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will take advantage of several UNCW facilities, including Trask Coliseum, Hanover Hall, and the new Student Recreation Center.

The Student Recreation Center will have a temporary schedule for hours of use during the Wizards' visit. Students, faculty, and staff will only be permitted to use the facility during the following times:

- Tue. Oct. 3: 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
12 noon – 4:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 4: **Fall Break begins at 10:30 p.m.**
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
12 noon – 4:00 p.m.
- Thu. Oct. 5: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Fri. Oct. 6: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 7: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. Oct. 8: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 9: 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

- 12 noon – 4:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Tue. Oct. 10: 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
12 noon – 11:00 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 11: *Back to regular schedule*

For more information, call 962-3261

The Wizards will end their stay with an exhibition game on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. at Trask Coliseum, while the scrimmage will begin at 7:00 p.m. The teams will consist of the Wizards splitting their roster to make two squads.

Tickets for the contest will be only be available for all UNCW students, faculty, and staff, and will be provided free of charge. Each UNCW member may pick up two tickets at the Information Desk in the University Union, or the Office of Housing and Residence Life Activity Center. Tickets will be available from Oct. 2-4 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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initial plans, buses would travel routes determined by the location of apartment complexes located within the one-mile radius of UNCW on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between 10:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. The buses would travel through the university's campus as well.

The SGA currently has \$8,200 set aside in an operations account specifically for the program. This amount, according to SGA Treasurer Kyle Horton, was based on what a single semester trial run would cost. Horton believes this amount would likely increase but the actual costs are hard to estimate.

The Safe Ride Program received a great deal of publicity and student feedback when the plan was announced last February.

Junior Lindy Johnson remembers hearing about Safe Ride last year and thought it was a great idea.

"It would be beneficial to people trying to get home from the beach," she said.

Johnson added that it would be nice to have a program that would operate during the day as well.

"It would be good to just get to the beach in general, even during the day...It could be looked at like a

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and absence of other people

"Any time there are bars, there are the incidents that accompany them, such as assaults," Donaldson said.

The lack of parking spaces downtown can often result in people choosing to take shortcuts through dark lots and/or alleys to get to the downtown bars and clubs. Many students said that this walk is the most worrisome part of partying downtown.

"I really don't feel safe downtown at night by myself. The insufficient amount of parking near our destination often causes my friends and I to walk through alleys that are not very well lit," junior Wendy Green said. "I would also feel more comfortable if I saw more officers walking around the areas surrounding Front Street, since so many students are intoxicated when they go out to clubs downtown."

According to Officer Brian Gilmore of the Wilmington police department crime prevention unit, to lessen the chance of becoming a robbery victim when going to bars downtown individuals never bring more cash than they plan to spend over the course of the evening.

"The biggest factor in individual safety is the individual," Donaldson said. "Women, specifically, are going to be safer if they stay with a crowd. If someone you don't know

recreation aspect too," she said.

Skipper Mervin, the junior class president and Safe Ride committee chair, said there are several reasons why the program is not yet up and running. According to Mervin, a lack of student involvement is a big problem.

"The main hang-up is student organizations not cooperating," he said.

Since there isn't enough money to hire staff for Safe Ride, Mervin proposed that each of the 30 UNCW student organizations funded by the SGA should volunteer to drive the buses and answer phones for one weekend out of the school year.

Mervin also said that at the beginning of a new academic year it is difficult getting things done because of the new SGA members coming in and the regular business that must be addressed.

"We are overwhelmed," he said.

Russell conceded that the program is a lot of work.

"It's a bigger job than we thought it would be," she said.

Russell pointed to legal and safety issues that must be dealt with because of the potential involvement of alcohol and transportation.

"There's a lot of red tape...we have to go back and plan," she said.

attempts to get you away from your party and into an isolated area that should be a red flag that the attacker has his own agenda."

He also recommended that bar patrons avoid taking any drinks from strangers and to make sure that they always keep their drinks with them in order to prevent someone else from slipping substances, such as GHB, into an unwatched glass.


"For both males and females, trust your instincts. If something doesn't seem right then it probably isn't," Donaldson said.




Along with the chance of victimization, intoxicated individuals are also the more likely perpetrators of violent assaults, due lowered inhibitions, according to Atwood.

According to the Wilmington Star-News on Friday, Sept. 15, a 25-year old man suffered severe head lacerations when an attacker punched him in a parking lot on North Front Street around 2 a.m.

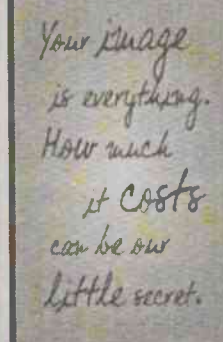


Atwood said that the recently passed drinking laws, which stiffen fines and require community service for underage drinkers and their over 21-year old suppliers, should be effective in promoting safety downtown by increasing sobriety in underage patrons.

"[Safety downtown] has always been a problem... However if everyone cooperates, including area merchants, then these laws will make a difference," Atwood said.



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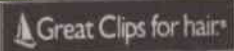
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