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RETURN TO DEPTH

"Two healthy quarterbacks — well, we've got four healthy quarterbacks, but two pretty good ones," says UNC quarterback Cameron Sexton. "Anytime we've got depth, it's great. That's always a plus."

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SPEAKING OUT

Spoken-word artists will help raise awareness at an event today about the historically black Northside community that is affected by the \$50 million mixed-use Greenbridge project.

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RSVVP IS TODAY

Organizers of a longtime charity effort supporting the homeless are hoping the bad economy won't hinder their efforts to help the needy.



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MILLENIUM VILLAGE

Monday night's fundraiser featured performances by the Loreleis, Cadence, Sababa, Misconceptions and Que Rico.

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CE-YO VISITS

The co-founder of the organic dairy company Stonyfield Farm will speak on campus.

MILITARY FRIENDLY

UNC-Pembroke was named one of the nation's most military-friendly universities.

this day in history

NOV. 11, 1998 ...

University Counsel Susan Ehringhaus determines that a new policy banning smoking on residence hall balconies breaks state law.

Today's weather

Sunny
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Wednesday's weather

Cloudy
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Police pursuing arson

Gerrard to reopen after investigation

BY ANDREW HARRELL
STAFF WRITER

Police investigating the weekend fire in Gerrard Hall are treating the case as arson.

Investigators have no suspects and are searching for the tool used to start the fire, said Randy Young, spokesman for the UNC Department of Public Safety.

Gerrard Hall will reopen when the investigation is complete, said Mike Johnson, director of operations for Carolina Performing Arts, which often uses the space.

"Once we found out about the fire, we had a staff person come in on Saturday to call all of the event organizers and warn them we may need to relocate the events," Johnson said.

Two events scheduled for the building today have been relocated. The Carolina Union is helping to find alternate locations for future events in Gerrard Hall.

The building underwent \$2.4 million in renovations last fall, including the addition of fire alarms and sprinkler systems that helped save the historic structure.

"Obviously we're seeing the benefit of that," Johnson said.

The alarm system notified authorities just after 3:14 a.m. Saturday, and the sprinklers had partially put out the fire before the Chapel Hill Fire Department arrived.

When firefighters arrived, they extinguished eight chairs that were on fire inside the hall. The building was unoccupied at the time, though the Loreleis had performed there hours before.

The damage consists of smoke damage, the eight burned chairs and water damage on the main floor.

The Chapel Hill Fire Department estimated repairs to cost about \$50,000. But DPS put

the cost at only \$1,250 for water damage and the burnt chairs.

In addition to fire alarms and sprinklers, the renovations included the installation of air conditioning, exterior building repairs and replacing the first-floor seating with loose chairs.

There also was electrical, structural and interior mechanical work done. Johnson said the renovations were done to preserve the historic building.

Initially known as "New Chapel," the hall was designed by William Nichols, who began construction in 1822. Construction stopped when

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Merritt joins Town Council

Will serve for rest of Thorpe's term

INSIDE: The economic downturn halts work on the Innovation Center. PG. 3

BY ANDREW CUMMINGS
STAFF WRITER

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously Monday to appoint James Merritt, a retired assistant principal and town native, to fill the vacant council seat.

The seat was left open when council member Bill Thorpe died in late September of heart problems.

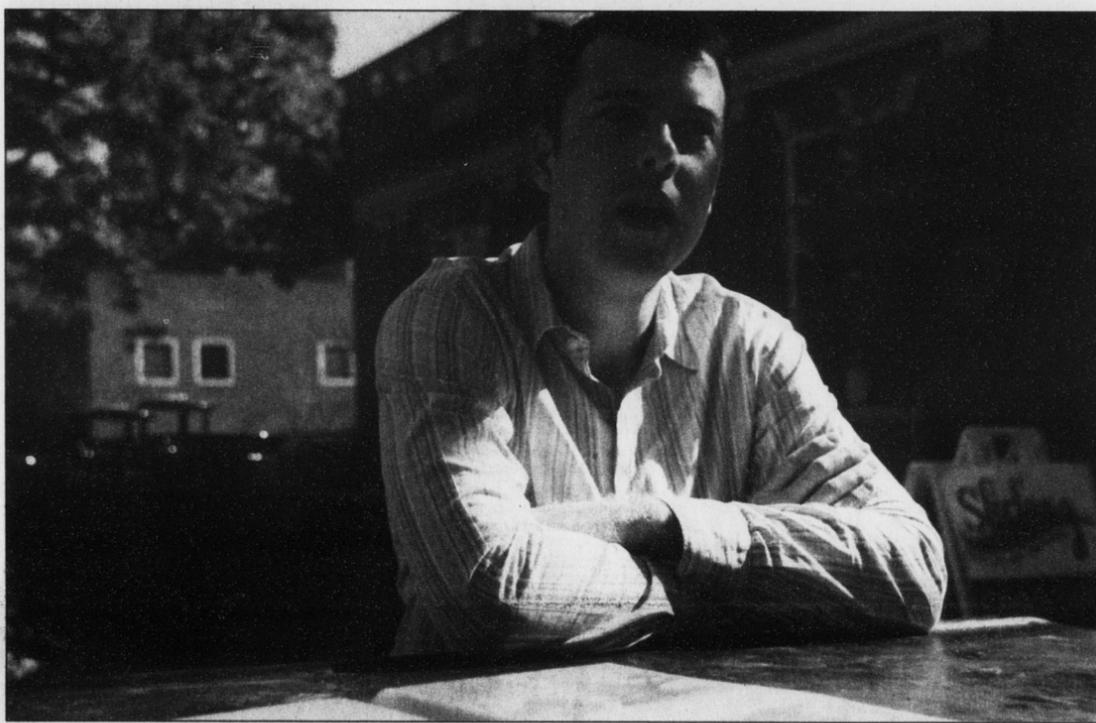
Merritt said he was surprised by the council's decision but can hit the ground running.

"I need to get a lot more information on these projects," Merritt said. "I need to get up to speed very quickly."

Finding a replacement that would carry on Thorpe's legacy and fight for similar issues was a

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BACK FROM WAR



Graham Paulsgrove, 25, was deployed to Iraq twice and is now a junior. His experiences set him apart from other students. Once, he had to give a presentation about amnesia for a class — he told the story of a fellow marine's post-traumatic amnesia after an explosion in their vehicle.



Paulsgrove spent a total of 12 months in Iraq. "I don't get stressed out about school stuff because it doesn't seem as important."

UNC student veterans face readjustment to college life

BY SARAH FRIER
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This semester, Graham Paulsgrove switched out handling machine guns and driving Humvees for courses in English literature and applied microeconomics.

Instead of camping out in the Iraqi desert with the fear that his vehicle might get blasted by roadside bombs, he waits tables at Breadmen's on Rosemary Street.

Paulsgrove, a junior, joined more than 200 veterans that are currently students at UNC. They share adjustment struggles but don't tend to know each other.

Because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, more students are deployed before returning to earn a degree, said ROTC battalion commander Lt. Col. Monte Yoder.

They come with experiences and needs that students didn't have eight years ago, he said.

Sophomore Cesar Lopez, 26, went through psychological evaluation

for his post-traumatic nightmares before coming to UNC.

And since he returned in the spring from running night missions in Iraq, marine Ian Lawrence has eased into a college student sleep schedule.

"I enjoy putting on regular clothes every day, eating fast food, not having 120-degree weather when I wake up," he said.

Senior Thomas Jones, 28, is probably the only person in his undergraduate statistics class who's dodged a bullet, but he doesn't tell anybody.

"The military lifestyle is a completely different lifestyle than that of a college student," said Jones, who was deployed to a classified location and then spent his academic career in the reserves.

"When you come back, there's always a transition of ideals and almost always a transition of identity."

Age and experience set veter-

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Vets see funds, not services

BY ASHLEE EDWARDS
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The new GI Bill going into effect in August 2009 could help more veterans attend college, but once they get there, some veterans need other services to transition back to life as a student.

After the first GI Bill — the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 — was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, millions of veterans were able to attend colleges and universities through tuition assistance.

Under the new GI Bill, signed into law this summer as The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the amount of tuition awarded to servicemen and women is based on the length of military service — 36 months guarantees all the tuition costs at a public university will be covered.

A monthly housing allowance, textbook stipend and \$500 for relocation also are provided.

But more than tuition assistance is necessary, said Bob Kettels, assistant director of

the Winston-Salem Veteran Affairs Regional Office.

"They need specific counseling, and guided recovery from disabling or emotional injuries."

There are approximately 200 veterans already attending classes at UNC, but UNC has no programs to meet the specific academic, counseling or wellness services needs of a student veteran.

UNC primarily offers financial guidance for student veterans, said Jan Benjamin, certifying official at the UNC Veterans Services Office, adding that her office doesn't have enough information about students' needs to offer other services.

But senior Thomas Jones, who served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, said that while emotional and academic support are beneficial, financial aid is student veterans' most crucial need.

"Tuition assistance is important because

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Veteran's Day Ceremony

sponsored by the UNC Naval ROTC

When: 11 a.m. today

Where: Carolina Alumni Memorial in Memory of Those Lost in Military Service, between Memorial Hall and Phillips Hall on Cameron Avenue.

Midshipmen and cadets from all three of the University's ROTC divisions will take part in today's annual Veteran's Day Ceremony, honoring those involved in military conflicts past and present.

Capt. Charles Gibson, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station in Meridian, Miss., and a 1985 UNC graduate, will speak as the guest of honor.

A speaker will read the names of American military operations over the past century, asking veterans to stand and be recognized with the name of the conflict in which they fought.

A reception will follow the ceremony, which is free and open to the public.

-compiled by Caroline Phillips

Conflicted committee passes on 2 tuition proposals

BY ANDREW DUNN
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Some reluctant and some frustrated, members of the tuition and fee advisory task force finalized their recommendations for next year's tuition increases.

Those numbers will be reviewed by Chancellor Holden Thorp, possibly revised, and then presented to the Board of Trustees in the coming days.

But Monday's meeting — the last of the year — also illustrated two distinct schools of thought on tuition increases, one protective of current students and one protective of the University's academic quality.

The differences should cause a heated discussion in next week's Board of Trustees meeting.

One camp pushes for high tuition increases, saying they are

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Tuition levels recommended

Resident undergraduate

Current level: \$3,705
Proposed increase: \$240.82

Nonresident undergraduate

Current level: \$20,603
Proposed increases: \$1,150 or \$1,339

Graduate students

Current level: \$5,013 (resident), \$19,411 (nonresident)
Proposed increases: \$400 or \$500

Where the money will go

- > 35 percent: Need-based aid
- > 30 percent: Faculty salaries
- > 15 percent: Graduate tuition remission and awards
- > 12.5 percent: Reducing class sizes by hiring faculty and teaching assistants
- > 7.5 percent: Academic support services, including advising, libraries and the Writing Center