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From left, Jerome Widenhouse, Greg Bell, Tony Chicken WireBoys Band Brothers, a local band Mayor and Stuart Cole make up the Good Old playing on Franklin Street Thursday afternoon.

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Complaints spur fraud concern

By CHRIS HELMS
Staff Writer

Efforts to protect UNC students from fraud may lead to changes in the University facilities use policy, according to housing director Wayne Kuncel. Recent student complaints about the collection practices of American Future Systems Inc. (AFS) have prompted the concern. Student Legal Services has received six complaints about the company within the last two weeks, according to a memo to Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, from Dorothy Bernholz, Student Legal Services director. Some Carmichael Residence Hall residents said deceptive product presentations led them to sign sales contracts for more than \$1,000. Because most students are at least 18 years old, many of the contracts are binding, the memo said. "Basically the contract is to buy \$800 to \$900 worth of pots and pans," Bernholz said. The payments are spread over several years, but if a student misses one payment, the full amount becomes due immediately. If the student does not pay, AFS can turn the contract over

to a debt collection agency, possibly damaging the student's credit rating, she said.

AFS representatives approached students on campus, using student contacts to organize sales meetings within residence halls. Student representatives were promised incentives for participation. During the meetings, participants were asked to sign contracts.

Complaints focused on allegations that the student representatives of AFS failed to make customers aware during the sales meetings that they had three days to withdraw from the sales contract after signing, Bernholz said. Federal and state law requires that buyers be informed both in speech and in writing of the three-day grace period.

David Kirkman, an attorney with the Consumer Protection Division of the N.C. Department of Justice, said AFS was under investigation for alleged violation of debt-collection statutes and failure to disclose the three-day grace period. He said his division had received complaints about the company for years, but pointed out that his department received more than 18,000

complaints about businesses each year. Although the present facilities use policy at UNC prohibits individuals and groups not affiliated with the University from "canvassing, selling, offering for sale, soliciting or promoting the sale of any goods or services on the University premises," a later clause grants exceptions when the student invites someone into his or her room "for the purposes of that student considering or purchasing the invitee's goods or services."

This clause allowed AFS representatives to hold sales meetings in residence halls, and any policy change would probably focus on that, Kuncel said.

The subject of a policy change was first discussed in an Oct. 19 meeting of the University Housing Board, but debate was deferred until the next meeting, scheduled for Nov. 16. "It was obvious we had more questions than answers," Kuncel said.

A 1989 Supreme Court ruling was part of the debate. The board of trustees of the State University of New York vs.

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Group aims to improve school communication

By ROBERT BROWN

The North Carolina Inter-Campus Government Association (NCICGA), a newly formed statewide student government organization, met for the first time last weekend in Raleigh with hopes of improving communication between schools, said Mark Bibbs, executive director and UNC-CH Student Congress representative (Dist. 12). The group was formed to bring together both public and private schools from around the state to allow schools an opportunity to share their ideas and programs, founder and Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis said. "The key is being able to exchange successful programs for them to be implemented across the state. Each

student government is doing exciting work, but often times those ideas aren't being networked efficiently around the state, and this organization will facilitate this networking."

The group is different from the Association of Student Governments (ASG), which is a student government consisting of the 16 UNC-system schools, Bibbs said. That group deals solely with issues that affect the UNC system and does not have any type of program to exchange ideas, he said.

NCICGA also deals with issues that concern all students in the state. "When there are important issues that affect students from across the state, (NCICGA) will be a group that can

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Investigation continues in Craige lot rape case

By MARCIE BAILEY

The investigation of an Oct. 7 sexual assault on a woman by a man at 4 a.m. in the Craige parking lot is continuing, and new information may lead to possible suspects, police officials said Thursday. Sgt. Rodney Carter of the University police is the officer in charge of the investigation. Sgt. Ned Comar, also with the University police, said that Carter had no suspects but that several anonymous callers had left some good information on the Crime Stoppers message machine. While this information could help lead to possible sus-

pects, Comar said more information was needed.

Several agencies are investigating the assault, and no new leads are now available on the reported assailant. He was described as being a 21- to 23-year-old black male, 6'2" to 6'4" tall, with a large build, muscular and wide across the shoulders, dark skin, short hair, no facial hair and no jewelry. He was wearing a blue jean jacket buttoned all the way up, blue jeans and had a distinctively deep voice. The assailant reportedly spoke rapidly and carried a hunting knife.

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Conference events lined up

By AMY WAJDA

More than 1,300 college students will converge on UNC today for a groundbreaking national student environmental action conference.

Threshold, sponsored by the Campus Y's Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) will include speakers, workshops and discussion groups. The conference will end Sunday with an assembly in which participants will vote on tactics for two national environmental campaigns.

"There's never been a student environmental conference like this before," said Alec Guettel, one of SEAC's three chairmen.

Organizers said the conference could begin a new era in student environmental activism. "It's definitely a very innovative start to empowering students," said Tony Deifell, Campus Y co-president. "It's starting out with so much power, so many people and so many students, there's no way it can't have a long-lasting effect."

James Langman, conference chairman, said Threshold would benefit the environmental movement as a whole. "The whole environmental movement has been trying for so long to get students active. By strengthening the student movement, the whole environmental movement will be strengthened."

UNC students can register for the conference for \$10 with a student ID. The fee is \$15 for students from other universities and \$30 for non-students. Participants will be put into one of about 50 discussion groups and into

Threshold

grassroots workshops, said Ericka Kurz, SEAC chairwoman.

The conference opens tonight at 7 p.m. with an address by Sen. Terry Sanford (D-N.C.), followed by the keynote address, to be given by Randy Hayes, Rainforest Action Network director.

A panel discussion and question-and-answer session about environmental action will follow the address. The panel will feature David Brower, chairman of Earth Island Institute; Barry Commoner, director of the Center for Biology for Natural Systems; and John O'Connor, director of the National Toxics Campaign.

Earth Day leaders Denis Hayes and Edward Furia will speak Saturday at 8:50 a.m. Hayes was national coordinator of Earth Day 1970 and is chairman of Earth Day 1990.

Earth Day 1970 was a national demonstration designed to raise awareness of the environment, Langman said. "It was basically the impetus for the modern environmental movement." Earth Day 1990 on April 22, 1990, will be an international demonstration day, Langman said.

Participants can join up to three more workshops Saturday. Activists who have experience at the local level will lead the grassroots workshops, Langman said.

Kurz said the other workshops would be first-come, first-serve. Workshop topics will include recycling, rain forest action, corporate responsibility, governmental regulation, saving the forests of the Pacific Northwest, pro-

Threshold schedule

All events are in Memorial Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Friday, Oct. 27

Noon-8 p.m. Registration: Great Hall, Student Union.
7 p.m. Welcoming Address: Sen. Terry Sanford (D-N.C.).
7:30 p.m. Keynote Address: Randy Hayes, Rainforest Action Network director.
Panel Discussion: Environmental action and how individuals can be more effective. Following keynote address.

Saturday, Oct. 28

All Day Exhibits: Corporations and organizations offering students opportunities to get involved in environmental issues. Great Hall.
8:50 a.m. Earth Day Leaders: Denis Hayes and Edward Furia.
9 a.m.-Noon Registration: Great Hall.
10 a.m.-Noon Workshops: Various campus locations.
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Workshops: Various campus locations. Followed by discussion on increasing effectiveness of students on a national level.
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Discussion: Global Warming.
9 p.m. Concert: Indigo Girls.
Sunday, Oct. 29
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Discussion: Strategies for the student environmental movement.
10:50 a.m.-11:50 a.m. Discussion: Increasing student effectiveness on a national level.
1 p.m.-4 p.m. Assembly: Meets to vote on national strategies.

tecting the dolphins and building an international student environmental movement. Global warming will be discussed

from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The speakers will include Jeremy See THRESHOLD, page 2

Lewis plans presentation of TDI at BOT meeting

By MYRON B. PITTS

Student Body President Brien Lewis will present an altered form of his Tuition Defense Initiative (TDI) proposal to the Board of Trustees (BOT) in a meeting today.

The plan is designed to help combat future tuition increases such as the one passed this summer before students returned for the fall semester. Introduced in mid-September, TDI has already received oral student support at a tuition rally and unanimous approval from the Association of Student Governments (ASG).

Though Lewis had originally planned to present the original TDI for BOT approval, he said he probably would call instead for a BOT resolution expressing support for students' activities and concerns for fair financial policies.

"What I was originally thinking of was asking for a (BOT) resolution in support of TDI. The board is certainly interested in what we're doing." Lewis' TDI plan calls for the General Assembly to notify students at least one year before raising tuition. Other proposals are that all UNC-system presidents form a financial aid task force comprising students and admin-

istrators to monitor their respective schools' aid policies, and that more school money be used for need-based aid.

Lewis said the original TDI draft may have treated the proposal as a BOT, not a student, responsibility. After talking with other board members, he decided instead to present it from a student angle.

"It's a student initiative, not a trustee initiative," said Joe Andronaco, student body vice president, adding that some BOT members had questioned whether the issue fell under board jurisdiction.

A wide variety of sources, including the BOT and the faculty, is needed to represent students' interests concerning financial aid, Lewis said. Because certain parts of TDI require approval from the N.C. General Assembly, support from other campus factions is important, he added.

"This isn't something the students dragged out of the thin air."

Another reason for the change in the

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Jailed for a cause

'Prisoners' Dwayne Ballen (center) and Gene Davis discuss bail with Greg Nivens. Delta Sigma

Phi fraternity held the mock jail Thursday in the Pit to raise money for the March of Dimes.

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Why must man destroy what nature has built. — Kahlil Grbran