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Admission applications

ask prospective students to

explain "sightings of Elvis."

BY ADRIENNE BRANCHE

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The University of Chicago is putting new twist on its admissions applica-

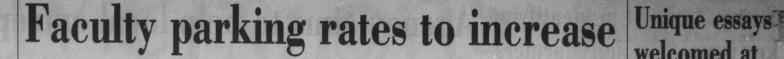
Instead of the standard essay ques

tions most colleges ask on their applica-tions, the University of Chicago chose to take a bolder route that requires pure imagination in attempt to attract extra-

"Elvis is alive!" begins one essay

question that asks applicants to con-struct their own theory explaining how " and why current "sightings of Elvis" are

Jennifer Wu, chairwoman of student



One faculty member said it was easier to find parking on campus in the morning.

Parking officials' plan to increase

As construction on Mid Campus con-

As construction on Mid campus con-tinues, parking spaces will disappear as more space is needed for buildings, said William Scroggs, chairman of the Parking and Transportation Committee.

Transportation administrators have been forced to consider alternative

options as the demand for spaces has become unmanageable. One option is to

increase the cost of parking for students and faculty members to decrease the

demand for coveted on-campus parking spots, Scroggs said. The committee will

UNC drivers

irritated by

big potholes

Repairing potholes can

be a lengthy process due to

differing road jurisdictions.

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each student probably has his or her favorite one, be it a bottomless chasm or

it." Raleigh Street, between East Franklin Street and South Road, and South Road, between Coker Hall and Country Club Road, are the worst spots

on campus, said Ray Magyar, trans-portation planner for the Public Safety

Transportation plans to repair South Road this summer, while Raleigh Road repairs are still being negotiated, he

UNC employees say they are work-ing to ensure smoother driving on cam-

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Department. The N.C. Department

nature's own rumble strip.

Potholes plague parts of campus, and

'I do know of a really nasty pothole on South Road," said junior Brian Newport of Winston-Salem. "It's in the left-hand turn lane onto Stadium Drive; I've just about blown a tire because of

UNC narratives included **BY JESSICA GALAZKA** STAFF WRITER in National Digital Library

UNC plans to include 100 books of parking rates on campus to decrease demand for spaces might not deter narratives in the National Digital Library's collection on the Internet. many employees from seeking on-cam-pus parking.

iversity and Chapel Hill

The narratives, part of a project titled "First-Person Narratives of the American South, 1860-1920," should be completed between August and December 1998.

"Narratives" will become part of the Library of Congress' digital collection. It was made possible by a large grant made to the University. UNC's online texts will be accessible from the National Division H be accessible

from the National Digital Library's Web page, http://rs6.loc.gov.

Scientists garner better grasp on atomic bonding

UNC scientists observed for the first time the bonding behavior of hydrogen atoms at high temperatures.

Their findings help to explain processes in microelectric engineering and were reported on in the Jan. 23 issue of the journal Science.

UNC professor to speak at business conference

Rollie Tillman, a professor of marketing at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, will speak at the 14th annual Conference on Entrepreneurship. The conference, to be held Feb. 7 at

Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, will address issues facing new husinesses

Forum to provide faculty interaction with students

Professors from the Department of Biology will attend the first dinner in a monthly series entitled "Major Decisions" at 5 p.m. today. The forum, intended to provide con-

versation between faculty and students will be held in the Upendo Lounge above Chase Hall and costs \$2.

Renowned author to offer tips on adventure travel

Jeannette Belliveau, the Pulitzer Prize-nominated author of "An Amateur's Guide to the Planet," will give a presentation in Bull's Head Bookshop at 3:30 p.m. today. The program is free and will provide

information on adventure travel. **Gospel choir to present** charity concert for BCC

The Black Student Movement Gospel Choir will present a special concert at First Baptist Church on 106 N. Robertson St. on Feb. 8.

Funds from the concert will be donated to the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. For more information call 942-2509 or 942-2552.

Former candidate aims for new Carrboro post

Judy Anderson, who ran for Carrboro mayor in November's elections, filed Wednesday for the office of Register of Deeds. In a prepared state-ment Anderson said she believed it was a privilege to serve the community in elected office and hoped more citizens would become involved

Hazardous waste center to be closed until March

The Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Center will not open for February. The center is scheduled to re-open March 7.

re-open March 7. Residents needing household haz-ardous waste services during the month st go to th

discuss the amount of the increase at its Feb. 9 meeting. The committee will then make a rec-

mendation to the Board of Trustees which will vote on the increase

Increases should not affect University employees' parking options, Scroggs said. "What I envision is that there would be no change from this year to next year."

This year's rates for parking range

Inis year's rates for parking range from \$276 for parking decks and gated lots to \$33 for some off-campus lots. "There's a demand to park on cam-pus that we can't meet," Scroggs said. By raising rates, officials hope to lower demand. But some faculty members said they would not change their parking habits if prices increased habits if prices increased.

After many years on campus, music professor Richard Luby treasures his close parking space in a gated lot. He said even if there was an increase in the cost of parking he would pay for the convenience of parking on campus. "It's the parking that's most depend-able," he said. "There's too many times

"If there were a closer way to park, I would be tempted to drive. In the long run, it's

MARTHA MARKS program assistant, Institute of Arts and Humanities

when one has to come and go." David Lillie, a professor in the School of Education, also said he liked to have a place where he knows he can park. He parks in a designated lot and said he has no problem finding a parking space in e early morning. But, he said that when he goes out to the

visit schools, he often is left without a parking spot when he returns to campus. He also said he was frustrated that parking lots were oversold and that there

were not enough spaces. Despite these problems, Lillie said, "I think they do a fairly good job with a dif-

cheaper (to take the bus)."

Some faculty members have found ways to avoid the parking expense and the hassle of finding a parking space. "I don't have to worry about park-ing," said Martha Marks, a program assistant at the Institute of Arts and Humanities

ficult problem."

Each morning and evening she rides Triangle Transit Authority shuttle

a Thange Transit Guenerity from Durham. "If there were a closer way to park, I would be tempted to drive," she said she Unlike Lillie and Luby, she said she to sense the other would have to park in a remote lot off campus. "In the long run it's cheaper (to take the bus)," she said.

If park and ride options were expand-ed, she would consider driving to cam-

pus, she said. Although many faculty said they would continue to park on campus if rates increased, they said the increase is not an option that the BOT should take

lightly. Lillie said, "That is a strategy that should be a last resort.

minor issue. "What does it matter?" said junior

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MATT DANSER

Sophomore from Durham

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Clinton's performance provides some indication of how he might handle the

"Clinton has escaped impeachment from his many alleged scandals by con-

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latest round of accusations.

government, said the unusual ques-tions were a little challenging enjoyable but answer. "We've had (these questions) ever since students

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ordinary students.



were around," she said. "It is a heck of a lot more exciting than standard ques-

to

tions. Ted O'Neill, dean of admissions,

said ordinary admissions questions tend to produce similar responses. We don't see generic responses to

Elvis," he said.

"We get more interesting responses that are much more fun to read," O'Neill said

"The range of questions brings out more genuine thought and feeling." Although alternative questions are offered on the application, O'Neill said most students are attracted to the different essay questions.

"A lot of people apply because of the essays," he said.

essays," he said. "About one third of the students answered the Elvis question. They love it because they like to work in an imag-inative way." Lucinda Bingham, a third-year histo-ry major at Chicago, said the essays were one of the top reasons she decided to go to the university. "When I received the application, I thought 'Wow they're not inst looking

thought, 'Wow, they're not just looking at my test scores,'" Bingham said.

"It says that they want more than just standard intelligence."

"They want people who are imagi-native, creative and intelligent," she said

Anthony Strickland, associate director of undergraduate admissions at UNC, said the University of Chicago's questions are an inventive and clever way to actually get to know their applicants

cants. "I would gather they are after people with imagination, and that's one way to do it," he said. "Too often (UNC) gets what I call the 'nice person' kind of essay — the good kid saying, 'I am good,'" Strickland said.

"There are, however, some that go off on interesting and bizarre topics." Katie Wylie, a freshman pharmacy major at UNC, said she would like to have seen unique questions similar to Chicago's on UNC's admissions appli-cation cation

"I think answering the question shows a person's creativity," she said.

"Colleges should start having more creative questions because it lets the admissions board know more about the individual besides just their academics,' Wylie said.

"With those questions, you can let your true colors show."

A car slams into a pothole on South Columbia Street across from the Carolina Inn on Wednesday. The N.C. Department of Transportation plans to repair some roads on campus this summer That's because different roads on in advance, Magyar said. "When a repair is made, private and different con-tractors are hired to do that work." plained about potholes, but he had heard little from students. He also said campus are under the jurisdiction of dif-ferent entities. The DOT, the Physical that construction across the University that construction across the onversity was not slowing repairs. Lt. Angela Carmon agreed, saying she had heard complaints only from fac-ulty and employees. "We all end up hav-ing to dodge (potholes)." Some students see potholes as a minor income

Plant and the Public Works Department all manage campus roads. The University handles driveways and is fully responsible for only Stadium Drive,

Magyar said. Magyar's job is to "coordinate University projects impacting roads with the scheduling of the paving of road-ways" and to prevent roads from being paved and then dug up for repairs.

The department in charge of a par-ticular road must make the arrange-

When a company digs up a road for

Water and Sewer Authority repairs the sewers at the intersection of Columbia Street and South Road, it must schedule

underground repairs, it is responsible for repaying it. For example, if the Orange

Tal Tyler of Matthews. "Nobody will be pus, but the process of repairing pot-holes is long. the repaving, he said. able to afford to drive to campus next Arrangements are often made years Magyar said employees had com-

Clinton impresses students with address

BY ASHLEY RYNESKA STAFF WRITER

Despite the hot controversy preceding Tuesday night's State of the Union address, President Clinton impressed the nation with his cool and focused deliverv

Many anticipated a tense atmosphere in the Capitol because of allegations of misconduct made against the president involving a former intern.

But various people within the UNC community felt Clinton gave a com-mendable, self-assured performance that Congress received with enthusiasm.

'He shifted the attention toward the issues," said George Rabinowitz, a professor in the Department of Political Science. "He was cool, in charge, and he presented his ideas very convincingly."

Clinton proposed new attempts to improve social security, childcare, tobacco legislation and the medicare system.

In the address.

Many students like Matt Danser, a sophomore from Durham. also found

Clinton's BILL CLINTON addressed tobacco speech more effective than anticipatlegislation and childcare during the "He stuck to State of the Union the topics that address were important,

Danser said. "He avoided talk of the scandal, separating personal issues from political ones.

Viewers focused not only on the president's delivery but also on Congress' reaction.

While some regarded Congress' persistent applause as sincere, others saw the reaction as an attempt to enhance Clinton's image during uncertain times.

Clinton's image during uncertain times. "The applause seemed performed," said Eric Voigt, a sophomore from Hendersonville. "(Congress) wanted the public to maintain their focus on Clinton's accomplishments and future goals and away from his personal scan-dals."

Despite doubts that Congress entirely supports the president, those who heard the address received some assurance of

fronting each accusation with firm con-fidence," Voigt said. "This confidence remained consistent in his State of the Union address." Clinton's solidarity during this crisis. "They don't call him 'Slick Willy' for nothing," Danser said, "President Clinton is a phenomenal speaker."

Wake Centers. Call Orange Community Recycling at 968-2788 for the day and time of operation at these other centers

WaterPartners benefit dinner set for February

WaterPartners International is spon soring its sixth annual Chapel Hill Water for Life Dinner at the Morehead Building on Feb. 7. Cocktails are sched-uled to begin at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 p.m. and a silent auction. No fee is set for the dinner, but donations are encouraged. A non-profit organiza-tion, WaterPartners is devoted to raising awareness and funds for the construction of safe water supply sources in developing countries. For more infor-mation, call 918-3497.

Landfill to conduct sale of salvaged materials

The Orange Regional Landfill will hold a sale of salvaged materials from the construction and demolition waste disposal area Feb. 7 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Building supplies and household p.m. Building supplies and household items such as doors, windows and fur-niture will be priced at 50 percent less than the price of new items. FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Isabelle Lefebvre, a chemistry graduate student, inserts a sample into a magnetic field in the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Laboratory.

Campaign responsibilities outlined for candidates by Elections Board

BY DEVONA A. BROWN STAFF WRITER

Not fouling up is a theme for Elections Board Chairman Joe Kledis.

With problems of past elections boards behind him, Kledis outlined candidates' responsibilities in a mandatory meeting last night to avoid similar problems this season.

Thirty-eight students attended the meeting where Kledis told candidates about the board's policy changes. Kledis reminded candidates of the board's generos-ity recently in allowing door-to-door petition solicitation in Granville Towers.

"The Student Code is explicit, however, in mandating that the elections board enforce Granville Towers' no-door-to-door policy for the active cam-paign season," he said, reading from a document. "We regret that we can no longer be so lenient on this issue.

Also, Kledis outlined ways to avoid violations with candidates' financial statements.

"Everything you spend on this election has to be accounted for," Kledis said to the candidates. "We've come up with some, I think, ingenious ways to check up on you guys." Although Kledis told candidates the Elections Board would do its homework on what candidates

spent, he later said that elections violations were mong his top concerns.

Kledis said he wanted to make sure the Elections bard does not "foul anything up." However, Kledis said respect should be candi-Bo

dates' main concern.

"It's very important that you guys be respectful to other candidates," Kledis said to the candidates. "Everybody in here is an adult, and everybody knows (what being selfish is). So just be respectful of everybody."

Respect is one thing, but Morayo Orija, candidate for the Student Congress seat in District 11, said the student body president race would be scary. "It's going to be a lot of hard work," she said. "I'm just lucky I'm in (the elections for) Congress."

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