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DEFENSIVE LEADERSHIP
Senior Brianna Eskola set an ACC career record for digs during a win against N.C. State for the volleyball team's 11th ACC Championship.

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2ND RHODES SCHOLAR
Lisette Yorke, a senior and Morehead-Cain Scholar from Canada, is the 43rd UNC student and second this year to win the Rhodes Scholarship.



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HOPE IN A HOME
A Carrboro house built by a former slave and still owned by his descendants has begun to crumble under years of wear and tear.

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GOIN' BOWLING
UNC's football squad is going to a bowl game. Which one is still up in the air. The Tar Heels are at the mercy of the title game's outcome and the whims of the bowl committees Sunday.

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DRESS UP FOR CLASS
N.C. Central University is giving students tips on how to dress professionally.

NO FUNDS FOR YOU
Community colleges that didn't grow enrollment by 5 percent will not receive additional funding next year.

this day in history

DEC. 2 1961 ...

The men's basketball team beats the University of Virginia 80 to 46, giving Dean Smith a win in his head-coaching debut.

Today's weather

Sunny
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Wednesday's weather

Sunny
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CARSON INVESTIGATION

'Not guilty' plea expected

BY SARAH FRIER
SENIOR WRITER

One of the men charged with killing former Student Body President Eve Carson is likely to plead not guilty at a federal hearing today.

"It would be typical for someone to plead not guilty at the arraignment," said Lynne Klauer, spokeswoman for the Middle District U.S. Attorney's office which is prosecuting Demario James Atwater, a 22-year-old Durham resident.

Atwater's federal public defender, Louis Allen, would not say what his client plans to plead.

Prosecutors say Atwater and Lawrence Alvin Lovette, 17, kid-

napped Carson from her home and drove her in her car to withdraw money before shooting her five times in a neighborhood near campus.

At the 9:30 a.m. hearing in Greensboro, Atwater will be formally read the federal charges against him: carjacking resulting in death, using firearms during a carjacking, being a felon in possession of firearms and possessing an improperly registered shotgun.

If convicted of either of the first two, he could face life in prison or the death penalty.

Atwater already pleaded not guilty in March at the state level to charges of first-degree mur-



Prosecutors expect Demario James Atwater to plead not guilty to federal charges related to Eve Carson's death.

der and first-degree kidnapping, as well as several lesser charges. District Attorney Jim Woodall said in an August hearing that he plans to pursue the death penalty.

A separate federal trial will increase Atwater's chance of getting a death sentence if convicted.

Legal experts have said it's unusual for federal prosecutors to pursue a homicide case at the same

time as state prosecutors.

Lovette is not eligible for the death penalty because of his age at the time of the crime. He has not been charged at the federal level.

Today, the court will also set a schedule for the federal trial and a date for when the first motions will be due.

Allen said he doesn't have an idea of when the federal trial will be set.

Woodall said the state trial will not occur for at least another year.

The federal prosecutor and defender said it is not clear whether the federal or state trial will go first.

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Bridge set for South Road

Pedestrian path could take a year

BY ANDREA MARCHIANO
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Campus officials now have the green light to design an expansive pedestrian bridge over South Road.

The bridge will begin at the top of the steps between the Student Union and Student Stores and pass through the woods on the south side of South Road, ending on Stadium Drive.

The project has a \$400,000 budget to complete the design, which could take up to a year. No budget has been set for construction.

The bridge's main purpose will be to keep pedestrians safe. At least two pedestrians have been involved in vehicle accidents on campus in the last year, though not on South Road.

"It's a very busy pedestrian and vehicular area," said Jill Coleman, design manager for the project. "We could make it much safer by providing another means of getting across the road."

UNC Department of Public Safety currently hires crossing guards to control traffic on South Road, spokesman Randy Young said. He said a bridge could help make both pedestrians and drivers safer.

"It's going to reflect a lower risk to pedestrians and motorists," he said. "It'll divert some folks crossing outside of crosswalks to a safer area as well."

Anna Wu, director of facilities planning, said designers have several details to iron out prior to the bridge's construction.

"We want to make sure the bridge fits into context and is aesthetically pleasing," she said.

Wu said the design has to provide clearance for buses passing underneath the bridge.

The team will also have to figure out exactly where the bridge will end on Stadium Drive in order to avoid building steps up to the bridge.

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ALTERNATIVE BIRTH

UNC midwifery division offers women a choice

You can bake delicious bread several ways. It's the same with a baby, said Kathy Higgins, director of the UNC Division of Midwifery.

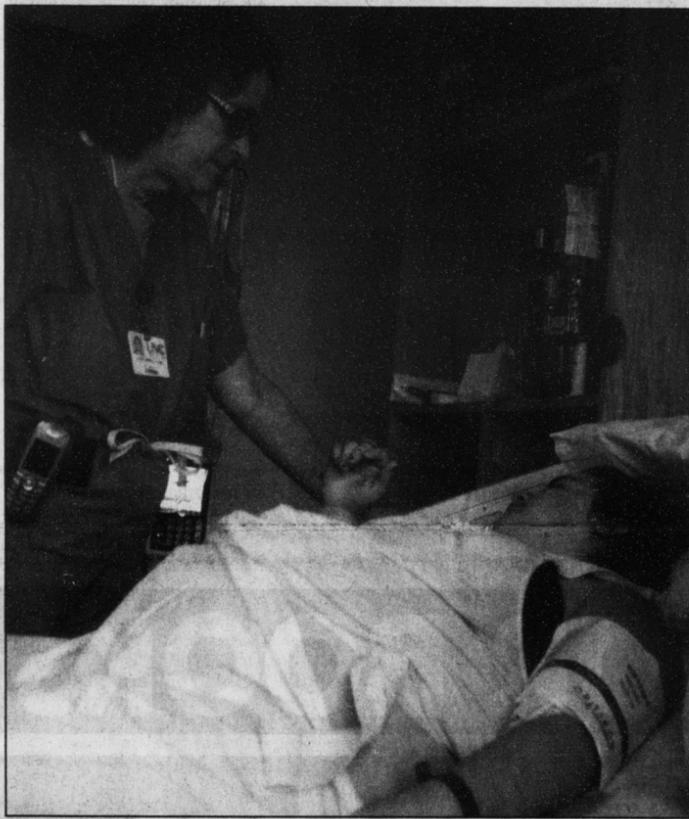
"Whether you choose a midwife or a doctor, the outcome is essentially the same — a healthy baby," she said. "It's a difference in the journey."

Midwives work as a team with physicians, who are available in case of complications.

The midwifery division provided birth care to about 500 women in the last fiscal year, Higgins said. The division grew by about 500 percent during the past six years.

Nikki Lewis' mother suggested she use a UNC midwife after hearing good reviews about the department. Midwife Jane Arnold stayed with Lewis during 25 hours of labor. Slight complications encouraged Arnold to team up with a physician, and Lewis gave birth by Caesarean section with Arnold at her side.

— Caitlyn Greene



Midwife Jane Arnold (top) talks with Nikki Lewis about her progress after 18 hours in labor. After approximately 25 hours, Lewis (left) had a Caesarean section surgery to deliver the baby. Lewis delivered a baby girl named Lauren McKenzie Ridge (right), weighing 7 lbs. and 8 oz.

Private giving could slide

Past recessions curbed donations

BY LAURA MARCINEK
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Private giving to the University likely will suffer amid the nation's economic plunge.

"We have trouble raising money for everything in a down economy," Chancellor Holden Thorp said Monday, as reports declared an official economic recession.

Private giving is up so far this year, but a deepening economic crisis could affect UNC's endowed professorships, scholarships, grants and other operations that rely on donations.

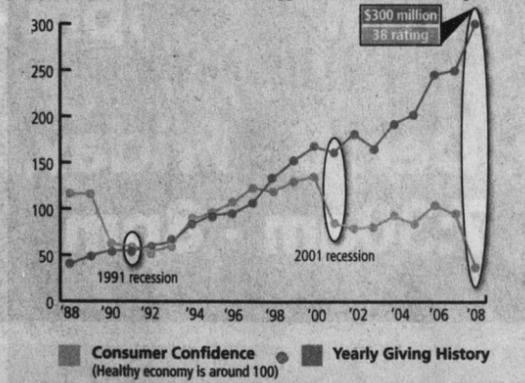
Private donations make up the bulk of UNC's endowment, the invested fund meant to provide a steady stream of income for scholarships, professorships, fellowships and research.

In the recessions of 1991 and 2001, UNC's private donations fell by 1.8 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively.

Those were two of only three drops in private giving since 1988,

Indicator foreshadows drop in donations

Significant drops in consumer confidence have been followed by drops in private giving to the University. The latest drop suggests donations could fall again.



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DTH INSIDE: Economists confirmed that the U.S. is in a recession Monday. See what that distinction means. PG. 7

the earliest data provided by the University's development office, UNC's chief fundraising unit.

Despite the trend, develop-

ment officials this year are optimistic, pointing to an 8 percent increase in private giving during the one-year period that ended Nov. 17, 2008.

But they're aware that a sour

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County expects affordable housing funds to tighten

BY KATHRYN KOESY
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Orange County likely won't follow national trends of foreclosures and decreased funding for affordable housing, local housing providers said.

Nationwide job loss has both contributed to an increase in home foreclosures and decreased the amount of tax revenue available for affordable housing programs. But Orange County might be insulated from some of these trends because of high job security.

Many residents are employed by either UNC or the hospitals, and those groups do not expect the high numbers of layoffs seen in other parts of the state, said Robert Dowling, executive director of the Orange Community Housing and Land Trust.

"We don't have a lot of the issues that cause the squeeze," said Tara Fikes, director of Orange County Housing and Community Development.

"Unemployment is low, we don't have any manufacturing jobs, and

we don't have job loss.

"That's not to say we won't suffer, but it won't be as bad as in other areas."

Between January 2007 and June 2008, Orange County saw fewer than 500 foreclosures, according to the N.C. Department of Commerce.

Wake, Mecklenburg, Forsyth and Guilford counties — all of which were targeted for emergency assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development — each saw more than 3,000 foreclosures during that time.

"This created a domino effect," said Chris Estes, executive director of N.C. Public Housing Coalition. "More people losing their homes are looking for limited rentable houses."

Housing funding

Local leaders said the relatively stable job market should also keep tax revenue and Orange

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