

# The Daily Tar Heel

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County officials told UNC they do not have authority to put additional pollsites on campus. *Page 2.*



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Tar Heel coach Mack Brown spoke at UNC's third women's football clinic. *Page 9.*

## Today's Weather

Sunny, high 80s  
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## Take a seat

*Students won't bear the brunt of Kenan Stadium's growth*

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This year's Kenan Stadium eyesore will likely be the University's architectural wonder in 1997.

John Swofford, UNC director of athletics, said Tuesday that the renovation of Kenan Stadium is progressing smoothly, and he expects all 8,000 west end zone seats to be in place in time for the 1997 football season.

At the moment, however, a bulldozed tract of land and construction equipment stands behind Kenan's west end zone hedges, a testament to the progress of bringing an aging stadium up to date with comfort and technology.

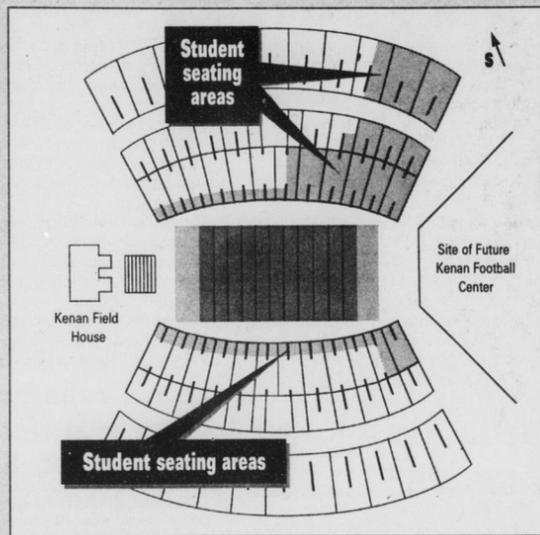
"The challenge we have is to take a beautiful old stadium and modernize it without losing its traditions or its beauty in a way that truly services the fans that comes to games here," Swofford said during a media tour of the stadium.

The removal of 4,500 west end zone seats decreases this season's stadium capacity from 52,000 to 47,500. The same number of student seats as in previous seasons — 14,000 — will be reserved, although some will be in other parts of the stadium. The athletic department decreased the availability of season tickets and tickets for visiting teams in order to

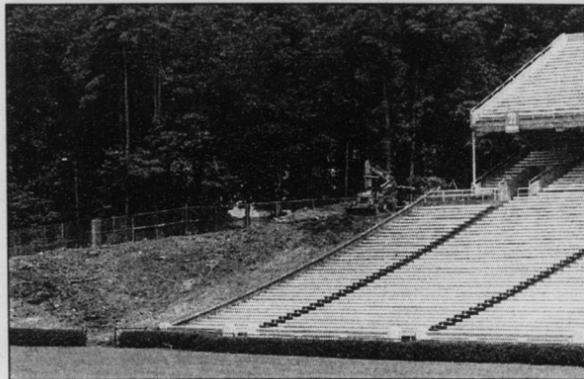
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### Students' new view of the action

The shaded area indicates student seating for home football games at Kenan Stadium for 1996. Fourteen thousand seats will be available for students.



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Kenan Stadium will undergo \$38 million in renovations before the west end zone addition is complete. Private donations will account for \$28 million.

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## Settlement proposal withdrawn

■ UNC Housekeepers had requested reparations for past racial discrimination.

BY JAMIE GRISWOLD  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The UNC Housekeepers Association is withdrawing an earlier request for reparations to the heirs of black University employees, according to a letter sent to Chancellor Michael Hooker on Wednesday.

Under the withdrawn proposal, the Housekeepers asked the University for a one-time payment of \$1,000 to a designated heir of all black employees at UNC between 1793 and 1960.

Hooker rejected the settlement offer in January, calling it "excessive in the extreme."

The letter, signed by Housekeepers chairwoman Barbara Prear, stated that the Housekeepers would find their own way to honor their ancestors.

"We plan to invite the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. University-Community Banquet to work with us to honor the descendants of the African-American slaves and 'freed' people who built and maintained the University through 1960," the letter stated.

The Housekeepers have been embroiled in a legal battle with the Univer-

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## Passes distributed at new site

STAFF REPORT

Students eager to cheer on the Tar Heels this fall have several ways to get into Kenan Stadium.

Athletic passes essential for attendance at home football games will be distributed to students during the week of Aug. 26-30 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. in the Cabaret, located downstairs in the Student Union.

Students wishing to attend UNC games this fall should come to the distribution area with their UNC ONE Cards.

On the day of each home game, students should arrive at Gate Five of Kenan Stadium with their ONE Cards and athletic passes. Student section seats will be available on a first come, first serve basis and will be offered up to two hours before the game.

Guest tickets for the season will go on sale at the Smith Center Ticket Office on Wednesdays prior to home games. Students can use their ONE Cards to purchase up to two guest tickets each at the cost of \$22 each.

Students may also purchase two season guest passes the week of Aug. 26-30 at the Smith Center Ticket Office for a cost of \$56.50 each.

Requests for block seats may be submitted to the Smith Center Ticket Office between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. the Monday before each home game. Groups of 20 to 100 students should send a representative to the office to turn in the group's set of athletic passes. The blocks will be drawn at random and results will be posted at the ticket office at 3 p.m.

## Backpacker goals: see lots, spend little

■ Students traipsed through Europe in a whirlwind summer tour while surviving on a tight budget of trains and youth hostels.

BY DAVID SILVERSTEIN  
STAFF WRITER

With the onset of school, we're stuffing our backpacks with texts, notepads and pencils, but some might have fonder memories of their packs. Like stuffing them with lightweight clothing, a passport and a plane ticket to Europe.

Many UNC students traded in the smaller-model bookbags for one that accommodates two months of summer travel.

But those backpacks didn't luxuriate in posh hotels and motor coaches. They made their way through youth hostels, cheap lodgings and public transportation.

Students said Europe on this kind of budget is low in frills, but high in fun. "It's a lifestyle," Lisa Cederbaum said. "You have to learn to carry as little as possible, spend as little as possible, but see as much as possible," Cederbaum, a junior from Holden, Mass., studied last semester in Paris and then traveled around Europe for five weeks.

But some students said Americans did not approach this lifestyle in quite the same manner as Europeans.

Bryant Paris, a senior from Raleigh, said Americans tend to backpack strictly as a vacation, while Europeans usually travel for a few months, settle down to work somewhere for a while, then start traveling again. "I think people in the U.S. do it as an adventure," Paris said.

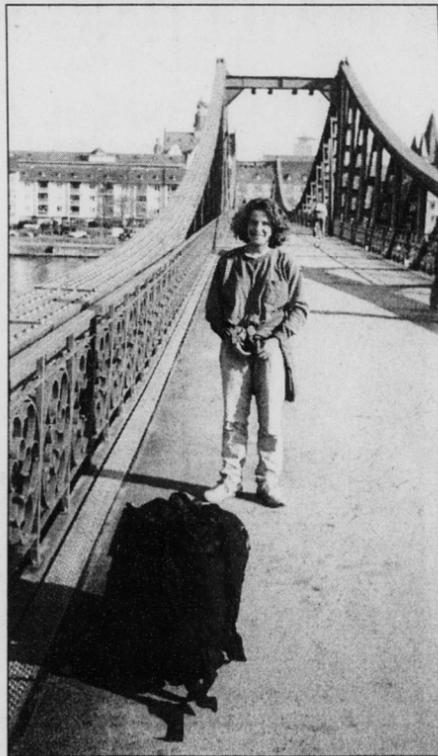
In order to see as many places as possible, Cederbaum said the extensive European rail system is generally a good means of transportation.

Of planes, trains and automobiles — all of which he used — Paris said the trains were the best way to get around. He, like many backpackers, invested in a Eurail pass. "People will swear by (the trains), and I do too," Paris said. "It is by far the best thing to do."

Kristin Curran, a senior from Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., said the quality of the trains and the ride depended on the country. To save money, she took night trains and slept in her seat.

Another seating option is to pay for a bunk in a couchette which sleeps five other people in a cabin, said Ashley Poole, a senior from Raleigh. Despite rumors of seedy night trains, Poole said, "I felt really safe on all of the night trains."

Other backpackers said they used common sense to feel safe in all situations. "You need to be a very suspecting person,"



Junior Lisa Cederbaum is shown with her trusty backpack in the middle of Frankfurt, Germany.

Paris said. "You can't trust everybody. Use a great deal of wisdom."

A large portion of the backpacker's limited budget is usually spent on accommodations. With relatively cheap prices of \$10 to \$15 a night, hostels attract students from all over the world. They often become more than a place to sleep, functioning as the social nexus of backpackers.

Curran said, "You meet a lot of people backpacking." She said she would meet people at hostels and then travel with them.

Besides lodging, food expenses can eat away at a backpacker's funds. Both Cederbaum and Curran said they cut down the food budget by avoiding pricey restaurants that cater to tourists. "I ate a lot of bread and drank a lot of water," Curran said.

Money is not the only concern of backpackers. The language barrier can sometimes be a problem, though Poole said it need not be. "Most people speak English, or some English ... except in small towns," Poole said.

Despite the concerns, students keep on packing their bags. Paris said his trip was a jumping-off point for future voyages. "It whets your appetite for future trips."

## Fraternities nationwide learn from Phi Gamma Delta tragedy

This is one in a weekly series highlighting news from campuses around the country.

BY JENNIFER M. WILSON  
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

The smoke from the fire at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house has cleared, but concerns about fire safety continue to linger as fall rush kicks off at UNC and across the nation.

In order to prevent other tragedies of this nature, fraternities nationwide have put time and money into ensuring that their houses comply with fire safety standards.

Fraternities that do not pass inspection are experiencing the consequences.

As a result of not complying with Louisiana State University's strict fire code regulations, one fraternity house will not be open for fall rush and two fraternity houses will have limited occupancy, said Thomas Risch, vice chancellor for student affairs at LSU.

The occupancy restrictions came in the wake of a massive crackdown on fire code violations at the university's fraternity and sorority houses that began two and a half years ago in an effort to in-



crease the houses' safety.

"The fire at UNC's chapter of Phi Gamma Delta last May also raised concern about fire safety," Risch said.

LSU's fraternities and sororities had the options either to renovate their houses to pass inspection or to close down.

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity's house was closed, and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity were restricted to an occupancy of five people because they did not have enough money to improve their houses.

"The fraternities will be allowed to participate in fall rush because their status with the university was not affected,"

Risch said. "But they will not be allowed to use their houses due to the lack of a functioning alarm or sprinkler system, improper exits or lack of compliance with building codes."

One sorority that failed to pass fire inspection hired a "fire watcher," or a security system employee trained to keep an eye out for possible fires, to watch the house for 30 days, he said. The sorority was able to keep its house open for rush.

Risch said he thought the aggressive policies have helped force the fraternities to improve the safety of their houses.

"Last fall there was a small fire in one of the fraternity houses," he said. "Because the alarm system worked, there were limited damages and lives were saved."

Fraternity houses at the University of Georgia-Athens have also undergone a strict series of inspections which closed six houses over the summer following the UNC fire and a fire at the UGA Sigma Nu fraternity house.

Ken Goyen, manager of UGA family housing, said the Sigma Nu fire occurred near the attic area and was the result of an

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## Memorial to honor deceased students, staff

BY JAMIE GRISWOLD  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The Campus Ministries Association is working with other members of the University community to plan a service to remember faculty, staff and students who have died over the past year.

The service will be held Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

"The University's Chaplain's Association and others are taking the lead in organizing an ecumenical Memorial Convocation to celebrate the lives of the several students, faculty and staff who have died during (the past year)," Dean of Students Fred Schroeder stated in a letter to University administrators and student leaders.

Nine University employees and 10 students died during the 1995-96 academic year, including five students who

were killed in a May fire at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house and a recent graduate who died in a car accident in June.

Ollie Wagner, convener of the Campus Ministries Association, said September's memorial service would be more formal than the community remembrance held after the Phi Gamma Delta fire this summer. Unlike that service, which had an open microphone, individual eulogies will not be offered.

"The emphasis is not only on the loss but on how we as a community can move through this and become a better place because of it," Wagner said.

The Campus Ministries Association was asked by the Office of the Dean of Students to coordinate the memorial. The Association has invited representatives from the Greek system, student government, the Employee Forum and the Faculty Council to serve on the planning

committee.

Wagner said the service would involve some religious aspects, but would be sensitive to the fact that there are many religions represented at UNC.

He said the service would also recognize that students who have been here throughout the summer might have reached some sort of closure, while those who have just returned to campus may only now be beginning to grieve.

"It's important to realize that it's all right to be in different places," he said.

Student Body Treasurer Julie Gasperini, who is a member of the memorial convocation planning committee, said the service should honor all those who have died, not just the victims of the Phi Gamma Delta fire.

"It's hard not to just focus on Phi Gam because (the loss) was so great, but losing people is a universal thing."

*Nature makes only dumb animals; we owe the fools to society.*

Honoré de Balzac