



The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Service Program Seeks Paid Summer Interns

The APPLS service-learning program is now offering internships for this summer.

The program serves N.C. communities and aims to combine student service with the academic resources of UNC.

If selected, interns will receive course credit along with a living stipend.

Applications are available in Suite 108 of the Student Union or at the Union Desk. All applications are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 10. For further information, call the APPLS office at 962-0902.

Campus Y to Elect Executive Committee

Campus Y members will elect the 2000-01 Executive Committee on Tuesday.

For the first time in several years, several positions are contested, including the presidency. The candidates for female co-president are sophomore Adina Dubin, junior Bridgette Enloe, sophomore Crystal Barksdale, and junior Sejal Shah.

Sophomore Rudy Kleysteuber is running for male co-president.

The candidates for Minister of Information are freshmen Lindsay Moran and Toby Ososky.

The candidates for female co-treasurer are freshman Jennifer Howard and sophomore Tiffany Foster.

The candidates for male co-treasurer are sophomore Raj Panjabi and sophomore Anish Shah.

All Campus Y members who have an application on file are eligible to vote. Winners will be announced Tuesday night.

UNC Students Subject Of New Fashion Spread

UNC students will be featured in Link magazine's "Style of U" fashion spread, which will appear in the April issue.

A two-person squad from the magazine will interview and photograph student volunteers today.

The magazine chose UNC because of Chapel Hill's college-town reputation.

For more information, contact Link art director Jenny Leigh Thompson at 212-980-660, ext. 227.

Commission to Offer Art Grant Workshop

The Orange County Arts Commission will hold a free grant-writing workshop at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel Hill Public Library Meeting Room. The workshop is designed to help those interested in applying for a grant from the commission, the deadline for which is March 1.

Applicants for the grants may request funds to support a variety of arts programs, such as visual, performing or literary works. For more information, call 245-2335 or visit the Web site at www.artsorange.org.

Dispute Center to Hold Facilitation Workshop

The Orange County Dispute Settlement Center is offering a workshop on "Facilitation Skills" on Feb. 10 and Feb. 11 at the Homestead Center in Chapel Hill.

The workshop will last from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., costs \$185 and requires preregistration. The workshop will cover group consensus building, preparation and management.

For more information, call 929-8800.

Memorable Romance To Be Revisited Sunday

The Chapel Hill Historical Society will hold a program Feb. 13 looking back on one of Chapel Hill's most memorable romances.

Suzi Barile, the great-great-granddaughter of Eleanor Swain, will talk about the relationship between Swain and General Atkins in a program called "Cupid's Arrow Draws Surrender."

The program will be held in the society's meeting room at 4 p.m., with a reception that will follow.

For more information, contact Val Lauder at 843-8295 or 929-1019.

Relationship Workshop To Be Offered Sunday

Joanne Blum will lead a workshop from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 13 that will explore the seven dynamic characteristics of the divinely guided relationship.

The workshop will be held at the Unity Center of Peace Church in Chapel Hill and will accept love offerings.

For more information, contact Rev. Nancy Oristaglio at 968-1854.

From Staff Reports

N.C. Could Clinch More Flood Aid

By GAVIN OFF
Staff Writer

North Carolina is expected to garner \$304 million in Hurricane Floyd recovery aid today as part of President Clinton's 2000 budget proposal.

The money is part of a \$6 billion federal government package to help states recuperate from damages caused by the September hurricane, which put parts of eastern North Carolina under more than 10 feet of water and destroyed homes and farmlands.

Congress rejected a similar request from Rep. David Price, D-N.C., late last year. The federal government has already allocated \$2.2 billion in flood aid to the state.

Thad Boggs, Gov. Jim Hunt's press

secretary, said state officials were encouraged with Clinton's concern for the state. "What this shows is that the Clinton administration is showing its continuing interest in helping out North Carolina," Boggs said.

The largest chunk of aid is \$77 million to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency's efforts. FEMA has been working in the N.C. flood zone since September — by providing support to individuals that lost homes.

FEMA spokeswoman Mary Hudak said the agency would use the money for acquisition of homes destroyed by the flood. This would give owners the necessary money to buy homes outside of the flooded area.

"The funds FEMA is involved with is to fund what the state has identified is

necessary to move all people out of the flood region," Hudak said.

Stephen Boyd, White House assistant press secretary, said the proposed aid package was a joint effort between state officials and the federal government.

"This is an important step to reaching the point of getting to the \$6 billion in aid for several states," Boyd said.

Boyd said assistance would be given to the state in several installments during the year. He said aid would be awarded after officials determined the final monetary value of all flood damage.

Boyd said a number of agencies besides FEMA would also benefit from the federal aid. The N.C. Small Business Administration would receive \$51 million for loan subsidy and administrative costs. The Army Corps of Engineers

would be allocated \$19 million to address beach restoration costs.

Boggs said constant interaction between state and federal officials in the aftermath of the flooding had facilitated Clinton's request. "It wasn't a complete surprise," he said. "It's safe to say some things we wanted are in there and others are not. It's a work in progress."

Boggs said the package was the first of several requests for aid from the federal government. "This shows our continuing push to get federal money for Hurricane Floyd relief," Boggs said.

"The second thing this shows is this is the first of several opportunities this year to secure federal funding."

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Edwards To Hear NRC Plans

Local leaders will voice their concerns about the Shearon Harris expansion to the freshman senator.

By KEVIN KRASNOW
Staff Writer

Town and county officials will meet with Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., today in an attempt to gain momentum in their fight against an area power company.

Chapel Hill Town Council members, along with commissioners from Orange, Durham and Chatham counties, will voice their concern over Carolina Power & Light Co.'s attempt to expand the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

"There's a delegation of elected representatives to discuss the storage of high-level nuclear waste," said Margaret Brown, a member of the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

The Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant in Wake County has been the center of controversy since CP&L made a request in December 1998 to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license amendment to expand the plant's storage facilities.

Diane Curran, the attorney representing Orange County, said the expansion should not be allowed because the method of nuclear waste storage proposed by CP&L was potentially dangerous.

"CP&L is proposing using piping and equipment used in the late 1970s and early 1980s," she said. "They had abandoned this equipment."

"The chief concern is that by storing fuel at such high densities, you are raising the risk of a very severe accident. The consequences could be catastrophic."

Curran said she hoped Edwards would provide the political clout to strengthen the county's argument.

"I think if they had the support of a senator it would be extremely helpful," she said. "Then the NRC and CP&L

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Insomnia Keeps Gay Partygoers Up All Night

The owner of Gotham says the new Friday night event offers the gay community a chance to mingle in a club environment.

By KATHLEEN WIRTH
Assistant City Editor

While grinding to technotronic tunes beneath flashing strobe lights, Chapel Hill's gay and lesbian community came together Friday night in a deafening display of solidarity.

The Gotham nightclub drew a diverse, near-capacity crowd Friday night at the premiere of Insomnia, a new alternative dance party. Partygoers said the event provided an unusual opportunity for Chapel Hill's gay and lesbian community to interact socially and for organizers to distribute information for future events.

Glenn Grossman, president of Carolina Alternative Meetings of Professional and Graduate Students, helped to organize the event and displayed informational fliers for future events geared toward the gay community other than Insomnia.

"I want this to be a catalyst to create a stronger gay and lesbian community on campus," Grossman said. "I'm hoping to reinvigorate the community."

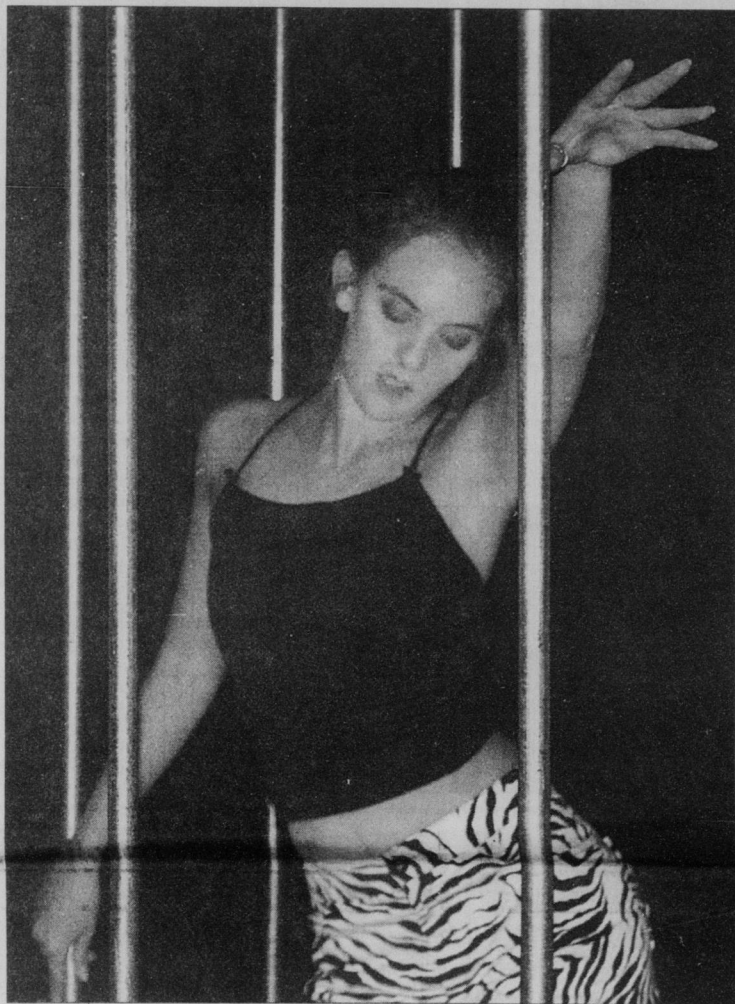
Grossman said that prior to the debut of Insomnia, the gay community had no outlet for interaction between other gays and lesbians with common interests and pursuits.

"It's been very difficult to meet people because there was no sense of community," he said. "I've heard of professors who have moved down here and been very unhappy. They would end up leaving because it was so difficult to meet people."

Tony Woodard, a sophomore international business major, said Friday night's turnout sent a positive message to club owners.

"People in Chapel Hill are starved for gay nightlife,"

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UNC junior Alicia Smith shows off her dancing talents at Gotham on Friday night. Gotham will host the party, dubbed Insomnia, three Fridays a month.

Smith Center Ticket Masters

One former ticket scalper says sellers' prices always drop to more reasonable levels right before tip-off.

By STUART CRAMPTON
Staff Writer

Surrounding the storied rivalry between the men's basketball programs of UNC and Duke is a tradition of vehemence, adrenaline and a "HOOP-la" of fanatical proportions.

Once a year these basketball zealots hailing from zip codes across the state descend upon the Smith Center, making it a veritable basketball Mecca.

Sometimes under the guise of blue and white war paint, these followers are willing to do almost anything to witness their team in its struggle to reach nirvana: a victory over its nemesis.

This is the old-time religion.

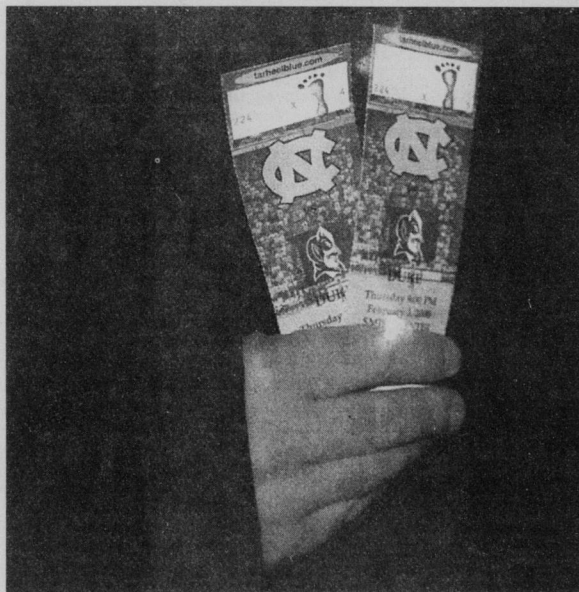
The feverish demand surrounding this annual Tar Heel pilgrimage makes it nearly impossible for the general public to score tickets. Only season ticket holders and 6,000 student-ticket holders could attend this coveted event, last Thursday's UNC-Duke matchup.

Thus, the only chance for many to see this legendary rivalry is a market involving streetwise ticket sellers and the fans who are willing to hawk their \$26 seats for a prettier penny.

Wake Forest University alumnus Dave Whalen was a self-professed "ticket scalper" for more than seven years. He hasn't missed a UNC-Duke game since 1995, and for several years he has turned profits at the hands of "desperate fans."

"The key is to deal with the fans, not the hustlers," Whalen said of acquiring the cheapest tickets. "The professional ticket scalpers are the ones who buy low and sell high, while the fans sell low and buy high."

A misdemeanor in North Carolina, selling tickets to sporting events or



Scalpers hawk their wares before Thursday's Duke game but are outnumbered by buyers only willing to pay a fraction of the cost.

concerts for big profits lost its appeal to Whalen. Having recently enrolled in Duke University School of Law, he did not want to jeopardize his future legal career by getting caught.

Despite his "retirement," an amused Whalen was still able to explain the dynamics of the game-day ticket market.

"People come in from all over to scalp these (UNC-Duke) tickets — New York, Chicago — all over," Whalen said before pointing out a former ticket-selling colleague on Manning Drive who was selling a ticket for \$75. "The closer it gets to tip-off time, the cheaper the scalpers' tickets get. That's a little known fact that scalpers don't want you to know."

Three hours before the game, the \$26 season tickets and free, not-for-

resale student tickets went for an average of \$100 each. But 10 minutes before tip-off, when the "flood" of panicked and hopeful ticket sellers dropped their prices, the average price had dropped to \$30, with some going for as cheap as \$15.

Whalen, who said he planned to write a book on ticket scalping, said UNC-Duke games were high on scalpers' priority lists.

He added that because of the disparity in seating capacity, tickets for the UNC-Duke games which took place at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium could be sold at much higher prices — even as high as \$1,000 each.

Despite the basketball team's

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Students Acknowledge Stricter Fire Policy

By ARMAN ANVARI
Staff Writer

Students once reluctant to leave their residence halls during late-night fire alarms say they understand the rationale behind University officials' strengthened enforcement of fire evacuation policies.

During last week's fire in a ninth-floor Morrison Residence Hall lounge, fire officials noticed a flood of students who remained in the building after the alarm went off, prompting administrators to initiate the more stringent policies.

Students will now be hit with a criminal misdemeanor charge and fined a minimum of \$10, not including \$86 in court fees. They will also be referred to the Honor Court.

"A lot of people do take advantage of fire drills and want to stay inside because it's too cold out," said freshman Morrison resident Erika Hernandez.

"I think that raising fines and not giving warnings to students, but actually charging them would make them more inclined to go outside and take the alarms seriously."

Resident Hall Association President Murray Coleman said students used to escape fines when they did not evacuate properly.

"There was always a fee for students who didn't leave during an alarm, but it

was never enforced," he said. "This is the first time that the Department of Housing and Residential Education and the Department of (Public) Safety are actually enforcing the rules."

For the most part, students accepted University officials' more stringent regulations as signs of a forward-thinking administration.

"The new measures seem kind of harsh, but you can't blame the administration because they're just looking out for the welfare of students," said freshman Shane Chang, who lives in Hinton James Residence Hall.

Some students said the excessive number of false alarms had desensitized them to the seriousness of possible fires.

"There have been some fires, but they haven't been that serious," said Brian Gallagher, a freshman from Derwood, Md., and a Hinton James resident. "I always leave but usually I don't figure (the fires are) anything serious."

Some South Campus residents said that while Morrison had been hit by several fires, their residences had been plagued only by false alarms.

"If the fire alarms occurred during the day, I would have no problem going out," said Andrew Yeh, a freshman who lives in Ehringhaus Residence Hall.

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Student Elections Notes



Absentee ballot requests must be turned into Elections Board Chairwoman Catherine Yates by 5 p.m. Tuesday. The requests must include a reason for being absent, an address during the absence, a campus address and the absentee's year in school. Those submitting requests will receive information about what steps to follow on Election Day through an e-mail or a letter.