

Campus and City

Across the Campuses

UNC athletes make the grade

WASHINGTON — College may be nothing more than a four-year sports camp for many varsity football and basketball players, according to a recent congressional report which indicates that only 20 percent of the participants in collegiate football and basketball programs eventually graduate.

Statistics from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) show that 35 of 97 major basketball programs graduate less than 20 percent of their players and only eight send 80 percent of their players into the real world with diplomas.

UNC falls into the latter category. According to the latest figures available, UNC's men's varsity basketball team has a 100 percent graduation rate and the football team graduates 74 percent, said Dick Baddour, UNC sports information officer. The basketball team's rate has been status quo "almost forever," he said.

Lighting the pathways

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Student Government at the University of South Carolina has taken an activist stance for campus safety.

The students successfully lobbied the administration for \$200,000 to pay for new lights along four major pedestrian routes on campus, according to Marie-Louise Ramsdale, student government president.

"We are trying to make sure that people are aware of the safety services available to them," she said. "We feel that campus is much safer with the new lights, but we are continuing to lobby for further improvements. This is an ongoing program."

Security stops cup-throwing

LINCOLN, Neb. — Officials at the University of Nebraska (UN) are using security measures already in place to monitor and remove students participating in "cup wars" at UN football games.

"What we have here is some groups of students who evidently become bored with the game and begin throwing plastic cups from the concessions stands at each other," said Gary Fourkar, director of concessions and security at Nebraska's stadium.

"We monitor the stands during all games so we can identify fans who are throwing things and direct security officers to remove them from the stadium." The program has been successful, and the cup-throwing has been practically eliminated, he said.

UN officials began filming spectators at the ballgames after an incident a few years ago when a fan threw an orange onto the field. The orange struck a police officer and left him with permanent partial paralysis, he said.

Social sanctions for GPA

PULLMAN, Wash. — Studying hard is now a prerequisite for partying hard for fraternities at Washington State University. As of spring semester 1989, the Inter-Fraternity Council voted that any chapter's social activities will be suspended for two weeks for every 0.05 points that the fraternity's composite grade point average (GPA) falls below the campus average for men.

This action was prompted by general concern among campus Greeks that the all-Greek GPA was consistently one-tenth of a point lower than the all-male GPA on campus, according to IFC President-elect Mark McCullough.

"We have very high expectations for the program. There has been a problem with Greek grades here, but a lot of people feel that if anything is going to wake these people up, social sanctions will do it. There will probably be several frats that face sanctions this spring, but that will hopefully be the end of the problem. These sanctions are going to hit the Greeks where it hurts the worst."

Rain, rain go away

LEXINGTON, KY — University of Kentucky football fans are praying for fair weather these days. After a ruling by the university outlawing umbrellas at outdoor sporting events, if foul weather shows up in Lexington on game day, fans do not go to the game or they get wet.

The ruling was prompted after numerous complaints of blocked views and dripping umbrellas at games. The fans are accepting the rainy day rules cheerfully, according to Larry Ivy, sports information director at UK.

"The cooperation by our fans has been really great," he said. "We had the policy tested at the first game of the year. We allowed people to bring umbrellas into the stadium but not to open them in the seating areas. We had very few complaints and are going to keep the policy so that everyone who comes can see the game."

— compiled by Alan Martin

SEAC outlines UNC conservation plan

By TERRI CANADAY

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Members of the Campus Y's Student Environmental Action Committee (SEAC) will gather at 9:30 a.m. today in the Pit as part of a national campaign to improve environmental policies at universities.

The plan was developed during last month's Threshold conference, at which students from all over the United States and some foreign nations devised a program for environmental reform. Today, many universities in all 50 states will present their chancellor, president or provost with a letter outlining a

general plan for a more environmentally streamlined campus.

SEAC's goal for Minimum Impact Campus Day at UNC is a highly visible, yet non-confrontational, campus environmental program, said Paul Giragos, MIC Day publicity chairman. "We are not mad at the University. We want to work with them."

The group wants to include many students and community members, Giragos said. "We are trying to break sectionalism to get everyone to rally for this cause, because the environment is an issue that concerns everyone."

Some of the issues the statement will

address, such as procurement policies, food service reform, double-sided copying and composting, were established at Threshold, Giragos said.

The letter, which will be presented to Provost Dennis O'Connor, will include these issues as well as others that concern UNC, like environmentally and socially sound University investments.

"This statement is pretty idealistic, but it's a precursor to the formation of committees to address these issues or problems specifically," Giragos said.

One food service reform program would replace styrofoam containers

with other less environmentally unsound materials, Giragos said. The Carolina Court — the downstairs area of Lenoir Hall — uses nothing but disposable products, he said.

Finis Dunaway, chairman of the SEAC's committee to ban tropical hardwoods, said the University worked very well with his committee to end the use of materials made from tropical hardwoods on campus. "We hope this sets a precedent to facilitate further cooperation between SEAC and the University administration."

The next national campaign, which

was also introduced at the Threshold conference, will be Dec. 4. Environmental student groups across the country will organize a march on their respective state capitals for U.S. forest preservation.

SEAC is taking on a large nationwide project, and students in Chapel Hill are expressing excitement. "The issue definitely needs to be confronted, and I think SEAC is taking a good approach. This is an issue that concerns the entire nation, and I don't think it can be ignored right here at home," said Leslie Sherman, a sophomore from West Orange, N.J.

RHA notice to detail collective billing policy

By DIONNE LOY

Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) will attach a notice to each collective bill in an attempt to clarify the little-known collective billing policy.

The notice will explain the system for enforcing the policy and will list the steps for appealing a decision.

Under the present system, which began last year, the area director gathers all information about damaged or stolen property and presents the case to an area government student designer, said Wayne Kuncel, director of housing. "If both (the area director and government representative) concur, then

they collect the assessment; if they disagree, then they do not bill," Kuncel said. "They both have equal responsibility in the determination."

RHA has included a copy of the policy and the appeals process with the bill because "people weren't aware of their rights and were not utilizing them," said Liz Jackson, RHA president.

RHA decided to implement the program when, in one of the first meetings, it was discovered that even residence hall governors were not completely sure how the policy worked, Jackson said. "We wanted to make sure everyone knew what the policy was and how it can be used. It's an improvement."

The policy of collective billing for

repairs or replacements in residence halls is recorded in "Hallways and Highrises," the housing contract book: "when individual(s) responsibility cannot be determined, the residents of a floor, suite, wing or entire hall become collectively responsible for restoration costs."

Kuncel said the new system for implementing the policy was fair because all residents would not have to absorb in their rental rates the cost of replacing or repairing something for which one group was responsible.

"The old system used to be on an arbitrary basis. Now, a joint decision is made," Kuncel said. "The bottom line is that damage charges have to be paid.

The policy searches for the fairest way to determine whether the bill will be paid individually, as a whole or as a particular group."

Other universities handle the situation by setting aside a damage fund built into the rental rate structure, Kuncel said.

But in the UNC system, informal means may reveal the individual responsible and prevent everyone from having to pay, he said. "It's a way of applying subtle pressure."

Area directors support the policy but have not had to use it often. "We've only had to go to it two times," said Jim Weaver, area director of Olde Campus. "It's a fair process, though, because it

informs the resident and involves discussion."

Anne Presnell, area director of Scott College, said no collective billing had occurred in her area.

Residence hall governors also support the policy. "It is the fairest way for the residents — they can voice their opinions," said Cathy Rhea, Henderson Residence College governor.

Rhea also addressed the appeal process. "If there is disagreement, then another area reviews the case."

The policy stresses joint determination rather than unilateral decisions, Kuncel said. "It's a good system which involves student input, and to my knowledge, is working."

Students approve action on noise level

By MARCIE BAILEY

Staff Writer

The reformation of a Chapel Hill Town Council committee to consider a possible reduction of the town's noise ordinance is a step in the right direction, student leaders said Tuesday.

The council voted unanimously Monday to reconstitute the Noise Ordinance Monitoring Committee to consider the change, which would have reduced the noise tolerance level to 70 decibels (dBs) from 75 dBs.

Bill Hildebolt, student liaison to the council, presented a petition against the proposal with more than 1,000 signatures. Three other students spoke against the change at the meeting, including David Godschalk, the son of council member David Godschalk, and David Smith, president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

The Town Council first created a Noise Ordinance Monitoring Committee in 1987, which resulted in a reduced noise level from 85 dBs to 75 dBs.

Hildebolt said he couldn't be happier about the decision because he thought that continuing to lower the decibel level was not the answer.

"We do not need changes in the laws, but changes in the way we talk about and work out the problems."

Student Body President Brien Lewis said the reconstitution of the committee was a good idea.

"I think that the council has taken the proper step in that the committee will be recreated. It is the best way for all of the problems to be discussed."

Hildebolt said he hoped the council could get student leaders, fraternity and sorority representatives and students who live in residential areas to participate on the committee.

"I've been trying to stress that communication is the key to the solution and hopefully this will be a way to get effective communication," he said.

Sterling Gilreath, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, said he thought the allowed decibel level should remain at 75 dBs.

"I think it would be premature to change it when it was changed two years ago. I think for the complaint to be coming from such a small area is bad for others, because the council would have to make a wide-sweeping change that would affect everyone."

Chance Wilkinson, a sophomore history major from Oxford, said the ordinance should remain unchanged.

"They shouldn't change it because Chapel Hill is made up of mostly college students. Take them out and the city wouldn't be much of one at all. They should really think about that before they change the level."



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Candles for a cause

Action Against Apartheid holds a candlelight vigil in the Pit Tuesday night to protest apartheid in

South Africa. The vigil was part of Human Rights Week '89.

ASG aims to improve education, communication

By LYNETTE BLAIR

Staff Writer

Improving North Carolina's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores and establishing a student lobbyist in Raleigh were recognized as two important goals of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments (ASG) during a Nov. 11 meeting.

ASG is a student organization that is open to representatives from each of the 16 schools in the University system. Its purpose is to represent student interests on a state level.

Gene Davis, speaker of UNC's Student Congress and president of ASG, said that the 40 student leaders who met on the campus of North Carolina Central University agreed that improving SAT scores and establishing a student lobbyist were top priority goals.

North Carolina was recently ranked last of the 50 states for average SAT score.

"ASG took a very strong stand in

support of education in North Carolina," Davis said. "We discussed tutoring programs and other SAT programs to prepare students for the exam. We also discussed mailing a letter to each of the principals of all the elementary, junior high and high schools in the state, telling them we are willing to come as student leaders to their schools. . . . Everyone felt very strongly about it."

ASG is considering the idea of bringing high school students to the various 16 campuses for a day to help prepare them for the test, Davis said.

Mark Bibbs, who attended the meeting as executive director for the North Carolina Intercampus Government Association (NCIGA), said his favorite proposal for improving SAT scores was to form special committees that would go to the schools and provide tutorials.

"That gets us in touch with the students, instead of us just sending a proposal and it just sitting on a principal's desk," he said.

Bibbs also favored urging the N.C. General Assembly to provide more money for education to help improve the test scores.

Another proposed goal was creating a full-time student lobbyist position in Raleigh. Davis said a student lobbyist was needed because ASG was often the last to know when important decisions affecting students were made by the General Assembly. He cited this summer's decision by the assembly to raise tuition costs as an example.

Davis said the lobbyist would be in a position to successfully advocate student concerns. "As soon as a bill is turned into the clerk, the lobbyist can contact the ASG president and all of the student body presidents."

The student lobbyist would receive academic credit for the job, and N. C. State University has agreed to provide housing, Davis said. ASG is now working to raise funds for an expense account that the lobbyist would need.

"It is my opinion that by the time the

general assembly convenes in 1991, ASG will have a student lobbyist."

The student lobbyist committee will report to Davis at a retreat in February.

At its next regular meeting, ASG

will discuss whether Pembroke State should have its name changed to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and the effects of few admissions requirements for the UNC system.

Committee announces teaching award criteria

By DEBBIE BAKER

Staff Writer

Instructors can now find out how to get an extra \$5,000 just for doing their job.

The Undergraduate Teaching Awards Committee of Student Congress has established the eligibility requirements for instructors for four \$5,000 grants.

Professors, teaching assistants, lecturers and instructors are all eligible to receive the awards. Any person who independently teaches at least one course for undergraduate students is eligible.

"What makes us different from any other teaching award is that TAs are eligible," Grant Vinik, committee chairman, said. "We've decided to reserve at least one award for TAs. This is exciting because that is the first time that's ever taken place."

In order to be considered for one of the grants, an instructor must:

- be concerned that students can master the material.
- display clear enthusiasm about teaching and interacting with students.
- provide a challenging environment and opportunities for creative expression.
- demonstrate a personal concern for all students.
- create an environment so students feel free to interact with him/her outside of class.
- make an effort to treat students as mature and responsible people.

Students will pick up nomination

forms in campus dining halls and libraries immediately after Christmas break. They will return this form with the name of their most outstanding instructor to the Undergraduate Library, Davis Library or the Student Union.

After all the nominations are collected, the committee will use its six criteria to narrow the field to between eight and 15 finalists. During this stage, intensive review will occur until only four candidates remain. These four will receive one of the \$5,000 grants, which they can use at their own discretion. The winners' names will be announced sometime in April.

The committee has not established criteria to narrow the field from the finalists to the winners, Vinik said.

"We consider a number of possibilities of how we're going to narrow the final eight-to-15 to four," he said. "We're thinking about going to the department heads and asking for more information about some of these finalists. We may also ask them for any suggestions of any instructor in their departments that they know of who consistently receive high evaluations by students."

The committee plans to work in conjunction with political science professor Joel Schwartz, the director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. "We're looking into the possibility of a training session to be given to us by the Center for Teaching and Learning," Vinik said. "We'd like to get a sense of the types of instructors we should be targeting."

Human Rights Week Schedule of Highlights

Further event information available from Campus Y, 962-2333

Wednesday, Nov. 15

1 p.m.	Lewis Pitts	human and civil rights in South	205 Union
3 p.m.	Richard Grossman	talking strategies	211 Union
5 p.m.	Daniel Graham	"Global Sustainability"	Y Lounge
5 p.m.	Stephen Wanje	development work in Kenya	211 Union
6:30 p.m.	Amos Gvirtz and Nafez Assaily	Palestinian-Israeli conflict	Gerrard Hall
8 p.m.	Dith Pran	experiences as Cambodian prisoner	Memorial Hall

Thursday, Nov. 16

3 p.m.	Patricia Garrett	childhood education	212 Union
6 p.m.	Eduardo Vallarino	situation in Panama	100 Hamilton
7 p.m.	Dorothy Teer	anti-pornography	226 Union
8 p.m.	Ariel Dorfman	experiences in Chile	Hanes Art Center Auditorium