

New, 'meaner' ram mascot appears at Smith Center

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

The crowd roared for more than just the basketball team at the Georgia Tech basketball game on Saturday as the new UNC ram mascot made his debut.

The mascot, clad in a blue shirt with the UNC logo and wearing a fierce scowl on his face, paraded around the basketball floor and up in the stands while shaking hands and kissing children along the way. At one point during the game, the Carolina Fever members passed him over their heads to the top of the section.

The mascot who took the floor

Saturday has the traditional ram's face seen on many Tar Heel buttons, cups and other memorabilia.

Until last year, UNC was the only school in the Atlantic Coast Conference that did not have a costumed mascot at basketball and football games, said Jamie Kerr, Carolina Fever president.

But the mascot unveiled Saturday is not UNC's first mascot. Last year, a ram mascot was introduced at the N.C. State basketball game, but he wasn't very popular with fans and students, Kerr said.

"When we introduced the first one, the crowd was not too happy," Kerr

said. "They wanted one that looked meaner, so we went back to the drawing board."

Fever officials developed another mascot during the summer, but the design didn't satisfy them, said the student in the ram costume, who wishes to remain anonymous.

"We didn't really like the design of the second costume," he said. "So we decided to try to design another one. We had to think of what would appeal to a wide audience."

Fever officials decided the easiest way to express what the costume should look like was to send an example, Kerr said.

"We told the company what we wanted the costume to look like by sending one — a full-length window sticker of the ram," he said.

Stagecraft, a Cincinnati-based company that created the mascot, also created Wake Forest University's Demon Deacon mascot and Appalachian State University's Mountaineer, the mascot said.

The student who plays the ram mascot was selected last year from 12 students who tried out for the position, he said.

"Last year we tried out at the same time as the mike man tryouts. When the field of 12 was narrowed, we had

to interview with various people of the Carolina Athletic Association," he said.

After being chosen for the position, the mascot attended camp this past summer.

"I went to cheerleading camp with the cheerleaders," he said. "I also went to mascot camp. There were about 50 to 60 other mascots there being trained."

Moving in the costume is not easy and takes practice, the mascot said.

"You have to exaggerate everything," he said. "You can take on a totally different personality or character. Sometimes it is hard to stay

in that character, though."

"All movements have to be non-verbal. You have to learn to communicate with your hands. Emotions have to be expressed with hand and body movements."

To some students, the new mascot was a hit.

Kelly Luckadoo, a freshman from Black Mountain, sat next to a young Tar Heel fan who got a hug from the mascot.

"It added a lot of excitement to the game," she said. "He includes all the little Tar Heels, as well as the big Tar Heels."

N.C. universities to receive grants for teacher training

From staff reports

The UNC Board of Governors has awarded \$777,781 in Title II grants to colleges and universities statewide for teacher training to improve mathematics and science education in elementary and secondary schools.

The federally funded Title II program is administered for the board by the Mathematics and Science Education Network of the University of North Carolina, headquartered at UNC-CH. Funds are made available to each state through the U.S. Department of Education. The state's allotment this year is \$614,038, which will be distributed through a competitive grants program, and \$163,743 for distribution through a cooperative grants program.

This is the fourth year N.C. higher education has received the Title II funding. Fifty-seven N.C. projects, enrolling about 5,000 teachers, were funded during the

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state's first three years of Title II involvement.

Study abroad in Poland

UNC's journalism school, along with that of Ohio University, will offer a three-week study-abroad course, "Glasnost and the Polish Mass Media," this summer in Poland.

The course will be from June 12 to July 1. Undergraduates and graduate students will receive three semester hours of credit from UNC or quarter hours of credit from Ohio University. Each student will choose which university from which to receive the credit.

Jerry Oledski, director of the Institute of Journalism in Warsaw, will direct the program. At least one American professor will accompany the college students.

Saad announces candidacy for treasurer of senior class

By WILL SPEARS

Staff Writer

George Saad, a junior accounting major from Greenville, has announced his candidacy for senior class treasurer.

"Experience That You Can Trust," the theme of Saad's campaign, centers on getting more seniors involved in class activities, he said.

Saad said he plans to improve the agenda for commencement weekend. He would consider having activities during the entire week before commencement.

Seniors should be more aware of class activities and career opportunities, Saad said. A monthly class brochure sent directly to seniors or a flyer inserted in The Daily Tar Heel

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are ways he would accomplish this, he said.

A senior section in The Daily Tar Heel, financed by local business advertising, would be another way to make seniors more aware of activities and job opportunities.

"If people know what's going on, they're more apt to be involved," he said.

Senior class meetings should be held at different times on different days so more people would be able to attend.

"People have jobs (and) people

have schoolwork," he said. "The meetings need to be held at varied times. You have to give and take. We need to move the meeting times around to get everyone involved."

The senior class should also work even more closely with University Career Planning and Placement Services than it does now, Saad said.

"When a student's in his senior year, he's trying to find a job," he said. "It can be really stressful... The seniors need to be informed about the programs that can help them."

Because the senior class gifts have been getting larger over the last several years, the class of 1990 will have to have a big gift as well, Saad said.

Saad said he would plan social events such as senior class parties in the Student Union to get more seniors involved with the class.

Saad served as floor social chairman in Hinton James Residence Hall his freshman year, played club baseball for three years and served as treasurer of the club baseball team for the past two years.

for seniors to become involved in the Chapel Hill community by joining charitable groups.

They also said they plan to implement a program promoting senior involvement in extracurricular activities. The candidates feel this program would enrich the campus because of seniors' leadership capabilities.

The Alumni Outreach Program should be continued and expanded, Hancock said. This program, which puts seniors in contact with alumni in their career fields, is valuable to seniors, he said.

Hancock and Harris said they plan to publish periodically a senior newsletter containing information that will affect the senior class. The newsletter will include information dealing with the career placement events, social events and other senior class activities.

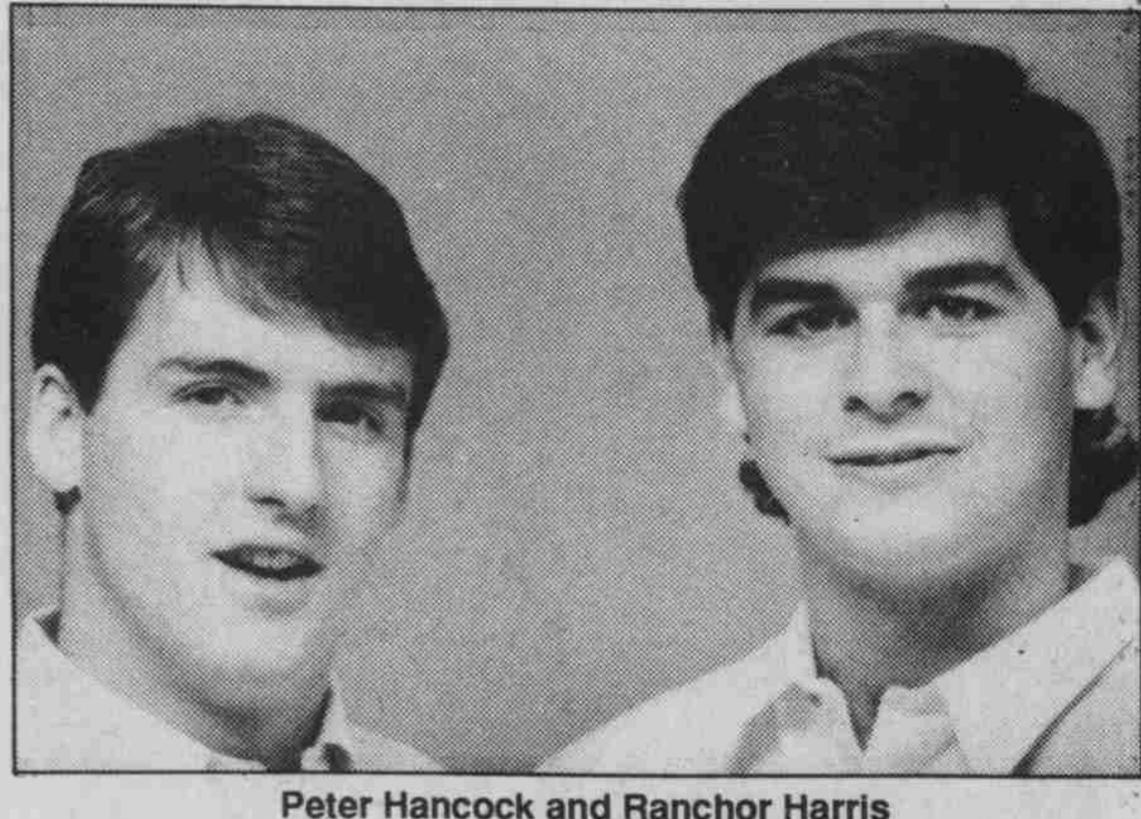
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for seniors to become involved in the Chapel Hill community by joining charitable groups.

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The senior class should begin a "Senior/Faculty Interaction" program, allowing seniors to meet with faculty members in a social setting, Harris said. Such a program would be valuable to seniors who need faculty recommendations for jobs or graduate school, Harris said.

Senior socials should be held



Peter Hancock and Ranchor Harris

throughout the year to develop cohesiveness within the senior class, Hancock said.

Hancock has worked with the committee to elect Jim Broyhill to the U.S. Senate, served as secretary of

the Chi Phi fraternity and is president of Chi Phi.

Harris has been a news anchor at WXYC, worked with the Carolina Union social committee and is a member of the Chi Phi fraternity.

Beware credit card fraud by phone

By SARAH CAGLE

Staff Writer

A UNC student may have been a victim of credit card fraud, and other students may be targets, University police officials warn.

Someone phoned Margaret Matthews, a graduate student, Thursday evening and asked to verify her credit card number over the phone.

"The woman on the phone said that I had been chosen as an active Visa or MasterCard holder, and I was to receive a special savings card," Matthews said.

The caller then asked Matthews to verify her name and address, her credit card company, her credit card expiration date and finally, her credit card number, Matthews said.

"I started to read my number

but didn't," she said. "Finally, I caught on and said 'Wait a minute.'

"I told her if she wanted to verify my number, she could read it out to me and that she could just send me the information in the mail."

The caller then hung up abruptly, she said.

"The way they do it is so smooth that you say the number last," Matthews said. "The way it sounded at first, they just wanted to verify my address."

An NCNB credit card official said Friday: "This kind of thing happens all the time. Absolutely don't give out your credit card number over the phone."

University students are prime targets for credit card scams, said Sgt. Ned Comar of the University

police.

"University students away from home are financially responsible for the first time," Comar said. "They'll usually have a credit card or bank card with an access code."

People who contact students over the phone are not likely to be legitimate, Comar said. "If it's legitimate business, you'll face the person. Bankers don't come to you that way."

"When someone mentions your bank card or credit card, you are probably about to be a victim of a scam. Become instantly defensive."

People receiving such calls should try to get the name of the company and its phone number and then contact the police, Comar said.

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faculty have the right to know how the animals are being used and treated."

The facility is closed to the public because of health risks opening the Farm would pose to the animals and costs that would result, Bondurant said away from other areas."

said.

"To hold open houses or public tours would endanger the animals due to the number of diseases easily contracted from exposure to humans," he said, "and it would entail costs that would have to be taken away from other areas."

A disturbing aspect of PETA's investigation was the killing of dog No. 320, a mixed-white Labrador retriever, that PETA officials wanted to foster because they thought it was a stray, Newkirk said.

"The dog had a good coat, was in good physical condition, could sit on demand and was very receptive — like a dog ready to go on a walk."

PETA wanted to publish pictures of the dog in local papers to find the owner, Newkirk said. The University refused to say where the dog was obtained and put it to death because of a hip problem that could have been corrected with an easy surgical procedure, she said.

In his letter, Bondurant said the dog had a degenerative joint disease which caused lameness. "Euthanasia was carried out in accordance with appropriate veterinary standards," he wrote.

Using animals for research is a

philosophical issue supported by most people in the United States if the research is ethical and responsible, Bondurant said Thursday.

The University has taken the charges seriously, and it is doing its best to show that it cares for the animals in a humane and responsible way, Bondurant said.

"We will try to see that the public is informed of the truth as to the quality and consideration we give to the animals."

In his letter to Newkirk, Hardin expressed the University's desire to follow ethical standards.

He wrote, "Although you and I might not agree on the basic question of the use of animals in research for the advancement of science, we join you in being committed to the humane treatment of animals being used in such research."

Bondurant's response to the charges is supported by other University officials involved in the matter.

But Newkirk said PETA would pursue further action.

"We are interested in talking with Hardin face-to-face outside of a public relations situation in a dialogue that seriously discusses change," Newkirk said.

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