

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Friday, April 28

■ A University employee found his 1993 Plymouth on fire at 7:04 a.m. on Connor Drive, police reports state.

When the police arrived, they found the victim attempting to put the fire out with a cloth.

The officer told the victim to move away from the car and proceeded to put the fire out with an extinguisher.

According to police reports, the Chapel Hill Fire Department extinguished the engine of the vehicle with water.

No criminal investigation was filed.

■ A University employee reported that his checkbook and credit cards were stolen from his office at 1700 Airport Road.

According to police reports, the victim contacted his credit card company and discovered that someone else had made three purchases with his card.

A stop was placed on the third purchase, police reports stated.

Sunday, April 30

■ A student's personal items were stolen from the Student Recreation Center at 7:46 p.m.

According to police reports, the student reported missing a cellular phone, clothing, a wallet, a UNC ONE Card and a check card.

■ A visitor to UNC Hospitals said she found scratches down the left side of her 1992 Honda Accord parked in front of the hospital, police reports stated.

Monday, May 1

■ A student was hit by water balloons thrown by three unknown males at 2 a.m.

According to police reports, the victim was walking between Morrison Residence Hall and Chase Hall when she was hit with the water balloons.

She began to scream, but the suspects fled the area.

■ A student reported that her wallet was stolen after it was taken from her room in Spencer Residence Hall.

The student told police she placed her wallet on her dresser at 11:30 p.m. Friday, reports stated.

She discovered it was missing at 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

The victim's roommates said they were in the room all day and had not seen anything suspicious, according to police reports.

The student was advised to cancel her credit cards.

City

Sunday April 30

■ A Durham man was arrested Sunday night on various charges ranging from felony larceny to misdemeanor drug possession.

Derrian Demont Cates, 23, of 7514 Russell Road was apprehended at 10:16 p.m. after officers responded to several suspicious conditions inquiries, reports stated.

A man was spotted running from a burglarized vehicle.

The officers approached the suspect, but Cates fled the scene by foot, reports stated.

He was located by a K-9 dog on 214 Pittsboro St. in masses of foliage, according to police reports.

Cates was formally charged with four counts of felony breaking and entering in an auto, possession of stolen goods, attempted breaking and entering, felony larceny, misdemeanor possession of marijuana and five other misdemeanor counts, including possession of pills and resist, delay and obstruct arrest.

Cates is being held in lieu of a \$22,000 secured bond.

His court date is May 5 in the Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

Saturday, April 29

■ A domestic dispute in Carrboro Saturday evening ended with the police intervention.

A woman called officials after an alleged assault by her boyfriend, Howard Rosemand King, of the same residence, reports stated.

Police responded and arrived at the residence finding King "hanging out" on the porch, drinking a can of beer.

The victim told officers King hit her on the back of her head during a verbal argument.

No physical damage was found on her body.

King reported that the victim attempted to choke him, placing her hands around his neck.

Neither party decided to press charges.

The woman told officers she was going to take a walk to "cool down and collect her thoughts."

Congress to Hold Special Elections Today

By COURTNEY MABEUS
Staff Writer

Student Congress members said Monday that they were confident that all seats up for grabs in today's special election would be filled, eliminating the need for further elections.

There are 13 Congressional seats open after February's election failed to fill all open spots and several members have since resigned, leaving more seats.

Nine undergraduate student seats from South Campus and off-campus areas - Districts 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24 and 25 - as well as four graduate student seats - Districts 3, 5 and 8 - remain empty.

Speaker Alexandra Bell said she had spoken individually with students interested in the open seats. "I feel confident that we'll fill up almost every seat," she said.

But Speaker Pro Tem Sandi Chapman said special elections might be needed again during the fall semester if some students did not return to Congress. "It's mandated that there be a special election for any unfilled seats," she said.

Last week, Congress members faulted the Elections Board and cited its failure to publicize today's elections.

Members said the board should have also held a mandatory candidate interest meeting. The Student Code states that the interest meeting for candidates must be held seven days prior to the election.

But Marissa Downs, Elections Board vice chairwoman, said that because board members received a low number of petitions for the open seats, they did not feel the need to hold such a meeting.

"It's important not to mistake (the meeting) for publicity," Downs said. She said it had been common to forego the interest meeting during special elections because it was easier to contact potential candidates individually.

Yates said she anticipated a last-

minute rush for the available seats. "A lot of people have called in the past few days trying to see if they could still get on the ballot," Yates said.

To secure candidacy, students must turn in a petition with 10 student signatures or rely on write-in votes on the ballots. These petitions would have been due at the interest meeting.

Citing the small scale of the elections, Downs said the board did not feel the need to launch an all-out publicity campaign for the seats, which she said might have fallen on deaf ears due to the lack of student awareness about Congressional districts.

Instead, Downs e-mailed all the graduate departments on campus to rally support for today's vote. "That's a substantial task in and of itself," she said.

The Elections Board also spread fliers in South Campus residence halls to draw student attention, she said.

Downs said making off-campus districts aware of the need for candidates and today's vote was not an easy task.

"It's increasingly difficult to publicize outside (The Daily Tar Heel)," she said. Yates said most candidates depended on word-of-mouth to secure a seat.

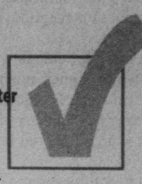


Speaker Pro Tem Sandi Chapman said unfilled Student Congress seats demanded a special election.

Rock the Vote

Special elections will be held today at the following polling sites to fill remaining positions in Student Congress.

- Student Union
Room 211/212
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Hanes Art Center
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Berryhill Hall
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



SOURCE: UNC ELECTIONS BOARD

But Bell was critical of the Elections Board's attempts to publicize the election and said members should have added a map with all the district locations on the board's Web site.

Yates said she expected to have the ballots counted by 7 p.m. so results could be reported before tonight's full Congress meeting.

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Assessing the Value of a Degree

How UNC Graduates Fare in the 'Real World'

By WORTH CIVILS
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Paying more to attend well-respected UNC schools does not always guarantee bigger bucks after graduation, causing many students to question the level of education worth pursuing.

Recent statistics show that more students are attending community colleges and technical schools as opposed to traditional four-year universities. These students pay lower tuition and some are starting out with higher salaries than many graduates from UNC schools, where tuition is much higher.

While many UNC graduates have first-year starting salaries below \$30,000, some from two-year technical programs earn a starting salary closer to \$40,000 a year.

Similarly, many graduates from four-year colleges are making competitive salaries upwards of \$50,000 with-

out paying the additional cost for graduate school.

Jim Newlin, a fiscal analyst for the N.C. General Assembly, said community college graduates in the "hot careers" were making higher starting salaries than many graduates from four-year liberal arts schools. "Hot careers" are in fields with competitive starting salaries, such as the computer industry or technical engineering. The demand is high for graduates with technical degrees, Newlin said. "If I'm a community college training students to be Novell

(computer) networking managers with a two-year degree, (those students) are going to get a good starting salary," Newlin said. "A student with a bachelor's degree in history who has trouble getting a job and has to get a job selling insurance doesn't start as well."

The N.C. Community College System is a network of 59 institutions across the state with more than 750,000 students. Schools in this system have reaped the monetary benefits of recent enrollment increases. For example, at Wake Technical Community College, enrollment reached 3,461 in 1999 - up from 2,588 in 1997.

The increase resulted in part from a new program that prepares students to transfer to a four-year college. Twenty-seven percent of the students at

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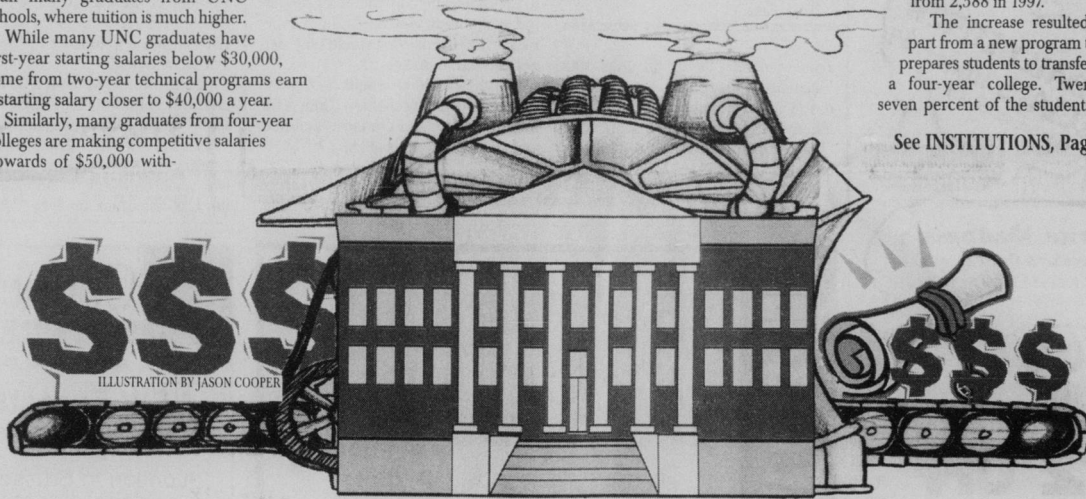


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Students Opt for Diverse Course Load

By ANNE FAWCETT
Staff Writer

Despite recent pushes to list minors and second majors on UNC diplomas, many job-hunting students hope the "University of North Carolina" at the top of the diploma will be their primary ammunition.

"A degree from Carolina shows that you attended a prestigious university, you stuck it out for four years or more, you learned to hang with some really challenging professors and you learned how to study in an intellectual environment," said Cory Cavin, a senior communication studies major.

Cavin hasn't decided what to do with his degree yet, but he knows it will help him in the long run. And he is not alone.

While many students choose their majors at UNC specifically as the foundation for their future careers, others decide to focus on studies that will have only tenuous connections to their jobs after graduation. These students, embracing UNC's liberal arts tradition, choose majors that provide a broader base of knowledge.

These divergent tendencies are reflected in the makeup of the top 10 campus majors. The first four are relatively practical sequences - biology, psychology, business and journalism.

But five of the final six reflect more general areas of knowledge, including communication studies, English and history.

For students in the latter majors, any job is a possibility. UNC senior and Greenwich, Conn., native Chris Jennings knows this feeling.

Jennings said he visited campus as a high school senior and left with Carolina on his mind. He was impressed by the school's excellent reputation and knew he would graduate with a valuable degree.

"I fell in love with the campus and everything Carolina offers," he said. "As someone from the North, I knew that UNC was one of the most well-

UNC's Top Picks

The following majors are the 10 most popular among 1998 UNC graduates.

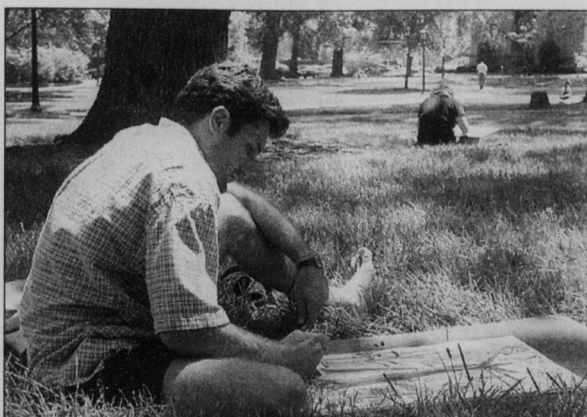
1. Biology (381)
2. Psychology (373)
3. Business (316)
4. Journalism (262)
5. Communications (253)
6. English (231)
7. Political Science (189)
8. Nursing (164)
9. Economics (157)
10. History (155)

respected schools academically and athletically."

Once on campus, Jennings knew he had to start thinking about a major. He knew he wanted to go into adver-

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A CAPTURED SPRING



DTH: KATE NELLINK

Michelangelo D'elia, a senior exchange student from Italy, works on a charcoal landscape near the Davie Poplar on Monday afternoon for Professor James Gadsen's Art 4 Basic Drawing class.

Nader to Stump for Green Party

Politico Ralph Nader asked to speak at UNC to gain signatures he needs to appear on the N.C. ballot.

By BROOKE ROSEMAN
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A candidate for the low-profile Green Party in this year's presidential race will speak tonight on issues of social justice, environmental equity and economic responsibility.

Ralph Nader, a member of the political party that declares itself to be based on grassroots democracy, will speak at 8 p.m. today in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

Nader's visit to campus is sponsored by Campus Y.

There will be a community reception

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Morehead Lounge of the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

Bridgette Enloe, co-president of the Campus Y, said Nader's nontraditional views on issues would appeal to students. "He has a fresh perspective on issues that candidates don't normally address," she said.

Enloe said Nader came to Campus Y officials with the offer to speak.

"We don't endorse political candidates, but we do seek to promote education and dialogue on issues pertaining to our mission," Enloe said. "His visit is in keeping with promoting dialogue on issues of social justice."

Doug Stuber, the N.C. Green Party's chairman, said Nader exemplified values of the Green Party, such as feminism and nonviolence. "Mr. Nader firmly exhibits all the values of the Green Party and did so long before he received the

nomination," he said.

Stuber said Nader's primary reason for speaking at UNC was to gain signatures for a petition to put him on the ballot.

"He's coming to support the petition drive. We need over 51,000 signatures to get Mr. Nader on the ballot in North Carolina," Stuber said.

Nader ran for president in 1996 and announced his presidential candidacy in this year's race on Feb. 21.

After graduating with an associate bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1955, he attended Harvard University and later became a consumer advocate, lawyer and author.

Nader first gained national attention in the United States in the 1960s when his book, "Unsafe at Any Speed," revealed design flaws in the Corvair, a car produced by the 1960s automobile

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Chapel Hill residents are cutting off the cable and adjusting their antennas to catch their favorite ABC programs following a cable block of the network's signal.

In what ABC officials are calling an illegal act, Time Warner cut off cable transmission of ABC television programs to 11 network affiliates around the nation at midnight Monday.

The move came as five-month negotiations between Disney and Time Warner, parent companies of ABC and Time Warner Cable, broke down.

The dispute involves two issues: Disney's request to add two new cable programs, Toon Disney and Soapnet, and ABC's demand for \$300 million to compensate for the ABC programs broadcast by Time Warner.

Time Warner calls these demands unreasonable.

Nationwide, 3.5 million homes have lost cable access to ABC programming due to Time Warner's block. "We are shocked and outraged that Time Warner unilaterally pulled ABC programming," said Robert Flinn, creative director at the ABC affiliate WTVD in Raleigh.

ABC filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission on Monday, charging that Time Warner illegally dropped ABC programming during sweeps week, a crucial time when networks gauge viewership.

ABC officials said Time Warner, owner of CNN, practices unfair competition. They argued that Time Warner, granted broadcast rights by the federal government, should not be a competitor in the industry.

"Time Warner is a gatekeeper to some very important gates," said ABC spokeswoman Julie Hoover. "The problem today is that they are both a gatekeeper and a competitor. They favor their own channels."

In a statement released by Time Warner, officials accused Disney of "trying to extract excessive and unreasonable terms for its cable channels."

Time Warner officials also said the terms of Disney's demand would cost the company and its customers millions of dollars. In a press release, Time Warner officials said ABC withheld permission for Time Warner to broadcast ABC's signal.

But Hoover said Time Warner ignored Disney's offer to extend negotiations when it cut Disney's programming from Time Warner's cable service.

Time Warner officials remained adamant that no extension offer was forthcoming from Disney.

"If there was an extension, no one in our corporate office saw it," said Brad Phillips, vice president for government and public affairs at Time Warner.

At the heart of the debate is concern in the media industry over the pending Time Warner-America Online merger. ABC officials fear that Time Warner will monopolize powerful interactive technology when the AOL merger goes through, Hoover said.

Both corporations, worried about public relations debacles, have offered to reimburse consumers for the cost of buying equipment to compensate for the cable blockage. For instance, Disney gave out 15,000 free satellite dishes in Houston, The New York Times reported.

UNC and Chapel Hill residents who have satellite or antenna reception will not be affected.

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Cable Co. Cuts ABC Broadcast

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