

Leaders to Take Meetings to Residence Halls

Instead of holding Cabinet meetings in the Union, student leaders will go door to door to hear concerns.

By KATIE ABEL
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Students now have the chance to offer their questions, concerns and gripes to their elected student leaders without ever having to leave their rooms.

Beginning Sunday, executive branch cabinet members will go door-to-door in campus residence halls during weekly cabinet meetings to seek student input on issues like campus safety.

Having better communication with students across campus was one of the main points stressed in Student Body President Nic Heinke's platform during campus elections last February.

Heinke's senior adviser Brad Matthews proposed the idea of going straight to students instead of relying on them to approach campus leaders.

"It seems to me that it is just common sense to actually knock on doors and ask students how they are doing," he said. "It's that last part of the loop in staying in touch with students."

The issue of making UNC a safe campus has become even more important in the first days of the semester after two female students were assaulted on campus earlier this week.

Heinke said he wanted students to

offer suggestions on how they thought campus safety could be improved now.

Student officials have tossed around several ideas about what immediate steps could be taken, including handing out free whistles to students to make them feel safer.

This Sunday, the 20 Cabinet members will meet students in Hinton James Residence Hall, Heinke said.



Student Body President Nic Heinke said leaders would be in Hinton James on Sunday.

Students will usually have the chance to sit in on Cabinet meetings held directly after students knock on doors.

But Heinke said that because of scheduling conflicts, the first Cabinet meeting would have to be held in the Student Union instead of Hinton James.

Matthews said student officials would take their meetings to all 29 residence halls at some point during the year.

He said a schedule would be released soon that would announce when Cabinet members would come to specific halls during the year.

Matthews said Cabinet members would also seek input on campus issues from students living off-campus.

"We are in the process of trying to get some of the apartment complexes to publicize this for us," he said.

Heinke said going straight to students was an easy way for student government to stay in touch with students.

"We go door-to-door whenever campaign season rolls around," he said. "Now we are making sure we're paying attention to issues all year long."

One student said she would be a lot more eager to meet with officials if they came to her.

"I don't think most people are going to go out of their way to go talk to leaders," said Ashley Reed, a sophomore from Cary.

"But if they are right there in my face, I am probably going to go ahead and voice my opinion."

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Campus Calendar

Friday

1 p.m. - **Jumah Prayer**, the Friday Islamic Prayer, will be held in the UNC Hospitals chapel. Contact Nadia Siddiqui of the Muslim Student Association at 968-6193.

Sunday

3 p.m. - **The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies** will host a freshman reception for those interested in debate and literature. The meeting will be on the third floor of New East. Business casual attire is recommended.

Monday

7:30 p.m. - **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** will have its meeting at the old Kenan Field House. All are invited including non-athletes. For more information, call Ruth at 942-4923 or Charlie at 942-4067.

8 p.m. - **Young Democrats** will host its kickoff event. All students are welcome. The meeting will be in room 224 of the Student Union. For more information, contact Matt Jones at 933-2172.

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. - **Student Television** will hold a general interest meeting in Union 205 and Union 206.

Wednesday

3 p.m. - Dr. J. Richard Udry, a professor of maternal and child health, will speak on "New Developments in the Adolescent Health Project: Ad Health Grows Up." The talk, which is sponsored by the School of Public Health, will be held in the Ibrahim Seminar Room of the McGavran-Greenberg Hall.

7 p.m. - **The Catalyst** will hold an interest meeting in 104 Greenlaw Hall. The magazine is seeking student writers, artists, editors and layout staff. For more information, contact Meagan Patterson at 933-1082.

Thursday

2 p.m. - **The Chancellor's Search Committee** will hear opinions on characteristics to look for in the next chancellor in the Carolina Inn's Hill Ballroom. Faculty are invited to address the committee at 2 p.m., staff at 3 p.m. and students at 4 p.m.

7:30 p.m. - **Campus Crusade for Christ** will hold its weekly meeting in the Great Hall. The featured speaker will be Tim Downs.

Thursday

3:30 p.m. - Dr. Laurie McNeil, physics professor, will present "Painting the Town Red: Light Scattering from Concentrated Particulate Dispersions" in 265 Phillips Hall.

Laptop Class Puzzles Students

Some students say they are confused about how laptops will be used in some classes during this semester.

By LAURA STOHR
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Several students are getting the opportunity to test-drive their new Carolina Computing Initiative laptop computers in special course sections.

In a sign posted outside the Undergraduate Library computer lab, 11 laptop sections were listed for students to enroll in. The courses serve as pilot programs for instructors so they can develop course materials to be applied next year. All incoming freshmen will then be required to purchase laptops.

But while the University plunges forward to submerge the campus in technology, some students still wonder how it will help them to learn.

Anne Hancock, a freshman from Chevy Chase, Md. who enrolled in a laptop section of Math 31, said she did not feel prepared to use the computer software for the class.

"I don't know how to use computers very well," she said. "The class seems to be for people who know a lot about

computers, not for experimenting."

Meg Schiffman, also of Chevy Chase, sat in on the class without knowing it would involve laptop applications.

"I don't want to bring my computer every day," she said. Schiffman said she would try to get into a non-laptop class.

Kimberly Noonan, a fourth-year graduate student in the Department of Mathematics, teaches the course.

Noonan used Mathematica, the software the class will learn, during her undergraduate studies at the University of Richmond. "Mathematica was pretty straightforward," she said. "You can do a lot with it. It's very powerful."

"(But) the more powerful the software product is, the less user-friendly it is. As long as you have good intuition and logic, it shouldn't be hard at all."

Noonan said the program had an extensive help browser that students could use to navigate problems.

She said students would do weekly projects using the software and downloading information from the World Wide Web that other universities posted on their sites. The classroom, 381

Phillips Hall, is equipped with a box that provides students with a wireless Internet connection once a special card is inserted into the machine.

But during Thursday's class some of the students asked questions about how the Internet applied to their studies.

Britney Wallace, a freshman from Chapel Hill, enrolled in laptop Math 31 and Chemistry 21 lab, said she thought the software would be interesting, but doubted how Web usage increased learning. "I'm not quite sure what the Internet's going to do for my calculus class," she said.

Students also expressed concern that they would have to do more work than other sections.

During class, Noonan said students would have to move faster to cover material because some class time would be spent on the laptops.

The mathematics department has not yet decided whether the laptop students will take the same final as the other Math 31 students.

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BRITNEY WALLACE
Freshman From Chapel Hill

CAA to Sponsor Week Of Athletic Awareness

Carolina Athletic Association President Tee Pruitt says he hopes students will learn more about what CAA does.

By SHANNON SNYPP
Staff Writer

In the first ever Carolina Athletic Association Awareness Week, CAA leaders said they wanted students to realize just how involved the organization is in promoting UNC's sports.

For five days, the CAA will provide information on ticket distribution, Homecoming, Intramural Recreation Department, Carolina Fever and sports marketing.

"The goal of the Cabinet is to increase awareness about what the CAA does," said CAA President Tee Pruitt.

The week kicks off Monday with Ticket Distribution Day, Pruitt said. The CAA will pass out ticket distribution schedules and applications for the ticket distribution committee.

Pruitt said Tuesday was designed to give students an opportunity to learn about Homecoming and ways to get involved.

"We want more student input on activities and festivities, because then we will have a better idea on how to get more involvement from a diverse stu-

dent body," he said.

Wednesday is designated for the club sports and IM-Rec teams. The CAA wants to promote every UNC team, including revenue and nonrevenue sports, he said.

Thursday is Carolina Fever Day, and information will be distributed on Carolina Fever and the importance of supporting UNC sports, said Casey Privette, Carolina Fever co-president.

Students will be allowed to sign up for the group, and a competition is planned to pick a "mic man," he said.

"Two years ago, we had a cheerleader who was in Carolina Fever, and who would lead cheers in the crowd (as a mic man)," Privette said.

"We're looking for someone who's wild and fun and wants to help the football team out this year, and they'll get their opportunity to try out in the Pit."

Friday will conclude the week with Sports Marketing Day with applications available for students who want to join the marketing committee to spread information on UNC sports, Pruitt said.

Pruitt said it was important to inform students about every issue the organization would tackle this year.

"I don't think all students understand that the CAA does more than just distribute basketball tickets."

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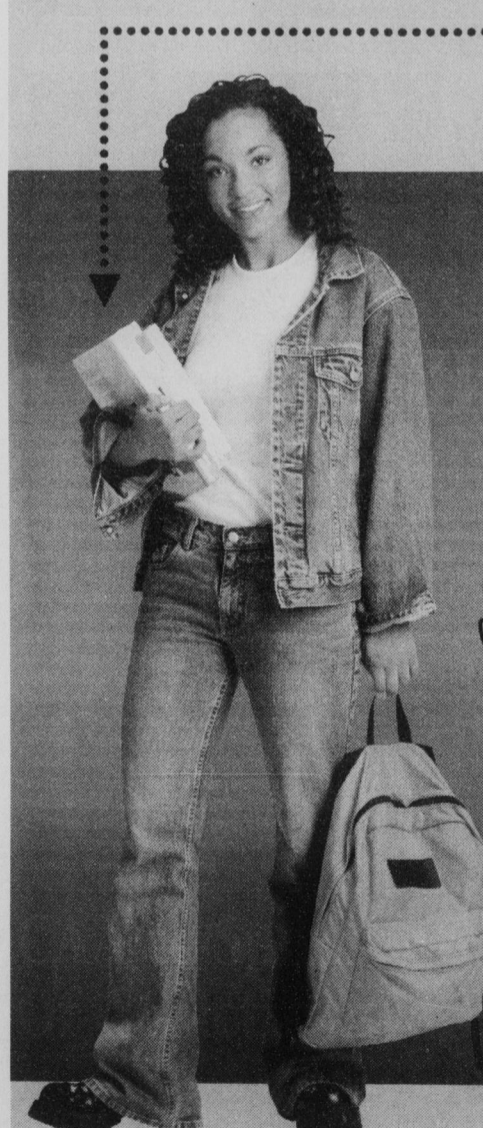
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