

WEEKLY SUMMER ISSUE

The Daily Tar Heel

185 years of editorial freedom
Serving the students and the University
community since 1893

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998
Volume 106, Issue 46

News/Features/Arts/Sports: 962-0245
Business/Advertising: 962-1163
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
© 1998 DTH Publishing Corp.
All rights reserved.

New ticket distribution proposal aims to improve safety, fairness

BY HUNTER LEWIS
STAFF WRITER

Citing the need to provide students equal access to men's varsity basketball tickets, combined with the need to reward students willing to make an extra effort to obtain tickets, the Carolina Athletic Association has proposed a new ticket-distribution policy.

In its final stages of approval, CAA Co-presidents Hunter McCrossin and Dave Cohn have devised a policy based on positive aspects of past plans.

The proposal uses a numbered-bracelet system. Under the new plan, students must go to the Smith Center Ticket Office between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the Wednesday or Thursday of distribution week.

On Thursday night, the CAA will

randomly draw a number that corresponds with the number on a bracelet. This number will then be printed in the Friday edition of The Daily Tar Heel.

The student with the drawn number will be the first student to receive tickets that Saturday morning.

Other students with bracelets must present their numbers at a line check that Saturday at 6 a.m. In numerical order following the



Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
SUSAN KITCHEN
has to approve the plan before it is adopted as policy.

chosen number, students will receive randomly distributed seats.

In creating the new policy, the CAA had to meet specific University guidelines. "A couple of our main criteria were safety and not missing class," McCrossin said. "It didn't seem reasonable to us that you're in a parking lot for 20 hours to get a basketball ticket but only in class 15 hours or less."

Although the Department of Athletics, the Office of the Provost and Susan Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, must approve the proposal, University officials seemed pleased with CAA's efforts.

"(The distribution policy) solved a lot of concerns for the students," Kitchen said.

Students seemed to support the new proposal. "A system that is first come,



DTH FILE PHOTO

The new ticket distribution plan aims to eliminate the long lines and unsafe conditions that plagued last year's distribution process.

first serve would be detrimental to a student's chances," said David Dasher, a junior from Charlotte. "This seems like a fair thing to do."

Cohn said the new plan could even

help add more Tar Heel spirit. "There is no correlation between camping out and enthusiasm at the game. Instead of camping out, students can take their energy and enthusiasm to the game."

ATN to save more Macs by upgrades

Originally, ATN only planned to improve 35 Macintosh computers.

BY ADAIR WHISNANT
STAFF WRITER

With lines in campus computer labs sometimes out the door, a plan to cut the number of computers might seem ridiculous to many students.

So when news got out that Academic Technology & Networks had decided to decrease the number of Macintoshes on campus next fall, computer users were understandably confused.

But John Oberlin, ATN executive director, wanted to assure students that the decrease in the number of Macs should not be viewed as a cut. "It is unfair and inaccurate to assume that we're cutting computers," he said. "The mix (of PCs and Macs) is being adjusted to best meet the demands of the students."

While the University initially planned to upgrade only 35 Macs, ATN will now upgrade about 50, Oberlin said. "We'll be upgrading those to real state-of-the-art systems."

He said the decrease in the number of Macs on campus would only affect the central public computer labs. Although some Macs will be eliminated, Macs and PCs will be upgraded to serve users more efficiently. Upgrading will also occur in the computer labs of certain departments on campus, such as the Department of Biology, Oberlin said.

D.W. Misch, professor of biology, will oversee the upgrade of the biology department's Macs. He said the Macs will be upgraded mainly because they generally provide better graphic detail than PCs.

"The new programs will give the students more individual responsibility for learning the material on their own," Misch said.

Neither will the School of Journalism and Mass Communication feel the impact of a reduction of Macs. The journalism school, not ATN, upgrades its Macs, said Richard Cole, journalism school dean.

Like the biology department, the journalism school prefers Macs for better graphics, Cole said. "We have both Macs and PCs in our labs because we educate for many different types of fields," he said. "Macs are better suited for graphics though."

Although the number of Macs on campus will drop by the fall, Oberlin said it was a normal and advantageous adjustment. "It is inaccurate to characterize this as downgrading," he said.

"We're just adjusting ratios," Oberlin said. "The Macs will stay, but there will be a few more PCs than Macs."

Orientation streamlined for freshmen

At this year's C-TOPS, ATN will give students more data on campus computing.

BY MICHAEL STEEL
STAFF WRITER

Though summer has just begun, the orientation staff is already hard at work preparing for this year's C-TOPS programs.

Much of that hard work comes in response to student surveys that have criticized the program.

C-TOPS is a 2 1/2 day program designed to prepare incoming students for life at the University. There is also a separate, optional program for the freshmen's parents.

"C-TOPS provides access to the UNC community for new students coming in," said Matthew Yager, assistant director of orientation.

After a poll by the Freshman Focus Council found room for improvement in last year's C-TOPS, Orientation Commission officials have taken steps to streamline the program.

"The biggest difference this year will be that several key programs will be presented in a unified fashion," Director of Orientation Shirley Hunter said.

"In the past, programs were isolated — you just got information on one department at a time. Now the Dean's

SEE TOPS, PAGE 4

Legislature approves plan to alter district lines

The move was the second time 12th District lines have changed in the last year.

BY JONATHAN COX
EDITOR

After years of controversy and debate, the N.C. General Assembly hopes it has finally put the redistricting battle to rest — at least for the next two years.

On May 21, the N.C. House and N.C. Senate approved a bill that redrew the 12 congressional districts in North Carolina. The action was the second such move in the past year.

Julia White, communications director for the Senate, said state senators were torn between two divisions of the judicial branch.

"We can't seem to please the judicial court system and the U.S. Justice Department," White said.

The legislature faced the daunting task of redrawing the congressional dis-

tricts after a three-judge panel ruled in April that the previous plan, approved last year, violated a Supreme Court ruling. The ruling said districts created along racial lines were unconstitutional.

At the heart of the debate in North Carolina was the 12th District, which snaked along Interstate 85 from Durham to Charlotte. Opponents claimed it had an odd shape and stretched across the state because legislators were trying to ensure black representation.

White said she did not think any sen-

ator was completely satisfied with the new plan.

Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird, D-Orange, agreed. "It is obviously not what some of us had hoped it would be," she said. "It was the best we could do."

The plan passed through the House and Senate on May 21, one day before the federal court's deadline.

House members are also breathing a sigh of relief now that the ordeal of drawing district lines is over.

"I think it is a good plan, primarily because it doesn't affect the 4th Congressional District," said Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange. "I know David Price spent a lot of time talking to the people in North Raleigh, but then he lost that section. I'm glad he didn't have changes again."

She said the key to the plan was the compactness of the 12th District. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, added that none of the districts showed a clear majority.

However, some citizens have already leveled complaints against the latest proposal, calling it racially based.

"I think this plan is as good a plan that can be put together," Lee said. "Any citizen has a right to question any action of the state legislature. I think it begs the question, 'What is the primary interest of these folks?'"

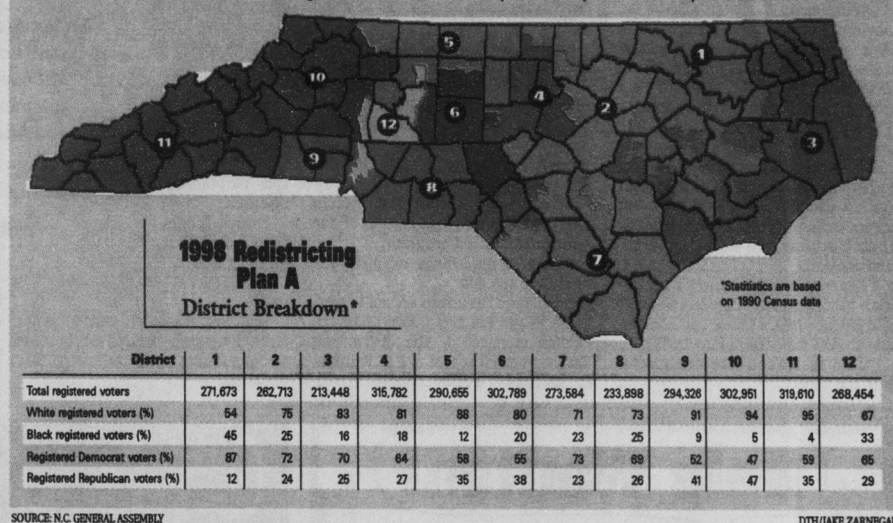
Opponents also claim the plan was designed to keep incumbents in power. Lee said he disagreed with that belief.

"I take the position of Frederick Douglass: Power does not and should not concede anything without a struggle," he said. "We have a delegation that represents a wide array of views in our state. If we are able to maintain that diversity, we only help ourselves."

The federal panel should make its ruling on the latest plan by July.

N.C. House, Senate pass redistricting plan

A three-judge federal panel ruled in April that the N.C. congressional districts as submitted last fall were unconstitutional because the lines were based on race. Legislators submitted the new plan one day before the May 22 deadline.



DTH/MOLLY O'DAY

Carmen Hooker Buell, wife of Chancellor Michael Hooker, dedicates her time to health care and legislative issues.

Woman on the move

Like her husband, Chancellor Michael Hooker, Carmen Hooker Buell dedicates her life to the people of North Carolina.

She works as an adjunct professor in the School of Public Health. In addition to her primary profession, she serves as the chairwoman of the Orange County United Way fund-raising campaign. Hooker Buell also stays involved in health care and women's issues through lobbying, speaking in the community and on campus, serving on various boards and guest lecturing.

"When you go through life, you try to make a difference," she said.

One of several projects in which she's involved plans to develop an institute of health, intended to be a part of the School of Public Health. Hooker Buell said the institute will focus on serving the state's citizens through research.

BY MOLLY O'DAY
STAFF WRITER

"In health care, things change so rapidly," she said. "It's a very complex arena. Providing a focus for research is a good idea."

Hooker Buell also works in health care through lobbying. She said she could be a resource for public officials when they made decisions about health care policy.

"It's really a very exciting environ-

ment to be in," Hooker Buell said.

She said she felt she had been successful in juggling her job with her husband's professional life.

Hooker Buell said she had found through her experiences that the secret to balancing two very busy professional lives in a marriage lies in "a lot of hard work and being supportive of each other."

"Millions of couples are trying to work this out," she said. "It's important for me to be economically independent."

In keeping with this belief of women's economic independence,

SEE HOOKER BUELL, PAGE 4

INSIDE Thursday

Hot fun in the summertime

The stars will descend upon Walnut Creek Amphitheater this Sunday to get down with the "Big Shindig." Page 5

Close, but no cigar

While the UNC baseball team did not leave Coral Gables, Fla. with the NCAA title, they made it within one game of the college World Series. Page 7

Dean Quest

A committee has begun deliberations to find Law School Dean Judith Wegner's successor. Page 2

I'm not afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens.

Woody Allen