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Officials anticipate large freshman class

By Jennifer Talhelm
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Popular courses such as Psychology 10 or Political Science 41 might be a little more crowded this fall when the one of the largest freshman classes in 10 years starts college.

University admissions department officials say the 1998 freshman class to have about 250 more people than expected. If all the students who have paid their enrollment deposit decide to attend UNC, the freshman class will number more than 3,500.

"We're anticipating a larger freshman class this year," said Barbara Polk, associate director of Undergraduate Admissions. "We're approximately 250 in size over the target figure."

Last year's freshman class had 3,211 members. Polk said the admissions office set a target figure of 3,200 with the flexibility to accept up to 3,500 students.

"We want to be 75 over the target figure to accommodate no-shows," she said. "Usually it's been right around 3,200."

The unusually large class comes on the heels of UNC's NCAA men's basketball championship and a national recession. But Polk said it was impossible to tell whether this year's enrollment went up due to the basketball win because the tournament was after the application deadline.

"There's probably some fallout because of that," Polk said. "But several of UNC's athletic programs have been in

national attention. In 1982, the application pool only went up 2 to 3 percent." UNC also won the NCAA men's basketball championship in 1982.

Undergraduate Admissions Director James Walters said a more likely reason for the increase was financial.

"Simply from talking to students, we think one of the main reasons is simply the cost," Walters said.

"Many students are having a tough time economically or they're being very cautious. We're finding a lot of folks going to high-profile state universities."

"Places like UNC-Chapel Hill, the University of Michigan, University of Virginia are hot places."

But Walters added that winning the basketball championship might have attracted some students.

"I'm not saying that's why students came here, but that kind of awareness builds in people's minds and has a payoff in yield rate," he said.

The increased enrollment puts pressure on academic departments and residence halls to accommodate more students than usual.

"Classes are a concern for everyone," said Kathleen Benzaquin, assistant dean of the General College. "It may aggravate an already current problem, but one of the things we do best is work with people to help solve the problem."

Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the large freshman class would put a strain on departments that offer classes freshmen must take, such as English, mathemat-

ics and foreign languages — as well as departments that offer popular classes such as Psychology 10.

More sections of English or foreign language classes might have to be created. Birdsall said the money to pay more instructors usually could be found. But the problem is not just finding the money to pay more instructors, he said.

"As many times, it's a matter of space," he said.

"You can only make a class as large as the classroom. For example, English 1 and 2 can't be too large because the educational advantage would suffer badly."

But while academic departments might be inconvenienced by the large class, housing department officials said they probably would not have trouble

finding space in the residence halls. UNC guarantees housing for all freshmen.

Lottie Riley, assistant housing director in charge of assignments, said she wouldn't know whether more freshmen would be a problem for housing until July, the deadline for residence hall applications.

But Housing Director Wayne Kuncel said spaces should be available for all freshmen.

"We have the added space in Old East and Old West (residence halls) that are opening up next fall," he said. "That's added space as far as available space on campus."

"Last fall we had a few vacancies. So, the larger freshman class should assure that we have full occupancy."

Tradition-rich DAP nearing end of run



Sinisa Haberle of Durham clings to the outfield fence at Durham Athletic Park Friday

By John C. Manuel
Sports Editor

DURHAM — Bob Guy likes to have a little fun with his job as public address announcer at Durham Athletic Park. And he had great fun Friday night as the Durham Bulls took on the Fredrick Keys.

An easy way for Guy to do this is to gently needle fans who come to see the Carolina League Class A Bulls play. Fans like the middle-aged man who couldn't throw a baseball through the hole in a cardboard TV as part of a Cablevision promotion.

"Well, at least he hit the board," Guy says. "That's better than most."

Or Guy can have fun with the DAP's Chrysler promotion. If a player hits a ball through a hole in the Chrysler billboard, which sits on a hill beyond the center-field fence, a lucky fan wins a minivan.

"But don't get your hopes up," Guy intones. "Nobody has hit the ball through there. As a matter of fact, nobody standing on the playing field has been able to throw a ball through there. But good luck anyway."

Or say some poor soul left the headlights on in the car. Oh, Guy likes to get on those fans.

"So I'm really layin' it on this guy for leaving his lights on," Guy said with a smile, "when I realized two-thirds of the way through it that it's my car."

It's all part of a night of minor-league baseball at the DAP, as Durham Athletic Park has come to be called. The 54-year-old structure on Morris St., immortalized in the film "Bull Durham," has become one of the most recognizable symbols of the Triangle area.

Fans are flocking to the park in its final season. The Bulls will move to

a new facility located in downtown Durham for the 1994 season.

The games almost have become secondary to the park itself. Fans at the DAP stretch to a Doc Watson country-and-western version of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the seventh-inning stretch and lounge on the grassy knolls beyond the outfield fences.

Perhaps the best view of the games played in the old park belongs to the scoreboard operator. On this night, the hand-operated board behind the left-field fence was manned by Bob Lord, a business-school student at Duke University. Lord, on just his second day on the job, navigates a narrow walkway, going up and down the board, to let fans know the linescore of the game.

"It's the best seat in the house," Lord said. "But I definitely need to bring a chair."

Hoping to have a career in sports management, Lord said working at the DAP is the perfect entry-level job.

"I'll do anything just to get a feel of what it's like to run a team," he says. "I couldn't have chosen a better minor-league ballpark to get the experience I'm looking for."

The old-timey feel of the stadium was noted by John Schuerholz, the general manager of the Atlanta Braves, the Bulls' major-league parent team. It was the second night at the park for Schuerholz, who took over as Atlanta's GM in 1991.

"I think the DAP epitomizes what minor-league baseball is all about," Schuerholz said. "The nostalgia that comes with the park is great, and it's a

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OCAP to fight PHE relocation in county court

By Yi-Hsin Chang
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HILLSBOROUGH — The Orange Coalition Against Pornography and the American Family Association will be allowed to intervene in PHE Inc.'s appeal against the town's Board of Adjustment for denying the mail-order erotica company a permit to relocate to the northern Orange County town.

Orange County Superior Judge Knox Jenkins ruled in favor of a motion by OCAP Monday to intervene in the case and fight PHE's appeal, but he repeatedly told the attorneys that he only was interested in legal questions.

"I realize and understand that the subject matter is a sensitive one to the citizens of Orange County," he said. "But my responsibility is to rule on the law."

"Personal views about pornography is not a legal question before this court. I will not allow it."

PHE attorney Nick Herman praised the judge after Monday's hearing for emphasizing his unwillingness to tolerate arguments about the morality of a company like PHE.

"He's a real, live judge," Herman said. "(This case) is not a personal issue. It is not a political issue in the courtroom, and (Jenkins) knows it."

The Hillsborough Town Board unanimously voted May 24 not to fight the appeal. Town Attorney Mike Brough has said the town could not win the case against PHE on legal grounds.

About 15 OCAP members attended the hearing Monday. "I'm glad we're allowed to intervene," said G.I. Allison, pastor of Mt. Bright Baptist Church and OCAP vice president. "I'm still optimistic by all means."

Dennis Staffelbach, one of the two lawyers from the American Family Association Law Center, said, "We're

obviously delighted that the court recognized the motion of the interveners."

He said he agreed that the relocation should not become an issue of whether Hillsborough residents liked or disliked pornography.

The AFA Law Center, based in Mississippi, is a pro bono legal organization designed to protect the interests of Christians in court, Staffelbach said. Former Town Attorney Lucius Cheshire also is representing OCAP.

Herman said he was not surprised by the judge's decision. "Under permissive intervention, he has total discretion to allow intervention."

The hearing for the appeal has been set for July 6 in Orange County Superior Court.

OCAP was founded in February by a group of ministers opposing PHE's attempts to move to Hillsborough from its current location west of Carrboro.

The town's Board of Adjustment twice has denied PHE's request for a special-use permit to build a larger facility that would bring jobs and \$20,000 in tax revenue to Hillsborough.

The Board of Adjustment voted 3-2 in favor of granting the permit, but a two-thirds majority, or four votes, are needed for approval. The two members who voted against approving the permit, David Cates and John Forrest, said that under the Hillsborough zoning ordinance, PHE qualified as an adult-use business and therefore required a conditional-use permit.

The Hillsborough ordinance defines an adult-use business as one that "excludes minors for reasons of age," such as adult bookstores, adult movie theaters, massage parlors and adult cabarets.

PHE is appealing the decision on the grounds that the company is not an

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Many deciding whether to run for town council

By Rochelle Klaskin
Staff Writer

Although candidates for political office can't file to be on the November ballot until July 2, several Chapel Hill residents already have decided whether to enter the race for a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Lee Pavao, chairman of the town's Park and Recreation Commission, said he will file to run for a council seat when the filing period begins.

Candidates can file with the Orange County Board of Elections in Hillsborough from noon July 2 to noon Aug. 6.

"My primary goal is to serve the public," Pavao said.

Pavao, who is retired, said his experience with the Parks and Recreation Commission would be an asset for the council.

The council needs to focus on several issues for which there are no quick fixes, Pavao said. "We have to come to grips with affordable housing," he said.

Pavao said he always has wanted to



be active in the community, so he had become involved in local politics by serving on and then leading a town board. "I think I'm a little methodical about the approach," he said.

Pavao currently is serving his second one-year term as chairman of the commission. If Pavao wins a seat on the council, a new chairman will be nominated for the board.

Mickey Ewell, chairman of TaxWatch, a local fiscal watchdog group, said he would not run for a council seat this year.

"I have a lot going on right now. Being chairman of TaxWatch is keeping me pretty busy right now," he said.

Ewell ran for a seat in 1991 and applied last year to fill the council seat vacated by Roosevelt Wilkerson.

Helen Urquhart, a neighborhood activist who ran for a council seat in 1989 and 1991, would not say Tuesday if she planned to run again this year.

Council member Barbara Powell, who was appointed to fill Wilkerson's seat, will run this year for election to a four-year term.

The council seats of Julie Andresen, Joyce Brown, Alan Rimer and Art Werner also are open. The town council candidate who receives the fifth highest

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Student BCC supporters plan to attend BOT meeting

By Steve Robblee
Staff Writer

After almost a month of silence, supporters of a free-standing black cultural center will make their concerns public again at the Board of Trustees meeting that begins today and will continue tomorrow.

BCC Advisory Board Vice Chairwoman Trish Merchant said BCC supporters planned to attend the June BOT meeting, where trustees will discuss the BCC issue.

"There will be people there," Merchant said. "It would be foolish not to be there since at the last Board of Trustees meeting in March it was decided that the black cultural center would be on the agenda." Supporters want to talk to BOT members in person, Merchant said.

Merchant declined to say whether the group had any plans to demonstrate at the meeting, which will be held in the faculty lounge of the Morehead Building on both days. At the last BOT meeting in March, student supporters attended the meeting holding signs that read, "I support a free-standing BCC on the Wilson-Dey site."

History of the BCC struggle 1B

Students have been relatively quiet since April when 16 students were arrested in Chancellor Paul Hardin's office following a two-week sit-in in the rotunda of South Building. The students had said they would not leave the building until Hardin called an emergency meeting of the BOT and announced his support for a BCC on the Wilson-Dey site.

Two possible sites for the BCC have been discussed — one on the plot of land between Wilson Library and Dey Hall and the other on the tract next to Coker Hall known as Coker Woods.

The coalition of campus groups who have worked toward a new BCC — such as the Black Student Movement and the Campus Y — favor the Wilson-Dey site because of its location on Polk Place, the University's main academic quad. The Coker site is located on South Road across the street from the Wilson-Dey site.

In April, students were protesting because the administration had not recommended a site for the BCC. Hardin had said he would not take action until

the Buildings and Grounds Committee analyzed the possible locations for the center and issued a report.

The site recommendation is the final step in the process before Hardin can make a proposal to the BOT. The board will make the final decision whether to approve a free-standing center. Hardin has said he would prefer to wait until the July BOT meeting to have enough time to prepare a report for the board.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee chairman hopes to give the committee's recommendation to Hardin on Monday. The committee met last Monday to review a draft of the report and offer suggestions, committee Chairman John Sanders said.

He said he needed to rewrite his draft report and get final approval from committee members before giving Hardin the committee's site recommendation. "Some changes will be made in the



John Sanders

draft report to conform with decisions made by the committee," Sanders said. "If (committee members) are in agreement on the terminology, I will get it to the chancellor by Monday."

Sanders refused to comment on the details of the committee's report, saying it was Hardin's decision whether to make its contents public. But he said when he wrote the final recommendation he would be careful to make the language clear and precise because he expected many people would read the report.

Hardin said Wednesday that he had not talked to Sanders about the committee's evaluations and would not know what other information he needed to make a recommendation to the BOT until he saw the report.

"I really don't know until I see the report," he said. "If there's a specific recommendation of a specific site then my decision will be easy."

But if the committee does not make a clear decision between the two sites, then Hardin will have to do some more consultation. A presentation should be ready for the July BOT meeting, however, Hardin said.

I distinctly remember forgetting that. — Clara Barton