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et distribution.
Last year, CAA ceased camp-outs and adopted the wristband method for basketball ticket distribution because



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This year the Carolina Athletic Association will require students to get Florida State tickets to avoid overcrowding similar to 1997's game.

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continue today. "We went on for several weeks last time. There is no telling how long this could take."
Clark said that although the busts

students complained that the system was unfair to students who were physically impaired. The change also prevented students from missing class to wait in line.

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"Giving is definitely the best thing you can do," Little said. "Or maybe teaching."

"Giving by teaching," chimed in Mehfar, illustrating their tight friendship as each often finished each other's sentences.

Mehfar, an economics and political science major from Raleigh, said access to technology best reflected the gap between rich and poor students.

That's why SET for the Future aims to level the playing field by not only teaching students computer skills, but also by providing access to computers outside the classroom, said Little, a political science and international studies major from Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"The state tests kids on computers but some kids have so much more access than others," Little said. "It's time to change. You've got to start with the kids."

Mehfar came up with the idea his freshman year while taking a political science course, "Race, Poverty and Politics." He read about how black children had significantly less access to computers than white children.

Mehfar decided to do something. When he moved in with Little last year, the two began formulating a more concrete plan, staying up until the wee hours of morning discussing their approach. Both had teaching experience with inner-city children and saw a need for this type of mentor-

ing program in Chapel Hill. "People think Chapel Hill (residents are) so rich, they wouldn't need it," Mehfar said. "But some kids do."

They spent last year researching ways to teach technological skills, emphasizing that the program would have an innovative, fun approach.

"Kids shouldn't notice this is an after-school program but a fun thing to do with cool people," Little said.

To teach sixth-graders basic skills, the pair said they would assign creative stories for the children to write and let them use a digital camera to take photographs.

By the time students reach the eighth grade, Mehfar and Little want to integrate everything the students have learned into a yearlong Web page project that the kids would design themselves.

The crux of the program comes after the eighth grade. Each student who completes the curriculum gets a special graduation present — a personal computer to use during high school.

This feature prompted a "friendly dispute," because Mehfar prefers IBM computers while Little's loyalty lies with Macintosh computers.

"It's my dream for each kid (to own a Macintosh)," Little said. "That's what the schools use, so I'm going to win."
The group secured grants last spring

from the Carolina Center for Public Service and the Carolina Parents Fund to pay for curriculum materials.

Mehfar said they had already recruited people to help plan the curriculum, recruit teachers, work with Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and obtain funding.

Radina Russell, a sophomore from Atlanta, got involved with the program's planning last year.

"They're doing a great job," she said. "They keep us all going with their excitement level and dedication."

SET for the Future will match a UNC student with a group of three or four middle school students that meets twice a week.

Little said they wanted to serve as many students as possible, but the biggest factor was getting UNC students to volunteer. "We want people passionate about teaching," Little said.

The pair said they had narrowed the choices of middle schools and would spend this semester working on the final details. They said they hope to kick off the program in January 2000.

"We lucked into a great idea and it's our responsibility to make it happen," Little said. "We're definitely not ready to fly but we've got a plan."

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a mix of high school students, GI's (from Fort Bragg), college kids and too much alcohol. And that leads to a number of problems."

He warned party hosts and attendees that attending the annual bash posed more risks than just a hangover.

Reports of robberies increase around student move-in time, Kirkman said. Having a party with many unknown attendants at this time increases the odds of being ripped off, he said.

"The real trouble comes from less than 5 percent of the party-goers, and most of them are not students."

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always trouble going on."
Hogdin recalled numerous fights and visiting partiers trying to start festivities in houses that had no intentions of playing host. She added that these unwanted attendees created most of the problems.

"They bring kind of a seedy element," Hogdin said. "People just trying to come to raise hell."

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