#### TRANSPORTATION

demand," meaning that 24 hours a day a van is set to be dispatched to pick up any student properly registered to use

For Rebecca Williford, a junior political science and religious studies major who uses a battery-powered scooter, the P2P direct service has met her transportation needs. "I never really need to use the buses because the P2P is 'on demand," she said. She has used the service since

she was told about it her freshman year. But disabled students might have to wait when they call the P2P. Because of budget cuts from the legislature, the service is running on a shoestring budget.

"The budget cutbacks have hurt us verely," said Brian Ambrose, manager

We have the bare minimum of people we need to operate," he said, mentioning that only one of the 10 drivers he employs can schedule to take off per day.

Our schedule leaves no room for error," he said. The P2P usually has three drivers

working at any given time during the day and averages 300 calls and rides given per month, Ambrose said. But even with the number of drivers

working every hour of the day, a wait could be inevitable. "At this time we're giving the best service we can," he said. "I can give you any service if you give me the money."

Disabled students have options to get around campus, but sometimes it's gaining access to buildings that causes problems. Some buildings on campus, like the Steele and South buildings, do not have elevators, leaving them unaccessi-

ble to students who use wheelchairs. However, Chavis and Williford say that the Department of Disability Services makes a point to work with the students. "I have had some classes moved because the building they were in wasn't handicapped accessible, Chavis said.

"I'll call my adviser from the basement of Steele Building, and he'll meet me. But if I wanted to go to his office, I couldn't.'

Some of the same difficulties arise during Chavis' classes. While she has access to her classroom buildings, she might not get a good seat. "The steps in Greenlaw 101 are a problem," she said. "I always have to sit in the back of the class. I can't get to the front because of the stairs. Even if I wanted to sit in the front, I couldn't."

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eral more years. "This is an interesting phenomenon, because this is a prelude to the next four to five years on campus,

with the bond money In November, N.C. voters approved a \$3.1 billion bond referendum to fund capital improvements in the UNC system. UNC-Chapel Hill received \$499

million for renovation and construction. Kessler said he has been working to help disabled students navigate their ways through the construction.

Iredale also said every time she's spoken with construction workers, they have been helpful – they even bought a rub-ber mat and nailed it to the sidewalk so she could feel the new place where she's supposed to cross the street because the crosswalk is blocked. "The construction workers are very nice," Iredale said.

But the solution wasn't perfect,

Iredale said, because she is still crossing where there is no crosswalk.

"(Inka) doesn't like to do that, because she was trained not to." Iredale also said the construction noise masks the sound of traffic, which can be dangerous for her.

Kessler said when he spoke to the construction workers about the needs of disabled students, he found out no one had ever brought up the students' special concerns to the workers before. "This is the educational moment that we need to have with the people in construction," he said. "I don't know if we, the University, have had these moments of communication with them - and this is a good time.'

essler said the most important step is to let disabled students know about construction ahead of time so they can plan alternate routes.

But Iredale said the e-mails can't keep up with the pace of the construction.
"They'll e-mail a schedule saying the construction will start in two weeks, but then they'll start the next week," she said.

Kessler also said it is important to explain the construction. "I don't think people mind being inconvenienced – as long as they know why," he said. Freshman Susan Doyle from

Greensboro, who is wearing a leg brace for six weeks because of a dislocated knee, agreed the construction was caus-

ing problems for all students, not just her.
But she said blocked-off ramps have especially caused her trouble. "I do have to go on the stairs more - ramps are eas-

ier; going down stairs takes longer. Everyone has been very helpful, Iredale said, but she still has coped with construction problems almost every day. The people aren't horrible and evil but the process is horrible and evil."

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# **Become BOG Goal**

By JULIA LAMM

The UNC system's priorities might soon be affected by the growing push for improved global relations.

The Board of Governors is discussing adding to the UNC system's strategic goals a planning priority that would focus on internationalization and comcations across cultures

The new priority is intended to stress the importance of understanding aspects of the international community

Gretchen Bataille, UNC-system vice president of academic affairs, said the strategic priority will be added to the system's initiatives for the next five-year cycle, which starts in 2002.

Bataille said the other priorities include expanding access to the University, strengthening UNC-Chapel Hill's support of public schools, adapting to the information age and building partnerships across the different sectors of education, government and business.
All 16 UNC-system campuses will

implement new programs if the policy is approved by the BOG. "It's an emphasis on learning in a dif-ferent setting," said Ray Farris, a member of the BOG Planning Committee, which

is considering the proposed policy.

Farris stressed the importance of increasing knowledge of international concerns in order to improve the education the UNC system provides. The

new priority will rest on changing the current study abroad program, he said. Farris said the initiative will aim to

increase study abroad offerings to stu-

dents and add course offerings.

He said the events of Sept. 11 did not prompt the new strategic planning pri-ority, but they will affect student exchange programs. "September 11 will give us all pause for security concern."

But he also stressed the importance of

the new priority to the learning process.
Farris said the state's current fiscal situation should not affect the implemen tation of this internationalization priority, and the priority will not interfere

with projects already in place.
But the priority is still under discusion in the BOG.

Joni Worthington, UNC-system vice president of communications, said the strategic priority will go through an edit-ing process before being implemented.

The effect of the strategic planning pri-ority could be a slight change of priorities for the BOG. "It would create a priority of the board ensuring that students who attend the 16 campuses are exposed to other cultures," Worthington said. She said the UNC system already has

several international programs in place, including foreign language programs. "It would build on a number of programs that are already in place.

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a definite inconvenience, said O'Connor, whose flight departs from Charlotte. "I have a midterm at 2 (p.m.), and the flight leaves at 7:15 (p.m.) - it's going to be really tight getting there early," he said.

Carla Gellert, a UNC graduate stu-dent from Germany, said she is nervous about flying to Canada to visit a friend during the break.

"I'm kind of anxious after the terrorists announced more flight hijackings,

she said. "But I doubt it will be my flight from Raleigh to Toronto with Air Canada. But my mom doesn't really want me to fly."

Despite some students' concerns, Kossoff said air travel is still a reliable and safe form of transportation

"If you think about it logically, it's still far safer to fly than it is to drive anywhere," she said. "The risk that you are going to be on a flight with a major problem is very, very low."

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# Global Focus Could Powell Travels to South Asia

President Bush has urged India and Pakistan to avoid becoming embroiled in a dispute over Kashmir.

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Secretary of State Colin Powell's South Asia visit got off to a rocky start Monday as Indian troops opened fire on Pakistani positions in the Kashmir region just hours after Powell appealed for restraint.

The Bush administration has been

hoping that Pakistan and India would contain their differences over Kashmir at least for the duration of the Americanled military campaign against Afghanistan-based Osama bin Laden

and his terrorist organization.
In Washington, D.C., President Bush urged India and Pakistan to try to avoid military conflict over Kashmir because fighting there "could create issues" for

the anti-terrorism campaign.
"It is very important that India and Pakistan stand down during activities in Afghanistan or, for that matter, forever,'

Pakistan's support for U.S. operations is considered crucial because it is adjacent to Afghanistan. India has been sharing intelligence and offering other support for the anti-terrorism coalition.

Powell, who arrived Monday night, is planning to make the case for restraint in Kashmir during a meeting Tuesday with President Pervez Musharraf and Wednesday when he meets Indian Prime Minister Atal Bahiri Vajpayee in

A senior Indian army official said Indian forces shelled Pakistani military posts across the cease-fire line Monda in Kashmir, destroying 11 posts. The Pakistan army was returning fire as mid-night approached Monday, a Pakistani army spokeswoman said.

Bush said Powell's mission was "to

talk to both sides about making sure that if there are tensions – and obviously there are – that they be reduced."

"We are mindful that activities around Kashmir could create issues in that part of the region, particularly as we're conducting our operations in Afghanistan," Bush said after meeting in the Oval Office with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi

Monday's action in Kashmir followed a terrorist bombing there Oct. 1 that killed about 40 people. It left U.S. officials worried that India and Pakistan would turn their attention on each other instead of cooperating in the global counterterrorism effort.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice said that before U.S. airstrikes on Afghanistan began Oct. 7, she, Bush and Powell called many top Indian and Pakistani officials to emphasize the importance of "not having a flare-up" over Kashmir.

"There's a lot of diplomatic infrastructure in place to try to tamp this down," Rice told reporters.

In his separate meetings with Musharraf and Vajpayee, Powell also was expected to discuss U.S. military ties with both Pakistan and India. In India, that could mean an expansion of an existing U.S. military training pro-

gram. The program for Pakistan cannot resume until Congress eases sanctions.

The U.S. Senate passed legislation Oct. 4 that would effectively remove a ban on foreign aid to Pakistan imposed after the 1999 military coup. The House is to vote Tuesday. Last month, Bush lifted economic and military sanctions levied on Pakistan and India after they levied on Pakistan and India after they tested nuclear devices in 1998, but it takes congressional action to waive the ban on foreign aid.

Powell was also planning to discuss Afghanistan's future. On the plane, Powell suggested it may take time before the Taliban is driven from power. He urged the United Nations to play a major role in ensuring the next government is as representative as possible.

Musharraf, in an interview with USA Today and CBS Radio, said he would tell Powell the United States should tar-get Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar before going after bin Laden. Omar before going after bin Laden.

"It could be over in one day if you take out Mullah Omar and his leadership. Once you've done that, the cam-paign is over," Musharraf said. Security was heavy as Powell under-

took his first foreign mission since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade

Center and the Pentagon.

It was just after dark when Powell and his party landed at a military airport. To limit visibility of the plane, all shades were drawn several minutes before touchdown.

The State Department withheld details of Powell's arrival time and activities, recognizing the fierce opposition of many Pakistanis to their government's cooperation in efforts to hunt down bin

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Women's Club Basketball League. The season usually lasts through the fall semester and includes the following teams, North Carolina State University, James Madison University, Virginia Tech, University of Maryland, Princeton, Loyola, University of Richmond, University of Virginia, and University of Rennsylvania. Carolina also plays against various division II and III schools including Methodist College and Meredith College in Raleigh. Last year the team finished second in the league losing to the University of Virginia in the championship game and only lost two games the entire season. So far this season the team has attended three tournaments, has a 5-4 record, and has one game-remaining before going to the Championship tour-remaining before going to the Championship tour-

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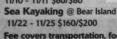
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