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New PID Numbers Pose Problems With Grades, Security

Because PID information is accessible to the public, personal access codes will help maintain security.

By LAUREN BEAL
Staff Writer

As students and faculty adjust themselves to the new personal identification numbers required for accessing information, University officials are preparing more stringent security for accessing grades on the World Wide Web.

A new Personal Access Code, used with the PID number to access student information, will be issued to all students who have not changed their PAC by Oct. 5.

The student PID number was originally designed to replace the use of Social Security numbers on campus because of security concerns, Associate University Registrar Donna Redmon said. Last Spring, students used their Social Security numbers for everything on campus, including meal plans.

When the PID numbers first replaced Social Security numbers, they were considered nondirectory data, or private

information. But in July, the PID number was redefined as "directory" information, a definition that made the information accessible to the public.

Mary Sechrist, associate University counsel, said the change resulted from several factors. "At first we thought it would have to be private because it's a record key," she said.

"But then we realized no, it wasn't a key to records because a PID by itself won't get you into any records."

PID numbers must be coupled with PACs to provide access to student information through the Internet and the phone system, Sechrist said.

PID Committee Chairman Bob Culp said the University faced difficulties in the past when sending student files with Social Security numbers to outside agencies because of a new University interpretation of the Family Education Right to Privacy Act regulations.

As directory information, Culp said, "(the PID numbers) will not need to be nearly as protected as Social Security numbers by FERPA. Privacy will be built into the PAC."

PACs are set as the student's date of birth until students change them, Redmon said. The University will assign random PACs as extra measures of protection to all students who have not already changed their original codes.

But PACs do not protect student privacy for posted final grades. Professors usually post grades using the last four digits of students' PID number, Redmon said.

"We discussed the situation at meetings over the summer, but no final decision has been made yet," she said.

"There are several options, but for now it looks like the posted copy (of grades) won't happen."

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Bilingual Cops Not Recruited

Carrboro investigators called in an outside officer to translate questions for a Spanish-speaking suspect.

By NICOLE WHITE
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Despite the area's growing Hispanic population, local police departments have not consciously recruited bilingual officers in Chapel Hill or Carrboro, officials said.

The quick confession of a suspect in Sunday's Old Well Apartments murder would not have been possible without the help of a bilingual officer. But officers with this skill are in short supply.

With the assistance of Charles Pardo, a Spanish-speaking Chapel Hill police officer, Carrboro police arrested Alvaro Dominquez Martinez for the murder of a Carrboro man.

Lt. Marvin Clark said the Chapel Hill Police Department had Spanish-speaking officers, but the department did not necessarily set out to hire them. However, a second language is always an asset to candidates for police positions.

"I wouldn't say it was a conscious effort," he said. "Anytime you get someone who has a talent, that's looked at in the hiring process."

In addition, Clark said the department had a French-speaking officer and several who spoke Asian dialects. He said if these officers are on duty when a translator is needed, the Chapel Hill police call on them.

Maria Palmer, pastor of Iglesia Unida, a Hispanic church in Chapel Hill, said the local police departments are conscious of the need for bilingual officers, but recruitment isn't enough.

"They need to start a program to mentor Latino youth so they will become police officers," she said. "Everyone is fighting over the few, qualified bilingual people out there."

Palmer said she had invited police to speak to youth at the church to make young people feel they could be a part of law enforcement.

"Kids are dropping out of school and taking other jobs because they really can't picture themselves as police officers," she said.

Starting a mentoring program at the high school level now could provide the community with the bilingual resources the area will need in five to six years, she said.

Clark said the reason Chapel Hill had more bilingual officers than Carrboro was likely a function of simple statistics.

"We have a bigger pool to pull from," he said. "We have about 100 officers on staff and Carrboro has about 40 or so."

Chapel Hill police periodically needs See BILINGUAL, Page 4



"I was originally against renovating Lenoir, but now that I've seen what they've done with it, I'm amazed, especially with the layout and remodeling, compared to the old Lenoir."

IAN REYNOLDS
Senior, Nashville, Tenn.

"The quality of the food is satisfactory; however, the variety is less than desirable for the money we pay. They keep serving the same things."

KELLY WILLIAMS
Freshman, New Jersey



"I'm infuriated that it costs \$6.50 to get into the front door. I am not able to hang out with my friends, even if I don't want to eat."

MAURICE JONES
Junior, Durham

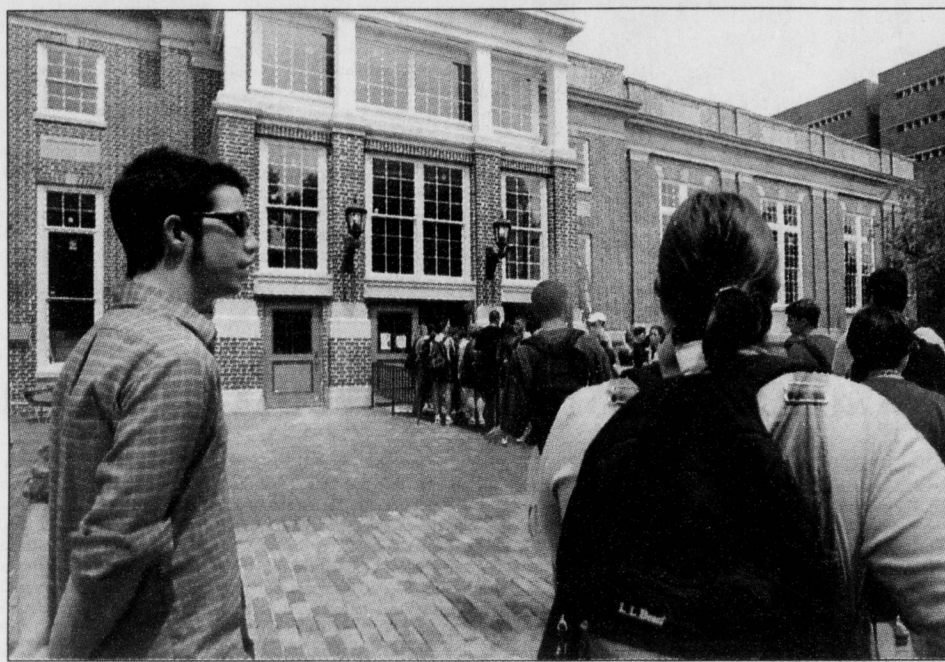
"The price is right for what you get. As a freshman, the food is opposite of what I expected. I was thinking along the lines of turkey surprise every night."

TIFFANY YEP
Freshman, Chapel Hill



"The layout of the new cafeteria is impractical, and the prices are too expensive for light eaters."

SARAH GEORGE
Junior, Raleigh



The first day of classes brought long lines to the renovated Lenoir Dining Hall. With only two cashiers, students were forced to wait in lines stretching out the front door.

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Lenoir Tackles Munch Crunch

By ASHLEY STEPHENSON
University Editor

Carolina Dining Services was not serving mom's home cooking in Lenoir Dining Hall on the first day of classes, but you couldn't tell by the crowd.

Food Service Manager Scott Meyers said an estimated 2,000 students had eaten at Lenoir by 2:30 p.m.

"It's just been crazy, but I've enjoyed it," said Ronnie Riggsbee, a CDS employee who works in Lenoir's beverage center. "It's been like a rush, but we've got to feed the kids."

Riggsbee has been working in Lenoir for 10 years. "Back then, Lenoir wasn't nothing like this," he said.

Director of Auxiliary Services Rut Tufts said the crowd of students dining at Lenoir stretched the new facility to the limits. But handling the large influx of students in the newly renovated building quickly exposed quirks in the system.

Tufts said that because renovations were completed last Friday and Lenoir opened its doors the next day, the employees working the equipment

were not very prepared. "These people have had zero training," he said. "But they've been outstanding. They've gone from zero to sixty today."

Tufts said some students had to wait in lines longer than he would have liked. The grill and deli lines moved slower than the other lines because food is prepared on the spot at these locations, he said.

During the lunch rush, some students had to wait even before they reached the food. Lines streamed out the front door of Lenoir at peak lunch hours as students waited to swipe their UNC One Cards before riding the escalator to the Top of Lenoir. "We did have some problems with the UNC One Cards and difficulties with seeing who had meal plans," Tufts said.

He said students had been patient with the problems at Lenoir but that perhaps their understanding could be attributed to full stomachs. "There's a lot of stuff," said Liz Covington, a freshman from Charlotte. "It seems like they have something for everyone."

Indeed, the large food selection in the Top of Lenoir had some students searching for road maps. "I was pleasantly surprised and the food

was very good," said Trip Cogburn, a freshman from Asheville, in between mouthfuls of chicken. "But you can get lost in here. It takes a while to get used to it."

Meyers said that once downstairs Lenoir opened, he expected the siege to level off. He said he hoped inspections on the ground level would start Friday so the rest of Lenoir can be opened Monday.

Hanes Pavilion, which is still being used for food service, is losing students fast in the wake of Lenoir's opening, Tufts said.

"Hanes (Pavilion) has been opened for two days and we've had virtually no customers," he said. "We have key staff members serving nobody."

Meyers said when the ground level of Lenoir opens, Hanes Pavilion will not be necessary.

Meyers said he expected student responses to continue to be positive. "We have 300 more seats and we're serving more people," he said. "It's going to be so much better."

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Hooker Stalls on Choice For Top Police Position

By DeVONA A. BROWN
University Editor

The wait may get longer before University officials decide on a replacement for former University Police Chief Don Gold.

Chancellor Michael Hooker said Tuesday that the length of time before he decided on a candidate depended on when he could find time to interview those recommended by the search committee.

Last month, the committee held public forums for the original five candidates to introduce them to students. Since then, the committee chose three finalists and sent the list to Hooker, who was on vacation until Monday.

"The search committee has sent a narrowed list to me, and I am trying to

find the time to interview them," Hooker said. "But, we're going to try to move this as quickly as we can."

Although the search committee said earlier this month that it expected a decision from Hooker in late August or early September, Hooker said he could not give an estimate of when he would choose the new chief.

Acting Police Chief Jeff McCracken said neither he nor the department



Former Police Chief Don Gold resigned from his position in May but has not yet been replaced.

would suffer too much from any delay in finding a replacement for Gold.

"We've been looking forward to it, obviously," he said. "But, (now) we have everything under control. We're doing just fine because, really, we've been operating without a director since November."

He said that though the past weekend was one of the busiest for police as students returned to campus, the department was not pressed for a quick decision from Hooker.

"We're anxious like a lot of people are, but we'd rather wait until there's time for the best person for the job to be chosen," McCracken said.

As for which of the original five candidates have been recommended to

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BOG Technology Plan Enters Second Phase

By MATT DEES
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The UNC system found itself one step closer to meeting its goals for technological improvements last week.

The Board of Governors Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs presented a report at their retreat indicating the completion of Phase I, the planning stage for the Information Technology Strategy Project (ITS).

The five-year draft vision produced during Phase I outlined the primary goals of ITS such as student success, academic excellence and establishing learning relationships.

"As you might expect, it was the student groups who most strongly stressed for their education to be cared about (and) it was the students in particular who said we expect our faculty to be proficient and innovative users of infor-

mation technology," said Judith Pulley, vice president of planning for the BOG.

"There is a great fear that moving to information technology is going to depersonalize education and so there was a strong statement about how it really should be used to enhance the learning experience and strengthen relationships between and among students and faculty."

The draft vision was agreed upon by 16 focus groups comprised of students, faculty, chancellors, BOG members, trustees, legislators and business leaders from around North Carolina and the UNC system.

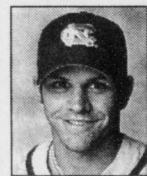
The committee also established guidelines for a minimum standard, or baseline, for all UNC campuses and the projected costs that the technological advancements would entail.

The BOG asked the N.C. General See TECHNOLOGY, Page 4

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Roberts to Transfer



Brian Roberts, the 1998 ACC Player of the Year, will transfer from UNC to play baseball for South Carolina in 1999. See Page 7.

Today's Weather

Sunny, cooler; upper 80s
Thursday: Sunny, mid 80s

Calling All Journalists

The DTH will be holding interest meetings for prospective staff members on Monday, Aug. 25, and Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. in Suite 226 in the Student Union. Anyone interested in working for the DTH this semester is encouraged to attend.

There is no love sincerer than the love of food.

George Bernard Shaw