

Campus and City

Ambassadors to improve UNC image

Across the Campuses

Dance the night away

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Pennsylvania State University's Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils will conduct their annual dance marathon in February to raise money for cancer victims and their families.

This is the 18th year the councils have sponsored the dance. Last year, they raised more than \$456,000, and they have collected \$1.7 million during the past 18 years. The dance lasts for 48 hours, and a total of 540 students participate, said Chris Bannon, dance chairman. Two-thirds of the proceeds go to the Four-Diamonds fund, which was established by a family whose son died of cancer when he was 14 years old. The fund took its name from a story their son wrote about his illness, Bannon said.

Some of the proceeds from the marathon help families of cancer victims at the Hershey Medical Center. The remainder goes to research and other cancer-related programs.

Center organizes China trips

NEW YORK — The International Education Center (IEC) is organizing summer trips to China for students and teachers who are interested in learning about the country first-hand.

The IEC works with the support of Dufu University in China; it sponsored trips in 1988 but was unable to do so in 1989 because of the situation in Beijing, said Jerry Chang, travel program director for IEC.

The IEC offers two trips. One lasts for 10 days and costs \$1,470, including all meals, flights and accommodations. The other trip lasts for 15 days and costs \$1,990.

The trips, which previously went under the name "Tiananmen Square Tours," are now called "China for 10 Days" or "China for 15 Days," Chang said. The reason for this change was to make their Chinese colleagues happier by giving the tours non-political names, he said.

The purpose of the program is to allow people to see the real nation of China as well as to allow them to embark on a fact-finding mission about the country, Chang said.

The Chinese government has told IEC that they guarantee the safety of any tourist traveling in the country.

NY students counsel homesick

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. — Homesick students at the State University of New York-New Paltz (SUNY) are now able to receive counseling from peers, as well as from Resident Assistants and other professional counselors.

A sophomore at the school created the program this year after having suffered from homesickness her freshman year. The woman and her parents went through six months of turmoil trying to decide whether she would stay in school, said Jeffery Hurrin, associate director of Resident Life at SUNY.

Resident Life agreed to let them help, and this year several homesick-cases have been referred to the students. Only one of these students ended up going home, Hurrin said.

Students need fellow students to validate their fears and make them feel more secure about their concerns, Hurrin said. This familiar aspect enables the counselors to identify and empathize with homesick students more effectively.

Harvard geeks, nerds organize

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A new study-oriented group called The Harvard/Radcliffe Society of Nerds and Geeks was recently organized at Harvard University.

The group is composed of serious students, said Liz Lacovara, assistant to the dean of student affairs.

"They are a fun group of kids, but they are very academically oriented."

The group, which was officially recognized on Nov. 13, includes 30 students. The students are planning to adopt a "procrastination hotline," Lacovara said.

They also intend to have "party breaks," "study-a-thon" parties and a "matched learning" service, which matches people by shared interests as opposed to physical qualities.

U.S. to hold Games in 1993

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The World University Games, The Universiade, will be conducted in the United States in 1993 for the first time in the Games' 70-year history.

The Universiade is a bi-annual worldwide competition in 10 sports for students between the ages of 17 and 28 years who have attended or are attending post-secondary schools.

In 1993, the games will be played in Buffalo, N.Y. The Universiade is second only in size to the Summer Olympics. Eighty percent of the collegiate athletes who participate go on to compete in the Olympics.

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By ROBERT BROWN

Staff Writer

A student ambassador program is being created by student government members to improve the image of the University throughout the state and to increase awareness of what the University does, according to program organizers.

"Right now, our main goal is to get the ambassadors, train them and go out to the cities," said senior Bill Crabtree, chairman of the ambassador sub-committee.

Applications are available in Suite C of the Student Union or at the Union Desk. The applications should be returned in to Suite C as soon as possible, said Bill Hildebolt, student government director of external affairs and leader of the student ambassador program.

"We're looking for students who are interested in the University," Hildebolt said. Applicants will be interviewed in the order the applications are received, and 20 to 25 ambassadors will be chosen before Christmas break. Hildebolt and Crabtree will interview and choose the ambassadors, Hildebolt said.

The student ambassadors will travel throughout the state, beginning next semester, and talk to alumni and civic groups about the University and the services it provides to the state, Crabtree said.

"We're trying to make people more aware of what's going on," he said.

The group's goal is to visit three alumni groups by March 1 and seven non-alumni groups by April 1, he said.

It is appropriate that the ambassadors begin by speaking to alumni clubs,

said Donald Beeson, assistant director of alumni affairs for alumni activities. Some of the alumni are unaware of many of the things that the University provides for the state, he said.

"There are a lot of misunderstandings about the role of this University. Very few people are aware of the impact this University has on the state," he said.

Without a major public figure from it, the University does not have the kind of visible impact in the state that it once did, Hildebolt said. "The image (of the University) is not as good as it could be."

The program has received a lot of support from administrators and the Alumni Association. "I think that it has the potential to be the most important channel of communication between the

University, the alumni and the state," said Stuart Bondurant, dean of the medical school.

The alumni are also optimistic about the program. "We're excited about the program," Beeson said. "We've talked extensively with student government ... and feel like they have put a great deal of time and effort into the program. It seems to be well thought out."

Bondurant said he thought universities were more complicated than they once were. "I think that the University is not as well understood as universities used to be 20, 50 and 100 years ago."

Ambassadors will go through three training sessions before speaking to groups, Hildebolt said. They will be taught how to get in touch with the alumni and civic groups, the history of the University and the services the

University provides to the state.

"We want to give them a good background and let them run with it," Hildebolt said.

Crabtree encouraged students to get involved with the program. "It's an opportunity to get involved with student government and the University as a whole."

Being an ambassador will give students the opportunity to serve the University and the state, while improving their public speaking skills and meeting civic leaders from throughout North Carolina, Crabtree said.

"The ambassadors are going to learn a lot about the University where they are," Crabtree said.

The program came about after Hildebolt wrote a letter to Chancellor Paul Hardin this summer.

Ceremony to honor academic achievers

By DIONNE LOY

Staff Writer

Minority students with a grade point average of 3.0 and above will receive academic achievement awards from the Office for Student Counseling at a ceremony from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Union Auditorium.

Invitations have been issued to 178 Native and African-American recipients, their parents, selected faculty and administrators for the ceremony. The awards for the fall semester are given to sophomores, juniors and seniors and are based on cumulative GPAs from the 1989 spring semester.

"Only upperclassmen will be honored Saturday, but the spring awards ceremony will include freshmen," said Rosalind Fuse-Hall, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "We also hope to include Hispanic Americans in the spring."

The ceremonies, which date to 1976, are organized by graduate students of various fields.

"The main objective of the ceremony is for moral support," said Tho-

mas Maynor, a graduate assistant with minority student counseling. "This is to recognize someone who is otherwise commended for what he is doing."

With the few minorities who come to college, programs which encourage a minority to stay in school are needed, Maynor said. "Speaking as a Native American, I know what a big cultural shock it is coming to Carolina. Peer support helps deal with the shock."

The theme of Saturday's ceremony is "Accolades for Academic Achievers." Each honoree will be recognized for any other honors or scholarships he or she may have received.

Philip Woods, who is affiliated with the Harvard School of Dentistry and an alumnus of UNC, will speak after the awards ceremony.

Another ceremony in the spring will recognize outstanding students, the highest GPA for each class and among the sororities and fraternities.

"I find the academic achievement ceremonies very encouraging," said Kim McLean, president of the Black Student Movement.

Campus Y to relocate during building repairs

By TERRI CANADAY

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The Campus Y Building, including the administrative offices of the Campus Y, will close for renovations in May 1990 and reopen in January 1991.

The renovations, estimated at \$500,000, will include new wiring and heating systems and new storm windows in Campus Y offices. The basement will house Handicapped Student Services, and the entrance to the building will be equipped for the handicapped. The Blue Ram snack bar will also be totally renovated.

The Campus Y will relocate their facilities while the building is under renovation, but the organization has not yet decided on the temporary location. There is available space in several buildings on North Campus and in the South Campus Student Union on the second floor of Chase Hall.

Campus Y Director Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson said Campus Y committee work would not be affected by the move because the move would occur

after graduation. But because the Campus Y now has its own building and is so centrally located, any plans for next semester will have to take the move into consideration, Hatcher-Wilson said.

Malini Moorthy, Campus Y co-president, said the move would have little impact on Campus Y activities. The 33 Campus Y committees are already managing in minimal space in the present facility, she said. "What we do is more important than where we do it."

Campus Y co-president Tony Deifell said Campus Y operations might change on a logistical basis, but the organization would keep the "same ideas, same people and the same feeling."

The organization would prefer to be on North Campus while the building is under renovation, Deifell said. "People identify this part of the campus with the Y."

The Campus Y is not just programs but a community of people, and this community has been centralized in that area of campus since 1909, Deifell said.

Group to raise awareness

By STACEY KAPLAN

Staff Writer

A group to address the daily problems of handicapped and critically ill students will conduct its first organizational meeting next week.

Senior Taner Seref and sophomore Bobby Weaver are co-organizers of the group, which will be named at the upcoming meeting.

"People with disabilities, chronic illnesses and other limitations have problems that are not always addressed," Seref said. "This group will serve as a starting point for people to find out about each other's problems which may be similar to their own."

"All students here are supposed to fulfill requirements for coursework, but students with limitations are not on an equal basis to compete with others. Many times this leads to failure."

Seref said the group would appeal to people with a variety of problems. "We want to keep it as broad as possible."

The program includes students who suffer from deafness, blindness, mobility problems, learning disabilities, chronic illnesses and genetic disorders, he said.

"The things most people take for granted cause problems for handicapped people. This group will try to make people aware of these problems."

During the recent Human Rights Week events, people with limitations were not given as much attention as they deserve, he said. "People just talked about the human rights of political prisoners and racism and did not show awareness of handicapped people."

Interested students should look for notices about next week's meeting.

Board adopts proposals

Carrboro aldermen vote 4-3 to support implementation of bikeway, sidewalk plan

By SHEILA LONG

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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted 4-3 Tuesday night to adopt a comprehensive sidewalk and bikeways plan, which allows safe access for pedestrians and bicycle riders throughout the town.

Under the plan, separate bicycle lanes will be considered for existing roads and will be required on new streets.

The plan also calls for a new system of sidewalks and bikeways that connect existing systems with community facilities such as schools, Town Hall and downtown. And the plan allows for expansion to connect highly populated areas, as well as lower-density developments.

The close vote was forced by a motion from Alderwoman Frances Shetley to pass the plan without the Parker Street bike path. She said she opposed it because of the cost.

"I want the staff to work on a new proposal and get back with us. I can't vote for it if Parker Street is in the proposal. Take it out of the plan and

vote only for the other bikeway paths."

A bike path in this area had been suggested two years ago to alleviate the need for bike riders to cut through Carr Mill Mall's parking lot. This plan was abandoned after the town discovered the costs involved.

"There's got to be a way to get them (the bicycle riders) away from the parking lot," Shetley said. "I'm disappointed that nothing's been done and that we haven't been kept up to date on this."

Town Manager Robert Morgan told the board that the Parker Street path was still in negotiation.

"The problem is that the board decided before not to go down Parker Street. We're looking at the railway spur that's there, but it looks expensive and difficult because we have to deal with the railroad."

"We've mentioned to the new owners of Carr Mill Mall about getting a route at the edge of their property, and we're now in the process of getting options down on paper to see where we can go from there."

Alderman Tom Gurganus, who voted against the motion, said the plan was

changed too drastically from the town administration's proposal.

"I'm going to vote against the motion because it's too watered down. I think we've got to have a plan, and this is a good plan. We need the sidewalks and the bikeways now."

Aldermen Randy Marshall and Judith Wegner also voted against approving the plan because of the omission of the Parker Street path.

Marshall said he was concerned with placing the bike lanes within the Fair Oaks neighborhood because people had become accustomed to using the space for parking.

"I just don't know if they're aware that these streets were to have sidewalks and bikeways. I don't want citizens to come back to us and say they didn't get a chance to give us their input."

Peter Hans, UNC student liaison to the Board of Aldermen, said student government officials were glad the board approved the plan.

"We're really pleased with the way the town handled the bikeway and sidewalk issue."

Board approves DOT study of intersection

By JEFF MOYER

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In the wake of an accident in which one person was killed and three others were injured, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen passed a resolution supporting an N.C. Department of Transportation (DOT) investigation of the intersection of Fayetteville and Old Hillsborough roads.

"I live four doors down from the intersection, and I felt that I needed to speak out because this is the second time that I'm aware of a fatality," said Hilliard Caldwell, the alderman who proposed the resolution.

The intersection, which is about two miles from Chapel Hill on Old Hillsborough Road, involves a blind curve in which drivers on Fayetteville Road have difficulty seeing cars coming around the curve on Old Hillsborough Road, he said.

"I know of four or five accidents and at least one fatality and one injury," Caldwell said. "I don't know

why the state has allowed the intersection to stay like this for so long."

DOT employee Bill Jones said the DOT was reviewing possibilities of changing, or at least warning of, the bad intersection. "Division seven has received a request from the Carrboro Board of Aldermen to see what could be done to improve the intersection."

Caldwell said if the road could not be straightened or ground moved so drivers could see vehicles coming on Old Hillsborough Road, he hoped a blinking yellow light could be installed to warn people of the dangerous intersection and to encourage people to slow down when they approached the turn.

The actual cause of the accident determines how the site is investigated by the DOT, Jones said. If alcohol was involved in the accident, it could have been a result not of the roads but of the impaired driver.

John Watkins, the district seven engineer responsible for DOT's local

investigation, said the department had a wide range of possibilities from which to choose.

"We try to provide as many safety features as possible, even for the drivers who make errors," Watkins said. "We really have to see what exactly we are working with."

"We try to take care of these things within a couple of weeks. We will make as many corrections to the intersection as we are capable of doing within our budget."

The road dates to the 1920s and was actually a buggy path before it was paved, Watkins said. The fact that the road was not planned by the DOT may account for the dangerous intersection. The original road probably did not take into account the potential danger for automobiles.

Many of the old country roads in North Carolina were originally buggy paths that originated in the 19th century, Watkins said.



'Tis the season

Zackery Strom, 21 months, reaches out to capture the Christmas spirit in the Christmas Shop located in University Mall. Chapel Hill will

celebrate the season this weekend with a Christmas parade and candle lighting.