

## Columnist Draws From Summer Job

I woke up in my dorm room this morning feeling slightly dazed. Not that I wasn't expecting to wake up here - I mean, I had gone to sleep here, after all, so I would have been mildly surprised to wake up anywhere else.

But waking up on that familiar scratchy mattress (I had forgotten to pack sheets again) really brought it home to me: I'm back.

Man! It seems like summer vacation went by in just a couple weeks!

This might be because, for me anyway, it did. I spent most of the summer right here in Chapel Hill, taking summer school and acting as University editor for the summer edition of The Daily Tar Heel.

Forgive me for not introducing myself right away. I'm a junior philosophy and international studies double major from Duck, N.C., and I'll be your University news columnist this semester, every Monday - starting next week - right here on page three of the DTH. I've been working on the paper since I first came to Carolina, culminating, as I just mentioned, in a stint as University editor.

It was a wild summer, friends. True, every week when deadline approached I came closer and closer to going insane. True, I barely had time to get a sunburn and cajole some money out of my parents before turning the car around and heading back to Chapel Hill. Still, I'd do it all over again in a minute.

One summer with the DTH taught me a lot. I got to see the University and the town of Chapel Hill go head-to-head on rezoning the campus to allow for Master Plan construction. But I'm not going to talk much about the Master Plan here, partly because there's just too much to say, partly because most of it's already been said.

Another topic that will show up a lot on these pages is a potential tuition increase on top of a 4 percent increase recommended by the Board of Governors last semester. There are two proposals under consideration by the state legislature as it works to pound out a budget. Student anti-tuition-increase campaigns have been in full swing. While legislators work to balance an unusually tight budget, the weeks ahead will determine whether both sides can reach a compromise on tuition that will be fair for the state's taxpayers, for UNC students and for the University itself.

The past summer also brought the University a new Black Cultural Center director and a new vice chancellor for research. Welcome to Chapel Hill, Joseph Jordan and Tony Waldrop.

Then there was the student who was assaulted on campus near the end of the summer. Campus police took the opportunity to remind students of the importance of using common sense - not walking alone at night, staying on lighted paths and other such gems of public safety wisdom.

Police told the campus community that UNC is a fairly safe place to live, work and learn and that as long as you remember to keep doors locked you are rest easy. All this is true, of course. At the same time, last month's assault took place on a well-lit stretch of Raleigh Road where students walk alone without incident all the time.

No matter how many lampposts and officers the campus boasts, when this many people are gathered together there will be a little bit of crime. As it is, there is very little here - the Department of Public Safety does its job well.

So while of course it makes sense to follow their safety advice, at the same time it makes just as much sense to remember that if you do have somewhere to be in the wee hours that isn't directly accessible by crowded and well-lit paths, a simple walk shouldn't be a cause for too much alarm.

I'm not saying you can leave your laptop on the stone wall by Raleigh Road overnight and expect it to be there the morning. Just don't hide in your room when the sun goes down either.

These are the sorts of issues I hope to explore with you here every week. My column is a perfect place to examine in depth some of the stories that make our University such an exciting place to be. Feel free to send me suggestions, feedback, basketball tickets or whatever you like.

Here's to the beginning of our relationship, dear reader. I for one am looking forward to every minute of it. And now, if you'll excuse me, I need to go buy some bedsheets.

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## Town to Look at Development

UNC's Development Plan, which specifies how construction will be managed, is under review by the Chapel Hill Planning Board.

By KELLIE DIXON  
City Editor

UNC officials, pleased that the town rezoned portions of campus this summer, now have their fingers crossed that the Development Plan will also be accepted, paving the way for construction to begin.

Since the Chapel Hill Town Council's July 2

approval of a new zone for parts of campus, UNC has moved onto the Development Plan, which details more specifically than the Master Plan how construction will be managed.

The Development Plan covers the first eight years of the Master Plan's 50-year blueprint for campus growth.

Tonight, University officials will present the Chapel Hill Planning Board with answers to questions raised by town officials about the Development Plan.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

To move forward on the Development Plan, the town had to put the University in a new zoning district, called Office/Institutional-4.

Previously UNC was zoned as Office/Institutional-3 - a designation that carried with it a 14 million square foot cap.

The Master Plan would have caused UNC to exceed the cap, making rezoning necessary to begin construction.

"There's a lot of details that people are still asking for, and there's a lot of questions that the planning board will have, and we hope to get those answered," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facility services.

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the new zone will allow UNC to proceed with a significant part of its Master Plan.

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Donald Sizemore, (from left) Jason Moore and Simon Spero relax with coffee and wireless laptops.

## Wireless Network To Include More Of UNC Campus

Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Marian Moore thinks that UNC's campus could be completely wireless in five years.

By ROB LEICHER  
Staff Writer

Ethernet cables, desktop computers and even disk drives might become obsolete on campus as wireless Internet technology spreads throughout the University.

Wireless zones recently have been extended to cover campus and Franklin Street, and wireless Internet access cards will be sold this year in the RAM Shop for the first time.

The RAM Shop's \$150 sticker price is cheaper than what most other retail stores might charge for similar technology.

The cards can be installed by students themselves, but next year wireless Internet access cards will be standard equipment on all laptops purchased through the Carolina Computing Initiative.

Marian Moore, vice chancellor for information technology, said wireless technology will improve the quality of computing on campus. "If you need a computer for course work, you need access to that computer 24 hours a day," Moore said. "Your office includes the classroom, dorm, coffee shop and Lenoir."

Beginning with last year's incoming class, each freshman is required to purchase a laptop computer in accordance with CCI. The program, envisioned by the late Chancellor Michael Hooker, aims to enhance education by keeping the University technologically competitive while reducing costs, Moore said.

The integration of wireless Internet connections began last year when access boxes were installed in the Pit and some classrooms, allowing laptop users with wireless cards to log on. Students could borrow the cards, which connect to laptops and receive radio waves from the access boxes, from various places on campus.

This year, access boxes have been placed to serve more of the campus, including almost every classroom building and parts of

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## BOUNCIN' 'ROUND THE ROOM



Jessica Folmar (front) and Amber Turner catch their breath after jumping and giggling in the moonwalk at Fall Fest 2001. Folmar and Turner, freshmen at UNC, got their first introduction to Carolina life Sunday night at the festivities. Fall Fest was an opportunity for first-year students to meet other students and find out more about campus activities such as club sports.

## Freshman Class Largest in University History

Composed of almost 3,650 students, this year's class of freshmen boasts the highest average SAT score ever.

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI  
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They're bigger, smarter and more diverse - they're freshmen.

This year's freshman class is the largest in UNC's history, with a total enrollment of almost 3,650 students.

It also has the distinction of producing the highest average SAT score and an increase in minority student enrollment.

"This was the first year that we were participating in the enrollment growth anticipated by the university system in the state," said Jerome Lucido, associate provost and director of undergraduate admissions.

The University accepted 6,341 of the 16,707 students who applied for admission, but Lucido said the admissions office had anticipated only having about 3,500 freshmen choose to attend

UNC. "Because of the popularity of Carolina and stronger recruiting and because of an economy that had parents looking at the bottom line, we had a very high yield rate," Lucido said.

These factors also gave the admissions office a larger pool of applicants to choose from, allowing officials to be more selective.

The average SAT score for this year's freshman class is estimated to be 1256, five points higher than any of the previous freshman classes.

"For three consecutive years, we've

had an applicant pool that was the strongest," Lucido said.

"I don't know if we can keep it up, but I hope we can."

Elizabeth Sonntag, a freshman from Cary, said she thinks it's a little intimidating to be part of UNC's smartest class.

"It makes me pretty nervous," she said. "I'm nervous I won't excel as much and that I won't stand out as much as in high school."

The proportion of enrolled minority students also has increased with this year's freshman class - a conscious

decision on the part of the admissions office.

"We've been interested in increasing the presence of minority students for a number of years," Lucido said.

He said the admissions office engaged a joint recruitment program with the Office of Minority Affairs to attract minority students who would be successful at UNC.

These efforts brought the percentage of black freshmen up to 12 percent, a move that freshman Lakeshia

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## Basketball Ticket Plan Aims to Curb Cheating

By LIZZIE BREYER  
University Editor

The new administration of the Carolina Athletic Association has announced a revamped policy for men's basketball ticket distribution.

CAA officials say the new plan aims to make it more difficult to cheat the system and to enable more students to sit in riser seats.

"The new plan is about halfway different," said CAA President Reid Chaney. "It's looking pretty good, and I think students will like it."

Under the new plan, bracelets will be handed out at Gate 5, the student entrance to Kenan Stadium, from Tuesday evening to Thursday evening.

When a student picks up a bracelet, a CAA representative will swipe the student's UNC ONE Card. A record will be made in the computer, and if the same card is swiped again, it will be rejected.

"The software allows us to track each student and make sure they only swipe their card one time," said Mike Freeman, director of card services. "It's got what we call an anti-pass back feature."

A member of CAA will announce the

first number in the distribution at noon on Fridays in the Pit.

"We will use a bingo-style thing and have students reach in and physically pick out the numbers," said Mike Kuhn, CAA director of ticket distributions. "It takes all the selection out of our hands and puts it into the hands of the student body so there can be no allegations of cheating."

Chaney said the new plan is an improvement from handing out bracelets at the Smith Center, as was done in the past.

And Freeman said since Kenan Stadium is already configured for ONE Cards, handing out bracelets should proceed smoothly.

The actual distribution on Saturday morning will proceed in the same way as it did last year, with the only change being a new method of assigning riser tickets.

In the past, a separate number was drawn for the beginning of the riser seats. Under the new plan, the same number is used to begin both distributions.

Each student qualifying for riser seats will only get riser seats to one of the three games in the distribution and will get lower-level seats to the other two games. Last year, students were given riser seats for all the games in a distribution.

"This way, it allows three times as

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## Changing It Up

Eleven new businesses will be calling Franklin Street home this year. Here is a sampling of the Chapel Hill's newest hot spots.



## New Flavors, Faces Hit Town

By KATHLEEN WIRTH  
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Chapel Hill residents have 11 new reasons to be excited.

Since April, 11 restaurants and shops have opened or have been slated to open for business, with the latest addition being Campenella's

Cafe and Art Gallery located at 416 W. Franklin St. The gallery/coffee shop hybrid opened Friday after about 2 1/2 months of demolition, remodeling and decora-

tion for the 1,200 square foot location. "I started from scratch and basically demolished and redid everything myself," Campenella said.

Robert Humphreys, director of the Downtown Commission, said downtown is making a welcome return to the way business used to run.

"You can see approximately 80 percent of the stores are independent," Humphreys said. "This is what downtown has and always will be."

### In Business

■ Alexis Custom Workshop and Furniture, 400 W. Rosemary St.

A former tattoo parlor, now painted purple with fairies, this furniture shop

boasts creative furnishings, upholstery, slippers and custom window treatments.

"If you're trying to do anything in the home, you don't need to go anywhere else," owner Alexis Wright said.

■ California Pizza Cafe, 201 E. Franklin St.

Backed by the experience of manager Michele Rizzo, a native Italian from Sicily, the cafe offers authentic Italian cuisine including individual pizza pies, pastas and desserts paired up with a full-service espresso bar.

"If you want something fast, you can come here and everything will be ready

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