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## Wachovia Accounts Link to UNC ONE Cards

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON  
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Students with a Wachovia checking account linked to their UNC ONE Cards now have a new way to transfer funds to their University expense accounts.

ONE Card officials activated a new feature on Wachovia-linked cards this week, allowing students to transfer funds directly from their checking accounts to their ONE Card accounts.

The transaction can be made 24 hours a day from any touch tone phone, but money cannot be transferred from a ONE Card account to a checking account.

The feature was gradually activated last

week, and officials identified student use almost immediately. Greg Horn, a senior environmental studies and Spanish major, said he wasn't familiar with the new ONE Card option but that he could see how it would be useful to him. "That's something I would be interested in," Horn said.

The new feature is only the latest in a series of updates to ONE Cards. On July 1, 1999, UNC entered into a contract with Wachovia that allowed students to link ONE Cards to Wachovia checking accounts. The cards also function as ATM cards in addition to their standard features.

Mike Freeman, director of Card Services, said introduction of the linked cards was delayed until fall 2000 due to

problems with software development.

But by May, 25 percent of students had linked their ONE Cards to a checking account, said Jim Clinton, UNC ONE Card office manager.

Clinton said the majority of students utilizing this option are undergraduates because they received the Wachovia cards as incoming freshmen.

Upperclassmen who have the old version of the ONE Card need to get a new one before they can link it to a Wachovia checking account. Clinton said students can have the new cards made free of charge in the ONE Card Office. He said upperclassmen will continue to change over to the new cards and take advantage

of the linked account.

Freeman said interest in linking ONE Cards with checking accounts was sparked by students about four years ago. Student representatives were included on the committees that implemented the program during the next few years.

The next scheduled upgrade will turn the linked ONE Cards into Visa debit cards. Clinton said he hopes this improvement will occur by Jan. 1, 2002. These cards will be accepted at all retail locations that take debit cards.

Unlike debit cards requested from a bank, which must be mailed to the consumer, these debit cards will be immediately available in the ONE Card office.

Eventually, officials hope to be able to activate the cards over the Internet from the ONE Card office.

Clinton said having the technology to create the cards on campus provides the additional benefit of allowing students to replace a lost or stolen card immediately.

But making blank debit cards in the ONE Card office raises certain security concerns, Clinton said. "Visa has interviewed for security pretty intensely," he said. "Visa will provide security cameras, safes will be in place to make it secure, and we'll have our own internal procedures."

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## My UNC To Debut Next Year

Administrators from various UNC departments created My UNC to combine aspects of several different sites.

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI  
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In the near future, freshman Lawrence Orr will wake up in the morning, flip open his laptop, log in and have the University at his fingertips.

When My UNC, a new student portal, goes live sometime in the next year, Orr will be able to go to one Web site and get the latest campus news, weather reports, movie listings and dining hall menus.

Orr will also have access to bulletins from his major and even a live Web cam that will allow him to catch a glimpse of the Pit.

"It would be more convenient than having to skip from place to place," Orr said. "It really shows how much technology moves today."

The University currently has a number of different portals - sites with individualized Web content - including Student Central and Blackboard, an educational site. But there is no Web site that brings an array of features together with daily content like entertainment options and stock reports.

"Student Central is limited just to administrative information," said Lori Casile, assistant to the vice chancellor for Information Technology Services. "It doesn't include all the information like My Yahoo!"

So when the Registrar's Office was collecting feedback last year to redesign Student Central, administrators decided to collaborate and create My UNC, a one-stop site for almost all University-related needs.

The development of My UNC started last December with the formation of a portal steering committee. In February, the committee started collecting feedback from student focus groups about what they would like to see on the site.

"They were saying, 'I go to Student Central when I register, but not on a day-to-day basis,'" Casile said. "They want to know what movies are playing and daily features."

My UNC, which is still in the design phase, will likely have a tab system with such titles as "My Academics," "My Housing" and "My Finances."

In addition to the tabs, the user will eventually be able to customize the windows that drop into the main page.

But Casile warned that when My UNC goes live, it will be relatively standard and static. "In early versions there will be very limited customization," she said. "A lot of that will improve over time."

Casile said she hopes testing on the site will begin this semester, when a limited number of students will be instructed to visit the site every day and provide feedback.

But the date My UNC will be available to all UNC students and faculty members is still in question, mostly because of state budgetary concerns.

Some project coordinators are worried that budget cuts might divert attention from developing the new portal.

In the meantime, Casile said she and other officials will continue working out the kinks, such as how to determine the identity of the user and how to get the rest of the UNC departments to utilize the Web site.

"We have to find how to get the rest of the University to buy in instead of them creating their own portal," Casile said. "It will be a huge part of the University's Web presence."

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## Public Housing Complex Suffers Damage in Fire

No injuries were reported as a result of the Friday night blaze, but the fire reportedly caused \$60,000 worth of damage at the site.

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A yellow-and-white mop leans against the door frame of 7-A Martin Luther King Jr. St., and the front lawn is neatly trimmed.

From the street, the public housing complex appears normal.

But that was not the case Friday night when Chapel Hill Fire Department officials responded to a fire that caused \$50,000 worth of damage to the residence and forced its residents to find another place to stay.

Yellow fire tape completes the setting and fences in the manicured lawn where the one-story public housing complex sits and where the smell of a partially charred building still permeates the air.

At 10:02 p.m. Friday night, the fire department dispatched three trucks to the reported structure fire.

When fire department officials arrived, they found smoke coming from the building.

Officials also discovered a small fire in the bedroom, which was reportedly extinguished quickly.

The extent of the damage to the interior or exterior of the building has yet to be finalized.

No injuries, either to residents or fire personnel, were reported.

The residents found shelter with friends, officials reported Friday.

Neighbors say the residents, a 28-year-old Tar Heel Temp employee and her two children - one boy and one girl - had lived at the home for more than four years.

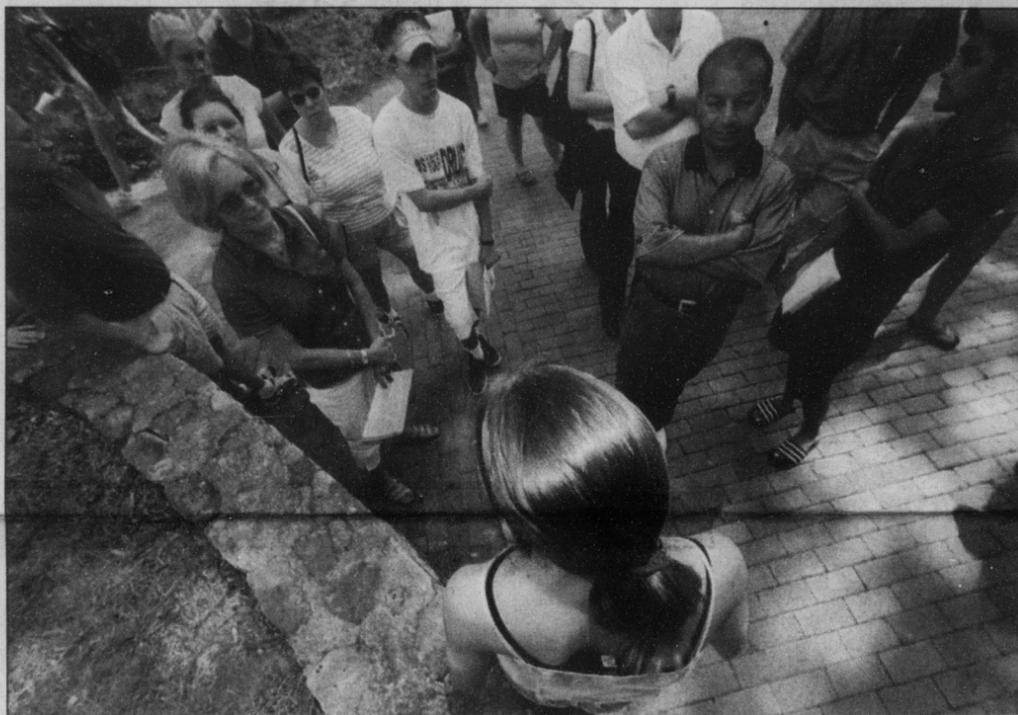
The woman, who neighbors also say worked as a hairdresser, had plans to open a day care center from her residence.

She could not be reached for comment Monday.

Chapel Hill police and Orange County Emergency Medical Service assisted the fire department with the late-night call.

Assistant Fire Marshall Rodney Watson is investigating the cause of the fire and could not be reached Monday for comment.

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Tour guide Corrie MacLaggan, a senior majoring in Spanish and journalism, leads a group of prospective students and their parents through Polk Place. The tour began at Jackson Hall and finished at the Morehead Planetarium.

## Guiding First Impressions

By SARAH SANDERS  
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Walking backward from the shade of Jackson Hall, senior Corrie MacLaggan leads a group of 10 potential UNC applicants, parents in tow, into the afternoon heat.

Squinting at the sun, everyone listens as she explains the building was named for the University's first tenured black professor.

MacLaggan has accumulated many such facts during her two years as a campus tour guide.

The admissions office is currently accepting applications for more than 100 open spots among the corps of students, like MacLaggan, responsible for introducing visitors to

University facilities and sharing interesting bits of trivia.

MacLaggan, a journalism and Spanish major from Austin, Texas, said she decided to volunteer for the position because she is fascinated with the history of the campus and is eager to share her school spirit with prospective students.

"People always ask me why I came to UNC, since I'm from Texas," she said. "Honestly, I just loved the campus visit, and I want to give others the same experience."

Tours entail more than a trek through the quad, a peek inside Lenoir and a drink from the Old Well. Guides also offer pertinent information about safety, housing and academe-

tics, as well as personal college experiences.

Between an introduction to Davis Library and an explanation of meal plan options, MacLaggan tells her tour groups about her involvement in campus organizations.

Jerry Lucido, director of Undergraduate Admissions, said it is individual exchanges that make tours different than simply browsing a school's Web site or reading the undergraduate bulletin. "Students are best at expressing the attributes of Carolina."

Lucido also said tour guides are an integral part of the admissions process because they provide applicants with their initial view of a

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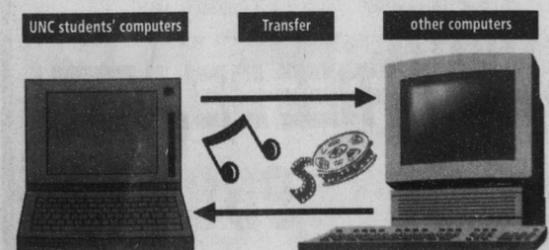
## Congested Connections

File-sharing applications such as Gnutella and Morpheus allow users to download and share not only mp3

files but larger files such as movies. Because these programs use a larger amount of bandwidth, severe

network backup results when many students use the campus Internet connection to exchange certain files,

limiting the accessibility of other academic Web resources.



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## Rate Limits Placed on File Sharing

By DANIEL THIGPEN  
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Students using two popular file-sharing applications will now have to be patient when downloading bulky files on campus.

In continuing efforts to keep up with the growing demand for campus Internet resources, Academic Technology & Networks officials are instituting a network rate-limiting policy to balance Internet traffic.

The policy targets two specific file-sharing programs - Morpheus and Gnutella - that bog down campus network space when many students use them at once. The programs allow users to download and share large entertainment files via the campus network.

Rate-limiting technology attempts to

balance Internet resources on the campus network by limiting the amount of traffic particular programs can utilize. People using file-sharing applications might experience slower downloads as a result of the technology.

According to an e-mail sent to support technicians by ATN Computing Policy Director Jeanne Smythe and Networking and Communications Director Jim Gogan, officials have been experimenting with rate-limiting technology since the end of August. "This action was taken to ... ensure appropriate bandwidth for those applications that are critical to the education and research mission of the University," the e-mail stated.

The traffic from students in South Campus residence halls using the two file-sharing applications took up about

65 percent of the campus network resources, according to the e-mail.

Smythe said that during the past week, numerous students complained about not being able to access Web pages they needed for academic purposes. ATN attributed the problems to severe network congestion.

Technicians have been trying to combat the problem by updating Internet bandwidth, an effort which costs between \$650,000 and \$1 million a year. "I would say bandwidth has been upgraded a couple of times a year for the past six years," Gogan said.

But Gogan said the need to upgrade has increased as network technology has advanced. The need has been attributed

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We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

Oscar Wilde