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## Advising Imperfect But Improving

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UNC's academic advising program has initiated major changes for the second straight year, trying to resolve the woes that typically have plagued it in the past.

Associate Dean of Academic Advising Carolyn Cannon said the new features have made the advising process more efficient and convenient. But some students said they don't know

about the new programs and that communication is still a problem. And administrators say retaining advisers and other issues still hinder the advising process.

Last year's changes include the team adviser structure, the mailing of PINs and flags on registration that require students to see their advisers.

Changes continued this year, adding advising Web sites, improved C-TOPS programs, online appointment scheduling, more staff, increased e-mail communication and online class registration.

"It's made for a much smoother operation," Cannon said. "(The new system) gives students a lot more flexibility."

The new advising structure, initiated

for the fall 1999 semester, consists of eight advising teams focusing on different majors. The system is composed of eight full-time advisers, five assistant deans, 32 part-time advisers and three to five peer advisers per team.

In the old system, 42 part-time advisers were individually responsible for roughly 250 students. Now, each team advises between 1,100 and 1,600 students.

Cannon said this year's freshman advising process was going much more smoothly than last year's. "We knew that the first year would present lots of challenges," she said. "(There were) lots of growing pains."

Many students already have taken advantage of this year's initiatives, includ-

ing scheduling appointments online.

"I got an e-mail about (online appointments)," said Alicia Wildfire, a sophomore international studies and history major. "I'll probably use it more if it's available online."

Team 65 Adviser Marilyn Wyrick said online advising allows her to be more prepared for appointments because she knows students' specific concerns from the appointment form.

"(Students) seem to like it OK," she said. "I have had 15 appointments today because of preregistration and the rest of the week looks about the same."

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### Take My Advice

The UNC advising system has seen many changes over the past three semesters. All of the alterations have tried to make the advisers more accessible to students.

**Electronic registration** — Last year was the first time students were able to effectively register online and avoid lengthy phone registration.

**Increased use of e-mail** — Advisers are using e-mail listservs to inform students of advising events and to answer questions.

**Online appointments** — Students can schedule appointments online and avoid waiting in line to make an appointment. Officials say this system is more secure because other students cannot scratch out previous appointments.

**Advising flags/blocks** — These make sure students who need to see their advisers make an appointment because they cannot register without doing so.

**Mailing PINs** — Students are mailed their PINs so they do not have to see their adviser to get it if they are not required to do so.

**C-TOPS programs** — Smaller groups are addressed by full-time advisers, which officials say improves the efficiency of freshman registration.

SOURCE: UNC ACADEMIC ADVISING PROGRAM

## Raleigh Protesters Demand Debt Relief

By FAITH RAY  
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RALEIGH — Off-tune singing, fiery declarations and cardboard protest signs stating "stop the war against the poor" marked a Tuesday rally in downtown Raleigh promoting debt relief for Third World countries.

About 25 activists gathered at the Fayetteville Street Mall to protest the heavy debt that 40 Third World countries are required to pay private banks.

Witness for Peace, a group that promotes human rights issues worldwide, organized the event.

N.C. State University student Jonathan Perry, a Spanish major, said he attended the protest to raise awareness of Latin American countries' debts.

Perry said he wants to help the countries because of his involvement in a study abroad program in Peru.

"I've traveled to Third World countries, and I have seen the atrocious living conditions," Perry said.

The rally also protested the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, groups that protesters say enact policies that burden Third World countries with debt.

Six elderly members of the protest group, the Raging Grannies, wearing straw hats adorned with American flags, joined in the protest, singing, "Go tell the IMF time is running out."

Ruth Zalph, a member of the Raging Grannies, claimed Third World countries are repaying their debts repeatedly due to increasing interest rates.

Zalph said the goals of the World

Bank and the IMF have not been realized. "I think the World Bank and the IMF's purpose to eradicate poverty has done the opposite," she said.

Members of Witness for Peace hope the federal government will pay private banks the remaining debt owed by Third World countries to ease poverty.

"Other developed countries, like Great Britain, have stepped up to their share of the cancellation, but not the United States," said Eric Stanford, a Witness for Peace volunteer.

Stanford said it is time for the U.S. government to relieve the debt of poor Latin American countries marked by a lack of education and substandard living conditions.

Collection baskets at the rally overflowed with relief supplies like Advil and dried beans for the countries.

The rally protesters also signed a letter they will present to Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., requesting Helms to use his influence to abolish the debt.

Helms is chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Stanford said the U.S. government should reallocate funds from fighting the war on drugs to relieve the debt of Third World countries.

He alleged that the Mexican military, operating with the aid of U.S. anti-drug funds, uses force to attempt to swing Mexican elections.

"The military is intimidating local people for their votes," Stanford said. "We're paying for those troops."

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Lori Hoyt (center), Nancy Woods (left) and Carolyn Dorisdorfer (right), members of the Raging Grannies, protest for global economic justice in Raleigh on Tuesday.

## Lot Owner Reimburses 26 Students

Tar Heel Parking owner Gus Mueller paid \$5,200 in settlements to students upset with his services.

By ELIZABETH BREYER  
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Students' legal battles with a local parking service have finally reached an end.

Gus Mueller, owner of Tar Heel Parking, has paid \$5,200 in settlements to students dissatisfied with the services his company provided, said Dorothy Bernholz of Student Legal Services.

"I've settled it — we represented 26 clients," she said. "Two were able to stop payment on their checks, and 24 recovered money. We worked on a very close basis with Gus Mueller."

Mueller said his company has never refunded money in the past and that the refunded parking spots will remain empty. "We thought we would go ahead and refund the money," he said. "We decided not to sell any more spots since the first of September."

Complaints began pouring into Student Legal Services in late August and early September after students purchased \$300 parking passes for an off-campus lot. After visiting the lot, which was advertised by fliers slipped under residence hall doors, many students were dismayed with the condition of the facilities. Rubble from a demolished building littered the property, and students said the 24-hour-a-day lighting and security advertised on the fliers were not present.

Mueller told The Daily Tar Heel in late August that the condition of the facility, which he said was not even the true location of the lot, was not his fault and that he was making efforts to improve its appearance.

He said Tuesday that he has recently covered up the spot where a building was demolished, regraded, planted grass and added lighting.

But many dissatisfied students contacted Tar Heel Parking to get a refund — and found the company unwilling to return their money.

"I called to get a refund, but I couldn't get one," said Heather Castelli, a freshman biology major who purchased a space from Tar Heel Parking. "They offered a sublet, but no one else wanted to buy my space because of the bad publicity around the lot."

Bernholz began negotiations with Mueller on behalf of Castelli and the 25 other students, and settlements acceptable to all parties were finalized by Tuesday. "A lawyer makes demands against a potential defendant when the negotiations begin," Bernholz said. "I am duty-bound to take offers to the client, which they can accept or reject."

Bernholz said she continued the

## Ward Rallies UNC Republicans Town Leaders, Residents To Probe Master Plan

By MONICA CHEN  
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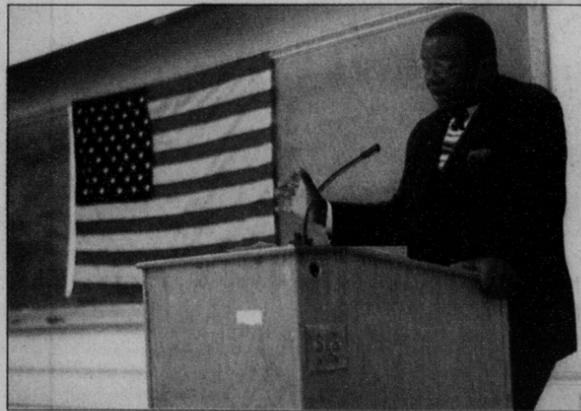
Republican congressional candidate Jess Ward spoke about cutting taxes and including more minorities in the party at a College Republicans meeting Tuesday night.

Ward, who is running against incumbent Democrat David Price for the 4th District Congressional seat, which includes Orange County, said the federal government plays too large a role in local communities. "Less government intervention is the way to go," he said.

This fall's elections, including Ward's race against Price, have the potential to shift partisan power. The Democrats need to win six seats from Republicans to claim a majority in the U.S. House.

Ward, a Cary Town Council member, has denounced Price's vote against eliminating the estate tax and the marriage tax penalty in the past.

Ward is calling for a tax cut, citing a statistic that ranks North Carolina as 43rd among states in the ratio of the



Jess Ward, GOP candidate for the 4th District, tells College Republicans on Tuesday that he will send Democratic incumbent David Price packing.

money it sends to Washington and the amount its given back. "I feel like the citizens deserve some money back," he said. "We have a \$4.6 trillion surplus. But David Price seems to think that the government is better able to solve your

problems than you are." Ward also emphasized reaching out to the black community. "We don't ask (blacks), so they don't come," he said.

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By MATT MANSFIELD  
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Chapel Hill residents can share their thoughts about UNC's plan for future growth with University officials at a public forum tonight at Town Hall.

The forum will give Town Council members a chance to learn the details of the UNC Master Plan and to determine whether the University could alter it to relieve neighbors' concerns.

The Master Plan, a blueprint for campus growth, has raised residents' concerns that the University's boundaries will push into the town limits.

Without the town's authority, the University cannot carry out the Master Plan.

"We need to work jointly with the town to accomplish the plan because it controls zoning regulations," said Linda Convisser, UNC project manager of the Master Plan.

She will join Chancellor James Moeser and other UNC officials to present the plan and answer questions.

The plan calls for the construction of large-scale research facilities and two parking decks that would be adjacent to several neighborhoods.

In addition to being so near the neighborhoods, several residents are worried that the new parking decks will create considerable traffic congestion in the nearby areas.

"The neighbors have developed a number of questions regarding the plan," Town Council member Joyce Brown said. "(And) the town's comprehensive plan includes protecting neighbors."

Brown, who shares residents' concerns, said she also has a personal interest in holding the forum.

"I am part of the neighborhood which is just a block from the proposed parking deck," she said.

"I put forth the resolution for holding a public forum."

Residents' negative responses to the plan has prompted its planners to alter

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He had only one vanity: he thought he could give advice better than (anyone).

Mark Twain