

Cabinet Sets Sights on Productive School Year

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UNC's student government branch held its first Cabinet meeting of the school year last night, recapping summer achievements and laying out ideas and plans for the coming months.

Student Body President George Battle described the summer as a success and congratulated members of his Cabinet on their dedication and hard work.

"It's something we can all be very proud of," he said. "There'll be few times this year that we'll be able to pat ourselves on the back, so we should take this opportunity."

Battle cited the Lenoir Dining Hall renovations and the establishment of the P2P Xpress shuttle as examples of summer achievements.

Battle also said the administration was

close to completing a detailed proposal for a 24-hour study center.

"This summer has just been tremendous," he said. "At least since I've been here, this is the summer that student government has accomplished more than any previous."

But Battle said the successful summer was merely the beginning of a productive school year.

"This is not to say that we are finished or satisfied with what we've done," he said. "We're looking forward to doing a lot more."



SBP GEORGE BATTLE congratulated Student Government on a productive summer.

Chief of Staff Philip Charles-Pierre echoed Battle's enthusiasm, saying student government had much greater "man and woman" power than in past years and therefore had the capacity to get more accomplished.

John Dervin, senior adviser, said 433 UNC students had signed up for student government committee spots over the summer. More than 300 of these students were freshmen, he said.

Charles-Pierre said Cabinet members were in the process of contacting these students. Other interested students would also have opportunities to get involved, he said.

Charles-Pierre also said Cabinet members were working on a brochure about UNC student government to be made available to students. The brochure would describe government processes and activities, he said.

Kathryn Scheffel, co-secretary, said fierer on student government's activities over the summer would be published during the next week to inform students of changes.

"A lot of (students) are going into Lenoir and saying 'What happened?'" she said. Academic Affairs secretary Stacey Brandenburg said the committee was considering projects such as a student bill of rights and a student handbook with procedural information that affected students.

Brandenburg said the committee would meet with School of Arts and Sciences Dean Stephen Birdsell Sept. 9 to discuss recruiting more Native American faculty, making the Office of Information Technology more user-friendly, the possibility of making African-American Studies a department and other academic issues.

Human Relations secretary Eddie Hanes said his committee currently is planning a Human Relations Summit that probably

will be held in late September.

Hanes said the committee also would encourage greater involvement in the UNC housekeepers movement, would look at financial aid issues and how to retain minority students and faculty and at the possible establishment of a "United Nations-type group" to promote cohesion between campus groups.

Projects proposed by other committees included a campus calendar with information on campus events, pursuing a campus women's center, planning a liberal arts festival, and expanding Point-2-Point and SAFE Escort.

Charles-Pierre said student government would hold an open student body meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in Hamilton 100.

Student government Cabinet meetings are open to the public and will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday nights, with the exception of University holidays, Battle said.

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Aug. 28

■ According to University Police reports, an officer on patrol in the South Columbia Street area heard breaking glass at 6:01 a.m. Upon pulling into the Port Hole Alley Parking Lot off Franklin Street, the officer observed that someone had broken out the right rear window of a 1991 Pontiac Grand Prix.

After approaching the vehicle, the officer noticed a woman's pocketbook on the seat. He seized the unsecured pocketbook and called the owner of the vehicle. The owner, a Durham resident, picked up her purse and vehicle a few hours later. The purse still contained her keys, checkbook, money and credit cards, reports state.

Friday, Aug. 26

■ At 1:12 a.m., an officer arrested Jonathan Troy Blackburn, 18, of 144 Maplewood Drive, West Jefferson for underage possession of a malt beverage.

The officer noticed Blackburn with nine cans of Milwaukee's Best beer near the main door of Whitehead Residence Hall.

■ Matthew Proutt of 124 Avery Residence Hall reported to University Police that he was leaving Franklin Street with an unknown friend at 2:50 a.m. when the friend broke a beer bottle over his arm, cutting an artery. Proutt's friend was transported to the Student Health Service by South Orange Rescue.

City

Sunday, Aug. 28

■ According to police reports, officers arrested Duke student Alirio Calderon, 36, at 2:52 a.m. and charged him with driving while impaired. Reports state Calderon of 114-13 Melville Loop Road was driving on the wrong side of the road on East Rosemary Street, causing another car to swerve to avoid him. Reports also state he refused an Intoxilyzer test. Calderon is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 14.

■ Jacqueline Annette "Shannon" Rone, 31, of 510B Craig St. was arrested on a charge that she had stabbed another woman in the right forearm with a pencil, reports state. Rone was charged with simple assault and released on \$300 unsecured bond, reports state. She is scheduled to appear in Chapel Hill District Court on Oct. 13.

Saturday, Aug. 27

■ At 4:05 p.m., Henry Edward "Snapper" Smith, 47, of 3128 Trice Atwood Road was arrested and charged with second-degree trespassing, according to police reports. Reports state Smith had been ordered on Aug. 2 not to enter the property at 603A Bynum St. where he was arrested. Smith was released on \$250 unsecured bond. That same afternoon at 4:46 p.m., police arrested Smith again for second-degree trespassing, this time at the Sav-a-Center at 750 Airport Road, reports state.

Police reports state that Smith had been arrested previously for shoplifting at the grocery store and was charged with trespassing after entering the store again. He was released on \$500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chapel Hill District Court on Sept. 15.

■ At 10:48 p.m., police arrested Robert Lewis "Bo" Porter, 50, on charges of overcrowding at his music club, The Cave, at 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., according to reports.

Porter of 1310-16 Ephesus Road was arrested after officers conducted a routine check of area bars and counted more than 156 people in The Cave, which has a legal capacity of 87.

■ At 10:55 p.m., police arrested Jonathan Reid Noyes, 42, on charges of overcrowding at his music bar, Local 506, at 506 W. Franklin St., according to police reports.

Local 506's legal capacity is 150, and reports state that officers counted more than 200 people in the club. Noyes of 300 Spring Valley Road is scheduled to appear in Chapel Hill District Court on Sept. 15.

Friday, Aug. 26

■ At 12:15 a.m., police arrested Channing Paul Hynn, 22, the manager of Spanky's, and charged him with overcrowding at the Franklin Street restaurant, reports state.

Spanky's has a legal capacity of 75, and reports state that officers counted more than 96 people. Hynn of 209A Cedarwood Lane in Carrboro is scheduled to appear in Chapel Hill District Court on Sept. 15.

FROM STAFF REPORTS



DTH/DAVID ALFORO

A pile of charred books and other debris lies in the carport at 1816 South Lakeshore Drive in Chapel Hill. The blaze killed one of the home's three occupants early Friday morning.

Officials Unsure of Home Fire's Cause

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Fire officials have not yet determined what caused a house fire Friday morning that claimed the life of a Chapel Hill woman and sent her husband to UNC Hospitals, where he is listed in fair condition.

Mildred Beel, 74, was pronounced dead on arrival at UNC Hospitals after being removed from her first-floor bedroom by firefighters and transported to the hospital by South Orange Rescue Squad. The north Chapel Hill resident died of smoke inhalation and had burns over more than 40 percent of her body, said Chad Livasy, Orange County medical examiner.

Beel's husband, William, a Chapel Hill optometrist, was transported to the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals. He was in critical condition Friday, but his condition has been upgraded.

Fire officials worked through the weekend to try to determine what had caused the fire that left much of the yellow-wood-and-brick home blackened.

"It started in the kitchen/den area, and then it spread more to the outside toward the carport, and then it was extinguished," said David Lewis, assistant fire chief. The blaze began sometime around 1

a.m. at the 1816 S. Lakeshore Drive house. Two neighbors and a tenant living in an apartment in the Beel's basement were awakened at about 1:30 a.m. by the noise and light coming from within the house.

"I woke up to the sound of glass breaking and a whooshing sound," said Elise Love, the tenant who had been living with the Beels for seven weeks. "I actually mistook it for a tornado."

Love went to her door and heard the smoke alarm. She opened her door, which enters into the yard, and saw William Beel calling for help from his first-floor bedroom.

Love returned to her downstairs apartment, which was still unaffected by the blaze, and called 911. Two other 911 calls came in at about the same time from neighbors on either side of the Beel's home at the corner of Rolling Road and South Lakeshore Drive.

Love retrieved a ladder from the garage of the house, and she and neighbor Sally Haskell, who was awakened by a bright light flickering in her bedroom, helped lodge the ladder against the house so that Beel could escape.

Beel, who had lived with his wife in the neighborhood for about 30 years, was distressed when he got down off the ladder.

"He was saying, 'I can't get to my wife; I can't get to the phone,'" Love said. "He was very anxious about his wife."

But the heat and fire between Beel's bedroom and his wife's across the hall were too great, Love said. He was subsequently transported to the hospital.

Firefighters had to break a bedroom window to extricate Mildred Beel from her bedroom soon after they arrived at 1:46 a.m. After they had tried to resuscitate her using CPR, she was taken to UNC Hospitals, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Seventeen firefighters, workers from South Orange Rescue Squad, Chapel Hill police, American Red Cross volunteers and neighbors converged on the scene Friday morning to give assistance to Love and Beel. "They did a very commendable job," said Carolyn Cooper, a neighbor who assisted Beel after he escaped from the house. "They went in there and were able to get (Mildred) out quickly."

Fire inspectors trying to determine the cause had ruled out by Sunday that the fire could have been electrical, Lewis said. Fire officials were still contemplating the possibility that the fire might have been caused by a cigarette. Damage to the home was estimated at \$165,000.

Study Links 'The Most Important Meal of the Day' to Students' Success

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Students might want to think twice before skipping that all-important first meal of the day, according to some scientists who study the benefits of breakfast.

Research on a group of 12-year-olds by Dr. Ernesto Pollet while at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology showed that skipping breakfast could be linked with lower performance on certain aptitude tests.

The study consisted of a group of students with IQs varying from high to low. The students were not allowed food after dinner until 11 a.m. the next morning. After being given food, they were tested on fine motor activities and the results were compared to the students' IQ scores.

Those students with higher IQs made

only a few errors, while students who had lower IQs didn't perform as well and made more errors.

From this, Pollet concluded that skipping breakfast had a more negative effect on some students.

According to Dr. Steven Zeisel, head of the department of nutrition at UNC's School of Public Health, the effects of skipping breakfast on college students could be the same or worse than the effects on children.

He said although no one had studied the relationship between the breakfast habits of college students and their academic performance, there was no reason to believe they would not have the same reactions of the younger students.

"Their performance on testing in the middle will be affected by not eating break-

"I don't have enough time. I don't have the appetite for breakfast. I have never eaten breakfast consistently."

ROGER RICE
UNC sophomore

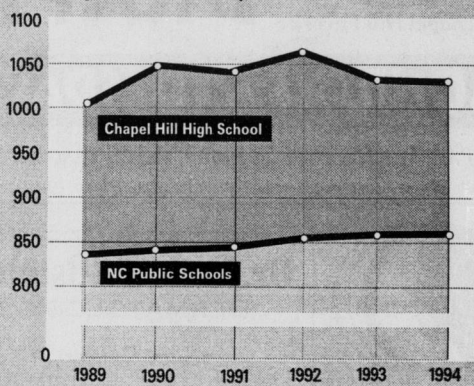
fast," Dr. Zeisel said. Freshman Tori Davis said she wouldn't be the same without a complete breakfast every morning.

"It just wakes me up," she said. "It gives me energy for the morning."

Zeisel said eating breakfast was important because the body had almost depleted its energy sources between the hours a

Scores Soar at Chapel Hill High School

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