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First-Year Initiative Prepares for Fall Class

Ehringhaus Residence Hall will host the First-Year Initiative Program in several newly renovated suites.

By WILL FOUSHEE
Staff Writer

The plans have been made and the schedules have been set for Ehringhaus Residence Hall to undergo an interior face lift as part of the new First-Year Initiative starting this fall.

UNC's First-Year Initiative is a three-part living/learning program designed to ease the transition of first-year stu-

dents to college life. The program consists of community housing, seminars and a summer reading program due to start in the fall, Karen Hauschild, area director of Ehringhaus, said.

Coordinators for community housing said the program would group an initial test batch of 300 freshmen participating in a college transition program with enhanced advising and civic and cultural activities.

Ehringhaus is remodeling two suites to house offices for three graduate student mentors for the program. The mentors will be responsible for leading discussions and easing the transition of freshmen in the program, Hauschild said.

Susan Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said mentors would play a large role in the intellectual climate.

"RAs (resident assistants) and graduate students are all part of the greater amount of contact between students and faculty," Kitchen said.

"We are trying to create the most productive and edu-



Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen said mentors were a link between students and faculty.

ational climate ... that we can."

Hauschild said the new suites would house the mentors' living quarters, offices, a common room, offices for programs such as the Writing Center that will be offered on a day-to-day basis and an office for faculty members. Participants in the program would live on the third, fourth and fifth floors, while the current Living Well Program participants would be housed on the second floor.

Kitchens on the third, fourth and fifth floors of Ehringhaus are being remodeled to maximize space and create a study area for students in the program, Hauschild said.

She said the program would develop

relationships through group discussions.

"Students will be broke up into 15 groups of 20 students, and ... will meet several times throughout the semester to discuss concerns. They will eat together and participate in a service project once per semester," Hauschild said.

There will be weekly dialogue sessions for the first eight weeks leading up to a community service project, she said.

Groups will be responsible for completing a service project each semester, and Hauschild said program coordinators were arranging projects with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.

Hauschild said groups would have

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Pedestrian Flow Faces Obstacles

Town sidewalk crews will be working late nights for the next two months in order to repair Franklin Street walks.

By BART WOJDYNSKI
Staff Writer

Pedestrians on Chapel Hill's most traveled street will be disrupted by sidewalk construction for the next two months.

The 100 block of East Franklin Street is receiving extensive sidewalk renovations this summer, on the north side of the street, which houses businesses like Avie's Hallmark and The Varsity Theater. The sidewalk is being replaced, trees replanted and curbs extended at crosswalks to increase pedestrian safety.

Curtis Brooks, landscape architect and urban forester for the Town of Chapel Hill, said the repairs had been necessary for awhile.

"The sidewalk on that part of the street is in seriously poor condition. I don't know anyone who would argue that; there are many serious tripping hazards."

Brooks said the project also called for the removal of six streetside trees.

"There are ten trees existing in the area. We'll remove six of them and plant nine to replace the six, because some are in poor condition."

The crews will also build planters around the new trees, and extend the curb at the NCNB Plaza and Henderson Street crosswalks.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$64,000, which Brooks said covered only materials. The labor is being done by the town's sidewalk crew.

Construction on the project started last week and has a projected end date of Aug. 13. The work is being done in three phases and will include a break in construction during the Special Olympics.

The demolition of the old sidewalk will be done at night to minimize inconvenience. Construction that does not require heavy machinery will take place during the day.

Avie Gund, owner and manager of Avie's Hallmark, said any short inconvenience for customers would be outweighed by the projects benefits.

"(The hassle) makes no difference. I am so delighted that they're giving us a new sidewalk," Gund said, describing

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The Wall, Restored, Remembered

Conservators are restoring a section of the Berlin Wall to go on exhibit in a Raleigh museum this fall.

By VERNA KALE
Arts & Features Editor

For nearly three decades the Berlin Wall stood as a practical and symbolic testament to a divided Germany. When the wall came down Nov. 9, 1989, it marked the end of the Cold War era.

Now, 10 years after the historic event, it is easy to forget the sense of foreboding that the Cold War brought.

Perry Hurt, conservator at the N.C. Museum of Art, said he was working to keep the history of the wall alive.

Hurt headed a three-week project to restore a chunk of the Berlin Wall so it could be exhibited this fall at Exploris, a new museum coming to Raleigh.

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PHOTO COURTESY NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART

Perry Hurt, a painting conservator with the N.C. Museum of Art, removes dirt from a section of the Berlin Wall that will be displayed this fall at Exploris, a new museum coming to Raleigh.

Heinke Begins Work on Platform Goals

By BRAD KLINE
Staff Writer

Students returning to UNC for the fall semester might see the work of Student Body President Nic Heinke in a number of campus changes.

Some things that might greet students in the fall include improved Point-2-Point stops, free fares on all of the buses in Chapel Hill, improvements to Hinton James Residence Hall, and 30 more computers in Davis Library.

Heinke said the summer was a great time to lay the foundation for platform goals for the upcoming school year.

"Most of those goals probably won't be completed until spring semester next year," Heinke said.

"But we've gotten a great start on most of them."

He said issues which would affect students next year are being discussed. Such issues include improving the P2P stops by providing bright overhead lights and emergency call boxes near each stop and a proposed fee increase which would make all Chapel Hill Transit Authority buses free of



Student Body President Nic Heinke said he wanted to hold a community service day this fall.

charge to students.

A door-to-door survey was also conducted at Hinton James to gather what improvements resident students think the hall needs, as well as the area surrounding it.

Besides improving on existing services and programs, Heinke said he was also working on some new projects, including a community service and campus clean-up day to be held sometime next semester involving the entire University community.

One item that student government has been working on for the past few weeks involves making up for the decrease in computers available to students during the upcoming Undergraduate Library renovations.

Student Body Secretary Lerissa Rentas said a measure has just been passed to add computers in Davis Library to accommodate student needs.

"There will be 30 additional computer terminals added to Davis when the Undergrad closes down," Rentas said.

Heinke said he has been spending a lot of time fighting the proposed tuition increase that would affect the next four years for both graduate and undergraduate students.

Lee Conner, Graduate and Professional Student Federation president, said fighting the tuition increase proposal was taking up the bulk of his time over the summer.

"The House of Representatives officially released the proposal on

Memorial Day, and ever since then we've mainly been focused on it," Conner said.

Heinke said battling both the state and University budget plans was taking a lot of energy.

"I've been driving to Raleigh twice a week and pretty much been spending the whole day trying to make sure we get the money that the University needs," Heinke said.

Heinke said he has had a great time in office so far.

"Chapel Hill is such a great place to be over the summer," he said.

"I've really enjoyed it."

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Students to Benefit From C-TOPS Changes

Students attending C-TOPS this summer will be able to register for their fall semester classes online.

By BROOKE ROSEMAN
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UNC's campus will be bombarded with over 400 new students every two days through July 14.

The students are participating in C-TOPS, Carolina Testing and Orientation Program Sessions, a two-and-a-half day freshman orientation.

According to the Orientation Commission, the group responsible for

organizing C-TOPS activities, UNC will hold nine sessions to allow students to get a more personalized introduction to the University.

Each session includes programs involving the entire group, groups of around 60 students, small groups of 20 to 25 students and an individual academic advising session.

The C-TOPS schedule has been adjusted this summer so it will not interfere with the Special Olympics World Games being held on campus starting June 24.

Shirley Hunter, the director of orientation, said the session that would have ended on June 25 was dropped. In two instances, groups of students will be leaving and entering on the same day to

accommodate for the loss, Hunter said.

The dates of C-TOPS are not the only changes made this year.

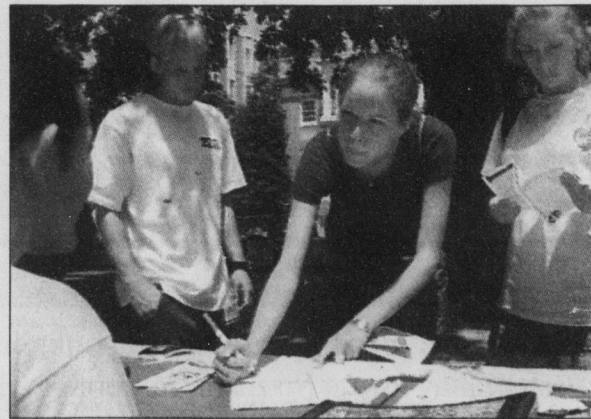
Orientation leader Tina Rojas said the registration process is also different. Students used to go to Steele Building to register for their fall semester schedules, but now they register online in the Undergraduate Library, Rojas said.

She also said the advising booklet had been changed to make it easier to understand.

Rojas said the students asked a lot of the same questions. Students wanted to know which professors and how many hours to take, she said.

Even with the changes, however,

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SEAC member Jeff Davis encourages C-TOPS participants Matt Underwood, Whitney Parris and Erin Bing (left to right) to join.

INSIDE Thursday

UNC Libraries Online

UNC libraries are working on a link to the Web site of the Library of Congress. The Web site will address the experiences of Black Christians in the South and is a result of a sizeable grant awarded to the UNC libraries by the Library of Congress.

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Agreement Reached

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and NATO negotiators reached a peace agreement which would allow ethnic Albanians to return to Kosovo. It also forces Serbian troops from the area and allows UN peacekeeping troops to occupy Kosovo.

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Shag Baby, Yeah!

Mike Myers plays three characters instead of two and a talented Heather Graham takes the lead female role. If you throw in a few star appearances and a few Star Wars jokes, "Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me" is even funnier than the original.

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Is it progress if a cannibal uses a knife and fork?

Stanislaw Lec