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Proposal could institute laptop requirement

■ Student Body President Mo Nathan said his main concern was how much students would have to pay for the computers.

BY LAUREN BEAL
STAFF WRITER

Students might pay the price as UNC whizzes into the 21st century. UNC officials are considering a proposal that would require all students to have laptop computers in the near future.

"We're still talking to a lot of people at this point — I'm hoping we can make an announcement in the next few weeks," said Marian Moore, chief information officer at Academic Technology & Networks.

An interim report presented to the Board of Trustees in November stated a computer requirement would provide universal access for the campus and benefit students.

Student Body President Mo Nathan said he supported the initiative but had funding concerns. "There's no denying its importance for the intellectual exchange at Carolina," Nathan said. "Yet, I am very concerned for what accommodations are made for lower-income students."

Emily Williamson, chairwoman of the Student Services Committee, said she heard ideas about possible computer rentals, financial aid and additional student and tuition fees.

John Oberlin, ATN executive director said, "I would be very surprised if UNC added to its tuition."

Moore said officials were still considering different funding options. "My mission is to make sure we don't deny anyone admission to this University."

Nathan said financial aid was essential for success. Oberlin said the University had been looking at computer requirements for years and that Chancellor Michael Hooker recently called for the creation of a plan to implement more computer technology.

Oberlin said he could not predict when this proposal would take effect. "At this point, it's still very much an interim plan."

Wake Forest University and the University of Virginia are two schools where the computer requirement is school policy. "A lot of other schools have been moving toward this," Williamson said.

"(Nathan and I) want to look into it. We're planning a meeting with ATN."

Moore said careful thought is being given to the total issue of computer requirements. "We don't want a population of have and have-nots."

No Fly Zone

Local police say they use 'selective enforcement' to nab reckless drivers.

BY HUGH PRESSLEY
STAFF WRITER

Speeding motorists beware. With the increasing efforts by Chapel Hill police to put the brakes on unsafe driving, many speedsters on busy roads might find themselves taking an even faster ride — to court.

Chapel Hill traffic unit officers say their weapon of choice is "selective enforcement."

Local police refused to provide a definition of the term "speed traps," which some people consider to be areas on certain roads where officers target drivers who violate the speed limit or other traffic laws.

Once in place, these strategic points can turn an unsuspecting motorist into the most vulnerable of prey. "We can go sit at a median any time during the day," said Jack Terry, a Chapel Hill traffic unit police officer.

Terry said officers nabbed many drivers on Airport Road and Franklin Street and received many complaints about reckless driving on those roads.

Other roads where Chapel Hill police use selective enforcement include Weaver Dairy Road and N.C. 54, Terry said.

The number of motorists charged with speeding and other traffic violations — such as driving while impaired or having an expired inspection sticker — shows the success of speed traps.

In 1997, during the busy months of July, August and September, Chapel Hill police issued about 1,800 traffic citations, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

The Daily Tar Heel took a sample of 200 tickets processed in court during August 1997 and found that 36 percent of those tickets were given on either Airport Road or Franklin Street.

David Quigley, a Chapel Hill traffic unit police officer, said officers mainly tried to target motorists on those roads who brought attention to themselves by driving recklessly.

"If you're going one mile (per hour) over the speed limit, technically that's a speed violation," he said.

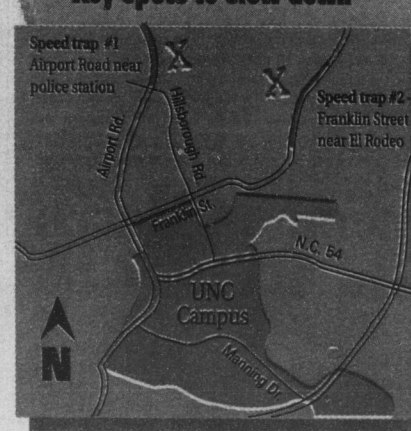
"If I were to stop everyone who went five miles (per

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You'd better watch your speed

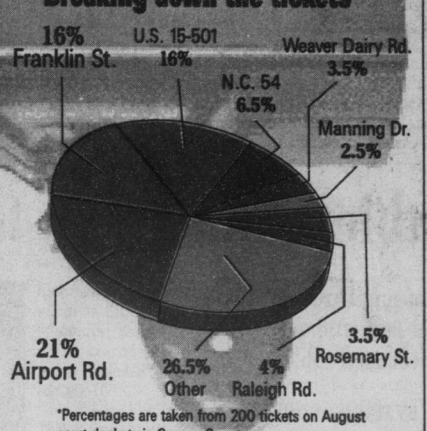
Chapel Hill police use selective enforcement on high-volume roads in the area. Two of the most frequently used speed traps are highlighted below, along with a breakdown of ticket locations.

Key spots to slow down



SOURCE: DTH ANALYSIS OF ORANGE COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Breaking down the tickets*



*Percentages are taken from 200 tickets on August court dockets in Orange County

DTH/JAKE ZARNEGAR, CHANTAL PUNDSACK AND KWAN SKINNER

According to officials, the Airport Road project will be completed in 2000.

BY HUGH PRESSLEY
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to Airport Road, some officials say wider is better.

That's why construction is under way on a \$9 million project by the N.C. Department of Transportation to widen the road from two to four lanes.

During the early 1990s, the DOT discussed the idea of the project because of an increase in the amount of traffic, said Blake Norwood, transportation planning engineer.

"It was a capacity issue," he said.

"Chapel Hill continues to grow to the north, and (Airport Road) failed to meet the demand of traffic."

Construction for the project, which began in March 1996 and should be completed by early 2000, will expand Airport Road from Homestead Road to Interstate 40, Project Engineer Dewayne Sykes said.

For motorists, the construction could mean longer excursions, more stress and added headaches for the next two years.

"You can't miss the mess," said Chapel Hill traffic unit police officer Jack Terry.

The hoards of bulldozers and debris from cut trees might cause congestion and could cause an increase in accidents, Terry said.

In addition, Chapel Hill North, a new shopping center scheduled to open in August located near the intersection of I-40 and Airport Road, might also back up traffic in the construction zone.

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Students call Nike's vice presidency for labor hire public relations move

■ Maria S. Eitel was appointed Thursday to help Nike Corps. social works.

BY BETH HATCHER
STAFF WRITER

Whether campus groups support or oppose Nike Corp.'s labor practices, some agree the company's latest move is just for show.

Nike appointed Maria S. Eitel to a

new vice presidency, created to deal with corporate and social responsibility Thursday.

Vada Manager of Nike said the company expected Eitel to use her experience as former European corporate affairs manager for Microsoft Corp. to boost Nike's worldwide social programs and image.

"She will help guide labor practices," Manager said in an interview Thursday. "We will work together to ensure those activities are fully carried out."

UNC students got involved in the

debate after the signing of a \$7.1 million exclusive contract between Nike and the University this summer.

Marion Traub-Werner, president of the Nike Awareness Campaign at UNC, said she questioned whether Nike was truly dedicated to changing its social programs and labor practices.

"This is how they're responding to the criticism — just with public relations," Traub-Werner said.

Manager said Eitel will help build upon the social programs Nike already has in place, such as Participate in the

Lives of All Youth, and will initiate new ones to make the company more accountable.

Students involved in the debate at UNC said they wondered how deeply Nike was committed to change.

Nicole Stephens, public relations director for the Carolina Athletic Association, said she thought many groups on campus had been too hard on Nike but that the creation of the vice presidency would cause little change.

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Richard Sheubrooks, who helped found Support the Swoosh last semester, said student protest hastened Nike's decision to create the new position but that the company would have done so anyway.

"I think Nike is constantly striving to improve itself, and this is just another example," Sheubrooks said.

Traub-Werner said she hoped Nike's actions would alleviate her doubts.

"I hope I'm wrong," she said. "I hope Nike is seeing a new vantage point."

Body + soul



DTH/DANA GARDNER

Seth Collings Hawkins and Joe Scattoloni enjoy a reception for 'iris: the UNC journal of medicine, literature & visual art.'

Four medical students learned taking care of patients involves more than math and science; sometimes it takes a little art.

BY MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT
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Sometimes it takes more than the power of medicine to help a person deal with illness.

Simply putting pen to paper and artistically expressing oneself can shed a whole new light on sickness. At least that is what second year UNC medical school students Seth Collings Hawkins and Joe Scattoloni recommend.

Since October 1996, Hawkins and Scattoloni have worked to create a literary and art publication dealing with health, illness and health care.

When "iris: the UNC journal of medicine, literature & visual art" was printed this fall, they knew they had brought their vision to life.

To celebrate the printing of this first-of-its-kind journal at UNC and to honor contributors, iris organizers held a reception Thursday afternoon at Berryhill Hall.

Made up of poetry, prose and artwork, iris has 60 pages of insights from local physicians, patients and allied health students.

"So much of what we're learning as medical school students reduces being sick to numbers," Hawkins, co-founder and co-editor of iris explained. "(iris) shows there are more sides to being sick."

"It shows patients have a voice, and people take different identities. Some professors wrote as patients."

When Hawkins and Scattoloni started tossing around the idea for the journal with fellow medical students and friends Deepu Gowda and Winny Hung two years ago, they just wanted some way to publish fiction and prose penned by medical students.

While Gowda and Hung saw iris through publication, they have not enjoyed its complete success because they are conducting research in other countries this year.

With the planning and determination of four busy medical students and co-editors, iris turned into a medium that created a sense of community among health care workers, students and patients.

"We wanted all health affairs schools involved," said Scattoloni, co-founder and co-editor. "It's sad medical students don't talk to nursing students and others. Reading and discussing (iris) allows us to see experiences of others, and that helps in the real

world with things not experienced in school."

Hawkins said the founders wanted iris to bring the medical community together and express experiences to the larger University community.

"We wanted a literary journal that would stand on its own to those not from Chapel Hill," Hawkins said. "The pieces themselves stand alone."

Hawkins, Scattoloni, Gowda and Hung diligently worked to create the final product. Starting with submission interest and funding, they saw iris through graphic design, choosing a title and finally publication.

Scattoloni shared a story about choosing the title.

"We went through 10 or 12 names, and that was after we had narrowed it down," he said with a laugh. "We didn't want to be too scientific or go against our purposes and be too literary."

Hawkins added, "iris seemed to be totally accessible. We didn't want the title to seem to high falutin'."

A word of several meanings, iris best conveyed principles behind the journal's mission, Hawkins said.

"The iris is two opposing sheets of muscle in the eye that controls how we see the world, and it is the color in the eye — how

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INSIDE

Working overtime

UVa. and UNC went three extra periods before the Cavs captured a 105-100 victory Thursday. Page 5



Technical difficulties

South Campus residents who expected cable service when they returned from Winter Break will not get it until at least March. Page 2

Today's weather

Rainy;
mid 40s
Weekend: Partly cloudy;
low 50s

Time's up

Daily Tar Heel staff applications are due today by 5 p.m. Stop by the DTH office in Suite 104 of the Carolina Union for an application.

Courage — fear that has said its prayers.

Dorothy Bernard