

A Site to be Seen

Two UNC students have set up a UNC branch of the nationwide chain of campus Web sites sponsored by DailyJolt.com. The site, which has been running for three weeks, provides University information, interactive forums and a matchmaking service. It plans to step up advertising on campus.



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"(Daily Jolt) started at a lot of small schools, where publicity can be word of mouth, but we need to do more here," she said.

"We did flirting in Hinton James (Residence Hall) and usage increased dramatically."

Purohit said site workers will step up publicity efforts by distributing more fliers around campus, especially in residence halls.

She also said they plan to add more elements to the site, including a professor rating system and a carpool board.

"Hopefully we'll be able to get more interactive once people start using (the site) on a daily basis," she said.

She said the existing interactive features of the site, such as discussion forums, the matchmaking service and a marketplace for buying and selling, will be more useful if large numbers of students use the site on a regular basis.

"Hopefully this will become something people check daily - it's just a matter of getting people to participate before we can take it to the next step."

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Hurricane Readiness Necessary, Study Says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With one American in five now living in an area vulnerable to hurricanes, a new study warns that a storm disaster is increasingly likely and calls for changes in the way the nation prepares.

"It's just a matter of time before a hurricane strikes a vulnerable area causing serious damage and loss of life," Richard Greenfield, director of atmospheric policy programs for the American Meteorological Society, said Wednesday.

Added James Lee Witt, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency: "The experience of Hurricane Floyd demonstrated the need to change how these issues are approached."

Greenfield and Witt were part of a

panel gathered to release the new study, "Policy Issues in Hurricane Preparedness and Response," developed at a workshop sponsored by the meteorological society and the Weather Channel. The effort was, at least in part, spurred by Floyd, which inundated the Southeast just a year ago and forced the evacuation of some 3 million Americans from the coasts of north Florida to North Carolina. It was the largest evacuation in U.S. history and stranded thousands of people on crowded highways, leaving many vulnerable as drenching rains flooded large areas.

While hurricane forecasting has improved, the arrival of millions of people into coastal states has crowded many areas to the point that evacuation is no longer always practical, the researchers said.

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Moore said men often don't offer help but volunteer after being approached. "There's an overwhelming feeling in the U.S. that men ... either don't feel welcome or they don't know how to get involved," he said. "Once they're asked, it's amazing to see them react."

Jennifer Pender, a third-year medical student at UNC, said she first found the theme abrasive. "My initial reaction was that I just got angry. I didn't understand where they wanted to go with it."

But after the meeting she said the efforts weren't meant to be exclusionary. "It really is trying to include everyone and espe-

cially men who wouldn't be involved."

In previous years, activities have included an AIDS walk, free confidential walk-in HIV tests, a community art exhibit, speakers and Pit-sits.

The next planning committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 25 in the Center for Healthy Student Behaviors.

Pender said other people's ignorance and carelessness motivated her to become active in AIDS education. "I have friends who were making stupid mistakes at night. The next day they didn't think about the consequences," she said. "They were really smart people who still didn't realize what could happen."

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accurate models of behavior. "Mainstream media in general does not represent anyone very well - when I look at young people on TV or women, I don't feel well-represented by that," she said.

"You have to create your own representation if you want it to reflect who you are."

Many other members said the difficulty in finding an accurate characterization in the media stems from the diversity of gay and lesbian populations, leading the discussion to issues of culture and religion.

"Last year, QNC basically fell apart, so our main goal is to have biweekly meetings and keep it going."

AMANDA HALL
QNC Co-chairwoman

"One thing about queer culture is that it's not assimilated in itself," said sophomore Jesse Davidson. "It's different how gays are represented in black, white, Hispanic and any other culture."

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Oil Crisis Looming, OPEC Says

The cartel will raise output for the third time this year, but low production might keep fuel prices high.

The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela - The president of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said Wednesday an energy crisis is imminent in the medium term if worldwide refining and production capacity doesn't grow.

Ali Rodriguez, who is also Venezuela's oil minister, said OPEC's latest output quota agreement is enough to meet worldwide crude oil demand but the sparse production and refining capacity of some OPEC and non-OPEC countries could block efforts to cool record-high oil prices.

"On the horizon there is a very severe crisis if capacity limitations of OPEC and non-OPEC countries stay as they are," Rodriguez said in a news conference.

In an effort to lower soaring oil prices, OPEC agreed to raise its target output for the third time this year in its Vienna, Austria meeting last weekend. Its new target, effective Oct. 1, is 26.2 million barrels a day from 25.4 million barrels a day.

International pressure on OPEC to increase production mounted in the weeks leading up to the meeting after soaring fuel prices sparked protests from transport workers in Europe this month and in the United States earlier this year.

OPEC countries produce almost 40 percent of the world's oil.

Rodriguez said OPEC has spare capacity of more than 2 million barrels but "several OPEC countries are already nearing their capacity ceiling." He denied reports that Venezuela was among those countries with no extra capacity.

Insisting that OPEC's 800,000 barrels a day quota increase is enough to meet worldwide demand for crude, Rodriguez called on consuming countries to increase refining capacity and lower gasoline taxes.

"The principal factor that increases (fuel) prices for the man who goes to the gas station to fill his tank are high taxes," Rodriguez said.

OPEC estimates that taxes and refining activities contribute to 84 percent of gasoline prices while the price of crude contributes 16 percent.

Rodriguez said falling refining capacity, especially in the United States, has created a "bottle neck" effect that prevents finished oil products - such as gas - from reaching the market in time to meet demand.

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3. Being embarrassed of looking stupid are among my worst fears.	0	1	2	3	4

Add the 3 numbers together from the boxes you marked to find your total score.

Total

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