

Students must take risks to receive complete UNC education

Summer is one of the most wonderful times in Chapel Hill. The hot, sunny days and warm, humid evenings seem to pass at a slower pace than they do during the school year. But don't be fooled; a closer look shows a beehive of activity, all focused on the coming school year and preparing the campus for the arrival of some 24,000 students in August.

Across campus, painters are busy renewing classrooms, workmen are pulling cable in residence halls to connect student computers with the campus network, and faculty members — those who aren't already engaged in teaching summer school — are perusing their notes, looking for new material and planning their courses for the fall.

Every week, new groups of students

from across the state, nation and beyond are appearing on campus for orientation, to learn what it means to be a Tar Heel and to get a leg up on the knowledge they'll need to succeed when classes begin in the fall. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

Like our new students, I can't help but get excited as the new school year approaches.

It marks the time when the campus



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community reunites — the old and new students, faculty and staff come together for the real business of the University: education. The beginning of the fall term marks the start of the transformation of all the energy and excitement that has been bottled up over the summer. What emerges is new learning and new relationships between peers and elders.

I envy each of you as students attending this great university, and at times I wish I could join you and repeat my years on this wonderful campus. UNC gives each of you the chance to participate in one of the oldest, most respected educational traditions in the United States. You will find your years here intensely rigorous, rewarding and fun. As the new students among you pre-

pare to join us, I urge you to remember that your experience at UNC depends largely on what you put into it. Think of your time here as a veritable smorgasbord laid out with countless choices. Some are familiar, others more exotic.

Be a risk taker; sample widely. Only by doing so will you know the real extent of your likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses.

You and your classmates were accepted for admission to UNC from one of the most competitive applicant pools in the country. You are among the nation's best and brightest, and you are attending a school that offers its students opportunities many institutions can only dream of.

At UNC you will have classes with some of the most outstanding teachers

in the world. You will work in labs next to researchers who are pushing the envelope. But keep in mind that education doesn't always happen in those kinds of formal settings. The best learning often happens around the edges. Take advantage of the wonderful resources we have on campus, such as the Ackland Art Museum, the N.C. Botanical Garden, and Morehead Planetarium. And make a point of going to see the many great performers, lecturers and artists who visit the University each year. What you learn inside and outside the classroom, formally and informally, will teach you much about life.

Consider, too, that your education at UNC will be among friends, and many of the relationships you build here — with other students, as well as with fac-

ulty and staff — will be with you for years to come.

I can assure you that your years at UNC will have an indelible impression on your life. Never again are you likely to be exposed to such a wealth of talent and knowledge in one place. You will leave here superbly prepared to face the world and the challenges it brings. You will walk away more mature and better able to deal with the new freedom that goes along with adulthood.

You'll take with you a host of friends and mentors. You'll know the sense of pride and accomplishment that accompanies earning a degree from a top public research university and the doors such a degree will open for you. And you'll know why Chapel Hill is such a special place.

Students exercise right to play through intramural, club sports

BY JACK HARDISON
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From working out in the gym to playing a sport, UNC has the student interest, programs and facilities to help every student find something to do.

The Campus Recreation Department is the University's umbrella group for resources for athletic endeavors, both team and individual and competitive and recreational.

It is composed of four parts: the Student Recreation Center, club sports, the Intramural Recreation Department and Carolina Adventures, which plans outdoor adventure trips and has high- and low-challenge rope courses.

The Student Recreation Center is the campus mecca for fitness, aerobics and weight training. For lifters, the SRC provides numerous Cybex weight machines, Hammer Strength machines and a variety of free weights and benches.

For cardiovascular fitness, the SRC offers an abundance of stair climbers, rowing machines, treadmills, Nordictacks, elliptical trainers and both upright and recumbent exercise bikes.

Lauren Mangili, SRC director, said the SRC also provided "fitness orientations" available by appointment or drop-

in visit. During these free clinics, student staff monitors give group and individual instruction on how to use the equipment. Mangili also said the SRC provided personal trainers for a fee. These trainers have one-on-one contact with students and design exercise programs to meet their needs.

The SRC also offers awareness weeks, aerobic classes, lifting competitions and various other special events and programs. "The SRC has something for everyone," Mangili said. "We have a lot of different opportunities for students to be fit and healthy."

Besides the SRC, UNC also has an extensive Intramural Recreation Department, as nearly 16,000 students participate each year. Intramural sports are both individual and team, and they vary from basketball — which had 302 teams last year — to badminton and whiffleball.

Jim Eubanks, IM-Rec sports assistant director, said students could sign up for intramural teams up to two weeks before the season starts. He said incoming freshmen would receive a packet with deadlines for signing up for IM-Rec sports when they move into the residence halls.

Besides sports, Eubanks said the IM-Rec department hired many students as

part-time officials.

As well as IM-Rec sports, UNC offers 44 sport clubs for students who are more serious about a particular sport and willing to put in practice time. Roughly 2,000 students play club sports.

Club sports can be instructional, recreational or competitive. Some clubs compete locally, statewide and even regionally.

Steve Bradley, director of UNC's club sports program, said past club sports had the opportunity to travel to places such as New Orleans, Arizona and the Caribbean.

He said the most popular club sport was the Outing Club, which takes trips for backpacking, kayaking and rock climbing. Examples of other sports that have clubs are sailing, water skiing, baseball, crew and table tennis.

Bradley said some sports were student organizations that determined their own direction, while others were more or less varsity sports with governing bodies. He said the self-governed club sports provided valuable leadership, decision-making, communication and budget-making skills.

"We try to see it as not only a recreational sports program but a leadership program," Bradley said. "That is the foundation of the club program."

Buses, P2P offer safe transportation

■ Students should never walk alone at night, campus safety officials say.

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Students, faculty members and staff share a common gripe about the University's lack of parking spaces. In response, the University and town of Chapel Hill have worked to encourage bicycling, riding the bus and carpooling.

And for freshmen, who are not allowed park their cars on campus, these modes of transportation are important.

Walking or riding a bicycle to class remains the most common mode of transportation for students.

Randy Young, marketing and public relations specialist for the Department of Public Safety, recommended that bicycle riders register their bicycles with the public safety department to prevent vandalism or theft. Registration is free and lasts five years.

Some students prefer to walk around campus, but walking at night continues to pose a threat to personal safety. "It is about as safe as people want to make it," Young said. He advised students to walk in groups and remain in well-lit corridors of the campus.

The University provides a safer form of night travel with the P2P Xpress shuttle, which operates from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

every day except for University holidays. Students must have UNC ONE Cards to ride. Young said P2P would take students to all on-campus locations, as well as to Granville Towers and parts of downtown Chapel Hill. Routes are posted on signs around campus, with stops served about four times an hour. P2P also offers a 24-hour van service to transport handicapped students across campus or to help students get to Student Health Service.

Young also mentioned Chapel Hill Transit as a way to get around town. Unlimited-ride bus passes, an option for commuters, cost about \$200. "It's ideal for students who ride the bus more than 10 times a week," Young said. Otherwise, Young said students should buy a 20-ride coupon booklet from Student Stores for trips around town.

Another way of getting around town is the U-Bus, which runs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays year-round. The bus route takes students through major parts of campus. The fare is free and does not require campus identification.

Students who want to visit neighboring cities or friends at nearby universities can take Triangle Transit Authority buses. "A lot of students use TTA to get back and forth from N.C. State (University)," said Laurie Barrett, operations manager for TTA.

Barrett said students could buy tickets — the most expensive is \$2 — from Central Carolina Bank at University Square in Chapel Hill. TTA runs from

Chapel Hill to Durham, Raleigh and the Raleigh-Durham International Airport. "What (students) don't take advantage of is our airport shuttle, which is only \$1.50," she said. "You can't beat that."

Young said students who needed a ride to a location outside the Triangle should post their destination on the Student Union Rideboard to carpool with another student. The board is located near the Union information desk.

A lack of parking spaces has long been a problem for students and staff, and few spaces are available for students. Because freshmen are not allowed to have cars on campus, some choose to leave their cars in park-and-ride lots in Chapel Hill. Students can travel to and from the lots by the transit system.

But Young said there could be fewer spaces for students in park-and-ride lots next year. He said the University might provide its employees with free bus passes, making it easier for them to ride to work. "(Parking in lots) may not be available, especially with the increased demand," Young said.

Many students find driving — not taking the bus — the best solution to their transportation needs. Heather Travers, senior from Owings, Md., solved her parking problem by buying a permit her sophomore year.

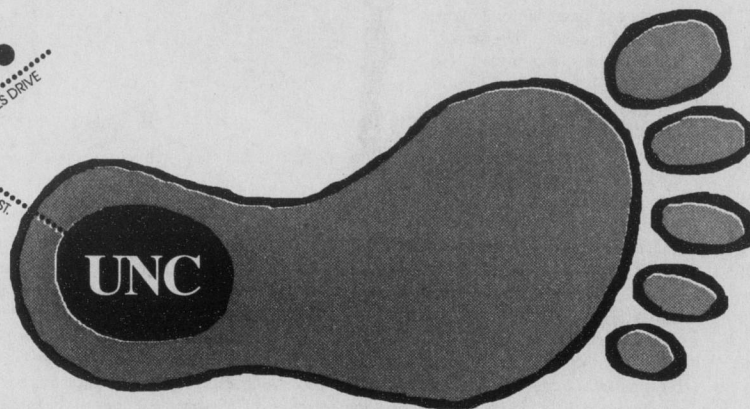
"The bus service is pretty readily available, but it's sort of a pain to keep up with the schedule and to walk to bus stops," she said. "I got the permit to avoid the hassle of the bus."

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