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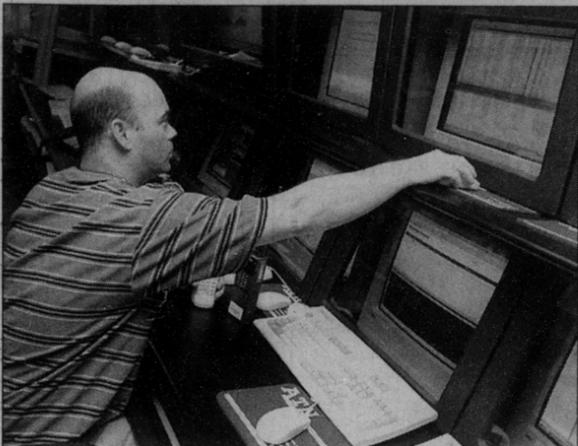
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Chaz Andrew, an ATN Control Center administrator, checks the Spectrum Element Manager, which monitors problems with network switches.

## Blunder Logs Campus Off Internet

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI  
Assistant University Editor

When one person pulled an Internet cable out of the wall of an off-campus department on Wednesday afternoon, he or she probably didn't realize he was pulling the plug on the entire campus network.

At 3:20 p.m., Academic Technology & Networks started randomly losing access to most of UNC's 2,000 Ethernet connections, said Jim Gogan, networking and communications director.

"You could have three people in the same building with one connection not working at all, one with access to some things and the other that can't access those things but can access other

things," he said.

Though the shutdown occurred just days after the kick-off of the Carolina Computing Initiative, ATN officials blame old wiring, not the new program, for the glitch.

Gogan said the off-campus administrative and research departments, which are located in rental units in University Square and the Bank of America building, have antiquated wiring that is ill-equipped to handle Ethernet connections.

But the departments are using the connections anyway, threatening the campus network. Gogan said one person disconnected an Internet cable from the wrong place, sending the whole network into "extreme confusion."

The improper disconnection created a

"mirror" in the network, reflecting all the network traffic back out. This redirection of traffic makes the network think that everyone's machines are in other locations. "It's going to take a good while to clean up," Gogan said Wednesday evening. He predicted that staff would work into the night to fix the problem, but some problems might remain today.

Users who still cannot connect to the Internet should call ATN at 962-HELP.

Gogan said the old wiring has created minor problems before that occurred at times of low network traffic. Ideally, ATN would like to replace the wiring, but Gogan said asbestos in the rental units has impeded repair efforts.

"It would be godly expensive," he said. "Imagine the trouble of shutting

down the Bank of America building."

For now, Gogan said ATN will try to inform the departments on how to properly disconnect the cables.

Bruce Egan, assistant director of the Information Technology Response Center, said ATN was able to respond to the problem in a matter of minutes.

"Networking is what ties all of the campus together, so we're very dependent on it," Egan said.

And Gogan said the problem came at one of the worst possible times. "It's bad enough when it happens at all, but it's especially bad when it happens the first week of classes."

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## Committee Mulls Topic Of Growth

Officials will explore ways to balance city growth while preserving farmland and other rural N.C. areas.

By CHERI MELF  
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A state commission charged with managing land development will reconvene today in Raleigh to hear recommendations on ways to prevent urban sprawl.

The N.C. Commission to Address Smart Growth Management and Development Issues spent the summer divided into four specialized groups, said David Godschalk, a UNC professor and member of the committee.

The groups are composed of N.C. legislators and community leaders who examine transportation problems, city developments that will affect surrounding towns, open-space preservation and community and downtown revitalization, Godschalk said.

At today's meeting, each group will present a report to the full commission, detailing how to address each issue.

The issue has sparked debate in state and local government in recent years. Pro-growth advocates say too much regulation could stifle economic development. Slow-growth proponents fear the state could lose its aesthetic value.

The Smart Growth program was created after the 1999 legislative session, when lawmakers decided it was necessary to preserve N.C. land, said Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, who is co-chairman of the commission.

"North Carolina is one of the fastest growing states," Hackney said. "We are using a lot of our farmland, and there are quality-of-life concerns dealing with air quality and pollution."

Godschalk said most of the afternoon will be spent hearing presentations given by state officials from Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Tennessee, Maryland and Vermont, which already have active Smart Growth programs.

"The goal for today is for these work groups to develop and present their proposals and to listen to what other states have to say," Hackney said.

Godschalk said the commission will also begin outlining a Smart Growth recommendation that will be presented to the General Assembly in January.

"We are trying to figure out what needs and opportunities there are for North Carolina right now," Godschalk said. "There could possibly be some

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## ID 'Hall' Warns Would-Be Buyers



Junior Hank Stockard stands behind the counter at TJ's Campus Beverage's Hall of Shame, where they display fake IDs.

## Convenience Store Avoids ALE Offense With New Approach

By KELLIE DIXON  
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A mosaic of confiscated IDs used to hang above the register at TJ's Campus Beverage, confronting minors daring enough to try to purchase alcohol or tobacco, and haunting those that were.

Now, the Hall of Shame lies on the counter and is impossible to miss, especially if you set a beer down to reach for your fake ID.

TJ's owner Walter McFall said that after displaying the IDs, they send them to the Alcohol Law Enforcement Office so that a criminal investigation can follow.

"We collect (IDs) like crazy," he said. "We've taken two in two days. Whenever we get a new one, we take an old one out. We use (the Hall) as a power deterrent."

TJ's, nestled next to Caribou Coffee at 108 W. Franklin St., has been in business for nine years, and McFall said he does not have any intention of losing his license to sell alcohol.

"You're not going to get me to risk a \$1,500 fine," he said. "My guys know I'd much rather have a license than a sale."

He also offered some insight as to why minors tried to use fake IDs. "My personal opinion is the government created binge drinking, because if an underage person gets in a bar, they'll drink a lot because they know it's going to be a long time before they get back in one," he said. "If you're old enough to vote, you should be old enough to enjoy the fruits of the country."

McFall said the employees take the fake ID or cut it on the spot. "Most of the time, we'll tell them we're doing them a favor," he said. "We've got to do it better than the next guy."

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## Storage Service Worries, Angers UNC Students

EZ Student Storage, a company based out of New York, is fielding criticism after charging students multiple times for its services.

By JASON ARTHURS  
Staff Writer

Students who thought they found a summer storage bargain found out the hard way that some things are too good to be true.

EZ Student Storage, a New York-based company that attracted UNC students with its offer to pick up and store items for the summer, infuriated many students by failing to keep on schedule and by overcharging student credit cards.

Ezstudentstorage.com advertises that they will pick up boxes from residence hall rooms and return them at the end of the summer for as low as \$98. But some UNC students' credit cards were charged as much as \$900.

Sophomore Ashlee Smith from Maryland waited with several other students outside of Morrison Residence Hall on Monday afternoon for the delivery of possessions they had entrusted the company with at the end of last semester.

Her boxes did finally arrive — three hours later than her appointed time and only after EZ Student Storage charged her credit card three times for a total of \$900, Smith said.

"They tried to steal my money, and they really pissed me off," Smith said. She said her dealings with the company were riddled with problems, starting when the company first contacted her with an estimate of \$120.

Company officials were not available for comment, but Student Legal Services Director Dorothy Bernholz said she is aware of the complaints and is investigating any previous lawsuits against the company. "It's one thing to conduct business sloppily; it's another thing to commit credit card fraud," Bernholz said.

She said the credit card companies could prosecute for

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## Fraternity Houses Closing Down For Year of Renovations, Changes

Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha and Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity houses will close for major construction, forcing many to live elsewhere.

By ELIZABETH BREYER  
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Three UNC fraternities are closing their doors for the year to begin an extensive process of renovation and rebuilding.

After massive campaigns coordinated by professional fund-raisers, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha and Tau Epsilon Phi fraternities are all undertaking major renovation projects.

"This isn't just new carpet and paint we're talking about — it's pretty substantial renovations," said Ron Binder, director of Greek affairs.

Binder said new ventilation systems, Internet connections and fire sprinklers will also be installed in the houses. The sprinklers are man-

dated by a Chapel Hill ordinance requiring them in each Greek house by fall 2001.

During renovations, the houses will be closed and members will be forced to find alternate housing. "Everybody had to move into their own apartments — we are spread out all over the place," said Kappa Sigma member Bryan Kubitz.

Kubitz said the relocation is inconvenient but that members had all found other housing.

Binder said the fraternities can stay close while they are without their house. "We encourage the brothers to hold weekly dinners before meetings at a restaurant and to use their Web sites and internal listservs more than usual," Binder said. "They can almost create a virtual fraternity."

The renovations are part of a huge fraternity revitalization package which will total about \$10 million. Delta Kappa Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi fraternity houses have already been finished at more than \$1 million cost for each.

The money for all the renovations has already been raised from private donors, Binder said.

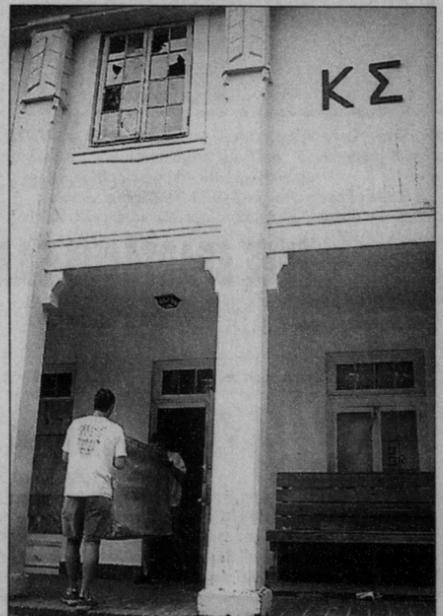
Kubitz said his house was far overdue for renovations. "(The house) hasn't been renovated in 40 years or so. It's old, and needs lots of new things and new wiring," he said.

Bobby Pettiford of the Chapel Hill Inspections Department said the house had not been labeled unsafe, but it may still have been in bad condition at the time of inspection.

"I don't have any record of (a condemnation), but the only fraternity house we ever condemned was the one that burned down," he said, referring to the 1996 fire that destroyed the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house and killed five UNC students.

Because the houses had been so damaged, Binder said the renovations would actually be helpful to regular fraternity activities such as fall rush. "Renovations are the best recruitment a group could have — in describing what the house will soon look like, the group is selling a dream."

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Jimmy Grahl and Ben Roberts move out of the Kappa Sigma fraternity house to make way for renovations.

Whom computers would destroy, they must drive mad.

Anonymous