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Protesters denounce Playboy's presence

Playboy representatives are interviewing students for an upcoming issue.

BY LAURA STOEHR
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Protesters cried out against the 'lookist' society created by Playboy magazine and the women students who will pose for it, in reaction to the magazine's arrival Tuesday.

Waving signs that declared "This bunny lays rotten eggs" and "Women of the (Atlantic Coast Conference) cry foul — Don't play with Playboy," demonstrators protested Playboy magazine's search for female models for its "Women of the ACC" issue.

The group of about 40 protesters began its march at 12:30 p.m. in the Pit and marched silently to the Carolina Inn while protest organizer Kathryn Kooistra addressed passersby with a

megaphone. "(Pornography) silences us into shame," said Kooistra, a freshman from Cary. "We're silent, but we're loud."

Representatives from Playboy started conducting interviews Tuesday at the Carolina Inn, where the magazine's photographers are staying, and will finish interviewing candidates today.

Many of the protesters wore purple ribbons to increase awareness about sexual assault and black clothing because they said it symbolized how pornography killed women's dignity. The marchers stopped on Cameron Avenue across from the Carolina Inn and listened to speeches from march leaders.

"We are all oppressed because we live in a lookist society, one which bases us on our physical appearance," said Christine Mallinson, a sophomore from Salisbury. "(Playboy) contributes to our lookist society. We are protesting this lookist propaganda and cultist beauty."

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Protesters of Playboy magazine marched from the Pit to the Carolina Inn, and down Franklin Street on Tuesday afternoon.



Mary Furr, a senior from Chapel Hill, stands across the street from the Carolina Inn, where interviews for Playboy's "Women of the ACC" issue are being held.

Universities prepare for new Internet

Vice President Al Gore announced the initiative for Internet 2 on Tuesday.

BY KIMBERLY GRABNER
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Vice President Al Gore unveiled a new initiative Tuesday that could let universities take back the networking power they lost when the Internet became clogged with commercial and personal information.

The Next Generation Internet will provide a faster and more secure network than the current Internet. The new Internet will be fast enough to transmit 30 volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica in about a second.

With \$500 million in private investments, NGI will work in conjunction with the current Internet 2 project by the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development.

"The traditional Internet is quite busy and is taking the resources universities' projects need," said Stephen Jarrell, executive director of administrative information for Academic Technology Network at UNC.

Universities developed the original Internet to exchange research information, said Greg Wood, communications director for UCAID. Today industry dominates it, hindering its original use.

Universities are working to regain their place in networking technology through this project. One hundred twenty-two universities are participating, including N.C. State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, Georgia Tech, Duke University and Wake Forest University.

"Our jobs are to sort of live on the bleeding edge and make it worthy," said

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FAA approves new airport landing policy

Since the FAA does not fund the airport, it cannot regulate its operations.

BY JON OSTENDORFF
CITY EDITOR

The Federal Aviation Administration announced Tuesday that landing restrictions at the Horace Williams airport could not be regulated by the FAA.

In response to a Feb. 25 crash at the airport 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.

Under the new policy, the airport is staffed from 6 a.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.

Last week there was some discussion between the University and the FAA regarding the wording of the new policy concerning non-University or transient aircraft.

However, Kathryn Bergen, manager of public affairs for the FAA's Southern Regional Office in Atlanta, said the airport's hours of operation could not be regulated by the administration because the airport did not use FAA funding.

She said the airport's new operations policy was acceptable as long as landing provisions were made for transient aircraft. "We would prefer that all airports

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Local travel agencies lose 'preferred' status with University

BY MATT LECLERCQ
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Several local travel agents said they worried business could soon take a downward spiral after changes in the University's travel policy.

During the past three years, the University's Travel Management Program has designated local travel agencies as being "preferred" for official travel provided they did not charge service fees and collected information about the volume of University travel they handled.

This allowed the University to use the recorded data to get airline discounts based on volume, said Jerry

Wehmuller, owner of Small World Travel Agency and Circle Travel in Chapel Hill.

However, a decrease in how much commission agencies could collect — from 10 percent to 8 percent of the ticket fare — forced local agencies last fall to charge a service fee to make up the difference, Wehmuller said.

The University also changed the policy in December to require agencies who wanted to remain "preferred" to refund 15 percent of agents' commissions to the University, he said.

"Almost all of the local agencies said they couldn't live with that rule, so that meant they can't remain preferred," he said.

"You can either do business with the University and lose money or decide not to and try to make up the volume elsewhere."

Peggy Cobb, co-owner of Travel Associates, said some clients at her agency had indicated they could no longer do business there after it lost its preferred status.

"We have had people call and say, 'We can't use you anymore,'" she said.

It was still too early to guess how the program would affect her agency, she said.

"The reaction so far has not been good," she said.

University travellers are still free to travel with any agency, but they are

urged to use only preferred agents, Executive Vice Chancellor Elson Floyd said.

Local agencies could have a preferred status at any time if they met the requirements, he said.

"In some ways, I think the travel agencies are being squeezed by the airlines, so we are sympathetic to the agencies as much as we can be," Floyd said.

"On the other hand, we have six agencies that said they wouldn't charge fees and would participate in the revenue sharing," he said. "It was a business decision."

Only one local agency, Worldwide Business Services, kept its preferred status. Five Wake County agencies met the

University's requirements and are now considered preferred.

Representatives of local agencies met with four N.C. legislators last week about the issue, Wehmuller said.

"We expressed concern because of loss of business in Orange County," he said.

"They were going to talk with state officers to see if the whole process was within state regulations."

Floyd said he was unaware of any regulation broken by the University.

Howard Gorman, director of materials support, said the main goal of the program was saving money.

"The bottom line was saving money for the University and for taxpayers."

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A VIRTUAL VISION

■ Some UNC technology specialists said UNC might cease to exist in 50 years.

BY LAUREN BEAL
STAFF WRITER

Imagine having a microchip implanted in your brain, instantly feeding you information as you shuttle across campus in a high-speed monorail.

Hard to believe? These ideas aren't beyond the imagination of some UNC technology specialists.

Online registration, wired residence hall rooms and the Carolina Computing Initiative already show UNC is on its way to a new technological level.

With all the technology changes taking place, it is hard to imagine what UNC will look like 50 years from now.

But a few technological giants on campus used their imaginations and came up with some interesting theories.

"I suspect that there will be no UNC system, no UNC-Chapel Hill, 50 years from now," said Computer Studies Instructor Marcus Breen, who teaches a course about government policy and technology. "Maybe the campus will be a museum, or maybe Microsoft's North Carolina headquarters. But will UNC the university be here? Definitely not."

Breen said extreme changes in technology would produce unforeseen transformations in education.

Large corporations' influence and presence on campus will increase with the growing technology, Breen said.

The corporations will be woven into the educational system and attending college will become unnecessary. Education will be needed only to train

education. He envisioned a campus filled with major technological advances, opportunities and choices.

Aikat said UNC might be equipped with a high-speed monorail, shuttling students to locations around campus every two minutes. Campus would be a "walking plaza," and parking and traffic problems would no longer exist, he said.

"It will be a much more wired campus," Aikat said. "For example, students

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No Time to Kill

Senior of the Week Jason Evans is vice chairman of the Honor Court, plays in the marching band and will be attending UNC's School of Law in the fall. [Page 2](#)

Today's weather

Partly sunny, high 70s
Thursday: Partly cloudy, high 70s

Summer jobs

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There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the roots.

Henry David Thoreau