

CAA Examines Ticket Distribution

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JULY 12 - Carolina Athletic Association President Reid Chaney has been working this summer to keep his campaign promise to improve basketball ticket distribution policy.

One of Chaney's platform goals in last year's campaign was to relocate distributions from the Dean Smith Center to a more accessible place, like the Pit.

But due to limited space and a large student body, Chaney and his administration decided to revise their original plan. "We're looking at Kenan Stadium," Chaney said. "We don't know if we can use Kenan because it's used as a parking lot throughout the year."

Chaney said UNC ONE Cards will also play a new role in the process.

"We've been in touch with Mike Freeman with UNC One Cards, looking at a way to scan One Cards for distribution," he said. "The scanner is what a lot of the students wanted, so we're working really hard."

When a student's One Card is scanned, the student will receive one numbered bracelet. Chaney said he hopes the One Card scans will both diminish future problems and dispel accusations of cheating the system, which the CAA has faced in the past.

"We'll be able to scan your card and know if it's been denied or not," Chaney said. "It's a way to filter people in and out."

Current One Card provisions come into play as a result of a bill passed last year by Student Congress. The new rule places careful watch on CAA ticket

activity in the wake of allegations that the group provided privileged treatment to cabinet members and other groups in the distribution process.

Basketball ticket distribution, however, is not the only thing CAA officials are trying to improve upon for the upcoming year. Mike Kuhn, director of CAA ticket distribution, said that other athletic and student needs are also being examined.

"We're still debating some other changes in riser format and in making the lottery pool more public," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said that changes should be ready by this basketball season.

"Sometime in August or September, [the CAA] will be posting an ad revealing the new plans," Kuhn said.

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remains, Ackland security members carried American and Tibetan flags as well as the mandala's remains.

While the gesture seemed more political than spiritual, Matilisky said part of the reason the monks have showcased the mandala's creation and dismantling was because many Tibetan monks were cast out of their home country due to Tibet's tenuous political situation. She added that the ceremony helps educate the American public about Tibet as well as provide the area a cultural event.

After the mile walk from the Ackland, Thutop and Deshek launched into a new series of chants at Bolin Creek. Deshek then poured the sand into the water and finished the ceremony by dropping rose petals onto the water's surface.

It was a moving experience for the vast majority of the attendees.

"It's almost hard to talk about it because (the ceremony is) so much about emotion," said Carrboro resident Lorraine Lewis.

"Underneath it all there was some kind of wholeness."

Elaine Hodge, who traveled from Greensboro for ceremony with mem-

bers of her family, echoed Lewis' sentiments.

"It was very beautiful, I would actually say profoundly moving," she said. "(The ceremony is) a reminder of the impermanence of life."

With nothing left to say, Hodge, Lewis and the remainder of the crowd dispersed as the mandala's remains spreader further into Bolin Creek.

As everyone walked away, the pale pink dust and scattered rose petals were the only evidence the mandala ever existed.

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lighted areas, and avoid walking alone."

But McCracken said it is still important to remember to be safe.

"People should always be careful," he said. "Use good judgment, trust your instincts and make use of the things that are provided by the University for safety, such as public transportation and lighting. Most importantly, don't walk alone at night."

For many students, this assault is reminiscent of the "BOLO" assaults that took place in August 1999. One of the two assaults committed by Jesus

Alvarez-Ramos also occurred near the Coker Arboretum.

Alvarez-Ramos was eventually arrested as a result of a composite sketch issued by police.

University officials are committed to keeping the campus as safe as possible.

"(This assault) is appalling," said Provost Robert Shelton. "We have to do everything we can to assure that we have the highest level of security on campus."

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business with a company when a university trustee, a board of governors member or a high-level official has "a significant material interest" in the company, unless it is through a competitive bid. "The previous policy was not nearly as comprehensive," BOG spokeswoman Joni Worthington said.

"It was much shorter and provided only general guidance about sorts of activities that should be avoided."

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BCC

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have a very important task ahead of you."

Named after late UNC Professor Sonja H. Stone, whose ideals it seeks to uphold, the BCC has offered scholarly, cultural and social programs that further the understanding of African and African-American issues since 1988.

In April, University administrators, officials, students and families gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new, free-standing BCC building. The groundbreaking ended a long, sometimes controversial struggle, and fulfilled one of the BCC's longtime objectives.

The center, currently situated in the Student Union, is scheduled to move into the \$9 million dollar building in 2003.

Jordan said the free-standing center would be a positive move for the BCC.

"In the symbolic sense, (the free-standing BCC) honors a very, very revered teacher and scholar," Jordan said. "And hopefully (it) will inspire similar accomplishment on the part of students and other faculty and staff."

"On the other hand, it offers something very practical, a place with serious cultural work and intellectual inquiry," he added.

BCC Information and Communications Specialist Lorie Clark said the staff at the center is dedicated to Stone's mission, and is creating a space that would enhance academic and intellectual dialogue to highlight the African American experience.

"For students of color, it is a place they can be proud of," she said. "It is (the University's) goal to be the premier academic and cultural institution in the Southeast region."

Student Body President Justin Young said the appointment of a permanent BCC director will be a great step for-

ward for the center and the University.

"I anticipate a great year for the BCC," he said.

Young said he interviewed some of the 30 finalists for the position. "Selection criteria were for individuals that were outgoing, their understanding of the BCC and their vision of what the BCC could be."

He said he hopes that the new director will shed new light on what the BCC can mean to the University community, and that Jordan will remain true to the center's established traditions and ideology.

He said the center will benefit the entire University by organizing events such as lectures, exhibitions and performances that will bring students from all cultural backgrounds together.

"I think it proves to be a very educational center," Young said. "It's a place for all students, not just black students."

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