year's budget, so no graduate students actually lost money, said department Chairman Howard Aldrich.

"We were lucky in that we had a surplus, so we don't have to lay off any students," Aldrich said.

Eight classes using graduate student support would have been in jeopardy if the instructional budget had been cut.

The department of communication studies looked at cuts along the same lines.

But that department also had money left over from last year, so it didn't actually have to cut anyone's stipend, department Chairman Dennis Mumby said.

He said budget cuts will only minimally affect the graduate students in the communications department this year.

The departments of anthropology and economics also considered cuts to graduate student stipends, but they did not materialize.

Instead, the anthropology department cut the number of recitation sessions it would offer, and the economics department cut its budget for visitors and speakers.

But the cuts meant that the economics department, despite the lack of a hiring freeze, still lacks the money to conduct searches to replace four fac-

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Retirees flocking to college communities

BY NICK ANDERSEN
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When he enrolled in a journalism class three years ago at N.C. State University, Walter Mack tried hard not to be a conspicuous presence in the classroom.

But Mack, a retired journalist, is 75 years old and stands out among bright-eyed young college students.

"The professor wouldn't let me hide," Mack said. "He knew I had experience in the field and could tie it in to what he was teaching."

Mack, a Chapel Hill resident, is part of a growing trend in the Triangle: retired citizens adding to the university scene

while taking advantage of its resources.

"There are a lot of big draws to living in a college town for retired people," said Jerry Passmore, director of the Orange County Department of Aging.

"The academic, cultural and medical benefits of living in a university community are pretty significant."

Since the 1970s, retirees have flocked to college towns, drawn to the intellectual stimulation and culturally active lifestyles so common there.

As the Baby Boomer generation passes retirement age, this migration is becoming more pro-

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