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Number crunch starts today for students, officials

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The personal identification numbers issued earlier this month replace Social Security numbers today as the key to requesting transcripts, checking grades and accessing other student information. But some students, especially off-campus residents, don't know their PID numbers yet. Many students who live off-campus said they had not received the temporary cards. University officials said that was no cause to panic. Granville resident Andy Witcher, a sophomore from High Point, hadn't

received the temporary card, but he said he wasn't worried about it. "Tomorrow I can get my (UNC ONE) card, and my name starts with 'W,' so I'm just about the last person," Witcher said. "If you need (the PID number), you can just take it off the card." But graduating seniors also have to use the new PIDs, even though they don't have to get a new ONE Card, said Robert Culp, chairman of the Person ID Campus Coordinating Committee. That surprised several seniors, who said they had assumed that if they didn't have to pick up new ONE Cards, they didn't have to use the new PIDs.

Alex Dale, a senior from Wilson, said the temporary card never arrived at his house on Church Street. "(Having to use the PID numbers) kind of surprises me," Dale said. "I'm going to be kind of upset if I'm blocked from requesting a transcript because I didn't get a card in the mail. It's going to be a hassle to pick up the new number." Staff members in Steele Building, the Registrar's Office and other student services offices can still look up students' PID numbers using their Social Security numbers or their names, Culp said. The University decided to replace the Social Security numbers to protect stu-

dents' privacy. The new nine-digit PID number appears in the lower right corner of the new UNC ONE cards, which card-holders must use by May 18. The University also mailed all students temporary identification cards with the nine-digit PID numbers to ensure they had their new numbers. Culp, however, emphasized that staff in all student services offices knew how to switch between Social Security numbers and the PIDs. Students have to request their PID numbers in person because of security concerns, said Bobbi Owen, associate dean of the College of Arts and

Sciences. "At the beginning, we're going to be real careful," she said. "We're not going to (give out numbers) over the telephone usually." Officials said they had other ways to deal with the transition. Until Sept. 1, both PIDs and Social Security numbers will work to register on Caroline and to access the student personal information link on the UNC Web site, University Registrar David Lanier said. But good planning only goes so far, Culp said. "We've done everything we possibly can, ... but a change of this magnitude is almost inevitably going to create problems in the transition."

FAA critical of airport's new policy

■ The policy concerning night flights and transient aircraft is under scrutiny.

BY JON OSTENDORFF
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Federal Aviation Administration officials told the Horace Williams Airport manager last week that restrictions on night flights and transient aircraft could be unenforceable. In response to a Feb. 25 crash in which three people were seriously injured, University officials decided to staff the airport later in the evening and to close it to most air-traffic during late-night and early-morning hours. The University-owned public airport is staffed from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is closed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. to airplanes, except those flying on official University business.



Executive Vice Chancellor **ELSON FLOYD** said the University would continue to discuss the policy with the FAA.

The Chapel Hill News reported Friday that FAA Inspector Roger Forshee said the airport could not prohibit planes from landing because it was not a private airport. However, in an interview Sunday, Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd said FAA officials had contacted the University regarding the operations policy but that he was not sure what part of the policy they were concerned with.

"They have inquired regarding a change in the policy," Floyd said. "We will have to have a series of conversations to resolve this."

"What we do know is that we cannot jeopardize the authority that we have and we will begin conversations (with the FAA) next week."

Fred Black, a member of the Horace Williams Airport Advisory Board, said the FAA was concerned with the policy because it stated that airplanes would be prohibited from landing during off hours. "I think they were concerned with the wording of the policy that suggested that (the University) would prohibit people from landing," Black said.

He said the FAA told the advisory board that operating hours could be suggested to pilots as safety measures but could not be enforced. FAA officials and Horace Williams Airport Manager Paul Burke could not be reached Sunday for comment.

BOG names new leader at N.C. State

■ Marye Anne Fox will replace retiring Chancellor Larry Monteith.

BY JESSICA LUGINBUHL
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A Texas Longhorn will lead the N.C. State University Wolfpack into the next millennium, the Board of Governors announced Thursday.

At their meeting, BOG members announced Marye Anne Fox, a chemist and a member of the National Academy of Sciences from the University of Texas at Austin, as N.C. State's 12th chancellor. She will be the first female chancellor at the university. "I firmly believe she is the right individual to lead N.C. State into the next century," said UNC-system President Molly Broad.



UNC-system President **MOLLY BROAD** said Fox had solid experience and an understanding of undergraduate teaching.

Fox is an internationally renowned scientist and has served as vice president for research at UT-Austin since 1994. She oversees five research programs in the field of physical organic chemistry.

Fox was widely recruited by universities nationwide. She holds three primary visions for the future of the university, including increased demographic and intellectual diversity on campus, building onto the Centennial campus as a model for partnership and adopting a business model that works.

"She has demonstrated leadership in applying science for the public good and helped shape national research policy through her position on the Executive Committee of the National Academy of Sciences," current N.C. State Chancellor Larry Monteith stated in a press release.

"She has been active in promoting economic development through university research and outreach, a commitment that well prepares her to help N.C. State fulfill its essential mission as a land-grant institution."

After 40 years of working for NCSU, Chancellor Larry Monteith announced his retirement Sept. 16 and the NCSU Board of Trustees appointed a 14-member Chancellor Search Committee, headed by board member Edward Hood.

Keith Harrod, chairman of the BOT, spoke on Monteith's behalf. "My friend Larry paved the way for success," he said. "He did all the things necessary for his successor to succeed."

It took eight months, eight search committee members, 45 candidates and 29 hours of committee reports of on-site visitations to forward the three finalists' names to Molly Broad, who finally decide on Fox.

"I think she brings a great depth of experience, scholarship and understanding of teaching to the University, and I'm thrilled with the choice," BOG member Maxine O'Kelley said.

Chancellor Michael Hooker is looking forward to working with Fox, as well. "(UNC and NCSU) are both research universities, and our welfare is intimately tied up with each other."



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The beer was plentiful at the fifth annual Southeastern Microbrewers' Invitational in Durham on Saturday. The daylong event gave attendees an opportunity to taste everything from thick stout to berry-flavored ale.

Beer connoisseurs discover, sample tasty brews at festival

BY MATT LECLERCQ
STAFF WRITER

DURHAM — It was a beer festival that would have impressed any Oktoberfest fan.

But instead of liter steins and shouts of "Prost!", attendees armed with four-ounce taster glasses commented on the beers' fragrance, flavor and refinement.

Hundreds of beer fans crowded the Omni Durham Hotel and Durham Civic Center on Saturday night for the fifth annual Southeastern Microbrewers' Invitational.

Thirty-five microbrewers gave samples of 144 types of beer, pouring everything from chocolate-flavored stouts to blueberry-flavored ales.

Ten local restaurant vendors also sold food, and the band Jump Start gave the festival an atmosphere that had people clinking their sample glasses and singing the praises of the little guys — the microbrewers.

"As a consumer, you don't want to pay \$7 for a six-pack of microbrewed beer and then get home to realize it tastes like shit," said Tyrone Irby, the event's founder and organizer. "You can come here and taste all the beers you want, then go to the supermarket and know what to get."

The festival also gave microbrewers a chance to meet each other, share ideas and stick together while up against large beer companies, Irby said.

"It's education of the microbrewery market for the public, distributors and retailers," he said.

Ken Bradley, district sales manager for Pete's Brewing Co., said the festival was a great way to showcase products.

"This is a way to get back to our roots with the local craft brewers," he said. "We learn a lot from them and they from us as far as things like marketing."

Seventeen brewers from North Carolina were at the festival, including Carolina Brewery and Top of the Hill, both from Chapel Hill.

Carolina Brewery co-owner Robert Poitras said he was impressed with how

Irby had put together the festival. "There was a lot of exchange of information, renewing of old friendships and meeting new people in an industry that's really taking off," he said.

Carolina Brewery featured four beers Saturday, including the seasonal "To Hell 'n Bock" for spring.

Mary Pasquini, a second-year graduate student in the School of Dentistry, said she was a fan of special brew.

"The 'To Hell 'n Bock' from our own Carolina Brewery was very tasty," she said. "Overall, the microbrews were excellent. Wildcat from Lake Norman Brewery was the best."

Irby said sampling brews was only one part of the festivities.

"This event is a social thing with food, brewers, dancing — it's more than a beer festival," he said.

That's why Mimi O'Brien said she and her three friends attended.

"This is big fun," said O'Brien, who lives in Durham and has been to two past festivals.

"It's a party," she added as a group of people at a nearby stand suddenly began cheering. "None of the conferences I've ever been to have had this loud or raucous shouting before."

The myth that women aren't beer fans is completely wrong, she added.

"I know a lot of women who like microbrewed beer. It has a lot more flavor than typical mass-produced American beer."

The number of women participating in the event had more than tripled since the first festival in 1993, Irby said.

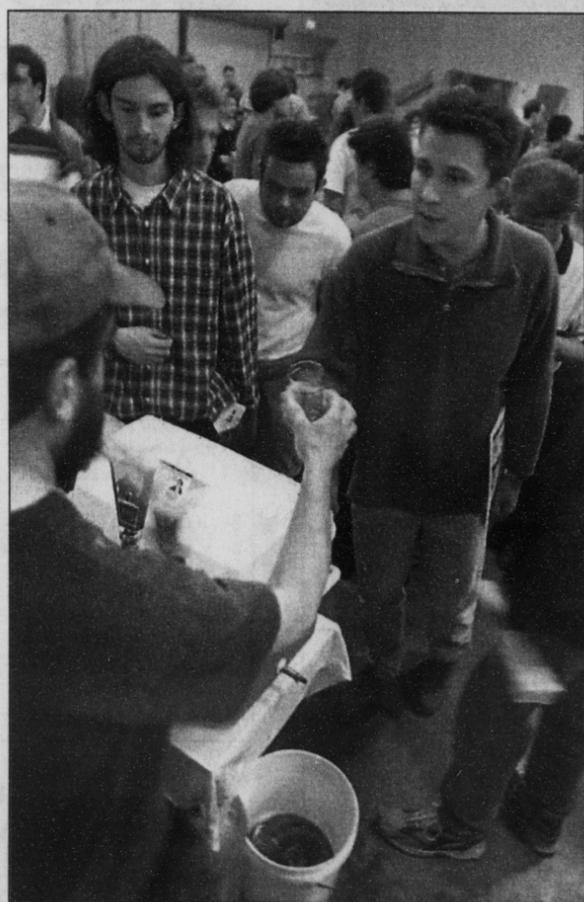
"Forty-five percent of the people here are women," he said. "It was 10 to 15 percent women the first year."

The gathering is more than a reason to get together and drink beer, though. Every year Irby chooses a local charity to receive part of the festival's proceeds, and he selected Visual Art Exchange of Raleigh this year.

Suzanne Thomas, president of Visual Art Exchange said, "We try to give emerging artists a chance to sell their work where they might not have

that opportunity." Thomas even suggested a link between art and brewing beer.

She said, "Microbrewing is an art, and so this festival is a blend of different types of art."



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The Rogue Ales table was a popular stop for the people shuffling around the Durham Civic Center during the evening session of the invitational.

You are not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on.

Dean Martin

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Don't Panic — Go Organic

Farmers and business people are trying to clean up the earth without crashing the economy. Page 13



Happy Birthday, Saddam

Iraqi citizens are preparing to celebrate their leader's 61st birthday April 28 in grand style. Page 6



Seniors sink or swim

Seniors must pass the swim test to graduate. The last test this year will be Friday at Bowman Gray Swimming Pool from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Page 2

Today's weather

Mostly sunny;
Low 70s
Tuesday: Partly cloudy,
low 70s