

**Campus Calendar**

**Today**

10 a.m. - Circle K will be collecting new, unwrapped toys in the Pit for **Toys for Tots**. Make the holidays happier for a child in need.

12:30 p.m. - Learn how to **manage your finances** by attending the **Financial Workshop** in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

3:30 p.m. - The UNC Institute on Aging and the N.C. Division on Aging will co-sponsor **"The Future of the Long-Term Care Work Force: 'It's Not Just the Economy, Stupid!'"**

The speech will take place in the ballroom of the Friday Center.

5 p.m. - Why were blacks not allowed the right to vote?

Join the UNC chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for **"Bamboozled: A Discussion of the NAACP Vote Hearings"** in Union 211.

7 p.m. - **"Night of the Divas!"** a concert to benefit the **Orange County Rape Crisis Center**, will take place in the Great Hall of the Student Union. Tickets are \$3.

7 p.m. - Want to **volunteer and have fun?**

Come to a holiday dance with

**Carolina Campus Civitan** in the Union Cabaret for members of ARC, an organization for mentally retarded citizens.

There will be food, prizes and fun - so come dance the night away!

**Friday**

6:15 p.m. - **N.C. Hillel** is hosting an **Interfaith Shabbat!**

Learn about another faith's sabbath tradition (or more about your own). The service starts at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to shoshana@ncillel.org.

The event will take place at 210 W. Cameron St., behind Granville Towers. For more information, contact dfchap@email.unc.edu.

7:30 p.m. - Come chill out with the **Upperclassmen Council of the Black Student Movement** as we go ice skating at the Triangle SportsPlex in Hillsborough.

Pay \$7 in the Pit Tuesday through Thursday to reserve your spot! Contact Tracy at rolile@email.unc.edu or Tiffany at tmrichar@email.unc.edu.

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**THOMPSON**

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some dry storage at its other plants, it refuses to use the safer alternative at Shearon Harris because of cost.

"The only logical explanation I can see (for using high-density storage rods) is it's the cheapest option," he said. "Dry storage is cheaper, but pools existed and cooling equipment exists, so it's only the capital cost that is higher. The true increment of cost is hard to determine from our position because a company like CP&L could strike bargains."

Thompson's analysis demonstrates that the probability of an accident occurring at Shearon Harris over the next 30 years is one in 2,000.

But residents feel that number poses too great a risk for their health and safety.

"We think it's a mistake to expand those fuel pools out at Shearon Harris," said Jerry Drake, a retired physician from Chapel Hill and member of the Physicians for Social Responsibility in the Triangle. "The main thing we have to do is quit producing this stuff," he said. "We have to use energy efficiency, we just scratched the surface on that."

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**BOND**

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"We are touching 21 percent of academic buildings with significant renovations," Rutherford said.

Availability of funding determines when the upgrades begin. The sooner funds are appropriated to each project, the sooner construction can get into gear.

Rutherford said the bond legislation itself specified a cash flow over six years, and UNC's Facilities Planning Department had to develop a schedule to see if the availability of funds matched the proposed schedule for the renovation of these buildings.

"All projects are important, but it is a matter of scheduling, not priority," Rutherford said.

The construction process begins with a committee composed of a project manager and faculty members of targeted buildings which solicits proposals from engineers and meets with several firms.

Three firms are then chosen based on qualifications and are submitted to the Board of Trustees in preferred order. But the contractors are publicly bid, and the board is obliged to take the lowest bidder.

Rutherford said expectations and expenses influence the process.

"The designer selection is quality based, but the contractor selection is a monetary-based system."

**Roadblocks to Retrofitting**

Rutherford said conditions on campus will be "uncomfortable" during all of the retrofitting projects.

Students and faculty will face inconveniences such as classroom changes and blocked-off construction zones that will begin in 2002 and could span eight years.

Rutherford said the key will be to establish effective communication between faculty and students. A Web site currently in the works will map out proposed project dates and inform students of the changes and specific renovations.

But Rutherford said two-way communication between faculty and contractors is necessary to avoid campus conflicts.

Although the construction projects will pose obstacles to students making their way around campus, Rutherford and Wu said such construction areas will be roped off for safety reasons. "The construction staging areas are there to protect the public and provide construction with a safe way to renovate the site," Wu said.

Rutherford said the Pedestrian Safety Committee is active in figuring out the best way for students to navigate around these areas. Wu also said many issues arise in

efforts to balance the impacts of construction, such as parking and utilities.

Because rewiring sometimes involves underground work, parking problems might result if designated lots are blocked off during construction.

Wu said Faculty Chairwoman Sue Estroff is working to diminish future parking problems that likely will result when parts of campus are blocked off for the construction.

And the Facilities Planning Department now faces the problem of constructing new buildings to house students while necessary renovations are being made.

Wu said new buildings will be constructed before retrofitting can get under way to accommodate students that will be relocated during renovations.

"One project is contingent on another," she said.

**On the Right Track**

Although these proposed renovations are still in their infant stages, officials have set ambitious goals for capital improvements.

Even with some lingering questions, Wu is optimistic about plans already in the works.

"This is the first time we have been able to map out a capital plan - it will have a huge impact."

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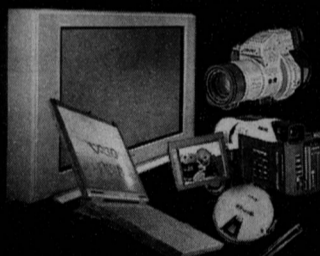
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